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- 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**
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- 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
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- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Forest Dept to plant over 30m saplings in July**

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**Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses the World No Tobacco Day 2011 ceremony.—MNA**

*NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The State has issued Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law to reduce smoking among youths and the whole public and second-hand smoking said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the observance of World No Tobacco Day by his ministry this morning. The Union Minister added that by following the law, tobacco epidemic will significantly drop, reducing the health expenses of the State as well as the public. He stressed the need of wide dissemination of the law, issue of necessary instructions by governmental departments, cooperation among the departments and progress monitoring. The theme of the World Health Organization for this year’s World No Tobacco Day is The WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Guided by World Health Organization, its member countries drafted WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control for four years and adopted it at 56th WHO Assembly in May, 2003. Representatives from Myanmar constantly took part in the negotiation process and Myanmar became signatory to the FCTC on 23rd of October, 2003 and became a party to the convention on the 20th of April, 2004.*

The Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law was adopted on 4 May, 2006 under the State Peace and Development Council Law No.5/2006. The State has formed Central Committee for Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product with related departments in 2011. (See page 8)

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Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

People’s Desire

Conserve fish, prawn to avert extinction

The world’s population is growing rapidly, and fish and prawn are, therefore, bred extensively in addition to fishing for all global family members to get enough to eat.

Being blessed with fish-and-prawn-rich coastal and deep-sea waters, rivers and creeks, Myanmar is trying to boost export of marine products. Now, Myanmar is enjoying huge benefits from commercial-scale breeding of freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn.

In order to boost export of fish and prawn, Myanmar is using modern trawlers and fishing equipment. Here, we should take it seriously the conservation of water sources to ensure sustainable development of fishing industry without extinction of fish and prawn species.

During the period from late May to July in which monsoon is in full swing, heavily pregnant female fishes migrate upstream rivers and creeks for spawning. The Fishery Department has issued an announcement of prohibiting anyone from catching fish and prawn in the coastal and deep-sea fishery areas in the reproduction period from 1 June until 31 August. The areas cover fisheries off Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region, Mon State and Taninthayi Region.

Freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn have ready markets. Fish and prawn of pedigree species are to be bred on a broader scale with scientific methods. Therefore, we have to ensure that fish and prawn are not caught in the spawning period in Myanmar’s waters, rivers and creeks that are habitats of over 500 species of saltwater fish and about 300 species of freshwater fish.

Youths urged to work hard to keep the nation abreast of world countries

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing delivers address in meeting with faculty members and students of Nay Pyi Taw Yezin Agriculture University.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May — Young students are urged to work with might and main, and to keep the nation abreast of world countries, said Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing in meeting with faculty members and students at Nay Pyi Taw Yezin Agriculture University yesterday.

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Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw urged the students to apply lessons learnt in classes in the real job site.

The Union minister also inspected sugarcane plantation of Myanmar Agriculture Service.—MNA

Anti-HIV/AIDS campaigns discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Dr Nafis Sadik, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, and party called on Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at the ministry here this morning.

The Union minister and the special envoy discussed success of anti-HIV/AIDS campaigns in Myanmar, future programmes, programmes for prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission, programmes to be implemented in coope-rations with social organisations, reduction of unsafe sexual activities, and promo-tion of HIV tests and treatment programmes.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Dr Nafis Sadik, United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific.—MNA

Life Health Care Services, Chaophya Hospital introduced

YANGON, 31 May — The seminar and launching ceremony of Life Health Care Services Co Ltd and Chaophya Hospital of Bangkok of Thailand took place at Chatrium Hotel here on 28 May.

Chief Executive Officer of Chaophya Hospital Professor Suphachai Chaithiraphan addressed the ceremony and presented agent certificate to Managing Director Dr Beauty Khin Thin Thin Kyi of Life Health Care Services Co Ltd. The managing director donated K 0.2 million to Myanmar Medical Association through the association’s Vice-Chairman Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye. Responsible persons gave talks related to medicines and answered queries raised by attendees before the ceremony concluded at noon.

Chaophya Hospital’s CEO Professor Suphachai Chaithiraphan presents agent certificate to Life Health’s MD Dr Beauty Khin Thin Thin Kyi.

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Afghan president warns NATO against killing civilians

KABUL, 31 May— Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday warned the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to stop harming civilians in the military operations.

“This is my last warning to the NATO forces. No more attacks on the homes of Afghans will be allowed,” Karzai told a news conference in his fortified office.

“Afghans suffer from both the terrorism and the war against terrorism,” Karzai said.

According to Afghan government 14 civilians including women and children were killed during NATO raid in Nawzad district of Helmand Province on Saturday. However, NATO forces confirmed nine civilians were killed when the troops retaliated after coming under attack from Taleban militants hiding in residential houses.

Although the NATO-led troops have apologized for the killing of civilians, the alliance spokesman Brigadier-General Josef Blotz said Monday that “night raid operations were very necessary element of ongoing counter-insurgency campaign against Taleban militants.”

Former S Korean soldier talks about spraying of Agent Orange by US military

SEOUL, 31 May—A former South Korean Army first sergeant revealed that the US military sprayed the toxic defoliant Agent Orange over the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in the mid-1950s, Seoul’s Yonhap news agency reported Monday, amid an ongoing investigation into allegations of chemical dumping by the US military over three decades ago in South Korea.

According to Yonhap, Eum Do-nam said that Agent Orange was sprinkled over the DMZ from aircraft by the US military three to four times in a decade ago in South Korea.

Eum had suffered crooked fingers and paralysis of his left leg since 20 years ago and was acknowledged as a victim of Agent Orange exposure in 2007.

Eum’s account is the first made by a South Korean regarding the allegations of chemical dumping by the US military in South Korea.

The allegations came to the surface after three US Army veterans claimed on a US television programme that they buried drums of Agent Orange at Camp Carroll in Chilgok, southeast of Seoul, in 1978.

According to ISAF, the gunman killed a powerful Afghan police chief, Brig Gen Shah Jehan Noori.

