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Development tasks gaining ground in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence on 29 April morning met officers and other ranks and their family members at Aung Naing Hein Hall of Magway Station. He gave necessary instructions and provided necessary assistance to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected developments of Magway and greening and beautifying tasks by car. He then met with division, district and township level departmental officials, townselders and members of social organizations at Magway City Hall. The secretary of Magway Division Peace and Development Council explained agriculture, livestock breeding, social, economic and regional development affairs. The Division PDC chairman and the commander gave supplementary reports. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented provisions for social organizations and made a speech.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party met with members of Magway Division Agricultural Supervisory Committee and officials of Public Works and Development Affairs Department and Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

After that, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and officials inspected fire engines and firemen at Division Fire Services Department and fire extinguishing measures. He then visited summer paddy plantations in Thaphangon Village, Taungdwingyi Township. The division manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on cultivation of summer paddy and supply of irrigation water. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and greeted the local farmers.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence views summer paddy plantation of local farmers at Thaphangon Village, Taungdwingyi Township.—MNA

At Wunawgyi forest camp on Nay Pyi Taw-Taungdwingyi road, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard a report by the director of Division Forest Department on establishment of forest plantations. Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected maintenance of Magway-Taungdwingyi-Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw motor road by car. — *MNA*

Kadappana Sluice Gate in Kyauktan Township

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Today, the government is implementing many projects in pursuance of its lofty goal of all-round development of the nation.

As part of the drive, the government is conducting feasibility study constantly for effective exploitation of terrestrial and aquatic resources throughout the nation.

One of the projects is Kadappana Sluice Gate Project in Kyauktan Township, which is designed to

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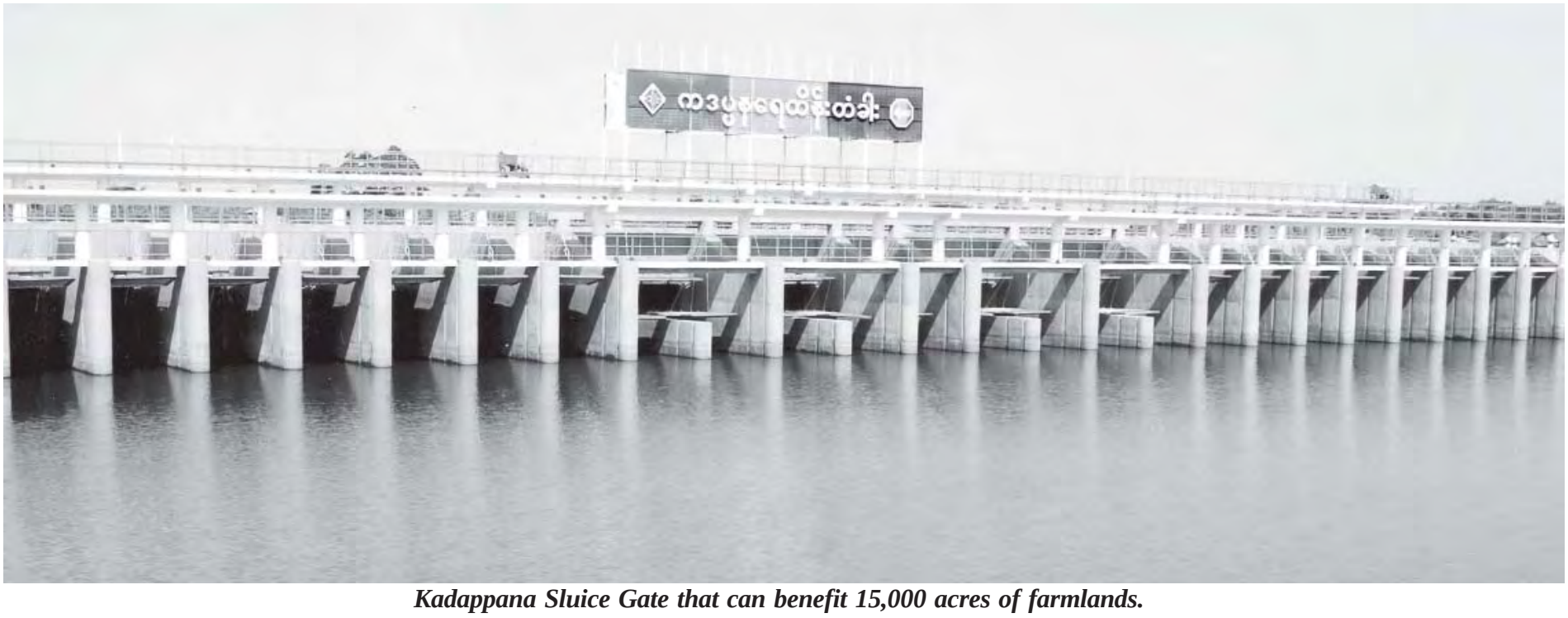

Kadappana Sluice Gate that can benefit 15,000 acres of farmlands.

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards emergence of industrialized and developed nation

Nowadays, the government has recognized the important role of the workers in nation-building endeavours and guaranteed the fundamental rights of workers such as security of workers, worksite safety, correct resolutions to trade disputes, and improvement of their living standard.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message on the occasion of the Workers Day that falls on 1 May 2009. In the message, it is stated that the workers need to work hard together with the people, employing the knowledge and experiences and evaluating the objective conditions for success of the seven-step Road Map designed to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been able to lay down the prudent objectives, resulting in consolidated national unity, and fine economic and social infrastructures. With this, progress has been made in the economic, education, health and social sectors.

For the industrial development, the government has established many industrial zones across the nation, and so the contribution of the private-owned industries to the industrial sector is growing considerably.

With the emergence of heavy industries, the ratio of the industrial sectors contribution to the GDP is on the increase year by year. So, the government has been able to generate a large number of job opportunities and nurture and train the workers into human resources.

At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation the entire mass of workers with fine traditions are to double their efforts in production and service sectors. Only then, will the emergence of an industrialized nation be possible.

An official of No. 3 Basic Education Department presents award to an outstanding trainee of ICT Development & Application course 1/2009.

EDUCATION

People's Desire

*** Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
*** Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
*** Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
*** Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress of YCH annex construction

YANGON, 1 May – Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected progress of construction of new building (annex) for Yangon Children Hospital and newly-built patient wards at the hospital in Dagon Township here this morning.

Officials concerned reported on progress of works and Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

Next, the cash donation ceremony for construction of new building (annex) for the hospital was followed.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 50 million each by U Kyin Won and Daw Hla Thein (Joe Thein Cheroot) in Bago and U Aung Moe Kyaw (IBTC), K 10 million each by Yangon City Development Committee, U Shauk San (Crown Wire Co Lt) and U Than Myint (Asia World Co), K 1 million by U Soe Tun Shein (National Development Co), K 307,000 by U Tin Maung (Sandhi traditional medicine) and K 300,000 by U Win Myint, and presented certificates of honour to them.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation of a wellwisher for construction of new building for YCH.—MNA

The commander and the head of Yangon Division Health Department also accepted cash donation presented by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donation amounted to K 137, 807,000.

Next, the medical superintendent of the hospital spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Education Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Education took place at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 28 April with an address by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and directors-general of the departments under the ministry, chairmen, rectors, state/division education officers and officials.

First, the minister delivered an address. The rectors and pro-rectors reported on matters related to higher education sector and the directors-general made supplementary reports.

The coordination meeting continued this morning. The state/division education officers reported on matters related to basic education sector.

Next, the directors-general explained progress in works and future programme. The deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Then the minister called on those present to carry out the tasks for development of education sector in accord with the five educational work guidelines given by the Head of State.

MNA

ICT Development & Application Course (1/2009) concludes

YANGON, 1 May — The conclusion ceremony of ICT Development & Application Course (1/2009), jointly organized by No. 3 Basic Education Department and Soft Guide Company Ltd, took place at the hall of the department today.

Director U San Aung of the department delivered an address and presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

A total of 105 trainees attended the course.

MNA

New office of Myanmar Medical Council in Bahan Township

YANGON, 1 May — The office of Myanmar Medical Council has moved to No. 123 on Natmauk Street in Bahan Township recently.

The contact phone numbers of the Myanmar Medical Council will be announced later and the functions of the council are now running at the new office.

The previous address of the office was No. 27 on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street in Dagon Township (former office of the Ministry of Health).—*MNA*

A bomb greets a new US unit in Afghan countryside

TANGI VALLEY (Afghanistan), 1 May — Only a few Afghan villagers waved as the new American forces patrolled deep into this valley, a warning sign even in a region not exactly known for its love for foreign troops. As the 10th Mountain Division troops moved slowly down a rocky road that cuts through high cliffs and fertile land in the central province of Wardak, what awaited them were not smiles.

It was a bomb.

Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

But it was a reminder that in the cat-and-mouse game of insurgency warfare, the ultimate prize is the loyalty of the man on the street or in the bazaar.

In the Tangi Valley — a region just 40 miles south of Kabul that newly deployed US troops entered this year — the people's sympathies for now are with the militants.

That's why Lt Col Kimo Gallahue, the commander of the 3rd brigade's 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, has been traveling this narrow stretch of road that passes by wheat fields, apple trees and small villages. He clears the road of bombs and tells any Afghan willing to listen that the Americans are here to stay.

Gallahue's unit is part of a brigade that was initially slated to go to Iraq. But a rapidly deteriorating security situation, along with an increased US focus on Afghanistan after the election of President Barack Obama, forced the Pentagon to rush new forces here.

Internet

Iraqis gather following several car bombs in the market place in Baghdad's eastern Sadr City district.—INTERNET

Afghan police investigate the site of a suicide car bomb attack in Ali Abad district of Kunduz Province. Five German soldiers were wounded when a suicide car bomber attacked their convoy in the Ali Abad district of Kunduz Province, some 241 km (150 miles) north of Kabul .—INTERNET

Power station in Iraq destroyed by gunmen

KUT,(Iraq), 1 May— A power station that supports the Ahdab oil field in Iraq's Wasit Province has been destroyed by unidentified gunmen, a provincial official says. The official, whose identity wasn't reported, said the attack appears to have been a warning to a Chinese firm that is developing the oil field in southern Iraq, *Azzaman*, an Iraqi newspaper, reported Thursday.

"Installations belonging to an important oil field have been subjected to a terrorist attack from unidentified gunmen," the official said.

"The attackers targeted the electricity system linked to the field as well as the lines carrying power. The damage is estimated at more than $1 million," the anonymous official added

The Iraqi government signed a $3 billion contract with China National Petroleum Corp in 2008 regarding the construction of the Ahdab oil field.

