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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects development tasks in Sagaing Div



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects Nama river crossing bridge construction site.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met with military officers, other ranks and their families at Phaungpyin township battalion on 12 May.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials visited Phaungpyin People's Hospital and provided cash assistance to the patients.

The district chairman briefed on preventive measures against the erosion of Kyunshwewah ward and tasks to be carried out and the commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave

necessary instructions and oversaw maintenance tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party attended the opening ceremony of Konauktang village No 14 Post-Primary School.

Afterwards, the township chairman, the assistant township education officer and members of school board of trustees formally opened the new school and the commander, the signboard of the school.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commander and officials grew Gankaw and Padauk trees to mark the opening of the new school. Lt-Gen Tha Aye dealt with the emergence of the new school and academic matters

resulted from the cooperation of the State and the local people at the ceremony to hand over the new school to the Ministry of Education.

Afterwards, the member of school board of trustees handed over related documents to the Ministry of Education through the division education officer. Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented the stationery for the students through the schoolhead in-charge.

Meeting with local people in Hawsaung village, Lt-Gen Tha Aye made arrangements to fulfil the requirements in the sectors of education, health, social welfare and agriculture.

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Boosting production of quality farm equipment to change from conventional to mechanized farming



Vehicles of field trip teams with loads of farming equipment seen on their departure.

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

Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is striving for development of the agriculture sector applying various ways and means. As a result of implementing dams and river water pumping projects, the number of sown acreage has increased due to cultivation of double and mixed cropping all the year round. The increasing agricultural capacity

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PERSPECTIVES

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Government, People and Tatmadaw working in concert to improve public socio-economy

The opening ceremony of Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant situated near Mantat Village, 17 miles to the southwest of Namkham, Shan State (North), took place on 16 May with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

From 1988 to date, besides regional hydro-power plants, a total of 13 hydropower plants covering the power grids of the whole nation have been built. And there are 35 ongoing hydropower projects.

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 under the cooperation between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China. This project reflects not only friendship but also mutual cooperation between the two nations.

At present, Shweli (1) Hydropower Plant with 600 megawatts of generating capacity is the largest power station in Myanmar. Up to date, all the hydropower plants across the nation can generate more than 1,400 megawatts of electricity and 35 ongoing projects will generate over 32,900 megawatts.

Generating capacity of the power plants around the nation now accounts for only over three percent of that of the whole nation. On completion of the ongoing projects, Myanmar, in not-too-distant future, will be the nation that will be able to not only fulfil domestic electricity needs but also sell power surpluses to foreign countries.

As the government is striving to satisfy the nation's increasing demand of electricity, the people on their part are to help develop the national economy by improving their own businesses realizing the goodwill effort of the government.

With the government, the people and the Tatmadaw working harmoniously for development of all regions of the Union, the nation will surely be able to achieve its desired goal.

Golileo Travelpart Assistant General Manager Mr Thanat Nuasuwaln and Silk Air Manager Mr Yew Latip Atwil formally open Silk Air Travel Fair Programme.—MNA



People's Desire

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

63rd Fire Brigade Day marked in Mandalay



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe addresses the ceremony to mark the 63rd Fire Brigade Day in Mandalay.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—A ceremony to mark the 63rd Fire Brigade Day was held at Aungmyay Mantalar Sport Ground in Aungmyay Thazan Township, Mandalay on 5 May.

It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, the deputy commander, the deputy chief justice of Supreme Court (Upper

Myanmar) and members, division level departmental officials, the principal of Central Fire Service Training School and those from Mandalay Division Fire Service Department and guests.

After making an opening speech, the commander presented prizes to the prize-winners.

Next, the commander and officials viewed the demonstration of putting out the fires of fire brigade members and presented prizes to them.

MNA

Bangladeshi Foreign Affairs Minister concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—A delegation led by Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Dipu Moni of the People's Republic of Bangladesh left here for home by air yesterday noon.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA

Seinlè Shwepyi news journal in circulation

YANGON, 17 May—Seinlè Shwepyi news journal published this week carries various items of local and international news and articles on agriculture, science, economic, construction, history and others.

The copies of journal are available at Sarpay Beikman book shop on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Pan Shwe Pyi Book Shop at the building of

Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township and the book shop of News and Periodicals Enterprise.

Manuscripts may be sent to No. 8 on the second floor of Pangyan Tower at the corner of Dhammazedi and Bagaya Roads in Sangyoung Township, dialing 538302.—MNA

Silk Air Travel Fair Programme introduced

YANGON, 17 May—The Silk Air Travel Fair Programme was introduced at a ceremony held at SKY Bistro 20th Floor Sakura Tower in Kyauktada Township here this morning. Golileo Travelpart Assistant General Manager Mr Thanat Nuasuwaln and Silk Air Manager Mr Yew Latip Atwil formally opened the ceremony.

This was followed by the launch of sales of airtickets for Yangon-Singapore round trip by 30 per cent discount.

Under the Silk Air Travel Fair

Programme, passengers who purchase air ticks of Silk Air line from 16 to 18 May will enjoy the right to obtain air tickets free of charge through a lucky draw programme.

Air tickets are available at SKY Bistro 20th Floor Sakura Tower, Amtra Travel 393304, 393305, Columbus Travel 229245, 255123, Htoo Travel 548554, 557890, Nice Fare Travel 393088, 245378, Saw Porn Phan Travel 373234, 224883, Sun Flower Travel 243993, 255338 and Than Than Travel 255034, 255035.—MNA



Ambush at Afghan school in 'Valley of Death'

ALIABAD (Afghanistan), 17 May — The bearded Afghan army officer dropped off bundles of pens and notebooks at the school and asked one boy which he preferred: The Americans or the Taliban?

"I don't know," the boy replied. But after a short silence other children in the classroom answered for him: "The Taliban."

Within minutes the discussion was punctuated by an insurgent ambush and the joint US-Afghan patrol became pinned down in this area with forested mountains, caves and ravines that American soldiers call "the Valley of Death."

Heavy machine gun fire blanketed the patrol as troops used smoke grenades and cover fire to escape the ambush. No one in the patrol was killed in the firefight Saturday.

The Korengal Valley in eastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province has a reputation as one of most dangerous areas in the country, where its rugged mountainous terrain makes it a perfect insurgent playground.

The region's infamy for US and Afghan troops dates back to June 2005, when a four-man team of Navy SEALs was caught in a militant ambush. Three were killed and the fourth was rescued days later by a farmer.—*Internet*



Injured Iraqi police at a hospital in Kirkuk on 13 May, 2009. An Iraqi toddler and five security force members were killed in the latest violence to rock Baghdad on Saturday as the US military captured three men suspected of links with a Syria-based Al-Qaeda leader.—INTERNET

Abdul Khaliq Ahmed, the father of one year old boy Ali who was killed when a mortar struck their home in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, comforts his sister Um Razaq on 16 May, 2009. His two other children aged 4 and 6 were wounded in the attack.—INTERNET



US soldier killed in combat in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 May — A US soldier was killed in a combat action in southern Iraq on Saturday, the US military said.

A military statement did not provide further details about the death of its Multi-National Division - South soldier, but said the incident is under investigation. Multi-National Division - South, also known as Task Force Mountain, operates in the area south of Baghdad ranging from Najafto Wasit provinces extending to Basra.

—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,297

WASHINGTON, 17 May—As of Saturday, on 16 May, 2009, at least 4,297 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*

Mortar attack kills Iraqi child in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 17 May — A mortar round landed on a house in Baghdad's Shiite bastion of Sadr City on Saturday, killing a 2-year-old child and wounding two others, an interior Ministry source said.

The attack occurred early in the day when a mortar round struck a house in Sadr City neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attack probably targeted a US military base located just few hundreds meters away from the house, the source said.

Despite the security gains in recent months in Iraq, there are still sporadic bombings, which shape setback to the Iraqi government. —*Internet*

Four Americans investigated in Afghan death

KABUL, 17 May – Four US private security guards are being held against their will in Afghanistan by the company formerly known as Blackwater after their involvement in a deadly shooting, their lawyer said on Saturday.

A spokeswoman for the company denied the allegation.

The shooting and allegations of forced confinement by the contractors' lawyer highlights the murky legal world in which private security companies operate in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Blackwater was involved in a 2007 shooting in a busy square in Baghdad, Iraq, that left as many as 17 Iraqi civilians dead and led to the end of its Baghdad operations this month. It has since changed its name to Xe.

An Afghan died and two others were wounded in the May 5 incident in the capital Kabul, said Lt. Col. Chris Kubik, a U.S. military spokesman.

The family of the dead Afghan man said he and the two others were innocent civilians driving home after work. The lawyer for the suspects said they were insurgents trying to kill his clients.—*Internet*

Two policemen killed in eastern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 17 May — Two policemen were killed and five people were wounded when a roadside bomb struck a police patrol in eastern Baghdad on Saturday, a well-informed police source said.

The attack took place in a main street in Baghdad's neighbourhood of Mashtel, damaging a police vehicle and killing two policemen aboard, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Three policemen and two civilians were also wounded by the blast, the source said.

Earlier in the day, two more policemen were killed in separate roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in Abu Ghraib area, some 15 km west of Baghdad, the police said.

