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Prime Minister meets state and division law officers

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May— Prime Minister General Thein Sein met the state and division level law officers at the meeting hall of the office of the Attorney-General here and explained matters on law affairs at 3 pm today.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye

and division level judges and law officers, deputy directors and assistant directors.

In his address, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that it is known to all that the government is making efforts day in, day out for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, adding that legislative, executive and judicial pillars are of paramount importance for a nation, and nation-building endeavours have to be carried out through

pillar is indispensable like the legislative and executive pillars, and the law is a rule or discipline of a nation. It is incumbent upon the administrative body to supervise the rule or discipline for each citizen to abide by, he noted.

The Prime Minister said that only when there is prevalence of law and order will there be security and peace, and only if there is security and peace will the building of a developed nation be possible. Therefore, the



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offices are largely engaged in giving advice over filing a suit, judging civil law cases of the government bodies and criminal cases as well as assessing criminal cases to be filed whether they are in accord with law or not in addition to administrative and staff affairs, he added.

He said that the law officers have to discharge duties in line with the 2001 attorney-general laws and bylaws and other existing laws. Therefore, they are the ones who play an important role in the right and smooth running of
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Maung, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, the Deputy Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney-General, the Supreme Court judges, heads of department, directors-general of the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General's Office, heads of office, deputy directors-general, directors, the state

the practice of the three main pillars.

All are to be well aware of the fact that when the three main pillars are strong the nation is strong, and when they become less strong and so does the nation, thereby leading to the loss of sovereignty, he said.

Out of the three branches, the judicial

law staff and judicial staff play a pivotal role in the process of building a nation.

He added that out of law officers of the Attorney-General's Office and the law offices at different levels, law officers of the Attorney-General's Office are those who have not only to draft laws and bylaws but also to give

advice on law to the government bodies assessing the international, regional and economic deed of agreement. Besides, they have to engage in such affairs as court prosecuting, filing a suit and administration, he said.

The law officers in the execution of duties at the state, division, district and township law

Law officers need to study the constitution thoroughly. Only then, will they be able to carry out law-related work and give legal advice in line with the constitution.



PERSPECTIVES

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Build more roads and bridges for easy and smooth transport

In its drive for easy and smooth transport, the government has been building new Union highways, river-crossing bridges and railways. The Pyapon-Kyongadun-Daw Nyein-Ahmar, the Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway, the Kyaukse-Phyaukseikpin-Yeywa-Pyinsa-PyinOoLwin, the Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar highways and the Ayeyawady river-crossing bridge (Sinkhan) project on the Katha-Bhamo railway, the Sittway-An-Minbu railway project and the Thayu (Pepadon) bridge project are going to be implemented soon.

The Pyapon-Kyongadun-Dawnyein-Ahmar road 51 miles and five furlongs long, one of the road network development projects in Ayeyawady delta region, is going to be upgraded from an earthen road to a tarred road.

The Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar road, 38 miles and five furlongs long on completion, will provide an easy access to the coastal regions and timely prevention of loss and damage from natural disasters.

For economic, social and educational development of the people living in the Union, the government is extending the construction of roads. The new Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway road will have fewer rises and falls than the currently existing one and, when completed, it will shorten the distance between Nay Pyi Taw and Magway. Not only that, it will contribute to further development of the regions along the road.

The railway and motorway bridge (Sinkhan) to be built on the Katha-Bhamo road in Upper Myanmar is to span the Ayeyawady river. This bridge will enable people in Myitkyina and Bhamo to travel to other states and divisions easily.

We believe that emergence of new roads and bridges will contribute to easy and smooth transportation of goods and passengers and further development of the Union.

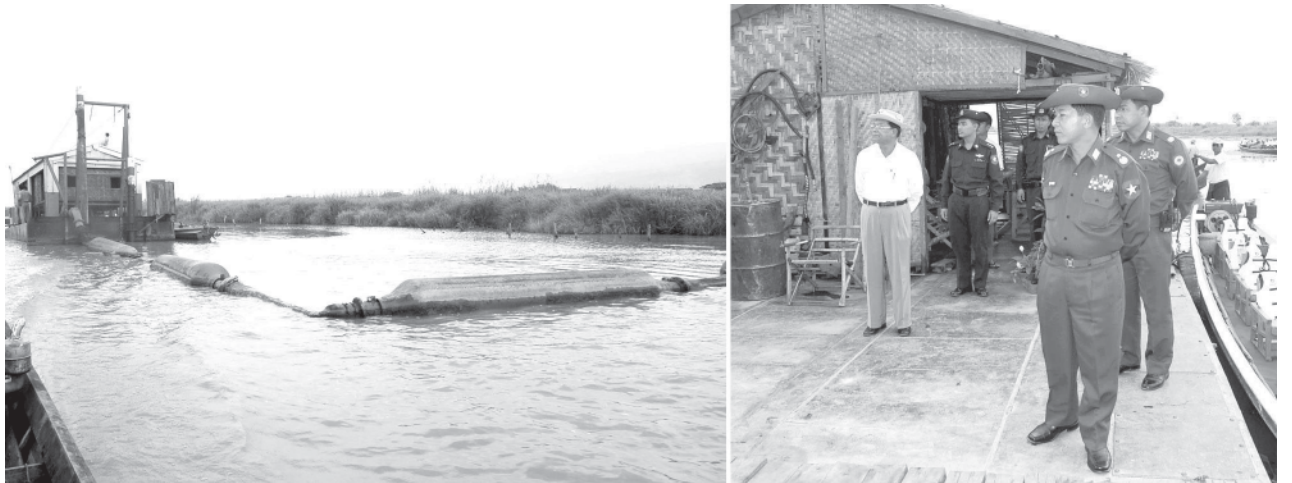
Secretary of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Hla Wady reads out the EC report for the year 2008-2009 at the 14th MWEA Annual General Meeting in Yangon on 9 May, 2009. (News reported)—UMFCCI



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

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects development tasks in Taunggyi



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects dredging of Inle Lake.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence met with responsible personnel of the supervisory committee of Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi and called for achieving the targets of the industrial zone.

Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited the industrial zone. At the briefing hall of the zone, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on stock piling of materials for the foundry of the industrial zone, preparation for the extension of the foundry and manufacturing vehicles and agricultural machinery.

During the visit, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected the production of fertilizer, edible oil and

agricultural machinery at the industrial zone.

On his visit to the livestock breeding zone at Tilaw Village in Nyaungshwe Township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on reclamation in the township.

In Nyaungshwe, the director of the Irrigation Department reported on conservation of Inle Lake and greening of the environs of the 20-mile radius of Inle Lake and conservation of forest and wildlife.

After the meeting, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected dredging the lake.

In the afternoon, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited the integrated farming of Farmer U Aik Sam in Tilaw Village and inspected farming and breeding work and production of bio-gas with the use of waste materials. — MNA

Ministry of Culture holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Culture was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning with an address by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin

Aung Myint.

After addressing the meeting, the minister heard reports presented by the directors-general on work carried out by their departments over the resolutions of the previous meetings and future tasks, the rectors of Universities of National Culture and Arts (Yangon) and (Mandalay) on staff and academic matters, those in charge of libraries and libraries in the states and divisions on general matters.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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Best sportsman, sportswoman and coach awarded for 2008

YANGON, 11 May — The Myanmar Olympic Committee and the Myanmar Sports Writers Federation held a ceremony to award the Sportsman and Sports Woman of the Year 2008 and the Best Coach of the Year 2008 at Chatrium Hotel on 9 May evening, attended by Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

President of the federation Dr Tin Tun Oo explained the prize presentation and selection of awards.

Wushu athlete Aung Sithu won the Sportsman of the Year 2008, archer Ma Aung Hngein the Sports Woman of the Year 2008 and chief coach of rowing WOWin Pe the Best Coach of the Year 2008. Footballer Yazar Win Thein secured the special honorary award.

The minister presented cash awards to the winners. Dr Tin Tun Oo also gave cash awards to the winners.

President Dr Tin Tun Oo and Vice-President U Ye Htut Tin accepted K 6.3 million donated by 15 wellwishers.

The best sportsman and sports woman and the best coach spoke words of thanks, and the dinner was hosted to those present. — MNA



No prison for contractor who killed Afghan

ALEXANDRIA, 11 May—A US judge has given a probationary sentence to an Army contractor who admitted shooting an Afghan man who had set a female colleague on fire. Don Michael Ayala must spend five years on probation and pay a fine, *Stars and Stripes* reported.

US District Judge Claude Hilton found that the victim “did provide provocation and would have provided provocation for anyone who was there at the time.” Paula Loyd,

who worked with Ayala in Afghanistan, died at an Army hospital in Texas in January 2009, two months after she was burned by liquid that had been set on fire. Ayala, a former US Ranger, and Loyd were working with an Army Human Terrain Team 50 miles from Kandahar at the time of the attack. Mike Rich, a federal prosecutor, argued for a custodial sentence. “While his actions are understandable, they are not excusable,” Rich said. “Defen-

dant Ayala simply knew better.”

The victim, Abdul Salam, was in handcuffs when he was shot, *The Times of London* said. He was a member of the Taliban posing as an ordinary Afghan and chatting with Loyd, an anthropologist, until he suddenly attacked her. Ranger, and Loyd were working with an Army Human Terrain Team 50 miles from Kandahar at the time of the attack.

Internet



Wreckage of a vehicle lies on the site of blast following a remote controlled bomb explosion in Dah Bala district of Nangarhar Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 10 May, 2009. Eight Afghan civilians were killed by a remote controlled bomb explosion, said police officials in Nangarhar Province.—INTERNET



People check the damage on a vehicle after a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Afghan double suicide attack kills seven, wounds 20

KANDAHAR, 11 May—A double suicide bomb attack killed seven people and wounded 20 in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, an official said. The majority of casualties were police and army units responding to the initial attack.

