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Senior General Than Shwe addresses coordination meeting of Special Projects Implementation Committee 1/2009

State will render necessary assistance to what the private sector cannot afford to do



Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the SPDC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance at the coordination meeting (1/2009) of the SPIC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May —The Special Projects Implementation Committee held its 1/2009 coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), here, this afternoon.

Chairman of Special Projects Implementation

Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary guidance.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of Special Projects Implementation

Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of Special Projects Implementation (See page 8)

The agriculture sector accounts for 40 percent of the nation's GDP while the industrial sector accounts for only 20 percent. So the industrial sector needs to be further developed.



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



PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 May, 2009

Apply ICT for national development

The Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009) was held at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township from 1 to 3 May.

Information and communication technologies play a major role in the development of a nation. Nowadays, the nations developed in high technologies are trying to interfere in the domestic affairs of the ones with less technological development.

For a nation in the present-day world to be able to stand long on its own strength, it needs to have human resources well versed in modern science and technology.

Holding ICT exhibitions will enable the people to keep in touch with the latest information technologies and products. They offer the people a chance to learn about new technologies. Moreover, they will make the youth become more interested in technologies, especially in information technology.

Myanmar ICT exhibitions will enable the people to learn about modern technologies developing with the passage of time and contribute towards national development.

PBANRDA Ministry conducts training courses

YANGON, 4 May—Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Management Course Nos. 31/32, the Advanced Domestic Science Course No. 21 and the Clerical Course Nos. 60/61 at the central training school of Education and Training Department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township this morning.

The deputy minister inspected lecture halls, typing and computer training halls, the hostels for female trainees, the lecture hall and the mess hall.

A total of 200 trainees are attending the training courses that will last 12 weeks.

MNA



PBANRDA Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe speaking at opening ceremony of training course.—MNA

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

A & I Minister participates in 65th Session of ESCAP

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo had participated in the 65th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific-ESCAP held at the UN Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 29 April.

The delegations from 48 member nations of the ESCAP also attended the meeting.

The senior officials' meeting of the ESCAP was held from 23 to 26 April and the ministerial meeting, from 27 to 29 April.

The 65th Session of the ESCAP was opened with opening remarks by Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva and Secretary of the Economic and Social



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo poses for documentary photos at 65th Session of ESCAP.—A & I

Commission of the ESCAP Dr. Noeleen Heyzer read out the message of Secretary-General of the UN Mr Ban Ki-moon.

The ministerial meeting of the ESCAP focused on "Sustainable Agriculture and Food

Security in the Asia and Pacific Region" and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo participated in the meeting.

On 29 April, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo held talks with Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Assistant Secretary-General of the

UN, and discussed matters on cooperation between Myanmar and the ESCAP in the development of the agricultural sector of Myanmar and food security in the region.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here on 30 April.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects International Underground Cable Station in Pyapon.—MNA

Functions of communication stations inspected

YANGON, 4 May—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw visited Kawhmu Exchange yesterday.

After hearing the reports of engineers, the minister attended to the needs.

The minister

inspected construction of the new building and the microwave tower of Kungyangon Auto-exchange and new Auto-exchange of Dedaye in Ayeyawady Division.

At International Underground Cable Station in Pyapon, the minister inspected the

control room of the auto-exchange and CDMA-450 mobile system control room. He fulfilled the requirements of trunk call and mobile system.

Later, the minister looked into functions of Kyaiklat International Underground Cable Station.—MNA



Fears of Yemen turning into another Afghanistan

SAN'A (Yemen), 4 May — The cave tucked in the remote Saudi mountains near the Yemeni border was clearly a way station for Islamic militants, Saudi police say, pointing to the stock of guns and ammunition, nooks for holding hostages and

cameras for filming them.

It even had buckets of sugar, rice and flour, as well as boxes of charcoal, candles, pasta and beans — supplies for a long stay by al-Qaeda fighters moving across the border to prepare attacks in the kingdom.

The discovery in early April reinforced a growing fear in Saudi Arabia: that Yemen could become another Afghanistan right on its doorstep, an out-of-control state where al-Qaeda runs free and exports violence into its neighbour.

The United States shares the Saudis' fear. Gen David Petraeus, head of the US Central Command, told Congress in April that the weakness of Yemen's government provides al-Qaeda a safe haven and that terror groups could "threaten Yemen's neighbours, especially Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states."—*Internet*

Int'l troops kill civilian, wounds two more in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 May—One Afghan civilian was killed and two others sustained injuries as they came under fire of international troops in west Afghanistan Sunday morning, police said.

"This morning a civilian car from Farah was heading to Herat Province but was fired upon by the international troops on the road linking airport to Gazara district, as a result a 12-year-old girl was killed," Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, police in western region, told *Xinhua*.

Two more persons including one woman sustained injuries in the incident, he further said.

However he did not disclose troops of which country were behind the attack, adding investigation has begun into the case.

Meantime, Abdul Hakim, the grandfather of the ill-fated girl said they were going to attend a wedding party in Herat when soldiers from two armored personnel carriers opened fire and caused the tragedy.

Internet

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 607

WASHINGTON, 4 May — As of Friday, 1 May, 2009, at least 607 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department.

Of those, the military reports 447 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, there were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.

Internet



Afghans look as a vehicle is recovered from a flooded river after heavy overnight rain in Golestan district, Farah Province, on 3 May, 2009.
INTERNET



A boy inspects the aftermath of a car bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, May 4, 2009. A car bomb exploded Monday near the Oil Ministry in Baghdad, killing one police officer and wounding three others, according to Iraqi police and hospital officials.

INTERNET

Iraq rules out extension of US withdrawal dates

BAGHDAD, 4 May — Iraq will not extend withdrawal deadlines for US troops set out in a bilateral accord, ending months of speculation about whether US combat troops would stay beyond June in bases in the

restive northern city of Mosul.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said Iraq was committed to adhering to the withdrawal schedule in the pact, which took effect on 1 January, including

the requirement to withdraw US combat troops from towns and cities by the end of June and a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

"These dates cannot be extended and this is consistent with the transfer and handover of responsibility to Iraqi security forces," Dabbagh said in a statement.

Violence has dropped sharply in Iraq, but suicide bombs and other attacks continue to rock the northern city of Mosul, seen as a final stronghold for Sunni Islamist al Qaeda and other militant groups.

The ongoing violence in the city, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, had prompted speculation that Iraq might grant a waiver for US combat troops to stay in urban bases in Mosul.

Internet



The scene of the aftermath of a car bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, May 4, 2009. A car bomb exploded Monday near the Oil Ministry in Baghdad, killing one police officer and wounding three others, according to Iraqi police and hospital officials.—INTERNET

Explosion kills mayor, four guards in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 May — Mohammad Rahim, the mayor of Mehtarlam city, capital of eastern Afghan province of Laghman, was killed along with his four guards in an explosion on Monday, an official said.

"It occurred at around 10:30 (0600 GMT) when the vehicle of the mayor hit a roadside bomb in Mehtarlam city killing the five on board," provincial administration spokesman Syed Ahmad Safi said. No group or individuals have yet to claim responsibility while Taliban militants have vowed to intensify their attacks against interests of government mostly in the shape of roadside bombs and suicide attacks.

Skirmishes and Taliban-linked insurgency claimed the lives of more than 5,000 people with some 2,000 civilians in 2008 while the violence is expected to go up in the post-Taliban country in 2009.—*Internet*

Afghan forces detain suspected Taliban commander

KABUL, 4 May—Afghan forces backed by the US-led Coalition forces detained a suspected Taliban commander in an operation in eastern Afghan province of Kunar Saturday night to disrupt an improvised explosive device (IED) network, said a Coalition statement issued here on Sunday. "The combined force detained one individual suspected to be a Taliban commander in Marawara district, responsible for facilitating the movement of IEDs into the area," it said.

Forces did not fire any shots during the operation, it added. Coalition and Afghan troops launched a large scale operation against Taliban militants in eastern Afghanistan after the killing of three US soldiers and two NATO troops during militants assaults last on Friday.

Nineteen militants, according to Coalition forces, have been eliminated during operations in Kunar Province since 1 May.

