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Government determined to enable Rakhine State to enjoy equitable development with any other part of the nation

Prime Minister makes inspection tour around Rakhine State



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Thahtay Hydro Power Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and heads of department left Yangon by air and arrived at Thandwe in Rakhine State at 8 am yesterday.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and service personnel at state, district and township levels.

Together with the commander and the minister, the Prime Minister helicoptered to Gwa. There, they received a warm welcome extended by senior military officers of the command and departmental officials.

The Prime Minister held a meeting with township level service personnel, members of social organizations and townselders at Aung Mingala Hall in Gwa. (See page 8)

To build main roads in Rakhine State was really an uphill task due to geographical barriers. Now, there have been many roads and Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad Project is ongoing thanks to the efforts of local people, administrative bodies and departmental officials.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets the medical superintendent, doctors and nurses at Gwa People's Hospital.—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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Build more and more railways and bridges for easy and smooth transport

Transport being a major factor in parallel development of all regions, more and more roads, railways and bridges are being constructed the length and breadth of the Union.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is building a national rail network that connects states and divisions with one another.

The Kyangin-Pakkoku, Katha-Bhamo, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, Namsang-Kengtung and Dawei-Myeik railroads are now under construction.

The Minbu-An-Sittway railrod project is to connect Minbu in Magway Division and Sittway in Rakhine State and it is going to be about 257 miles long and will be built across such towns as Singaung, Badan, Natyaykantaung, An, Minbya, Mrauk-U and Kyauktaw. Tunnels and bridges will also need to be constructed along the way.

On completion, the Minbu-An-Sittway railrod will enable the people living in Rakhine State to easily travel to other regions of the Union and will contribute a great deal to the social and economic development of all states and divisions.

The Thayu (Pebadon) bridge to be constructed in Rakhine State is going to be a rail-cum-road bridge and, on completion, it will provide the people of Rakhine State an easy access to and opportunities to do their trade with other states and divisions.

The Ayeyawady river-crossing bridge (Sinkhan), also a rail-cum-bridge to be built on Katha-Bhamo railroad, will soon emerge.

To ensure economic, social and education development of all regions and easy and smooth transport between one another, the government is building more and more railways and bridges across the Union. At such a time like this, it is necessary for the entire people to work hand in hand with the government in its drive for national development.

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

Minister distributes bio-batteries to locals in Kungyangon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi distributed bio-batteries and provisions to residents at the village of Chaungwa (Aukseik) in Kungyangon Township on 11 May.

During the tour, the minister presented offertories to the Sayadaw of the monastery in the village.

At Thaikkone village, he also explained to the villagers how to use bio-batteries and distributed the bio-batteries to them.

Next, the minister presented rice, edible oil and gran to the villagers. He also donated a water purifier to the village, and fulfilled requirements of



Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with villagers of Thaikkone village in Kungyangon Township.—MNA

the village. He inspected of

Thaikkong village Basic Education Post Primary

School and attended to the needs.

At the Chaungwa (Ahtetseik) and Kanyingone villages, the minister met local people and distributed bio-batteries and foodstuff to villagers.

NLM



Delta United and Magway FC in action during their one-all draw Myanmar National League Cup Grand Royal 2009 football match held at Aung San Stadium on 19 May.—NLM



Frangipani seen at a Flower Shop on Inya Road.—NLM

Frangipani for July

YANGON, 19 May— As a gesture to welcome Monsoon July tree growing month and to replace the trees swept in storm Nargis, Frangipani are hereby introduced to those who love growing trees.

Frangipani are most suitable to grow in arid regions. As Frangipani has beautiful structure, attractive blooms with

fragrant flowers in addition to bark, bloom, root having medical properties, they are widely grown in neighbouring and global countries.

Two-years old different colours Frangipani directly imported from Thailand are now available at Flower Shop on Inya Road in Kamayut Township, Yangon. They

are sold at price K 40,000 a piece and now on sale at half price from 20 May to 20 June.

Those wishing to grow Frangipani may contact U Hsan Linn (Ph:09-5500101), Daw Thida Lwin (Ph: 09-5102413) and door-to-door delivery service will be provided within boundary of Yangon.

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Afghans stand watch the tattered clothes belonging to Afghans killed during a shooting in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 May, 2009.

