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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Norwegian King

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, on the occasion of the National Day of Norway, which falls on 17 May 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

In accord with guidance of Head of State, government working hard to fulfill nation's electricity needs

Thanks to development in electric power and energy sectors, people will be able to enjoy better living standard in future

Prime Minister addresses inauguration of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Prime Minister General Thein Sein addressed the inauguration of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant near Mantat Village, 17 miles to the southwest of Namkham, Shan State (North) at 9.15 am today.

The opening ceremony was attended by Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the

Government Office, departmental officials, local people of Muse District, guests and traditional cultural troupes.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said today we would open Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant, which has been completed first out of the hydropower projects to be implemented on the Shweli River.

Originating in Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, the Shweli River winds its way

around Muse and Namkham and then flows into the Ayeyawady River. So it is the river showing the friendship between Myanmar and China. It can also be called a border river as it flows along the border.

Out of the three large-scale hydropower projects to be implemented along the Shweli River, the Shweli (1) project is the very first one that has been completed

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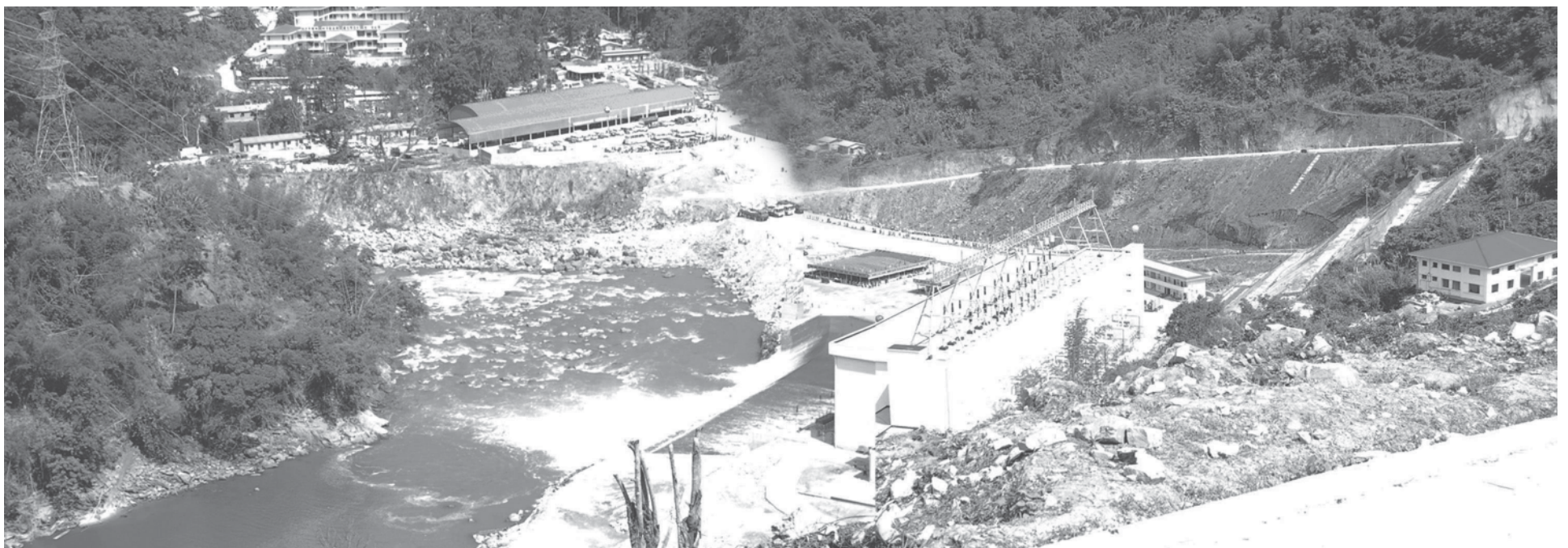


Photo shows Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant 17 miles to the southwest of Namkham, Shan State (North).—MNA

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

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Harmonious cooperation for scaling up agricultural development

The paddy sown acreage of the whole nation has reached more than 20 million due to the measures the government is taking for reclamation of vacant lands to increase paddy sown acreage.

The agriculture sector has made significant progress thanks to reclamation of virgin lands, higher per acre yields, new dams, and practice of multiple-cropping patterns. As a result, now, rice supply far exceeds the demand in the nation, and export of rice is on the increase year by year.

Therefore, the export of rice is making progress. The drive for greater agricultural development requires effective practice of mechanized farming, choice of high-yield paddy strains, use of fertilizer and pesticides, systematization of production processes, and use of advanced agricultural methods.

There will be greater benefits in trade of rice if farmers, merchants and dealers cooperate instead of trading rice in a conventional way.

Today, leading companies have come into being to step up the tasks. The development of the agricultural sector will gain greater momentum if the government, farmers, and merchants and entrepreneurs cooperate in harmony.

It is needed to ensure that the agricultural produce of farmers gets reasonable prices both in domestic market and in international market, the rice meets the international level quality, and Myanmar rice attains greater market share at the international level.

The government, farmers, merchants and entrepreneurs are, therefore, to cooperate in for boosting production and export of rice, and for Myanmar rice to achieve greater customer satisfaction and recognition in the international market.

7th AGM of experts association on 22, 23 May

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—The 7th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock and Breeding and Fishery sciences will be held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, at 9 a.m. from 22 May to 23 May.

Executives and members of the experts association are to attend the meeting regardless of the invitation letter received.

For more information, dial (Ph: 01-651415, 651416, 665579, 665580) office of the association, Yangon and (Ph: 067-410111) Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint calls on Vice-President Mr Yang Hyong Sop of the Presidium Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK. — MOFA

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

President of VFF Central Committee and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May —The visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Member of Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee President of Vietnam Fatherland Front (VFF) Central Committee Mr. Huynh Dam together with USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo arrived here from Yangon by air at 8.45 a.m. yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by USDA CEC member U Thein Nyunt and members of Nay Pyi Taw District and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township USDAs.

The guests accompanied by USDA CEC member U Than Htay went to Gems Museum on Raza Thingaha Road in Nay Pyi Taw Zamyu Thiri Township where they were welcomed by Curator U Zaw Win Naing and officials.

Next, they viewed exhibits at the museum and signed visitors' book.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Bagan-NyaungU together with USDA CEC member U Than Htay. They were seen off at the airport by USDA CEC member U Thein Nyunt and USDA members. — MNA

CICS (Upper Myanmar) gets new library building

YANGON, 16 May—A ceremony to open the new library building was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) on 11 May.

Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu unveiled the plaque of the building. CSSTB members U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, Rector of the university U Aung Hsan Win formally opened the new building.

The CSSTB chairman and party visited the library. The two-storey library, 200 feet long and 40 feet wide, was built at a cost of K 197.38 million.—MNA



Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu poses for a documentary photo together with officials at opening of library at CICS (Upper Myanmar). —MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here yesterday after paying a goodwill visit to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 10 to 15 May at the invitation of Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK Mr

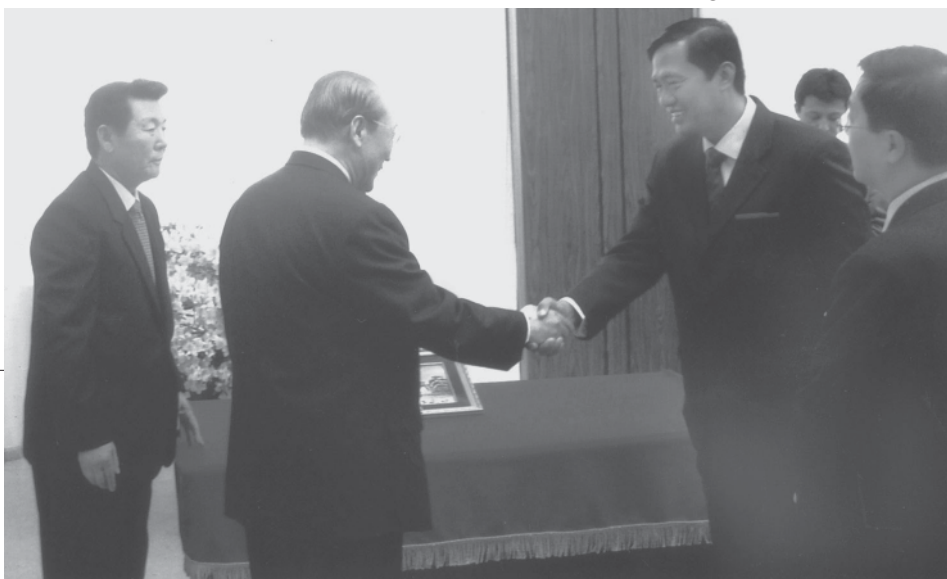
Kim Yong Il.

On 12 May, the deputy minister held the bilateral consultation meeting with Mr Kim Yong Il. The two sides

frankly discussed matters on mutual interests, promotion of friendly relations and cooperations between the two countries and exchanged the views on international and regional issues.

On 13 May, the deputy minister paid a courtesy call on Mr Yang Hyong Sop, Vice-President of the Presidium Supreme People's Assembly of DPRK at Mansudae Assembly Hall.

In Beijing, the deputy minister paid a call on Mr Hu Zheng Yue, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China on 11 May. —MNA





A damaged vehicle is left near the US Camp Salerno following a suicide attack in Khost Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 13 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Bloody summer for British troops in Taleban country

YAKHCHAL (Afghanistan), 16 May — The fate of the war in Afghanistan could be decided in the next few months in sweltering villages like this one alongside a highway that cuts through Helmand Province, the heartland of the Taleban.