Azzaman said Iraqi officials are hopeful the new oil field will help Iraq boost its 2.5 million barrels of oil produced daily to 4.5 million barrels a day.

Internet

Taleban kill two Afghans for 'spying'

KHOST, 1May—Taleban militants in Afghanistan on Thursday killed two car dealers they accused of spying for the government and US-led coalition forces, an official said.

The men were shot dead in the eastern province of Khost, Yaqubi district governor Dawlat Khan Qayoumi told *AFP*. "They were two car dealers who were killed by armed men and they had no affiliation with the Afghan government or foreign forces," Qayoumi said.

A man who claimed to be Taleban commander in the district telephoned *AFP* and claimed responsibility for killings. "They were spying for the government and the coalition forces, and we killed them," said the militant, refusing to be identified. The Islamist Taleban were in government between 1996 and 2001, when they were ousted in a US-led invasion.—*Internet*

One German soldier killed, nine wounded in Afghanistan

BERLIN, 1 May—Two attacks on German forces in Afghanistan killed one soldier and wounded nine on Wednesday as Germany's foreign minister began a two-day visit to the country.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier arrived for the previously unannounced visit to meet with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, his foreign and interior ministers, and international representatives in Kabul. Shortly after Steinmeier touched down, a suicide bomber lightly wounded five German soldiers in near Kunduz city, the German Defence Ministry said.

Later in the day, another patrol came under fire northwest of Kunduz, in a deadly attack that left one soldier dead and four others lightly wounded, the ministry said. Steinmeier insisted that Germany would not allow such attacks to deter it from carrying out its mission in the Central Asian nation. Some 3,750 German troops are stationed in Afghanistan, where they serve in the relatively peaceful north.

Internet

Iraqi refugees stay put despite relative calm

DAMASCUS, 1 May—The vast majority of Iraqis who fled their country have no plans to return even though violence is way down, many hoping instead to resettle in the West. The trends, uncovered on the basis of scores of interviews by *The Associated Press* and confirmed by Iraqi government and United Nations figures, raise the possibility that countries like Syria and Egypt — poor themselves — could face a significant refugee problem for years to come.

Iraq may never, or at least not for years, recover much of the urban, educated, predominantly Sunni Muslim and Christian middle-class whose skills would be vital to its rebuilding. The ranks of doctors and other medical professions have been particularly hard-hit by the refugee flight.

"Life here is better. My children can play outside and I know they'll come back. You never know what's going to happen there," said Taghrid Hadi, who fled Iraq in September 2006 after gunmen kidnapped and killed her husband, dumping his mutilated body outside their home just north of Baghdad.—*Internet*

Iraqis run for cover as Iraqi army officers fire in the air to disperse protestors demonstrating against several car bombs that detonated a short while earlier in the market place in Baghdad's eastern Sadr City. —INTERNET

Turkish warplanes hit Kurd rebel targets in Iraq

ANKARA, 1 May— Turkey's military says its warplanes struck Kurdish rebel targets overnight in northern Iraq.

A military statement says Air Force jets bombed targets in the Iraqi border regions of Zap and Avasin-Basyan on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Hours earlier 10 Turkish soldiers were killed in two separate attacks suspected of being launched by Kurdish rebels.

Turkish warplanes have often targeted rebel hideouts in northern Iraq from where guerrillas have staged hit-and-run attacks on Turkish targets for decades.

The Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, has been fighting for self-rule in Turkey's southeast since 1984.

Internet

A full scale model of an unmanned aircraft made by BAE Systems at Farnborough Airshow, Hampshire in 2008. BAE Systems said on Thursday that it will cut around 500 jobs and close three sites, partly.—INTERNET

Japan wary of Chrysler fallout on parts makers

TOKYO, 1 May— Japan's trade and economy minister said on Friday that his nation remained watchful of a possible fallout from Chrysler's bankruptcy because of possible damage to Japanese parts makers.

"We must take appropriate measures if they are being hurt," Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshihiro Nikai said in a news conference on nationally televised news.

Nikai promised the government will "respond appropriately," while declining to elaborate.

Government aid to troubled suppliers, mostly small and mid-sized companies in Japan, remains a possibility at a time that overall assistance to troubled businesses has been earmarked in response to the recession set off by the US financial crisis.

Chrysler, the third-largest US automaker, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York Thursday after months of surviving on government loans. It is hoping to reorganize its business and build cleaner cars through an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat.

Japanese parts suppliers do business with major manufacturers like Toyota Motor Corp and Honda Motor Co, and also count on business with American companies, and have also set up offices and plants in the US.

Internet

Japan's jobless rate rises to 4.8 percent in March

TOKYO, 1 May— Japan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 4.8 percent from 4.4 percent in February, the highest in more than four years, the government said on Friday.

The rate is the highest since August 2004, although it is still below its post-World War II high of 5.5 percent, which was registered in April 2003.

For the fiscal 2008 which ended in March, 2009, the jobless rate averaged 4.1 percent, up from 3.8 percent in fiscal 2007, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said in a preliminary report.—*Internet*

Eurozone unemployment rises to 8.9% in March

BRUSSELS, 1 May— Unemployment in the euro zone rose to 8.9 percent in March, up from 8.7 percent in the previous month, the European Union (EU)'s statistics bureau Eurostat said on Thursday.

It was also markedly higher than 7.2 percent registered a year ago.

It was the eighth consecutive month that the eurozone unemployment kept on the rise, a sign of the economic woes.

In the 27-nation EU, unemployment jumped to 8.3 percent, compared with 8.1 percent in the previous month and 6.7 percent a year ago.

Internet

A wind band formed by local pupils perform in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 30 April, 2009. Local pupils gave performances here on Thursday.—XINHUA

Brazilian aircraft maker Embraer's profit down 75% in Q1

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 May — Brazil's Embraer, the world's leading manufacturer of small-sized aircraft, on Thursday announced profits of 38.3 million reais (17.7 million US dollars) in the first quarter of 2009, down 75 percent from the 152.1 million reais (70.4 million dollars) registered in the same period last year.

The results, however, are very positive compared to the 40.6 million reais (18.8 million dollars) losses registered in the fourth quarter of 2008, showing the company is recovering.

Cash generation as measured by Ebitda (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) totaled 209.6 million reais (97 million dollars) in the first quarter of 2009. In the first quarter of 2008, the cash generation totaled 227.7 million reais (105.4 million dollars).

Internet

Experts to help overhaul industries in S China province

UANGZHOU, 1 May — South China's Guangdong Province will recruit more than 6,000 experts to assist in a technological overhaul of the local economy.

These experts will be assigned to 923 companies in the Pearl River Delta as the government pushes to upgrade the region's manufacturing-based industry, Friday's *China Daily* reported.

The English language newspaper attributed Guangdong's rapid development over the past three decades to its "numerous labour-intensive manufacturing businesses", saying the province now wants to restructure its economy to "one based on technology".—*Internet*

Weight error caused Australia plane scare

SYDNEY, 1 May— Incorrect weight data on an in-flight computer caused the tail of an Emirates plane to scrape the runway during take-off from an Australian airport, according to officials.

The Dubai-bound Airbus *A340* was forced to make an emergency landing an hour after taking off last month at Melbourne airport when the crew received a tail strike alarm.

Smoke began to enter the rear of the cabin as flight EK407 circled the airport for more than 30 minutes to dump fuel before landing safely and without any injuries. There were 257 passengers and 18 crew on board.

A preliminary investigation by Australia's air safety regulator found that the weight was entered incorrectly into the onboard computer. "The result... was to produce a thrust setting and take-off reference speeds that were lower than those required for the aircraft's actual weight," the Australian Transport Safety Bureau said.

The plane's tail was seriously damaged as the captain manually increased thruster pressure, scraping the rear fuselage along the tarmac and the grass verge beyond the runway.

An internal Emirates investigation had prompted review in a number of areas, including the potential introduction of a double-entry system for flight computers "to protect against single data source entry error," the ATSB said.—*Internet*

Incorrect weight data on an in-flight computer caused the tail of an Emirates plane to scrape the runway during take-off from an Australian airport, according to officials.—INTERNET

Russian envoy vows firm response to NATO expulsion of diplomats

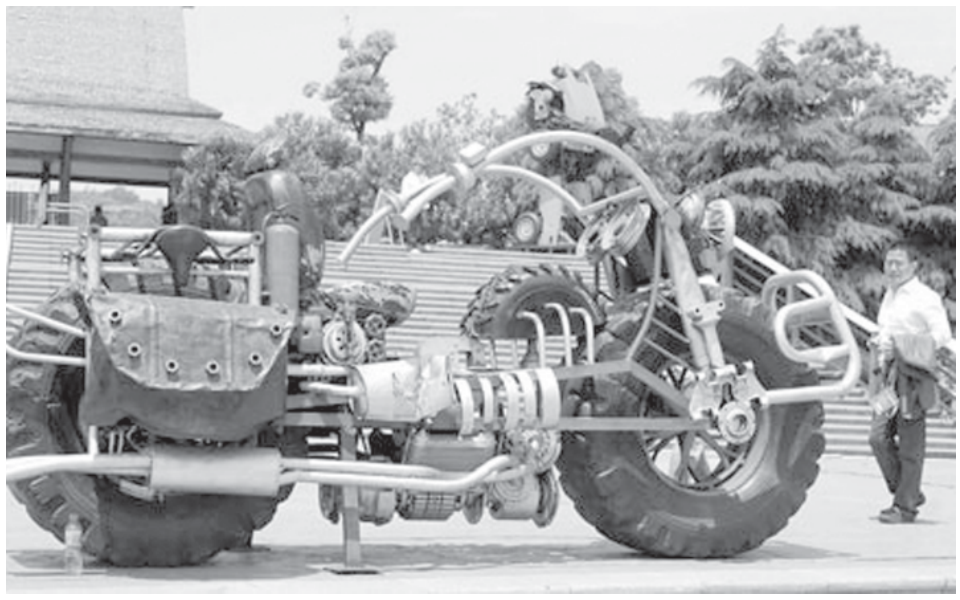
BRUSSELS, 1 May—Russian envoy to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, said on Thursday that there will be a firm response from Moscow to NATO's decision to expel two Russian diplomats from its headquarters. Rogozin confirmed that two officials from the Russian mission to NATO have had their accreditation canceled.

"The response will be clear and tough," Rogozin told reporters in Brussels.