INTERNET

British air force wing ends Iraq mission

BASRA, 19 May—The 903 Expeditionary Air Wing of Britain's Royal Air Force held a flag-lowering ceremony to mark the end of its six-year operation in Iraq. British forces operated out of the southern port city of Basra in support of Operation Telic, their mission coordinated with the US-led effort in Iraq.

Elements with the RAF deployed to Iraq in 1990 for the Persian Gulf War, supporting subsequent security operations by policing the northern and southern no-fly zones with 300,000 missions.

In support of Operation Telic, RAF forces flew more than 2,500 sorties against Iraqi forces operating under Saddam Hussein, leading to his ouster in 2003.

"This is a significant milestone for the Royal Air Force marking 19 years of continuous operations in the Middle East," said Air Chief Marshal Glenn Torpy, chief of the air staff.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown announced the end to British combat operations in Iraq on 30 April. Remaining RAF forces will continue to draw down their forces while providing training for Iraqi forces in the short term, the British Ministry of Defence reports.

The 903 EAW operated in a command-and-control capacity at the Basra airfield. There were 22 RAF airmen killed during Operation Telic.

Internet

Twin explosions kill eight Afghan troopers

KABUL, 19 May—Eight Afghan security personnel were killed as two bomb blasts rocked Nawbahar district in Zabol Province south of Afghanistan Monday, a local official said.

"The first blast targeted a police van at 9:00 am local time killing five police and when army unit around come to inspect the blast site another bomb went off killing three soldiers," Mohammad Zarif the district chief of Nawbahar told *Xinhua*.

Two more soldiers were injured in the incidents, he further added. Taliban purported spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed responsibility saying they inflicted huge casualties to the troops.

Militants fighting Afghan and US-led coalition forces have vowed to intensify attacks this year in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

Suspect in Iraq clinic shooting now in Kuwait

BAGHDAD, 19 May—The US military says an Army sergeant charged in this month's fatal shooting of five soldiers at a mental health clinic on a Baghdad base has left Iraq.

Sgt John M Russell is being held in pre-trial confinement at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait. That's according to a US spokesman, Lt Col Brian Tribus.

Tribus did not say when Russell left Iraq or whether he would be sent on to Germany or the United States.

Russell was taken into custody 11 May after he allegedly opened fire in a counseling center at Camp Liberty, killing five US soldiers. The case has drawn attention to the problem of stress in the military after long and frequent deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Internet

A woman cries during the funeral of her son, a police officer who was killed in a bomb attack in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 18 May, 2009.

INTERNET



Over 11 million displaced in Central, East Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 19 May—The number of people displaced by conflict and natural disaster in Central and East Africa is now more than 11 million, the United Nations said on Monday.

The numbers have grown recently due to attacks on civilians in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) by the Lord's Resistance Army rebel fighters, and by ongoing hostilities in Somalia, the UN's office for humanitarian affairs (OCHA) said.

The figure of 11 million totals the number of refugees and internally displaced people across 16 countries in Central and East Africa.

Sudan accounts for the largest proportion, with over 4 million displaced, while the DRC and Somalia both have more than 1.3 million displaced people each, the UN said. Other countries with displaced people include Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda.

The countries hosting the largest numbers of refugees in the region are Chad, Kenya, Sudan and Tanzania, OCHA said. Each country hosted more than 250,000 refugees at the end of March, it said.—*Internet*



Children displaced by war play on a tree near the town of Gos Beida in eastern Chad, on 18 May, 2009. Sudan's top official in North Darfur accused Chad on Monday of sending troops into his territory to fight alongside Darfur rebels, raising the stakes in the simmering tension between the two countries.

Picture taken on 18 May, 2009.—INTERNET



Smoke rises from the top floor of the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, on 18 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Fire breaks out in EU Commission building, no casualties reported

BRUSSELS, 19 May—A fire broke out early Monday afternoon in the Berlaymont building, headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels, and no casualties were reported.

The fire alarm sounded and the building was evacuated, said a *Xinhua* correspondent at the scene.

Smoke was visible

above the building and the stinky burning of plastics can be smelled nearby. Firefighters rushed into the building and tried to find the source of the fumes.

The European Union gave a very short statement about the blaze, without giving any reasons. "The fire alarms sounded and the building was fully evacuated. Fire-

fighters are currently on the scene responding to the situation.