The blast also resulted in the killing of two policemen and the wounding of two others, along with wounding five civilians.—*Internet*

Rockets fired on Kabul, causing no casualties

KABUL, 17 May—Three rockets fired from an unknown location hit a residential area in Kabul but caused no damage, a private television channel TOLO reported on Sunday.

"Three rockets fired Saturday night landed at Diwan Bigi area of the 5th precinct," TOLO reported in its morning news bulletin.

Quoting Interior Ministry spokesman Zamarai Bashari, the television added, there were no casualties.

This is the first time since the beginning of this year that Kabul came under rocket attack.

Taliban militants, who vowed to intensify activities against Afghan and the US-led forces, have several times sunk into the capital and kept making pressure on the central government. — *Internet*

Netanyahu may endorse Palestinian state on US trip

JERUSALEM, 17 May—On the eve of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's crucial visit to Washington, his defence minister suggested Saturday the Israeli leader might endorse a Palestinian state when he meets with President Barack Obama.

That would be a significant shift for Netanyahu, who has made clear in the past that he does not think the Palestinians are ready

to rule themselves. But that position has put him at odds with long-standing US policy that supports Palestinian statehood as the cornerstone of Mideast peace efforts.

Senior White House officials said Obama's meeting with Netanyahu Monday is "part of his commitment that he's made since day one of the administration to pursue comprehensive peace in

the Middle East, including a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians."

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak said he thought an agreement with the Palestinians could be achieved within three years.

"I think and believe that Netanyahu will tell Obama this government is prepared to go for a political process that will result in two peoples living side by side in peace and mutual respect," Barak told Channel 2 TV.

However, he did not use the word state, leaving open other options for Netanyahu.—*Internet*

Obama says early to mull more troops in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 17 May—President Barack Obama says he needs to see how fast Afghanistan can be stabilized and led toward a more democratic government before deciding whether more troops are needed.

In an interview with *Newsweek* magazine, Obama said the hardest thing he has had to do so far in his administration was to order 17,000 troops to Afghanistan on top of an estimated 38,000 that were already in Afghanistan. The interview was released on the Web Saturday.

He did not rule out the possibility of sending even more troops, while stressing such a decision was premature at this point and that US military action is not the only an-

swer to bringing stability to the region.

"We have to see our military action in the context of a broader effort to stabilize security in the country, allow national elections to take place in Afghanistan and then provide the space for the vital development work that's needed so that a tolerant and open, democratically elected government is considered far more legitimate than a Taliban alternative," Obama said.

"My strong view is that we are not going to succeed simply by piling on more and more troops," he added. "The military component is critical to accomplishing that goal, but it is not a sufficient element by itself."

—*Internet*

Resorts World on Sentosa island under construction in Singapore in 2008. The developer said Saturday it was considering alternatives to its plan to exhibit whale sharks, the world's largest fish, which had run into strong opposition from animal welfare groups.—*INTERNET*



Rescuers search for survivors on the spot of a collapsed building at the Jiuzhou Economic Development Zone in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China's Gansu Province, on 17 May, 2009. Part of the residence building collapsed due to a landslide on late Saturday in Lanzhou. The bodies of two victims have been found in the scene and one injured was rescued.—*INTERNET*

ElBaradei urges Iran to engage with US

BERLIN, 17 May—Iran should engage with the United States and negotiate over its nuclear programme, Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said in a magazine interview released on Saturday.

US President Barack Obama is actively seeking to engage Iran on a series of issues, from its nuclear programme to Afghanistan.

"I advise my Iranian negotiating partners: grasp the hand that Obama is extending to you," ElBaradei told Germany's *Der Spiegel* magazine.

Asked what he meant exactly, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog added: "I think Freeze for Freeze is the next realistic step. The Iranians would install no more centrifuges, the West would forego further sanction measures. During this time, there would be intensive negotiations."

—*Internet*

Spain hands 13 suspected pirates to Kenya

MADRID, 17 May—Spain says 13 suspected Somali pirates captured in the lawless Gulf of Aden have been handed over to Kenya for a possible trial.

Defence Minister Carme Chacon says the suspects were transferred under international agreements signed in March by the European Union and Kenya. The handover took place Saturday at the Kenyan port of Mombasa.

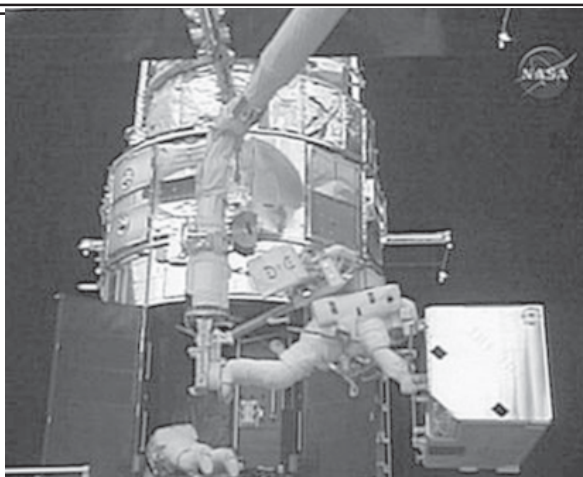
Judge Fernando Andreu had initially sought to fly the suspects to his court in Madrid for questioning but backtracked under pressure from the Spanish government.

The bedraggled youths were plucked from an overturned hull by a Spanish navy ship after their boat capsized 6 May while they were allegedly attempting to hijack a Panamanian-flagged freighter.

Pirate attacks have soared in the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's most important shipping lanes.—*Internet*

In this image obtained from NASA video, astronauts work to service the Hubble space telescope. Two spacewalking NASA astronauts assigned to overhaul the Hubble embark on a fourth spacewalk on Sunday to revive a long inactive instrument aboard the 19-year-old observatory that was once used to study super massive black holes.

—*INTERNET*



Gunmen free 53 inmates from Mexican prison

MEXICO CITY, 17 May—An armed gang freed more than 50 inmates from a prison in central Mexico on Saturday—including two dozen with ties to a powerful drug cartel—in a daring raid that took just five minutes, a state governor said.

The prison director, 40 guards and two police commanders who were on duty at the Cieneguillas prison in Zacatecas state were detained for questioning, according to Gov Amalia Garcia Medina. She said footage from the security cameras inside and outside the prison indicates that guards helped the

armed gang, although she did not provide details.

"It's clear to us that it was a perfectly planned operation with inside help because it lasted just five minutes and not one shot was fired," Garcia said at a news conference. About 20 gunmen arrived at the prison before dawn in 10 vehicles and freed 53 prisoners, including at least 27 with ties to the Gulf cartel, she said.

She said the jailbreak may have been revenge for the recent arrests of drug gang members and the seizure of guns and narcotics by the Zacatecas state police.—*Internet*



Wu Bangguo (L Front), chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's top legislature, meets with Austrian Acting Chancellor Josef Proll (R Front) in Vienna, capital of Austria, May 16, 2009. —XINHUA

Russia becomes Turkey's leading economic partner

Moscow, 16 May—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Saturday that his country has become Turkey's leading trade partner.

Trade turnover between Russia and Turkey reached a record 35 billion U.S. dollars, making Russia one of the most important trade and economic partners of Turkey, Putin said during talks

with his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan in the Black Searesort of Sochi.

The heads of government hailed the cooperation between the two countries. "If several years ago we talked mostly about cooperation in the construction sector, now diversification is very broad," Putin was quoted as saying by the

Itar-Tass news agency.

The premiers agreed to immediately start talks on extending two agreements under which Russia delivered natural gas to Turkey, the third largest consumer of Russian gas after Germany and Italy. Meanwhile, Russian companies are expected to participate in building four nuclear power plants in Turkey.

Xinhua

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Egypt opens Rafah border for Two days



Palestinians wait to pass the Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip on 16 May, 2009. Egypt has partially opened its border with the Gaza Strip for Palestinians to leave the Gaza Strip for humanitarian reasons, Hamas au thorities said. —XINHUA

RAFAH, 16 May—The Egyptian authorities reopened for two days the Rafah land crossing at the border with the Palestinian territory of Gaza Strip on Saturday, a security source at the border said.

The source said 300 Palestinians who hold foreign passports and residence permits of Gaza have been allowed into the impoverished region, adding that some 500 Palestinians have been allowed to cross into Egypt so far. Meanwhile, hundreds of Palestinians are still waiting at the Egyptian side of the border to get the go-ahead.

Xinhua

Sarkozy's popularity falls slightly in May poll

PARIS, 16 May—French President Nicolas Sarkozy's popularity has fallen a bit this month while Prime Minister Francois Fillon's standing is on the rise, a new poll says.

According to a IFOP poll for the Journal du Dimanche published Saturday, 38 percent of those surveyed say they are very or fairly satisfied with Sarkozy, down from 40 percent in April.

About 62 percent of those surveyed said they are somewhat or very dissatisfied. That was an increase from 59 percent in April, the poll said.