The first suicide bomber was on a motorbike detonated his explosives near a taxi stand and police checkpoint in the town of Gereshk in Helmand Province, the world’s largest poppy-growing region and the country’s most violent province, said Dawood Ahmadi, the governor’s spokesman.

Helmand deputy provincial police chief Kamaluddin Khan said when police and army units responded to the scene, a second suicide bomber on foot detonated his explosives, causing a majority of the casualties.

The blasts killed seven people — four security forces and three civilians — and wounded 20 people, Ahmadi said. A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yusef Ahmadi, claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Taliban militants have increased their attacks the last three years as the country’s insurgency has turned increasingly bloody.—Internet

Villagers look for the bodies of victims of airstrikes under the rubble in destroyed mudbrick houses in the village of Garni in Afghanistan, on 6 May. The US military on Friday said accusations that their air strikes had killed more than 100 people including dozens of civilians were “grossly exaggerated”, as investigators returned from the stricken area.—INTERNET

Iran criticizes Britain, Saudi Arabia over anti-Iran positions

TEHERAN, 11 May—An Iranian lawmaker criticized the recent anti-Iran positions of Britain and Saudi Arabia, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Sunday.

Iran’s Parliament (Majlis) National Security and Foreign Policy Commission speaker Kazem Jalali criticized “Britain’s stand on Iran’s nuclear programme as well as Saudi Arabia’s inappropriate measure to fingerprint Iranian pilgrims,” the report said.

“Such measures facilitate the Iranophobia project hatched by Israel,” Jalali was quoted by *IRNA* as saying. He warned Saudi Arabia that “Majlis would make strategic decisions on this issue in due time,” calling on certain Arab states “not to act as a puppet in Israel’s hands”. Such countries should take into account Iran’s powerful position in both the world and the region, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Concerns white phosphorus used in Afghan battle

KABUL, 11 May—Doctors voiced concern over “unusual” burns on Afghan villagers wounded in an already controversial US-Taliban battle, and the country’s top human rights groups said on Sunday it is investigating the possibility white phosphorus was used.

The American military denied using the incendiary in the battle in Farah Province — which President Hamid Karzai has

said killed 125 to 130 civilians — but left open the possibility that Taliban militants did. The US says Taliban fighters have used white phosphorus, a spontaneously flammable material that leaves severe chemical burns on flesh, at least four times the last two years.

Using white phosphorus to illuminate a target or create smoke is considered legitimate under international law, but rights

groups say its use over populated areas can indiscriminately burn civilians and constitutes a war crime.

Afghan doctors told *The Associated Press* they have treated at least 14 patients with severe burns the doctors have never seen before. The villagers were wounded during last Monday’s battle in Farah Province.—Internet

Russian regional governor dies in helicopter crash

MOSCOW, 11 May—The governor of Russia’s Irkutsk region Igor Yesipovsky was killed in a helicopter crash on Sunday, a spokeswoman of the Russia’s Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The helicopter with Yesipovsky and four others on board crashed in the Irkutsk region, the *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted Irina Andrianova as saying. None survived the crash.

Sources with the Ministry’s Siberian Regional Center said the Bell helicopter did not reach its destination at the scheduled time after takeoff, and its burned wreckage was found in a national ethnic park alongside the Baikal lake in the Malyshhkino district, about 80 kilometres from Irkutsk, the capital city of the region.—Internet



Visitors view educational instruments for maths displayed at the 57th China National Exhibition of Educational Instruments held in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 10 May, 2009. More than 800 producers took part in the exhibition opened here on Sunday.—INTERNET

Scooters, motorcycle makers get stimulus shot

LOS ANGELES, 11 May—Sales of motorcycles and scooters shifted into high gear last year when gas prices soared. Then recession-wary consumers hit the brakes.

Now, like so many other industries, the makers of two-wheeled, fuel-efficient bikes are relying on tax breaks offered in the federal stimulus package and other incentives to get sales moving again, while easing gas consumption.

“Even before we quote the price, we tell people how much they can get off the bike,” said Jeff Bosco Biafore, a salesman at the San Jose Motorsport Scooter Center in Northern California.

Under the stimulus plan, the same provision that lets taxpayers deduct sales and excise taxes on the purchase of a new car or truck also applies to a motorcycle or scooter. They also can get a 10 percent federal tax credit if they buy plug-in bikes.

Before the federal incentives kicked in 17 February, California offered a \$1,500 rebate for certain electric scooters, but there were so many applications that funding for the \$1.8 million programme for alternative fuel vehicles ran out.

Recently, state air quality regulators approved an additional \$5 million in grants for plug-in cars and motorcycles. With a new job that stretched her commute from 10 to 40 miles a day, freelance film and television editor Cindy Parisotto says she is considering an electric scooter to reduce her commuting costs and carbon footprint.—Internet

Britain garment manufacturer moves operations to Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 11 May—A major garment manufacturer will move its product development centre from the United Kingdom to Cambodia, a sign, according to some experts, that despite the effects of the economic crisis, the Cambodian garment sector continues to remain internationally competitive, local media reported on Monday.

Britain company New Island Clothing is setting up “a high level standards product development center,” making the company one of the first to

conduct the whole garment-production process — from development to the placement of orders — in Cambodia, New Island General Manager Kevin Plenty was quoted by the *Cambodia Daily* as saying.

The company, which has been in Cambodia for nine years and produces up to 75,000 men's shirts per week, had decided to set up the center here because it makes “the whole production process quicker for our customers,” as the majority of materials come from the



A man is hugged by a relative as he is released from US custody in Tarmiyah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 May, 2009. Some 34 detainees were released by the US military in Tarmiyah on Sunday.—INTERNET

Oil falls to near \$58 on pullback from rally

SINGAPORE, 11 May—Oil prices fell to near \$58 a barrel on Monday in Asia as investors mulled whether weak US crude demand and bursting supplies justify building on the recent strong rally.

Benchmark crude for

June delivery was down 38 cents to \$58.25 a barrel by midday in Singapore, in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract rose \$1.92 to settle at \$58.63 a barrel, the highest level this year.

Oil prices have jumped this month from near \$50 as crude inves-

tors follow stock markets that have surged on expectations the worst of a severe recession is over.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2 percent on Friday while the Standard & Poors 500 index climbed 2.4 percent, adding to a dizzying 37.4 percent leap since early March.—Internet



The charred hulls of two Mercedes cars are seen, on 10 May, 2009, after flames from a wind-driven wildfire ravaged a home along Holly Road in the Mission Canyon area of Santa Barbara, California.—INTERNET

Samsung launches touch screen phones in India

NEW DELHI, 11 May—South Korean consumer products giant Samsung has for the first time launched full screen touch phones in India, manufactured at the company's production unit in satellite town Noida outside New Delhi.

“Samsung Star and Samsung Star 3G are significant additions to our full-touch screen mobile portfolio, featuring all the

essential functions in one single device. At Samsung, our effort is to deliver various full touch products for every consumer lifestyle,” Sunil Dutt, Country Head of Samsung Mobile Division, told the media on Monday.

The Samsung Star has a slim and compact body measuring 11.9mm and incorporating Samsung's TouchWiz User Interface

with one of the features called ‘Photo Contact’ enabling users to call the contact at the touch of an image. The phone is priced at 11,100 rupees (222 US dollars).

The Samsung Star 3G model allows users to browse internet with an accelerometer sensor for auto-rotation. The phone is priced at 14,499 (290 US dollars), the company official said.—Internet

Experts say GM bankruptcy almost inevitable

DETROIT, 11 May—For General Motors Corp, the task at hand is so difficult that experts say a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing is all but inevitable.

To remake itself outside of court, GM must persuade bondholders to swap \$27 billion in debt for 10 percent of its risky stock. On top of that, the automaker must work out deals with its union, announce factory closures, cut or sell brands and force hundreds of dealers out of business — all in three weeks.

“I just don't see how it's possible, given all of the pieces,” said Stephen J Lubben, a professor at Seton Hall University School of Law who specializes in bankruptcy.

Internet



Seven Colombian soldiers killed in rebel attack

BOGOTA, 11 May—At least seven Colombian soldiers were killed on Sunday in an attack by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) near its border with Ecuador, the army said.

The soldiers were patrolling the town of Samaneigo in Ecuador's border province of Narino when they were attacked by FARC militants. Seven soldiers were killed and three others were injured in the ambush, the army said.

The attack occurred after President Alvaro Uribe ordered government forces to halt a wave of violence in Narino where guerrillas and drug traffickers were fighting for the control of the land.

The FARC, Colombia's biggest rebel group, has been fighting government troops for more than 40 years.—Xinhua

A group of visitors enjoy the nocturnal sightseeing with elegant contour of special illuminating effect while boating on the West Lake, a leading Chinese tourist attraction nicknamed as Paradise on Earth in light of its natural beauty combined with the everlasting historical and cultural heritage, in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province on 9 May, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Venezuela's Chavez hails agricultural co-op with China

CARACAS, 11 May—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday hailed the agricultural cooperation with China aiming at boosting cereal production in the country. At present, two Chinese delegations are in the country to help diversify its agriculture in Barinas, a plain area in southeastern Venezuela.

Venezuela's agriculture has long been neglected as the nation was focusing on oil production in the past.

During his regular Sunday radio and television broadcast programme, Chavez thanked the Chinese agricultural experts and Chinese Ambassador to Caracas Zhang Tuo.