The two Russian officials were declared personae non grata by NATO for alleged involvement in espionage. But Rogozin denied that they were spying. "We regard the decision taken by the alliance as a provocation. Its timing is in no way accidental," said the Russian mission in a statement.

"It appears that some members of NATO are discontent with the way Russia-NATO relations have recently been developing, and they provoke an international scandal on purpose, going all out in their attempt to disrupt Russian re-engagement with the alliance along with a reset in relations between Russia and the United States," said the statement. The two diplomats—Viktor Kochukov, a senior counselor for political affairs, and Vasily Chizhov, an attache and security officer — were declared unwelcome by NATO on Wednesday, the same day when NATO and Russia resumed formal talks after a freeze of eight months.

Xinhua



Visitors look around a giant cartoon figure of the Transformer, exhibited at the cartoon & animation industry fair, at the World Leisure Expo Garden, in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 29 April, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China's space-tracking ship "Yuanwang VI" arrives in Hong Kong, south China, on 29 April, 2009. "Yuanwang VI" arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday for a six-day visit, kicking off a string of activities in the special administrative region to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 Oct. —XINHUA

Two Palestinians die in tunnel collapse in Rafah

GAZA, 1 May—Two Palestinians died on Thursday in a tunnel collapse beneath the border between Egypt and southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, medical sources said.

Mu'awia Hassanein, director of emergencies at the Health Ministry, said that two Palestinians were killed due to the collapse and three others went missing.

Abdallah Shehada, director of Abu Yousef al-Najjar hospital in Rafah, said that two dead bodies were brought to the hospital at 5:00 am (0200 GMT), refusing to give more details.

Hundreds of tunnels were dug under the border between Egypt and Gaza Strip and the Palestinians use to bring in a wide variety of goods and fuel that were not available in Gaza due to a tight Israeli blockade imposed since June 2007.—*Xinhua*

Iran, Venezuela ink MoU on defence

TEHERAN, 1 May—Iran and Venezuela signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on bilateral defence ties on Thursday.

Iran's Defence Minister Brigadier General Mostafa Mohammad Najjar and his Venezuelan counterpart Ramon Carrizalez signed the document in Caracas, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

The contract underlines an expansion of defense cooperation in education and exchanging experiences on defence issues, according to the report.

Najjar expressed Iran's readiness to assist Venezuela in developing its defense capabilities, it said.

Najjar also met Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez who highlighted Iran's "positive and constructive" role in the Middle East and its position in the foreign policy of Venezuela, according to the report.

Heading a high-ranking defence delegation, Najjar arrived in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas on Monday on a three-day visit.—*Xinhua*

Hungary to focus on natural resources, people, culture at Shanghai Expo

BUDAPEST, 1 May— Hungary's aim at the Shanghai World Expo is to introduce the country's natural resources, people, economy and culture to visitors from different countries, the Hungarian prime minister's commissioner said.

"We don't want to exhibit too many products, (and) our goal is to introduce our country, including natural resources, people, economy and culture," said Andras Huszty, the PM's commissioner for Hungarian-Chinese economic relations and coordination of participation in the Shanghai World Expo.

Huszty said that the Hungarian pavilion will be beautiful with a decoration of wood rods, and visitors will feel they are having a walk in a forest, he said.

"The message we would like to send to the visitors of the Shanghai World Expo is that Hungary is a good place and we welcome Chinese people to our country," said Andras Huszty.

Xinhua

ADB approves plan to triple capital base

BALI, 1 May — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Thursday that its Board of Governors had approved the plan to triple the lender's capital base, from 55 billion US dollars to 165 billion.

An overwhelming majority of ADB's 67 members endorsed the capital increase, the lender's largest one in history and also first one since 1994.

"This substantial increase is a resounding vote of confidence from our shareholders for what we can achieve as a premier development partner in the region," said ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda.

Xinhua

Cuba calls on NAM to work coordinated, balanced form

HAVANA, 1 May — Cuban leader Raul Castro Wednesday called on the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to work in a coordinated and balanced form to deal with the global crisis. "We are affected with a deep economic, social, food, energy and environmental crisis, which has turned into a global one," Castro said when inaugurating a ministerial gathering of the NAM Coordination Bureau Meeting held here.

Castro said that the solution to the current global crisis demands the "universal, democratic and equitable" participation of all the countries, terming the forthcoming high level NAM conference scheduled for early June as an indispensable framework for such a wide participation. The Cuban leader also mentioned the need to change the international economic mechanism, noting a new order should be established. — *Xinhua*

Surrendered Taleban commander joins govt in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 May — A Taleban local commander along with four of his armed men laid down arms and joined the reconciliation process in Badghis Province, northwest of Afghanistan, police said Thursday.

"Mullah Mohammad Isa along with his four men surrendered the government in Balamirghab District Wednesday and vowed to defend the government thus working for peace," police spokesman in west Afghanistan Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told *Xinhua*. — *Xinhua*

Map of the DR Congo shows where a Boeing 737 crashed killing all seven crew members, according to the transport minister of the Central African Republic where the plane was registered.

INTERNET

French, Canadian aid workers freed in Darfur

PARIS, 1 May— Two aid workers held hostage in Darfur, one French and one Canadian, were freed Thursday after three weeks in captivity, France's foreign minister said.

The two women, sent to Darfur by non-governmental group International Medical Aid were in good health, Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said. They were brought to the Sudanese capital, Khartoum.

The two women, Stephanie Jodoin, of Canada, and Claire Dubois, of France, were seized 4 April in southwest Darfur and released Wednesday, International Medical Aid said in a statement.

Kouchner expressed thanks on Thursday to those who helped free the workers. Neither he nor the aid group would elaborate on the release.

The semiofficial Sudan Media Center said 13 kidnappers traveling in two vehicles and on a camel seized the hostages and took them to an area about 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of the town of al-Genaina in west Darfur.

The Sudan Media Center said no ransom was paid to free them, and that a tribal chief mediated the release.

Internet

'Seven killed' in DR Congo plane crash

BANGUI, 1 May— All seven crew members were killed in the crash of a *Boeing 737* in western Democratic Republic of Congo, the transport minister of the Central African Republic, where the plane was registered, said on Thursday.

The accident happened Wednesday as the plane was landing at Kenge, 320 kilometres (200 miles) east of Kinshasa on its way from Bangui to Harare, in Zimbabwe.

Minister Parfait Anicet Mbay said the aircraft was flying to Zimbabwe for repairs after spending two years in Cameroon.

He indicated that although the Central African Republic did not have the facilities to repair the plane it had been checked and given the all clear to make the flight.

Internet

Italy frees hijacker of Achille Lauro ship

ROME, 1 May—One of the Palestinians who hijacked the Achille Lauro cruise ship and killed an American passenger in 1985 has been released after more than 23 years in jail, officials said on Thursday.

Youssef Magied al-Molqui left prison in Palermo, Sicily, on Wednesday and was transferred to a holding centre for immigrants in nearby Trapani while officials work to expel him, police in the Sicilian capital said.

Al-Molqui, a member of the four-man team that hijacked the Achille Lauro off the Egyptian coast, had been serving a 30-year sentence, which was reduced for good behavior.

He was convicted of shooting Leon Klinghoffer, an elderly Jewish man from New York, and ordering him to be dumped in the sea while in his wheelchair.

Klinghoffer's daughters and the Anti-Defamation League condemned Al-Molqui's early release.

"We are outraged at the news of the release of Youssef Magied Al-Molqui for good behavior. He is the terrorist who was responsible for actually shooting our father, Leon Klinghoffer, in cold blood, in his wheelchair," daughters Lisa and Ilsa Klinghoffer said in a statement.—*Internet*

Three killed in air crash in Russia's Siberia

MOSCOW, 1 May— An *An-2* aircraft crashed in northeastern Siberia's Yakutia on Thursday, killing all three crewmembers, news agencies reported, citing a local emergencies spokesman.

"The plane crashed at 0:48 am Khabarovsk time (1348 GMT)," the *RIA Novosti* news agency quoted the spokesman as saying.

The single-engine biplane was heading from Lensk to Magan, the *Itar-Tass* news agency reported, citing the Far Eastern regional center of the Emergency Situations Ministry.

It crashed near the village of Pokrovka, 16 km away from the final destination.

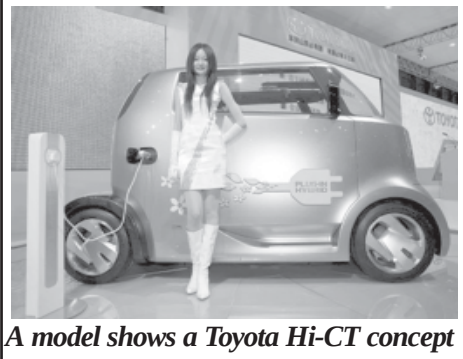
Firefighters and rescue workers have arrived at the scene.

The cause of the crash remains unclear.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM

Wood sculptor Reiner Ernst sets up some examples of his work in a large meadow at the Hobbie Rhododendron Nature Park in Westerstede, Germany. The works of art are part of the sculpture garden which is open the official start of the Rhododendron season.



A model shows a Toyota Hi-CT concept car at the Shanghai auto expo in Shanghai, east China. The 13th Shanghai auto expo opened Monday to the media. The event has attracted over 1,500 domestic and foreign automakers.

Woman attacked by 200-pound wild hog in her yard

Officials said a wild hog attacked a woman in the back yard of her home. St Petersburg Fire & Rescue reported that a 26-year-old woman was told there was a pig in her back yard on Monday afternoon. When she went outside to investigate, the 200-pound animal charged her, cutting the back of her left leg.

Rescuers were able to treat the woman for her injury at the scene. An animal control officer lassoed the hog and transported it to the Pinellas County Animal Control Office for rabies testing.

Ill police say boy, 13, used handgun to rob bank

A 13-year-old boy used a handgun to rob a Peoria bank before police caught him hiding in a nearby garage after a foot chase. Police said the teen used the gun to rob South Side Bank on Monday. They said he fled the bank with the weapon and a bag of money wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and a red bandana on his face.

Police apprehended him 36 minutes after the robbery was reported. They said the money bag contained a red dye package that had exploded. Police said the teen's sweatshirt was covered with red dye. Authorities found the gun and money near where they arrested the boy.

