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Daw Kyaing Kyaing conveys diamond orb, pennant-shape vane atop Hsandawshin Hsutaungpyae Danok Pagoda

YANGON, 7 May—A ceremony to enshrine religious objects at the upper reliquary and hoist Seinbudaw (diamond orb) and Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shape vane) was held at Hsandawshin Hsutaungpyae Danok Pagoda in Danok Model Village of Dalla Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ñeyadhamma of Kyongyi Monastery of Twantay; Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, and family members; Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Prime Minister General Thein Sein; Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, senior military
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Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members donate Seinbudaw (diamond orb) to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members convey diamond orbs and pennant-shape vanes for Danok Pagoda and for zedies round Danok Pagoda.—MNA



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

Friday, 8 May, 2009

Turn out human resources well-versed in science and technology

The ceremony to open Government Technical Institute (Putao) and Government Technical High School under the Ministry of Science and Technology was held in Putao, Kachin State, on 6 May and it was attended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The opening of Government Technical Institute and Government Technical High School represents a watershed in the education sector of Kachin State and it will give fresh impetus not only to development of Kachin State but also towards that of the entire nation.

The government, in line with its education-for-all programme, has opened new schools, colleges and universities in all regions, including Kachin State, in order that the youth can pursue education, especially higher education, in their own regions.

Industrial development is essential to the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and producing technicians is necessary and important for industrial development. This being so, the Ministry of Science and Technology was formed and technological colleges and universities and technical institutes were opened.

Students who have passed the matriculation examination and want to pursue advanced science and technology are now able to join technological colleges and universities. Not only that, government technical institutes and technical high schools open up opportunities for those who want to combine technical knowledge and skills.

The government believes that only human resources well-versed in science and technology can bring about regional and national development and it is opening up more and more learning opportunities for the youth accordingly.

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

The Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason falls on 8th May 2009.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason because over 2550 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Full moon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrate the Buddha's Day, the Full moon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April or on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world would heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Buddhagaya in India early in the morning on the Full Moon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on his own efforts, the consciousness of true

insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)

All of Buddhist peoples know that the sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained the Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribhoga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist peoples across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival

It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagodas, shrine and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha's Day, Full Moon of the month of Kason to perpouring clean water on the sacred Bodhi Trees existed there.

Pinlaung Township gains agricultural development

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State

Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae and officials, visited two croplands at Yinmi village in Pinlaung Township yesterday morning.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected thriving orange trees and Seintalon mango trees in farmer UNyan's field and thriving tea plantation and plucking of tea leaves in farmer U Tee's, and instructed them to fertilize the land by means of systematic planning methods to ensure better yield.

He also visited Sein Hintha dried tea leaf industry of U Tun Han.

At Combined Office in the town, he heard

reports by the chairman of township PDC on economic, education, health and agricultural matters of the township, and report by officials concerned on maintenance of Aungban-Pinlaung-Moebye-Loikaw road.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing instructed officials to cooperate with local people for the development of the township.

At Pinlaung People's Hospital, he comforted patients and presented foods.

Before presenting medicines to the hospital through the official, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed operation theatre, laboratory, medical store and X-ray room.

At tea propagation farm of Myanma Agriculture Service, he heard reports by the farm manager on horticulture and research works on tea.

At Pinlaung livestock breeding farm, the farm manager reported on raising of layers, production of eggs and chicken and breeding of pig.

At the People's Hospital in Naungtayar, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented refreshment to the patients, inspected operation theatre, laboratory, medical store and X-ray room, and provided medicines.

At the briefing hall of Naga cement plant (Tikyit), he inspected progress in construction of the cement plant.

MNA



Naga cement plant (Tikyit) project is under inspection.—MNA



Investigation opens after US air strikes in Afghanistan kill 100

KABUL, 7 May—Police in Afghanistan said yesterday that air strikes against militants had killed 100 people, most of them civilians.

Villagers clear the debris caused by air strikes in Ganj Abad of Bala Buluk district, in Farah Province, on 5 May, 2009. Dozens of people, including women and children, were killed in US-led air strikes while sheltering in homes from a battle Monday and Tuesday in Western Afghanistan, the International Committee of the Red Cross said on Wednesday. —INTERNET

Responding to the news, US secretary of state Hillary Clinton said the US government “deeply, deeply” regretted the loss of innocent life. She was meeting the presidents of Afghanistan and Pakistan in Washington yesterday.

The US military opened an investigation into the operation on Tuesday in the western province of Farah, as Afghan President Hamid Karzai ordered a probe into reports of high civilian casualties.

Local deputy provincial governor Mohammad Younus Rasouli said he saw the bodies of 20 children brought to Farah. —Internet

Two US Marines killed in helicopter crash

LOS ANGELES, 7 May — Two US marines were killed in a helicopter crash overnight near Los Angeles, the Marine Corps said in a statement on Wednesday. The crash, involving a Marine Super Cobra attack helicopter, crashed in rural eastern San Diego County, about 110 kilometres south of Los Angeles, killing two pilots aboard, the statement said.

The helicopter was assigned to the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station-based Medium Helicopter Squadron 166, according to the statement.

Military officials have launched an investigation into the accident, said the statement, adding that it remained unclear whether the craft was carrying any ordnance. —Internet

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 609

WASHINGTON, 7 May—As of Tuesday, 5 May, 2009, at least 609 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. The department last updated its figures Tuesday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 449 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, three 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



People inspect the damage on a car destroyed in a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 May, 2009. A car bomb exploded Wednesday at the entrance to a fruit and vegetable market in south Baghdad. —INTERNET

Turkish air strike kills ten PKK rebels in N Iraq

ANKARA, 7 May—Ten rebels of the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) were killed in a Turkish air strike last week targeting its hideouts in northern Iraq, the Anatolia news agency reported on Wednesday.

On 30 April, the air strike also destroyed several hideouts in the Zap and Avashin-Basyan regions and weapons depots used by PKK militants, according to the report.

The Turkish Air Forces’ operation came after 10 soldiers of the Turkish security forces were killed in two separate terror attacks in southeastern Turkey.

The PKK, which took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey, uses northern Iraq as a base for launching attacks in eastern and southeastern Turkey.

Turkish forces took tougher actions against PKK after the country’s legislature extended the government’s mandate to launch cross-border operations against the rebels in northern Iraq. —Internet

Injured Iraqis are treated on stretchers at a hospital in Baghdad as a car bomb ripped through a wholesale produce market in Baghdad, on 6 May 2009.

INTERNET



District chief, four others shot dead in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 May—Unknown armed men gunned down a district chief and four others in the northern Baghlan Province on Wednesday, provincial governor Mohammad Akbar Barikzai said.

“Unidentified armed men gunned down Mohammad Mohsin, the district chief of Dahnai Ghor and four others on Wednesday,” Barikzai told Xinhua.

He did not give more details, adding investigation is underway.

Meantime, Abdul Khalil Narmgoi, the director of hospital in Baghlan province capital of Pul-e-Khumri, said besides the district chief, his son, prosecutor and a police officer were also killed in the attack. —Internet

Roadside bombing kills seven police, wounds another in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 May—A roadside bomb planted by anti-government militants Wednesday claimed the lives of seven policemen and wounded another in southern Afghan province of Ghazni, provincial police chief said. “It occurred at around noon time when a police convoy heading to capital city Kabul from Kandahar Province was struck by the mines planted on the road, killing seven and injured another,” Khial Baz Shirzai told Xinhua.

He blamed the enemy of Afghanistan, a term which used by Afghan officials for Taliban militants for the gruesome incident.

Taliban militants have vowed to launch a spring offensive against Afghan and international troops and intensify their attacks mostly in the shape of roadside bombs and suicide attacks. —Internet

Plenty of flu caution as Mexico returns to work

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—In gleaming office towers and gritty markets, Mexicans returned to work Wednesday after a five-day swine flu shutdown, and dozens returned to a heroes' welcome from "humiliating" quarantines in China. But Mexico's death toll rose, feeding fears of more infections now that crowds are gathering again.

The World Health Organization urged countries

not to quarantine visitors or impose trade restrictions without scientific reasons.

But China defiantly justified its quarantines as protection for its densely populated cities. And even impoverished Haiti turned away a Mexican ship carrying desperately needed food aid because of flu fears.

In Mexico City, friends and co-workers greeted each other with back

slaps, firm handshakes — and dollops of hand sanitizer. Some high-rises stationed doctors in their lobbies who questioned returning employees and required visitors to fill out forms stating they had no flu symptoms.