Under a Sino-Venezuela agreement, some 8.5 million dollars have been invested to rehabilitate 23 kilometres of irrigation canals from Barinas' Santo Domingo River.

The scheme allows 1,400 hectares to be planted with rice and maize, according to Americo Mata, the president of the National Rural Development Institute.

Xinhua

Gunmen kill nine in western Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 11 May—Gunmen killed nine people in three separate attacks in the western Mexican state of Michoacan on Saturday, local authorities said on Sunday.

According to the state attorney general's office, a group of hit men broke into a local ranch, shooting dead five employees as well as a bull and four horses.

Also on Saturday, three brothers were shot dead in the city of Zamora while another person was killed by gunmen in the city Arteaga. The motives for these attacks are still under investigation, the office said.

In the city of Cuernavaca, the federal anti-drug police on Sunday arrested 11 men and three women involved in alleged weapon smuggling and put them under house arrest for 40 days awaiting interrogation.

Xinhua

Exchange reserve to boost Asian confidence

BEIJING, 11 May — Asian nations recently reached an initial agreement on the establishment of a foreign-exchange reserve pool by year-end to revive investor confidence as economies around the region falter amid the worst global economic recession since World War II. Japan, Asia's largest economy, will contribute \$38.4 billion, 32 percent of the total reserve while the Chinese mainland and Hong Kong together will add a matching amount. South Korea's share will

be \$19.2 billion, or 16 percent. The Southeast Asian nations will contribute 20 percent of the total amount. The regional contingency fund will be used in times of turmoil, according to the 3 May agreement. A surveillance unit is to be set up to identify risks to the region and provide oversight of the \$120 billion foreign reserve fund.

Undoubtedly, the establishment of the first Asian foreign reserve pool in history will produce a range of positive effects on the

flagging regional economy against the backdrop of the global economic recession.

The establishment of the fund is expected to improve the capability of Asian countries to tackle the ongoing crisis and contribute noticeably to financial stability in the region. With such a blood pool-alike reserve fund in the right place, timely financial assistance can be offered to any crisis-stricken economy and help it to survive a breakdown.

Xinhua



A group of British bird-observers focus their apparatuses to watch the birds over the littoral everglade, at Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei Province, on 9 May, 2009. —XINHUA

China-Russia oil pipeline serves strategic goals of both sides

MOSCOW, 11 May—The construction of the China-Russia oil pipeline conforms with the strategic goals of China and Russia to diversify the

former's energy imports and latter's energy exports, Chinese Ambassador to Russia Liu Guchang has said.

The move reflects the

two countries' confidence and determination to tide over together the current global economic downturn, Liu said in a recent written interview with Xinhua on Sunday. The signing of a package of oil cooperation deals between China and Russia as well as the start of the oil pipeline project marked a major breakthrough in their energy cooperation, represented a new height of China-Russia strategic partnership of cooperation and further substantiate this partnership, Liu said.

Trade of crude via the pipeline will help stabilize and enhance the growth in bilateral trade, the diplomat added.

Xinhua



Paragliders fly over the city of Vlore during an annual Balkan competition, some 150 km (94 miles) from the capital Tirana, on 9 May, 2009.—XINHUA



Constructors work at a construction site of the Shanghai-Nanjing intercity railway in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 9 May, 2009. The construction of the railway, started on 1 July, 2008, has been going on smoothly.—XINHUA

Mexico's schools cleaned, ready to resume classes

MEXICO CITY, 11 May—Scoured and disinfected, most of Mexico's primary schools and kindergartens stood ready to welcome back millions of students on Monday after a nationwide shutdown ordered to help put a brake on the spread of swine flu. Children who turned up with symptoms of the illness would be turned away, education of-

ficials said. But it wasn't the countrywide restart that leaders had hoped for. Six of Mexico's 31 states put off reopening schools for another week amid a rise in suspected flu cases in some regions, and a seventh ordered a one-day delay. Some parents were worried about sending their children back so soon.

While Mexicans are

feeling a little more relaxed, the swine flu outbreak is continuing to spread around the globe, with international health authorities reporting more than 4,500 confirmed cases in 29 nations. There are 53 deaths tied to the virus — 48 in Mexico, three in the US, one in Canada and one in Costa Rica.

Internet

Putin to visit Japan with nuclear use, economic cooperation top on agenda

MOSCOW, 11 May—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin is to kick start a three-day visit to Japan on Monday, the first one since he took office as head of the Russian government. In a joint interview with major Japanese media published on government website on Sunday, Putin said the peaceful use of nuclear energy as well as economic cooperation in multiple spheres

will be brought onto agenda during his visit.

Putin said a number of intergovernmental agreements and important commercial contracts will be signed during his visit, while he is "planning to devote primary attention to trade and economic contacts."

Regarding Japan as a global leader of cutting-edge technologies in the 21st century, Putin said

Russia is looking forward to more cooperation with Japan in this direction, especially in the energy sector, such as hydrocarbon energy sources and nuclear power industry.

Putin confirmed that an intergovernmental agreement on the peaceful use of nuclear energy will be signed during his visit, and "at the moment our experts are completing this work."—Internet

Floods ease in Brazil, but 300,000-plus homeless

PEDREIRAS, 11 May—Floodwaters receded some in inundated towns across northern Brazil on Sunday, but the number of homeless rose above 300,000 and two people were missing after an overloaded canoe overturned in swift waters.

Forty deaths had been confirmed in northern Brazil's worst flooding in decades, fed by two months of unusually heavy rains in a zone stretching from deep in the Amazon to normally

arid areas near the Atlantic coast.

In Maranhao state, one of the worst affected regions, a small canoe capsized with seven people aboard on a river between the towns of Pedreiras and Trizidela do Vale. Two passengers were missing: a 54-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman.

"She knew how to swim, but it looks like the current was too strong," said Francisco Aguiar, an uncle of the missing

woman.

Police officers and firefighters were searching in motorboats, said Wallace Pires, an official with Brazil's national security force.

Emergency crews struggled to clear debris from highways blocked by landslides, seeking to open the way for desperately needed aid shipments. There have been widespread complaints that the government was too slow in delivering food and water.—Internet



People in traditional clothes erect a maypole in Grossgmain, Austria, following a century-old tradition, May Poles are set up on the first of May all over Austria.

NASA announces high school science programme

US high school students are being invited to aspire to INSPIRE, a NASA programme designed to attract them to science and technology fields.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said it will accept applications for the Interdisciplinary National Science Programme Incorporating Research Experience through 30 June. Final student selections will be announced in September.

"The selectees will participate in an online learning community in which students and parents have the opportunity to interact with their peers and NASA engineers and scientists," the space agency said, noting the programme "also provides appropriate grade level educational activities, discussion boards and chat rooms for participants and their families to gain exposure to the many career opportunities at NASA."

Boy, 10, Nails hole-in-one at NH golf course

Where does he go from here? A 10-year-old boy from North Hampton, NH, hit a hole-in-one while golfing with his father during the weekend. Ryan Quinn hit the 164-yard shot on Sunday at the Sagamore-Hampton Golf Club. Club pro Tyler Sanborn said until then, no one under age 20 had hit a hole-in-one there.

The fourth grader said he and his dad jumped up and down and yelled. He told the *Portsmouth Herald* he's taking the ball to school next week to show his classmates.

Smoking may rob kids of anti-oxidants

Children exposed to cigarette smoke have lower levels of anti-oxidants, which help the body defend against biological stresses, US researchers said.

Researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York looked at the levels of anti-oxidants vs the amount of smoke exposure in more than 2,000 children and teens ages 6 and 18 in the 2003-2004 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

The study, presented at the Pediatric Academic Society Meeting in Baltimore, showed that secondhand smoke exposure is associated with lower levels of anti-oxidants in children.

"We don't know enough yet to say that this group of children need supplements to make up for the anti-oxidants they're losing, but it's always wise to feed children an abundance of fruits and vegetables high in anti-oxidants and other healthy nutrients," Dr Karen Wilson said in a statement.



NEWS ALBUM



A seven-week-old bonobo baby hangs onto its' mother, Lisa, as she grooms another bonobo at the Cincinnati Zoo, in Cincinnati. The baby, whose gender is not yet known, does not yet have a name.

Spanish matador Javier Cortes performs with a Jose Vazquez ranch bull during a bullfight at Las Ventas bullring in Madrid, Spain.



Rural and urban areas of Shwedaung enjoy cumulative development in parallel

Article: Win Naing (Kyemon); Photos: Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)



The control tower and Shwedaung Dam.

On our recent tour of Bago Division (West) to write byline articles about regional development, our media team from the Kyemon Daily made trips to nearby regions, staying in Pyay. The first site we visited on the tour was Shwedaung Dam that



Chairman of Shwedaung Township PDC U Myint Lwin.

irrigates farmlands in Shwedaung Township.

Shwedaung Dam is on the Shwedaung Creek, about three miles east of Shwedaung. The earthen type dam is 51 feet high and 780 feet long, with the maximum water storage capacity of 5360 acre feet. Shwedaung Dam Project was put into action in 1988-89 and completed in 1991-92. The multipurpose dam has benefited agricultural farms since 1993.