The poll said that 50 percent of those surveyed are very or somewhat satisfied with Fillon, up a point from 49 percent in April. But 48 percent are somewhat or very dissatisfied, while 2 percent are undetermined, the poll said.—Xinhua

China, Austria to strengthen economic cooperation in face of financial crisis

VIENNA, 16 May—Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo and Austrian Acting Chancellor Josef Proll met here on Saturday, with both sides agreeing to expand bilateral trade and economic cooperation in the fight against the ongoing world financial crisis.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), said China's development has provided even greater room for expanding economic and technological coop-

eration with Austria.

Proll said the financial crisis had incurred a serious impact on Austria's economy. In the process of addressing the consequences of the financial crisis, the Austrian government places great importance on strengthening economic and technological relations with China.

China witnessed an economic growth of 6.1 percent in the first quarter of this year, while Austria's economy contracted 2.8 percent in the same period.

Noting that the two economies are highly complementary, Wu said China has a huge market and Austria has advanced technologies in many fields.

He said China is ready to expand cooperation with Austria in such areas as energy efficiency, environment protection, water conservancy, eco-agriculture, auto parts and clean energy, so as to foster new growth spots of both economies.

Xinhua



People leave a hotel in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 16 May, 2009. More than 120 people quarantined at the hotel for having close contacts with A/H1N1 flu patient surnamed Bao were allowed to leave the hotel on Saturday after they were lifted out of medical observation. Patient Bao are receiving treatment at the Chengdu Infectious Disease Hospital since on 11 May.—XINHUA

International show on public safety, security opens in Anhui

BEIJING, 17 May — The 2009 Anhui International Exhibition on Public Safety and Security Thursday open in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province.

Some 300 companies from China and abroad displayed their products of alarming, monitoring systems, house security,

personal protection, police equipment and fire-fighting.

Qiao Shiming, company manager says "The exhibition aims at protecting public security with high-tech facilities and creating a safe city. Our company specializes in producing wireless surveillance

systems and road monitoring systems, with a comprehensive service line of production, research, manufacturing and sales."

According to the organizers, the exhibition is aimed to promote public security and its related industry.

Xinhua

Delta Airlines to launch Shanghai-Detroit direct flight

BEIJING, 17 May—The Northwest Airline, a wholly subsidiary of the Delta Airlines, will launch direct flight linking Shanghai and Detroit since 3 June, the company's Beijing office said Saturday.

Passengers can reach more than 140 cities in north America and major central American cities via Detroit, a US transport hub.

Flight NW 90 will take off at 9:25 am every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from Shanghai, and reach Detroit at 11:10 am, local time.

Flight NW 89 will leave Detroit at 3:45 pm every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and arrive in Shanghai at 6:20 pm the next day.

The flight will be undertaken by Boeing 747-400 aircraft.—Xinhua

Job losses as GM, Chrysler close dealerships

NEW YORK, 17 May — Moves by ailing carmakers Chrysler and General Motors to slash their US dealerships will cost tens of thousands of jobs, taking a heavier toll than cuts in production, analysts say.

General Motors, the largest US automaker, said Friday it would seek to eliminate nearly 40 percent of its US dealers, more than 2,300 sales outlets, by the end of 2010 as part of its reorganization to avert bankruptcy.

Chrysler, which has filed for bankruptcy protection, said Thursday it had asked the bankruptcy court to shut down 789 dealers, nearly one-fourth

of its sales outlets.

For GM, the decision to close the dealerships, which employ about 50 people each, could translate into the loss of as

many as 150,000 jobs — representing a 0.2 percentage point rise in the unemployment rate, Joel Naroff at Naroff Economic Advisors said.—*Internet*



SUVs are offered for sale at a GM dealership in Lincolnwood, Illinois. Moves by ailing carmakers Chrysler and General Motors to slash their US dealerships will cost tens of thousands of jobs, taking a heavier toll than cuts in production, analysts say.—INTERNET

Zimbabwe road accident kills 12

HARARE, 17 May—At least 12 people were killed and 20 injured when two trucks collided near Murehwa in northeastern Zimbabwe, state radio said on Saturday. Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation News reported that “a seven-ton truck carrying farmers collided with a 30-ton truck last night about 50 kilometres (30 miles) east of Harare.”

The radio station said 10 people died at the scene while the other two were pronounced dead later. It quoted a survivor as saying one of the drivers veered onto the other side of the road to avoid a tractor in front of him.

Roads are poorly maintained in Zimbabwe and littered with gaping potholes, often referred to as “drumholes” because of their size, which often cause accidents.—*Internet*

Four PKK militants killed in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 17 May — Four militants of the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) were killed in a clash in southeastern Turkey, Turkish General Staff said in a statement on Saturday.

The statement said that the Turkish security forces conducted an operation in the region after a village guard died and another one was injured

after stepping on a land mine planted by PKK terrorists.

The statement said one village guard and a soldier was injured in the clash that erupted between the security forces and a group of PKK militants in Yassidag region in Erzurum town of Siirt province, adding that operations in fight against the PKK rebels

are underway in the region.

The security forces conduct frequent operations against PKK militants in eastern and southeastern Turkey. The PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in the over-two-decade conflict.

—*Internet*

Egypt road crash leaves 13 dead

CAIRO, 17 May — Thirteen factory workers were killed on Saturday when their small pickup truck crashed head on into a large lorry in southern Egypt, a security official said.

The workers were on their way to their factory in Zaafarana, close to the popular Red Sea resort of Hurghada, when the driver lost control of the steering wheel. “The 13, including the driver, died instantly.

Three people are in hospital in critical condition,” the official told *AFP*.

Egypt’s roads are among the most chaotic and dangerous in the world, with traffic laws flouted widely. Road accidents kill about 6,000 people each year, according to transport ministry figures.

—*Internet*



Traffic in downtown Cairo. Thirteen factory workers were killed when their small pickup truck crashed head on into a large lorry in southern Egypt.

INTERNET

NEWS ALBUM



A fire-eater entertains the crowd at a street procession honouring Saint Roque, a miracle worker and the patron saint of the unmarried, in Valenzuela City, north of Manila May 12, 2009. During the street procession, unmarried men chant “Saint Roque, please give us a wife” and approach unmarried women for a dance as they try to find a match. According to local beliefs, singles who take part in the procession will be able to get married before the end of the year.

Balancing act: Cirque du Soleil’s artists perform in front of the Santa Monica Pier in Santa Monica, California during a preview of the Kooza show that they will perform here next October as a part of the celebration of the Santa Monica Pier Centennial and the 25th anniversary of Cirque du Soleil.

Bullet pulled from woman’s head after 42 years

Doctors in southwest China have successfully removed a bullet from a woman’s head 42 years after she was shot, putting an end to decades of increasingly unbearable pain, state media said Friday.

Staff at a hospital in Chongqing municipality extracted the inch-long (2.5-centimetre) bullet from the right temple of He Wenying, 65, on Thursday, the Chongqing News reported on its website.

She was hit by the ricocheting bullet during a gun battle between warring factions at the start of the Cultural Revolution, which lasted from 1966 to 1976.

Doctors initially told her that her wound was only superficial, but constant headaches and difficulty eating led to an x-ray in 1978 that revealed the bullet lodged near her right jaw and ear, it added.



Ghost hunters inspect 180-year-old NM hotel site

The former owner of a 180-year-old adobe building hears the door of a pot-bellied stove opening and wood being stacked inside, but no one is there.

Mysterious whispers echo in the current owner’s ear. Things fall off shelves for no apparent reason. These are just a few of the strange goings-on that artist Josh Bond, owner of the Old Cuchillo Bar in the southern New Mexico ghost town of the same name, has asked the West Coast Ghost and Paranormal Society to investigate on his property.

“The creepiest I had was a voice whisper in my ear,” Bond said. “When things fall in the house, I just sort of write it off.”

When he saw an advertisement about WCGAPS, a Phoenix-based nonprofit organization, Bond thought the group could at least explain what was occurring.



This undated photo provided by Josh Bond shows the old stable from the days that the Old Cuchillo Bar was a busy stagecoach stop in Cuchillo, NM. Owner Josh Bond has invited the West Coast Ghost and Paranormal Society to investigate strange noises and falling objects on the 180-year-old property.

Health Tip: Keep medications away from children

Youngsters seem to get into everything — often things they aren’t supposed to, such as medications. Your medicine cabinet is full of dangers for young people, so it’s important to keep medications locked away and out of a child’s reach.

The National Safety Council offers these suggestions:

* Keep all medications in a securely latched medicine cabinet, even if you don’t think your child can reach it.

* Always store medications in containers with child-proof lids, and make sure the containers are securely closed.

* Try not to take medication in front of children, and never act like they are candy or something to play with.

* When you dispose of medications, don’t just throw them in the garbage can. Dispose of them in a way that a child can’t find and swallow them.



Boosting production of quality farm equipment to change from conventional to mechanized farming

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

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indicated that it is necessary to change from the manual to the mechanized farming without fail.

To contribute to the changing of agricultural system, the government established farm equipment factories. No. 1 Agricultural Equipment Factory in 9th Mile of Yangon and the Agricultural Equipment Factory in Ingon of Kyaukse Township in Mandalay Division are manufacturing farming implements.