Conflicts and violence have left 5,000 people dead in 2008 while Taliban militants have vowed to intensify their activities mostly in the shape of roadside bombing and suicide attacks as the United States has announced reinforcement of 17,000 troops into the war-torn country before the summer of 2009.—*Internet*



Police officers arrest an alleged gang member after a shootout during a routine patrol at the Barraza neighbourhood in Panama City, on 2 May, 2009. According to police, one suspect was wounded and another was arrested during the incident.

INTERNET

Twins and tourists enjoy the feast during the 5th twin festival in the Hani Autonomous County of Mojiang, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 2 May, 2009. A traditional Hani nationality feast on 2-kilometre-long table was held here on Saturday during the three-day twon festival with participation of nearly 1,000 pairs of twins and triplets.

XINHUA



China denies discriminating against Mexicans

BEIJING, 4 May—China denied discriminating against Mexicans with its strict flu-control measures, but quarantined travellers from Mexico questioned aggressive Chinese steps that have caused a diplomatic spat.

“The relevant measures are not directed at Mexican citizens and are

not discriminatory,” foreign ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said in a statement posted on the ministry’s website.

The statement came a day after Mexican diplomats complained bitterly to China, saying their countrymen had been placed under a seven-day quarantine despite showing no signs of swine flu.

The H1N1 virus, or swine flu, epidemic has killed a reported 23 people worldwide, 22 of those in Mexico, where

the virus is believed to have originated.

A Mexican embassy official told *AFP* on Monday there were nearly 70 Mexicans quarantined across China, including in Beijing, Shanghai and the southern city of Guangzhou.

Some had travelled to China aboard the same flight that carried an infected Mexican man — Asia’s first confirmed swine flu case — who is now in a Hong Kong hospital.—*Internet*

Fiat eyes new company with GM Europe, Chrysler

ROME, 4 May—Fiat Group SpA confirmed Sunday that it is in talks to buy most of General Motors Corp’s European operations, taking another step toward creating a global automotive powerhouse.

Fiat also said it is evaluating the possible spinoff of its auto business to form the core of a new company.

Fiat Group Automobiles includes the Fiat,

Alfa Romeo and Ferrari brands. In addition, Fiat is in the process of acquiring US automaker Chrysler LLC without putting up any cash.

The new auto company, which according to Fiat would have \$105 billion in annual revenue, would put the Italian automaker in markets where it has little or no presence, including North America, traditionally the

largest market in the world.

“They’re going to be a global powerhouse, I guess. Who would have thought?” asked Erich Merkle, an independent auto industry analyst in Grand Rapids, Mich. “They seem to be on a buying binge right now, looking for cheap and distressed assets like Chrysler and Opel.”

Internet

Samsung launches first LED TV in India

NEW DELHI, 4 May—South Korean consumer electronic major Samsung has showcased itself as the innovator in the Indian TV industry by launching the first LED High Definition TVs in the country.

“Samsung is the first organization to introduce the LED TVs in India. The organization had earlier launched LCD TVs and Plasma TVs. Light Emitting Diode (LED) is an updated version of LCD screens which offers standard quality picture,” a company release said Monday.

The new LED TVs are more energy efficient and environment friendly. The Samsung authorities also announced that LED TVs reduce energy consumption by over 40 percent. Samsung India launched three LED HD TV Series - Series 6 (40-inch), Series 7 (46-inch), and Series 8 (55-inch).

“The use of LED technology enables Samsung’s LED TVs to be 70 percent slimmer and consumes less than 40 per cent of the power consumed by conventional LCD TVs,” it said.

The LED 6 series is priced between 125,000 and 145,000 rupees, while the 7 series is priced between 140,000 rupees and 180,000 rupees and both are currently available in the market. The 8 series will be available from late this month and is priced at 350,000 rupees.—*Internet*

Storms rumble across Southeast; Miss woman killed

ATLANTA, 4 May— Authorities say severe storms that rumbled across the Southeast killed one person, knocked out power to thousands and caused property damage in at least three states.

A coroner says a 46-year-old Laurel, Mississippi, woman was killed when a tree fell on her while she was standing outside her home Sunday in the southeastern part of the state. Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi reported minor property damage.

Emergency officials say a tornado touched down near Crossville, Tenn, about 60 miles west of Knoxville. And authorities in Alabama and Georgia say several funnel clouds were spotted.

The storms also knocked out power to about 10,000 customers around the Atlanta-metro area. Most had been restored by 10 pm. About 6,000 Alabama customers were in the dark for awhile.—*Internet*

Storm kills 11 in India’s West Bengal state

KOLKATA, 4 May—At least 11 people were killed and 25 injured when a tropical storm swept through a large portion of India’s West Bengal state, officials said on Monday.

The 10-minute storm carried winds of over 80 kilometres (50 miles) an hour through the state, destroying thousands of mud huts, uprooting electricity and telephone poles and damaging paddy fields and mango crops.

Five people, including three children, were killed after lightning struck their mud hut in Malda, about 360km north of the state capital, Kolkata.

“Four others were electrocuted as live wire from uprooted electric poles dropped on them in villages on the outskirts of Kolkata,” said West Bengal relief minister Mortaza Hossain. Two people were killed by lightning in Canning, a town 40km south of Kolkata.

Twenty-five people were hospitalised with severe injuries after they were hit by uprooted trees, Hossain added.—*Internet*

Storms leave 20 dead in Philippines

MANILA, 4 May— Flooding and landslides triggered by heavy rains have left 20 people dead in the eastern Philippines, officials said.

Storms lashed the eastern Bicol region and the southern fringe of Luzon island at the weekend, displacing nearly 50,000 people in five provinces, the Civil Defence Office said.—*Internet*



Map of the Philippines
locating the provinces
hit by flooding and
landslides, which left at
least 20 people dead
and 50,000 displaced,
according to officials on
Monday.—INTERNET



Spectators with facemasks watch contestants participating in the Bun Scrambling-up Competition during the Tai Ping Qing Jiao Festival on Cheung Chau island in Hong Kong, South China, on 2 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Chinese listed companies net profit up 450% in Q1

BEIJING, 4 May—The combined net profit of all the 1,624 listed companies in the Chinese mainland hit 203.8 billion yuan (about 30 billion US dollars) in the first quarter, up 450.39 percent from the last quarter in 2008, reports from the country's two main exchanges showed Monday.

Among them, 1,186 companies reported gains, taking up 73.03 percent of the total. The number of companies suffering losses increased nearly 200 compared with the same period last year to 436. The total net profit in the first three months dropped 25.81 percent year on year.

"The quarter-on-quarter profit surge showed production began to stabilize in the first three months after taking the major blow from the global financial crisis in the fourth quarter last year," said Qin Xiaobin, chief analyst with Beijing-based Galaxy Securities.

Xinhua

China suspends imports of pigs from Canada's Alberta

BEIJING, 4 May—China would suspend imports of pigs or relevant products from Alberta of Canada, said the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine and the Ministry of Agriculture Sunday. The move was made after some pigs in the province of Alberta had been found to be infected with the A/H1N1 flu Saturday.

The pigs or relevant products sent to China after the declaration would

be destroyed and those sent to China before Saturday would have to pass A/H1N1 tests, the announcement said.

Passengers are not allowed to take pigs or relevant products into China and no pigs or relevant products would be allowed to be mailed to the country, the announcement said.—*Xinhua*

18 soldiers, one civilian die in Venezuela air crash

CARACAS, 4 May—Some 18 soldiers and one civilian died on Sunday when a Venezuelan army helicopter crashed as it patrolled the border with Colombia, in the south-western state of Tachira.

The accident was reported by President Hugo Chavez, during his regular Sunday broadcast, "Alo Presidente," during which he also expressed his condolences for the tragedy.

The crash took place around noon in Tachira settlement of Alto de Rubio. The helicopter had the registration number MI 35 EV 08114.