“Taliban militants.” Of ongoing counter-insurgency campaign against Taleban militants.

Gunman dressed as Afghan soldier kills NATO soldier

KABUL, 31 May—A gunman dressed as an Afghan National Army soldier shot and killed a coalition service member in southern Afghanistan on Monday morning, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

Monday’s shooting is the latest incident in a series of similar incidents.

According to ISAF, the gunman turned his weapon against an ISAF service member, fatally wounding him. It was not immediately known if the shooter was in fact an Afghan soldier.

“The incident is under investigation. The shooter has not yet been caught, although there is an ongoing search,” an ISAF spokesperson said, without revealing the nationality of the service member.

“It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.”

On Saturday, seven people were killed when a suicide bomber dressed as a police officer targeted a high-profile meeting at the Governor’s Palace in Takhar Province. The attack killed a powerful Afghan police chief, General Daud Daul, and provincial police chief Brig Gen Shah Jehan Noori.

And in April, two coalition service members were killed when a man dressed as an Afghan Border Police officer opened fire in eastern Afghanistan. The gunman fled the scene.

Explosion hits Afghan northern town

PUL-E-KHUMRI, 31 May—Explosion shock-ed Pul-e-Khumri City in northern Baghlan Province, 160 km north of capital City Kabul, on Tuesday.

“The blast happened at around 9:40 am local time in Pul-e-Khumri Chawk area, with casualties feared,” an official told Xinhua but declined to give his name, saying authorized officials will speak to media.

Meantime, deputy to provincial police chief said only one policeman was killed and another injured in the blast.

“An armed attack targeted a police van which left one policeman dead and another injured,” Syed Zamanudin told Xinhua.

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Iran, Armenia agree to boost energy ties

The South Pars gas field in the southern Iranian port of Assaluyeh, January 2011. Iran and Armenia have signed a memorandum of understanding to boost cooperation on oil, gas and electricity and expand their commercial and industrial ties.  

INTERNET

TEHERAN, 31 May—Iran and Armenia have signed a memorandum of understanding to boost cooperation on oil, gas and electricity and expand their commercial and industrial ties, Iranian media reported Tuesday.


“The volume of trade between the two countries has increased by 38 percent in 2010, rising to 270 million dollars,” said Salehi, adding Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad would visit Armenia “next week.”

The two countries have decided to build a power line with a capacity of 500-800 megawatts linking their electricity grids, local papers reported.

Teheran and Yerevan are also mulling over plans for Iranian companies to construct two 180-megawatt hydroelectric dams on Aras river, which borders the two countries.

In February, Movsisian announced plans to construct a 365-kilometre (227-mile) pipeline from the northwestern Iranian city of Tabriz to Eraskh in Armenia.

The pipeline would provide Armenia with an alternative to Russian energy imports, which were disrupted by the Georgia-Russia war in 2008.

In 2007, the two countries inaugurated a gas pipeline designed to transport 36 million cubic metres of Iranian gas to Armenia per day for 20 years.—INTERNET

Samsung to stick with Google for its tablets

Samsung Electronics will depend on Google’s Android mobile-device software to run future versions of its tablet computers, a senior Samsung official said in an interview published Tuesday.

“We’ll continue to work with Android on future tablets,” JK Shin, head of the South Korean giant’s mobile division, told The Wall Street Journal.

Samsung Electronics is the world’s second-largest cell-phone maker after Finland’s Nokia but trails Apple’s iPhone and iPad in smartphones and tablets.

However, the Android system has boosted its smartphone business and Samsung hopes to do the same with tablets.

The iPad surprised competitors with the success of its launch early last year, Samsung responded by choosing Android for its tablets and introduced the seven-inch (17.8 centimetre) Galaxy Tab in October 2010 to take on Apple.

Samsung will launch new versions of the Galaxy Tab this summer in an 8.9-inch and 10.1-inch model.

Both will run the latest version of Android, known as Honeycomb. Despite Apple’s status as a major customer for Samsung components, the two companies are embroiled in lawsuits.

The US firm sued its South Korean rival, claiming it copied the look and feel of the iPhone and iPad.  

UN aims for biodiversity treaty by July 2012

MANILA, 31 May—A global treaty on the harvesting of genetic resources will probably be ratified by July 2012, the UN executive secretary on biological diversity said Tuesday.

So far, 25 countries have signed the Nagoya Protocol but 193 countries committed to support it when it was adopted in October 2010, said UN official Ahmed Djoghlaf.

“By July 2012, 50 will have ratified,” said Djoghlaf at the sidelines of a biodiversity forum in the Philippines.

He said the protocol, forged at a conference in Japan, comes into force as a treaty once it is ratified by 50 countries.

The agreement sets out new rules for the collection of genetic resources such as wild plants to make medicines, cosmetics and other products.

It also calls for a fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources between the company that develops the new product and the country where the resources — such as a wild plant — originated.

Djoghlaf said the ratification of the protocol was being slowed by legal complications and translation problems but that there was more than enough support for it among countries.—INTERNET

An aerial photograph shows a riverway in West Kalimantan on Indonesian Borneo island. A global treaty on the harvesting of genetic resources will probably be ratified by July 2012, the UN executive secretary on biological diversity has said.—INTERNET

Japan must await PlayStation network restoration

Tokyo, 31 May—Sony Corp said on Tuesday it would restore all PlayStation Network videogame services by the end of the week except in Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea, weeks after a massive security breach leaked details on 77 million user accounts.

The company had said earlier it was aiming to restore all services by the end of May.

A spokesman for Sony Computer Entertainment, the company’s games unit, said the delay in Japan was due to the need to comply with government instructions on information security, but he declined to specify reasons for the delay in other parts of Asia.

About 90 percent of the network’s users are in North America and Europe.

PlayStation Network users in Japan have already had online play services restored but do not yet have access to other services, such as the PlayStation Store, where they can buy games.

Sony said in a statement it would announce details for Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea as they became available.