In the past, the



Director U Soe Hlaing of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office).

equipment. In the past, the department assembled two brands of power-tillers namely Leyar-16 and Leyar-22. Beginning 2009-2010 financial year, the department is manufacturing eight farming implements namely one-wheel power-tiller, long handle power-tiller, power-tiller for working on slopes, paddy harvester, paddy thresher, form vehicles and trailers. Moreover, efforts are being made to manufacture sowing machine, paddy transplanting machine, pumps, sprays and combine harvesters."



Farmer U Aung Kyi of Shwepaukpin Village, Kayan Township.

She explained, "During the field trips, our team demonstrated the use of new farming equipment, collected data, gave of free repair and maintenance services and provided spare parts in the villages to attract the interest of local farmers. We sold the equipment to the farmers through cash payment and installment systems. Spare parts of machines were also sold with the one-year guarantee.

We demonstrated the use of all machinery and sought the advice of the farmers. For example, new generation 2009 power-tiller is a new product by remedy the weak points of Leyar-16 and Leyar-22 power-tillers according to the suggestions of the farmers. The field trip team went to 5-10 villages in a township and sold the farming equipment after conducting demonstration on use of machinery. We plan to go field trips to all the townships of Yangon South District."

The news team met

with farmer U Aung Kyi from Shwepaukpin Village of Kayan Township who was observing agricultural equipment. He said, "I am growing crops at 14 acres of farmlands with the use of one Leyar-16 power-tiller. I am interested in paddy thresher. Before buying the power-tiller, I was very tired in working together with a couple of draught cattle. The use of machine saves the farming cost and time and contributes to growing of double crops a year. If water is sufficient at any time, we can cultivate

years ago, and the two-year use of machine had been leveled its value. The use of machine contributes to better ploughing and boosting production. Now, I am interested in paddy thresher and tractor. We take two days in threshing 20-25 baskets of paddy using the animals. The paddy thresher can work 60 baskets of paddy per hour. We can save the time. If the farmers can harvest, thresh and store paddy speedily, they will not be necessary to worry about loss and wastage of paddy."

Myanmar has fertile



Farmers observe use of agricultural equipment.

factories assembled Leyar-16 power-tillers and Leyar-22 power-tillers only. As part of efforts to change the farming system with momentum, the factories produce new machinery items due to the development of agriculture sector and the higher demand of farming equipment.

Recently, the news crew of Kyemon Daily had an interview with Director U Soe Hlaing of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office) to observe the extended production of modern agricultural equipment of the department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the utmost efforts for changing of agricultural system.

The director said, "In providing farming

implements for storm Nargis-hit regions to be able to grow monsoon paddy in time, the factories of Agricultural Mechanization Department manufactured new items of agricultural machinery in accord with the directives of the government as the local farmers requested the department to produce new suitable farming machinery in addition to the present brands of farming

Service personnel of the department made field trips to the rural areas for realizing the mechanized farming.

To observe the progress of changing the farming system, the news crew went to Kwammoedin Model Village in Kayan Township and had an interview with leader of the field trip team Deputy Staff Officer Naw Lay Ma Aye.



Farming implements being displayed on board of the trucks.



Field trip leader Naw Lay Ma Aye.

triple crops the whole year. The power-tiller is multi-purpose in the cultivation task. The two-hour use of machine is equal to one day's work with cattle. I bought the power-tiller six

soil and favourable climate. In the agriculture sector, the government has built infrastructures for practising the mechanized farming. We firmly believe that the farmers will have the ability to employ the mechanized farming system by substituting the conventional cultivation methods with the modern ones with the aims of developing the agriculture sector and uplifting their living standard.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects development...

(from page 1)

Upon arrival at Phaungpyin-Pinlebu motor road, the chairman of Katha district, the division senior engineer and the district senior engineer reported on road works to Lt-Gen Tha Aye. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions on timely completion of the roads.

After meeting with the local people from Thazi and Khauksin villages along Phaungpyin-Pinlebu

motor road, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented bio battery and related florescent lamps to officials and attended to the needs.

At the briefing hall of Nama river crossing bridge construction site, the assistant engineer of Development Affairs Department reported to Lt-Gen Tha Aye on progress in building the bridge and future tasks to be carried out and the commander gave a supplementary report. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with division selected volleyball players and gave

encouragement to them.

After meeting with townsenders, members of social organizations and the local people in Pinlebu township and Kantbalu township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs of the villages and presented cash assistance to trainees red cross members.

After inspecting the forest department on Kyunhla-Kantbalu motor road, Lt-Gen Tha Aye paid homage to Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda in Kantbalu township and made cash donations at the pagoda.

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Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects houses of Htilon village in Hlinebwe Township.—MNA

Hlaingbwe Township achieving progress with greater momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May – Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw

Min and departmental personnel, visited a rubber farm in Gyochaung village, Hlaingbwe Township, on 15 May.

The Kayin State Manager of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise presented a report on cultivation of rubber and mixed crops in Kayin State.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party viewed rubber sap production and thriving rubber trees.

In Soannatha Myaingswe Myodaw in Myainggying region, Hlaingbwe Township, they paid respects to Thizzamuni Phayagyi Pagoda and presented gifts to members of the

peace groups.

Later they met with officials and townsenders at Aung San Hall in Hlaingbwe where the Township Peace and Development Council Chairman presented sector-wise developments.

Brig-Gen Zaw Min presented a

supplementary report on progress of agriculture, health and education sectors and ongoing tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw said that peace had been restored in Hlaingbwe Township which is now achieving progress with greater momentum. He cordially

met with local people and presented them gifts.

In Hlaingbwe Station, he met with families of the station.

During the inspection of Htilon village in the township, he heard a report on housing project presented by an official.

MNA

Vietnamese goodwill delegation winds up visit

YANGON, 17 May—The goodwill delegation led by Central Committee Member of the

Vietnam Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, President of Vietnam

Fatherland Front (VFF) Mr Huynh Dam left here by air this morning after concluding their goodwill

visit to Myanmar. CEC members of Union of the Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Thein Lin and U Than Htay, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and responsible persons saw off the delegation at the Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Vietnamese goodwill delegation being seen off by officials at Yangon Airport.—MNA

Vocational training courses opened in Lashio, Kengtung, Loikaw

YANGON, 17 May—The Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Lashio conducted the Domestic Science Course No 50, the Advanced Tailoring Course No 23 and the Wickerwork Course No 5 at its hall on 11 May, with an address by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut.

Altogether 33 trainees are attending at the training courses.

The Domestic Science Course No. 51, the Advanced Tailoring Course No. 23, the Knitting Course No. 10 and the Wickerwork Course No. 4 were opened school in Kengtung, with an address by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo.

Altogether 38 trainees are attending the courses.

A similar ceremony was held in Loikaw of Kayah State.

MNA



A/H1N1 virus in humans has spread to 39 countries

The virus has not been found in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May -- A/H1N1 has infected 8480 people in 39 countries as from 17 April to date and 72 died of flu. In Asia and the Pacific Region, 30 people have contracted the flu in eight countries namely South Korea, China, Japan, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand, India and Malaysia.

Dr Wantanee Kalpravidh, regional coordinator of Asia and the Pacific Region Cross Border Disease Emergency Control of UNFAO and laboratory expert Dr Sudarat Damrongwatanapokin visited Yangon Diagnosis Laboratory of the Livestock and Veterinary Department on 13 May and took measures such as taking diagnostic tests on common pig diseases and unusual pig diseases, getting disease samples, promoting lab technologies and providing lab chemicals and equipment.

On 14 May, adviser of FAO Dr Murray Maclean and experts of Livestock and Veterinary Department and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation met with heads of state/division LVDs and discussed matters related to pig diseases, preventive measures and area risk assessment and market chain study.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has issued an announcement that A/H1N1 has not infected pigs at all in Myanmar, that the virus cannot survive if pork and pig products are well cooked at 70 degree centigrade or 160 degree Fahrenheit, and that there will be no infection of the virus if pork and pig products are cooked in a systematically hygienic way.—MNA

News and information on outbreak of swine flu released to people in time

Ministry of Health: There has been no swine flu case in Myanmar up to now

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May--Swine flu A/H1N1 has broken out in the world since 17 April. So far, the swine flu has infected 8480 people and killed 72 and the virus has spread to 39 countries including Mexico said the announcement released by WHO on 17 May.

The Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures against the outbreak of the swine flu since 25 April as it may be able to transform into global human flu.

The Ministry of Health has carried out preventive measures against the outbreak of the swine influenza (A/H1N1) in Myanmar, made preparations for keeping a constant watch on the virus and medical treatment, provided medicines and medical equipment and laboratory apparatus to the hospital and prepared the special care units and wards at the hospitals for emergency use.

With regard to the situation of outbreak of swine flu, preventive measures are being taken and health knowledge is being disseminated to the people through TV, radio and dailies in time.

Since 29 April, the visitors have been under medical checks at international airports, seaports and borders.

Up to now, the Ministry of Health released information that there is no case of influenza A/H1N1 in Myanmar.—MNA

Training courses opened at Women's Vocational Training Schools

YANGON, 17 May—The basic domestic science course No. 51 and the advanced tailoring course No. 22 were opened at Women's Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department in Myeik on 11 May.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo delivered an opening address. The courses are being attended by 45 trainees.