Xinhua

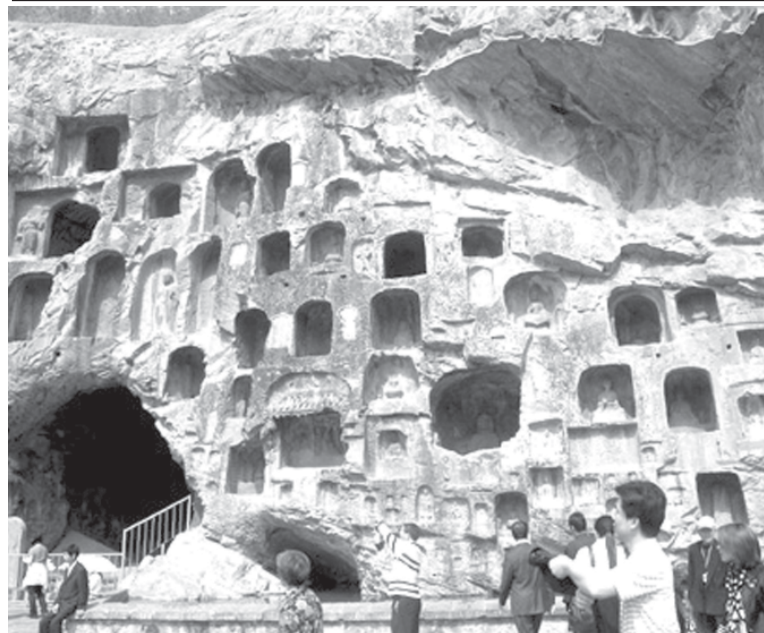
Iran estimates some 20,000 infected with HIV/AIDS

TEHERAN, 4 May—Iran's health officials have reported that some 20,000 people have been identified as infected with HIV/AIDS in the country, the semi-official *ISNA* news agency reported on Sunday. "According to the most recent estimates of the health ministry, 19,435 people have been identified as infected with HIV/AIDS in the country by 21 March, 2009, the beginning of Iran's new year," said the report.

On the basis of this estimation, which has been collected by medical science universities and medical and health services, the infected cases account for 93.3 percent among men and 6.7 percent among women. Quoting the studies of health ministry, *ISNA* said that 40.2 percent of the victims are among the group with the age between 25 and 34. The most common transmission cases since the introduction of the disease into the country were 69.6 percent, 8.2 percent, 1.3 percent and 0.6 percent by means of shared injection needles, sexual contacts, blood products and mother-to-child respectively, while 20.3 percent of the transmission means were reported as unknown.—*Xinhua*



Visitors touch an extemporized paper-cutting pattern, during an Improvisatori Performance of Intangible Cultural Heritage for the May Day Holiday, at Liaocheng City, east China's Shandong Province, on 2 May, 2009.—XINHUA



Chinese tourists visit the Longmen Grottoes, a world cultural heritage, near Luoyang City in central China's Henan Province, on 2 May, 2009, the second day of the three-day May Day holiday. XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Despite violence, life in Baghdad returns to normality

BAGHDAD, 4 May—The latest wave of violence in Baghdad apparently failed to stop people of the historical city of Baghdad from telling the tales of Arabian Nights. The city's restaurants and coffee shops insist to bring back the old days as the city has historically ever known.

As many areas in Baghdad have dusted themselves off, many new others are being built as hopes for prosperous new life in the country is strongly rising, said Abdullah al-Amiedi, as he was standing among some exhausted workers who were building his new restaurant in the Jamia district in western Baghdad.

Amiedi, 55, has returned to Baghdad a few months ago after he fled the country during sectarian bloodshed that engulfed the Iraqi cities in 2006.

"I believe this time that peace is true and the good days are coming, so I am planning to make this place a romantic that families in the neighborhood can resort to spend nice and calm evenings, like the ones they used to get in the past," Amiedi said.—*Xinhua*

French forces detain 11 suspected pirates

NAIROBI, 4 May— A French naval vessel intercepted 11 suspected pirates traveling off the Somali coast on Sunday in two assault vessels and a so-called “mothership” loaded with Kalashnikovs and rocket launchers, the French Defence Ministry said.

It was the French ship’s third pirate intervention in a month. France has been the most aggressive in pursuing pirates out of more than a dozen nations patrolling shipping routes in the Gulf of Aden.

Another three suspected pirates were detained on Saturday by the Seychelles coast guard, which had been alerted by the French warship Nivose after European officials decided there was not enough evidence to hold them.

French Defence Ministry spokesman Christophe Prazuck said the 11 new suspects were intercepted on Sunday morning about 900 kilometres (560 miles) off Somalia’s coast. They had been traveling with a pirate mothership — a

larger vessel often used to tow speed boats hundreds of miles (kilometres) out to sea and resupply them in open water. Prazuck said it was still unclear what France would do with the new suspects.

Meanwhile, the three suspects arrested by the Seychelles coast guard vessel the Andromache were expected on Sunday evening in port in the islands that depend heavily on tourism, according to Brigitte Ahshung at the Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation.

Internet

Portable toilets help pilot survive crash

TACOMA, 4 May — A pilot walked away from a crash landing in Washington state when a field full of portable toilets cushioned the impact on the ground for his small plane.

The 67-year-old pilot, whose name was not reported, had just taken off from Pierce County-Thun Field at 3:20 pm PDT Friday when his engine stopped, *The Tacoma News-Tribune* reported on Saturday.

He was alone in the 1982 Cessna.

“The plane took off, he got about 150 feet in the

air and his engine quit running,” Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office, said.

“He tried to turn around and come back and land, but he didn’t quite make it.”

“The plane hit a fence and landed upside down

in the field next to the runway where Northwest Cascade had stored the portable toilets.

The Honey Buckets kind of cushioned things,” a Northwest Cascade worker who did not want to be named told the *News-Tribune*.

Internet

Eight dead, 14 missing in Philippine landslide

MANILA, 4 May — The side of a hill gave way above a village in the Philippines on Saturday, killing eight people and leaving rescuers searching for

14 others, authorities said.

The landslide struck the village near Magallanes, Sorsogon, as the region was hit by tropical depression “Dante,” *The Philippine Star* reported.

The newspaper said initial reports from emergency officials were that 11 houses, three classrooms and a health centre were struck by the mud.

The storm forced the evacuation of an estimated 15,000 people in the Bicol region to safer areas.

Internet

A 24 Dec, 2005, photo of the *Adriana* leaving port in Santos, Brazil. A NATO spokesman said on 2 May, 2009, that Somali pirates have hijacked the British-owned cargo ship crewed by Ukrainians.—INTERNET



Russia testing high speed train

ST PETERSBURG, 4 May — Russia will have high-speed passenger train service between St Petersburg and Moscow by the end of the year, officials say.

ITAR-TASS reported the train was expected to set a speed record by traveling nearly 171 miles per hour during test runs on Saturday. The German-made Sapsan’s maximum operating speed will be about 154 miles per hour.

The test runs are expected to last until December with the first regular run between St. Petersburg and Moscow scheduled before year’s end. The train will make the run between the two cities in 3 hours and 45 minutes, compared with the current 4 hours and 30 minutes travel time.—Internet

Retiree mistakenly listed as dead

An Australian man said a hospital error after his recent illness led authorities to list him as dead and cancel his pension payments.

Clive Norton, 71, of Ballarat, said workers with Centrelink, the Commonwealth Service Delivery Agency, told



An animal tamer prompts tigers to stand on their hind legs during the premiere of the Zapashny Brothers’ circus show “Camelot” in St Petersburg.

him they had no pension check for him because records indicated he had died on 8 April, the *Melbourne Herald Sun* reported on Friday.

Norton said he was later told the error resulted from Ballarat Health Services Base Hospital mistakenly informing Centrelink of his demise after his recent three-day hospitalization for pneumonia. He said Centrelink even sent his wife a check for funeral costs.

“I can’t believe the hospital made a mistake like that,” Norton said. Andrew Rowe, chief executive of Ballarat Health Services, said he met with Norton to apologize in person.

“Ballarat Health Services has expressed its deepest regret to Mr Norton,” he said. “We have undertaken a review of the reporting system and implemented all necessary changes to ensure this does not occur again.”

Chicago sets Shakespeare talking day

Chicagoans take heed, be wary how you place your words this on Thursday, for the mayor declared it “Talk Like Shakespeare Day” to mark the bard’s 445th birthday. Mayor Richard Daley said the event is designed for the city’s inhabitants “to bring the spoken words of Shakespeare into their daily lives,” the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported on Monday.