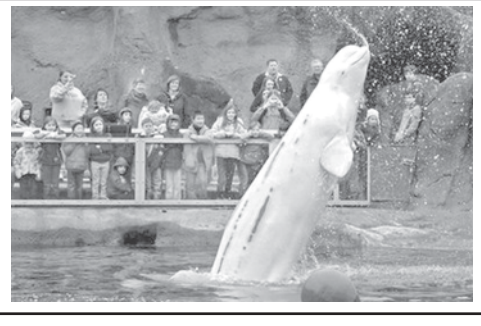
Tobacco spit leads to charges in Wis safe theft

A tobacco chewing habit led to charges against two men accused of stealing a safe that was bolted to the floor of a town of Campbell tavern. A criminal complaint said a DNA profile was developed from a sample taken from the trail of chewing tobacco spit leading away from the Sher-Bear Tavern after the theft on 5 Feb.

The DNA matched a 21-year-old man, who was charged Monday with burglary, theft, criminal damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The complaint said a search of his vehicle found a receipt for a hotel room rented to another 21-year-old man after the burglary. He was charged on Monday with burglary, theft and criminal damage to property.

A fisherman found the safe on 9 Feb on a sandbar in the Kaskaskia River near Carlyle, Ill.



Handout photo from Mullock's Auctioneers of a painting, believed to be a 1910 self portrait by Adolf Hitler and identified by the initials 'AH', written beside the figure. What the British auction house claims are a set of paintings and sketches by a young Adolf Hitler have sold at auction for 97,672 pounds (US$143,358) on 23 April 2009. A painting said to be a self-portrait of the young Hitler sold for about 10,000 pounds (US$14,600). The buyer John Ratledge, 46, said he planned to hang it at home or in his office.

Beethoven, the sole remaining beluga whale at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash, shoots out of the water. According to zoo officials, his health seems fine. An aquarium news release says the beluga whale Qannik died after showing signs of illness, including a loss of appetite and significant weight loss.

Kadappana Sluice Gate in Kyauktan Township

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

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protect low-lying areas in Kyauktan and Thongwa townships from floods when the river is swollen in the rainy season, to let the unnecessary water in the interior areas flow back

U Soe Han, farmer, of Wingyi Village.

into the river when the tide subsides, to supply the farmlands with freshwater stored in the late monsoon, to supply water to plantations of cold season crops, to supply additional water to the farmlands in summer, to prevent seawater and silt from entering the farmlands, and to prevent silting up of nearby creeks.

Kadappana Sluice Gate Project, about five miles from Kayan, Yangon Division, was launched in 2006-2007 and completed in 2008-2009.

Assistant Staff Officer of Construction (6) U Win Khaing in an interview said that it took only two years for them to construct the irrigation facility; that each gate was installed with two flat gates on the upstream side and with four silt gates on the downstream side; that previously, the areas around the facility were flooded in the rainy season and water was scarce in the hot season; that in the areas, underground water tapping was impossible; that the sluice gate would benefit 15,000 acres of arable lands.

We also interviewed some locals.

Q: Well, ma'am, what is your name, please?

A: I am Daw Khin Mar Cho from Kadappana post-primary school.

Q: What are different situations of the region before and after Kadappana Sluice Gate is constructed?

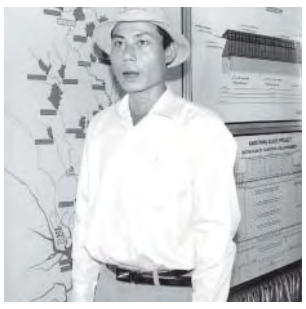
A: Many different situations; previously, many farmlands were flooded, and crops were grown once in a year. But, now, farmers can use double-cropping pattern and they can earn much more money than ever. So, now their children go to school, and many of them can pursue their education in the middle schools and

U Tun Oak, farmer of Hseywa model village.

high schools and go to university because here transport has improved a lot. I would like to thank the government for regional development."

Q: What is your name, please?

A: I am Daw Soe Soe Aye. I am a teacher from Kadappana post-primary school. I take a second standard class. I have five years service. Due to the sluice gate, local people now can grow crops two



U Win Khaing, Assistant Staff Officer of Construction (6).

times a year and they can earn higher incomes. So, all the children here can go to school. Smooth transport and economic growth have led to improvement of education. I believe our country will develop only if the educated population is high. The development of the region will pick up momentum year after year, so I thank the government.

Q: Your name, please?

A: I am U Kyi Oo.

Q: What are you?

A: I am a farmer. I have 16 acres of farmland. I grow paddy, then bean. Previously, what we farmer in seaside areas could grow was paddy only. But, now we can grow beans and pulses in addition to paddy due to the sluice gate.

Q: Have you ploughed your fields to grow summer paddy?

A: Not yet, but soon. We will grow monsoon paddy, summer paddy and beans and pulses. We can grow crops two or three times a year even in the fields where beans and pulses do not thrive. We will soon be provided with freshwater for our cattle. The sluice gate prevents seawater from entering the fields, so we will benefit a lot from it.

Then, we interviewed U Tun Oak of Hseywa model village.

Q: U Tun Oak, what do you do to earn your living?

A: I am a farmer. I have 13

Daw Khin Mar Cho, Headmistress of Kadappana Post-primary School.

acres of farmland. I grow paddy in the rainy season, and I grow beans in the cold season. Here, freshwater can be stored due to the sluice gate, so we will be able to grow paddy and beans both in the rainy season and in summer. Previously, we did not get enough water, so mostly we grew beans. We will be provided with irrigation water, so we will be able to grow summer paddy soon.

We also met U Soe Han of Wingyi Village.

Q: What are you, please?

A: I am a farmer. I have 12 acres of fields. Previously, we grew beans in summer and paddy in the rainy season. When I am supplied with irrigation water, I think I will grow summer paddy. Growing beans needs more capital than paddy, and both are profitable. Now, we are provided with irrigation water and freshwater. Due to the sluice gate, floods and seawater entering the fields will be no more, and our farms will prove more successful, so I thank the government for that. We are not assigned any duties to maintain the sluice gate, but we will maintain it with a sense of duty.

U Kaung Myat Thein, Staff Officer of Construction (6).

Staff Officer U Kaung Myat Thein of Construction (6) said that they had constructed many sluice gates, one of which was Thongwa Sluice Gate; that previously, local farmers had to sow paddy two or three times in one year because the fields were flooded in the rainy season; that then they needed to sow seeds only once to grow paddy; that so they could grow beans earlier than usual; that beans were grown with the use of freshwater, and so bean farms could be harvested four times a year; that therefore, Thongwa Township was awarded for high yields

Daw Soe Soe Aye, Primary Assistant Teacher of Kadappana Post-primary School.

of beans; and that he thought that Kyauktan Township would also achieve similar success.

Kadappana Sluice Gate is of a reinforced concrete type with 27 6 ft x 16 ft gates, a 2000 feet long main canal and a 1000 feet long outlet canal. It can benefit 15,000 acres of farmlands. So, Kadappana Sluice Gate Project is a prudent one.

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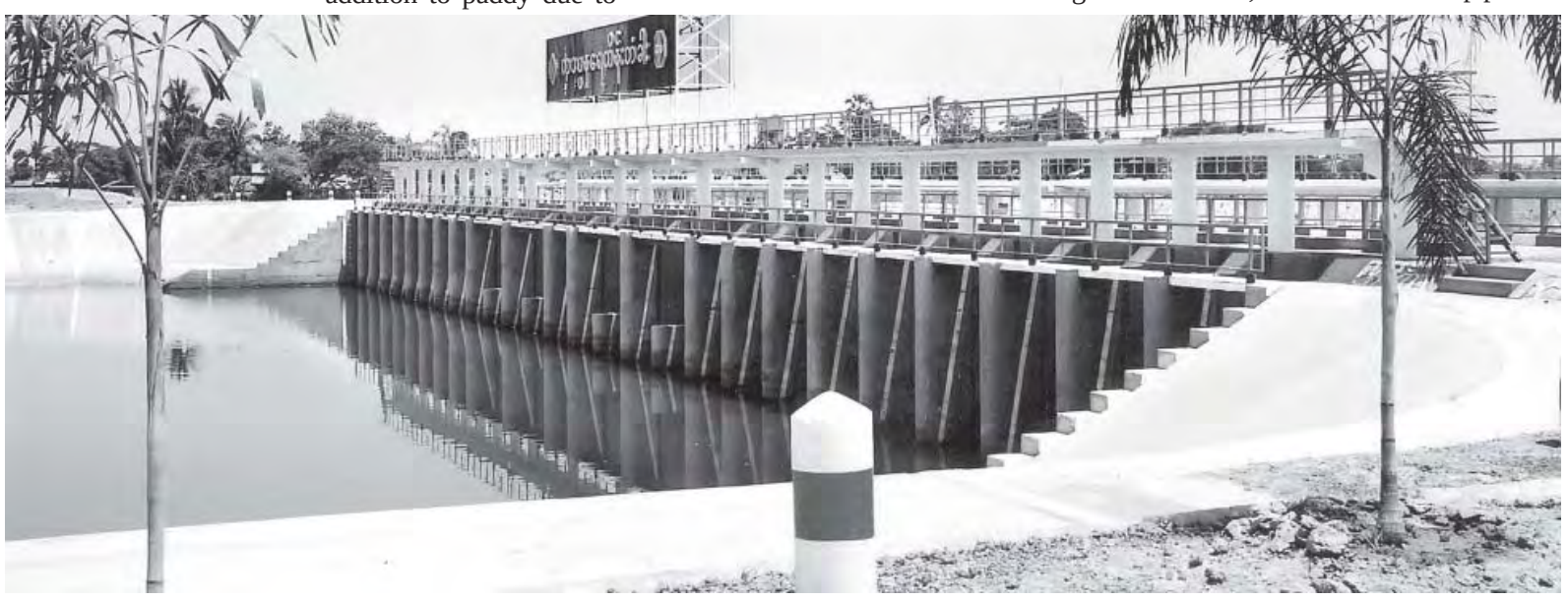

Kadappana Sluice Gate prevents seawater and silt from entering farmlands.

Deputy Health Minister inspects human flu preventive measures at airport

YANGON, 1 May—Chairman of Global Human Flu Prevention and Response Work Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected preventive measures against the human flu at Yangon International Airport today.

On his tour, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspected the medical check-ups with the use of infrared fever screening system and medical equipment at the quarantine office to provide emergency health care to patients.

The medical team led by Dr Win Myint is taking preventive measures against the human flu at Yangon International Airport; the team led by Dr Hla Myint, Head of Yangon Division Health Department, in Yangon Division and Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Health across the country.

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***Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspects screening of passengers on their arrival at Yangon International Airport.*—MNA**

Health Ministry taking preventive measures against outbreak of swine influenza

Preparations made to provide health care services for suspected swine flu patients

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Swine influenza has broken out since 17 April. So far, the swine flu has killed 160 persons and the virus has spread to 16 countries including Mexico.