Similar ceremonies were held in Hpa-an, Haka, Kawthaung, Maungtaw, Myawady, Falam, Tiddim, Mindat, Matupi, Kanpetlet, Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Seikpyu, Yinmabin, Pale, Salingyi, Leshi, Lahe and Nanyun.—MNA



Health Ministry staff checking tourists of a cruise ship.—MNA

On-job Training Course for Law Officers Grade-4 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May—The On-job Training Course for Law Officers Grade-4 concluded at the hall of

the Attorney-General's Office, here, on 14 May, with an address by Attorney-General U Aye Maung.

Next, the Attorney-General presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Tun Tun Oo, Director-General U Tin Myint, officials, instructors and 96 trainees.

MNA

Jumbo super mosquito coil introduced

YANGON, 17 May—A ceremony to introduce new Jumbo super mosquito coil was held at Traders Hotel here in the morning.

First, Managing Director U Aung Thein of Powerhouse Company greeted the guests and then General Manager U Myo Min and General Manager Mr Ridzuan from Research & Development demonstrated the effectiveness of new Jumbo super mosquito coil and answered the queries.

The new mosquito coil contains new chemical product MctoFluthrin which was invented by Sumitomo Chemical Company and forty times more effective than the normal as it contains small amount of chemicals and reduces the environmental pollution.

Diethelm & Co Ltd distributes the new products across the nation and it is the first of its kind in Myanmar among the Southeast Asian Nations.—MNA



Health Ministry staff taking preventive measures against A/H1N1 at Mandalay International Airport (TadaU).—MNA

Beautiful and peaceful Taunggyi in Shan State (South)

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

(from page 16)

At the entrance to Taunggyi is a floral map of Myanmar saying "Welcome to Taunggyi".

Executive Officer (Deputy Director) U Aung Myint said, "In our township, you can see Union Highway, and east and west circular roads. They

environmental damage. We get natural humus from the waste and we use it to grow landscaping plants and enrich the soil. We collect garbage

garbage hole. There is no housing, plantation or watershed area around the sewage hole, and that is important for avoiding environmental damage."



Taunggyi Myoma Market.

Development Affairs Committee U Aung Myint Swe told the Myanma Alin, "The design of this flower bed is not much different from it used to be. As you see, we grow landscaping plants in the triangle-shaped compound of multicoloured brick line to attract the attention of viewers. And at night, we illustrate the area with multicolour lights."

When asked about the plan to keep the township clean and beautiful,

are long, but we manage to keep them clean. Our Township Development Affairs Committee hires 105 piecework workers for daily work such as cleaning urban areas and the market, supplying water, and maintaining the flower garden.

"We get over 38 tons of garbage a day; over 20 tons from urban areas and about 18 tons from the market. We throw it systematically into the garbage hole, about two miles from the township to avert

from street to street from the wards.

"We have got a plastic factory to recycle the used plastic to help avoid environmental impact of pollution from the used plastic."

Regarding the sewage system, he said, "In our township, about 97 per cent of the population use fly-proof latrines. We use vacuum trucks to collect sewage. Then, we treat the sewage we have collected and systematically throw it into the hole near the



Officer of Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee U Aung Myint.

He added that along the roads in the downtown areas are drains and they let used water flow away through three major canals.

The busy places in the centre of the town and Myoma Market were found clean and tidy. The garden has various species of flowers, and landscaping plants are grown in the garden and on the traffic islands. Taunggyi

has a cool climate pattern and it can be seen with greenish Shan mountain range in the background. So, we enjoyed pleasant view of the township.

Being surrounded by mountain ranges, Taunggyi is beautiful and pleasant due to effective systems, and that represents the development of the township.

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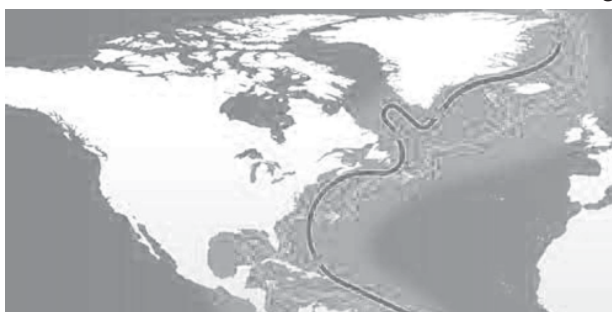


Workers dredging a drain in downtown Taunggyi.

Cold water ocean circulation doesn't work as expected

DURHAM, 17 May — The familiar model of Atlantic ocean currents

that shows a discrete "conveyor belt" of deep, cold water flowing



This model of North Atlantic currents has been called into question by new data from Duke University and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

southward from the Labrador Sea is probably all wet New research led by Duke University and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution relied on an armada of sophisticated floats to show that much of this water, originating in the sea between Newfoundland and Greenland, is diverted generally eastward by the time it flows as far south as Massachusetts.—Internet

Medicinal plant Kava safe, effective in reducing anxiety

BRISBANE, 17 May — Researchers at the University of Queensland in Australia have found a traditional extract of Kava, a medicinal plant from the South Pacific, to be safe and effective in reducing anxiety.

To be published online this week in the Springer journal *Psychopharmacology*, the results of a world-first clinical trial which found that a water-soluble

extract of Kava was effective in treating anxiety and improving

mood. The Kava was prescribed in the form of tablets.—Internet

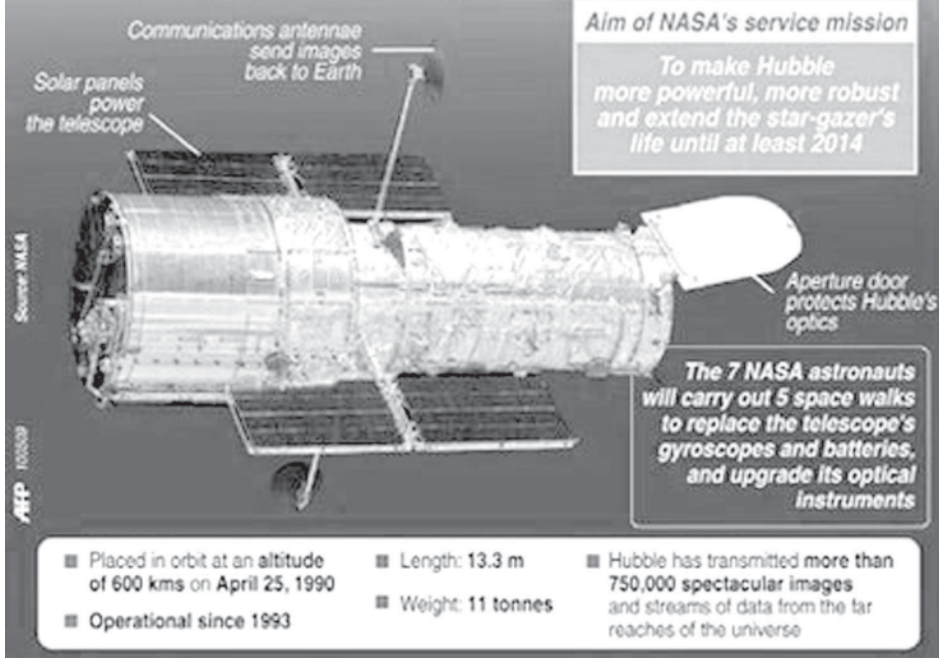


Local man making traditional Kava.



The telescope that revolutionized astronomy

The Hubble telescope is a time machine that has radically altered our vision and comprehension of the universe



Facts on the Hubble telescope and NASA's latest servicing mission. US astronauts on Sunday will undertake a fourth in a series of five daily spacewalks intended to equip the 19-year-old Hubble Space Telescope for at least another five years of valuable scientific work.—INTERNET

WHO Says H1N1 flu cases, death toll rise

ZURICH, 17 May—The number of confirmed cases of the new H1N1 flu has climbed to 8,451, including 72 deaths, the World Health Organization said on Saturday. The number of countries reporting confirmed cases of H1N1, commonly known as swine flu, has risen to 36 with Ecuador and Peru confirming their first cases, the WHO said.

The vast majority of cases have been in Mexico and the United States. The spread of the disease has led the WHO to declare a pandemic is imminent. On 29 April it raised its pandemic alert to 5 on a 6-level scale.

WHO Director-General Margaret Chan

said on Friday there remained “great uncertainty” about the new strain, which continues to spread and could pose particular threats in Southeast Asia. US health officials later on Friday announced they were easing their warning on travel to Mexico.

MNA/Reuters

Photo shows a polar bear near Barrow, Alaska. In a report Wednesday, on 13 May, 2009, the Paris-based International Energy Agency estimates new electronic gadgets will triple their energy consumption by 2030 to 1,700 terawatt hours, the equivalent of today's home electricity consumption of the United States and Japan combined.

INTERNET



An internally displaced girl, who fled from a military offensive in the Swat valley, carries a pitcher of water on top of her head at an UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) camp on the outskirts of Peshawar on 17 May, 2009. The Pakistani government on Sunday urged people stranded by the military offensive against Taliban militants in the Swat valley to try and get out. The army launched the offensive more than a week ago to stop the spread of Taleban influence.—INTERNET

Study confirms H1N1 flu virus found in swine same as in humans

Ottawa, 17 May—The H1N1 flu virus found on infected swine at a Canadian farm is the same as the virus causing illness in humans around the world, Canadian scientists have confirmed.