The water supply projects that irrigate the farmlands in Shwedaung

Township on a large scale are Nat-hmaw River Water Pumping Project and Shwedaung Dam Project. When asked about the improvement in the agricultural sector of Shwedaung Township, Manager U Hla Myint of the Myanma Agriculture Service (Shwedaung Township Branch) said, "We grow various species of crops. The township's total sown acreage is more than 1.8 million acres, and we could exceed the target. This year, we grow over 70,000 acres of monsoon paddy, over 5000 acres of summer paddy, over 30,000 acres of edible oil crops, over 20,000 acres of beans and pulses, and we put the remaining acres under kitchen crops, vegetables and other crops, totalling more than 180,000 acres. The cultivation capacity has reached 204.38 per cent. Nowadays, local farmers grow Shwephyu species

Maymyo flower and they distribute it to Hpa-an and Kawkareik in addition to Yangon, so on average, a farmer earns 6 million to 7 million kyats a year. They also make huge profits on farming rose and watermelon. Such fruitful results are largely due to river water pumping stations, assistance of local authorities, and hard work of local farmers."

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Myint Lwin said, "Here, the common business is agricultural farming. With the supply of water from river water pumping stations and dams, per acre yields and output of crops are on the increase and local farmers have greater interest in the agricultural farming. So, they are now growing crops extensively. Regarding other businesses, there are some small-scale waving

enterprises in Kyeethe. The majority of the employees in textile, garment and finishing touch factories are local people. So, they have gained a lot of technological knowledge and job opportunities. We have set up many study centres and we run additional classes to raise the pass rates in the education sector. Up to now, we have established a rural library each in 297 villages to help local people broaden their horizons. And we are working hard to increase the number of self-reliant libraries. Our township has got two station hospitals and seven rural health care centres, and they give effective health care to local people."

To generate the development of a region, it is needed to improve the living standard of local people. In Myanmar, rural folks make up the majority

of the people. So, the government has placed emphasis on construction of infrastructural buildings in the education, health and transport sectors for rural development.

During our visit to Shwedaung Dam, we grabbed opportunities to learn the life of rural people. We witnessed that locals working hard in



Farmer U Aye Shwe.

their businesses, effectively using the facilities the government has built for regional development, to improve their living conditions.

Chairman of Kathittaing Village PDC U Ye Htut Oo said that the dam was in Kathittaing Village-tract comprising six villages; that the main business was agricultural farming; that two of the six villages had access to electricity; and that rural roads had been upgraded.

Farmer U Aye Shwe said that he had got five acres of paddy fields; that he grew summer paddy with the water from Shwedaung Dam; that previously, the only crop he could grow was monsoon paddy and the per acre yield of paddy was only around 50 baskets; that his farmland was over one mile from the dam and he grew paddy with the water from the tributary canal; and that thanks to the dam, he had been able to conduct the double-cropping pattern and earned greater profits, and the per acre paddy yield had increased to 60 to 80 baskets.

We also witnessed many paddy fields that were thriving due to the supply of water from the dam. Irrigation facilities are, indeed, the most fundamental factor for improving the living and working conditions of rural people.

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Paddy thrives in Shwedaung Township due to Shwedaung Dam.



Special projects designed to generate prosperous future of the nation

Kyaw Ye Min



The scale model of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.

(Continued from yesterday)

For the time being, the Ministry of Construction has four road projects and two bridge projects to implement. It will upgrade laterite Pyapon-Kyongadun-Daw Nyein-Ahmar road in addition to five roads under the road network plan in the delta into tarred ones. It will also build 35 miles and five furlongs long Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar Road. The roads will ensure smooth transport between interior regions and seaside regions and protect local people from natural disasters.

Apart from present Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi-Magway Road and Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk-Magway Road, it will build Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway Road, and on completion, the new road will be only 108 miles and four furlongs long. So, it will be shorter with less downhill and uphill slopes than the old one. Furthermore, it will contribute to the development of the areas along it.

And upon completion, Kyaukse-Phyaukseikpin-Yeywa-Pyinsa-PyinOoLwin shortcut will be only 47 miles and four furlongs long, and by then, materials can be transported easily to the factories in Kyaukse Industrial Zone and Yeywa Hydropower Project. It will be 12 miles shorter than present Kyaukse-Belin-Yeywa Road, and 12 miles and six furlongs shorter than Kyaukse-Mandalay-Pyinsa Road.

As to bridge projects, the ministry will construct Ayeyawady River bridge (Sinkhan) on Katha-Bhamo Railroad with two motorways and a railroad on it. Then, on the road will be an over 4725 feet long and 28 feet wide road bridge and a 7815 feet long and 14 feet wide railroad bridge along with two three-foot-wide walkways. So, there will soon be a new railroad-cum-road bridge linking the east bank and west bank of the Ayeyawady River in upper Myanmar. By then, Myitkyina and Bhamo of Kachin State will be able to enjoy swifter commodity flow to and from other states and divisions.

Another bridge project is Thayu (Pepadon) Bridge Project in Rakhin State. The railroad-cum-road bridge

Without any doubt, the special projects will be materialized as they will be implemented in harness on self-reliant basis by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

will be 425 feet long with a 24 feet wide motorway, a 14 feet wide railroad and two four-foot-wide walkways on it. The project will help step up the commodity flows between Rakhine State and other states and divisions.

With the green light given at meeting (1/2009) of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, the

Ministry of Electric Power (1) has implemented nine projects, and is implementing 35 projects. It is now waiting for the green light for Bawgata Hydropower Project.

Bawgata Hydropower Project will be implemented across the Bawga Creek, about 10 miles northeast of Kyaukkyi in Bago Division. On completion, the hydropower plant will be able to generate 500 million kilowatt hours a year with the generating power of 168 megawatts. The completed multipurpose dam projects are Zawgyi, Zaungtu, Thaphanseik, Mongchaung, Paunglaung, Yenwe Project, Khabaung, Kengtawng and Shweli (1).

Now, plans are ongoing to construct national grids and main power stations to transform the hydroelectricity from the hydropower plants to the electric power system. In like manner, the ministry is planning to construct pylons and sub-power stations at proportionate ratio to distribute the electricity from the power system to consumers.

The two ongoing grid projects are the project for relocation of Hlinethaya-Athoke 230 KV pylons across the Ayeyawady River (Gazindaw), and 36.34 miles

long Myaungmya-Labutta 66 KV Grid Project. Sub-power station projects include the project to install a 66 KV switch bay in 66 KV Myaungmya Power Station and Labutta 66/11 KV 10 MVA power station project. Now, the ministry is working hard to complete the projects on schedule.

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Kamanut-Myaungdaga 230 KV grid.



Special projects designed to generate prosperous future of the nation

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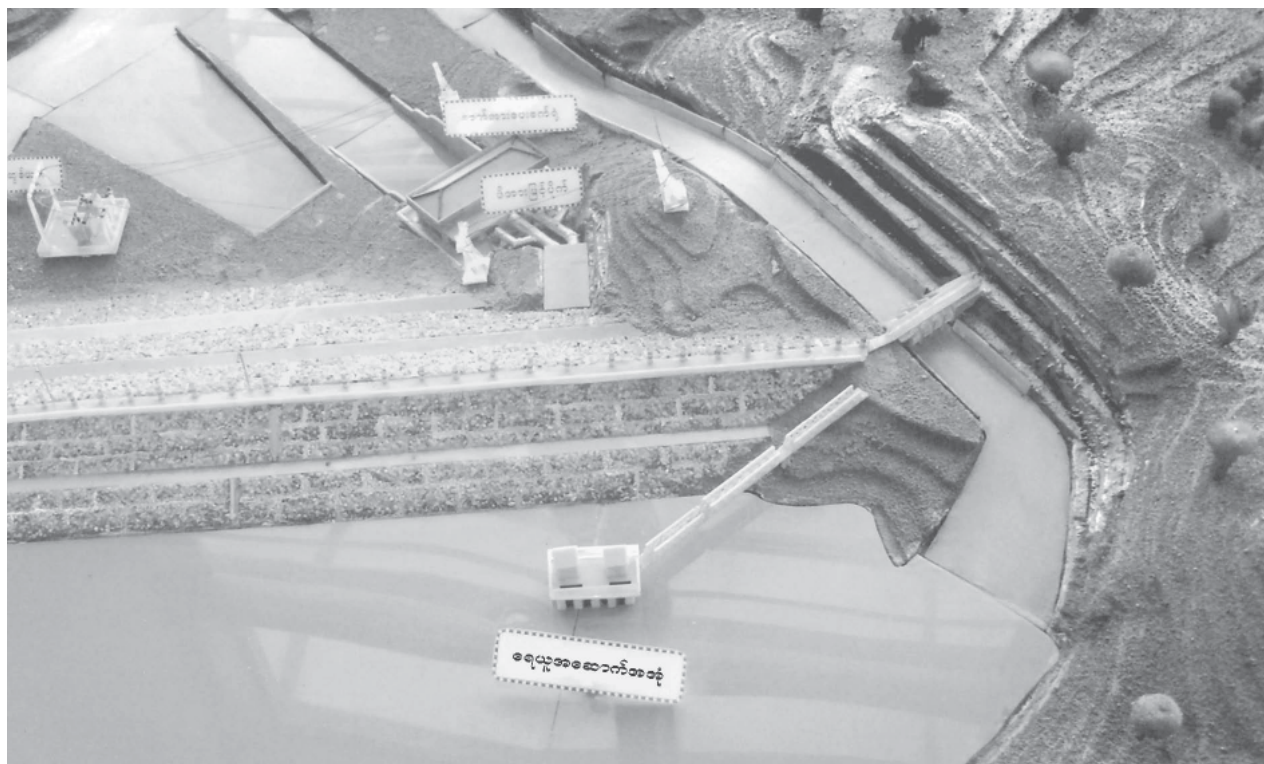
The 20 grid projects that have yet to be launched include Saidin-Buthidaung-Maungtaw 66 KV grid project, Saidin-Kansauk 66 KV grid project, Ahtet Buywa-Buywa 132 KV double grid project, Buywa-Tanyaung 132 KV double grid project, Tanyaung-Chauk 132 KV grid project, Tanyaung-Man 132 KV grid project, Nyaungbingyi-Chaungku (Pauk) 230 KV grid project, Chaungku (Pauk)-Pauk 66 KV double grid project, Chaungku (Pauk)-Kyaw 66 KV grid project, Thaphanseik-Hngetpyawdaing 132 KV grid project, Ahtet Hsedawgyi-Hsedawgyi 132 KV grid project, and Ahtet Yeywa-Shwesayan 230 KV grid project. The ministry has a plan to build 30 more main power stations.