Over coming weeks the biggest wave of reinforcements sent by US President Barack Obama

will arrive in an area where militants control the villages by night and the fields produce most of the world's opium.

For now, British "Black Watch" soldiers are still patrolling in Taleban country, surrounded by an enemy that they know lies in wait.

"Since the Russians, we're probably going to be the largest force descending down on these people," Major Al Steele, the regiment's B company commander, told his men before they set out in helicopters at dawn to be

dropped into Yakhchal village.

"This is not a benign area. You always need to be poised for action," he warned.

For three years, a British force battling the Taliban in Helmand has been stretched too thin across the province's brutal deserts and high peaks.

Western troops can now secure just 60 percent of the population in the south of Afghanistan, said British Brigadier David Hook, deputy commander of the NATO force in the south.

Internet

Three NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 16 May — Militants killed three NATO soldiers in Afghanistan while air strikes thwarted a Taleban plan to storm a key southern town by killing 22 militants, authorities said Friday.

The Taleban-led insurgency, launched after the extremists were driven from government in 2001, has stepped up in recent weeks with a series of deadly attacks that come as about 21,000 US reinforcements move into the south.

One of the dead International Security Assistance Force soldiers was a British soldier killed in a bombing in the southern province of Helmand on Thursday, the British defence ministry said.

Two more were killed in "direct fire" in the east of the country on Friday, ISAF said in a statement in Kabul that did not release their nationalities.

Internet

US predicts 50 percent spike in Afghan IEDs

BAGRAM AIR BASE (Afghanistan), 16 May — Strategically buried in the middle of dirt roads, packed in culverts and attached to trip wires, a heightened hidden danger awaits the thousands of US troops pouring into Afghanistan to fight a tenacious Taleban.

IEDs down in Iraq, more in Afghan

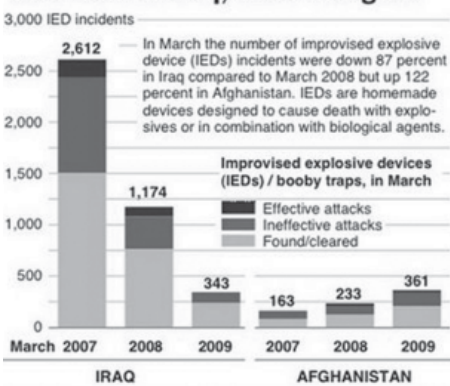


Chart shows the number of improvised explosive device (IEDs) incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan.—INTERNET

The US military expects a 50 percent spike this year in roadside and suicide bombings, which surpassed the number of similar strikes in Iraq during the spring. These types of bombs killed 172 coalition forces last year — and far more Afghan civilians — according to military figures.

"We don't hide the truth from them. We tell them if you are going to be killed or injured in Afghanistan, it is probably going to be by an IED," said Command Sgt Maj David Puig, 51, of Fort Lewis, Wash.

The dramatic rise in these attacks — and the insurgents' skill in placing and camouflaging the bombs — complicates the U.S. mission as the Obama administration searches for a fresh approach against the insurgency with the appointment this week of a new commander, Lt Gen Stanley McChrystal.

Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,296

WASHINGTON, 16 May — As of Friday, 15 May, 2009, at least 4,296 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,442 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—*Internet*



An Afghan man who was wounded in a rocket attack, is being taken for treatment in hospital in Khost east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 15 May, 2009.

Rockets thought to have been aimed at the US military Camp Salerno, landed in nearby villages killing two people and wounding nine, according to provincial police spokesman Wazir Pacha. It is unclear who fired the rockets.—INTERNET

Rocket attacks kill three civilians, wound six in Afghanistan

KHOST (Afghanistan), 16 May — Four missiles fired by militants hit Khost city, capital of Khost Province of eastern Afghanistan, Friday night killing three civilians and wounding six others, officials said on Saturday.

Amir Padshah Mangal, provincial public health director, told Xinhua that one missile landed in Mosque in eastern part of city near a NATO military base, killing three civilians and injuring six others.

Meantime, provincial police chief Abdul Qayum Baqizoi confirmed the incident and added that missiles were fired from Gorbaz district in southern Khost city.

Baqizoi also added that three other rockets landed in inhabited area but causing no casualties.

Furthermore, press department of US-led Coalition Forces in Khost city told reporters Saturday that their forces killed five armed militants in Gorbaz district Friday night as they were carrying weapons on camels.

Taleban militants, who have vowed to launch a spring offensive against Afghan government and international troops, in a suicide car bombing last Wednesday, hit one US military base outside Khost city, leaving seven Afghan workers dead and injuring 21 others.

Internet

Afghan security personnel at the site of an explosion on the outskirts of Khost in March. A Taleban attack killed at least six Afghan security officers and civilians, and wounded 13 other people in the eastern town of Khost on Tuesday, a health official said.

INTERNET





People visit the exhibition stand of 3G mobile phone during the Tianjin International Mobile Phone Industry Exhibition and Forum 2009 in Tianjin, China, on 14 May, 2009. The 4-day International Mobile Phone Industry Exhibition and Forum opened in Tianjin on Thursday. More than 20 mobile phone producers took part in the forum.—INTERNET

Russia, US to begin START talks in Moscow next week

MOSCOW, 16 May—Russia and the United States will hold the first round of full-format talks on a new strategic arms reduction treaty on 19-21 May in Moscow, a source with the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

“The upcoming negotiations will not be just an exchange of opinions, but a transition to substantive discussion of the future treaty, with the parties putting forward particular proposals,” the diplomat was quoted as saying by the *Interfax* news agency.

The US delegation will be led by US Assistant

Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller, and the Russian side will be headed by Anatoly Antonov, director of the security and disarmament department of the Russian Foreign Ministry, the source said.

The Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (START), which places a limit of 6,000 strategic or long-range nuclear warheads on each side, is due to expire this December.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and US President Barack Obama, at their first meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit in London, agreed to negotiate a replacement for START by the end of the year.—*Internet*

At least 60 killed in Congolese rebel attacks

KINSHASA, 16 May—At least 60 people were killed last weekend in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo during attacks blamed on Rwandan Hutu rebels, the country's UN mission said Friday, almost doubling its last toll.

In a statement, MONUC spoke of a “massacre” during a “murderous raid” by rebels “against the civilian population” in Busurungi, a Nord-Kivu village located near Sud-Kivu Province.

“A special helicopter mission... arrived at the scene (Thursday) and has now established a situation of total desolation.

“The area is completely deserted and has been destroyed by flames,” it added.

The killings took place in an attack on 9 and 10 May.—*Internet*

Three fired, two resign after Fla prisons shock kids

MIAMI, 16 May—Demonstrations at three Florida prisons where more than 40 children were shocked with stun guns have led to the dismissal of three employees and the resignation of two others, the Department of Corrections said Friday.

The incidents took place on April 23, national “Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.” As part of demonstrations at two prisons, children held hands in a circle, and one was shocked with the stun gun, passing the shock around the circle. At another prison, children were shocked individually.

The children, ranged in age from 5 to 17, felt the shocks either directly or indirectly, but none of the children were seriously hurt or taken to the hospital, the department said.

All of the children had parents who work for the department and some parents gave permission for their children to be shocked, but that did not excuse officers for using the stun guns, Department of Corrections Secretary Walter McNeil said Friday.

“We believe this behavior is inexcusable,” McNeil said in a phone interview. “I apologize to the children and parents. None of these kids should have been exposed to these devices.”—*Internet*

Killings of four Americans in Tijuana sow fear

TIJUANA, 16 May—The slayings of four young Americans in Tijuana sowed fear in Southern California on Friday as Mexican prosecutors tried to determine whether the youths were involved in the country's violent drug trade or innocent victims of a brutal crime.

The victims, two men and two women in their teens and early 20s, said

they were headed for a night of partying across the border only to be found strangled, stabbed and beaten a few days later.

Mexican officials are investigating whether any of the four San Diego-area victims had ties to the drug trade, after a toxicology report tested positive for cocaine on the body of Brianna Hernandez, who was either 18 or 19.—*Internet*



Firefighters try to put out a fire broke out at a supermarket in Manhattan, New York, the United States, on 15 May, 2009. A fire broke out at the supermarket and spread to the market's building. No casualties were reported yet.—INTERNET

The UN Secretary-General's message on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

17 May 2009

Following is the text of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, to be observed on 17 May:

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day marks the founding of the International Telecommunication Union on 17 May 1865, and commemorates its role in connecting the world.

Over the past two decades, the Internet has been transformed into an unmatched global resource that spans the worlds of knowledge and entertainment. Now with more than 600 million users in Asia, 130 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 50 million in Africa, it is an ever-expanding means of communication. It lies at the fulcrum of our increasingly interconnected and networked societies, driving the world's economies, fostering trade and commerce and promoting better health care, food production and education. With these tremendous strides, safeguarding the Internet's vital systems and infrastructures against attack by cybercriminals has taken on great importance.

The theme of this year's observance is “Protecting Children in Cyberspace”. Children and young people are among the most prolific users of the Internet and mobile devices. As they surf through cyberspace seeking information and entertainment and building social networks, they are also among the most vulnerable to exploitation. Without safeguards, their precious lives are at grave risk in the vicious world of cybercriminals and paedophiles that prey on easy targets.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the right to education and access to information, as well as the right to engage in play and recreational activities. The Convention also accords the child protection against all forms of exploitation and inducement to engage in any unlawful activity. It is our duty to ensure that the provisions of the Convention are applied rigorously so that children can safely access the Internet and other online resources without fear of falling prey to unscrupulous predators.