Swine influenza may be transformed into global human flu. Since 25 April, the Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures against the swine flu transmitting to humans.

The Ministry of Health has carried out preventive measures against outbreak of Swine influenza A (H1N1) in Myanmar, made preparations for medical treatment, provided medicines and medical equipment and laboratory apparatuses to the hospitals and prepared the private wards at the hospitals.

With regard to situations of outbreak of Swine Influenza, the preventive measures and dissemination of health knowledge are being released to the people through TV, radio and dailies in time.

Since 29 April, the passengers have been under medical checks at airports, seaports and exits of borders.

Up to now, there has been no case of swine flu in Myanmar, according to the Ministry of Health.—*MNA*

L&F Ministry carrying out necessary preventive measures against outbreak of swine flu virus in pigs

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Swine influenza has broken out in 16 countries from 17 April to date and it killed 160 people.

There has been no case of H1N1 virus in pig in the regions where swine flu breaks out in humans, according to the news release of World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is carrying out necessary preventive measures against outbreak of swine flu virus in pigs of Myanmar.

Immediately after receiving the news about the outbreak of swine flu in humans in Mexico, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is undertaking the releasing of warnings to State/Division LBVDs and different levels of the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, making field trips to check the health condition of animals at pig farms, performing the surveillance of virus and raising the bio-security.

News and information on knowledge about animal health are being announced to the people in time through dailies, radio and TV.

The inspection for safe consumption of pork and related products imported through border gateways and the educative talks on animal health are being held in States and Divisions.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries today issued news that so far there has been no case of swine flu infected to pigs in Myanmar.

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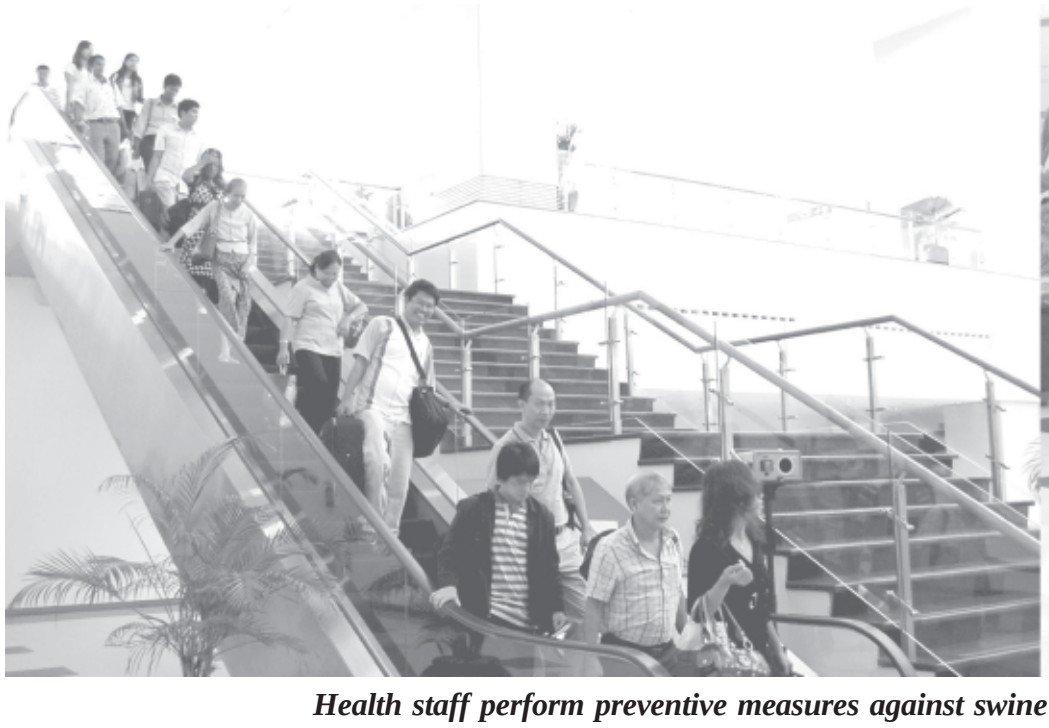
***Health staff screening passengers at Mandalay International Airport (TadaU) to prevent outbreak of swine flu in Myanmar.*—MNA**



Health staff perform preventive measures against swine flu at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Warning on global human flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 April to date. A total of 160 persons were killed in infection of virus.

2. The flu is caused by a new virus. It is mixed with four genes and can spread quickly. Now there are cases of such flu in some countries. Regarding the disease, the World Health Organization announced that it is international public health State of emergency. The Ministry of Health is undertaking preventive measures against transmitting to humans through avian flu. In some countries there was an outbreak of swine flu among the people. The Ministry of Health is carrying out the tasks to fight against the disease.

3. The symptoms of swine flu are body heat, runny nose, coughing, aching, headache, lethargy, difficult breathing. They are like the symptoms of other diseases. If these symptoms appear, do not go to crowded public places such as worksites and schools. Take a rest at home. Make contact with the nearest health centres. Go to the hospital when one has high fever, long coughing, difficult breathing and lethargy. If the disease is serious, go to the hospital immediately. Wear surgical masks in order not to spread the disease.

4. It is found that the disease spread from people to people. Like SARS, it can become a pandemic. Therefore, the people are requested to keep the following points.

(a) Using handkerchief when coughing
(b) Proper washing the hands with soap properly
(c) Carrying out personal hygiene measures
(d) Sleeping well
(e) Eating nutritious food
(f) Taking exercises
(g) Breathing fresh air

5. In order to prevent flu infection, those who take care of the people infected with flu, wear surgical masks.

6. The Ministry of Health has made arrangements for prevention of the spread of such flu from other countries. News and information will be announced in time and the people are requested to follow the notice of the ministry.

Ministry of Health

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Warning on Swine flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 April to date. A total of 160 persons were killed in the infection of virus.

2. Symptoms in swine: The symptoms of the swine flu are sudden illness, mopping, coughing, runny nose, sneezing, difficult breathing, red eyes, inflammation, loss appetite. These symptoms can also be found in normal coughing and other sickness due to the weather changes.

3. Points to be followed in prevention against swine flu

(a) If found symptoms of sickness in pigs, they are to be kept in quarantine, and inform the LBVD.
(b) Take care of bio security in the farm where a large number of pigs are raised
(c) Wash hands and legs clean after cleaning the pigsty
(e) Use face masks and gloves when handling the unhealthy pigs
(f) Ban the sale of unhealthy pigs in the markets.
(g) Do not raise the pigs of unknown origin, especially those smuggled from other country
(h) If pork is cooked at 70°C and above, there will be no infection.

4. Prevention of swine flu: There is no case of swine flu in Myanmar. It is necessary for pig breeders and those who keep pigs on commercial scale and seller to participate in the preventive measures against the disease in cooperation with Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Development Committees and local authorities.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Meeting on preparedness for global human flu through traditional medicine held

NAY PYI TAW,1 May—The meeting on preparedness against global human flu through traditional medicine was held at National Traditional Medicine Garden, here, yesterday.

Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Tin Nyunt made an opening speech on the occasion, saying that traditional medicine experts need to participate actively in the tasks for disease preparedness concerning the global human flu as the national concern. Extensive educative programs are to be launched. Directives released by the Ministry of Health are to be followed. Service personnel of Health Department are to take cooperative measures.

Next, Director of Traditional Medicine Department (Treatment) Dr Sein Win and Deputy Director U Paw Nyein made clarification on flu and traditional medicine, member of Traditional Medicine Council practitioner U Than Nyunt on treatment of flu through traditional medicine therapy and Director of Health Department (Infection) Professor Dr Soe Lwin Nyein on condition of outbreaks of global human flu.

Afterwards, traditional medicine practitioners gave suggestions and decisions were made to carry out health care services to the public extensively with the use of traditional medicines. Then the meeting ended with the concluding remarks made by the meeting chairman.

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Shwe Naing Ngan journal Vol 7, No.24 comes out

YANGON, 1 May —Shwe Naing Ngan journal Vol 7, No.24 came out. The journal features the danger of climate change, the golden future of Mon State, holding election, opening of Textile factory (Myittha), returning to legal forces, repairing of Pantanaw-Einme-Myaungmya road and construction of Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road.

The journal is available at the bookstall of Sarpaybeikman, Pan Shwe Pyi Bookshop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and News and Periodicals Enterprise's bookshop. The manuscripts may be sent to No.8, on the second floor of Park tower at the corner of Dhammazedi road and Bagaya road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, here (Ph-538302).—*MNA*

Dinner hosted to mark 19th AGM of MMCWA

President Daw Khin Saw Hnin speaking words of thanks at dinner to mark successful completion of 19th Annual General Meeting of MMCWA.—MNA

MMCWA President Daw Khin Saw Hnin presents third prize to Kachin State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin hosted a dinner to mark the successful completion of 19th Annual General Meeting of MMCWA at the hall of the association, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Khin Win and Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay, the president, the vice-president, CEC members and central council members of MMCWA, chairpersons and secretaries of State and Division MCW Supervisory Committees and officials.

First, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin spoke words of thanks and presented gifts to Minister Dr Kyaw Myint.

Next, the MMCWA President presented gifts to Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar) for his assessments on the research papers.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented first, second and third prizes to Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, and consolation prizes to Taninthayi and Bago divisions (East).

The MMCWA President presented first, second and third prizes to Shan State (East), Shan State (North), Kachin State and consolation prizes to Chin and Mon States.

Vice-President Daw Aye Aye and Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo awarded other outstanding States and Divisions.

MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt gave cash award to Myanma Athan music band and artistes who performed entertainment at the dinner.—*MNA*

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presents third prize to Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

MMCWA Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presents award to Kayin State.—TRANSPORT

Brother printers introduced

YANGON, 1 May—The Brother Printer to be sold as authorized distributor by Brother International is being introduced at the Myanmar ICT Exhibition (May 2009) at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township up to 3 May.

A-3 color inkjet multifunction printer has functions of A-3 sized color printing, scanning and copying works. The printer categorized as personal and work group uses is installed with A-2 sized touch screen to perform direct UBS printing.

Those wishing to sell quality products of Brother International as sale agents may contact 90-92 on 51st Street in Pazundaung Township, dialing 295661, 296836 and 098640058.—*MNA*

Brother Printer being displayed at Myanmar ICT Exhibition.— MNA

Seinle Shwepyi news journal comes out

YANGON, 1 May—Seinle Shwepyi news journal, Volume 6, No. 11 was in circulation yesterday.