Maitre d's in surgical masks stood at attention amid rows of sidewalk tables that were pulled out and washed down for the first time in days.

Internet



A car passes by the gate of the South Hampstead High School in London, on 6 May, 2009. Five British schools hit by A/H1N1 flu have been temporarily closed up, announced the government's Health Protection Agency on 5 May.—XINHUA

More than half of Frenches disapprove of President Sarkozy

PARIS, 7 May—More than half of the French people don't think Nicolas Sarkozy is a great president although they recognize he is a man of many merits, according to a latest opinion poll.

In the telephone survey of 802 French adults conducted by CSA on Tuesday, 85 percent of the respondents termed Sarkozy as "energetic," 75 percent termed him as "brave" and 66 percent termed him as "decisive."

However, 55 percent of respondents did not think Sarkozy who took office two years ago was a great president because he failed to heed the opinions of French people and solve their difficulties and problems.

Internet



California wildfires burn structures and hillsides in Santa Barbara, California, on 6 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Wildfire burns homes in coastal California enclave

SANTA BARBARA, 7 May—Fierce winds blew a wildfire into Southern California homes Wednesday, forcing thousands of people to flee as columns of smoke rose from a scenic coastal enclave.

TV news helicopters showed many homes ablaze in Santa Barbara, but the number could not immediately be determined because of thick

smoke columns that scattered embers over the city and streamed out over the Pacific Ocean.

Huge mansions and humble homes alike were reduced to rubble, leaving palm trees swaying over gutted ruins.

The fire had burned 200 acres, or about one-third of a square mile, by midday when winds were calm, then was whipped by up to 50 mph gusts. By

sunset, it was 500 acres — about three-fourths of a square mile — and winds were down to 25 mph, said Santa Barbara County fire Capt David Sadecki.

Internet

High-enriched uranium traces found in Egypt

VIENNA, 7 May—The UN nuclear watchdog is investigating the discovery of traces of highly enriched uranium at a nuclear research site in Egypt, according to a restricted International Atomic Energy Agency report obtained by *Reuters*.

It did not specify whether the particles were weapons-grade — enriched to a level high enough for use as fuel for an atom bomb, as opposed to fuel for some nuclear reactors. An IAEA official reached by *Reuters* said this was being checked.

The report, which described global IAEA work in 2008 to verify compliance with non-proliferation rules, said the highly enriched uranium (HEU) traces turned up in environmental swipe samples taken at the Inshas nuclear research site in 2007-08.

The HEU was discovered alongside particles of low-enriched uranium (LEU), the type used for nuclear power plant fuel. Egypt had explained to the IAEA that it believed the HEU "could have been brought into the country through contaminated radioisotope transport containers," the 5 May report said.

The UN watchdog's inspectors had not yet verified the source of the particles, it said, but there were no indications that Egypt's clarification was not correct.

The IAEA was in any case continuing an investigation to establish the provenance of the traces, with further test sampling planned in the vicinity near the capital Cairo.—*Internet*

Somali pirates seize German ship, 11 crew

NAIROBI, 7 May—A German cargo ship carrying 11 crew members in the Gulf of Aden called for help as it was being attacked by Somali pirates, but by the time a helicopter arrived to render assistance the pirates were already in control, officials said on Wednesday.

It was the latest seizure by high-seas bandits who are holding hundreds of merchant mariners hostage.

The German-owned ship, the MV Victoria, was captured Tuesday af-

ternoon 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of Yemen, said Lt Nate Christensen, a spokesman for the Bahrain-based US 5th Fleet. He had no information on the condition of the 11 Romanian crew members aboard the Antigua- and Barbuda-flagged ship.

German Defence Ministry spokesman Thomas Raabe said the Victoria had been sailing in an unaccompanied convoy, but was a relatively easy target because of its slow speed and low railing. A Turkish frigate responded

to a call for help by sending a helicopter, but the ship already was in the pirates' hands by the time it arrived, he told reporters in Berlin. The frigate was between 80 and 100 nautical miles from the ship at the time, Raabe said.

The Gulf of Aden is one of the world's most important shipping lanes, connecting Europe and Asia via the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. It is used by 20,000 ships a year and has become the world's hot spot for pirate attacks.—*Internet*



In this photo released by South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff, a pirate ship is seen from South Korea's Lynx helicopter in 37 kilometres (23 miles) south of Aden port in Yemen, on 4 May, 2009. INTERNET



Post-quake schools will be “safest”

BEIJING, 7 May—The construction of schools must be safe, reliable and closely supervised, according to a State Council circular issued ahead of the one-year anniversary of the Sichuan earthquake.

Construction authorities have been ordered to strengthen safety controls and provide technical support in the building and reconstruction of all school projects. It said there would be severe punishment for those found engaged in illegal practices.

“The quality of school buildings is a concern of social stability and should be the focus of local authorities at present and in the coming days,” it said.

It comes as the nation prepares to mark the 12 May anniversary of the 8-magnitude earthquake in which many students were killed and buried under collapsed school buildings.

According to the latest Sichuan provincial construction authority statistics, a total floor area of 1.997 million sq m of school buildings collapsed, accounting for 1.3 percent of the total collapsed floor space.

Since that time, the construction quality of school buildings has been a major cause of public concern.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 May, 2009 shows a sculpture of Red Power in the 2009 Graduates' Works Show of the Art College of the Nanjing Arts Institute, at the Jiangsu Art Gallery in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province.—XINHUA

Los Angeles police to offer gun-buyback programme

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—Police in Los Angeles and local businesses are sponsoring a gun-buyback programme this weekend in an effort to get more lethal weapons off the streets, the city's civilian anti-gang czar said on Wednesday.

Gunowners can turn in their weapons at near 20 locations around the city on Saturday and receive gift cards worth 100 or 200 dollars, depending on the type of firearms surrendered. “We are looking at this as a two-fold issue — of getting guns off the streets and (hoping) to get people who have had guns sitting around for years to turn those in,” said Rev Jeff Carr, who was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to lead the city's efforts against violent gangs.

Carr said that authorities are concerned about weapons being stolen and then turning up in a crime.

Los Angeles last time held a gun buyback programme in the city more than 12 years ago, and organizers are unsure how successful the effort will be.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca has recently sponsored a number of gun-buyback programmes in the area, with about 300 weapons surrendered during each campaign.—Xinhua

China's service trade exceeds \$300 b in 2008

BEIJING, 7 May—China saw its export and import volume in service trade (excluding government service) total 304.45 billion US dollars in 2008, up 21.3 percent from a year earlier, the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said on Wednesday.

The growth rate was down 9.6 percentage points compared with 2007, the MOC said on its website, adding that the financial crisis had contributed to the drop of growth rate. Service export hit 146.45 billion US dollars last year, up 20.4 percent.

Service import was 158 billion US dollars, up 22.2 percent year on year.

The export volume moved China to the fifth biggest service export country from the seventh in 2007. The country remained the fifth largest in terms of service import, according to MOC.

The trade deficit expanded to 11.56 billion US dollars in 2008, up 51.9 percent from 2007, the largest since 1997.

Xinhua

Russian cargo spaceship undocks from ISS

MOSCOW, 7 May—The Russian Progress M-66 cargo spacecraft undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) and began autonomous flight, the Mission Control Center outside Moscow said on Wednesday.

The cargo spaceship separated from the Pirs docking station at 7:18 pm Moscow time (1518 GMT) and started autonomous flight, said Valery Lyndin, spokesman for the flight control centre.

A number of geophysical experiments will be conducted on the spaceship during its two-week-long autonomous flight. Then it will reenter the atmosphere before plunging into a “spaceship cemetery” in the southern Pacific.

The spacecraft, which docked with the ISS on 13 Feb, brought 2.5 tons of supplies, including oxygen, food, clothes and medical equipment for the ISS crew.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Passengers go off from the chartered plane from Mexico after the plane arrived at Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, east China, on 6 May, 2009. —XINHUA



Voluntary body donor Helm Gaertner (L) and Detlef von Wengler pose for the media next to plastinated human bodies during the press preview of the new Koerperwelten ('Body Worlds') exhibition in Berlin on 6 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Honduras, Cuba begin talks on trade agreement

TEGUCIGALPA, 7 May— Honduras and Cuba on Wednesday began the first round of negotiation here for a trade agreement to boost commercial ties.

“We are reviewing the juridical texts,” Honduran negotiator Melvin Redondo said.

The purpose of the negotiation is to sign a trade agreement in June in the second round in Havana, Cuba, possibly with the attendance of Honduran President Manuel Zelaya.