The virtual world has exciting possibilities for nurturing children and helping them grow into creative, productive adults. But we must mind the pitfalls that could scar them for life. I urge policymakers and industry leaders to find the means to make the rapidly evolving virtual world safe for everyone.

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Piracy not based on intelligence network

LONDON, 16 May—Pirate attacks off the Somali coast appear to be mainly opportunistic and there is no indication that vessels are targeted with the help of intelligence from international contacts, a maritime watchdog said Friday.

The International Maritime Bureau said there was no evidence to support media reports that individuals with access to information about shipping routes and cargoes may be helping pirates to locate the most vulnerable ships, and ones most likely to yield large ransoms. Pirate raids on vessels off the Horn of Africa have surged this year, confounding authorities who have been hard-pressed to curb the assaults despite the deployment of an international task force of military craft.—*Internet*



Argentina, Venezuela ink cooperation agreements

BUENOS AIRES, 16 May— Argentine President Cristina Fernandez and her Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez signed on Friday several cooperation agreements to foster relations.

These agreements, following a meeting between the two leaders at the Argentine presidential

palace, cover a number of fields of science, technology, oil, finance, agriculture and wine production.

Chavez said at a press conference that his country signed these agreements “with passion and compromise,” which were “the strongest solution” to strengthen ties with Argentina.

“The Argentine problems are not only from the Argentines, but also from the Venezuelans,” he said, urging a “need of unity” between both countries.

Chavez also called for accelerated regional integration, saying it is “even more pressing amid the global downturn.”

Xinhua



Experts of cultural relics view a porcelain article at the Beijing Ancient Architecture Museum in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 May, 2009. As the International Museum Day draws near, over 10 experts of cultural relics were invited to identify the authenticity of citizens' collections for free on Friday.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



A picture shows a sculpture displayed at the ART HK 09 Hong Kong International Art Fair on 13 May, 2009. The fair, from 14-17 May 2009, brings together over 110 of the world's most celebrated international galleries from 24 countries.—XINHUA

Greece, Russian sign preliminary deal on gas pipeline construction

ATHENS, 16 May— Russian energy giant Gazprom and Greece's National Natural Gas System Manager (DESPA) on Friday signed a preliminary agreement on the construction of a natural gas pipeline in Greece's Black Sea resort of Sochi.

The agreement defines the principles of cooperation during the South Stream natural gas pipe-

line's pre-investment phase and determines the conditions and rules for the mechanism regarding the creation and operation of a joint venture that will be established accordingly, Athens News Agency reported. The joint venture, to be assigned with the planning, construction work and the operation of South Stream pipeline's Greek section, will be built

on an equal basis between the two sides, according to the agreement.

The joint venture will prepare a feasibility study for the construction of the pipeline on the Greek territory, which will include an analytical assessment of all the technical, legal, monetary, environmental and economic characteristics and indexes of the project.—Xinhua

Video cameras to help Los Angeles Metrolink avoid crashes

LOS ANGELES, 16 May—The public transportation agency in Los Angeles will have video cameras installed in its commuter train engines to avoid crashes like the one that killed 25 people in a Los Angeles suburb last year.

The board of Metrolink on Friday voted unanimously to award a contract worth nearly one million dollars to Railhead Vision Systems to install forward- and inward-looking video cameras in the system's locomotives.

The cameras are intended to act as a “second set of eyes” for the Metrolink system, which is introducing several safety upgrades planned after the head-on train collision last September

claimed 25 lives.

“These cameras will prevent the kinds of tragedies visited upon Los Angeles last year,” said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. “Metrolink's vote of approval today ensures the continued safety of Los Angeles rail commuters.”

Metrolink officials first announced plans to install cameras amid an National Transportation Safety Board probe into the accident. Investigators determined the engineer was texting a cellphone message shortly before the crash, in violation of Metrolink rules. The agency is also planning to install a more costly technology that would automatically stop trains in an emergency.

Xinhua

Italy registers worst GDP drop since 1980

ROME, 16 May—Italy's gross domestic product (GDP) fell 5.9 percent in the first quarter of this year compared to the same period last year, national statistics agency Istat said Friday. This is the worst figure since 1980, Italy's ANSA new agency reported. According to Istat, the country's GDP fell 2.4 percent over the previous quarter. If the current trend continues, Istat said, the GDP will fall 4.6 percent in 2009.

However, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the drop had been expected and the situation would gradually improve later this year.

“There is a crisis and the data released today was in line with what we expected. And although we are going through the worst crisis ever, the information we are getting from the business sector indicates that things are on the mend,” Berlusconi said.—Xinhua

Two killed, two injured in private plane crash in Alabama

HOUSTON, 16 May— Two people were killed and two others injured when a single-engine plane crashed on Friday in the US state of Alabama, local police said.

Van Jackson, Sheriff's Captain of Lee County in east Alabama, said the crash occurred late Friday morning near the Beauregard community, a kilometer off Lee Road

112 in Lee County.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known, he said.

The pilot and front seat passenger were killed in the crash while two backseat passengers on the aircraft were injured and taken to East Alabama Medical Center, said Lee County sheriff's officers, quoted by local television reports.—Xinhua



People manipulate bulldozers to work in Ulan Buh Desert of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 12 May, 2009. China starts to build the first road through the desert recently. With the length of 71.6 kilometres, the road will be put into use on 30 September. XINHUA

Folic acid reduces premature birth risk

GALVESTON (TEXAS), 15 May—Pregnant women are advised to take folic acid to prevent birth defects, but US researchers also say the supplement may help prevent premature birth.

The study, published in the journal *PLoS Medicine*, found women who took folic acid supplements for at least one year before they become pregnant may cut their risk of having a premature baby by half.

Lead author Dr Radek Bukowski of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston said the study is an observational analysis based on the self-reporting of folate supplementation by 38,033 participants via a trial sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

“Through the NIH trials, we received highly accurate evidence of gestational

age enabling us to determine that folate supplementation for at least one year is linked to a 70 percent decrease in very early preterm deliveries — 20 to 28 weeks gestation — and up to a 50 percent reduction in early preterm deliveries of 28 to 32 weeks,” Bukowski said in a statement.

Dr Alan R Fleischman, medical director of the March of Dimes, said that folic acid supplementation begun before pregnancy and continuing into the first trimester helps prevent serious birth defects of the brain and spinal cord, such as spina bifida — incomplete closure of the embryonic neural tube resulting in an incompletely formed spinal cord.—*Internet*

Research suggests coffee may be beneficial

CAMBRIDGE, 16 May—Drinking coffee may be good for your health, US researchers say. Researchers say a cup of java might protect against diabetes, liver cancer, cirrhosis and Parkinson’s disease, *The Boston Globe* reported on Monday.

“Coffee was seen as very unhealthy,” said Rob van Dam, a coffee researcher and epidemiologist at the Harvard School of Public Health. “Now we have a more balanced view. We’re not telling people to drink it for health. But it is a good beverage choice.”

Terry Graham, chair of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences at the

University of Guelph in Canada noted that coffee and caffeine are not the same thing. “Coffee is a complex beverage with hundreds, if not thousands, of bioactive ingredients,” he said.

“A cup of coffee is 2 percent caffeine, 98 percent other stuff.” The newspaper said 20 studies worldwide show that coffee, both regular and decaf, lowers the risk for Type 2 diabetes by as much as 50 percent. Researchers say that is probably because chlorogenic acid, one of the many ingredients in coffee, slows uptake of sugar from the intestines.

Internet

Message of the Secretary-General of the ITU on the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

17 May 2009

Cyberspace is the nursery for young minds to grow and expand their horizons. It is the font of knowledge and information in the digital age and the incubator of fresh ideas and new innovations. It is a cornucopia of all that is good and wonderful in the virtual world of entertainment where one can conjure, almost with magical ease, anything the mind desires at the click of a finger. Its menu offers an infinite mosaic of cultures, languages, literature, science and technology, music and theatre, games and sports—and much more.

Yet, cyberspace has its challenges. As children and teenagers venture into the wide open world of cyberspace, surfing the Internet, imbibing its encyclopaedic breadth of content, accessing video libraries, entering chat rooms and building social networks, they are exposed to certain elements of society that we would shun in the real world. Three in four children are willing to share personal information about themselves and their family online exchange for goods and services. One in five is targeted by a predator or paedophile each year.

Protecting children in cyberspace is clearly our duty. That is why we launched the Child Online Protection (COP) initiative—an integral part of ITU’s Global Cybersecurity Agenda. It is in line with our mandate to strengthen cybersecurity and to establish the foundations for a safe and secure cyberworld for future generations. We take this very seriously at ITU, and this year the theme for World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is **Protecting Children in Cyberspace**. It will influence our work not only on the Day but throughout the year and in the future as well.

The Internet and the growing convergence in online applications and mobile devices are global resources that must be allowed to flourish for the common good. We must endeavour to make cyberspace a safe, healthy and productive environment for our children. We have to create a global network to protect our children online by enacting national legislation, strengthening capacity building, increasing public awareness and improving national cyber responsiveness. Only then can we say that we have created a universally accessible information society where human dignity is respected and where everyone—especially children—can benefit from the opportunities accorded by ICTs to attain higher levels of development.