To assist with the event, the Chicago

Shakespeare Theater has created TalkLikeShakespeare.org to give participants a crash course in the playwright’s lingo, including replacing “you” with “thou” and the importance of rhyming couplets. Schools in the Chicago area have also jumped on the “Talk Like Shakespeare” bandwagon, with many classes scheduled to engage in Shakespeare-themed games and activities.

Rainy days boost brain power

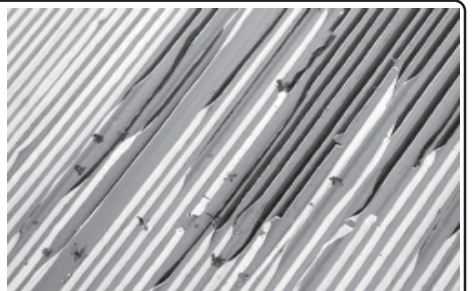
Australian researchers say rain and gloom may be good for the brain by improving the ability to remember.

A team from the University of New South Wales School of Psychology questioned shoppers at a Sydney store over a 2-month period. They found people performed better on memory tests when the weather was bad and shoppers were feeling depressed, *Britain’s Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

The Australian findings, published in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, mirror previous research that showed students who were sad received better grades than those who were happy, the newspaper said.



A polar bear attacks a woman who jumped into its enclosure at Berlin Zoo on Friday. The 32-year-old trespasser was bitten by one of the four polar bears in the enclosure before being pulled back to safety by zookeepers. It’s still unclear about the cause of the woman’s dangerous stunt, who is now recovering after surgery at local hospital.



Aerial view of workers who lay plastic foils on a farmland to plant seedlings in Csengele, Hungary.

Japanese train runs without driver

An empty train with no one at the controls rolled about 5 miles at Tsu, Japan, Sunday night before staff caught up with it, officials said.

An incorrectly applied brake was believed to have allowed the runaway JR Meisho Line train to pull away from Ieki Station on its own, the *Mainichi Daily News* reported on Monday. By the time Central Japan Railway Co staff found the train about half an hour later, between Isegi and Iseoi stations, it had passed through three other stations, the newspaper said.

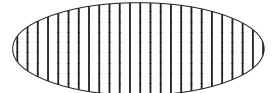
It’s not a first for Japan. In August 2006, a train took off on its own after a driver forgot to chock the wheels.

NEWS ALBUM



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects dredging of silt at the water course near Thanlyetsoon.

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Silt dredged at Thanlyetsoon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 28 April inspected dredging of silt at the water course near Thanlyetsoon.

Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanma Port Authority reported on arrival and departure of ocean liners at Yangon Port, dredging of silt and depth of water in the river, salvage of sunken pontoons and

reinstallation of the pontoons at the jetties.

The minister instructed officials to dredge silt to have at least 13.6 feet depth of water, supervise efficient use of fuel, pay attention to worksite safety, maintain the watercrafts and machinery, continue dredging of silt at jetties and water courses and carry out sanitation task at the ports.

MNA

Forestry Minister performs regional development tasks in Thandwe, Yanbye, Kyaukpyu Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 27 April visited Internal Sales and Saw Mill Division No. (68) in Thandwe.

The minister inspected 50-acre mangrove plantation and mangrove forest at Wunbika forest reserve in Yanbye Township.

Next, the minister inspected Sane Village Basic Education Primary School and progress in construction of spillway of Laukpeik dam in Kyaukpyu Township and met with local people.

He also looked into newly-built school building (annex) for Kyaukpyauk village Basic Education Post Primary School and progress in repair of school building for Minpyin village Basic Education High School.

On 28 April, the minister oversaw progress in repair of Ngalapwa Village Basic Education Post Primary School, progress of construction of village library and lake and gymnasium of Basic Education High School No. (3) in the township. —MNA

Mayor inspects municipal works

YANGON, 4 May—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected progress in upgrading Chantha, Aungmyay, Thawda, Thiri and Kyaung streets in Mingala Taungnyunt township yesterday morning.

After looking into progress in building the lecture halls of Mingala Taungnyunt township No 5 Basic Education High School and upgrading the concrete road, the mayor attended to the needs.

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Construction Deputy Minister inspects roads and bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe on 26 April inspected Daungnyaung Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay Road and Chaungmagyi Bridge near Myitchay Village, Pakokku Township, Magway Division.

During his inspection tour, the deputy minister heard reports on the salient points of the project and gave instructions on meeting the set standard and timely completion of the bridges.

On 28 April, the deputy minister proceeded to the construction planning

special group-11 on Gangaw-Kalay Road and heard reports presented by Sagaing Division Senior Engineer U Kyaw Lin and Deputy Senior Engineer U Saw Win Naing on progress of work, upgrading of Gangaw-Kalay Road and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, he looked into construction of Phaungku Bridge on Kalay-Kyikon Road, roads and bridges on Kalay-Tamu and construction of Tawa Bridge at the entrance to Tamu and gave necessary instructions.

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Minister receives Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Energy of Thailand (MOEN) Dr Pornchai Rujiprapa, Acting Managing Director of Mr Prutichai Chonglertvanichkul of EGAT International Company Ltd and General Manager Mr Zhang Goulai of Sinohydro Corporation Limited at his office, here

on 1 May.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials.

Their meeting focused on cooperation in implementation of Hatgyi hydropower project.

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Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min receives Dr Pornchai Rujiprapa, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Energy of Thailand and party.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspects construction of Daungnyaung Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Mandalay Highway.—MNA

Coord meeting on prevention against swine flu held

YANGON, 4 May—A coordination meeting on prevention against Swine Flu was held at Yangon Division Health Department this afternoon. Dr Hla Myint, head of Health Department, explained measures against prevention of Swine Flu in Yangon Division.

Dr Soe Lwin Nyein, director-

general of Health Department, discussed health screening at airports, seaports, and border gates to prevent the virus from entering the country, preventive measures to be taken in respective townships, supply of medicines and the attendees also participated in the discussion.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

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Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

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The State Peace and Development Council, as a government undertaking all responsibilities of the nation, has the duty to work for national development and will have to constantly strive for it whatever difficulties and hardships may arise.

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Committee member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary of Special Projects Implementation Committee Secretary-1 of SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of SPIC member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and senior military officers, the ministers, the deputy ministers, heads of departments and officials.

Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, also Joint-Secretary of SPIC, emceed the meeting.

At the meeting, Chairman of Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said that it was the first meeting of SPIC in 2009 and that the meeting would prioritise the projects to be implemented for the national development.

He emphasized that the State Peace and Development

Council, as a government undertaking all responsibilities of the nation, had the duty to work for national development and would have to constantly strive for it whatever difficulties and hardships might arise.

He also pointed out that the people had begun enjoying the fruits of development thanks to the successful implementation of the special projects.

He continued to say that, **due to remarkable progress in the agricultural sector, the nation had not only self-sufficiency but also surplus in food, that the annual output of paddy was a little more than 600 million baskets when the SPDC started to assume responsibilities of the State, that it was about 1,600 million baskets now and that there was no need to worry about food even when the nation's population reached 100 million.**

He made it clear that efforts are being made to produce 2,000 million baskets of paddy yearly and to increase the yield of long-staple cotton and various kinds of beans and pulses.

The agriculture sector accounts for 40 percent of the nation's GDP while the industrial sector accounts for only 20 percent. So the industrial sector needs to be further developed. A modern developed nation will emerge only when the industrial sector has been developed and the nation transformed into an industrialized one.

The State has established 18 industrial zones so as to improve the private industrial zone. Although there has been progress to a certain extent, it is found that the whole industrial sector still needs to be developed.

Therefore, it is necessary to encourage the private industrial sector to develop significantly. To do so, there are measures to be taken by the State and the private sectors. The State will render necessary assistance to what the private sector cannot afford to do. Arrangements are also being made for development of electricity and

energy sectors to help promote all the industries. At the same time, the education sector is being promoted to produce human resources skilled in industrial technologies. Being able to fulfill all requirements in a harmonious way will surely develop the industrial sector significantly.

It is also important for all ministries to actively cooperate with the State in the drive for transforming the nation into an industrialized one. The project plans to be submitted to today's meeting are the ones that will contribute to the development of the country.