The journal carries the articles on various subjects, internal and external business news, journalism, news, political literature and short stories.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman book stall in Kyauktada Township, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Pan Shwe Pyi Book Shop and the book stall of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Street of Botahtaung Township.

The manuscripts may be sent to No. 8 on 8th floor of Pangyan Tower at the corner of Dhammazedi Road and Bagaya Road in Sangyoung Township, dialing 538302.—*MNA*

DRIVE WITH CARE

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (2nd R) trims vegetables with a canteen worker as he visits a construction site of Beijing subway in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 May, 2009. Wen expressed his best regards to the workers here. INTERNET

Iran says could cope with US fuel trade sanctions

TEHERAN, 1 May — Iran would find gasoline supplies even if the United States imposes sanctions targeting companies that ship fuel to the Islamic Republic, a senior Iranian oil official said on Thursday.

Twenty-five US senators from both parties on Tuesday proposed giving President Barack Obama new leverage in the dispute over Teheran's nuclear ambitions: the authority to sanction companies supplying gasoline to Iran.

There was "no doubt" that Iran could cope with any such US measure, said Ali Asghar Arshi, executive director for international affairs at National Iranian Oil Co (NIOC).

We can manage ... we have alternatives and we can do something about consumption and also production", Arshi told *Reuters*. "The market is very big. It is not a market handled by a few companies".

Iran is the world's fourth-largest oil exporter but lacks the refining capacity to meet domestic demand so relies heavily on international imports to guarantee fuel at the pumps. — *MNA/Reuters*

French nuclear power plant evacuated in bomb alert

PARIS, 1 May — A nuclear power station at Chinon in central France was evacuated on Thursday after a phone call warning of a bomb, power supplier EDF said.

EDF said the anonymous phone call was made at 0355 GMT and that, while searches continued, the core ares of the plant had been secured. The nuclear plant was still functioning, EDF added.

"We will know at the start of the afternoon (around 1200 GMT) whether there is a bomb or not," an EDF spokeswoman said by telephone. The Chinon plant, which has four 900-megawatt nuclear reactors, supplies electricity to around 6 per cent of the French population. — *MNA/Reuters*

At least 18 dead in severe heat wave in India

NEW DELHI, 1 May — At least 18 people have died in a scorching heat wave that has swept through more than a dozen Indian states, the weather department and officials said Friday.

The highest temperature of about 118 degrees Fahrenheit (47.5 Celsius) was recorded Thursday at Khandua in the central Madhya Pradesh state.

The heat wave has hit the western state of Rajasthan, the northern state of Uttarakhand and at least a dozen other states, the India Meteorological Department said.

Authorities have confirmed at least 18 people died from heat stroke in the eastern state of Orissa, according to Manoranjan Choudhary, an official at the state revenue department, which monitors heat-related deaths. Thirty-six other suspected heat wave deaths are being investigated, he added.—*Internet*

People sit near a fountain to beat the heat, in New Delhi, India, on Friday, 1 May, 2009. —INTERNET

April marks bloodiest month for civilian death in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 May — April is the bloodiest month for civilian death toll in Iraq this year, according to Iraq officials.

Civilian death toll across Iraq rose remarkably in April compared with previous months, Iraqi officials said.

At least 355 Iraqis including 290 civilians and 65 members of Iraqi security forces were killed in April, Interior Ministry and Defense Ministry officials said.

The number of Iraqis killed in violent attacks rose to 355 from252 in March, making April to be the bloodiest month this year. At least 70 Iranian pilgrims were also killed in two suicide bombings in Diyala and Baghdad last week.

At least 18 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq in April, bringing the US death toll to about 4281 since the outbreak of US-led invasion in 2003, according to media count based on the independent website of icasualties.org. The figure is also the highest death toll for US troops in Iraq this year.

A series of deadly bombings struck Iraqi cities recently, raising fears that Iraq could again go back to earlier stages of chaos and bloodshed.

The recent bombings targeted US soldiers, Iraqi security forces and civilians in Baghdad and several other provinces, including Nineveh, Anbar and Diyala, claiming the lives of hundreds of Iraqis, along with US soldiers.

Internet

Residents look at a burnt vehicle at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad's Sadr City on 29 April, 2009. The recent surge in violence in Iraq is short-term rather than the beginning of a new trend, Iraq's national security adviser said on Friday as he sought to paint a rosy outlook for the country.—INTERNET

Confirmed H1N1 flu cases in Canada rise to 34

OTTAWA, 1 May — Fifteen new cases of confirmed human infection of influenza A/H1N1 were reported Thursday in Canada, bringing the total in the country to 34, including eight patients who contracted the illness in Canada.

An elementary school was closed after one student was found to have caught the disease, becoming the first school to be closed in Canada. Health officials said although the numbers are going up fast, they will not change their approach in combating the illness. While all 34 cases are described as mild ones, health officials have warned against complacency, saying the virus may mutate. A pandemic is highly likely, but it remains unclear how severe it will be, Canada's chief public health officer David Butler-Jones said.

MNA/Xinhua

US swine flu cases rise to 109

WASHINGTON, 1 May—The number of confirmed human swine flu cases in the United States has risen to 109, including a Mexican toddler who became the first fatality from swine flu in the country, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Thursday.

According to data posted on the CDC's website, the states with confirmed cases are Arizona, California, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New York City, Ohio, South Carolina and Texas. South Carolina had confirmed 10 new cases, the CDC said.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG DA VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO ( ) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Elderly man arrested in Italy for coke in oranges

ROME, 1 May—The elderly man claimed he needed the oranges in his suitcase to keep up his vitamin C level, but Italian police soon realized the "C" stood for cocaine.

Customs officers in Rome on Thursday arrested a 76-year-old Dutch man who tried to smuggle in more than 13 pounds (six kilograms) of cocaine packed into oranges that had been emptied of their pulp.

The man arrested on international drug trafficking charges at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport had arrived from Buenos Aires, Argentina and said he was on his way back to the Netherlands after a vacation.

Police at the airport said the drugs would have had a street value of euro5 million ($6.6 million).

Internet

Nigeria 'arrests one' over Canadian kidnapping

KANO,1 May—Nigerian security forces have arrested one of the alleged kidnappers of a Canadian woman seized in mid-April in northern Nigeria, a state government official said on Thursday.

Kaduna state information commissioner Saidu Adamu told *AFP* that the suspect was arrested during an operation on Wednesday to rescue Julie Ann Mulligan, is expected to appear in court later Thursday."I can confirm that Mrs Julie Ann Mulligan was rescued from her captors on Wednesday by a special team of security personnel who succeeded in arresting one of the abductors," said Adamu.

Internet

Iraq to kill three wild boars at zoo amid flu fears

BAGHDAD, 1 May—The Iraqi government decided Thursday to kill three wild boars at the Baghdad Zoo amid worldwide fears of swine flu, officials said.

No cases of swine flu have been reported in Iraq, and global health officials have said there is no evidence that people have contracted swine flu by eating pork or handling pigs. But Iraqi officials say they don't want to take any chances.

Iraq has few, if any, pigs used as livestock because its dominant religion, Islam, considers the animals impure. Wild boars roam the countryside in some areas.

"The ministry of agriculture made a decision today to kill the three pigs in Baghdad Zoo as a precautionary measure," Dr Sabah Jassim Mozan, the head of the ministry's veterinarian department, told *The Associated Press*.

No date has been set for their killing, according to Dr Ihssan Jaafar Ahmed, who heads Iraq's swine flu committee. Zoo officials could not be reached for comment. Earlier Thursday, the mud-covered boars grazed quietly inside their large pen at the zoo.

Iraq's decision is among several drastic measures governments have taken to combat swine flu. Egypt began slaughtering the roughly 300,000 pigs in the country even though no cases have been reported there.—*Internet*

In this photo taken on 27 April, 2009, people feed a pig at the Baghdad Zoo, Iraq. The Iraqi government has ordered the killing of three wild boars at the Baghdad Zoo amid worldwide fears of swine flu, officials said Thursday.
INTERNET

Australian nursing home patient mauled by mice

SYDNEY,1 May—A pack of mice mauled a bedridden 89-year-old man at an Australian nursing home, shredding parts of his ears and prompting the government on Thursday to launch an investigation into the facility. Federal Minister for Aging Justine Elliot ordered a probe into what the government-run nursing home in Queensland state was doing to protect residents, saying in a statement that the attack was "extremely disturbing and traumatic for residents and their families."

Ray Hopper, a state opposition legislator who was alerted to the mauling by the man's family earlier this week, said the resident was found covered in blood by nursing staff Saturday."An elderly, bedridden gentleman had the tops of his ears severely chewed, his head badly bitten and a very bad wound in the throat," Hopper said. "His hands were covered in blood when they found him; he'd obviously been so distressed trying to get the mice away." Hopper accused health officials of being slow to respond to an out-of-control mouse infestation at Dalby Hospital, where Karingal Nursing Home is located."It is the most disgusting, horrific thing," Hopper said. "There wasn't a wall of mice suddenly hitting the place — this has been building up for three weeks. They had plenty of time to act."

Internet

French nuclear power plant evacuated over bomb scare

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Police and workers stand near the damaged coach of an Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) after it collided with a goods train in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 29 April, 2009. —XINHUA

Suspected serial killer wanted in 30 murders arrested in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 1 May—Police said Thursday that they have arrested a man who is suspected in the sexual assault-slayings of 30 women and probably the "most prolific serial killer" the Los Angeles area has ever seen.

John Thomas Jr was arrested on the night of 31 March and has been held with bail, according to the website of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The 72-year-old man was charged on 2 April with murder in connection with the deaths of two women, aged 68 and 67, in 1970s in Los Angeles.

Thomas' DNA has been tied to the two murder cases and three other homicides, two in 1970s and one in 1986, according to Richard Bengston, a cold case detective of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Internet

Africans have world's greatest genetic variation

WASHINGTON, 1 May—Africans have more genetic variation than anyone else on Earth, according to a new study that helps narrow the location where humans first evolved, probably near the South Africa-Namibia border. The largest study of African genetics ever undertaken also found that nearly three-fourths of African-Americans can trace their ancestry to West Africa. The new analysis published Thursday in the online edition of the journal Science.

"Given the fact that modern humans arose in Africa, they have had time to accumulate dramatic changes" in their genes, explained lead researcher Sarah Tishkoff, a geneticist at the University of Pennsylvania.—*Internet*

Flu brings less crime, blue sky to Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 1 May — The sound of leaves rustling in the wind replaces a cacophony of commuter car horns.