The trade volume between the two countries now has reached 20 million US dollars.

The two countries resumed their diplomatic ties in 2002 after a 40-year hiatus.

Xinhua

Hanoi railway station catches fire, one killed

HANOI, 7 May—A railway station in Vietnamese capital city of Hanoi caught fire on Wednesday afternoon, leaving one dead and huge property losses.

According to a witness, the fire started at a warehouse and soon spread to other parts of the railway station. It was put under control two hours later and a burned body was pulled out from the site.

Xinhua



Iraqis gather around the remains of a vehicle used as a car bomb that exploded at a wholesale produce market, near the neighbourhood of Dura in a southern district of Baghdad on Wednesday to mark Iraq's capital just weeks before the US military is due to pull out of cities nationwide.—INTERNET

New Zealand police officer killed in rare shooting

WELLINGTON, 7 May—A New Zealand police officer was shot dead in the North Island city of Napier on Thursday, in only the fifth such killing in the last decade, police said.

A gunman remained under siege in a house after the morning shooting, in which three people were also shot and seriously wounded, while a cordon was thrown up and children locked in their schools in surrounding streets.

Besides the dead policeman, two other officers and a member of the public were shot after what started as a low level cannabis raid on a house, Eastern District commander Superintendent Sam Hoyle told journalists.

The body of Senior Constable Len Snee remained outside the house where a 51-year-old man was holed up.

Two other police were in serious condition in hospital along with the

civilian casualty, Hoyle said.

A neighbour said police were negotiating with the man to give himself up.

"They're talking to him on the loud speaker, telling him to surrender and the house is surrounded," the neighbour told Radio New Zealand.

Snee was the 29th police officer to die on duty in New Zealand since the country's civil police force was set up more than 120 years ago.

Internet

Indian SC rejects charge against UPA minister

NEW DELHI, 7 May—The Supreme Court of India Wednesday rejected the allegations by a NGO that a senior United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Minister heading the Group of Ministers (GoMs) committee on display of pictorial warnings on tobacco products had ensured dilution of the law to favour the powerful tobacco industry.

A bench of Justices B N Aggrawal and G S Singhvi, which scrutinized the minutes relating to the February 3 meeting of the Group of Ministers headed by Pranab Mukherjee on the issue, said there was nothing on record to substantiate the allegations.

However, the bench, while rejecting the allegations, recorded an undertaking from the Union Government that the law relating to display of pictorial warnings on all tobacco products would be effectively implemented from May 31, 2009.

MNA/PTI

Three found dead in suspected murder-suicide near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—A couple and their toddler were found dead in an apartment in Orange County near Los Angeles, each with a gunshot wound to the head, police said on Wednesday.

Police said they suspected the incident as a murder-suicide.

Orange police Sgt Dan Adams said police officers found the bodies in an apartment on Tuesday afternoon after the manager of the apartment reported that he had not seen or heard from his tenants for several days.

Adams identified the victims as a 44-year-old man, a 42-year-old woman and their young son about two or three years old.—*Internet*

Two small planes collide in Florida, two killed

WASHINGTON, 7 May—Two people were killed after a single-engine plane crashed into another unoccupied small aircraft on the ground at the Lantana airport in Palm Beach County, Florida on Wednesday, authorities said.

County Fire Rescue Department spokesman Don Delucia told reporters that it appeared that the first plane, a red Beechcraft Bonanza, lost power during take-off and was making an emergency landing when it struck the parked plane at around 11:30 am eastern time (1530 GMT).

The collision heavily damaged the parked plane's left side and nearly sheared off its left wing, he said.

The impact spun the red plane around and it came to a rest underneath a storage trailer.

Internet



Germany's highest May Tree is hoisted into position on the Zugspitzplatt (2600 m above sea level). The Zugspitze mountain stands on the border between Germany and Austria and is a popular tourist destination.

Man pretending to fall off bridge actually falls

Police said a 23-year-old man is in stable condition after he pretended that he was falling off a bridge over the Minnesota River, then actually fell off the bridge. Police got a call just before 5 am on Sunday from a 21-year-old man who said his friend fell off the Highway 77 bridge and into a marshy area about 30 feet below.

The caller said he was driving north when his friend, who he said had been drinking, told him to pull into the bridge's emergency lane so he could urinate.

The 23-year-old stood eventually climbed to the ledge of the bridge, then looked at his friend and pretended to fall. "He then in fact fell," reads a press release from the Bloomington Police Department.

Police from Bloomington and Eagan responded, and the Eagan Fire Department used a chair lift to retrieve the man. He was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where was treated.

Men find abandoned safe thought to be century old

Two men said they've found an abandoned safe by the side of some railroad tracks and that it could be more than a century old. Bill Dodd, one of the men who found the safe about a month and a half ago, says it weighs about 4,000 pounds. It's now on display at an east Tulsa sign company while the men decide what to do with it.

The patent dates on the safe range from 1856 to 1907. Dodd says that the safe is rusted shut and its locks have been broken off. He says he thinks there's something inside and that it hasn't been opened as far as he knows.

Dodd said the safe could be auctioned off for charity or the men who found it could open it themselves. He says the latter option probably would require cutting into the safe.

Alabama man sleeps with gun and shoots himself

A 24-year-old man likely will rethink his habit of sleeping with a gun after police said his 40-caliber pistol discharged and hit him in the shoulder on Wednesday. A police detective said the wound was not life threatening.

The shooting at his apartment complex was ruled an accident.

NEWS ALBUM



A man holds a Rhinoderma Darwinii, a frog known in Spanish as Sapito de Darwin, in Concepcion on 1 May, 2009. Concepcion University, with the help of Germany's Leipzig zoo, is leading a pioneer project in the reproduction in captivity of the amphibian, which is in danger of extinction, local media reported. The Sapito de Darwin is found exclusively in southern Chile, from Concepcion to Aysen city, and Argentina.

This little chap is a tiny shrimp-like crustacean called Niphargus that has just been voted troglobiont (cave dweller) of the year by the German Association of Cave and Karst Researchers. Niphargus is just a few millimeters long, blind and spends almost his whole life in the dark.





Fullmoon Day of Kason

Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

Kason (May) the second month in Myanmar lunar calendar is the peak of Myanmar summer. Two Myanmar traditional rhymes epitomize the extreme heat of this month. (1) တန့်ခူးရေကုန်၊ ကဆုန်ရေခန်း၊ [In Tagu, water is diminished, but in Kason, water is dried up], (2) ကဆုန် နယုန်၊ ဆွေဆွေခန်း၊ [In Kason and Nayon the heat is unbearable.] Occasionally rain clouds would gather to release some showers, or unexpected storms would visit bringing pre-monsoon downpour to relieve all beings of intense heat. Myanmar flora springs up under showers to commence a new lease of life. Among wild flowers that begin to appear to adorn and to perfume natural environment with their riots of colours and varieties of fragrances, Saga Wa (Champac micheia) of gold colour with long lasting scent has been traditionally designated as the flowers of the month Kason. Mt. Popa is its original habitat. In Myanmar astrological cycle, Kason is named “Vrishabha” (Taurus) with the figure of a Bull as its zodiacal sign. In the night firmament, appear astride the moon and withakha asterism, a cluster of 14 stars in Libra resembling Myanmar drum circle.

Kason, scholars say, is a combination of two archaic words “Ka” and “Sone” meaning “water” and “to pour”. But there is a Pali word “Kachina” meaning water shortage. Both interpretations are plausible, as the form implies the supply of water and the latter the demand for it.

Kason is an auspicious month for the Buddhist because its fullmoon day is religiously important. Four major events in the life of Lord Gotama Buddha took place on the fullmoon day of Kason. Firstly, it won on the fullmoon day of Kason that Lord Buddha Dipinkaya Buddha gave his divine prophesy to the hermit Thumeda that the hermit would become Lord Gotama Buddha. Secondly, it was on the fullmoon day of Kason in the Maha Sakarit year of 68 that babe Prince Siddhartha was born of Queen Maha Maya.

Thirdly, it was on the fullmoon day of Kason in the Maha Sakarit year of 103 that Prince Siddhartha (Bodhisatta), after six arduous years of practising austerity as a recluse, became enlightened and thus became Lord Gotama Buddha. Fourthly, it was on the fullmoon day of Kason in the Maha Sakarit year of 148 that Lord Gotama Buddha at the age of 80 entered Maha Parinibana (Demise). Because of these four great landmarks in the Buddha’s life, the fullmoon day of Kason is regarded by all Buddhists as most auspicious and fourfold blessed.