More information will be provided as it becomes available," the EU said in the statement.

An eyewitness said that smoke can be seen coming out from one of the windows and the fire may start in the press room.

Internet

Ethiopia calls US human rights report "lies"

ADDIS ABABA, 19 May—Ethiopia rejected on Monday a US government human rights report published in February that accused security forces in the Horn of Africa nation of politically motivated killings.

The US State Department 2008 human rights survey detailed cases of opposition members being killed and said citizens' political rights were restricted through bureaucratic obstacles, intimidation and arrests by the government and ruling party.

"The State Department report is based on hearsay and lies," Bereket Simon, the Ethiopian government's head of information told reporters. "We fully reject it."

Bereket said the report

was based on claims from opposition parties and charities and that the Ethiopian government had not been consulted before its publication.

"We talked to Ethiopian government officials and we stand by our report," US Ambassador to Ethiopia, Donald Yama-

moto, told *Reuters* on Monday.

Analysts say Ethiopia has been a key US ally in its fight against terrorism.

The Horn of Africa's biggest military power sent troops into neighbouring Somalia to topple Islamists in late 2006.—Internet

Key channels for oil vessels blocked in Nigeria

LAGOS, 19 May—Nigeria's main armed group said Monday it had ordered a blockade of key shipping channels in a bid to inflict further damage on the energy industry, but the military urged oil firms to ignore the threat.

"We have ordered the blockade of key waterway channels to oil industry vessels both for the export of crude and gas and importation of refined petro-

leum products," the Movement for the Emancipation of Niger Delta (MEND) said in a statement.

"This means vessels now ply such routes at their risk," it said.

But the Nigerian military urged oil firms and companies operating vessels in the volatile region to ignore the threat.

"It's mere propaganda. They don't have the ca-

Philippine landslide death toll hits 26, six missing

MANILA, 19 May—Mudslides tumbled down a rain-soaked mountain in the southern Philippines, burying dozens of shanties in a gold mining village and killing at least 26 people, a provincial governor said on Tuesday.

A 50-member police and military rescue team headed to the remote vil-

lage of Napnapan to help search for at least six people missing a day after the landslides hit, said Gov Arthur Uy of Compostela Valley Province.

The village, which normally has no police presence, is about 64 miles (40 kilometres) from the nearest main town and the rescuers brought a back hoe and other heavy equipment to clear the only road leading to it, police Inspector Winifredo

Regidor said.

One mudslide slammed into about 30 shanties, followed by another that swept away a house, Uy told *The Associated Press* by telephone.

About 19 people, most of them miners, were treated for injuries, Uy said. Three of them were airlifted in an air force helicopter that brought in a medical team, police said.

Internet

Russia seeks "acceptable" arms cuts deal with US

MOSCOW, 19 May—Russia hopes for an "acceptable" arms reduction deal with the United States, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday, one day before the two countries start the first round of full-format arms talks.

Russia expected "a fruitful exchange of views and approaches," which allows the two countries to come to "mutually acceptable agreements," Lavrov was quoted as saying by the *RIA Novosti* news agency.

The US plan to deploy a missile shield system in Central Europe is also likely to be discussed during the talks, said the top Russian diplomat.

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

Brazil, China talks could moot ditching dollar

BEIJING, 19 May—Brazil's president kicked off a day of meetings with Chinese leaders in Beijing, during which analysts said he could broach a plan to ditch the US dollar in his nation's trade with China.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was due to meet with his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao and other leaders in talks focused on boosting business with China and promoting closer cooperation to fight the global financial crisis.

But all eyes were on whether China and Brazil would come to an agree-

ment on ditching the US dollar in their bilateral trade and replacing it with each nation's currency—the yuan and the real.

Lula first discussed the idea with Hu at the April G20 summit in London and said he would broach the issue on his visit to China, in what would be another challenge to the US dollar's special status as the leading global currency.

Already in March, China's central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan made waves when he suggested ditching the dollar as the global reserve cur-

rency and replacing it with a different standard run by the International Monetary Fund.

"Everybody has realised... that the currency and debt crises in many countries and the global economic crisis are linked to the dollar standard," said Zuo Xiaolei, a Beijing-based economist with Galaxy Securities.

Zhou and his Brazilian counterpart were due to meet soon to discuss the matter, the *Financial Times* reported on Tuesday, citing an official at Brazil's central bank.