Afterwards, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on facts about the dams to be built by the Ministry. They are Sipadon Dam project, Bodhitahtaung Dam Project, Pwekauk Dam Project, Taukpyo Dam project, project for construction of dyke circling Paiksi-Mayan dyke to prevent sea water, Pintauk Dam Project and Nampapaung Dam Project.

Out of the dam projects to be implemented by the Irrigation Department, Sipadon Dam on Sipadon Creek near Aima Village in Taze Township, Sagaing Division, is the first project. On completion, the earthen type dam will irrigate about 10,000 acres of farmland and will contribute to the greening of the region.

The second project is Bodhitahtaung Dam project located on Yehtwatchaung Creek near Khatkan Village in Monywa Township, Sagaing Division. The project is irrigating about 100 acres of farmland and contributing to the greening of the region. The project has been completed in the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Pwekauk Dam Project located on Gaelaung Creek in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, is the third project of the ministry. Upon completion, it will supply drinking water to PyinOoLwin Myothit and Yadanapon Myothit. A small-scale hydro power station will be constructed at the dam.

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Efforts are being made to produce 2,000 million baskets of paddy yearly and to increase the yield of long-staple cotton and various kinds of beans and pulses.



Photo shows Bulldozers Manufacturing Plant of Myanmar Automobiles and Diesel Engines Production Enterprise under Ministry of Industry-2 in Thagara Industrial Zone in Yedashe Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division.—MNA



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The fourth project is Taukpyo Dam Project. The earthen type dam was constructed on Taukpyo Creek in NayPyiTaw Pyinmana Township to irrigate 300 acres

engines (2200 HP-2700 HP) and (6200-7000 HP) production project, the 60 HP-200 HP DC Motor and Servo-motor/Synchro-motor production project, the boilers production project, the control system plant

The control system plant to be constructed in Thagara industrial zone will be able to produce control systems for automobiles, bulldozers, excavators, machinery parts, electronic appliances and control systems for construction machinery, machines, electronic devices, electric powered industries.



Kadapanna sluice gate constructed by Construction Group-6 of Irrigation Department near Kadapanna village in Kyauktan Township in Yangon Division.—MNA

of farmland. The project was completed in the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The project of dyke circling Paiksi-Mayan dyke in Thongwa Township, Yangon Southern District, is the fifth one of the ministry and is being implemented to reclaim about 4050 acres of farmland.

Pintauk Dam Project, the earthen type one, is the sixth project of the ministry and will be constructed on Namya Creek near Pintauk Village in Kengtung Township, Shan State. Upon completion, the project will irrigate about 200 acres of farmland in Kengtung Township and will contribute the greening the region.

The seventh project of the ministry is Nampapaung Dam and located on Nampapaung Creek near Matmi Village in Yaksawk Township, Shan State. The dam is being implemented to irrigate about 1,000 acres of farmland and to supply water to Zawgyi Dam. A small-scale hydro power station will be constructed at the dam.

Next, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein reported on salient points of the large-scale diesel

project, the industry-used advanced equipment workshop and the automotive parts manufacturing plant.

In Thagara industrial zone, as an extension of the project, more powerful large-scale diesel engine factory project will also be implemented to produce (2200 HP-2700 HP) and (6200-7000 HP) engines.

Ministry of Industry-2 will establish the 60-200 HP DC Motor and Servo-motor/Synchro-motor factory in the industrial zone for production of 100 units of DC Motor (60-200 HP) and 1000 units of Servo-motor/Synchro-motor annually.

The industrial zone will also see the boilers factory project. Upon completion, the factory will be able to produce 50 units of boilers (0.5-2.5 tons) a year.

Magway Industrial Region will see automotive parts manufacturing plant that will produce various automotive parts for 5000 automobiles a year.

Industry-used advanced equipment workshop will be built at No. 1 Machine and Machine Tool Factory in Padaung Industrial Zone.

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After that, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of Kyonkadon-Daw Nyein-Ahmar road, Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway road, Kyaukse-Phyaukseikpin-Yeywa, Pyinsar-PyinOoLwin road, Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar road, Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) Project on Katha-Bhamo railroad and Thayu (Pepadon) Bridge Project on Sittway-An-Minbu railroad.

The Ministry of Construction will upgrade the 51 miles and 5 furlongs long Kyonkadon-Daw Nyein-Ahmar road to a tarred one.

The 38 miles and 5 furlongs Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar road will be upgraded and on
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Paunglaung Dam.—MNA





Photo shows the Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon section of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

Public Works will also construct the Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway road that will contribute to regional development and save time, for it will be only 108 miles and 4 furlongs in length.

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completion, the road will contribute to secure and smooth transport and protect the people from dangers of natural disasters.

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The Kyaukse-Phaukseikpin-Yeywa, Pyinsar-PyinOoLwin road will be only 47 miles and 4 furlongs

in length and on completion, it will help deliver goods and items to factories of Kyause Industrial Region and Yeywa Hydel Power Plant Project and save 12 miles than Kyaukse-Belin-Yeywa, road and 12 miles and 6 furlongs than Kyaukse-Mandalay-Pyinsar road.

The Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan) Project is motor-cum-rail bridge and on completion, people will be able to travel to Myitkyina and Bhamo of Kachin State and other states and divisions.

The bridge will shoulder over 4725-feet long

motor road with 28 feet in width and over 7815-feet long railroad with 14 feet in width. It will also have over 4-feet wide pedestrian lane on both sides. The Thayu (Pepadon) Bridge is motor-cum-rail bridge and on completion, people from Rakhine State will be able to reach other states and divisions via Magway Division.

The bridge also is a motor-cum-rail one. With the length of 425 feet, the bridge will have 24-feet wide motor road and 14-feet wide rail road with over 4-feet wide pedestrian lane on both sides.

Afterwards, the respective ministers from the Ministry of Electric Power No.1, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Rail Transportation reported on projects to be implemented by the ministries and the meeting came to an end.

The reports presented by the ministries at the meeting will continue to be presented.

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Commissioned into service on 21 March 2009, the Bago River Bridge (Kawa) helps facilitate transport of the nation.

Environmentally friendly boat wash developed

Gothenburg, 4 May — Toxic anti-fouling paints from thousands of leisure craft have given rise to a serious environmental problem in the Sannäs Fjord in

Bohuslän. Scientists from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, have collaborated with municipalities, companies and the county administrative board to develop what may be the most modern boat wash in the world, setting a new Swedish standard for

The environmentally friendly boat washing facility includes a three-compartment tank in which paint particles with heavy metals sediment.



environmentally friendly boating.

The archipelago in northern Bohuslän is one of the most pristine coastal areas in Sweden. There are no large industries here, the water is the purest along the western coast of Sweden, and animal life is flourishing. Despite this, scientists recently discovered that the Sannäs Fjord contains surprisingly high levels of heavy metals in the bottom sediment. —Internet

Fish may actually feel pain and react to it

Oslo, 4 May — Joseph Garner, an assistant professor of animal sciences, helped develop a test that found goldfish do feel pain, and their reactions to it are much like that of humans.

"There has been an effort by some to argue that a fish's response to a noxious stimuli is merely a reflexive action, but that it didn't really feel pain," Garner said. "We wanted to see if fish responded to potentially painful stimuli

in a reflexive way or a more clever way."

Garner and Janicke Nordgreen, a doctoral student in the Norwegian

School of Veterinary Science, attached small foil heaters to the goldfish and slowly increased the temperature. —Internet



Fish don't make noises or contort their faces to show that it hurts when hooks are pulled from their mouths, but a Purdue University researcher believes they feel that pain all the same.



Development Training School of Falam enhances livelihoods of national race youth of border areas

Article: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*; Photos: *Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)*

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“After discharging duty as principal of

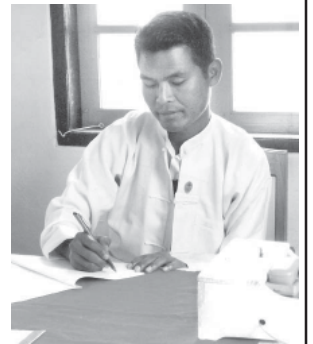
take physical exercises at 6.30 am daily,” said the Principal.

tunity to study the agriculture methods practically. Moreover, they

holiday. We had an interview with Ko Shein Tat, 28, who had com-

pleted the course of the training school.