The Japanese electronics and entertainment company also said last week its officials will testify before US lawmakers at a hearing on data security in Washington on 2 June about what is thought to be the biggest ever Internet security breach.—Reuters
Energy drinks unfit for children: US medical group

LOS ANGELES, 31 May—The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) warned on Monday that children should keep away from energy drinks which may be dangerous for minors. The AAP urged young children and teens to avoid energy drinks entirely, saying routine consumption of sports drinks should be limited or eliminated. Energy drinks include such popular brands as Red Bull, AMP and Rockstar, the AAP said in a report.

These drinks, the report said, tend to be heavily caffeinated, potentially having several times the level of caffeine found in a cup of coffee. In addition, manufacturers often add sugar and herbal stimulants such as guarana and taurine to the drinks, which are popular among kids, according to the report. “There’s no place for energy drinks for kids,” said report co-author Dr Marcie Beth Schneider, an adolescent physician in Greenwich, Connecticut. “There’s a place for sports drinks, but that place is very specific.”

The caffeine in energy drinks can lead to high blood pressure, high heart rate and insomnia, she said. The other ingredients can boost the power of the caffeine, she said, adding that the drinks will have a greater effect on children because they’re smaller than adults.

“Kids don’t need to have this,” she said. “This is not something they should be drinking.” Schneider declined to identify any energy drinks that may be better than others for kids who insist on drinking them. If kids use energy drinks because they’re tired, she said, they should get more rest instead of chugging caffeine.

Xinhua

India’s RCom quarterly profit plummets

MUMBAI, 31 May—Indian telecoms firm Reliance Communications on Monday showed a worse-than-expected drop in quarterly net profit its seventh straight quarterly fall as costs outpaced revenues.

Net profits at RCom, controlled by billionaire Anil Ambani, slid nearly 87 percent to 1.69 billion rupees ($37 million) for the three months ended March from 12.2 billion rupees last year, a statement showed.

Revenues for the fiscal final quarter fell 65 percent to 78.76 billion rupees.

Analysts had expected RCom to show a profit of three billion rupees. RCom shares rose 2.94 percent or 2.5 rupees to 87.5 rupees on the benchmark Sensex index at the Bombay Stock Exchange before its earnings on bargain hunting, after being battered in recent months.

Investors have been offloading shares in the group since news emerged that Ambani met federal police in April, who were investigating alleged irregularities in the awarding of second-generation (2G) mobile phone licences.

Three senior officials from group subsidiary Reliance Telecom face charges of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy in the 2G fraud case, which the national auditor estimates cost the country nearly $40 billion.

The 2008 sale has also led to the arrest of former telecoms minister A. Raja, a number of his close aides and a property tycoon.

Both Ambani, India’s eighth-richest man with an estimated $8.8 billion fortune, according to Forbes, and the group have denied any wrongdoing.—INTERNET

Xinhua

Candy spice may lower head/neck chemo dose

ANN ARBOR, 31 May—A compound from the Indian candy spice curcumin may reduce the needed dosage of head and neck cancer chemotherapy drugs, US researchers suggest. Senior study author Thomas Carey of the University of Michigan Medical School, co-director of the Head and Neck Oncology Program at the Comprehensive Cancer Centre, said when the curcumin-based compound FLLL32 was added to head and neck cancer cell lines, they were able to cut the dose of the chemotherapy drug cisplatin by four.

“This work opens the possibility of using lower, less toxic doses of cisplatin to achieve an equivalent or enhanced tumor kill,” Carey said in a statement. “Typically, when cells become resistant to cisplatin, we have to give increasingly higher doses. But this drug is so toxic that patients who survive treatment often experience long-term side effects from the treatment.”—INTERNET

Xinhua

Checks on land trades to control housing land prices: MLR

BEIJING, 31 May—The Ministry of Land and Resources (MLR) said Monday that it will check land transactions completed since the beginning of the year to monitor unusual price fluctuations and prevent rebounds in residential land prices.

Local governments at or above the county level should check land transactions completed since January and report before 30 June about land transactions of unusually high prices, said the MLR.

The MLR previously ordered local governments to submit reports on those lands auctioned with the premium rate exceeding 50 percent and the total value or per square meters prices hitting record highs.

Prices of residential land grew slower in the first quarter of the year amid the country’s efforts to tighten the property market.

But overall land prices still saw small increases driven by market expectations and inflation concerns.—Xinhua
Handwritten notes boost professional productivity

WASHINGTON, 31 May—A new study has found that despite the existence of many high tech devices, today's device-centric information workers rely on handwritten notes and believe that better integration of handwritten notes and spoken information with their digital workflow would significantly improve professional productivity. Though businesses may be wired to the gills these days, our digital devices will never replace handwritten notes. However, the pen we use in the future may be a digital one, according to the study conducted by Forrester Research for Livescribe, a maker of smartpens.

"People in all walks of life and at every stage of their education and career find handwriting to be a critical method for recording and processing information," Live Science quoted Byron Connell, the chief marketing officer of Livescribe as saying.

While workers and their employers increasingly favour the use of laptops, mobile phones, tablets and other peripherals to manage overall workplace information, the study found that an overwhelming majority (87 percent) of business professionals use handwritten notes to complement these technologies.

The study’s 47 percent respondents felt that better note-taking would improve both their personal job performance and decision-making within their organizations.

A man polishes a Range Rover during the New York International Auto Show last month. Mumbai-based Tata Motors opened its first Indian factory on Friday for Land Rovers, the formerly loss-making British brand aiming to make inroads in the booming South Asian market.—INTERNET

Newborn foals bring number of endangered Chinese saiga antelope to over 100

Lanzhou, 31 May—The number of endangered saiga antelope living in China has exceeded 100 after 31 foals have been born since late April, a zoologist said Monday.

Domesticated saiga antelope at the Gansu Endangered Animal Research Centre in northwest China’s Gansu Province have given birth to 31 foals since 26 April, bringing the total number to 105, said Zhao Chongxue, the centre’s deputy director.

The centre, built in 1987 on the southern edge of the Tengger Desert, is breeding saiga antelope and other endangered animals like Bactrian camels and wild Mongolian horses, Zhao said.