And the generators of the gas-fired power stations in Yangon such as Hlawgar, Ywama, Ahlon and Thakayta and those in countryside townships such as Kyunchaung, Man and Shwedaung will be under major repairs soon.

As a special project, the Ministry of Transport is now implementing Nay Pyi Taw International Airport Project. On completion, Nay Pyi Taw International Airport will have a 12,000' x 100' runway, four 65' x 100' taxiways, four 550' x 100' taxiways, a 1200' x 1200' apron, an airport building, an airway control tower, and other related structures in addition to the present 12,000' x 200' runway. The construction of the structures will be carried out in three phases.

The special projects include those of the Ministry of Rail Transportation. Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad will link Minbu in Magway Division and Sittway in Rakhine State. Minbu is on Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Section. On completion, the railroad will be 257 miles long with tunnels and bridges and pass through Hsingaung, Padan, Natyaygantaung, An, Minbya, MraukU and Kyauktaw townships. Due to the project, local people of Rakhine State will be able to travel and transport commodities to any other region in the nation. So, that project will expedite all-round development of local people including the economic and social sectors. The railroad will have 51 stations and 1285 bridges along it, on completion.

The three locomotive factories under the Myanmar Railways: Insein Locomotive Factory, Ywa-htaung Diesel Locomotive Factory, and Myitnge Carriage Shed-cum-Factory will conduct major and minor repairs to the locomotives, produce locomotives,



The scale model of Shwegyin Hydropower Project in Bago Division.

replace expired locomotives with new ones, repair old carriages, and cargo wagons and produce new ones.

Now, Myanmar Railways is trying its best to complete the National Railway Network. As part of the drive, it is putting into action Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project, Katha-Bhamo Railroad Project, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad Project, Namsang-Kengtung Railroad Project and Dawei-Myeik Railroad Project.

All the special projects adopted at the meeting of the Special Projects Implementation Committee will be conducive to fulfilling the requirements of the

nation and helping generate a prosperous future of the nation and the people. In other words, the projects are the ones that can help achieve the goals of the nation and the people.

The prevailing conditions show that the nation is seeing considerable development due to the fact that the performances are proportionate to the objectives. The positive changes across the nation are in fact objective conditions and are undeniable. If one views the objective conditions of the nation as they really are, one can visualize the future of the nation clearly. All the issues including those for peace, stability and

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The first train leaves Okshitpin Station in inauguration of Okshitpin-Kanma Railroad Section on 22-3-2009.

development are the internal affairs with which the people will have to address. Clearly, the success the nation has achieved at the unprecedented level is largely due to the collaborative efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Without any doubt, the special projects will be materialized as they will be implemented in harness on self-reliant basis by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. The nation will have a promising future only if all the objectives have been brought to fruition. Therefore, I would like to exhort the people to strive collectively for accelerating the forthcoming special projects, regarding them as tasks intended to help chart a brighter future of the nation and the people.

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Only when there is prevalence of law and order...

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executive and legislative machinery. Meanwhile, they have to take the duties of ensuring amendment or appeals on assumption that a judgment or order or decision is not in accord with the law.

In addition to those duties, they are to deal with court proceeding when it is found that there should be an amendment to reports on criminal cases being filed by the prosecuting bodies.

Therefore, only if the law officers carry out duties and responsibilities assigned to them according to the Attorney-General laws, rules and regulations and other existing laws in parallel with the time will the administration of justice be smooth and fair. Only if they perform their duties and responsibilities in accordance with the laws, bylaws and rules and regulations and in parallel with the time, their organization will be the one that truly protects the interests of the State and the people.

The law officers should pay special attention to finding out the truth, passing an appropriate sentence to the culprit and preventing the loss of State funds and property.

It is necessary for the law officers to serve as a bridge between the plaintiff and the court by protecting the people in accordance with the law and without partiality and corruption.

The Prime Minister also urged the law officers to find out the truth and to regard their organization as a body that protects the State and public interests.

The Prime Minister also urged them to ensure that the culprits get the punishment they deserve and to protect the innocent against any kind of punishment.

The law officers should do the learning in order that they are well versed in their field and they will be able to protect the State and public interests.

It is necessary for the law officers to present their argument fully on behalf of the State with strong references to the laws and bylaws in order that the courts will be able to manage evidences and pass appropriate sentences.

It is also important for law officers to respect the following staff's code of ethics and disciplines in performing State duties.

- (1) Being loyal to the State
- (2) Following and respecting laws
- (3) Following and respecting orders, instructions and work-related rules and regulations
- (4) Serving the public interests
- (5) Performing duties and taking responsibilities in a sincere way

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(12) Dealing with clients in a polite way

It is necessary to use State property and budgets effectively in accord with the prescribed rules and regulations so as to effectively carry out duties and functions of the Attorney General's Office and law offices at different levels.

One important duty was that the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was approved and prescribed by 92.48 percent votes of the whole country in May, 2008. So, law officers need to study the constitution thoroughly. Only then, will they be

It is incumbent upon the administrative body to supervise the rule or discipline for every citizen to abide by.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets law officers from States and Divisions.

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The law officers should pay special attention to finding out the truth, passing an appropriate sentence to the culprit and preventing the loss of State funds and property.

For the law officers to be able to carry out their duties well, it is necessary for such organizations as Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation, Immigration Department, Customs Department, and Forest Department to work in coordination with the law officers and to act on their advice in parallel with the time.

In adopting, assessing and translating laws, bylaws, procedures and orders, law officers are required to do so in accordance with the basic principles upholding Our Three Main National Causes – non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In assessing international conventions, regional treaties, bilateral agreements and business contracts and in giving advice on them, law officers are to thoroughly learn not only domestic laws but also international laws and give sound advice in the best interests of the State.

- (6) Always trying to improve work efficiency
- (7) Training subordinates to improve their work efficiency
- (8) Performing duties conscientiously
- (9) Avoiding bribery, corruption, power abuse and self-interest
- (10) Avoiding living with lack of morality and dignity
- (11) Protecting the State funds from loss and

able to carry out law-related work and give legal advice in line with the constitution.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister said, law officers are:

- (1) to actively participate in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map of the State
- (2) to perform their duties and rights with conscientiousness, discipline, honour and dignity as they are service personnel
- (3) to study continuously in order to sharpen their legal abilities
- (4) to try to become law officers on whom the State and the people can rely
- (5) to carry out their duties and rights entrusted speedily and precisely without irregularities.

Later, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.—MNA

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Make earnest efforts to be able to stand...

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Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said, to build the peaceful, modern and developed nation, qualified human resources are to learn lessons from the past and to have the right view on current affairs at home and abroad and future of the country and then only will they be able to serve the interests of the State in the long run.

He added that he was delighted to see the faculty members from universities and colleges attending the course to have a strong will and conviction for serving the national interests.

In the 21st century, nations especially developing countries have invested in the education sector to promote the respective education system after combining the natural resources and human resources. As part of efforts for promotion of the education system, Myanmar has been implementing the 30-year long-term plan which is divided into six 5-year plans with the participation of the faculty members, he said.

Thanks to the reforms in the higher education sector after 1988, a university for art and science, a university of technology and a university of computer science have been established in each of the 24 special development

zones in 14 states and divisions.

Sound foundations and environments are being created by spending a large sum of money for enabling the entire national people to pursue higher education in the respective regions. Meanwhile, the government is providing the opportunities of subject choices in higher learning and upgrading them, he said.

The divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists practiced in the course of history resulted in sectarianism and personality cult among political parties and associations before and after independence. Disunity of the national races and armed conflicts delayed the development of the State. The trainees are to keep a constant watch on lessons of history harming national interests and majority of the national people.

The main requirement of Myanmar history today is to build a new nation paying attention to lessons from the history in which the national people had to suffer for generations.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia play a major role in making new generation youth and parents understand the history of the nation and the world and possess national awareness and to

have outlook on national politics. In the drive for carrying out organizing matters, they are required to accept the prevailing conditions of the national people in the whole country.

In looking at the current prevailing condition of the State, the rural people account for 70 percent of the entire national people. With the building of national reconsolidation, development projects also covering the rural areas could be implemented. It is the national duty that the entire national people are to make earnest efforts to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the nations of the world taking advantages of sound foundations of the development.

In an effort to build the development structures of the State and the national conviction of the matured people, the education sector is an important foundation. In particular, intellectuals and intelligentsia, the products of the higher education sector, are to try hard to keep abreast of the world nations.

All in all, the minister urged the trainees to study the national lessons from the events past and present and duties to be discharged for the future of the nation based on international events.

A total of 202 trainees are attending the four-week course.—MNA

Myawady People's Hospital, trade zone and development tasks inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State PDC Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Zaw Min and officials concerned left for Myawady by car on 9 May and met with departmental officials and townselders at Thauingyin Hall.

First, the chairman of Myawady District briefed on development tasks



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects perennial crops plantations established by Apex World Company.—MNA



carried out in the district while the chairman of Kayin State deputy commander gave a supplementary report.