He said, “I com-



**Principal
U Aung Myint.**

The youth who had completed the courses of the training school are walking on the right track successfully. Therefore, parents should send their offspring to attend such training schools to become the reliable new generation youth of the State.



One storey hostel for trainees.

Training School for Development of National Race Youth of Border Areas in Tiddim five years ago, I was transferred with the same post to this training school in 2008-2009 academic year.

At the training school, all the trainees have to wake up at 5 am, to say prayers at the church at 6 am and to

All the trainees are to pursue education from 9 am to 11 am. The period between 11 am to 12 noon is designated as the lunch time. At 12.30 pm, the training classes resume. The classes end at 3.30 pm.

As 18 kinds of vegetables are being grown in the compound of the training school, the trainees have the oppor-

have to attend the advanced culture course three periods on every Saturday and Sunday. Duration of each period is 50 minutes. Furthermore, two periods of lectures on Union Spirit are provided on Sundays.

During the visit to the training school, we missed the chance to meet with the trainees there because it was a



Beds of trainees being kept systematically at hostel of training school.

pleted the course from Training School for Development of National Race Youth of Border Areas of Mandalay in 2000-2001 academic year.

“At present, I am discharging duty as TV technician-3 at Haka Township Information and Public Relations Department. In my school days, when I went back to the native area, the relatives were proud of my life.

“Now, I am a government employee.”

On our return to Falam, we looked forward to the glorious future of the trainees from the training school while thinking the efforts of Training School for Development of National Race Youth of Border Areas opened by the government for enabling the youth to forge the national unity and Union Sprit.

**Translation: TTA
Myanma Alin:**

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The mess hall of trainees.



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO ()**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.5.2009 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV TITAN-7 VOY NO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NOBLE PACIFIC WORLD
WIDE LTD**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SINAR BANDUNG VOY NO ()**

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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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

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**Police find 11 bodies dumped
in southern Mexico**

ACAPULCO, 4 May—Police say they found 11 bodies dumped around a southern Mexican state, including seven wrapped in plastic bags and thrown off a bridge.

Guerrero state police say the bodies of five men and two women were found in a river between the Pacific resort town of Acapulco and the city of Cuernavaca. They were wrapped in bags and dumped off a bridge. The other four bodies were found in a 600-yard ravine in the Guerrero state town of Pilcaya.

The bodies were all found Sunday. Police said they were too damaged to immediately determine how they were killed. Investigators did not have any suspects or possible motive for the killings.

Mexico's warring drug cartels, however, often leave the bodies of rivals dumped in public.

Internet

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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**Toxins kept out of air ending
up in water?**

WASHINGTON, 4 May—Federal environmental regulators, fearing US power plants have shifted from air to water for toxic discharges, are considering tougher rules, analysts said.

The Environmental Protection Agency has collected data indicating that plants in a number of states have discharged wastewater containing high levels of selenium and similar pollutants, *The Washington Post* reported Saturday. The high level of water pollution may come from "scrubbing" that captures toxins in smokestacks.

The toxins end up as coal ash or sludge. EPA estimates indicate about 130,000 tons of ash and sludge a year are accumulated by power plants, and the agency expects that to grow to 175,000 tons by 2015.

Internet

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy (re-advertisement) with UNDP Yangon.

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Admin Analyst - (ALD 3)

Requirements: Master's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, or related field. Minimum 2 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management, advisory services, and/or managing staff and operational systems. Experiences in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc.) and advanced knowledge of spreadsheets and database packages, experiences in handling web-based management systems knowledge of ATLAS an asset. Prior experience with UNDP projects or UN organizations or INGO will be an asset. Team-building, analytical, facilitation, communication and decision-making skills will be an advantage. Fluency in English language, both written and spoken absolute requirement.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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

**Flu-hit Mexico mulls reopening
schools, businesses**

MEXICO CITY, 4 May—Mexico decides Monday whether to reopen businesses and schools or extend a shutdown that has helped choke off the spread of swine flu but caused untold economic harm. The virus continued to spread around the world, with new cases in Europe and North and South America.

President Felipe Calderon said a nationwide shutdown and an aggressive informational campaign appeared to have helped curtail the outbreak in Mexico. His health secretary said the government is starting preparations for the return to classes and work, and plans to give safety recommendations to businesses and disinfect schools on Monday. "We have succeeded in detaining or at least slowing the spread of the virus precisely because the measures have been the correct ones," Calderon said in an interview with state television broadcast Sunday night.—*Internet*



Mariachis, wearing face masks as a precaution against swine flu, wait for customers on a boat at the Xochimilco canals in Mexico City, on 3 May, 2009.—INTERNET

**Ford passes
Toyota in
market share**

DETROIT, 4 May — US automaker Ford Motor Co has taken over the No 2 spot in US vehicle sales market share, passing Toyota, figures show.

While Detroit rivals General Motors Corp and the now-bankrupt Chrysler LLC were accepting billions of dollars in taxpayer loans to stay afloat, Ford did not and grabbed a bigger slice of the US automotive market in April, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported on Saturday.

The company logged record sales of its Fusion model, pushing it past Toyota to retake its position as the nation's No 2 car seller even though its monthly sales fell 32 percent from a year ago overall. The newspaper said Ford took 16 percent of the market as its sales rose by 2,878 units from March to April.—*Internet*



An unidentified passenger makes a phone call as she waits to find out the way to go to Mexico at Aeromexico counter at Shanghai Pudong International Airport on 3 May, 2009 in Shanghai, China.

INTERNET

China holds over 50 Mexicans over flu fears

BEIJING, 4 May — Chinese authorities are holding over 50 Mexicans in hotels and other sites, fearing the spread of the H1N1 flu, an official at the Mexican embassy in Beijing said on Sunday, adding only one of them had symptoms of the flu. Mexican Foreign Minister Patricia Espinosa on Saturday criticized China, saying “Mexican citizens showing no signs at all of being ill, have been isolated, under unacceptable conditions”.

Mexico’s ambassador to Beijing, Jorge Guajardo, went to a hotel in the capital where over 10 Mexicans have been held, but was not allowed to see to them, said the embassy official. She spoke on condition of anonymity.

The confined Mexicans — mostly business people and tourists, many in transit to other countries — are being held in several parts of China, including Hong Kong, said the embassy official.

Around 35 are in Shanghai, six in the far southern city of Guangzhou, and six in Hong Kong, she said.

MNA/Reuters

Chilean president says Shanghai Expo represents most important event in world

SANTAGO, 4 May — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet has said that Shanghai World Expo 2010 will be the important event in the world. “Shanghai World Expo will be the most important event in China as well as in the world in 2010 and it is of key significance for Chile to participate in the expo,” Bachelet told *Xinhua* recently.

The remarks were

made after Bachelet attended the launching ceremony of Chile’s participation of the Shanghai World Expo 2010 last Thursday. “Chile has decided to participate in the expo and design its own pavilion because we want to convey a clear message to the Chinese government and the Chinese people that Chile is a reliable and capable partner of China,” she said.

Chile will continue to support China in promoting its economic development and boosting its relations with Latin American countries as the two countries share the common aspiration to promote the harmonious and sustainable development of their economies and improve the living standards of their peoples, the president added.

Xinhua

Black kids with high blood pressure at higher risk for heart failure

BEIJING, 4 May — Black children with high blood pressure are more likely to suffer from heart failure and higher cholesterol levels than other racial groups, suggests a new study.

In a study involving 139 high blood pressure patients aged below 21, researchers from Johns Hopkins Children’s Center found that about 60 percent of those who were black had left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH), a condition that can cause heart failure, problems with heart rhythm and death.

The black children with LVH were also found to have higher cholesterol levels.

“Our study, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies in Baltimore this weekend, identifies black children with hypertension as a special group who may be at particularly high risk for heart disease as they grow because of several risk factors, and pediatricians treating these kids should follow them very closely,” study author Dr. Cozume Pruetete, a kidney specialist at the children’s center, said in a Hopkins news release.