Scientists at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)'s National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease (NCFAD) have mapped the full genetic sequence of the virus found in swine from Alberta and confirmed that the virus on the infected swine is the same as on humans, the CFIA said in a Press release on its website late Friday.

A portion of a total of 2,300 swine on the farm were found to be infected with the new

virus in early May. The virus was believed to be transmitted by a worker who had returned from Mexico. As scientists are trying to probe this new virus, this development will help scientists around the world better understand the virus and its effects on animals, the CFIA said.

MNA/Xinhua

First woman UN Assistant Secretary-General dies

HELSINKI, 17 May—The first woman assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, Helvi Sipilä, died on Friday, May 15 in Helsinki at the age of 94, Finnish media reported on Saturday.

As the first woman to hold the senior position of assistant secretary-general in the world body, Sipilä's specific area of responsibility was the Centre for Social

Development and Humanitarian Affairs, where she served from 1972 to 1980.

Among the achievements during her period of office were the first UN International Women's Year and its related world conference in 1974-75. Later she was appointed chairperson of the Finnish association of the UN Development Fund.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkish forces kill 7 kurdish rebels in southeast

TUNCELI (Turkey), 17 May—Turkish soldiers killed seven members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in fighting in the country's southeast, military sources said on Saturday.

A fighter in the

government-armed “village guard” militia, which employs local civilians to combat the PKK, was also killed and three soldiers were wounded after clashes broke out on Friday in a mountainous area of Siirt Province, they said.

Fighting continued on Saturday, and the Army has deployed troop reinforcements, backed by helicopter gunships, to the region in one of the biggest operations in recent months against the PKK, the sources said.

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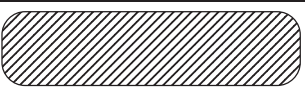
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Autopsy inconclusive for boy found buried in park

ALBUQUERQUE, 17 May—A preliminary autopsy failed Saturday to determine the cause of death of a young boy whose body was found buried in sand in a public playground.

"There were no obvious signs or cause of death," Albuquerque police spokesman John Walsh said Saturday after receiving the autopsy results from the state Office of the Medical Investigator.

Blood and toxicology tests were still pending, as were other advanced techniques that could yield clues as to how the unidentified boy died. It wasn't clear when they would be complete. The body of the

3- to 5-year-old boy was discovered Friday by a woman who had taken her own children to the city's Alvarado Park and spotted a shoe sticking out of the sand.

Stuffed teddy bears, toy trucks and flowers were placed as a makeshift memorial at the base of the playground equipment at Alvarado Park where the boy was found.—*Internet*

The waitresses place the table for food show at the International Tourism and Food Festival in Aksu city of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 15 May, 2009.—INTERNET



MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND REVENUE INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT INCOME TAX DIRECTORATE NOTICE FOR FILING OF RETURN OF INCOME

1. All Co-operative societies which have been assessed to tax under the Income Tax Law and those Co-operative societies having income amounting above Kyats 30000 during the income year 2008-09 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society concerned, in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2009. Moreover, Companies, Joint Venture enterprises and other tax-payers who are covered by the Income Tax Law are also required to file the return of income with Annual Financial Statement duly filled-in and properly signed in the respective Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) not later than foresaid date.
2. Persons having income amounting above Kyats 30000 solely under the head "Salaries" during the income year 2008-09 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, the employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June 2009.
3. Prescribed forms of return of income and Annual Salary Statement are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Office. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office and Companies Circle Tax Office (CCTO) concerned in case the return is filed in person.
4. According to the Income Tax Law of section 46, sub section (a), if any person fails to furnish Return of income without reasonable cause, a penalty not exceeding ten percent of the tax shall, in addition to the tax payable, be imposed for default.
5. Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices and Companies Circle Tax Office.

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Director

Income Tax Directorate

Survival chances slim for 11 missing people in sunken ship in NE China

SUIZHONG, 17 May—Survival chances are slim for the 11 missing people after a boat sank off the coast in northeast China's Liaoning Province, a local maritime official said on Sunday.

"Survival chances for the 11 missing people are slim 60 hours after the boat sank," said Xu Hongbin, head of the marine search and rescue center in Huludao City.

The boat was a sand carrier, coded Haida No 8 and from Wuhan, capital of the central Hubei Province. It capsized Thursday night.—*Internet*

European telescopes on cosmos birth study expedition launched

BEIJING, 17 May—Two European Space Agency spacecraft lifted off this week on a mission to gather fundamental new insights into the nature of the universe.

The two spacecraft - an infrared space telescope "Herschel" and a cosmic background mapper "Planck" were launched Thursday from French Guiana.

The crafts will focus on the darkest, coldest and oldest parts of the universe to study dark matter, and to learn more about the birth of stars and galaxies. They are designed to help scientists unravel the mysteries of the theoretical Big Bang by peering back into the earliest moments of the universe.

Internet



Stress direct contributor to teen obesity

AMES, 17 May—Iowa State University researchers say increased levels of stress in teens are associated with a greater likelihood of them being overweight or obese.

Lead author Brenda Lohman, Susan Stewart, Steven Garasky and colleagues analyzed data from a six-year longitudinal investigation and measured the height and weight of the adolescents to determine their body mass index, which was subsequently used to determine weight status based on two widely used

classification systems.

Adolescent food insecurity status and individual, maternal and family stressors were also determined through interviews, the researchers said. The study of 1,011 adolescents ages 10-15 and their mothers from low income families living in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio, Texas, found 47 percent of the teen were overweight or obese, but that percentage increased to 56.2 percent among those who were impacted by four or more stressors.

Internet

Fame and fortune may make you unhappy

ROCHESTER, 17 May — Many think having money, good looks or the admiration of others can actually make a person less happy, US researchers suggest. University of Rochester researchers tracked and surveyed 147 alumni from two universities during their second year after graduation.

“Even though our culture puts a strong emphasis on attaining wealth and fame, pursuing these goals does not contribute to having a satisfying life,” study author Edward Deci says in a statement. “The things that make your life happy are growing as an individual, having loving relationships and contributing to your community.”

Internet



A robot is seen in action at a qualifying football match of the RoboCup 2009 in Hefei, Anhui Province on 16 May, 2009. More than thirty teams from Chinese universities attended the qualifying match and four of them will represent the country to participate in the Robocup 2009 finals in Austria in June, local media reported.—INTERNET

Immunotherapy works against brain cancer

SAN DIEGO 17 May—Adding an antibody-based therapy that harnesses the body's immune system resulted in children living longer with a brain cancer, US researchers said.

Lead author Dr Alice Yu of the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, said neuroblastoma, a hard-to-treat cancer arising from nervous system cells, is responsible for 15 percent of cancer-related deaths in children.

The therapy targets a specific glycan — a complex sugar chain found on the surface of cells — on neuroblastoma cells called GD2, which inhibit the immune system from killing cancer cells. The antibody — ch14.18 — binds to this glycan, enabling various types of immune cells to attack the cancer.

Yu and colleagues compared both the percentage of patients who were still alive without experiencing a recurrence after two years as well as overall survival in two groups of 113 patients each.—Internet

Depressed first-grade kids bullied later

VICTORIA, 17 May—First-grade children with signs of depression, anxiety or aggression are at risk of being victimized by peers by third grade, Canadian researchers said.

Researchers at the University of Victoria asked some 400 Canadian children beginning first grade if they were bullied — such as being hit, pushed and shoved, or being teased and excluded from play.

The children's teachers were asked to report on the children's symptoms

of depression and anxiety, as well as on their displays of physical aggression.

The study, published in the journal Child Development, found 73 percent of children showed few symptoms of depression and anxiety over the three years. But 7 percent of the children showed continuously high levels of depressive symptoms.

The remaining 20 percent showed moderate symptoms at first, but these increased over time.

Internet



A whale shark, nearly six meters (20 feet) long, in waters off Donsol town in 2007 in the Philippines. A Singapore casino developer said on Saturday it was considering alternatives to its plan to exhibit whale sharks, the world's largest fish, which had run into strong opposition from animal welfare groups.—INTERNET



Journalists with facemasks work at the high school where the confirmed A/H1N1 patient studies in Kobe city, Japan, on 16 May, 2009. Japan's first domestic case of A/H1N1 flu was confirmed on Saturday. —INTERNET

Mexico's swine flu death toll rises to 68

MEXICO CITY, 17 May—Mexico says tests have confirmed two more deaths from swine flu, bringing the nation's toll to 68.

The Health Department says one person died Tuesday in Baja California state and the other died in Mexico City on 2 May. The department says tests confirmed 207 more cases for a total of 3,102, including the deaths. The numbers jumped because officials were able to process more backlogged cases.

The department released the numbers in a statement Saturday.

Mexico says its epidemic is declining. The department says only five of the people who have died fell ill after 23 April, when Mexico first announced the outbreak.—Internet

Nine students confirmed infected with new flu in Japan

TOKYO, 17 May—Nine students from a high school in Osaka Prefecture were confirmed to have been infected with the H1N1 strain of influenza A, the health ministry said Sunday, bringing the total number of infections in Japan to 21.