Upon arrival at Myanmar-Thailand friendship bridge, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected service personnel on duty and measures of the health staff at the inspection gate. On arrival at Myawady People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party comforted the patients

who were receiving medical treatment and presented cash assistance to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw presented cash for medicines and medical funds to the medical superintendent and then inspected mango and honey orange trees in the perennial crops plantation of Apex World.

On arrival at Myawady trade zone, the director of Border

Trade Department briefed on matters related to the trade zone. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks for warehouses and shops.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party looked into Zarthapyin-Kyonphe-Kyarkalay road section and left for Mawlamyine.

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Minister inspects gas-fired power plant in Ahlon

YANGON, 11 May — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the natural gas-

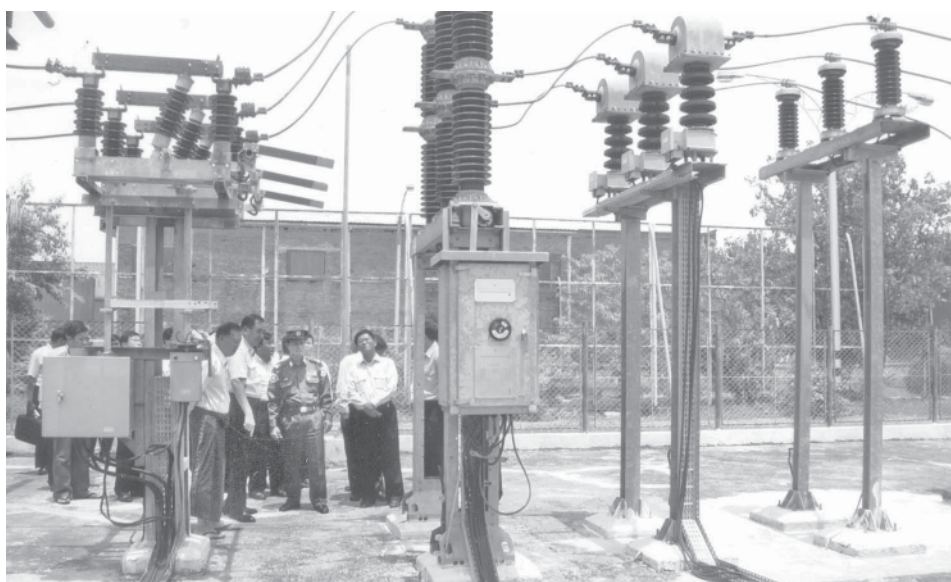
fired power plant of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise in Ahlon Township yesterday.

First, the minister held a meeting with officials concerned at the plant, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Aung reported on staff affairs and running of the plant, Superintending Engineer

U Aung Khaing and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Aung reported on condition of the machinery in the 33 KV Switchyard.

During the tour, the minister inspected the speed tronic control card, the control room and speed tronic turbine control.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looks into power plant in Ahlon township.—MNA

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China, Kuwait sign agreements to step up ties

BEIJING, 11 May—China and Kuwait signed five agreements here on Sunday in an effort to further the bilateral relations to a higher level.

The agreements covered fields of energy, finance, telecommunication, transportation and education, according a Press release from the Chinese Foreign Ministry. However, the Press release does not give details about the agreements, only emphasizing they are among the positive steps to push forward the bilateral relations.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and visiting Kuwaiti

Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah witnessed the signing ceremony after they conferred on the bilateral ties and other issues of common concern.

During the talks, Hu highlighted the growth of the relations since the two countries forged diplomatic 38 years ago and offered a three-point proposal to cement the bilateral cooperation in the various fields. He called on the two sides to cement political mutual trust and maintain the high-level exchange and give a full play to their economic edges.

Hu suggested the two

countries expand their energy cooperation, saying that China is willing to work closely with the Kuwaiti side to establish a long-term and strategic partnership with mutual benefit in the regard of energy, the Press release added. The Chinese President also proposed to promote the bilateral cooperation in other fields such as trade, transportation, telecommunication and engineering, promising that China will encourage its enterprises to invest in and establish their businesses in Kuwait.

MNA/Xinhua

Teheran hosts conference on Iran-China economic coop

TEHERAN, 11 May—A conference on Iran-China economic cooperation opened on Sunday in Teheran with attendance of hundreds of Iranian and Chinese officials and businessmen. Addressing the conference, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki reviewed improvement of trade and economic ties between the two countries in recent years and expressed hope to deepen such ties. "China is Iran's biggest trade partner in Asia and also the third biggest one in the world," Mottaki said, adding that Teheran and Beijing should take further steps to enhance the level of trade. He said that facilitating further trade relations, removing present obstacles on the way of Iran-China trade ties as well as removing customs tariffs are among major steps that should be taken by the two sides to promote economic and trade relations.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Six dead after raft sinks in S-E China pond

FUZHOU, 11 May—Six people were killed after a small raft sank in a pond in southeast China's Fujian Province, sources with the local government said on Sunday.

The accident occurred at 12:40 am on Sunday in Zhangpu County of Zhangzhou City when 10 local villagers were rafting to get to the other side of a pond, according to a spokesman with Zhangpu County government. The raft was used by its owner Cai Ruohui to feed ducks he raised in the pond. The spokesman said the villagers used the raft without Cai's permission.

The raft sank in the middle of the pond and all the 10 villagers fell into the water. Four of them were rescued by villagers who rushed to the scene and six died at the scene. The dead included one male and five female.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Survey shows Obama more popular than US among Arabs

WASHINGTON, 11 May—President Barack Obama's popularity in leading Arab countries far outstrips that of the United States, suggesting he could be able to boost goodwill in the region toward his country, a survey showed on Sunday.

Obama, set to give a major speech to the Muslim world in Egypt next month, "currently enjoys widespread optimism among citizens of that region that he will have a positive effect on their own country, the Middle East, the United States and indeed the world," the polling outfit Ipsos said.

Ipsos said its poll, conducted in March, involved 7,000 adults in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan. Of those surveyed, 33 per cent had a favourable view of the United States, 43 per cent had a negative view, 14 per cent were neutral and 10 per cent said they did not know, Ipsos said. In contrast, Obama received favourable ratings averaging 48 per cent in the region as a whole. Approval ran as high as 58 per cent in Jordan and was lowest among Egyptians, who gave Obama favourable ratings of 35 per cent, Ipsos said. Only 22 per cent of Egyptians expressed a favourable view of the United States, the lowest of the six countries surveyed. Regionwide, only one in 10 residents thought Obama would have a negative effect on their country, the poll showed.

MNA/Reuters



Newly crowned Miss Earth Philippines Sandra Seifert from the province of Negros Occidental waves after being declared the winner of the 2009 Miss Philippines-Earth during coronation night in San Juan, Metro Manila, on 10 May, 2009. —INTERNET

India's steel production up 4% in April

NEW DELHI, 11 May—Backed by improved demand from auto and construction sectors, India's steel production increased by nearly four per cent to 4.49 million tons in April compared to the corresponding month last year. In April 2008, the finished steel production stood at 4.33 million tons.

Even as the overall steel output went up last month, two of the state-run producers—SAIL and RINL—posted 2.6 per cent decline in production at 1.36 million tons from 1.39 million tons, as per provisional figures of Steel Ministry's Joint Plant Committee.

While SAIL's production stood at 7.72 lakh tons against 8.08 lakh tons, that of RINL dipped to 1.91 lakh tons from 2.32 lakh tons. Among the main producers, Tata Steel registered a double digit growth in output at over five lakh tons. Steel Secretary P K Rastogi attributed the overall increase in April production to robust demand from consuming sectors as also clearing of inventories by steel companies.

"They (companies) have cleared their inventories and are producing more. It is a good sign for the sector", he said. During the month under review, the import of steel items increased by 5.6 per cent to 3.80 lakh tons as against 3.60 lakh tons. Exports, however, took a beating and fell nearly 16 per cent to 3.10 lakh tons from 3.68 lakh tons.

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Conflicts of interest found in many cancer studies

WASHINGTON, 11 May—A US study have found that nearly one third of cancer research articles published in medical journals have financial ties with pharmaceutical companies.

The study, published online on Monday in the journal *Cancer*, indicates that conflicts of interest may cause some researchers to report biased results that are favorable to pharmaceutical companies.

Reshma Jagsi of the University of Michigan

and her colleagues reviewed 1,534 cancer studies published on eight medical journals, including *Cancer*, the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Lancet*.

According to the researchers, 17 percent of the studies declared industry funding while 12 percent had a study author who was an industry employee. Randomized trials with reported conflicts of interest were more likely to have positive findings.

“It’s becoming increas-

ingly clear that we need to look more at how we can disentangle cancer research from industry ties,” said Jagsi. “If we wish to minimize the potential for bias, we need to increase other sources of support.”

“Medical research is ultimately a common endeavor that benefits all of society, so it seems only appropriate that we should be funding it through general revenues rather than expecting the market to provide,” she said.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 10 May, 2009 shows the fossil of a coelacanth displayed at the Grand Kawanua Convention Center in Manado, Indonesia. Coelacanth, known as the living fossil, is the common name for an order of fish that includes the oldest living lineage of jawed fish known to date. The coelacanths were believed to have gone extinct some 70-80 million years ago until a live specimen was found off the east coast of South Africa in 1938.—XINHUA

India’s fiscal policies may not result in rating cut

NEW DELHI, 11 May—With the next Indian Government expected to take measures to give a fillip to slowing economy, global rating agency Fitch Sunday said expansionary

fiscal policies by India to battle downturn may not necessarily lead it to cut its ratings.