Internet

US flu tally jumps to 245 as labs catch up

NEW YORK, 4 May—The tally of confirmed swine flu cases in the United States jumped Sunday to 245 in 35 states, but officials said that’s largely from catching up on a backlog of lab tests rather than a sudden spurt in new infections.

The new count reflects streamlining in federal procedures and the results of tests by states, which have only recently begun confirming cases, said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Because states are now contributing their results, and because there are many cases to analyze, “I expect the numbers to jump quite a bit in the next couple days,” she told reporters Sunday.—*Internet*

Colombia confirms first A/H1N1 flu case

BOGOTA, 4 May—The Colombian government on Sunday confirmed the first case of influenza A/H1N1 in the country.

The patient, a man of 42 who recently returned from Mexico, is now in a stable condition, Public Protection Minister Diego Palacio told media.

The man is one of 18 people with the flu symptoms found in Zipaquirá, close to Colombia’s capital Bogotá. “We have sent 18 samples to a laboratory in Atlanta to check the virus, and among them, one is positive,” Palacio said.

The government has taken measures to confront the pandemic, including declaring a nationwide emergency, he said.—*Internet*

Lorena Balderas, 21, lies in bed while under observation in the area where people suspected to have contracted the swine flu virus are treated at the Naval hospital in Mexico City, Sunday, May 3, 2009.—INTERNET



Confirmed H1N1 flu cases rise to 44 in Spain

MADRID, 4 May— The number of human infections with the A/H1N1 flu virus has risen to 44 in Spain after 20 new cases were confirmed Sunday, the Health Ministry said.

Of the 44 infected, 38 have been released from hospital, said the ministry.

Spanish health authorities have ruled out 90 cases with similar symptoms of H1N1 flu, and samples from a further 83 patients are being tested.

Authorities said that those flu patients with mild symptoms are responding well to treatment.—*Internet*

Vietnam conducts quick tests on seven suspected cases of A/H1N1 flu

HANOI, 4 May—Seven arrivals in Vietnam were tested for the possible cases of A/H1N1 flu due to being detected of high fever, the local newspaper

Young People reported Monday.

The seven cases, arrived at Ho Chi Minh city’s Tan Son Nhat international airport of Vietnam on Sunday, include two Vietnamese children returning home from China’s Hong Kong, two overseas Vietnamese from the US, one foreigner from Denmark, one foreigner from Australia, and the rest

one from China’s Hong Kong coming to Vietnam on 1 May, said the newspaper.

The test results by Vietnam’s Institute of Tropical Diseases showed that three of seven high fever cases tested negative for the A/H1N1 virus.

The rest results are expected to come out on Monday.

Internet

Italy confirms second case of A/H1N1 flu

ROME, 4 May—Italian Welfare Ministry confirmed the second case of A/H1N1 flu in Italy on Sunday, which is also the first case found in Rome, the capital city. A 25-year-old Roman man, who visited Mexico in late April with her girlfriend, got a fever on 27 April and then went to the Rome’s hospital “Spallanzani” on 30 April.

However, the result of his test which came out Sunday showed positive for A/H1N1 flu, a doctor of the hospital was quoted by the Italian’s news agency ANSA as saying. Italian Welfare Ministry said the man “is well” after receiving an antiviral treatment and now he is under a home isolation with his girlfriend, who does not show any symptom.

Internet

SPORTS

Nadal wins fourth Rome Masters after epic final

ROME, 4 May—World number one Rafael Nadal won a record fourth ATP Rome Masters claycourt title on Sunday, beating reigning champion Novak Djokovic 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 in the final.

The 22-year-old Spaniard took his winning run on clay to 30 matches in just over a year while Djokovic's failure to retain his title saw him lose the world number three spot to Briton Andy Murray, who thus becomes the highest ever ranked British man since the computerised rankings system was introduced in 1973. Although the match ended in two sets it was a high quality and close run affair until the very end when Serbian Djokovic wilted and Nadal, who has only dropped one set on clay



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates with his trophy after beating Novak Djokovic of Serbia during their ATP Tennis Open match in Rome.—INTERNET

this year, ran away with it. It was the top seed's 15th Masters Series title and only Andre Agassi, with 17, has won more. "I would love to have more than 17. Right now I have 15, I'm very happy for that. (but) I'm going to try my best in the next tournaments," said Nadal.—Internet

Sean O'Hair rallies to win at Quail Hollow

CHARLOTTE, 4 May—A narrow victory at Quail Hollow came with a large dose of redemption for Sean O'Hair. Five weeks after he blew a five-shot lead against Tiger Woods at Bay Hill, O'Hair showed his mettle in hard, blustery conditions Sunday with a 3-under 69 and rallied to win the Quail Hollow Championship when no one could catch him.

Despite a bogey-bogey finish on the two hardest holes on the course, O'Hair was the only player in the final nine groups to break 70. He took the lead on the 15th with a two-putt birdie from 70 feet, then holed an 7-foot birdie on the 16th to give him room for error on the frightening finishing holes.

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Coach Ramos fears for Real Madrid future

MADRID, 4 May—Real Madrid coach Juande Ramos admits the Spanish champions are no longer one of Europe's elite clubs following their 6-2 drubbing by Barcelona on Saturday and the result casts further doubt on whether he will be entrusted with the task of restoring Real to past glories.



Barcelona's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o (R) fights for the ball with Real Madrid's Argentinian defender Gabriel Heinze (L) during their Spanish League football match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 2 May.—INTERNET

The league now looks over for double champions Real as Barca are seven points ahead with just four games left and the Barca humiliation, coupled with the embarrassing 5-0 aggregate loss to Liverpool in the last 16 of the Champions League, have put a question mark over Ramos. The former Sevilla coach was handed a six-month contract in mid-December after replacing Bernd Schuster and has won 17 out of his 20 league games but that may still not be enough to persuade the club to keep him on.—Internet

Benitez expects Torres and Alonso to return

LIVERPOOL, 4 May—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez insisted Spanish duo Fernando Torres and Xabi Alonso would be fit for the Premier League title finale after his side kept up the pressure on leaders Manchester United.

Torres, who has scored 16 times for his club this season, missed Sunday's 3-0 victory over Newcastle after suffering a hamstring problem in training on the eve of the Anfield match. His compatriot Alonso did start but was forced off after falling victim to a shocking challenge by Newcastle's Liverpool-born midfielder Joey Barton which saw him sent off.

Alonso left the pitch on a stretcher but Benitez played down fears that the midfielder will miss the final three matches of the season. He also insisted Torres could have featured on the substitutes bench but decided not to gamble his fitness at such a crucial stage in the season.—Internet

Pienaar keeps Everton on course for Europe

SUNDERLAND, 4 May—Everton are on the verge of wrapping up a place in Europe — albeit in the revamped UEFA Cup which next season will be known as the Europa Cup — af-



Everton's Marouane Fellaini celebrates after scoring a goal against Sunderland during their English FA Premier League football match at the Stadium of Light in Sunderland.—INTERNET

ter claiming a 2-0 win at Sunderland that left the hosts dangerously close to the relegation zone on Sunday.

David Moyes's side already have an FA Cup final clash against Chelsea to look forward to later this month and are almost certain to have European football on their agenda again next season following this convincing victory.

South Africa midfielder Steven Pienaar opened the scoring early in the second half and record-signing Marouane Fellaini's late strike ensured Everton leapfrogged Aston Villa. Although Villa can regain fifth place with a win over relegation-threatened Hull on Monday, Moyes' men are now just one point away from wrapping up a spot in the Europa League.

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Milan stay in Serie A hunt with Catania win



Milan's forward Kaka of Brazil celebrates after scoring against Catania during their Serie A football match at Massimino Stadium in Catania.—INTERNET

ROME, 4 May—AC Milan kept their slim title hopes alive with a comfortable 2-0 victory at Catania on Sunday courtesy of goals from Filippo Inzaghi and Kaka.