We celebrate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2009 in the knowledge that we have set forth a strong momentum to make cyberspace a safe place for our children where every child can harness the full potential of ICTs, and where every citizen on this planet can exercise the right to access, use, create and share information.

Let us resolve to protect our children in cyberspace and promote their inalienable rights to access information and knowledge in a safe and secure environment.

Hamadoun I. Toure
ITU Secretary-General



In this photo provided by NASA, astronaut Michael Good works with the Hubble Space Telescope in the cargo bay of the earth-orbiting space shuttle Atlantis, on 15 May, 2009. Astronauts Good and Mike Massimino, not shown, participated in the second session of STS-125 extravehicular activity, as part of a five-day beehive-like agenda of space walking and work on the giant orbital observatory.

INTERNET

Second A/H1N1 flu case in Malaysia confirmed

KUALA LUMPUR, 16 May—A second Malaysian has been confirmed to be infected with the A/H1N1 flu virus at the Penang Hospital in northern Penang state, Health Ministry deputy director-general Ramlee Rahmat said on Saturday.—*Internet*



Staff of Hospital Sungai Buloh wear face masks as they talk in Sungai Buloh, outside Kuala Lumpur on 15 May, 2009. Malaysia has identified its first case H1N1 flu patient who is being treated at a hospital in Selangor state, bordering the capital, a health ministry spokeswoman said on Friday.—INTERNET

Japan confirms its first domestic infection of new flu

TOKYO, 16 May—Japan’s first domestic case of infection with the H1N1 strain of influenza A virus was confirmed Saturday, the health ministry said.

The patient is a 17-year-old male high school student in Kobe city, Hyogo Prefecture, who has no record of overseas travel, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

The student’s family members have shown no sign of symptoms of flu A/H1N1 infection.

It is the first confirmed case in the country after four patients were found infected at an airport after returning from the United States on 8 May.

Two other senior high school students from the city — one male and one female also with no record of overseas travel — have also tested positive for the new flu in local laboratory tests, *Kyodo News* quoted the Kobe municipal government as saying.

The government’s health watchdog is analyzing the specimens taken from them at the National Institute of Infectious Diseases in Tokyo.—*Internet*



Lt-Gen Tha Aye performs regional development tasks in Hkamti District

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May – Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met with officers and other ranks and their families at the hall of Homalin Station on 11 May and presented assistances to families.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, senior military officers and officials attended the opening of Bo Yazar Hall held at No (1) Basic Education High School in Homalin Township. Officials opened the hall and the commander unveiled the signboard of the hall.

At 100-bed People's Hospital in Homalin, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party presented cash and kind to the patients. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and accepted

the cash donations presented by wellwishers.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected Mya Sanda wooden bridge and retaining wall in Homalin. After hearing reports on works being carried out presented by an official, Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions and looked into construction of bridge.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on facts about the township and progress of

the region presented by an official in meeting with departmental officials and local people at the gymnasium of the township and fulfilled the requirements.

Then, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander presented cash, stationery, school uniforms and necessary items to officials.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited rubber farm of the local battalion and gave necessary instructions.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein formally opens Myanmar National League Cup (Grand Royal 2009) football match.
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Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Mya Sanda bridge and retaining wall in Homalin.—MNA

USDA Secretary-General meets Member of CPVCC President of VFF Central Committee and party

YANGON, 16 May — The Vietnamese delegation led by Member of Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee President of Vietnam Fatherland Front (VFF) Central Committee Mr. Huynh Dam called on Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association

at the meeting hall of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township here at 5 p.m. on 14 May.

Also present at the call were USDA CEC members U Aung Thein Lin, U Than Htay and U Maung Pa, officials of the USDA Headquarters, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr. Chu Cong Phung and party.

USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo briefed objectives of the association and efforts being made for development and stability of the State in cooperation with the people and discussed further strengthening of friendly relations among associations of the two countries. — MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo meets Member of CPVCC President of VFF Central Committee Mr. Huynh Dam and party.—MNA

Next, he inspected construction of small hydropower station of Homalin Station and heard reports of officials.

At rubber plantation of a local farmer, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on progress of growing of rubber in the township and works to be done, and looked into rubber plantations.

Next, he oversaw Uru bridge on Homalin-Phaungpyin motorway and called for durability of the bridge.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended the opening of

16-bed self-reliant station hospital at Naung Po Aung Model village in the township and presented cash and kind to patients.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and inspected site chosen for implementation of Neintalon small hydropower project.

After hearing reports on construction of 16-bed station hospital in Shwe Pyi Aye presented by a responsible person, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into construction works.

He also inspected

BEHS in Shwe Pyi Aye, waste-fired power station and chosen site for construction of dam, and left necessary instructions.

At the hall in Shwe Pyi Aye, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented cash assistances for Shwe Pyi Aye BEHS and regional development tasks to officials and bio batteries and fluorescent lamps to local people.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs of local people in villages along Homalin-Phaungpyin motorway.

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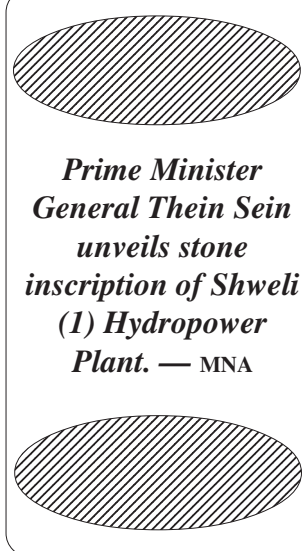
Energy Minister meets local people of Kungyangon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 10 May morning demonstrated use of bio-battery in Tawpya and Pakauk villages of Kungyangon Township and donated rice, edible

oil and gram to the local people. The minister inspected drinking water lake of Pakauk Village.

In the evening, the minister met and demonstrated use of bio-battery in Pilakhat Village. After demonstrating use of

bio-battery, the minister presented foodstuffs to the local people. In Tawkhalu Village, he explained disaster preparedness measures in meeting with the local people and demonstrated use of bio-battery.—MNA



**Prime Minister
General Thein Sein
unveils stone
inscription of Shweli
(1) Hydropower
Plant. — MNA**



In accord with guidance of Head of State, ...

(from page 1)
under the cooperation
between Myanmar and the
People's Republic of
China. This project
reflects not only friendship
but also mutual

generating capacity is
currently the largest power
station in Myanmar. **With
relentless efforts of the
government, Yeywa
Hydropower Plant that
is larger than the present**

and Kengtawng in central
Shan State have been
electrified and part of
electricity needs of the State
has been fulfilled.

From 1988 to date,
besides regional
Hydropower plants, a total
of 13 Hydropower plants
covering the power grids of

**megawatts of electricity.
Up to date, all the Hydro-
power stations across the
nation can generate more
than 1,400 megawatts of
electricity and 35 ongoing
projects will generate
over 32,900 megawatts.**

Therefore, generating capacity of the
stations around the nation
accounts for only over three
percent of that of the whole
nation. On completion of
the ongoing projects, there
will be about 79 percent of
generating capacity of the
whole nation.

Although Myanmar does not have
enough electricity at
present, in not-too-distant
future, it will be able to not
only fulfill domestic
electricity needs but also
sell power surpluses to

To complete a
Hydropower project takes
time. And upon its
completion, measures have
to be taken such as building
power grids and sub-power
stations and upgrading old
ones with the use of modern
technology.

With changes in
people's living conditions
and with the increasing
number of industries, the
consumption of electricity
across the nation has been
increased significantly
year after year.

In accord with the
guidance of the Head of
State, the government is
working very hard to fulfill
the nation's electricity
needs. There was only one
ministry of electric power
and now there are two —
Ministry of Electric Power

government, the people on
their part are to help
develop the national
economy by improving
their own businesses.

Shweli
Hydropower plant opened
today will fulfill the
electricity needs of Shan
State (North) as well as
that of the nation to a certain
extent. Now, Shweli has
witnessed the Hydropower
plant although it was just
a dream in the past.

Similarly,
Kengtawng, Paunglaung,
Yeywa, Mone and
Chindwin Basin projects
are now being practically
implemented though they
were just a dream in the
past. More projects larger
than the present ones will
emerge one after another.

Besides the



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets local people at
opening ceremony of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant. — MNA**

cooperation between the
two countries.

The Prime
Minister said on behalf of
the Myanmar people, he
wished the Chinese
Paukphaw friends attending
the ceremony health and
happiness. He said he also
believed that Shweli
Hydropower Plant would
further cement the
friendship and cooperation
between the two countries.

At present, Shweli
(1) Hydropower Plant with
600 megawatts of

**one will emerge in the
coming years. Likewise,
projects larger than
Yeywa will emerge one
after another later. The
top priority of the State is
to generate adequate
electricity necessary to
develop industries so as to
build up a modern,
developed nation.**

Thanks to the
emergence of 54-megawatt
Kengtawng Hydropower
Plant opened in March,
Loilem, Namsang,
Langkho, Monai, Maukmai

the whole nation have been
built. There are 35 ongoing
Hydropower projects.

These projects lie
along the rivers of
Ayeyawady, Chindwin,
Sittoung and Thanlwin
blessed with lots of water
resources. Along the
Ayeyawady basin are
Yeywa, Shweli, Zawgyi
and Mone Creek projects.

**Experts have
estimated that with
national water resources,
the State can generate
more than 43,400**



**Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Minister Col Zaw Min and
Member of the leadership of Huaneng Group of China Mr Kou Wei
formally open Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant. — MNA**

foreign countries.