In Myanmar the fullmoon day of Kasone is a public holiday as it is designated Buddha Day. Religious functions are held on this day such as recitation of Parittas, administering of moral precepts by monks and visiting pagodas and shrines by devotees to pay homage and do charity work. In other Buddhist countries this day is called Vesak Day which is celebrated by the Buddhists by doing religious works such as monks chanting religious hymns and devotees visiting shrines to pray.

In Myanmar, the traditional festival of pouring water on the Bodhi Tree is held on Kason Fullmoon Day. Tree worship was inherited from Stone Age men Yoke-ka-soe (the guardian Tree god) believed to be benevolent to humans has been worshipped by all indigenous nationals of Myanmar. The Maha Bodhi Tree (Ficus religiosa) under which Lord Gotama Buddha became enlightened, is sacred to all Buddhists. Hindus also regard this Tree sacred because it is one of the abodes of Mahadeva Vishnu. The act of pouring water on the Maha Bodhi Tree is the expression of piety and respect shown to the Buddhas. In spite of the tradition of tree worship, the rite of water pouring on the Maha Bodhi Tree is entirely Buddhist in origin and not associated with primitive tree worships.

In Myanmar, Maha Bodhi trees are found in the precincts of pagodas, and monasteries. They are those grown out of seeds or saplings brought from

Buddhagaya in India, or Sri Lanka by monks, envoys or devotees, or religious gifts presented by the kings or monks, in different periods of Myanmar history. Stone inscriptions, literature and Myanmar chronicles have records of planting Maha Bodhi Trees and holding the festivals of water pouring on Maha Bodhi Trees on the fullmoon day of Kason. King Mindon the second last Myanmar king planted two saplings presented him by two Sri Lankan monks in 1860 AD, at Bodhikon, south of his Mandalay Palace. There are also four Bodhi trees, each at one of the four corners of the precincts of Kyauktawkyi Image Temple Mandalay. They were brought from Buddhagaya and planted there by King Mindon.

The planting of Maha Bodhi tree in Myanmar continues in modern times. There is a place near Monywa town where one thousand Bodhi trees had been planted by head monk and his devotees. And this place is now world renown as Bodhi Ta Htaung (One thousand Bodhi Trees). In the precincts of Shwedagon Pagoda are the Bodhi trees. The one at the northwest corner was planted on the day of regaining Myanmar independence 4-1-1948. Next to it to the right is the Bodhi Tree. Both were brought from Buddhagaya. There is another Bodhi Tree at the southeast corner with a brick platform around it. It was planted by Head Monk Meidet Sayadaw. It is at this tree that the ceremony of water pouring on fullmoon day of Kason takes place every year.

Kason festival of water pouring on Bodhi Tree is a public event. In the countryside, this festival is held at the village pagoda or monastery where there is a Bodhi Tree. Mirthful processions of village maidens in their best are seen skillfully balancing on their heads water pots as they wend their way with measured steps to the sacred Bodhi tree to perform the water pouring rite. Behind them follow a party of joyful village signing and dancing youths playing wind and percussion instruments to produce sonorous music. It provides a social occasion for young people to meet each other.

On this occasion of Kason festival, it is the customary practice of Myanmar Buddhists to remove fishes, turtles and watery creatures from nearby dried up ponds and lakes to places where there is abundant water. This merit is regarded as a life-saving act of charity.

In ecological parlance, Kason festival of watering Bodhi Trees and saving watery creatures may be taken as a sort of public participation in the preservation of natural environment.

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File photo shows LG Brand LCD TV, Air-con and washing machines and electronics distributed by TMW Enterprise Ltd.

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TMW Enterprise Ltd introduces LG products

YANGON, 7 May—A ceremony to introduce LG Brand LCD TV, Air-con and washing machines distributed by TMW Enterprise Ltd, was held at Traders Hotel here on 5 May. Those present viewed LG brand new products put on display.

Managing Director Mr Howard Lee of LG electronics of Thailand and Managing Director U Wai

Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd made greeting speeches on the occasion.

After that, Marketing Manager U Zaw Moe of TMW Enterprise Ltd explained facts about the quality of the products and servicing to be provided, and gifts for the customers.

LG Brand LCD TV includes eye protective function that can protect the rays not to harm the

viewers’ eyes. And the viewers can clearly watch the image without damage to their health because of powerenergy saving, clear voice and more intelligent picture function.

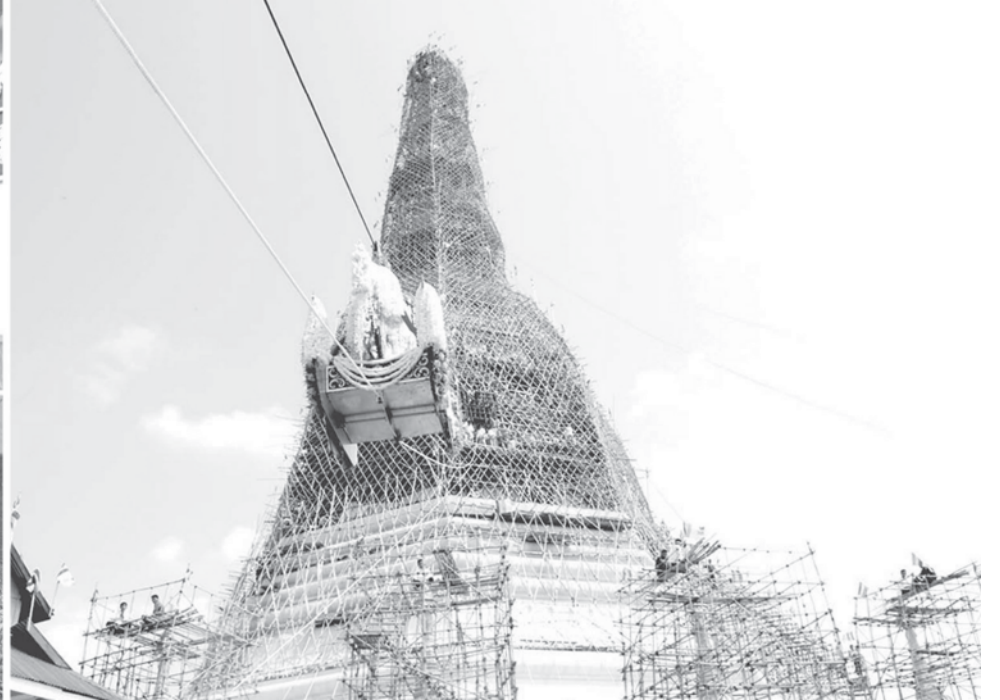
LG Air-con can filter virus, smells and dust and it can help support health due to Anti-Bird Flu Function that can filter the outbreak of virus.

In addition, LG

washing machines include air dry function, auto tub dry & clear function and baby care function.

LCD TV, Air-con, washing machines, home audio portable cassette, mini hifi cassette, home theatre system, DVD players and vacuum cleaners are available at sale agents and LG show rooms.

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, and family members hoist religious objects to be fixed atop Danok Pagoda.—MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing conveys...

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officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from the Sayadaw.

Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members offered the religious fans, religious objects and alms to the Sayadaw. Officials also donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy Dr. Nanissara delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

Afterwards, the family members of Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe conveyed the religious objects onto the upper reliquary and enshrined them into the reliquary chamber.

After closing the reliquaries, they sprinkled scented water on them.

They also hoisted tiers of the umbrella atop the pagoda.

The family members of Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Prime Minister General Thein Sein, wives of senior military officers and officials conveyed the diamond orb and pennant-shape vane atop the pagoda by the decorate float.

They fixed the diamond orb and pennant-shape vane



Family members of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, and officials concerned fix religious objects atop Danok Pagoda. — MNA

atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on the tiers of umbrella. At the same time, officials hoisted the diamond orbs and pennant-shape vanes atop the encircled zedies.

After the ceremony, Daw Kyaing Kyaing planted a Bo tree. She fertilized the plant and poured water. Later, pigeon and sparrow were released as an act of saving of lives.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint awards a winner in the code of conduct contest to mark the 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day.—MNA

Yangon Division marks 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day

YANGON, 6 May — Parade ceremony and prize presentation of 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day of Yangon Division took place at the parade ground of Myanmar Fire Brigade in Mayangon

Township today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint took the salute of columns of the Fire

Brigade.