Internet



Brazil's President Luiz Ignacio Lula da Silva arrives at Beijing airport with his wife Marisa Leticia.—INTERNET



China will meet economic growth target of 8%

HONG KONG, 19 May—China will definitely be able to meet the target of achieving eight percent economic growth in 2009, a senior official of the country's top economic planning body said here Monday.

“Judging from the indicators of the first four months, I do believe it is highly possible to achieve an eight percent growth for the full year. In fact, I believe the target will definitely be met,” said Xulin, head of the Depart-

ment of Fiscal and Financial Affairs of the National Development and Reform Commission.

Speaking at a briefing in Hong Kong, Xu said the basic assessment was that there has been consolidation in the recovery momentum and that the minor slowdown in April, normal as it has been when considering the past experiences, did not necessarily signal a second bottom in the ongoing economic downturn.

Economic planners have been monitoring the economy closely and are prepared to put in place additional measures in the coming months if it is necessary, Xu said.

Post-earthquake reconstruction in Sichuan Province was being carried out quicker than previously planned. Small and medium enterprises were receiving financing aid from guarantee programs, Xu told local as well as foreign reporters.

Xinhua



An Airbus A320 plane lands at Binhai International Airport after a test flight in Tianjin, north China, on 18 May, 2009. The plane is the first assembled at the Tianjin Airbus A320 assembly factory. It underwent a test flight of four hours and 10 minutes on 18 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Gunmen kidnap top Govt official in Nigeria's Rivers State

LAGOS, 19 May—The Special Adviser on Budget to southeast Nigeria's Rivers State Governor Chibuike Amaechi has been kidnapped by unidentified gunmen, the police said on Monday.

Rita Abbey, the police spokesperson in the state, said Ngor Augustine was abducted on 15 May at 8:00 pm local time in Port-Harcourt. Abbey said the Anti-kidnapping Unit of the command had commenced investigations on the incident.

The search for Augustine by security forces was still in top gears, but information around the efforts was very little, reported the *News Agency of Nigeria*. No group has claimed responsibility of the abduction by now. Nigeria's oil-producing zone has been currently in fights between Nigerian military and militants since 13 May. According to security sources, some 200 people have been killed in the conflict, including civilians, soldiers and militants.—Xinhua



An exhibitor shows a toy kitchen in the three-day 11th Beijing International Toys and Preschool Tools Exhibition, opened in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 May, 2009.—XINHUA

AU selects Libya's Sirte to host next summit in July

ADDIS ABABA, 19 May—The African Union (AU) on Monday selected Libya's port city of Sirte to host the organization's next summit in July in place of Madagascar's Antananarivo.

After a closed-door meeting at the AU headquarters, the pan-African body's Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) made a decision to allow Libya's Sirte to host the 13th AU summit, due to be held from 1 to 3 July. Prior to the summit, there will be a meeting of the PRC from 24 to 26 June and a meeting of the Executive Council of the AU from 28 to 30 June.

The theme of the 13th AU summit is “Investing in agriculture for economic growth and food security”.

Madagascar was suspended the AU membership in March and later cancelled the hosting of the summit, due to be held in Madagascar's capital Antananarivo, after the army forced out the president and installed the opposition leader in his place.—Xinhua

EU Ambassador calls for more mutual trust with China

BEIJING, 19 May—The European Union (EU) expects the upcoming EU-China Summit will strengthen confidence and mutual trust with China in addressing global warming and economic downturn, EU Ambassador in China told *Xinhua* in a written interview on Monday.

“The core of the discussion will be to reaffirm the ever-strengthening partnership of the European Union and China in addressing the major challenges facing the globe today — environmental, economic, political and security,” said Serge Abou, head of Delegation of the European Commission to China.

As a main event in the EU-China political calendar, the EU-China Summit is scheduled to be held on May 20 in Prague, the Czech Republic, which is holding the European Union presidency.

“The financial crisis requires concerted action,” Abou said. The summit would seek to maintain the momentum and continue the high-level political coordination established at the London G20 Summit.

Abou also disclosed that four or five agreements were expected to be discussed during the EU-China Summit, including agreements on setting up a Beijing-based center for supporting small and medium European companies in China and the creation of a EU-China centre for clean energy.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

EC calls for proposals on energy investment

BRUSSELS, 19 May—The European Commission called on Monday for proposals covering investment in key energy infrastructure projects worth nearly 4 billion euros (5.2 billion US dollars).