Despite the timing
of large-scale projects and
large capital, some projects
are being implemented
with own capital and
technology. But there are
also some projects which
are being undertaken in
cooperation with friendly
nations.

(1) and Ministry of Electric
Power (2). Despite the effort
to overcome any difficulties
in nation-building tasks, the
slogan 'Let's build an
electrified paradise' will
come into shape and the
future of the nation will be
bright with electricity.

Realizing the
goodwill effort of the

electricity sector, the
government is trying to
improve other sectors
such as agriculture,
industry, trade, rail
transport, road transport,
health and education. It is
also striving for ensuring
equitable development of
all regions of the Union.

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**From 1988 to date, besides regional
Hydropower plants, a total of 13
Hydropower plants covering the power
grids of the whole nation have been
built.**



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at opening ceremony of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant.
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remain harmonious in nation-building tasks.

Now, the government has built almost all the infrastructural buildings in various sectors and is implementing democratic transition processes step

leadership of Huaneng Group Mr. Kou Wei made a speech. He said that the friendly ties have been established between China and Myanmar since 1950 to date. Among the BOT investment of China

behalf of the national people, spoke words of thanks. He said that peace and stability could not be restored in the region over 40 years. Due to lack of peace and stability, the region lagged behind in

The development gap between one region and another is narrowing and the living standard of the people is getting higher.



In accord with guidance of Head of State, ...

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In the past, Shan State was reverberating with sounds of gunfire and explosions of shells of heavy weapons, but it is now on path of development with peace and stability. Lashio and Kengtung, like Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State, are developing in parallel. And the development of border towns such as Muse, Laukkai, Tachilek and Mongla is on a par with that of cities. In particular, Lashio and Muse have become the commercial hubs of border areas.

Moreover, there has been swift commodity flow between Shan State (North) and interior regions. Like Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway, Lashio-Tangyan Road and Lashio-Laukkai Road have been upgraded to fine ones.

In addition, the education and health sectors are making remarkable progress in Lashio. The region has seen universities, colleges and hospitals one after another.

Long ago, rice supply did not exceed the demand

in Shan State (North), so it had to rely on interior areas for rice. In contrast, the region's rice output is now on the increase, and it has enjoyed rice security.

Like Shan State, the other states and divisions are enjoying cumulative progress, and that is a

considerable regional development will help cement amicable relations between national races and guarantee the perpetuity of the Union. Similarly, the unity of the national races will generate national development and peace and stability in the long run.

Therefore, **the government is working**

by step. And it is going to hold elections as the fifth step in 2010 in accordance with the State constitution that has been approved by the great majority of the voters.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are to continue to cooperate for smooth transition to democracy. Then, the Union with good foundations can be relayed

in Myanmar, Shweli (1) Hydropower Project was implemented with the largest amount of investment, he said. Likewise, he said that Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant is the largest among hydropower plants in Myanmar. With the assistance of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and No. 2, he added that the difficulties in the

development and lives of innocent people and their property were destroyed. At present, hydropower can be generated in the country due to prevalence of peace and stability. Local people are enjoying fruits of development in roads and bridges, dams, communications, education and health sectors. No one would like to dream the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant.—MNA



tangible result. **The development gap between one region and another is narrowing and the living standard of the people is getting higher.**

Thanks to the development in the electric power and energy sectors, the people will be able to enjoy better living standard in future. Such

hard with all its heart for development of all regions of the Union, modernization and development of the whole nation, cohesion of national races, and flourishing of Union Spirit among the people. All the goals will be achieved if the government, the people and the Tatmadaw

to the posterity.

In conclusion, he expressed his thanks to the Ministry of Electric Power (1) and the Chinese experts for having constructed Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant, which bears witness to friendly relations and mutual co-operation between Myanmar and China.

Member of the

project could be overcome successfully. Within the short period time of two years and nine months from July 2006 to April 2009, six generators could be operated successfully to produce electricity thereby cementing friendship between the two countries, he added.

Next, a Palaung national U Hsan Pu, on

instability of the past. Since the time of forefathers, local people have been engaging in cultivation of crops and paddy and trading along both banks of Shweli River. Recently, Shweli Suspension Bridge was inaugurated as the 222nd of its kind in the nation.

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Htot-kawkoe region in Kawkareik Township benefiting from projects for regional development

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min met peace group members led by Phado U Aung San and fulfilled their requirements at Phayagon peace region on 14 May.

Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs gave an account of progress in regional development undertakings. The chairman of Kayin State PDC gave an additional report.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw dealt with the measures for all-round development of Htot-kawkoe region.

They presented exercise books, school uniforms, gifts and cash assistance to members of

Win Thuzar Shop and the shop of the region Women's Affairs Organization.

On his inspection tour of the project for Htot-kawkoe vocational training centre for women, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw called for completion of the project on schedule with the set standard.

He inspected Htot-kawkoe affiliated Basic Education Middle School and provided the school with cash assistance.

In accord with guidance of Head of State, ...

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In the recent past, the region used electricity from diesel generators, Namhmyaw hydropower plant and Nam-saungngaung hydropower plants. At present, Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant supplies the region with electricity round the clock and shares surplus electricity with the national brethren of Shan State (North) through the power grid. The local people will join hands with the government to carry out development of the nation and to shape the peaceful and stable nation, he said.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party cordially greeted the guests and local people.

The commander, Minister Col Zaw Min and Member of the leadership of Huaneng Group Mr. Kou Wei opened the archway of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photo together with officials.

The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the power plant and the stone inscription. Next, he sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Officials conducted the Prime Minister and party round the power plant.

The Prime Minister and party presented gifts to mark the opening ceremony of the power plant.

S h w e l i Hydropower Project is located near Mantat Village, 17 miles southwest of Namkham in Shan State (North). A dam was built on Shweli River and water was taken to 600 megawatts generating capacity of power plant through the water intake tunnel. The power plant will supply

4022 kilowatt hour million to the nation through the power grid.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister met townselders and national entrepreneurs at the lounge of Lashio Airport.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that Shan State (North) lagged behind in development in the past due to armed insurgency. He said that the Tatmadaw Government tried hard to forge unity among the national races. At present, he continued to say that peace and stability is prevailing in the region, and unprecedented development can be witnessed in the region. He stressed the need for the local people to maintain peace and stability and development momentum as the important duty. He added that the Tatmadaw Government is building infrastructures in political, economic and social sectors, and it is necessary to shape the democratic new nation in the future. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged those present to do their bid in successfully holding the 2010 election to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence inspects rubber nursery in Htot-kawkoe region.

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When they arrived at Htot-kawkoe region in Kawkareik Township, the deputy director of the Ministry for Progress of

the Peace Council.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw viewed the rubber nursery, Htot-kawkoe health care centre, the labour room,

In meeting with servicemen of Nabu Station and their members at the assembly hall, he presented gifts to them.

He also inspected Naungpatok lake in Natkyun Village and gave instructions.

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Member of the Leadership of Huaneng Group Mr Kou Wei.—MNA



Palung National Race U Hsan Pu.—MNA

*The match between Zeyar Shwe Myay FC and Yangon United FC in progress.
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DVDs of song set of ancient Chinese poems published

BEIJING, 16 May — A Beijing-based publishing house has published a song book setting of ancient Chinese poems by a contemporary Chinese musician for the first time in China, with elementary and high school students as its target.

The song set, together with its DVDs and VCDs, will be published worldwide, to meet the increasing demands of Chinese families at home and abroad as well as foreign nationals who want to study the Chinese culture and language, said Teng Jingyun, deputy president of the Educational Science Publishing House (ESPH), at a press conference Saturday.

There are 95 classic songs that are included in the Chinese-Language textbooks for domestic elementary and high schools, which will be helpful for school children to study and memorize

the Chinese classics, according to the official.

All the songs were composed by 47-year-old Chinese musician YouZhu, a native of Chongqing Municipality, southwest China, and sung by a group of Chinese children.

Last year, the song set was broadcasted by the Chinese-Language channel of an educational TV network SCOLA in the United States. Beginning this March, the songs have been televised, one every week, by the Chinese Educational Television (CETV).

It took eight years for the composer to complete the song book. The dedicated young artist said he is now planning to compose and stage an opera of 'The Dream of the Red Chamber', one of the top classic novels in Chinese literature.

Internet



A Smart car hangs on a pillar while visitors tour the Shanghai International Auto Show on the press day in Shanghai, China, in April, 2009. The Shanghai Auto Show, once a venue for the West to show off its cars to a country still relying on bicycles, is now a showcase for China's own industry as it overtakes the US in market size.—INTERNET

Three police, two Taleban fighters killed in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May — Three policemen and Two Taleban were killed in Farah province west of Afghanistan Saturday, police spokesman Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said.

"A group of armed Taleban raided police checkpoint in Dularam district at 1:00 am today (2030 GMT) and police encountered killing two insurgents," Ahmadi told Xinhua.

Three police were killed and two others sustained injuries in the firefight, he further said. —Internet

Baby survives eight-storey balcony fall in Canada

OTTAWA, 16 May — A baby boy who fell from the eighth-storey balcony of his home survived after landing in some bushes, Canadian police said Friday.

The accident happened in the city of Mississauga in Ontario Province Friday morning. Police said the boy had managed to wiggle out of his mother's arms, causing him to plummet from the balcony of his apartment home, according to a report by Canadian Television.