Saiga antelope, which originally inhabited a vast area of the Eurasian steppe zone, are listed as a critically endangered species by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The antelope are considered to be extinct in the wild in China, as no wild saiga antelope have been found in decades.

The Gansu Endangered Animal Research Centre has brought over a dozen saiga antelope from overseas areas, where they are still plentiful, since 1988. The rest of China’s saiga antelope were bred from these imported antelopes.

"The number of saiga antelope is still relatively low," Zhao said. "We need to breed more of these animals in order to reintroduce them to the wild."—Xinhua

Australia’s oldest Olympian dies

SYDNEY, 31 May—Australia’s oldest Olympian Bill Roycroft has died aged 96, according to the Australian Olympic Committee. The Roycroft, the patriarch of the prominent Australian equestrian family, competed in five consecutive Summer Olympic Games from 1960 to 1976. He won the gold medal for the team three-day eventing at the 1960 Rome Games and was a bronze medallist in the same event at Mexico City in 1968 and Montreal in 1976. Roycroft died in hospital in the state of Victoria on Sunday, the AOC said. Roycroft rode in his first Olympics at the age of 45, competing with a broken collarbone.

“Our riders in Rome won Australia’s first-ever Olympic medals in equestrian but it was the courage of Bill Roycroft that made that feat so historic,” AOC President John Coates said.

“Bill was badly injured during the cross country section and discharged himself from hospital in Melbourne three days later,” Coates said.

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Russia, NATO far from building joint missile shield

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Men find it easier to kick the butt, though women try harder

LONDON, 31 May—Men are more likely to give up smoking than women, despite being less keen to kick the habit, a new study has found.

The researchers believe that women may find it harder to kick the habit because their confidence in quitting is lower – and because tobacco plays a different role in their lives, reports the Daily Mail.

Meanwhile, older smokers were better at quitting than younger ones, the study found.

Researchers looked at studies from between 1990 and 2007 to work out the success rates for NHS schemes to help people stop.

The analysis was carried out by scientists from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and from the UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies.

Because gender, ethnicity, class, age and level of dependency affect success in giving up smoking, tailored interventions may help to improve cessation rates,” a spokesman said.

Sooner, blind Brits can have bionic eye implant for GBP 53K

MELBOURNE, 31 May—US based company Second Sight is all set to sell its bionic eye named ‘Argus II’ in Europe within months of getting the CE Mark approval. The eye that will enable blind people to see has been cleared for implantation in British patients after it was granted approval by European regulators.

The award of a CE mark to the device means that it can be given to private patients, at a cost of £35,000 pounds. Till now, the eye has been implanted in 30 patients, 10 of whom were treated in Britain. Results show that it can safely restore some vision in people who have lost their sight to a genetic disease.

Argus II uses a camera on dark glasses to send signals to a network of 60 electrodes implanted in the retina, which relays them to the optic nerve.

Patients who have received the prosthetic retina could reportedly see light, motion and colour, discern the outlines of objects and even read large letters on a computer screen.

The implant is especially designed for patients with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) a condition, which damages the light-sensitive rod and cone cells of the retina.

This leads to impaired vision in poor light followed by tunnel vision that often deteriorates into complete blindness. “Patients with RP who can afford it can now have an artificial retina. It is proof of principle, always the great unknown with new technology,” the Herald Sun quoted Lyndon Da Cruz, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London as saying.”

Why does flu trigger asthma?

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Researchers determined that the new pathway works by myeloid cells utilizing the Wnt pathway to regulate expression of a gene known as Fth1. Fth1 encodes a protein, which suppresses vascular growth by binding vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF).

Men find it easier to kick the butt, though women try harder

LONDON, 3 May—Men are more likely to give up smoking than women, despite being less keen to kick the habit, a new study has found.

The researchers believe that women may find it harder to kick the habit because their confidence in quitting is lower – and because tobacco plays a different role in their lives, reports the Daily Mail.

Meanwhile, older smokers were better at quitting than younger ones, the study found.

Researchers looked at studies from between 1990 and 2007 to work out the success rates for NHS schemes to help people stop.

The analysis was carried out by scientists from the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence and from the UK Centre for Tobacco Control Studies.

Because gender, ethnicity, class, age and level of dependency affect success in giving up smoking, tailored interventions may help to improve cessation rates,” a spokesman said.

Soon, blind Brits can have bionic eye implant for GBP 53K

MELBOURNE, 31 May—US based company Second Sight is all set to sell its bionic eye named ‘Argus II’ in Europe within months of getting the CE Mark approval. The eye that will enable blind people to see has been cleared for implantation in British patients after it was granted approval by European regulators.

The award of a CE mark to the device means that it can be given to private patients, at a cost of £35,000 pounds. Till now, the eye has been implanted in 30 patients, 10 of whom were treated in Britain. Results show that it can safely restore some vision in people who have lost their sight to a genetic disease.

Argus II uses a camera on dark glasses to send signals to a network of 60 electrodes implanted in the retina, which relays them to the optic nerve.

Patients who have received the prosthetic retina could reportedly see light, motion and colour, discern the outlines of objects and even read large letters on a computer screen.

The implant is especially designed for patients with retinitis pigmentosa (RP) a condition, which damages the light-sensitive rod and cone cells of the retina.

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C-in-C (Navy) welcomes C-in-C of Royal Thai Navy

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A ceremony to welcome Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun was held at the front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 11.45 am.

The Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy was welcomed by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun. From the dais, they took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

After that, they inspected the Guard of Honour. Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran presented delegation members to Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun. And Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun also presented senior military officers to Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran. — MNA

Forest Dept to plant over 30m saplings...

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Today, the minister inspected the plantation in Bugindaung, NyaungU Township, being nurtured jointly by the Arid Zones Greening Department and Korean International Cooperation Association, the plantation near Gabarni Village set up by the Forest Department and the Japan International Forestry Cooperation Promotion Association, Chauk Phayahla Nursery for greening Bagan, NyaungU, and the 200-acre plantation on Inter-district Road (1) near Shawbyugan Village in Meikila Township.