The projects include energy interconnections, offshore wind energy and carbon capture and storage as part of the implementation of the European Energy Programme for Recovery (EEPR), on which the European Council and the Parliament recently reached agreement.

Project promoters are invited to submit their proposals by 15 July, said a press release.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 18 May, 2009 shows Baiheliang Underwater Museum in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality. Baiheliang Underwater Museum was unveiled on 18 May, 2009 after years of construction. Baiheliang, also called White Crane Ridge, is a natural stone ridge located in the Yangtze River in the north of Fuling.—XINHUA



Two suspected spies flee to Israel

BEIRUT, 19 May—Two Lebanese men suspected of spying for Israel fled across the heavily fortified border to the Jewish state Monday, the second such escape since Lebanon stepped up a campaign of arrests against those thought to be working for its archenemy, said officials. Authorities arrested two other Lebanese men over the weekend on suspicion of collaborating with Israel, raising the total number of suspected

spies arrested in the past few weeks to 15, said security officials.

Lebanon considers itself at war with Israel and spying for or collaborating with the neighbouring country can be punishable by death.

The arrests, mainly in southern Lebanon, appear to have targeted those suspected of gathering information about Hezbollah militants for Israel's Mossad intelligence agency.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas fought a 34-day war with Israel in 2006 that killed 1,200 people in Lebanon and 159 in Israel.

The two men who escaped to Israel on Monday crossed the border near the village of Yaroun with their children, said a senior military official.

A man wanted by authorities escaped in a similar manner on 5 May, according to a top security official.—*Internet*



Firemen work at the scene of a viaduct collapse accident on Hongqi Road in Zhuzhou, central China's Hunan Province, on 18 May, 2009. —XINHUA

US workers paying more for healthcare

WASHINGTON, 19 May—Healthcare costs for Americans who get medical coverage through an employer hit a record \$16,771 per family this year, and they are having to pay more themselves, a report released on Monday showed.

Employers trying to save money in the current recession have forced workers to take on a greater portion of their healthcare costs, according to Milliman Inc., the consulting firm that prepared the report.

That trend could accelerate the longer the recession lasts, the report stated.

An estimated 170 million Americans get their health insurance through an employer. Healthcare costs, both payroll deductions and out-of-pocket medical expenses, now eat up 14 percent of the average household income of about \$50,000 for these people, the study found.—*Internet*

Hamas wants acceptance without changing ideology

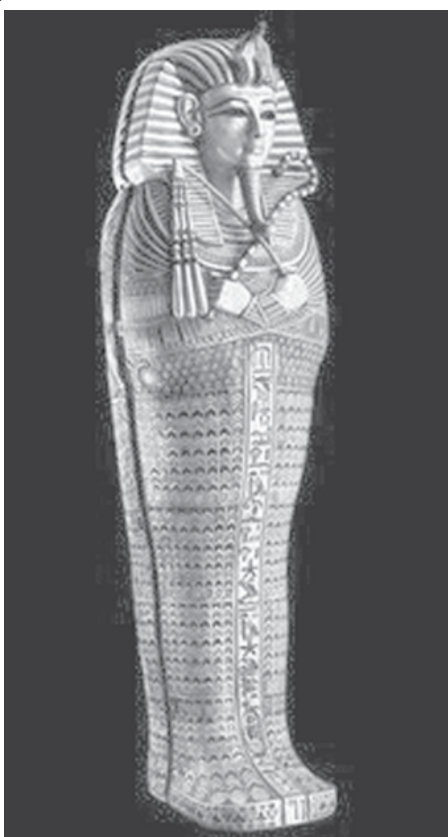
GAZA CITY, 19 May—Leaders of Hamas have begun reaching out to the West with conciliatory words, saying the Islamic militant group wants to be part of a Mideast solution and raising the possibility they would someday accept a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

In the most significant statement so far, Hamas chief Khaled Mashaal told British lawmakers recently that the group is open to "real peace." In Gaza, the Hamas government said last week it is ready to discuss "any approaches and proposals that can lead the region out of its current situation." In a recent interview, Hamas lawmaker Yehiye Moussa said the group is "not demanding to destroy Israel." West Bank legislator Mahmoud Ramahi added that Hamas is ready to talk to the West — stressing the group has nothing in common with the virulently anti-Western al-Qaeda.—*Internet*

Sri Lanka President says country free from terror

COLOMBO, 19 May—Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa delivered a victory address to parliament Tuesday, declaring that his country had been "liberated" from terrorism after defeating the Tamil Tiger rebels on the battlefield.