Next, the commander made an address and gave prizes to winners in the code of conduct contest, the beautifying task of fire station, and the best parade company and tasks for warning on fire.—MNA

Pre-primary teachership course opened

YANGON, 6 May— Myanmar Education Research Bureau under the Ministry of

Education opened pre-primary teachership course No. 20 at the MERB in Kamayut

Township with an address by Director-General of MERB U Ohn Myint.—MNA



The congregation led by Daw Kyaing Kyaing share merits for enshrining religious objects into upper reliquary and hoisting of diamond orbs and pennant-shape vanes atop Danok Pagoda.(News on page 1)—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets district and township departmental heads, members of social organizations and townselders at Bhamo City Hall in Bhamo.—MNA

ministers donated a TV set for Pannandin Township, medical equipment, periodicals and salt to Putao and Machanbaw townships and uniforms, sport gear, exercise books, text books, foods and clothing to social organizations. Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office demonstrated lighting of bulbs with the use of bio batteries and making of bio batteries. The Prime Minister explained lighting of bulbs and fluorescent tubes with the use of bio batteries and instructed responsible people to take measures for extensive use of bio batteries in every house.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to Putao Airport by car. At the passenger lounge, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on background history of the airport, facts about the runway, extension of the runway from the one measuring 7000x100 feet to the one measuring 8500x100 feet and tarmacking of the runway.

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Kachin State has enjoyed security, peace and the rule of law, so the government is implementing many projects for regional development.

Kachin State dwellers have to relay duties to restore ...

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and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported on regional development tasks being carried out in Putao District, upgrading of Myitkyina-Putao road, market stability in the district due to smooth transport and health, education and economic developments.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung reported on the ministry's endeavours for development of human resources contributing to national

development, opening of Government Technical Institute (Putao) and Government Technical High School (Putao) and subjects to be taught.

Then, the Prime Minister delivered a speech. He donated computers and school uniforms to basic education high schools and government technical institutes in Putao, Machanbaw and Naungmon townships.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers and the deputy



Photo shows Tarpein-1 Hydropower project in Momauk Township.—MNA





Prime Minister General Thein Sein urges officials to make arrangements to produce electricity from bio-batteries in Hsinbo Hospital.—MNA

Kachin State dwellers have ...



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents medicines and medical funds to Hsinbo Hospital.—MNA

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Civil Aviation Department Director-General U Tun Hlaing reported on arrangements for tarmacking the runway and apron by dividing them into sections. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

The Prime Minister and party left Putao by Tatmadaw special flight and arrived at Myitkyina at 11 am. They then helicoptered to Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project site near Kanlonkha Village in Moemaik Township, Bhamo District, being implemented by the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No (1).

At the briefing hall, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min reported on imple-

mentation of hydropower projects in Kachin State, emergence of Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project, facts about the project, conditions of the project and implementation of Chiphwaynge Hydropower Project near Chiphway.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. He then presented a basket of fruits to the technicians of Datang (Yunnan) United Hydropower Developing Co Ltd (DUHD) of the People's Republic of China that is jointly implementing the project. The Prime Minister went round the project by car. He also inspected paving concrete of the main dam and construction of intake structures and gave necessary instructions to of-

ficials.

Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project is being implemented based on water resources of Tarpein River. The dam is of concrete type. It is 672 feet long and 151 feet high. Its catchment area is 2400 square miles and generating capacity is 240 megawatts. Upon completion of the project, 1065 million kilowatt hours will be produced a year.

After that, the Prime Minister and party went to Bhamo by Tatmadaw aircraft and they were welcome there by district and township level departmental officials.

The Prime Minister held a meeting with district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and townelders.

Chairman of Bhamo District PDC U Khin Maung Myint reported on work progress in the health, education, social and economic sectors and regional development tasks.

The Prime Minister made a speech, and presented cash donations for renovation of the old schools in Bhamo Township to the officials.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, and the Auditor-General and the deputy minister presented TV sets and publications to the townships in the district, clothes, cloth, exercise books, textbooks, sports equipment and medicines to social organizations.

The Prime Minister and his entourage members flew to Hsinbo, where they were welcomed by Lt-Col Soe Kyaw Oo of Hsinbo Station and officials.

On arrival at Hsinbo People's Hospital, the Prime Minister cordially met departmental officials, doctors, nurses, and members of social organizations. After asking about the economy, health and education of the region, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin demonstrated the use of electric bulbs with bio-battery and presented the methods to produce bio-battery.

The Prime Minister

instructed the officials to disseminate the methods of producing bio-battery in order that every house in the rural areas will come to use electric bulbs with bio-battery, which costs less, on a wider scale.

The Prime Minister presented medicines and medical equipment and cash donations to Hsinbo People's Hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Kaung Myat San.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commander and the minister presented instant noodle packages, TV sets and clothes to the officials.

The Prime Minister and party inspected progress of Hsinbo by car.

They helicoptered to Myitkyina. In meeting with service personnel, townelders and members of social organizations at Putao and Bhamo districts, the Prime Minister spotlighted the importance of security, bilateral relations and trade with the People's Republic of China and the Republic of India as Kachin State shares the borders with the two neighbouring countries. He elaborated on the facts that in the past, Kachin State lacked security and

lagged behind other regions in development due to the armed conflicts following the doubts and suspicions among national brethren; that now, Kachin State has enjoyed security, peace and the rule of the law, so the government is implementing many projects for regional development; that the region has acquired remarkable development resulting from improvement of fundamental sectors for regional development such as transport, education and health care; that local people have to relay the duties to restore security, peace and the rule of the law from one generation to the next; that Kachin State is a part of the Union and is home to various national races, so local people have to cultivate a sense of Union Spirit; and that the government has built so many infrastructural foundations for regional development, so every individual has to work hard, making good use of the infrastructural buildings the government has constructed across the nation, in order to improve the socio-economic life of local people.

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H & T Minister meets Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo at the ministry here today. At the meeting, they discussed matters on boosting tourism industries between the two countries.—MNA



Advanced Computer Course, Financial Refresher Course open

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May— Advanced Office Computer Course No. 1/2009 and Financial Refresher Course No. 1/2009 of the Ministry of Industry-1 was held at the ministry, here on 5 May morning, with an opening address by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

The training courses being attended by 102 trainees which will last 6 weeks.

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Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung speaking at opening ceremony of Advanced Office Computer Course and Financial Refresher Course.—MNA



Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe views fire fighting drills at 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day.—MNA

63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day marked

NAYPYITAW, 7 May— The Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement marked the 63rd Anniversary Fire Services Day at the parade ground near Gangaw Housing in Mingala Theiddi Ward here on 5 May morning.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen

Maung Maung Swe made a speech.

Chairman of ACE Construction Co U Tint Hsan donated K 1.5 million; Thiri Thudhamma Mani Jotadara U Soe Thein-Thiridhudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Cho Ohn, Director (Attorney-General's Office), K 1 million; U Win Naing Thant (SHARP Showroom), K 1 million;

Fire Trade Co Ltd, two fogging machines; and well-wishers, K 1.08 million.

The minister presented gifts and certificates of honour to the outstanding Fire Services members.

Next, a firefighting demonstration took place.

The minister inspected the firefighting equipment displayed at the parade ground.—MNA

Air control tasks of Yangon International Airport inspected

YANGON, 7 May— Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung on 3 May arrived at the air control tower of Yangon International Airport and heard a report presented by Director-General of Civil Aviation Department U Tun Hlaing on work efficiency of the

Air Control Division.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the machines used in the air control, data communication system, systems for mutual communications between countries, and gave instructions on safety of aircraft and meeting the

set standard in the air control tasks.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung looked into conducting of medical check-ups on passengers on their arrival at the airport with the use of infrared fever screening system.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung inspects aviation control branch at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Public Notice

The Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures for the public to be able to consume safe and potent medicines.

The following are the medicines that are not registered in Myanmar and that do not come with a guarantee of quality—

Sr	Medicine	Manufacturing Co/nation
1.	Betnovate C Skin Cream (Betamethasone Balerate IP 0.12 % w/w Neomycin Sulphate IP 0.5 % w/w, Chlorocresol IP 0.1 % w/w	Glaxo SmithKline P'cals Ltd, India
2.	Triamcinolone Acetonide Acetate Injection	Zhejiang Xianjui P'cal Co Ltd
3.	Analgin Injection 0.5 mg	Luohe Fanghui P'cal Co Ltd
4.	Pelquine Injection (Chlorocquine Phosphate 325.5 mg eq.to 200 mg, Lignocaine HCL 50 mg/5cc	Liwinner P'cal Ltd Partnership, Thailand
5.	Disento Tablet (Diodohydroxyquin 240 mg, Furazolidone Sulfate 50 mg, Light Kaolin 250 mg)	Nakorn Patana Pharm Co Ltd, Thailand

Therefore, a public warning has been issued that people are not to buy those unregistered medicines and that they are to buy only the medicines already registered in Myanmar.