“There are counter-cyclical aspects to the expansionary fiscal

position that may not necessarily result in a negative rating action,” Fitch Head of Asia-Pacific Sovereign Ratings James McCormack told PTI.

The statement assumes significance in the wake of another global rating agency Standard and Poor’s downgrading outlook of India’s long term credit rating in February on rising fiscal deficit.

McCormack said it is important to remember that fiscal policy is now being considered in the context of global economic slowdown.

MNA/PTI

Puppy eats ABC magnets

PLYMOUTH, 11 May—A puppy in England had to undergo emergency surgery after eating several alphabet fridge magnets. Golden Labrador Jack was recovering from being neutered when his owner, Emma Keers, said she noticed that her pooch had eaten the magnets, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Saturday.

“After Jack’s surgery, he was sleepy after the anesthetic so I put him in the kitchen to recover overnight,” Keers said. “The next morning I noticed the whole alphabet was missing from the fridge though Jack wasn’t showing any signs of being ill.”

Internet

Four die, 25 missing as trawler capsizes in S-E B’desh

DHAKA, 11 May—At least four people drowned and 25 went missing as a trawler capsized in a river in Bangladesh’s southeastern Chandpur District on Sunday afternoon, private news agency UNB reported.

Police were quoted as saying that the trawler capsized in the Meghna

River, one of the three major rivers in Bangladesh, around 3 p.m. local time with some 50 passengers on board.

Most of the passengers are destitute people who boarded the boat after taking relief rice from Uttar Matlab sub-district office of the Chandpur District,

some 115 kilometres away from capital Dhaka.

“It (the trawler) sank amid severe waves in the River Meghna,” a spot account was quoted as saying.

Twenty-five of the passengers managed to swim ashore, UNB said.

MNA/Xinhua

China confirms first case of A/H1N1 influenza on mainland

BEIJING, 11 May—A Chinese mainland male surnamed Bao, who recently returned from the United States, tested positive for the A/H1N1 influenza, China’s ministry of health said on Monday.

It was the first such case reported in the mainland. The 30-year-old patient was at the Chengdu Infectious Disease Hospital in Sichuan’s provincial capital and those who had close contact with him were isolated for observation, the ministry said. Bao took Northwest Airlines flight NW029 to Beijing on 9 May, after making a transfer in To-

kyo from St Paul, Minnesota in the United States. He then flew from Beijing to Chengdu on Sichuan Airlines flight U8882 the same day.

Earlier reports said Bao developed a fever on the domestic flight, accompanied by a sore throat, coughing, nasal congestion and sneezing.

He went to the Sichuan People’s Hospital after getting off the plane and was initially diagnosed as a suspected A/H1N1 influenza case based on his symptoms and laboratory tests. He was then transferred to the Chengdu Infectious Disease Hospital and is now “recovering.”—*Internet*

Confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases in US rise to 2,532

WASHINGTON, 11 May—The total number of confirmed human A/H1N1 flu cases has jumped to 2,532 in 44 US states, with three deaths, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Sunday.

According to the CDC, the state of Illinois has 466 confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu, followed by 357 of Wisconsin, 282 of California, 190 of New York and 182 of Arizona. The number of confirmed cases on Saturday was 2,254 with 104 people hospitalized.

The increase in the number of confirmed cases showed that the ongoing outbreak of the novel influenza continues to expand in the United States.

Internet



Eight new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Britain

LONDON, 11 May—Eight new A/H1N1 flu cases were confirmed by Britain’s Department of Health on Sunday, bringing the total number of infected people in the country to 55.

A spokesperson for the Department of Health said: “Eight new cases of (A/H1N1) flu have been confirmed today in the UK, one in Scotland and seven in England. In England three of the new cases are adults, one from the East of England region

and the other two from London. The other four cases are children of school age in the London area.” So far, all infections in Britain have been mild, and cases have been diagnosed and treated early, which has reduced the severity of symptoms, and helped to limit the spread, said the spokesperson.

“But we must not be complacent — it is right to prepare for the possibility of a global pandemic.”—*Internet*

A health worker wearing a protective suit leaves the sealed-off Hanglu Hotel, where a Chinese man confirmed to have influenza A (H1N1) had stayed, in Beijing, on 11 May, 2009. Mainland China on Monday reported its first confirmed case of the new H1N1 strain of flu, a man in southwestern Sichuan province who had flown home from the United States.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Russian team poses celebrates with the trophy after winning 2-1 against Canada during final game at the 2009 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships in Bern.—INTERNET

Russia wins gold at ice hockey worlds

GENEVA, 11 May—Russia beat Canada 2-1 in the final to win the gold medal at the world ice hockey championship on Sunday. The Russians defended their title in a rematch of last year's final despite conceding an early goal by Canada's Jason Spezza.

Russia leveled on a power-play goal from Oleg Saprykin in the first period and got the winning score from forward Alex Radulov late in the second.

Canada dominated the shot count and Russia's Ilya Bryzgalov made 37 saves. Dwayne Roloson made 15 stops for Canada. Sweden won the bronze medal, beating the United States 4-2 in an earlier match.

Internet

Jankovic, Robredo cruise through at Madrid

MADRID, 11 May—Serbia's world number four Jelena Jankovic started strongly at the clay court Madrid Open as she sent Nuria Llagostera Vives packing with 6-2, 6-1 on Sunday.

Having won the Andalucia Tennis Championships last month, the fourth seed broke the Spanish wild card seven times and will next take on Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova or Gisela Dulko of Argentina.

In the first round of the men's main draw at the combined event, 16th seed Tommy Robredo was the highest-ranked player in action and had to come from a set down to beat Germany's Nicolas Kiefer 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. —Internet

Barcelona's Iniesta doubtful for Champions League final due to muscle injury

MADRID, 11 May—Barcelona's mercurial midfielder Andres Iniesta is doubtful for the Champions League final on May 27 after picking up a muscle injury in his side's 3-3 draw at home to

Villarreal on Sunday. Iniesta was Barcelona's hero on Wednesday night, scoring the injury time goal against Chelsea that qualified his side for a Champions League final place against

Kerr's birdie on 15 gives her Michelob victory

WILLIAMSBURG, 11 May—There was a time not too long ago when Cristie Kerr's confidence was tenuous enough that she didn't allow herself to admit she was an elite golfer.

Now, with a new mental approach steering her mind toward the positive and productive, and with results on the course that can't be denied, Kerr not only acknowledges that she's really, really good, but she's aiming to prove it with a rise to No 1 in the world.

"I feel like I'm just tapping into my potential," she said on Sunday after using a birdie on the 15th hole to emerge from a four-way battle and win the Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill.

"There's a long time



Cristie Kerr holds the winner's trophy after her victory in the LPGA Michelob Ultra Open golf tournament at Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va, on 10 May, 2009.—INTERNET

that I didn't, but mental training helps you believe in yourself," she added, referring to her new Zen approach to golf. "I definitely know I'm good."

Internet

Inter close in on title despite draw

ROME, 11 May—Inter Milan closed in on the Serie A title despite being held to a 2-2 draw at lowly



Inter Milan's defender Walter Samuel (R) shouts at his teammates during his team's Italian Serie A football match against Chievo at Bentegodi stadium in Verona.—INTERNET

Chievo on Sunday after rivals AC Milan failed to take advantage with a 1-1 stalemate against Juventus.

Inter, who lead by seven points with three matches left, could have wrapped up the title this weekend had they won and Milan lost but now they can do so next weekend if either they beat Siena at home or Milan lose away to Udinese.

Coach Jose Mourinho, though, was still confident enough about his team's scudetto chances to predict they will seal it next weekend. "Our destiny is in our own hands and that's something extremely positive," he said. "Almost always what I say happens: who knows if what I predict will happen or not but we'll win the scudetto at home to Siena." —Internet

UEFA decision on Drogba could take weeks

GENEVA, 11 May—UEFA said on Monday that Chelsea striker Didier Drogba might have to wait weeks for a disciplinary decision following his outburst during the club's Champions League tie against Barcelona.

A spokesman for European football's governing body told AFP that Drogba's case was likely to be reviewed by a regular meeting of UEFA's Control and Disciplinary body. Chelsea are no longer involved in European competition this season and there is no urgency for a ruling, he explained.

"This can wait for a while." The next plenary meeting of the control body is scheduled for July 23. Drogba faces potentially severe sanctions over his confrontation with Norwegian referee Tom Henning Ovreba after Barcelona's injury time goal sent the London side crashing out of the Champions League semi-final last Wednesday.

His case was further aggravated by him screaming into a television camera that the official had been a "fucking disgrace." UEFA said in a statement last week that it was examining both the referee's and the delegate's reports and was gathering additional evidence.

Meanwhile, a special meeting of UEFA's Control and Disciplinary Body on Monday afternoon was due to examine Manchester United's appeal against Darren Fletcher's Champions League Final suspension.

Internet

Home boy Djokovic triumphs in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 11 May—World number three Novak Djokovic won the inaugural ATP Serbia Open clay-court tournament by beating Polish lucky loser Lukasz Kubot 6-3, 7-6 (7/0) in front of his home crowd here on Sunday.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball against Poland's Lukasz Kubot during their match at the Serbia Open ATP clay court tournament final in Belgrade.—INTERNET

It was the top-seeded Serbian's second tournament triumph of the year after his victory at the Dubai Open at the end of February and comes just two weeks before the French Open at Roland Garros.

The 2008 Australian Open champion was playing in his fourth consecutive tournament final after runner-up showings at Miami, Monte-Carlo and Rome. "Of course I felt pressure (throughout the week)," said Djokovic. "I was aware of the fact that most expectations are behind me and having the role of the main favourite to win the event is never easy."