Rajapaksa spoke to a rapt assembly of lawmakers a day after government forces killed the last of the rebels' fighters on the battlefield in the north. The government said it had killed rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran in the final battle as well, but Rajapaksa never mentioned the rebel leader in his speech and a Tamil Tiger official abroad denied his death. Recounting how the rebels, known formally as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, once controlled a wide swath of the north and much of the east, Rajapaksa said that for the first time in 30 years, the country was unified under its elected government.—*Internet*



In this 2008 image provided by National Geographic, a Tutankhamun Canopic Coffinette is seen. 'King Tutan-khamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs' will open in on 27 June at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

NEWS ALBUM

Buying clothes too small incentive to diet

More than a third of British women interviewed for a survey said they bought clothes too small as an incentive to lose weight.

"If slipping into a little black dress or a smaller jean size is something someone finds motivating, then buying an under-size garment could be a very sensible investment," Christine Evans, a

spokeswoman for Lloyd's Pharmacies, which commissioned the survey, said in a news release on the company's Web site.

Lloyds has dubbed too-small garments "CARROTS" for "Clothes Acquired Rashly, Requiring Owners To Slim."

Of those interviewed in Britain, Scottish women said they owned the most "carrots," while women in London said they owned the fewest.

Men aren't immune to the practice either. The survey found 12 percent of British men buy clothes too small to wear without losing weight.

Details of the survey's methodology were not provided.

Rich Norwegian fined \$109,000 for drunk driving

A rich Norwegian has been ordered to pay a 700,000 kroner (\$109,000) fine after driving his car 400 yards while drunk.

Police stopped the 49-year-old man in October near the airport for southern Norway's Kristiansand.

Tests showed he had a blood alcohol content of .188 percent. Norway's maximum is .02 percent. The man pleaded guilty in court on Tuesday.

Norwegian courts set drunken driving fines based on income and personal wealth. Tuesday's ruling said the man's income is 751,769 kroner (\$117,000) and personal wealth is 228 million kroner (\$36.6 million).

It also revoked his license for two years and three months.



The Italian Airforce squad "Frecce Tricolori" flies over the pack of cyclists during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Grado to Valdobbiadene,.

Girl allegedly uses gun to force sister to play

Police said an 11-year-old girl threatened her 7-year-old sister with a gun to force the younger child to play with her on Monday at her grandmother's residence. Police said the girl also pointed the .38-caliber pistol at her grandmother.

The child surrendered the gun after the grandmother made several demands for it. The weapon wasn't loaded but police believe the girl didn't know that. Police said the two girls argued and the 11-year-old then retrieved the gun from her grandmother's bedroom.

She was being held at a juvenile detention centre on charges of brandishing a weapon and domestic assault.



Sculptors work on a sand sculpture of "The Thinker" during preparations for the FIESA 2009 International Sand Sculpture Festival in Pera.



Kayah State marks 63rd Fire Brigade Day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Kayah State celebrated the 63rd Founding Anniversary of the Fire Brigade Day at its office on 5 May.

Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint addressed the ceremony and watched the demonstration of a firefighting drill.

He also delivered a speech at the World Red Cross Day commemorative ceremony at the city hall of Loikaw on 8 May.

On the morning of 10 May, the chairman of Kayah State PDC and officials attended the Kayah traditional costumes show and viewed Kayah traditional foods and demonstrations of traditional costumes. The wife of the chairman of Kayah State PDC presented certificates of honour, gifts and bouquets to the presenters.—MNA

Potential anti-ulcer herb medicine



Eruca sativa.

RIYADH, 19 May — A research group from Saudi Arabia studied the anti-ulcer properties of the salad herb Rocket, also known as Arugula, species name *Eruca sativa*. They found that Rocket extract possesses antisecretory, cytoprotective and anti-ulcer activities against experimentally-induced gastric lesions in rats. The anti-ulcer effect is possibly through prostaglandin mediated activity and/or through its anti-secretory and antioxidant properties.