The nine had no record of overseas travel. The

confirmation follows the discovery of Japan's first eight domestic cases of the new flu in the neighboring Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture, on Saturday.

Japan found the first four cases of infection on travelers who returned from North America.

The nine in Osaka Prefecture are from the

Kansai Okura Senior High School in the city of Ibaraki. About 110 students at the high school have shown symptoms of influenza since around Monday, according to the school.

The health ministry said the patients are recovering at local hospitals.—Internet

A/H1N1 flu continues to spread worldwide

BEIJING, 17 May—Influenza A/H1N1 continued to spread around the world on Sunday as more than 8,450 people in 39 countries have been confirmed to have been infected with the disease with 75 deaths.

Turkey confirmed its first two cases while India confirmed its first case of the flu on Saturday, all involving airline passengers from the United States. Malaysia found its second confirmed case on Saturday and its first on Friday.

They are in addition to the 36 other countries that the World Health Organization says have confirmed cases of the disease.

In China, one confirmed case of the epidemic was reported in Beijing, the Ministry of Health said on Saturday evening.

It is the third confirmed case of A/H1N1 flu on Chinese mainland, according to the ministry. The case involved a 18-year-old Chinese student at a university in the New York State of the United States, and she is currently in stable condition with normal body temperature, the ministry said.—Internet

SPORTS



Manchester United's Portuguese midfielder Cristiano Ronaldo (R) celebrates with English defender Gary Neville (L) and Welsh midfielder Ryan Giggs after they clinch the Premier League title with a 0-0 draw against Arsenal in the English Premier League football match at Old Trafford, Manchester.—INTERNET

Premier winners Man United ready to bash Barca

MANCHESTER, 17 May—Sir Alex Ferguson has warned Barcelona that Manchester United are “bouncing” into the Champions League final after wrapping up the Premier League title.

A goalless draw with Arsenal at Old Trafford on Saturday was enough for Ferguson's side to secure the league for a record equalling 18th time.

Having sealed a third successive title, as well as the League Cup and Club World Cup this season, Ferguson has now set his sights on bringing the curtain down on a hugely successful campaign with a second consecutive European Cup triumph when United face Barca in Rome on 27 May.

Before then United face relegation-threatened Hull in their final league game of the season next weekend, but Ferguson admitted his players were already looking forward to facing the Spanish league leaders. “Now we've won the league we're bouncing into the final in Rome,” said Ferguson as he savoured his 11th English title since taking charge of United in 1986.—INTERNET

Disallowed goal drama as Newcastle face relegation

NEWCASTLE, 17 May—Australia's Mark Viduka and Mark Schwarzer were at the centre of a disallowed goal storm as Newcastle's Premier League future was left hanging by

a thread following their 1-0 defeat against Fulham.

Referee Howard Webb ruled out Magpies striker Viduka's second-half header for a foul by Kevin Nolan on Fulham goal-

keeper Schwarzer as Fulham moved a step closer to qualifying for next season's Europa League and left Alan Shearer's side in dire trouble.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Beautiful game prevails as Barca win title

MADRID, 17 May—Barcelona blew away the cobwebs of the Frank Rijkaard era to lift their first title in two years, triumphing with a swagger and some eye-catching football that left their fans and neutrals purring.

Real Madrid were dreaming of a third successive league title but Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola defied his inexperience using the attacking talents of Lionel Messi, Thierry Henry, Samuel Eto'o to perfection as they gunned down their rivals and helped win a 19th league title.

Barca led for most of the season and their attacking style drew comparisons with Johan Cruyff's 'Dream Team', in which Guardiola played a part. The inexperienced Guardiola, a former Barcelona midfielder promoted from youth team coach, replaced Rijkaard at the young age of 37 and was pitted against Real's far more experienced coach Bernd Schuster.—INTERNET



Real Madrid's Higuain reacts during their Spanish league football match at Madrigal Stadium in Villarreal. Barcelona were crowned Spanish champions for the 19th time on Saturday after Real Madrid's 3-2 defeat at Villarreal handed them the league title for the first time since 2006.—INTERNET

Advantage Bordeaux as French title race ticks down

PARIS, 17 May—Bordeaux took a step closer to clinching their first French league title in a decade with a hard-fought 3-2 win over Le Mans on Saturday. Coached by former France defender Laurent Blanc, Bor-

deaux's 22nd win of the season took them top of the table with a three-point lead over Marseille and two league matches remaining.

That could all change on Sunday if Marseille beat seven-times consecutive champions Lyon, who are already out of the title race. However Eric Gerets' Marseille side, the only other team who can now win the French league, will be under huge pressure to deliver against Claude Puel's under-achieving champions.

INTERNET



Newcastle United's Australian forward Mark Viduka (R) in action during the English Premier League football match between Newcastle United and Fulham at St James' Park in Newcastle.—INTERNET

Milan defeat hands Inter fourth straight Italian title

ROME, 17 May—Inter Milan won a fourth straight Serie A title on Saturday despite not playing when nearest challengers AC Milan lost 2-1 at Udinese. Second-placed Milan trail Inter, who host Siena on Sunday, by seven points but the Rossonero have only two matches left to play.

Milan's defeat meant that Inter boss Jose Mourinho has won the scudetto in his first season in Italian football after joining in June last year. It is Mourinho's fifth title in seven years in three different countries having claimed the Portuguese crown with Porto in 2003 and 2004 and the English Premier League trophy in 2005 and 2006 with Chelsea.

Milan went into the game in Udine knowing that they had to get a result to stop their bitter city rivals claiming the title, but they put in one of their worst performances of the season in what could be one of coach Carlo Ancelotti's final matches in charge with rumours growing that he will join Chelsea next season.—INTERNET



Supporters of Italian Serie A team Inter Milan celebrate after winning the Italian Serie A football championship on Duomo Square in Milan.—INTERNET

Mourinho achieves Inter minimum in first season

ROME, 17 May—When Jose Mourinho arrived at Inter Milan amongst much pomp and fanfare in June last year he was set a definite target—win the Champions League. Inter were on a run of three

straight titles, in no small part thanks to the match-fixing punishment that sent Juventus down to Serie B, and two of their best players into Inter's colours.

Back then, in the summer of 2006, Inter were known as the country's perennial underachievers and chokers. But they romped to the 2007 title more by default as points penalties dealt out to AC Milan, Fiorentina and Lazio had robbed Inter of any meaningful challengers.—INTERNET



Jose Mourinho

Pettersen, Oh lead LPGA tourney after rounds of 69

CLIFTON, 17 May—Suzann Pettersen and Ji Young Oh seemingly won't have to worry about three-time defending champion Lorena Ochoa making a run at them in the final round of the Sybase Classic.

There are plenty of other challengers though, including recent major winner Brittany Lincicome, eight-time LPGA winner Paul Creamer and probably the most famous non-winner on tour, 19-year-old Michelle Wie.—INTERNET

Suzann Pettersen of Norway, tees off on the 17th hole during the third round of the Sybase Classic LPGA golf tournament at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, NJ, on 16 May, 2009.—INTERNET





Giraffe calf Shani is seen with her father Naruk, left, and her mother Kibaya, right, at the Berlin Zoo, Friday, on 15 May, 2009. Shani was born on 3 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Thousands March in Britain for better protection of jobs

LONDON, 17 May,—As unemployment in Britain rose to more than 2.2 million this week, the country's biggest union brought thousands of people from across the UK on Saturday to march in defence of their jobs.

The national March for Jobs through Birmingham saw workers from every sector of the economy unite to send a message to the government that protecting jobs during the recession must be its top priority.

Workers from numerous manufacturing companies and from the public and private sectors converged on Britain's second largest city and manufacturing heartland to demand urgent steps to keep people employed.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (18.5.2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

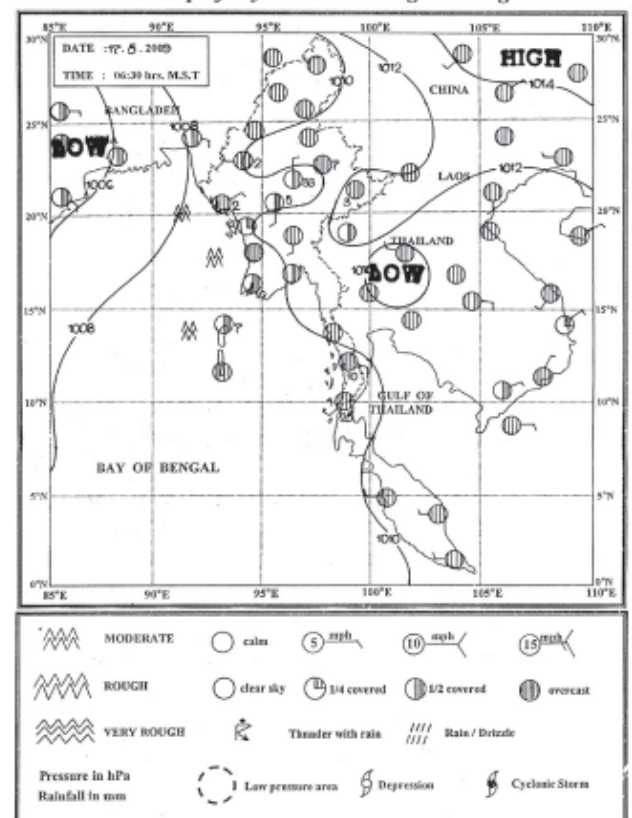
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Inle, Land of the fabulous Leg-rowers
- * The Artworks of Bagan Gift Centre
- * Rattan Handicrafts
- * A World-class recreation Centre
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Border Towns in Northern Shan State
- * Profile of Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Roasted Lablab Beans from Zalun
- * Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
- * Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- * Ancient Historic Mwaytaw Kakku Pagoda
- * Let's taste "Sabuti"
- * Yaw Clothes from Yaw Region
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh and Seawaters (IV)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Inle, Land of the fabulous Leg-rowers
- * The Artworks of Bagan Gift Centre
- * Rattan Handicrafts
- * A World-class recreation Centre
- * Fabulous Bagan (I)
- * Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh and Seawaters (V)
- * High Income Cauliflower
- * Oboe: Myanma Musical Instrument
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 17 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Southern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above May average temperatures in Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperature were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.78) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapayaygon) (2.40) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Tutkon) (1.93) inches, Monywa (1.89) inches and Sagaing (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-5-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 17-5-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-5-2009 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 16-5-2009 was (0.7) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 17-5-2009 was (Tr) 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 (5.75) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hour MST on 16-5-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 18th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of 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: Rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 18 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice & sweet song