The Forest Department is in pursuit of the project to grow more than 30 million saplings of various species of trees with the participation of the people in July, the monsoon tree-growing month.

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Sanitary equipment donated to schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A ceremony to donate sanitary equipment to basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area took place at No.14 Basic Education High School in Shwekyapin Ward, Zabuthiri Township, here, this afternoon.

Chairperson Daw Nilar Thaw explained the purpose of donating sanitary equipment. Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Aye Kyu, council members of UN organizations, members of social organizations and guests attended.

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First, the union minister delivered a speech. Next, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation President Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Nilar Thaw explained the purpose of donating sanitary equipment. MWAIF, MMCWA and public wellwishers donated sanitary equipment plus construction for projects worth K 37.1 million to eight schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. — MNA

World No Tobacco Day...

Acting Resident Representative Dr Krongthong Thimasam of WHO reads out message sent by the WHO Director for South East Asia Region and the ceremony came to an end.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khun, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Pwint Hsan, directors-general of departments under the ministry, representatives of UN organizations, members of social organizations and guests.

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C-in-C of Royal Thai Navy tours Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—A goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran and wife arrived here from Yangon by special flight at 10.30 am today to pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The goodwill delegation visited Myanma Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran signed the visitors’ book.

In the afternoon, The goodwill delegation also visited National Landmark Park (Nay Pyi Taw).

In the evening, they paid homage to Upatashanti Pagoda and visited religious buildings. The Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy signed the visitors’ book and made cash donations.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun received a goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran, at Zeyathiri Beikman here this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) were Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe and senior military officers. Admiral Khamthorn Pumhiran was accompanied by Military Attaché from Thai Embassy in Myanmar.—MNA

C-in-C (Navy) meets C-in-C of Royal Thai Navy

Every student to continue education

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—School enrolment rate of five-year-old children in Taninthayi Region increased from 93.01 per cent in 2001-2002 academic year to 98.07 per cent in 2010-2011 academic year, said Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw at the school enrolment day for 2011-2012 academic year of Taninthayi Region at City Hall of Dawei Township this morning.

He called for pursuance of the two programmes for ensuring every student continues this year’s education.

Under the Education for All Programme, the Ministry of Education provided school textbooks, stationery and exercise books worth K43.363 million for 2011-2012 academic year to Taninthayi Region. Entrepreneurs, town elders and well-wishers also donated 66.285 million kyats including 20 computers.—MNA

Selected athletes training for XXVI SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Chairman of the Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan watched warm-up matches of selected athletes from Myanmar Judo, Martial Arts and Wushu federations who are undergoing training for XXVI SEA Games, at Paunglaung Gymnasium in Pyinmana, here, today morning.

The selected athletes of the Myanmar Martial Arts Federation and the Myanmar Wushu Federation presented skilful demonstrations.

The minister met managers, coaches and athletes and provided assistance for them.—MNA

Chin State marks school enrolment days

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai attended the school enrolment day for 2011-2012 academic year at Falam Township Town Hall on 28 May morning and explained short- and long-term programmes of the State to ensure children at school-going age go to school.

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They discussed economic cooperation, participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in ASEA China (Henan) Cooperation & Communication Fair and Workshop to be held in Zhengzhou from 28 to 29 June, cooperation in modernized farming and technical development.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region U Khin Zaw addresses School Enrolment Day ceremony.—MNA

Union Minister receives officials from Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre Director

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by Executive Director Dr. Bhichit Rattakul of the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre based in Bangkok, Thailand at his office here this evening.

The meeting focused on Asian natural disaster reduction.—MNA

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Where there are flowers.....

by H. K. Aye

Clouds gathered up on the sky as the evening approached. Some staff of the New Light of Myanmar were saying prayers in mind to prevent the rain. According to the newspapers, the degree of certainty of rainfall in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 May was 80%. When clock struck 4.30 pm, they gathered under the portico of the New Light of Myanmar office, holding an umbrella each in their hands. With a package of dozens of exercise books and parcels of stationery, they embarked on their outward trip with quick light steps. They headed straight towards a monastic orphanage which accommodates about 100 children, most of whom are of ethnic races from remote lands. The school lies about one mile far from the daily house. For about half an hour, they, making jokes at each other, walked past a series of eucalyptus and tamarind trees which are quite common in Upper Myanmar, widely known in Myanmar as Anya, along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.

They were welcomed by a group of children watching from behind a water tank with inquisitive eyes on arrival at the school. The abbot Sayadaw of the school received the group of staff at the dinning hall. Young novices took positions on the dais for Sangha members. Few among them do not understand Myanmar as they arrived at the school just in one or two days their origin is mountainous region in northwest of the country. “On my recent missionary tour, I have accepted 24 children from mountainous regions into the school,” the abbot Sayadaw said. The novices recited religious verses as the Sayadaw led them to pray for donors.

The best part for children who had just finished their dinner came with the distribution of candies. They never concealed the happiness of receiving such desserts. “They can eat much,” the Sayadaw joked about his little students. While wellwishers were enquiring about the situation of the school, they were making trade-offs between green and brown candies. As we left the school, they, again from behind the water tank as first seen, waved hands and shouted prayers for donors with gusto. The soft and cool breeze of the late evening invigorated the New Light of Myanmar staff members as it carried the fragrance of floral trees strolled along the exit way.

Beware of possible dangers...

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Water Transport said that officials from the department supervised getting on and off ferries; that they had spare life buoys, life rafts and lifejackets in case passengers were in danger of falling into the river. In particular, he warned the passengers against getting on or off ferries while the ferry was pulling in or out, jostling against one another because it was very slippery on the deck due to rainwater and such passengers might fall in the water.

Stationed on Dalla Jetty are 11 motorized boats stands from and to which about 500 motorized boats transport over 30,000 passengers to Botataung, Phonegyi Street and Wadan jetties daily. Division Head U Ba Khaing said that a passenger motorized boat was to be in good conditions; that seating on a motorized boat was limited to 10 with lifejackets; and that every passenger boat had to be equipped with all necessary equipment.