Drug companies and stores are not allowed to import and distribute unregistered, fake and poor quality medicines. If they fail to respect the rules, authorities concerned shall file a lawsuit against them under section (18) of the national medicine law.

Ministry of Health

Market festivals in Divisions

YANGON, 7 May— Industry-1 Ministry will hold special market festivals in Phayagyi village and Paukkaung of Bago division from 5 to 11

May. Similar festivals were held at the football ground in Mayangon Township, Yangon division and in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay division,

in Sinphyukyun Street of Salin, Magway division from 6 to 12 May and in Tngapu, Ayeyawady division from 11 to 17 May.—MNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV AN WU JIANG VOY NO (525)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN WU JIANG VOY NO (525) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W 5 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOY NO (17)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOY NO (17) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER LTD
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**Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Invitations for application of MA (EFL) Course**

1. The First Year academic programme leading to the MA (EFL) degree for 2009-2010 academic year will be opened in June 2009.
2. Those who wish to attend the course should
 - (a) be Myanmar citizens
 - (b) fulfil the requirements for admission to the First Year academic programme leading to the MA (EFL) degree.
3. Applications should be submitted by 18 May 2009 at the latest. Enquiries on admission may be made during office hours at Student Affairs Department, Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

Ph: 514371, Ext -202

**Nintendo's annual profit
rises 8.5 percent**

Tokyo, 7 May—Nintendo Co reported an 8.5 percent rise in annual profit as the video game maker shrugged off the global slowdown that has battered other Japanese manufacturers.

Nintendo, which did not break down quarterly numbers, racked up a record 279.09 billion yen profit for the fiscal year ended 31 March, up from 257.34 billion yen the previous year.

Fiscal year sales edged up 9.9 percent to 1.839 trillion yen from 1.672 trillion yen, with overseas sales accounting for 87.5 percent, the Kyoto-based maker of Pokemon and Super Mario games said in a statement Thursday.

Nintendo's Wii home console and DS portable have been selling well around the world.—*Internet*

**Residents gather at the site of a bomb attack in
Baghdad on 6 May, 2009.**

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Macao promotes tourism in HOEFEX 2009

MACAO, 7 May—A business delegation, headed by the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) government's tourism officials, attended an international service trade exhibition in Hong Kong Wednesday, in a bid to promote Macao's tourism.

For the purpose of promoting business tourism, MGTO established a booth in the 13th Asian International Exhibition of Food and Drink, Hotel, Restaurant and Food services Equipment, Supplies and Services (HOFEX 2009).

There were 38 members of Macao's "Industry Partners Program" displaying their promotional materials at this

marketing platform, according to a press release from the MGTO.

MGTO also invited representatives of three major hospitality associations, namely, Macao Hotel Association, the United Association of Food and Beverage Merchants of Macao and Macao Chef Culinary Association to attend the opening ceremony of the HOFEX 2009 on Wednesday.

The four-day HOFEX 2009 is a biennial trade show that attracted more than 1,800 leading exhibitors including 41 national groups this year.

It is anticipated that more than 35,000 qualified buyers and industry players from around the world attend the show.—*Internet*

**Brazil struggles to get aid to vast
flooded area**

SAO PAULO, 7 May—Brazilians huddled with livestock in shelters, paddled swollen rivers in search of food and complained that government aid was slow to arrive in a vast region stricken by some of the worst rainfall and flooding in two decades.

Authorities reported at least 32 deaths from drowning and mudslides and said more than 200,000 people have fled swamped, ramshackle homes. Rain continued to fall across a huge swath stretching from the Amazon jungle to the northeastern Atlantic coast, and meteorologists predicted the bad

weather could last for weeks.

Rivers were rising as much as a foot (30 centimetres) a day in the hardest hit state of Maranhao. The surging torrents wrecked bridges and made it too dangerous for relief workers to take boats onto some waterways. "There are some places where the water is so high that not even a boat can get to people," said army Lt Ivar Araujo, the commander of 200 soldiers trying to help two towns where tiled roofs barely poked above swirling waters and hundreds of people packed into gyms and schools on higher ground.—*Internet*

Korean Air says quarterly loss widens on weak won

SEOUL, 7 May—Korean Air Lines Co said Thursday its first quarter net loss widened as weakness in the South Korean won drove up costs denominated in dollars.

Korean Air lost 526.3 billion won (\$413 million) in the three months ended 31 March, the company said in a statement. Korean Air posted a net

loss of 325.5 billion won a year earlier.

The result marked the sixth straight quarterly loss for South Korea's largest airline. Among passenger airlines, Korean Air is also the world's biggest carrier of international commercial cargo.

Korean Air spokeswoman Lee Ji-hye said that weakness in the South

Korean won hit the company's bottom line by increasing costs it has in dollars, such as servicing its foreign debt and paying for fuel. The South Korean currency traded 32 percent lower against the dollar on average in the first quarter of 2009 compared with the same period last year, according to Bank of Korea data.—*Internet*

**IMF says Asia need to wait for sustained
economic recovery**

SINGAPORE, 7 May—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said here on Wednesday that a sustained economic recovery in Asia will have to wait.

The IMF has forecast that the global economy will not recover before the middle of 2010, and the economy in the whole of Asia will grow 1.3 per cent this year before expanding 4.3 per cent in 2010.

The IMF said that in order for Asia

to return to pre-crisis growth rates, the region may need to rebalance growth away from exports and toward domestic demand.

Authorities will need to maintain foreign exchange liquidity, and where necessary draw on the IMF's new flexible credit line, which provides qualified countries with upfront assistance with no attached policy conditions, said the IMF.

MNA/Xinhua



A/H1N1 flu likely to return to US next winter

LOS ANGELES, 7 May — The current outbreak of A/H1N1 flu virus, previously known as swine flu, is likely to return to the United States after subsiding during the summer months, the Health Day News reported on Wednesday.

That return could come with a vengeance, or not, the report quoted experts as saying.

So far, some of the most affected nations have been in North America and Europe, but the flu, like the regular seasonal flu, is spreading more easily in the winter, the report said.

In North America, the summer should slow down the spread of H1N1 flu, neither viruses nor bacteria survive well at temperatures above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, according to experts.

“We can’t actually be certain, but there likely will be a reemergence,” Len Horovitz, a pulmonary specialist with Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, said. “We’re seeing this virus at

a time that is usually the end of the flu season, so you would expect, because the flu virus is hardier in cold weather, that there will probably be a return.”

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Amazon unveils large screen wireless reading device

NEW YORK, 7 May — Amazon, the world’s largest online retailer, introduced on Wednesday a large screen version of its wireless reading device designed for newspapers, magazine and academic periodicals.

Kindle DX, the latest generation of Amazon’s Kindle e-reader family, has a large 9.7 inch electronic paper display and storage for up to 3,500 books. Selling for 489 US dollars, the device will ship this summer. The original Kindle sells for 359 dollars.

With 2.5 times the size of the Kindle display, Kindle DX has more area for graphic-rich content such as professional and personal documents, newspapers and magazines, and textbooks, Amazon said in a statement. The display is large enough that customers can read “without scrolling, panning, or zooming, and without re-flowing, which destroys the original structure of the document,” Jeff Bezos, founder and CEO of Amazon, said in a letter to customers.—Internet

Studies say ‘hobbit’ previously unknown species

PARIS, 7 May — The tiny ancient humans dubbed hobbits, whose remains were discovered on an Indonesian island in 2003, were a previously unknown species altogether, according to two new studies.

Debate has raged in the scientific community since the fossils were found on the island of Flores, with some experts insisting they were descended from Homo erectus and others saying evolution could not account for their small brains.

About a metre (three feet) tall and weighing 30 kilos (65 pounds), the tiny, tool-making hunters may have roamed the remote island as recently as 8,000 years ago. Their fossils are about 18,000 years old.

Many scientists have



A handout photo shows an artist's impression released by the University of Wollongong, south of Sydney, showing a human species discovered by Australian and Indonesian scientists on the Indonesian island of Flores. —INTERNET

said Homo floresiensis, as the creature is now formally known, was a prehistoric human stunted by natural selection over millennia through a

process called insular dwarfing.