7:50 am

5. "ဝန်ကြီးကွန်းတော်" (မြို့တွင်း)

တံတား"

8:00 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. Cute little dancers

8:30 am

8. International News

8:40 am

9. "ကျော်သွားမှာလား... ဖော်စားမှာလား" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ ဟောမန်အောင်အောင်၊ မယ်လိုဒီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခစိုးထိုက်အောင်)

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National Races

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ဓါတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓါတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Dance variety

5:20 pm

8. "အနုပညာကြေးမုံပြင် တစ်ချက်ကိုခံစားကြည့်ခြင်း" (နန်းတော်ရှေ့ဆရာတင် တေးများ)

5:45 pm

9. စူပါကော်ဖီမစ်တေးသံရှင် ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. Sing and enjoy

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်သူသစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

**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

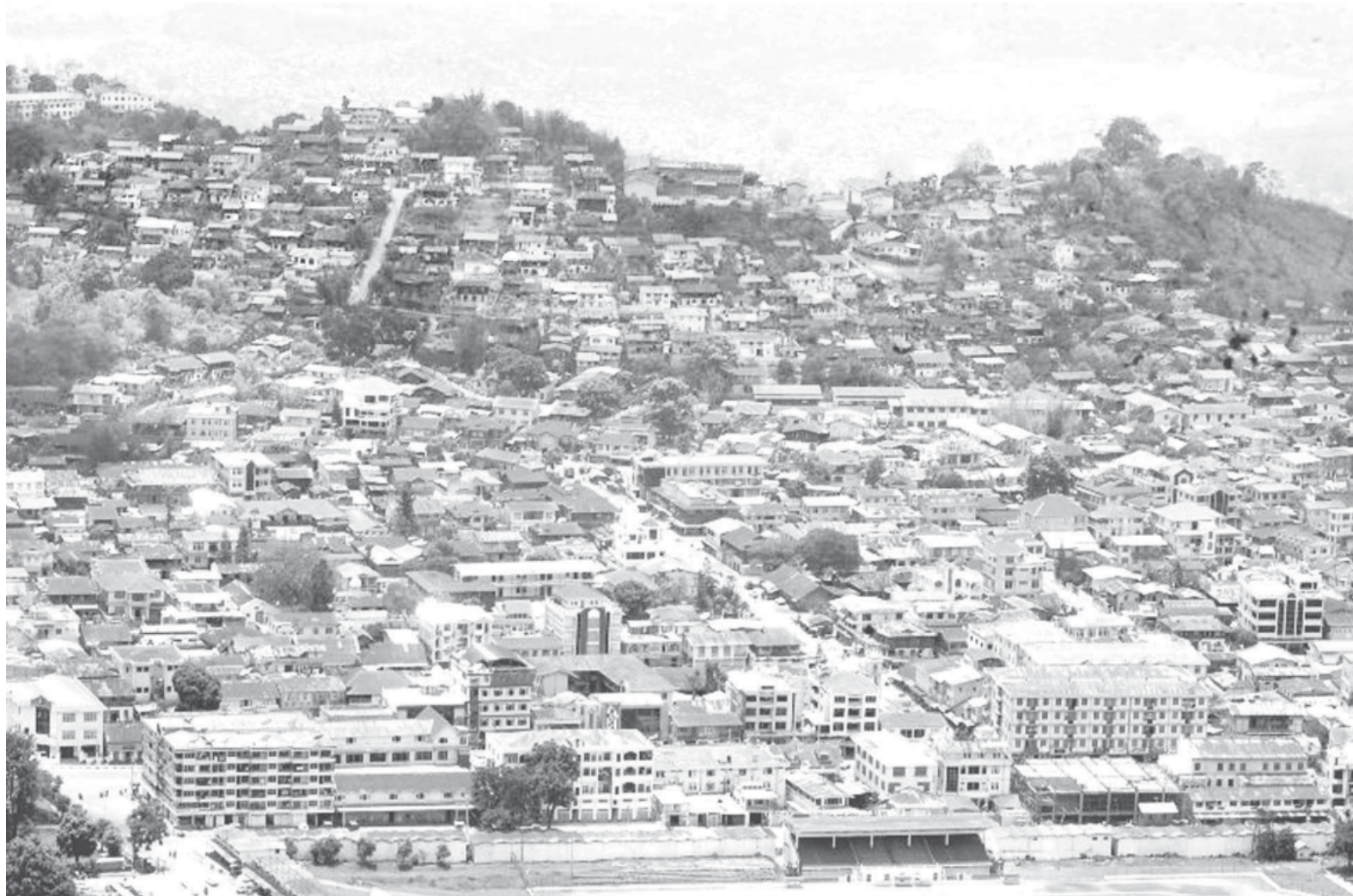
- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country 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

Beautiful and peaceful Taunggyi in Shan State (South)

Article: Win Kyaw; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



A panoramic view of Taunggyi, Shan State (South).

It was at 3 am on 7 May 2009 when we arrived at Taunggyi on our tour of Shan State (South) to collect facts about regional development, and we were greeted by a shower.

At about 10 am the same day, we went around Taunggyi and saw fine, wide roads, flower beds and beautiful houses. Internal roads of the wards across the town were found clean and tidy, and the road and the beds of various species of flowers and landscaping plants matched together.

The buildings in the urban areas are painted various colours. Despite the dense population and having a large number of buildings, the Taunggyi is clean and tidy due to special programmes to spruce it up.

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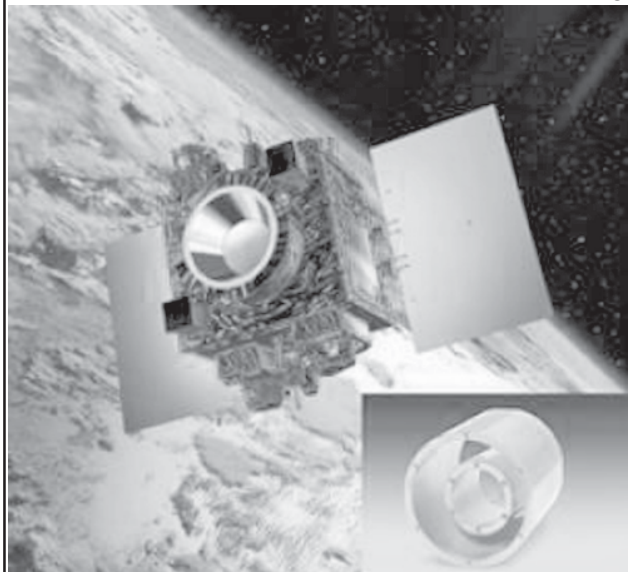
String theory: Equivalence principle in space test

BERLIN, 17 May — Since Galileo Galilei and Newton, the assumption is valid that inert and heavy mass are equivalent. This is, however, questioned by new physical theories such as the String

theory.

Now, the equivalence principle is put to test with so far unachieved accuracy within the scope of the "Microscope" space project - a German-French cooperation. PTB has developed the manufacturing and measuring methods for the test masses which are required for the acceleration experiments in a near-Earth orbit, and has manufactured the first test pieces.

The validity of these acceleration experiments decisively depends on the quality of the test masses used. —Internet



The "Microscope" space project will check the equivalence principle of inert and heavy mass with so far unequalled accuracy.

Monsoon enters southern Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 May— The monsoon wind that blows from the southwest already entered the southern regions of Myanmar 24 hours ago, it is learnt. MNA

More critically endangered birds on IUCN red list than ever

AMMAN, 17 May — The latest evaluation of the world's birds reveals that more species than ever are threatened with extinction, according to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

BirdLife International, which conducted the research for the IUCN Red List, found 1,227 species (12 percent) are classified as globally threatened with extinc-

tion. The good news is that when conservation action is put in place, species can be saved.—Internet



Lear's Macaw (*Anodorhynchus leari*). 2009 IUCN Red List of Threatened Species status: Endangered.