On arrival at Pansodan Jetty, we came cross educative talks about the rules and regulations to be followed by drivers of passenger motorized boats by Police Captain from Seikkan Township Police Station. On Kama Aung Jetty in Botataung, Supervisor U Than Hlaing said that passenger should wear jackets while riding.

Jetties in Kyimyindine Township handle with around 500 passenger motorized boats carrying over 25,000 passengers daily. Junior Assistant Teacher Daw Thin Thin from Basic Education High School in Kyimyindine Township said that she relied on passenger boats for going to and from school; and that she thanked officials for the lifejacket programme. She suggested that a term of lifejackets be designated for passengers to avoid getting off a ferry.
China Construction Bank opens first office in Russia

China Construction Bank (CCB) president Zhang Jianguo (R) and Russian Central Bank deputy chairman Viktor Melnikov unveil the CCB Moscow office in Moscow, Russia, on 30 May, 2011. Xinhua

Monday that its first representative office in Russia has opened in Moscow.

During the office inauguration held on Monday, CCB president Zhang Jianguo said this is CCB’s first agency in Russia and the neighboring CIS countries, signaling CCB’s latest important move to enlarge its overseas service network. The establishment of the Moscow office would deepen CCB’s business ties with Russian financial institutions and facilitate its services to Russian and Chinese clients, said Zhang.

He added the bank is expected to play an effective role in promoting Sino-Russian economic cooperation. Chinese embassy officials, Russian Central Bank deputy chairman Viktor Melnikov and about 200 Russian guests attended the opening ceremony.—Xinhua

Russia to lift grain export ban on 1st July

BEIJING, 31 May— Russia will lift its grain export ban from July 1st. The ban was imposed last year in the wake of a severe drought. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin made the announcement after a work report by his deputy, saying spring planting this year was 10 percent higher than the previous year, and the winter wheat harvest was “quite good.”

Putin said that lifting the export restrictions would be a boost for the country’s farmers.

He added that the government would closely monitor the situation in the agricultural sector, and take all measures to support domestic farmers.—Xinhua

Vestas gets 149 MW order for undisclosed wind-power project in Canada

COPENHAGEN, 31 May— Danish wind-turbine manufacturer Vestas has signed a contract for delivery of 149 megawatts to a wind-energy project in Canada, the company announced Monday.

The contract entails delivery of 83 wind-turbines of the V90-1.8 MW type totalling 149 MW, the company said. It includes a 10-year service and maintenance agreement, with delivery scheduled for autumn 2012, and commissioning expected in late 2012.

The client’s name, and details about the project location, were not made public. The order is Vestas’ second in Canada, and fifth in North America, in 2011.—Xinhua

Singapore suspends import of Sunlight Brand beverages over DEHP concerns

SINGAPORE, 31 May— The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore announced on Monday that it has suspended the import of Sunlight Brand drinks from China’s Taipei for failing tests for the industrial plasticiser DEHP.

The authority said it has so far tested 26 samples from 13 brands for DEHP, a plasticiser used to soften plastics and make them flexible and not meant for food use and should not be added to food.

One of the samples, Sunlight Brand Star Fruit Juice, failed the test, the authority said.

It has suspended the import of the Sunlight Brand beverages and instructed the importer to remove the product from the market and withhold it from sale immediately.

The tolerable daily intake of DEHP as established by the European Union is 0.05 mg/kg body weight per day.

Based on the level of DEHP detected in the sample of Sunlight Brand Star Fruit Juice, an adult of 60 kg can drink up to 420g of the juice every day over a lifetime without significant health risks.

Nevertheless, consumers advised to discard the drink.

Apart from drinks, jam and jelly from Taipei will also be tested, the authority said.—Xinhua

EU official hails PNA’s progress in state building

RAMALLAH, 31 May— An European Union representative announced on Monday that the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has achieved a progress in building up the future independent Palestinian State.

Christian Burger, the EU envoy to the Middle East told a joint news conference with Palestinian Foreign Minister Salam Fayyad that the PNA achieves a lot in line with the two-year plan of Prime Minister Salam Fayyad to build up the Palestinian State.

“Economy in the Palestinian territories has grew 9.3 percent in the year 2010,” said Burger, adding that the Palestinian Authority’s financial performance is similar to the year 2010.”

He also said that “there has been a progress in the reforms and development which was reflected on the work plan as well, particularly in the area of improving financial accountability and proper management of public finance.”

Hong Kong Police Band performs during the media conference in Hong Kong, south China, on 30 May, 2011. The Symphonic Concert in Celebration of the 14th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administration Region performed by Military Band of the People’s Liberation Army, Hong Kong Police Band and Military Band of the People’s Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison will be held in Hong Kong on 30 June and 2 July, 2011.—Xinhua
On the Claims Day, MV SANG THAI IRIS VO NO (05) and MV BANG PAKAEW VO NO (186) are notified that their consignee will be arriving on 1.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damage cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

A visitor looks at a 3D work exhibited in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 30 May, 2011. Some 30 pairs of new sandals participated in the group wedding on Monday.

Vancouver kids get “magical” treat in annual fest

VANCOUVER, 31 May— If there is one week marked on the calendar each year of Vancouver parents looking for inspiration, it’s the week of the Vancouver International Children’s Festival. This week, the festival ramped up for another year of magical performances for Vancouver children, and children at heart.

“Kids of today have access to all kinds of arts and culture, but it still offers a lifelong interest in learning, ideas and cultural exploration.”

It brings performers from around the world, exposing children to not only different cultures, but also new ways of thinking about the arts. Each year the festival sees about 50,000 spectators, and over the years, the figure has reached 1.6 million with its magic. —Xinhua

A couple enjoy their hot air balloon flight during a group wedding, part of the aviation tourism festival, held in Anyang, central China’s Henan Province, on 30 May, 2011. Some 30 pairs of newlyweds participated in the group wedding on Monday. —Xinhua

Hundreds of rare antelopes die in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 31 May— More than 440 endangered Saiga antelopes were found dead in western Kazakhstan last week, suspected victims of the same epidemic that killed 12,000 animals last year, officials said. The fall was 364 does and 77 fawns. “The fallen animals exhibited poisoning symptoms,” the Interfax news agency quoted an emergency ministry official as saying.