The lone bark of a dog echoes from a far-off balcony into the normally bustling restaurant district, suddenly empty of lunchtime crowds and late-night revelers.

Swine flu is scary, but it has also brought an unusual calm to this city that never shuts up. Crime is down and even the smoggy skies have turned a shade approaching blue.

Throughout Mexico City, a megalopolis of 20 million, hustle and bustle has given way to shuffles and sighs.

Mexico has taken drastic steps to prevent the flu's spread: By presidential decree, almost all businesses and government services nationwide will shut for five days starting with the May Day holiday Friday. Only "essential services" such as transportation, supermarkets and hospitals are being kept open. Schools were already closed nationwide.

In the Bohemian Condesa neighbourhood, sidewalks usually crowded with diners sharing loud gossip and blowing clouds of cigarette smoke were empty on Thursday. "Takeout service only" signs plastered restaurant doors.

In well-heeled neighbourhoods, security guards wearing blue face masks stood outside apartment buildings where tenants were heeding the advice to stay home, avoid crowds, rest up and keep their germs to themselves.

Bike messengers, street cleaners and dog walkers strolled easily along quiet streets, emptied of the exhaust-belching, horn-blowing Hummers, SUVs, moving vans and trucks that normally crowd them.—*Internet*

Farmers fear pigs may get swine flu from people

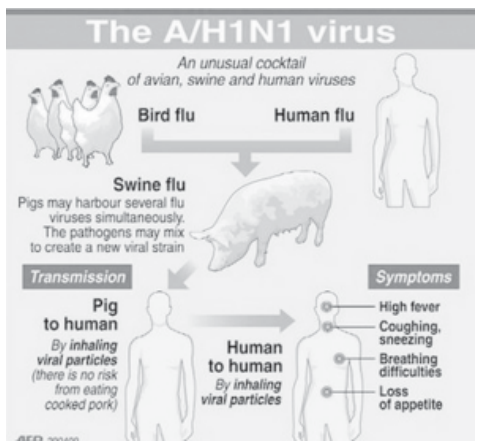
KANSAS CITY, 1 May — Humans have it. Pigs don't. At least not yet, and US pork producers are doing everything they can to make sure that the new H1N1 virus, known around the world as the "swine flu," stays out of their herds.

"That is the biggest concern, that your herd could somehow contract this illness from an infected person," said Kansas hog farmer Ron Suther, who is banning visitors from his sow barns and requiring maintenance workers, delivery men and other strangers to report on recent travels and any illness before they step foot on his property.

"If a person is sick, we don't want you coming anywhere on the farm," Suther said.Those sentiments were echoed by producers around the nation this week as fears of a possible global flu pandemic grew, with more than 200 people sickened, including more than 100 in the United States, and at least 177 dead, all but one in Mexico.

"There is no evidence of this new strain being in our pig populations in the United States.

Internet



Factfile on the A/H1N1 strain of swine flu. New Zealand and South Korea said Wednesday they were investigating more suspected cases of swine flu, as hastily arranged measures designed to contain the disease's spread in Asia were put to the test.—INTERNET

More schools close, swine flu cases pass 100

WASHINGTON, 1 May — Hundreds of schools scattered around the country closed as the nation's swine flu caseload passed 100 Thursday, and US authorities said they eventually could produce enough vaccine for everyone if necessary — but that shots couldn't begin until fall at the earliest.

The outbreak penetrated over a dozen states and even touched the White House, which disclosed that an aide to Energy Secretary Steven Chu apparently got sick helping arrange President Barack Obama's recent trip to Mexico but that the aide did not fly on Air Force One and never posed a risk to the president.

An estimated 12,000 people logged onto a Webcast where the government's top emergency officials sought to cut confusion by answering questions straight from the public: Can a factory worker handling parts from Mexico catch the virus? No. Can pets get it? No.

A sample of suspected swine flu is displayed by a technician at the Washington State Public Health Laboratories, on 30 April, 2009, in Shoreline, Wash.—INTERNET

And is washing hands or using those alcohol-based hand gels best? Washing well enough is the real issue, answered Dr Richard Besser, acting chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He keeps hand gel in his pocket for between-washings but also suggested that people sing "Happy Birthday" as they wash their hands to make sure they've washed long enough to get rid of germs.

It is safe to fly, US officials found themselves stressing after Vice President Joe Biden got off message Thursday.

Internet

First suspected case of swine flu detected in Japan

TOKYO, 1 May — The first suspected case of swine flu has been detected in Japan, the Japanese Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry said late Thursday night.

The patient, a 17-year-old high school student in Yokohama, is subjected to further examination to determine whether he is infected with the new type of influenza, the ministry said.

The patient, who had been on a school trip in Canada's British Columbia Province on 10-25 April, suffered from a fever and cough and underwent a medical checkup Thursday at a Yokohama municipal hospital.

According to the municipal government of Yokohama, he has already been hospitalized and his symptoms are not serious. And none of his family members has any flu-like sympto—*Internet*

No suspected case of swine flu in India

NEW DELHI, 1 May — The Indian Government Thursday said it was screening around 50,000 passengers coming from swine flu-affected countries even as it assured that there was no suspected case of the disease in the country as of now.

"There is no suspected case of swine flu in the country so far," Joint Secretary Ministry of Health, Vineet Chaudhary told reporters here. The clarification came in the wake of reports that a Hyderabad resident had come back from Mexico with flu like symptoms. "The patient is not showing any symptoms now. In fact he had reported to a nearby health centre for check up after he developed flu like symptoms after coming back from Mexico," Chaudhary said.

Director, NICD, Shivlal said fresh samples have been taken from the Hyderabad resident and are being flown to Delhi and the results will be available in the next 24 to 48 hours.

The Centre has also decided to increase its Tamiflu stock from one million to 10 million doses over the next seven days, he said, adding the stockpile would be decentralised all over the country so that any emergency situation can be dealt with quickly.

A total of 50,000 passengers who have come from countries affected by swine flu have been traced and checks would be carried out on them.

Chaudhary said 8 counters have been set up at the Delhi airport and each counter will be manned by one doctor and two nurses. — *MNA/PTI*

A woman wears a mask while taking subway train in New York, the United States, on 29 April, 2009. —INTERNET

WHO confirms 257 swine flu cases worldwide

GENEVA, 1 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday confirmed a total of 257 human infections of swine flu, which were officially reported from 11 countries.Of those cases, 109 were from the United States, including one death, and 97 were from Mexico, including seven deaths, the UN agency said in a latest update.

Countries that have reported laboratory-confirmed cases with no deaths include Austria (1), Canada (19), Germany (3), Israel (2), the Netherlands (1), New Zealand (3), Spain (13), Switzerland (1) and Britain (8).

Internet

SPORTS

Spanish PM inaugurates 'Magic Box' tennis venue

MADRID , 1 May — Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero inaugurated on Thursday the new "Magic Box" tennis venue which will host the 1000 Madrid Masters ATP tournament which gets underway on 8 May.

He said opening the sprawling complex in the south of Madrid "was an important step in supporting" the Spanish capital's candidacy to host the 2016 Olympic Games." The Spanish government gives its total support to Madrid's bid," the prime minister added.

The inauguration of the venue — Madrid's equivalent to France's Roland Garros in France or Britain's Wimbledon — comes ahead of a visit to Madrid next week by the International Olympic Committee's Evaluation Commission.Designed by France's Dominique Perrault, it has three main courts which each has a retractable roof to allow simultaneous play in all weathers, 16 outdoor courts, five indoor courts, six training courts and an indoor pool.—*Internet*

***A view in Madrid of the Magic Box (La Caja Magica) arena by French architect Dominique Perrault, newly built to host the Madrid Combined Tennis Tournament which will take place from 8 to 17 May , 2009.—*INTERNET**

I'm not apologising, says Mourinho

ROME ,1 May — Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho on Thursday refused to apologise for comments he made earlier this season claiming none of his team's Serie A rivals would win any trophies. Mourinho angered the likes of AC Milan and Juventus after his team were knocked out of the Champions League by Manchester United when he said Inter would definitely win the scudetto while the others would finish the season empty-handed.

However, Milan's recent resurgence has made Inter's hold on this season's championship look a little less concrete, even if they do still enjoy a commanding seven point lead with five games remaining."—*Internet*

***Jose Mourinho, hit out at Italian football once again on Wednesday, insisting that the English league is a paradise for coaches in comparison.—*INTERNET**

Bayern's belief is back insists van Bommel

BERLIN , 1 May — Bayern Munich captain Mark van Bommel says the defending champions have regained their self-belief as the quest continues to defend the Bundesliga title after this week's sacking of Jurgen Klinsmann.The ex-Germany boss was fired as Bayern's head coach on Monday after just ten months in charge following a poor run of results with his side third in the league and three points behind leaders Wolfsburg.

Former Bayern trainer Jupp Heynckes has taken over as caretaker coach for the five remaining league games, starting Saturday at home to relegation threatened Borussia Moenchengladbach, and a confidence-boosting win is needed." I reckon the club has rediscovered its belief, and so have the fans," said van Bommel after a difficult week for the German giants who lost 1-0 at home to Schalke 04 last Saturday.—*Internet*

Bayern Munich captain Mark van Bommel.

Trochowski strike puts Hamburg in driving seat

BREMEN , 1 May — Germany winger Piotr Trochowski drew first blood for Hamburg in the first-leg of the all-German UEFA Cup semi-final as his winning goal sealed a 1-0 win at Bundesliga rivals Werder Bremen on Thursday.

"My team did particularly well in the first half and even though Bremen were better after the break, we still created one or two chances," said Hamburg coach Martin Jol after the diminutive Trochowski's first-half header." That was a good result for us - I have never seen Tro-chowski score with his head before!" added the former Tottenham Hot-spur manager.

But Bremen coach Thomas Schaaf insisted it will be a different matter at Hamburg next week." My team needs to understand that a game consists of two halves and we must do well in both periods," said a disgruntled Schaaf."—*Internet*

Hamburg's goalkeeper Frank Rost (L) hugs Piotr Trochowski after their UEFA Cup semi-final victory over Werder Bremen in Bremen.
INTERNET

Fernandinho saves Shakhtar in all-Ukraine showdown

KIEV ,1 May — Shakhtar Donetsk will take a slight advantage into the second leg of their UEFA Cup semi-final against fellow Ukrainians Dynamo Kiev after drawing 1-1 against them here in the first leg on Thursday.Fernandinho equalised team-mate Dmytro Chygrynskiy's first-half own goal to make Shakhtar favourites to become the first Ukrainian side to qualify for a major European final since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Shakhtar are the reigning Ukrainian champions but Dynamo lead the current domestic standings by 12 points from their rivals and it was the home side who drew first blood when Chygrynskiy deflected Oleksandr Aliyev's driven free-kick into his own net in the 22nd minute. Neither side had shown much attacking endeavour in a muted opening and the visitors didn't threaten until Brazilian winger Fernandinho tested Dynamo goalkeeper Stanyslav Bohush with a low shot on the half-hour mark.