Others countered that even this evolutionary shrinking, well documented in island-bound animals, could not account for the chimpanzee-sized brain — just a third the size of that in a modern human being. The only plausible explanation, they insisted, was that the handful of specimens found had a genetic disorder resulting in an abnormally small skull or that they suffered from “dwarf cretinism” caused by deficient thyroids. Two new studies in the British journal Nature go a long way toward settling the debate.

A team led by William Jungers of Stony Brook University in New York tackled the problem by analysing the hobbit’s foot.—Internet

WHO confirms 1,893 human A/H1N1 cases worldwide

GENEVA, 7 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday confirmed a total of 1,893 human infection cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus from 23 countries, including 31 deaths. Mexico, the epicenter of the outbreak, has reported 942 laboratory-confirmed human cases of infection, including 29 deaths. The United States has reported 642 laboratory-confirmed human cases, including two deaths, the UN agency said in a latest update.

The following governments have reported laboratory-confirmed cases with no deaths: Austria (1), Canada (165), Hong Kong, China (1), Colombia (1), Costa Rica (1), Denmark (1), El Salvador (2), France (5), Germany (9), Guatemala (1), Ireland (1), Israel (4), Italy (5), the Netherlands (1), New Zealand (5), Portugal (1), the Republic of Korea (2), Spain (73), Sweden (1), Switzerland (1) and Britain (28). Meanwhile, a WHO official said on Wednesday that an expert committee of the agency would meet next week to discuss issues related to the production of A/H1N1 vaccine.—Internet

Four new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Britain

LONDON, 7 May — Four new cases of the A/H1N1 flu cases were confirmed on Wednesday in Britain, bringing the total number to 32 in the country. The Department of Health announced on Wednesday that the four new cases are all adults associated with travel to Mexico. The infected adults are all from different parts of England.

To date, 28 of the 32 confirmed cases in Britain are from England while Scotland has four.

“It is right that we are preparing for the possibility of a global pandemic. The UK’s arrangements are con-

tinuing to ensure that we are well-placed to deal with this new infection,” said a statement from the Department of Health.

Five schools in the country have been closed

after some students attending the schools have been tested positive. Three of the schools are in London, and two are in southwest of the country.—Internet

S Korea confirms 3rd patient of Influenza A/H1N1

SEOUL, 7 May — South Korean government on Thursday confirmed the nation’s third patient of Influenza A/H1N1.

According to the Korea Center for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC), a 62-year-old woman was found to have been infected with the H1N1

virus after returning from a recent trip to the United States.

South Korea confirmed a 51-year-old nun as the country’s first patient of Influenza on 28 April and identified another nun, who escorted the first patient that has visited Mexico from an international airport to their abbey, as the second case on Tuesday.

The third case was reportedly on the same plane as the first patient diagnosed. She has been quarantined and treated with anti-viral drugs at a state-designated hospital, the KCDC said.

The third patient will be discharged from the hospital Thursday since she is no longer showing symptoms of the epidemic, the KCDC said.—Internet

Sweden confirms its first A/H1N1 flu case

STOCKHOLM, 7 May — Swedish health officials on Wednesday confirmed the country’s first case of A/H1N1 influenza in a woman who recently returned from the United States.

A woman in her 50s in the Stockholm area fell ill for three days with mild flu symptoms after returning from the United States. She quickly recovered without needing medical treatment, the Swedish Institute for Infectious Disease Control (SMI) said in a statement.

The SMI said tests conducted by its virological laboratory confirmed she was infected with the A/H1N1 virus.

Stockholm’s health authority said Sunday people who had been in close contact with her had been receiving antiviral treatment.

Internet



A waitress walks by as people have breakfast in a restaurant in Mexico City on 6 May, 2009. The Mexican capital began to stir back to life on Wednesday with the streets again clogged with traffic and taco vendors working the sidewalks after authorities lifted a five-day shutdown to try to contain the deadly H1N1 flu.

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SPORTS

Tennis champ Ivanovic stunned by Radwanska

ROME, 7 May — French Open champion Ana Ivanovic produced a maddeningly inconsistent display as she was stunned by Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 at the WTA Rome claycourt International on Wednesday.

World number one Dinara Safina almost joined Ivanovic on the scrap-heap but she fought back from a double break down in the third set to beat Chinese 14th seed Zheng Jie 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3). Fifth seed Ivanovic had a disastrous start but she regrouped and seemed to be cruising into the quarter-finals at 4-0 up in the third set after a run of winning 10 out of 13 games.—Internet



French Open champion Ana Ivanovic, produced a fractured display as she was stunned by Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 at the WTA Rome claycourt International on Wednesday.

INTERNET

Hiddink slams ref as Chelsea players cry conspiracy

LONDON, 7 May — Guus Hiddink admitted he could understand why his players had cried 'conspiracy' after a string of controversial refereeing decisions denied Chelsea a place in the Champions League final. Andres Iniesta's stoppage-time equaliser earned Barcelona a scarcely-deserved 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday evening and sent the Catalans into a final meeting with Manchester United on the away goals rule.

Hiddink admitted his side, who had performed with superb discipline in the goalless first leg and gone ahead in the tie through a stunning Michael Essien strike, had contributed to their own downfall by failing to take the chances they had to kill the match. But that did not stop him from branding the performance of Norwegian official Tom Henning Ovrebo - who turned down a string of strong penalty appeals by Chelsea - as the worst he had seen in his long coaching career.—Internet



Chelsea's Jose Bosingwa (left) vies for the ball with Barcelona's Seydou Keita during the second leg UEFA Champions League semi-final football match at Stamford Bridge in London.—INTERNET

Guardiola relishing United showdown

LONDON, 7 May — Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola is anticipating a classic Champions League final when his side take on Manchester United in Rome later this month. Guardiola will spend the next three weeks studying videos of United's recent performances, including last year's semi-final victory over Barca, in an attempt to finesse his tactics for the final.

But he vowed there would be no fundamental change from the approach that has seen his side score 147 goals in all competitions this season. "We won't change our approach, which is take the ball, move the ball and try to create chances."

Internet



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INTERNET

Drogba faces rap over ref confrontation

LONDON, 7 May — Didier Drogba could be facing a lengthy ban from European football after angrily confronting Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo at the end of Chelsea's controversial Champions League semi-final second leg match with Barcelona here on Wednesday.—Internet



Chelsea's Didier Drogba (L) vies for the ball against Barcelona's Yaya Toure during the second leg UEFA Champions League semi-final football match at Stamford Bridge in London. Drogba could be facing a lengthy ban from European football after angrily confronting Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovrebo at the end of Chelsea's controversial Champions League semi-final second leg match with Barcelona.—INTERNET

United hold no fears for old boy Hughes

LONDON, 7 May — Manchester City coach Mark Hughes says he has no fears about facing his former side Manchester United on Sunday, despite having seen them crush Arsenal in the Champions League semi-finals.

United produced a vintage display to win 3-1 at the Emirates Stadium on Tuesday night, thereby securing a 4-1 aggregate victory, but former United hero Hughes says his side will approach the derby in high spirits. "Irrespective of who we are up against on the pitch on Sunday, it's about us being positive," he told the club's website on Wednesday.



Manchester City coach Mark Hughes.

"We are going there in good heart and with confidence. We have won our last four games and you have to go to Old Trafford in the belief you can get something out of it. We are in good shape." Hughes admitted to being impressed by United's disposal of Arsenal but revealed he was just as concerned by the personnel sitting in the dug-out.—Internet

Van Basten out as coach at Ajax

THE HAGUE, 7 May — Marco van Basten has stood down as coach of Ajax after failing to guide the Dutch giants into next year's Champions League, the club announced Wednesday on its website.

The former star striker for the Dutch national side "had reached the conclusion that he had failed to achieve the goals he had set at the start of the season and that he would be unable to do any better next season," a club statement said.

The 44-year-old took over at his former club last July after being Dutch national coach for four years, notably at the 2006



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INTERNET

World Cup finals and Euro 2008.

Internet

Japan reign supreme in AFC Champions League

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 May — Nagoya Grampus became the fourth Japanese team to make the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on Wednesday, while Newcastle Jets kept Australian hopes alive.

Yoshizumi Ogawa scored twice as Nagoya beat South Korea's Ulsan Hyundai 4-1, ensuring they secured top spot in Group E with 11 points from five games, five ahead of Ulsan and Newcastle, who eased past Beijing Guoan 2-1.