The animals appear to have died from an infectious disease called pasteurellosis, the unnamed official said. The often-seen diseases are treated with antibiotics. Kazakh authorities were currently taking measures to prevent the spread of the epidemic that killed 12,000 antelopes in western Kazakhstan last week, suspected victims of the same epidemic that killed 12,000 animals last year, officials said. —INTERNET

This undated file picture shows Saiga antelopes as they drink from a lake outside Almaty. More than 440 endangered Saiga antelopes were found dead in western Kazakhstan last week, suspected victims of the same epidemic that killed 12,000 animals last year, officials say. —INTERNET

Malaysia, Indonesia reach deal on fishermen protection

JAKARTA, 31 May— The governments of Indonesia and Malaysia have agreed to protect their traditional fishermen carried away by sea currents into each others’ territorial waters, the Jakarta Globe reported on Tuesday.

The agreement was made following a series of conflicts among the two countries over the crossing of fishingmen on the borders. “In case traditional fishermen cross their countries’ sea borders, they will be captured by the forces of nature, they will not be captured but ordered to return,” Indonesian Fisheries and Marine Resources Minister Fadel Muhammad was quoted by the Jakarta Globe as saying. The two countries also agreed to help traditional fishing boats that had gone astray to return to their countries’ waters and not to capture or punish them. Minister Fadel said traditional fishermen never deliberately crossed the border, adding that they crossed the border because they had been carried away by sea currents and not because they wanted to fish illegally in another country’s waters. He said that if big ships crossed the borders, there would be efforts to capture them. — MNA/Xinhua

Hackers post fake Tupac story on PBS website

BEIJING, 31 May— Hackers have cracked the website of US public broadcaster PBS and posted a fake story claiming dead rapper Tupac Shakur was alive in New Zealand, media reports said on Tuesday. The hoax on the site of the PBS NewsHour programme claimed the rapper was “alive and well in a small resort in New Zealand,” citing “locals.” The story had been removed by Monday morning. Tupac died in 1996 after being shot four times in Las Vegas. A group claiming it was behind the hack had complained about last week’s PBS Frontline investigation into Julian Assange’s Wikileaks website.

The group, calling itself LulzSec, and The LulzBoat on Twitter, claimed it had hacked the site. —Xinhua

A picture shows the 7th camera of the Leica 0-series during the West Licht Photographica Auction in Vienna on 28 May, 2011. Only approx. 25 of these cameras were produced to test the market in 1923, two years before the commercial introduction of the Leica A. The camera was sold for 1.1 million euro (1.57 million USD). — Xinhua

Active video gaming could help battle against child obesity

WELLINGTON, 31 May— Active video gaming using interactive wireless technologies can help obese children shed weight, a New Zealand study found. The researchers hope the findings could lead to a children’s exercise revolution, particularly in parts of the world where children have less access to the outdoors because of overcrowding or severe winters.

The University of Auckland boasted its study was the world’s most comprehensive investigation into the health benefits of sustained active video-gaming, which uses wireless technology to connect controllers, motion sensors, camera and screen, allowing software to respond to the players’ movements.

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‘Nuns’ rob Chicago-area bank
The FBI is hunting for two robbers who held up a bank in Palos Heights, Ill, while wearing nun masks and habits and wielding guns, officials said Monday.

The holdup occurred Sunday afternoon at a TCF bank branch, the Chicago Tribune reported.

The robbers, sporting get-ups like those in the 2010 movie “The Town,” displayed handguns when they ordered an employee to give them an undisclosed amount of money, officials said.

They fled in a light-coloured sedan.

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Justin Bieber’s female fans threaten to kill Selena Gomez
The Disney star incurred the wrath of Bieber’s fans, known as Beliebers, after she was photographed frolicking in the sea, kissing the pop star with her legs wrapped around his waist at their recent trip to Hawaii, reports the Daily Mail.

“I’m gonna kill ya in the night underneath your smell bed,” a jealous fan of the teen tweeted. While one tweeted: “Stay away from Justin paedophile.”

Another angry fan wrote: “Selena Gomez is dangerously close to a long, slow painful death.”

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Singer Sean Kingston crashes watercraft in Fla
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino says Kingston and a female passenger were injured when the watercraft hit the Palm Island Bridge around 6 pm Sunday. Pino says both were hospitalized early Monday at Ryder Trauma Centre, but he didn’t know their conditions. Pino says authorities are investigating the crash, and “nothing at this point would indicate that alcohol played a role.” — Internet

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Tornado carries photo 120 miles
An Alabama couple whose house was destroyed by a tornado said their 1982 wedding photo turned up at a home in Tennessee.

Freida and Mike Evans of Hackleburg say the photo was among the items lost when a tornado leveled their home 27 April and it traveled about 120 miles before turning up in a Lincoln County, Tenn, family’s yard, the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal reported Monday.

The Tennessee family had the photo printed in the Daily Journal to find the owners.

The Evans family said the picture appears to be completely undamaged. “When we go through trials, it makes us stronger,” Freida Evans said. “I am survivor. I had depended on my faith and church family to get us through after the accident, and that’s what we’ll do now. We’ll be able to build back.”

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74-year-old Ernestine Shepherd becomes Guinness oldest female bodybuilder
Ernestine Shepherd, 74, of Baltimore has been crowned by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest competitive female bodybuilder.

Shepherd has impeccably toned ‘six-pack’ abs that are the marvel of her Baltimore fitness centre.

She trains rigorously with Yovnnie Shambourger, 57, a former Mr Universe who won the gold medal in bodybuilding at the Pan American Games in 1995, The Daily Mail reports.

Over the past 18 years, Shepherd has run nine marathons and won two bodybuilding contests. Shepherd said she wasn’t always so fit. She was a ‘couch potato’ until she was 56 years old, when she and her older sister, Mildred, discovered their bodies had started going soft.