MNA/Xinhua



Young people play a boxing game on the blind date activity held in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 16 May, 2009. A blind date gathering was held at the Tazihu All People Sports Center in Wuhan on Saturday, where young single people made new friends through interesting sports. —INTERNET

Korean Air increases flights to China

BEIJING, 16 May — Korean Air will open flights between Seoul and Xi'an in northwestern China's Shaanxi Province and Mudanjiang in northeastern China's Heilongjiang Province, it told Xinhua Saturday.

It means Korean Air will serve 30 destinations in Chinese mainland.

The flight between Seoul and Xi'an will use a Boeing 737-800 aircraft of 149 seats from 27 May on.

Operating every day except Thursdays and Sundays, flight KE807 will depart Seoul at 9:20 am and arrive in Xi'an at 11:20 am on the same day. The return flight KE808 will depart Xi'an at 12:20 p.m. and return to Seoul at 4:00 p.m. on the same day.

Another new destination is Mudanjiang, where Korean Air will fly three times per week on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 2 June on.

Also using a Boeing 737-800 aircraft of 149 seats, the outbound flight KE823 will depart Seoul at 10:00 a.m. and arrive in Mudanjiang at 11:45 am. The return flight KE824 will depart Mudanjiang for Seoul at 12:45 pm and arrive at 4:25 pm.—Internet

Flood kills two, wounds six in NE Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May — Heavy rains and flooding killed two persons and injured six others in Afghanistan's northeast Badakhshan province, an official of the province said Saturday.

The natural disaster, which hit Kazar village in Khash district Friday evening, also killed 700 cattle and washed away hundreds of acres of farmland, Ziaul Haq Abuzar the deputy to Counter-Emergency Committee said.

He added that the committee would provide humanitarian aid to affected people.

Heavy rains and floods have killed dozens of people in several parts of Afghanistan over the past one month.—Internet

International Museum Day 2009 opens in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 16 May — Hong Kong International Museum Day 2009 was opened here on Saturday with more than 100 entertaining educational and extension activities to gain better understanding about the missions and functions of local museums.

Under the theme of "Museums On the Go", a fleet of parade lorries carrying performance teams including museum mascots and international cultural ambassadors participated in shows for the public at the opening ceremony and gala at the Hong Kong Cultural Center Piazza.

The parade lorries will also visit major tourist attractions and shopping areas on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and the New Territories on Sunday.

Florence Hui, secretary for Home Affairs Department of Hong Kong, said this was the ninth year that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of Hong Kong (LCSD) was hosting the Museum Day to provide the public with an array of extension activities.

"This year, more than 30 museums and heritage institutions from Beijing, Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong join together to provide an eclectic mix of programs for Hong Kong people and tourists," she said.

Admission is free on 16 and 17 May to LCSD's 17 museums and other participating local museums.

Internet



A biker performs on a motocross bike in front of the Singapore Flyer during the Red Bull X-Fighters Exhibition Tour in Singapore on 16 May, 2009. INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (287)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (287) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A sculptor works on a sand sculpture of "The Thinker" during preparations for the FIESA 2009 International Sand Sculpture Festival in Pera on 14 May, 2009. An international team of 60 sculptors will turn 35,000 tons of sand into sculptures spread over 15,000 square metres (161,600 square feet) for the festival, which opens to the public on 22 May.—INTERNET

Arctic explorers end North Pole trek early

BEIJING, 16 May—British explorers on an Arctic expedition cut short their mission to measure the thickness of floating Arctic sea ice because of early summer ice melt.

Polar explorers Pen Hadow, Ann Daniel and photographer Martin Hartley had planned a three-month journey to the North Pole, but ended their arduous trek on Wednesday, approximately 304

miles (490 km) from their destination, said Hadow. The expedition surveyed 434 km across the surface of the frozen Arctic Ocean over 73 days, amid treacherous snow conditions and temperatures dropping below minus 70 degrees Celsius (minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit) with a wind chill.

"This year, the summer melt came a little early," Hadow said during a Webcast conference from Resolute Bay in northern Canada. "We would have rather reached the Pole if we could have, but we've always regarded (getting there) as the cherry on the cake."

Hadow said the group's goal was to cover as much distance as possible and gather as much information as possible. "Along the way we realized (getting to) the Pole was not achievable so we sacrificed it very easily," he said.—Internet

Ten injured in explosion in central Turkey

ANKARA, 16 May—Ten people were injured in an explosion in a building in central Turkey on Friday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The 10 people, including two policemen, were injured in the blast in the three-storeyed building in the province of Eskisehir, according to the report.

Firefighters extinguished the fire triggered by the blast in a parquetry store on the ground floor of the building, said the report, adding the injured had been taken to hospital for treatment. The investigation on the cause of the incident is underway, said the report.—Internet

Zhe Ping teaches her deaf student Lu Xinlei to pronounce in a special education nursery school in Shenyang, on 13 May, 2009. The nursery school started in 1994, and has taught some 1000 handicapped students during the past 15 years.—INTERNET

Mars rover faces dangerous situation

PASADENA, 16 May—The US space agency says its Mars rover Spirit is facing a dangerous situation, slipping in soft soil with its wheels sinking halfway into the ground.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineers and scientists have temporarily suspended driving Spirit while they study the ground around the rover and conduct simulations of driving options with a test rover at NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.

"Spirit is in a very difficult situation," JPL's John Callas, project manager for Spirit and its twin rover Opportunity said. "We are proceeding methodically and cautiously. It may be weeks before we try moving Spirit again. Meanwhile, we are using Spirit's scientific instruments to learn more about the physical properties of the soil that is giving us trouble."

NASA said Spirit has been driving counter-clockwise from north to south around a low pla-

teau called "Home Plate" for two months. The rover progressed 400 feet on that route before reaching its current position.

Officials said problems that Spirit exhibited in early April — lost memory, computer resets and failure to conduct communications sessions — have not recurred, although investigations have yet to determine the cause of the problems. Both Spirit and Opportunity have operated more than five years longer than their planned missions of three months.

Internet

Russia sends US communication satellite into space

MOSCOW, 16 May—Russia launched a carrier rocket on Saturday to send a US communication satellite into space, the *Itar-Tass* news agency reported.

The Briz-m rocket, with a ProtoStar-2 satellite atop, blasted off at 04:57 am Moscow time (0057 GMT) from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan, Alexander Bobrenov, spokesman for the rocket's manufacturer the Khrunichev Center, was quoted as saying by *Itar-Tass*. The Russian Space Agency (Roskosmos) said earlier that the satellite will separate from the booster in 9 hours and 15 minutes.

The ProtoStar-2 satellite, a product of the Boeing corporation, will provide communication services for customers in such countries as Indonesia, India and the Philippines.—Internet

Group urges baby dried blood spots screens

BETHESDA, 16 May—A US group of geneticists is stressing the importance of screening the residual dried blood spots of newborns.

The American College of Medical Genetics said a critical aspect of newborn screening is the "dried blood spot, filter card" which provides the specimen on which the screening is done. The left-over sample is useful in follow-up testing and other uses aimed at ensuring high quality newborn screening in the United States, the statement said.

In 2006, the ACMG recommended US newborns be uniformly screened for 29 medical conditions. Their position statement affirms:

— Residual newborn screening dried blood filter spots are a valuable national resource that can contribute significantly to the health of children.

— Newborn screening blood spots are stored with rigorous control and respect for privacy and confidentiality to protect the public.—Internet





GM to close about 1,100 dealers in US

CHICAGO, 16 May — About 1,100 General Motors Corp dealers in the United States started receiving notices Friday that their franchises will be eliminated.

According to a report by the *Detroit News*, the moves are part of GM's plan to cut its US dealership ranks by about 40 percent from 5,969 to 3,600 by next year, a deeper and quicker cut than what was included in a 17 February plan rejected by President Obama's autos task force.

GM will shed about 500 additional dealerships by eliminating the Saab, Hummer and Saturn brands and another 400 to 500 dealers might be consolidated with other franchises.

GM expects 400 to 600 dealerships to terminate the franchises voluntarily based on the struggling sales environment and economy. As part of the cuts, GM will buy back inventory, signage and parts.

"We have said from the beginning that our dealers are not a problem

but an asset for General Motors," Mark LaNeve, GM vice president of sales service and marketing, said in a prepared statement.

"However, it is imperative that a healthy, viable GM have a healthy, viable dealer body that can not only survive but prosper during cyclical downturns. It is obvious that almost all parts of GM, including the dealer body, must get smaller and more efficient," he said.—*Internet*

Panasonic incurs 378.96 bln yen net loss in 2008

TOKYO, 16 May — Panasonic Corp on Friday announced a group net loss of 378.96 billion yen (3.94 billion US dollars) in fiscal 2008.

It is the first time that the Japanese electronics giant has fallen into the red in six years, said the company, projecting a further loss in fiscal 2009 due to massive restructuring costs to combat sluggish sales, plummeting

gadget prices and a stronger yen.

The huge loss came after the company harvested a record-high profit of 281.88 billion yen (2.93 billion dollars) in fiscal 2007.

As the world's largest maker of plasma display televisions, Panasonic said its TV subsidiary recorded a big loss in fiscal

2008 on shrinking demand and falling product prices against the backdrop of the global economic recession.

As part of measures to recoup the losses, Panasonic plans to cut 15,000 jobs worldwide by the end of March and save 135 billion yen (1.41 billion dollars) in costs in fiscal 2009.—*Internet*

Indian Air Force MIG-27 fighter craft crashes in Rajasthan

NEW DELHI, 16 May—An Indian Air Force fighter MIG-27 on Friday crashed in a village in Jodhpur in the western Indian state of Rajasthan, a senior Indian Defence Ministry official said.