Dynamo were firmly in the ascendancy, but in the 68th minute three of Shakhtar's Brazilian contingent combined to craft a priceless equaliser.

Internet

***Tomas Hubshman(L) of FC Shakhtar Donetsk fights for a ball with Carlos Correa of FC Dynamo Kiev during their UEFA Cup semi-final first leg football match in Kiev. The match ended on a 1-1 score.—*INTERNET**

Safina on her way to Stuttgart tennis quarters

STUTTGART, 1 May — World number one Dinara Safina made light work of Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova as she needed just over an hour to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA tournament here on Thursday.

Having blasted her way past Italy's Sara Errani 6-0, 6-1 in the first round, Safina was barely troubled by Hantuchova as she won her second round game 6-4, 6-2 and will play eighth-seed Agnieszka Radwanska in Friday's quarter-final." We have had some close matches in the past and I did well today," said Safina who had lost her three previous meetings to Hantuchova and her win here levels the tally now at 3-3.—*Internet*

Dinara Safina of Russia, seen here in action in March 2009, made light work of Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova as she needed just over an hour to reach the quarter-finals of the WTA tournament here on Thursday.
INTERNET

Nadal, Federer and Djokovic cruise into Rome tennis quarters

ROME, 1 May — Favourites Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic made short work of their third round opponents in the ATP Rome claycourt Masters here on Thursday to cruise into Friday's quarter-finals.World number one Nadal was the most emphatic winner dropping a solitary game in a 6-1, 6-0 hammering of world number 27 Robin Soderling of Sweden.

Federer lost just five games as he gained revenge on Czech 16th seed Radek Stepanek, his quarter-final conqueror a year ago, with a 6-4, 6-1 victory in just 1hr 8min. Djokovic spent five minutes less on court and lost only two games in a 6-1, 6-1 thrashing of usuallly dependable 13th-seeded Spaniard Tommy Robredo.

But it was clay king Nadal who was the most impressive as he took his unbeaten run on the surface to 27 matches since losing in the second round here a year ago to Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Internet

Ferdinand receives injury boost

LONDON, 1 May—Rio Ferdinand is set to be fit for Manchester United's Champions League semi-final second leg against Arsenal as he has not cracked a rib.

Rio Ferdinand

The 30-year-old, who misses Saturday's Premier League trip to Middlesbrough, hobbled off during Wednesday's first leg and had a scan on Thursday.

"It's good news with Rio—it is not a cracked bone," said Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson. Ferdinand has already made 40 appearances for United this season.He is now expected to return in time to face Arsenal at the Emirates as United bid for a place in their second consecutive Champions League final.—*Internet*

More illegal Indian workers leave Dubai

DUBAI, 1 May—The number of illegal Indian workers leaving Dubai soared in the first four months of 2009 as the financial crisis hit demand for day labourers on building sites, India's consul-general to Dubai said on Thursday.

Thousands of Indian workers are employed informally in the United Arab Emirates, the second-largest Arab economy, entering the country without proper work permits and often working as day labourers for construction companies. "Obviously the financial crisis was the reason for the increase," Venu Rajamony, India's consul-general told *Reuters*. He said one way of tracking the movement of illegal Indian workers was through emergency certificates, the documents issued by the consulate in lieu of missing passports which permit Indian citizens to return home.—*MNA/Reuters*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule (2.5.2009) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* One of the Bright Prospects in Agricutlure
* Sculpturing Contest
* Greening the Meiktila Plains
* Hand Fastening Festival of Kayin Nationals
* ShweLi Bridge (Namt Kham)
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* More Railroad Networks consolidate Solidarity
* The Pindaya Natural Cave
* Myanmar Traditional Food.....Soya Bean
* Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung
* Myanma Crocodiles
* The Image of Light Creators
* Travelogue (Inlay)
* Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)
* Precious Lobsters
* Myanmar Proverbs "Eat the banyan fruit and also be attentive to the catapult"
* Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-VI)
* Myanmar Modern Song
* One of the Bright Prospects in Agricutlure
* Sculpturing Contest
* ShweLi Bridge (Namt Kham)
* Valuable Myanmar Native Orchids
* Greening the Meiktila Plains
* Butterfly Garden In Yangon
* Aungpan Oranges
* Hand Fastening Festival of Kayin Nationals
* Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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MRTV Myanmar

Saturday, 2 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

7:55 am
5. Nice and sweet song

8:05 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am
7. စစ်တောင်းတံတား(မုပွလင်)

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Musical programme

11:00 am
1. Martial song

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:20 am
3. Game for Children

11:45 am
4. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:40 pm
5. Yan can cook

1:00 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးဇော်သူ" (အပိုင်း–၄၁)

2:00 pm
7. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

2:45 pm
8. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm
3. "ဆီးချိုသွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မိုးဒီ၊ ဖြိုးဇွေမိုး၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ ကောင်းခန့်၊ ရတနာမိုင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ–တင်အောင်ရွှေ (သုတေသီ)]

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:10 pm
6. Songs for uphold national spirit

5:15 pm
7. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:30 pm
8. စိတ်ကြွရူးသွပ်ဆေးအန္တရာယ်

5:45 pm
9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရေ့.

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

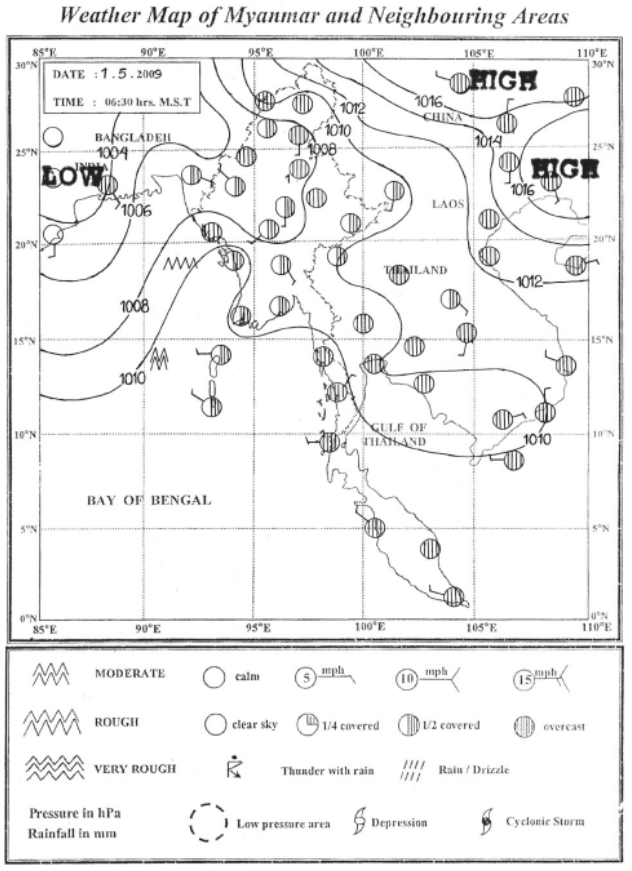
6:35 pm
12. အလှရာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:50 pm
13. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

7:10 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူသက်ထား" (အပိုင်း–၉)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း–၃)
19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းတွဲ "ကျေးရွာတင်ပါတယ်" (အပိုင်း–၆)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 1 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa, Monywa, Myingyan,NyaungU, Chauk, Minbu and Magway (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Heho (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-5-2009 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 30-4-2009 was (10.7) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 1-5-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (2.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.28) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 30-4-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin,Shan, and Mon States, isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of May 2009: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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Four political objectives

* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009) opened

YANGON, 1 May — The opening of the Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009) took place at Tatmadaw Conventional Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township here this morning.

The president of Myanmar Computer Federation extended greetings, and presented commemorative badges to Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

The presidents of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association formally opened the exhibition.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed electronic and communication equipment, softwares, and technological books displayed at the exhibition.

MNA

***Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence views exhibits displayed at opening of Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009).*—MNA**

Southern glaciers grow out of step with North

Scientist Joerg Schaefer rests on a glacial moraine in New Zealand's Southern Alps.

AUCKLAND, 1 May — The vast majority of the world's glaciers are retreating as the planet gets warmer. But a few, including ones south of the equator, in South America and New Zealand, are inching forward.

A new study in the journal Science puts this enigma in perspective; for the last 7,000 years New Zealand's largest glaciers have often moved out of step with glaciers in the northern hemisphere, pointing to strong regional variations in climate.

Conventional wisdom holds that climate during the era of human civilization has been relatively stable, but the new study is the latest to challenge this view, by showing that New Zealand's glaciers have gone through rapid periods of growth and decline during the current interglacial period known as the Holocene.

"New Zealand's mountain glaciers have fluctuated frequently over the last 7,000 years and glacial advances have become slightly smaller through time," said lead author Joerg Schaefer, a geochemist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. "This pattern differs in important ways from the northern hemisphere glaciers.

Internet

Indus script encodes language

MUMBAI, 1 May — The Rosetta Stone allowed 19th century scholars to translate symbols left by an ancient civilization and thus decipher the meaning of Egyptian hieroglyphics.

But the symbols found on many other ancient artifacts remain a mystery, including those of a people that inhabited the Indus valley on the present-day border between Pakistan and India.

A University of Washington computer scientist has led a statistical study of the Indus script, comparing the pattern of symbols to various linguistic scripts and nonlinguistic systems, including DNA and a computer programming language. The results, published online April 23 by the journal Science, found the Indus script's pattern is closer to that of spoken words, supporting the hypothesis that it codes for an as-yet-unknown language. "We applied techniques of computer science, specifically machine learning, to an ancient problem," said Rajesh Rao, a UW associate professor of computer science and engineering and lead author of the study.

Internet

Examples of the Indus script.

Significant Day Temperatures

Kalaywa	42ºC
Monywa	42ºC
Myingyan	42ºC
NyaungU	42ºC
Chauk	42ºC
Minbu	42ºC
Magway	42ºC

Noteworthy amount of Rainfall

Heho	0.35