Internet

Cielo sets 100m freestyle South American record

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 May—Brazilian swimmer Cesar Cielo set a new 100m freestyle South American record at the Maria Lenk Trophy swim meet on Sunday.

With his time of 47.60 seconds, Cielo clocked the fourth best time of the world this year, which assuring his place in the national team for the World Championships 100m freestyle event.

Cielo said he would join team colleague Thiago Pereira in the United States to compete in the Grand Prix of Charlotte and the swim meet in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. —Internet



Barcelona's Andres Iniesta celebrates a goal against Chelsea during their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London, on 6 May, 2009.—INTERNET



Somali pirates receive \$2m for British-owned ship

BOSASSO (Somalia), 11 May—Somali pirates said on Sunday they had received a two-million-US-dollar ransom for the release of a British-owned vessel and its 16 Bulgarian crew.

Pirate attacks, fuelled by large ransoms, have continued almost unabated despite the presence of an armada of foreign warships patrolling the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. “We got a two-million-US-dollar ransom for the release of the British-owned ship,” pirate Mohamed Saleh, from the Somali coastal village of Eyl, told *Reuters* on Sunday.

“A helicopter brought the money.” The 32,000-ton bulker, *Malaspina Castle*, was released on Saturday after being captured more than a month ago. Its Italian operator paid the ransom, according to Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry, which gave no details on the amount.—*MNA/Reuters*

Panama president-elect presents key ministers

PANAMA CITY, 11 May—Panama’s President-elect Ricardo Martinelli on Sunday announced 14 Cabinet ministers and warned them of not committing corruption. Martinelli, who will take office on July 1, warned the ministers at a press conference that his administration will accept errors but not corruption.

He named Professor Alma Cortez from the University of Panama as Labour Minister and Giselle de Calcagno, a dissident from the ruling Revolutionary Democratic Party, as Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises. As for Foreign Minister and first Vice-President, Martinelli named 45-year-old Juan Carlos Varela, owner of the Varela Bros, wine business.

Varela, leader of the Panama Party, is one of Martinelli’s closest allies and a fierce critic of traditional politics. He is also the architect of the 100-dollar payment plan. Martinelli said that he would name the education minister next week, a tough post which has seen four different officials during the outgoing administration of Martin Torrijos.—*MNA/Xinhua*

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (12.5.2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

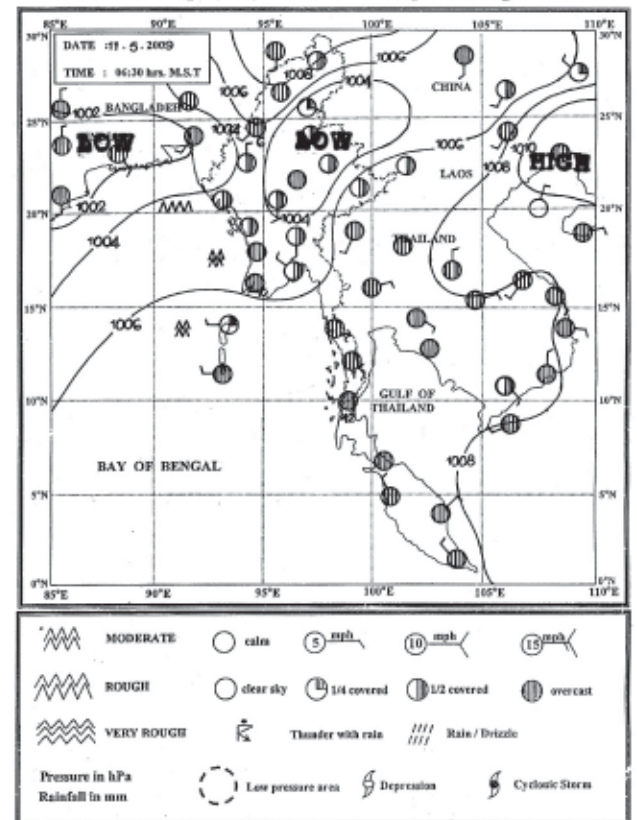
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
- * Myanmar Traditional Pavilion Painting
- * Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Smogless sky, enchanting Smiles (Evening Flight in Monywa)
- * Myanma Roasted Bean
- * Toddy Palm Artss
- * Traditional Folk Weaving Works
- * Walk in Aviary ... a Recreation Center
- * New Transport Facilities Designed for Regional Development
- * Tiger Population Counting (Part-II)
- * Endeavors of Ministry of Electric Power-2
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
- * Myanmar Traditional Pavilion Painting
- * Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung)
- * Myanma Indigenous Ornamental Fish (Part-1)
- * Field Trip to Tagaung
- * Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 11 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, scattered in Mon States, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin State, Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°C) below May average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Kalaywa, Monywa, NyaungU and Minbu (44°C) each, Myingyan, Magway, Aungmye and Pakokku (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.65) inches, Dawei (0.27) inch and Homalin (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-5-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 11-5-2009 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-5-2009 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 10-5-2009 was (7.7) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 11-5-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (2.40) inches at Mingaladon, (3.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (14:30) hour MST on 10-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon 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: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Tuesday, 12 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်၊ ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော် မူသောဥပ္ပိတသန္တပ္ပိဋ်တော်

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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. စက်ခေါင်းသစ်ယန္တရားသစ်များဖြင့် မြန်မာ့မီးရထား

8:10 am

7. Songs of yester years

8:20 am

8. “နောက်မကျရအောင်” (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးပြည့်၊ ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm

3. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:35 pm

4. Musical programme

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်လှည့်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ဓါတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓါတုဗေဒ)

5:05 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

7. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:30 pm

8. Musical programme

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ချစ်သူသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

**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

Make earnest efforts to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with world nations

Special refresher course No. 15 for faculty members opens



On behalf of MEC Chairman Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivers address at the opening of special refresher course No. 15 for faculty members.—MNA

YANGON, 11 May — The special refresher course No. 15 for faculty members was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi)

in Hlegu Township today.

On behalf of

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an opening speech.

The opening

ceremony was also attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein

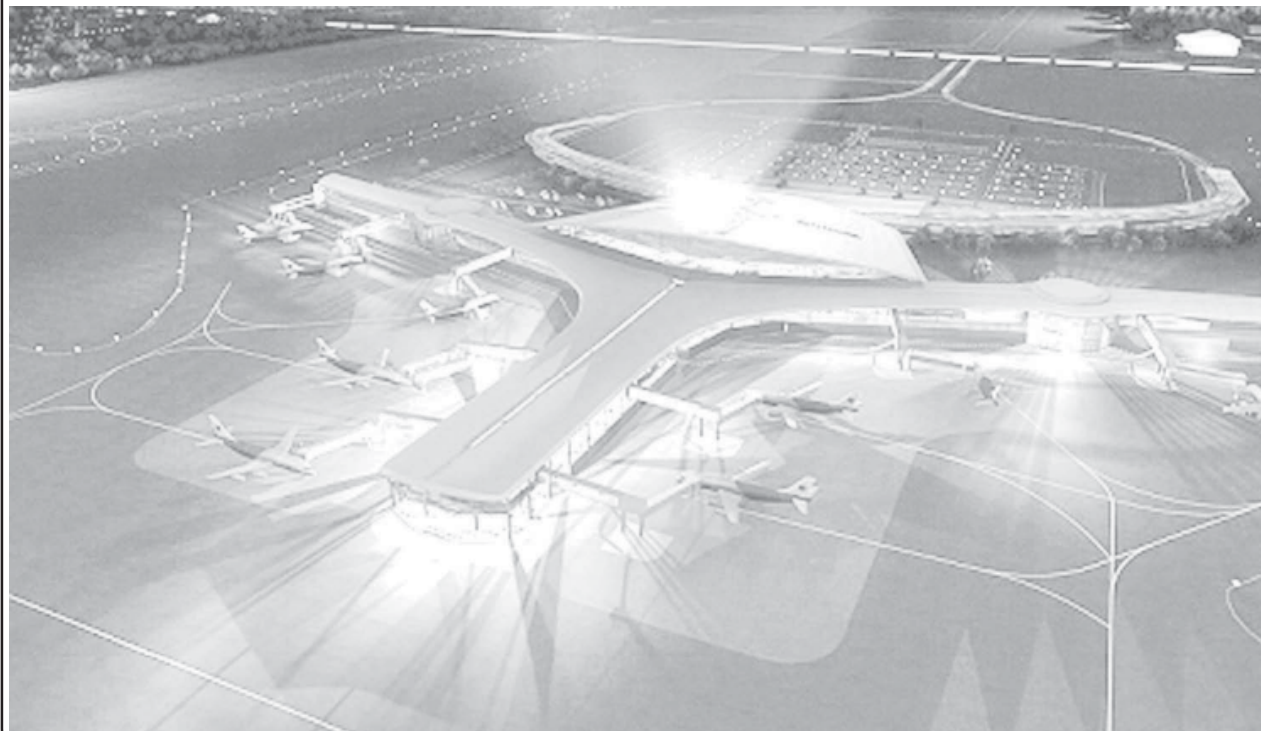
Lin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Members of the Civil Service and Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, the rector, heads of department and instructors of the CICS and trainees.

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In the 21st century, nations especially developing countries have invested in the education sector to promote the respective education system after combining the natural resources and human resources.

INSIDE

Special projects designed to generate prosperous future of the nation



On completion, Nay Pyi Taw International Airport will have a 12,000' x 100' runway, four 65' x 100' taxiways, four 550' x 100' taxiways, a 1200' x 1200' apron, an airport building, an airway control tower, and other related structures in addition to the present 12,000' x 200' runway.

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