Veteran Inzaghi's strike took his record to 11 goals in his last eight matches while

Kaka's strike was his 15th of the season in Serie A and followed up a pair of penalties last weekend against Palermo. The victory reduced Inter Milan's lead at the top of Serie A to seven points but, with just four matches left, second-placed Milan would need their city rivals to suffer a spectacular collapse to win a first scudetto since 2004. Third-placed Juventus's hopes all but mathematically ended as substitute Jose Ignacio Castillo scored an equaliser deep into injury time for relegation-threatened Lecce in a 2-2 draw in Turin.—Internet

Birmingham promoted to Premier League

LONDON, 4 May—Birmingham are back in the Premier League at the first attempt after securing automatic promotion from the Championship with a 2-1 win at Reading on Sunday. Alex McLeish's team had wasted a chance to seal promotion when they were beaten by Preston last weekend, but they made no mistake with their second and final opportunity on the last day of the season. The Blues, who go up alongside champions Wolverhampton, went ahead through Keith Fahey's first half strike and Kevin Phillips put them within touching distance of the top-flight when he scored on the hour. Marek Matejovsky reduced the deficit for Reading, who had an outside chance of automatic promotion themselves, a minute later but Birmingham held on to return to the Premier League a year after relegation.—Internet

Birmingham City's Keith Fahey (L) celebrates scoring a goal against Reading with teammate Kevin Phillips during their Championship football match at the Madejski Stadium in Reading.

INTERNET



Kuznetsova downs world number one Safina in final



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova poses with her trophy after winning against her compatriot Dinara Safina during the final tennis match of the WTA tournament in the southern German city of Stuttgart.—INTERNET

STUTTGART, 4 May—Svetlana Kuznetsova beat Russian compatriot and world number one Dinara Safina 6-4, 6-3 in Sunday's final to win Stuttgart's WTA tournament to bring an end to her losing streak in finals.

The fifth-seed needed just one hour and 19 minutes to beat the highest-ranked player in the world in straight sets to claim the winner's prize of a new Porsche sports car. Having beaten Olympic champion Elena Dementieva in Saturday's semi-final, Kuznetsova finally broke her losing streak here having lost the last six finals she had reached on the WTA tour.

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**RIP**

Sayama Daw Kyin Shwe (Betty Kong)
M.E.H.S
Age 90 yrs

Daw Kyin Shwe (Betty), beloved wife of U Ko Galay (Francis Kong), loving mother of Dr. Irene Kong (Dr. Maurice Win Hlaing), Dr Andrew Kong, Ronnie Kong (Noleen Kong) grandmother of Daren, Christopher, Johaan and Vivian, passed away peacefully on Friday the 1st of May 2009. Funeral Service will be on the 5th of May at 12:00 pm at Yayway Christian cemetery.

China awaiting flu virus sample from WHO to make own vaccine

BEIJING, 4 May—China is awaiting samples of the A/H1N1 virus from the World Health Organization (W.H.O) to produce its own vaccine, and it could take three or four months, or even longer, to complete the procedure, an expert from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC) told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

The vaccine would be very important in preventing an outbreak of the disease, said Zhang Yanping in an interview.

The A/H1N1 virus is believed to have originated in Mexico and the United States, he said.

China has developed its own method of making quick tests for the A/H1N1 virus by analyzing nucleic acid, which takes just 12 hours, according to Shu Yuelong, another expert of the China CDC.

The China CDC is training staff from epidemic monitoring stations across the country to do the nucleic acid test, and the reagent will be distributed to all 84 stations, said Mao Qun'an, an official with the Ministry of Health.

The China CDC obtained the sequence of the A/H1N1 virus from the US Centers for Disease Control on April 27 and the primer for making nucleic acid tests from WHO on April 28.

MNA/Xinhua

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Programme Schedule
(5.5.2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions**Times**

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

Local Transmission

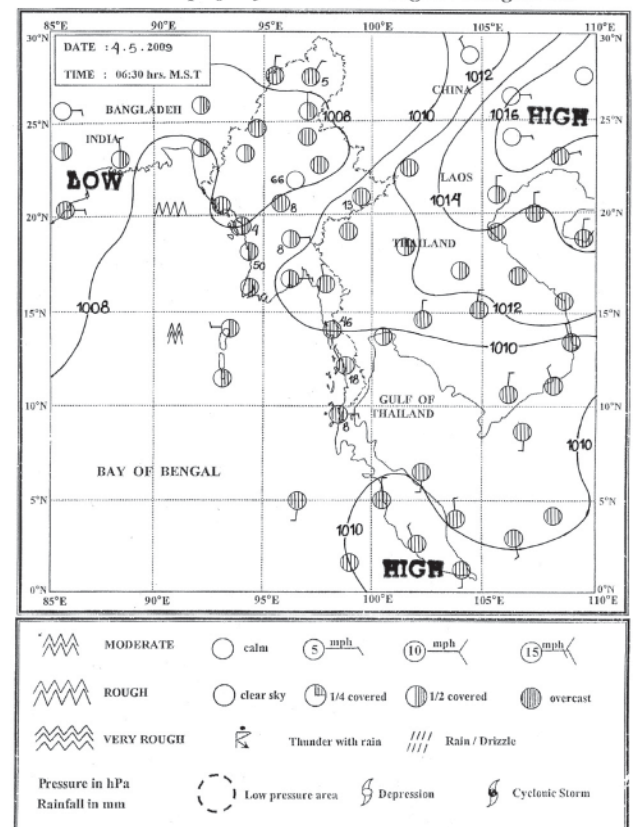
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Jewelled Handiworks
- * Conserve and Improve Natural Scenic Beauties
- * Future is Brighter Now?
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- * Myanmar's Hardy Raftsman at Work
- * Upconuntry Farmland abundant in paddy
- * Future Stars (Loikaw, Kayah State)
- * Preserve and safeguard Cultural Heritage
- * Fabulous Glassware Decorations
- * Maungmagan, The Seaside Village
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Jewelled Handiworks
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- * Adept Sons of Inlay Lakes
- * Bamboo-tube Sticky Rice
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Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 4 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. Day temperatures were (7°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) above May average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (9°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay Division, (6°C) below May average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Aungmye and Pyaw (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.58) inches, Mandalay (2.60) inches, Sagaing (2.33) inches, Thandwe (1.97) inches, Dawei (1.81) inches and Pyinoolwin and Taungkok (1.57) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2009 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 3-5-2009 was (9.7) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 4-5-2009 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 (4) mph from Southeast at (06:30) hour MST on 4-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady 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 Southern Myanmar areas.

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

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

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



Tuesday, 5 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Songs of yesteryear

8:15 am

7. "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင် အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေ့မိခင်" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ပပဝင်းခင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)]

8:30 am

8. Musical programme

8:45 am

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်ခေါ်ဝေါ်ကြီးဖျော်ဖြေ

တင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

4:30 pm

4. Song of national races

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. Musical programme

5:15 pm

8. "စည်ကမ်းလိုက်နာဘေးကင်းကွာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မေခွန်၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်၊ မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ) ရန်ကုန်]

5:30 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:55 pm

14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:20 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမင်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)



Machine and Machine Tools Manufacturing Plant (Myaing) of Ministry of Industry-2. (News on page 1)—MNA

Development Training School of Falam enhances livelihoods of national race youth of border areas

Article: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon); Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

Recently, we visited Falam of Falam District in Chin State. The latest scene of Falam was totally different from that in the past. The peaceful Falam is developing with the attractive residences and buildings. Thanks to better transportation facilitated by the government, the town has gained development in a short time.

On arrival at Falam, the news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily, under the arrangements of the township officials, visited Training School for Development of National Race Youth of Border Areas.

Within a few minutes, we arrived at the school in Kyinmwe Ward of Falam. The school was found to be a grand structure.

In an interview, Principal U Aung Myint explained, "The training school was opened on 30 June 2004. In 2008-2009 academic year, the school admitted 23 trainees and provided two sets of school uniforms, one set of school textbooks and stationery to all the trainees in addition to meals. Moreover, an iron box and bedding were provided to them."

Visiting the school, we saw a one-storey 90 feet long and 30 feet wide hostel, a 60 feet long and 30 feet wide mess hall, a 120 feet long and 30 feet wide six-apartment staff quarter and a 40 feet long and 32 feet wide office.

The Department of Education and Training under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs had spent over K 49.4 million on construction of the buildings.

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Photo shows the six-apartment staff quarter at Training School for Development of National Race Youth of Border Areas in Falam.