"Though the pilot ejected safely at the time of the crash around 08:30 am in the morning, seven people of Konkani village are known to have sustained injuries," Indian Defence Ministry Spokesman Lt Col N N Joshi told the media.

He said that the pilot was on a routine practice when the mishap happened. "We will ascertain the exact cause of the crash after the IAF completes its probe into the accident," he said.—*Internet*



A handout photo from SBS TV received in 2006 allegedly shows a hooded and bound prisoner being attacked by a dog in Iraq's Abu Ghraib jail.—INTERNET

Petrol tanker explodes in western Australia

CANBERRA, 16 May — A petrol tanker exploded on Friday and set fire to a petrol station in Perth in Western Australia, but there was no report of injuries yet.

Western Australian police evacuated all homes and businesses, including a suburban shopping center, within a 500-metre radius of the petrol station, according to a Fire and Emergency Services Authority spokeswoman.

Firefighters were trying to contain the blaze and prevent it spreading further, Australian Associated Press quoted the spokeswoman as saying. The fire appeared to have started while the truck was refueling the station. "It appears as though a compartment of the truck has exploded while it was decanting," she said.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



Photo taken on 25 April shows participants compete during the second annual office chair championships in Bad Koenig, 30 kilometres southeast of Darmstadt, Germany. About 80 participants competed on a downhill stretch of road using especially adapted desk furniture. The downhill course measured 200 metres and included an additional challenge in the form of a small ramp.



A frog of the new species "guibemantis liber" is seen in this undated picture released by the Spanish Scientific Research Council (CSIC).

India breaks Guinness Record in choir singing

Over 160,000 people in twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in West India gathered to sing in one voice and made it to the Guinness Book of World Records, local tabloid Mail Today said Tuesday.

The mammoth gathering paid a tribute to the 15th century South Indian Telugu composer Tallapaka Annamayya by singing seven classical songs composed by him at the Secunderabad Parade Grounds in the twin cities Sunday evening, according to the report.

The previous record was set more than seven decades ago by a German choir on 2 Aug, 1937, when 60,000 people sang the German national anthem in chorus under Nazi orchestration.

In the twin cities, the sprawling ground was packed with people of all age groups and from all walks of life. They joined a team of classical singers led by Carnatic — a south Indian form of music — vocalist Garimella Balakrishna Prasad. The event marked the Telugu composer's 601st birth anniversary, said the report.

The composer wrote over 35,000 songs in praise of Hindu Lord Venkateswara.

A Guinness representative, Raymond Marshal, announced after the choir finished its performance that a new record had been set.

Man drives Chery into BMW for saving little girl

A young man drove his Chery car into a BMW that was sliding down a slope towards a six-year-old girl. The Youth Times reports.

On Friday, a businesswoman surnamed Huang was in a rush when she drove her brown BMW to a business talk in Wenzhou, in Eastern China's Zhejiang Province. Huang's BMW scraped a motorcycle on a sloped road, and she left her car to ask the motorcyclist about the injury, forgetting to put her car into parking gear. As bystanders paid attention to the injured motorcyclist, her car began to slide down the slope.

Australian zoo evacuated after notorious Orangutan's escape

An Australian zoo was evacuated Sunday when a notorious Orangutan escaped her enclosure by short-circuiting an electric fence.

Adelaide zoo officials said patrons were evacuated as a precaution hours after the 26-year-old Karta escaped.

Karta gained access to a side garden-bed, where she caught hold of a stick and used it to short-circuit the electric wires around her enclosure before piling up some more sticks to climb out.

The incident comes three weeks after the death of her former mate Pusung, but keepers do not believe that sparked this escape attempt.

While this was happening, a young man surnamed Chen, driving his friend's Chery car, saw the BMW sliding down the road towards a little girl who was unaware of the looming danger.

After honking many times in vain, Chen made his decision and drove his car to block the BMW's way.

The traffic police said after the incident that Chen's car was not badly damaged. The severity of the situation was highlighted by the fact that the height of the BMW's front is the same as the girl's height. Without Chen's help, the girl's head could have been hit by the BMW.



Employees of Hyundai Motors India Limited at work at the auto plant in Sriperumbudur, some 45kms north of Chennai, in 2008. The South Korean car giant said Friday it may shift production of its premium i20 hatchback to Europe from India due to labour trouble, hindering an Indian plan to become a global auto-export hub.

SPORTS

Scottish rivals locked in familiar struggle



Celtic's Shunsuke Nakamura is seen here in action during a Scottish Premier League match between Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox, Glasgow, Scotland, on 9 May. Celtic and Rangers return to action this weekend with just goal difference separating them at the top of the League.—INTERNET

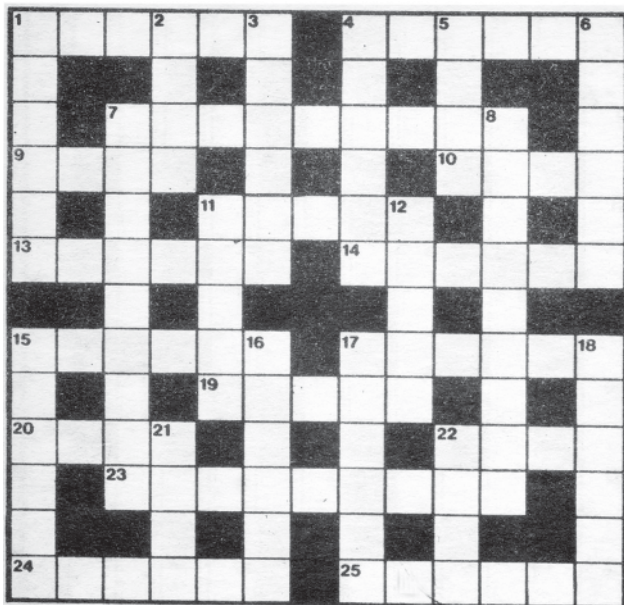
GLASGOW, 16 May—Celtic and Rangers return to action this weekend with just goal difference separating them at the top of the Scottish Premier League. Rangers had moved two points clear of their rivals following their triumph in the Old Firm derby last Saturday, but held their lead for just 72 hours.

Celtic's midweek 2-1 win over Dundee United coupled with Rangers' 1-1 draw with Hibernian

means the Parkhead side sit top again with a superior goal difference of two. The title will now go down to the last day of the season and if both sides win their last two games then goal difference will decide the destination of the title as in it did in 2003 when Rangers clinched the championship by just one goal.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Lingerie (coll)
- 4 Fit for ploughing
- 7 Restrousse (4-5)
- 9 US State
- 10 Eng. architect
- 11 Hindu musical instrument
- 13 Roving
- 14 Running with long strides
- 15 Place much frequented
- 17 Head (sl.)
- 19 Shakespearian Athenian
- 20 East European
- 22 Public
- 23 Bad dream
- 24 Blockhead
- 25 Whipped

DOWN

- 1 Arbitrator
- 2 Island of Inner Hebrides
- 3 Yield
- 4 Declaration
- 5 Afresh
- 6 Warming alcoholic drink (3-3)
- 7 Fencer
- 8 Waste-water duct
- 11 Quick drink (sl.)
- 12 Mountain ash
- 15 Social reformer
- 16 Military helmet (3-3)
- 17 Ordinary
- 18 Foul-tasting
- 21 Field of sight
- 22 Spheres

United tie up title treble

Red Devils match Liverpool's record after Gunners stalemate

LONDON, 16 May — Manchester United clinched a third consecutive Premier League title after securing the point they needed with a 0-0 draw at home to Arsenal.

Sir Alex Ferguson's men headed into Saturday lunchtime's Old Trafford encounter requiring only a draw to match Liverpool's record of 18 top-flight crowns.

And, after seeing Arsenal control possession for long periods and strike the post late on, United greeted the final whistle with huge delight to give Ferguson the 11th championship success of his reign.

After victory over Wigan Athletic in midweek, United set out positively in a bid to wrap up the title on a winning note in front of their own fans and had a chance inside the opening 30 seconds only for Cristiano Ronaldo to pass up a shooting opportunity.

Arsenal, who were beaten in the UEFA Champions League semi-finals by United earlier this month, were out for a modicum of revenge and saw Robin van Persie head over their best chance of the first half.

Wayne Rooney nodded wide for United and Carlos Tevez was unable to turn away from Arsenal keeper Lukasz Fabianski sharply enough in the second half.

The closest either team came to a winner was on 84 minutes when Gunners captain Cesc Fabregas' well-struck shot thumped against the post.

United grew more cautious as the game wore on, but survived some late Arsenal pressure to make it three titles in a row for the second time during the Premier League era.—Internet



Manchester United celebrate after winning the English Premier League title with a draw against Arsenal at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 16 May, 2009. —INTERNET

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Bolton	1 – 1	Hull City
Everton	3 – 1	West Ham Utd
Man Utd	0 – 0	Arsenal
Middlesbrough	1 – 1	Aston Villa
Newcastle	0 – 1	Fulham
Stoke City	2 – 0	Wigan Athletic
Tottenham	2 – 1	Manchester City

Nadal to face Djokovic at Madrid tennis Masters

MADRID, 16 May—Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic will meet for the third time in as many Masters events on Saturday after the duo swept to straight-sets quarter-final wins in Madrid.