The sisters, who grew up very close in Baltimore as the children of a carpenter and schoolteacher, started working out together at a local centre. They liked the results, and started pushing themselves, eventually entering some bodybuilding contests.

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Black and white colobus monkeys rest on the branches in Kenya Mountain, Kenya, on 30 May, 2011.

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Cheryl Cole loves bouffant style hair
The Disney star incurred the wrath of Bieber’s fans, known as Beliebers, after she was photographed frolicking in the sea, kissing the pop star with her legs wrapped around his waist at their recent trip to Hawaii, reports the Daily Mail.

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Colin Firth ‘was once a grumpy rebel with pierced ears’
WASHINGTON, 31 May — The ‘King’s Speech’ superstar Colin Firth has revealed that he was once a ‘grumpy’ rebel with pierced ears. The Oscar-winning actor candidly opened up that he hasn’t always been a well-groomed Hollywood hunk.

The 50-year-old actor still proudly sports scars from multiple piercings in his ears done way back in the 1970s. “I went through a bit of a grungy phase in the seventies. I had three piercings; I was tempted at one stage to get one in my nose as well but, thankfully, never went through with it,” Contactmusic quoted Firth as telling the Sunday Express. — Internet

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Moroccan singer Hind Zahr performs during a free concert in Marrakesh on 29 May, 2011, held to commemorate the victims of the on 28 April bombing in the city. — Internet
Spain’s Rafael Nadal. Paris, 31 May—Five-time champion Rafael Nadal reached the French Open last eight on Monday as title rival Novak Djokovic enjoyed a major psychological boost when he handed the lead a free pass into the semi-finals. Nadal saw off 2-7, 6-3, 6-3 win over Croatian Ivan Ljubicic and will next face Roland Garros bogeyman Robin Soderling, the only man to have beaten the great Spaniard in Paris in 43 matches.

Fifth seed Soderling, who has reached the last two finals, losing to Roger Federer in 2009 and Nadal in 2010, beat French 18th seed Gilles Simon 6-2, 6-7, 7-6 (7/5). Nadal, bidding for a sixth French Open title to take him level with Bjorn Borg, has looked a shadow of his usual self in Paris, shaken by the form of Djokovic, who could take his title and number one spot before the week is out.

His mood would not have been improved by knowing that the Serbian second seed was excused quarter-final duty when scheduled opponent Fabio Fognini of Italy withdrew with a torn left thigh muscle. “There was a lot of wind today, which made it very awkward,” said Nadal, before dismissing suggestions that Djokovic, who will not play until Friday, might lose the rhythm that has brought him 41 successive wins this year.

Berdanov joins United's title parade despite snub

LONDON, 31 May—Manchester United strikers Dimitar Berbatov didn’t even make the substitutes’ bench for Saturday’s 3-1 defeat against Barcelona at Wembley and was reported to have stormed away from the stadium before kick-off. United denied those suggestions but the selection snub still raised huge question marks about the Bulgarian’s relationship with United manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Berbatov, 30, was among the squad that assembled at Manchester United’s Carrington training complex on Monday for an open-topped bus journey from the city centre to Old Trafford, although speculation over his future is sure to continue. In keeping with the mood of gloom that followed Saturday’s defeat, rain poured as United made their way through the city. Along with Berbatov, Paul Scholes and Michael Owen were also present despite huge uncertainty over their futures.

Cardiff sacked manager Jones

LONDON, 31 May—Cardiff sacked manager Dave Jones on Monday in the aftermath of the Welsh club’s latest failure in the Championship play-offs. The Bluebirds missed out on promotion to the Premier League for the second successive season after losing 2-0 in the play-off semi-finals earlier this month. Cardiff, who were beaten by Blackpool in the play-off final last year, had already squandered a good chance of winning automatic promotion this term after a poor run of results towards the end of the campaign.

Jones had been in charge at Cardiff for six years and he knew failure to win promotion could lead to his dismissal as the club’s board had backed him with substantial funds in the transfer market.

At 38, Kidd oldest guard to start in NBA finals

MIAMI, 31 May—After all the assists, steals, 3-pointers and triple-doubles, Jason Kidd has an easier path to his next entry in the NBA record book. All he has to do is show up. Kidd will become the oldest guard to start a game in an NBA finals when the Dallas Mavericks face the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

While Dirk Nowitzki calls him a “fossil,” and Shawn Marion described him as being “almost 50,” Kidd is a few months past 38. That’s two years older than Ron Harper was when he started for the Lakers in 2000.

Of course, Kidd would prefer the title of oldest starting guard to win a championship. That also was set by Harper in 2000. Winning it all is among the few things Kidd hasn’t done in his 17-year career. He came close in 2002 and ’03, reaching the finals with the New Jersey Nets, but they were swept by the Lakers then fell to the Spurs.
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon Region, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State, isolated heavy fall in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Region, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, scattered

WEATHER

Tuesday, 31st May, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2011 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 31-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-5-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 31-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 31-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 31-5-2011 was (0.08) inch.

Rainfall on 31-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (12.32) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (23.33) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (12.64) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southwest (12:30) hours MST on 31-5-2011.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1st June 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in the Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Rakhine States. 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) mphp.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1st June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1st June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1st June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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

Beware of possible dangers on boat trip
Byline: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Myint Aung (Ahlon)

Southwest monsoon is setting in southern parts of Myanmar. In the transitional period from old to new season, people should take care of themselves in taking boat trips.

Dalla Jetty on the other side of the Yangon River deals with a very large number of commuters and passengers daily as it is a transit to Kungyangon, Kawkmu and Twantay townships in Yangon Region and to Mawlamyinegyun, Pyapon, Bogale and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region.

When asked about safety of passengers, Manager U Thurein Win of Yangon Region Inland (See page 10)

Passengers have to wear lifejacket to take a boat trip.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (31-5-2011)

Khamti 5.04 inches
MraukU 4.09 inches
Kyauktaw 3.31 inches
Taungup 2.44 inches