Defending champions Gamba Osaka, who kept their 100 percent record intact with a 1-0 win over China's Shandong Luneng, have already qualified for the knockout stage, along with Kawasaki Frontale and Kashima Antlers.

Internet



Japan's Nagoya Grampus forward Davi (top-C) fights the high ball against South Korea's Ulsan Hyundai defender (bottom-C) during the Group E round of the Asia Champions League in Nagoya, Aichi prefecture.—INTERNET

**Asleep in Jesus****Dr Saw Ba Tun Kyi (Age 71)**

Dr Saw Ba Tun Kyi, Son of the late Saw PoTu (retired Deputy Inspector General of Police) and the late Daw Daisy, beloved husband of Dr Katherine Thet Gyi, father of Sean, Sandy, Saunders, brother of Daw Molly Moh - Saw Gilkey Moh, the late Lt.Col Saw Tun Hla Aung Tu - Daw Joyce, Saw Ba Hla Tun Tin Tu - Naw Peggy, Daw Mitzi Tu - U Aung Lwin and Daw Mette Tu, uncle of 22 nieces and nephews was called to his heavenly home at 10:38 pm on 6 May 2009 at Philadelphia, USA.

Bereaved family**ASEAN-EU agree to halt FTA talks**

JAKARTA, 7 May—Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu disclosed that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and European Union (EU) have agreed to postpone talks on the free trade agreement (FTA), the *Jakarta Post* daily reported Thursday. She said on Wednesday that the decision to halt the talks was made at the ASEAN Meeting of Economic Ministers held in Siem Reap, Cambodia between May 4 and 5. “The ministers agree to temporarily halt talks with the EU, while in the meantime trying to find common ground that both parties can agree on,” she said.

According to Mari, there is a difficulty on the part of the EU to resume the FTA negotiation with the ASEAN. The planned FTA is part of the EU’s effort to catch up with its economic powerhouse rivals in gaining better political and economic footing in Southeast Asia.—MNA/Xinhua



An orangutan inspects at one of the paintings it has created, which will be auctioned to raise money for its zoo in Heidelberg, southwestern Germany.—INTERNET

MRTV-3**Programme Schedule
(8.5.2009) (Friday)****Transmissions****Times**

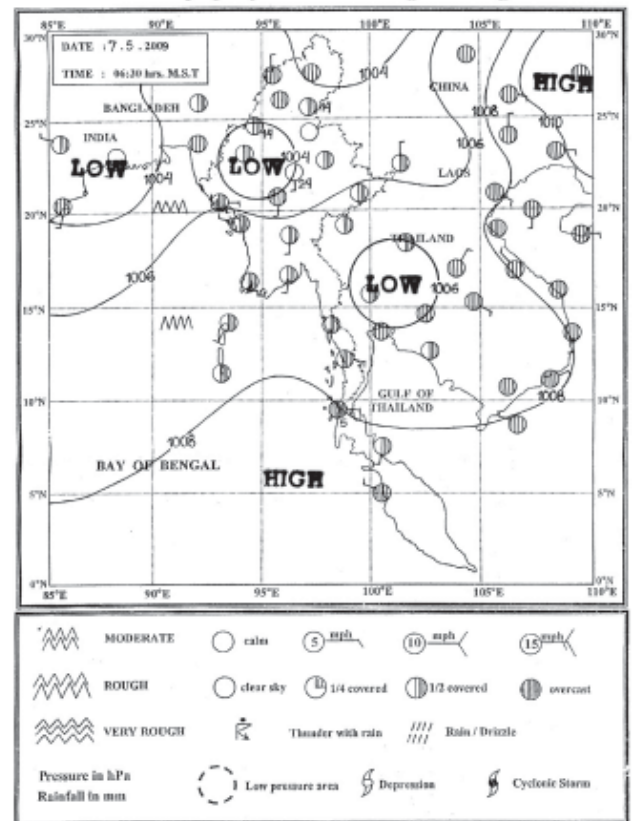
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Nyaung Yethun Festival
- * Beauty of Myanmar Women’s Costume in Twelve Seasons (Kason)
- * Four Greatest Places of Lord Buddha “Lumbini-Birth place of Buddha”
- * Let’s Decorate with Emchanting Toys!
- * Bottled Buddha Image
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * The Art of Sculpture from Sagyin Hill
- * Kengtung Waterfall
- * From Yangon to the Peak of Mt. Victoria
- * Cluster of Dams benefit Agriculture and Power Generation
- * Innwa Ancient Capital
- * Myanmar Traditional Food “Pone Ye Gyi”
- * Mandalay General Hospital gets New five-story Building
- * Traditional Pagoda Festivals of Mrauk U
- * Masterpiece of Myanmar Artists
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Nyaung Yethun Festival
- * Beauty of Myanmar Women’s Costume in Twelve Seasons (Kason)
- * Four Greatest Places of Lord Buddha “Lumbini-Birth place of Buddha”
- * Let’s Decorate with Emchanting Toys!
- * Bottled Buddha Image
- * Honourable Composer Myoma Nyein “ Royal Palace ”
- * Variety Dances of Marionette: “Dance of the Zawgyee”
- * Everyone has a life
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas****WEATHER****Thursday, 7 May, 2009****Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:**

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Shwebo and Monywa (42°C) each, Myingyan, NyaungU and Pyay (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phyarpon (1.22) inches, Mandalay (0.95) inch and Taunggyi (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-5-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 7-5-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-5-2009 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 6-5-2009 was (9.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 7-5-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (0.35) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (2.40) inches at Mingaladon, (3.62) at Kaba-Aye and (5.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from West at (16:15) hour MST on 6-5-2009.

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 8th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon 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 thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Friday, 8 May
View on today****7:00 am**

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြား တော်မူသောဥပသုတ္တံပဋိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning news

7:40 am

3. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့၊ တွဲဖက်အကျိုးဆောင် ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အင်းစိန်မြို့နယ်၊

ရွာမပရိယတ္တိစာသင်တိုက် ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီးလောက ဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူသော “ကဆုန်လပြည့်ဗုဒ္ဓနေ့” တရားတော်

8:00 am

4. Religious songs

8:20 am

5. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်သံစုံတီးဝိုင်း ဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှု

8:30 am

6. International news

8:45 am

7. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:25 pm

3. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:35 pm

4. Religious songs

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေး အသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:00 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:20 pm

8. Musical programme

5:30 pm

9. ကမ္ဘာ့ကြက်ခြေနီနေ့တေးများ

5:40 pm

10. ကဆုန်လပြည့်နေ့တေးများ

5:50 pm

11. ကုသိုလ်ပန်းဝေသွန်းညောင်ရေ

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ”(အပိုင်း-၂၁)

20. သီချင်းချစ်သူ

21. သီတဂူဆရာတော်အရှင်ဉာဏိ

- သာရဇာကဆုန်လပြည့်ဗုဒ္ဓနေ့

- တရားတော် (သံဝေဇနိယ

- လေးဌာန) (ဖွားပွင့်၊ဟော၊စံ)

21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး

- ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

- ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



Kachin State dwellers have to relay duties to restore security, peace and rule of law from one generation to another

Prime Minister visits Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project in Momauk Township.—MNA

Tarpein (1) Hydropower Project is being implemented based on water sources of Tarpein River. The dam is of concrete type. It is 672 feet long and 151 feet high. Its catchment area is 2400 square miles and generating capacity is 240 megawatts. Upon completion of the project, 1065 million kilowatt hours will be produced per year.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein explains use of bio-battery to departmental officials in Putao.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 7 May — Prime Minister General Thein Sein met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders of the townships of Putao District at Phonkanrazi Hall in Putao at 8 am yesterday.

Also present were Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

Putao District PDC Chairman U Khin Maung Win reported on health, education, social, agricultural and regional development affairs of the district.

Next, Minister for Communications, Posts

Early word recognition key to lifelong reading skills

LEICESTER, 7 May — Children's early reading experience is critical to the development of their lifelong reading skills, a new study from the University of Leicester has discovered.

It found that the age at which we learn words is key to understanding how people read later in life.

The study addresses a 20-year riddle: When researchers investigate reading behaviour in children

they find different patterns. Some researchers have found children's reading mimics that of adults, but others have seen a different pattern of reading behaviour. Psychologists have struggled for twenty years to offer a convincing explanation for why different studies looking at the same topic have found such different results.

Now research by Dr Tessa Webb in the School of Psychology at the University of Leicester sheds new light on the subject by taking into account the age at which words are learnt.—Internet



Children's early reading experience is critical to development of their lifelong reading skills.

Significant day temperature

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