World number one Nadal surprisingly trailed 0-4 in the second set against Spanish rival Fernando Verdasco, the seventh seed, but the king of clay stormed back for a 6-4, 7-5 win in a shade under two hours.—Internet

Bundesliga braced for tense title countdown

BERLIN, 16 May—Coach Felix Magath insists Bundesliga leaders Wolfsburg will travel to midtable Hanover in confident fashion on Saturday as they stand just two wins away from their first Bundesliga title. Wolfsburg are level with second-placed Bayern on 63 points and Hertha Berlin are third on 62 as one of the closest-ever Bundesliga title races will only be decided on the last day of the season on 23 May.

Bayern beat neighbours Leverkusen 3-0 on Tuesday, the same night Wolfsburg beat Dortmund by the same score to stay top with a goal difference of just two better than

Munich. With two points separating the top four teams there is no margin for error and Wolfsburg can ill afford another slip like their recent 4-1 hammering at Stuttgart.

Internet



Wolfsburg's coach Felix Magath is seen in action during a recent German first division Bundesliga match in Stuttgart.—INTERNET



Arsenal's Robin van Persie clears the ball away from Manchester United's Patrice Evra (L) during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England on 16 May, 2009. —INTERNET

Schnyder stuns Jankovic to reach Madrid semis

MADRID, 16 May—Swiss veteran Patty Schnyder reached the Madrid Open semi-finals on Friday with a shock 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 win over Serbian fourth seed Jelena Jankovic.



Swiss Patty Schnyder reacts after winning a point during her WTA Madrid Open claycourt match against Serbian Jelena Jankovic in Madrid. Schnyder won 7-6 (8/6), 6-3.—INTERNET

The result gave the 30-year-old her first elite level final-four placing since San Diego in August, 2007.

Schnyder stunned Jankovic with a battling first set lasting 68 minutes, which was riddled with three breaks per player. But after taking the tiebreaker, the Swiss broke loose in the second set to romp home and into a semi-final match-up against top seed Dinara Safina.

Internet



FC Barcelona's players pose for their fans at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, a day after winning the Kings Cup against Athletic of Bilbao in Valencia's stadium.

INTERNET

League next as Barca on brink of double

MADRID, 16 May—With the King's Cup in the bag, Barcelona look to complete the double this weekend, needing just a point at Real Mallorca on Sunday to secure their 19th league title.

Barcelona destroyed Athletic Bilbao 4-1 to win the King's Cup on Wednesday and have the chance to make it two titles in five days with a draw at Mallorca and could even be crowned champions without playing should Real Madrid fail to defeat Villarreal on Saturday.

"If we become champions because Madrid slip-up, so much the better," said captain Carles Puyol. "If they don't, we'll go to Mallorca to win the game as we have done all season." Pep Guardiola's side are eight points clear of Real with three games left so a point would be enough as they have a superior head-to-head record.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (17.5.2009) (Sunday)

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

Local Transmission

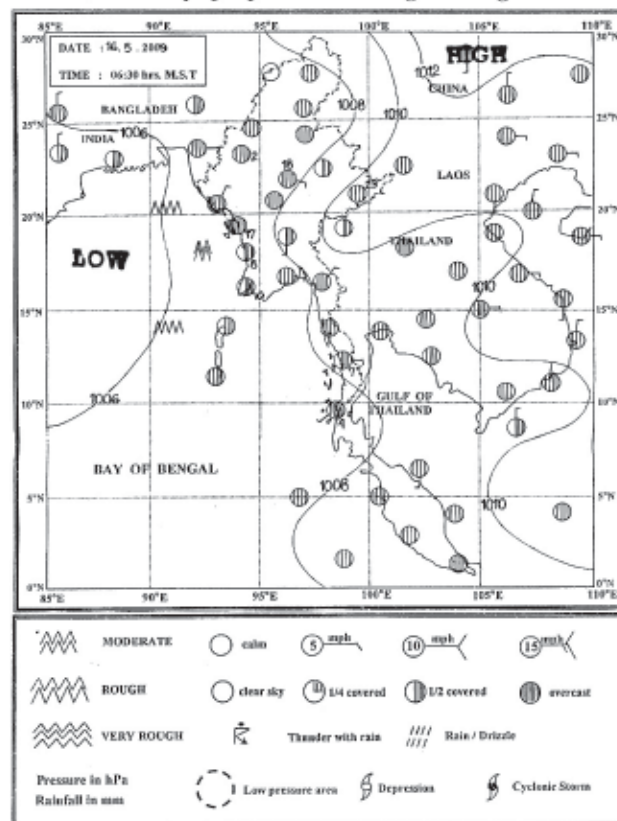
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Ancient Historic Mwayta Kakku Pagoda
- * Profile of Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Roasted Lablab Beans from Zalun
- * Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Inlay Wild Bird Sanctuary
- * "Poem Garden" School is over
- * A Day in the Life of a Mahout
- * Hot Springs in Lashio and Nam-Kham
- * Fried and Crispy, delicious Lablab beans
- * National Herbal Park (Part II)
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh and Seawaters (III)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Border Towns in Northern Shan State
- * Profile of Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Roasted Lablab Beans from Zalun
- * Ancient Historic Mwayta Kakku Pagoda
- * Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- * Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
- * Let's taste "Sabuti"
- * Yaw Clothes from Yaw Region
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh and Seawaters (IV)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 16 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 Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Mon States and Bago Division 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 Rakhine State and Magway Division, (5°C) above May average temperatures in Bago Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Minbu (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maubin (1.57) inches, Pyapon (1.34) inches, Sagaing (0.98) inch, Kengtung (0.90) inch and Mandalay (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-5-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 16-5-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-5-2009 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 15-5-2009 was (4.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 16-5-2009 was (0.11) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (3.54) inches at Mingaladon, (4.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.71) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hour MST on 15-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Chin, Shan and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere 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 17-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-5-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 17 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice & sweet song

7:50 am

5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:00 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. မြန်မာ့မီးရထားလမ်းသစ်ပွား တိုင်းပြည်အကျိုးများ

8:20 am

8. Musical programme

8:30 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "မနုဿိသောအနန္တ" (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အေဝမ်းမောင်လှမျိုး)

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:45 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း-၄၆)

12:30 pm

5. Golf magazine (TV)

1:00 pm

6. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "လင်းနီ" (နိုင်နီ၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကိုလွင်(စန္ဒီပိုင်)]

2:00 pm

7. International news

2:40 pm

8. Dance of National Races

3:50 pm

1. Myanmar national league MNL-Cup (2009) (Southern Myanmar F.Cနှင့် ရတနာပုံF.C)

5:45 pm

2. Musical programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening news

6:30 pm

4. Weather report

6:35 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"

6:55 pm

6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "အကျင့်ပါနေလို့" (ချာလီရာဇာပေါက်စီအိတုန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထင်ထင်)

7:15 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူသက်ထား" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

8. News
9. International news
10. Weather report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆောမီသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၈)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါလယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)



MNOC Chairman Prime Minister attends opening ceremony of Myanmar National League Cup (Grand Royal 2009)

YANGON, 16 May—Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of the Myanmar National League Cup (Grand Royal 2009) at the Youth Training Centre in Thingangyun Township at 3.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, ministers, the Yangon

mayor, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, departmental heads, the EC member of FIFA and representatives, secretaries of AFC and AFF, the President of Myanmar Football Federation and football club owners, the president of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, guests and spectators.

The Prime Minister formally opened the score board.

Secretary of MNOC Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, the ministers, MFF President U Zaw Zaw and football club owners cut the ribbon to

open the Myanmar National League Cup (Grand Royal 2009).

Responsible officials from FIFA, AFC and AFF presented bouquets to the Prime Minister.

At 4 pm, the Prime Minister and party among the spectators enjoyed the match between Zeyar Shwe Myay FC and Yangon United FC. In the match, Yangon United FC routed Zayar Shwe Myay FC 4-0. Myo Min Tun of Yangon United FC won the man of the match award.

Tomorrow afternoon, Southern Myanmar FC will play against Yadanabon United at YTC.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein enjoys the match between Zeyar Shwe Myay FC and Yangon United FC at the opening ceremony of Myanmar National League Cup (Grand Royal 2009).—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views production process of bio diesel, demonstration of use of waste-fired stove

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the director-general of Government Office and departmental heads arrived at Lashio from Nay Pyi Taw by Tatmadaw special aircraft at 2.25 p.m. yesterday.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and departmental officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut conducted the Prime Minister and party round the production process of bio diesel from physic nut oil with the use of modern machines displayed at the Shweli Yeiktha and dem-

onstration of use of waste-fired stove at 7 p.m and the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected decoration with lights with the use of bio batteries at the lawn of

Shweli Yeiktha.

Bio diesel can be produced from physic nut oil with the use of Bio smart Bio diesel Production Procedure of SIMAR Co. Ltd of the People's Republic of China. It takes seven and a half

hours to produce 240 liters.

Bio diesel can be produced not only from crude physic nut oil but also from various kinds of used oils and crude oils.

Bio diesel produced with the use of

modern machines can run machines like diesel.

Use of waste-fired stove can save foreign exchange, time and cost, can help avert deforestation, can solve energy scarcity, can prevent from piling of garbage,

can keep cities clean and tidy and prevent depletion of soil.

The advantage of the stove is that it can generate maximum 1000 degree centigrade and releasing gas can operate the engine.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects production of bio diesel at Shweli Yeiktha in Lashio.

MNA