Gastric ulcer is an illness that affects a considerable number of people worldwide. Although the introduction of proton-pump inhibitors to the classic anti-ulcer therapy has revolutionized treatment of peptic ulcers and other gastrointestinal disorders, there is still no complete cure for this disease. It has been shown that long term use of these drugs leads to various adverse and side effects. Relapses of the malady, ineffectiveness of different drug regimens and even resistance to drugs are emerging. Thus, there is an urgent requirement to identify more effective and safe anti-ulcer agents. In recent years, Rocket "*Eruca sativa* L." (EER), a member of the Brassicaceae family, has gained greater importance as a salad vegetable and spice, especially among Middle Eastern populations and Europeans. —Internet

Trial against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw continues

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—The case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw continued at the court of Yangon North District today.

Criminal Case No 47/2009 filed by Yangon North District Court under Section 22 and Section 109 of the 1975 Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts continued for the second day today.

In the case, plaintiff witness Pol Lt-Col Maung Maung Khin was questioned first at 10 am. In his statement, he said that he had to interrogate the American citizen who had entered secretly the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that the American citizen was Mr John William Yettaw from Detroit, Michigan; that according to Mr John William Yettaw's statement, he arrived in Myanmar holding the visa issued by the Myanmar Embassy in Thailand on 2 May; that then he was putting up at Beauty Land Hotel (2); that at 11 pm on 3 May, he entered the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi through the drain on the Inya Lake side on University Avenue; that after getting to the compound, he entered the residence; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her two female housemates received him, and served him drinking water, biscuits and cookies; that they also served him meals two times; that he had investigated the case in which Mr John William Yettaw entered the house compound from the Inya Lake side on 30 November 2008; that according to the accused, he learnt that the former left the book "Book of Mormon" near the backdoor at that time; that so he reported to his superiors and searched the house and seized it; that Mr John William Yettaw was arrested together with a camera; that documentary photos bore witness that he stayed in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that in addition, a video documentary also featuring him was seized; and that 21 objects including the camera were seized from Mr John William Yettaw, and 23 objects including the above-mentioned book were seized from the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

When questioned by the court, plaintiff witness Police Inspector Than Naing from Police Battalion (7) stated that he had performed his duties around old Kanthaya Hospital near Tadabyu bus-stop on Pyay Road since the morning of 4th May; that he was reported by Police Lance Corporal Myo Lwin at 5.30 pm on 6 May that a suspicious object was floating in Inya Lake; that when he went to the bank and had a look at it, he found the object about 100 yards off the bank; that it was found out that together with the object was a foreigner; that they pulled him out of the water and asked who he was, and he replied that he was Mr John William Yettaw; that found together with him were two empty five-liter drinking water bottles, two small bags, a camera thoroughly wrapped up in plastic, a pair of pliers, a screw driver, a pair of folding pliers with laser, six memory cards, a torch light with dry cells, 28 separate dry cells, a hat, a white shirt with long sleeves, a pair of trousers, seven paper sheets stating English words, two paper sheets stating printed words, two envelopes, an American passport stating the name of Yettaw, two 100-US dollar notes, 93 1000-kyat notes, two 10-US dollar notes, a 50-kyat note, and 10 visiting cards; and that the memory cards in the camera featured a picture of General Aung San, a picture of a fighting peacock, and a bookshelf.

Then, prosecution witness Lance Corporal Myo Lwin of police battalion (7) was examined and he stated the same as plaintiff witness Police Inspector Than Naing.

When prosecution witness Police Captain Maung Maung Myint of Special Branch (operation) was examined, he stated that, at about 5 am on 6 May, police inspector Than Naing of platoon (3), police battalion (7), handed over to him Mr. John William Yettaw, an American citizen who had left Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house by swimming across Inya Lake, that, in the presence of witnesses U Tha Sein, Chairman of Ward (4) Peace and Development Council, and U Soe Myint, he seized the things found on Mr. John William Yettaw and that he listed the objects confiscated after showing them one by one to Mr. John William Yettaw.

At 10 am today, prosecution witnesses Police Lt-Col Maung Maung Khin, Police Inspector Than Naing, Police Lance Corporal Myo Lwin, Police Captain Maung Maung Myint and witness U Tha Sein were examined.

U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe and HGP U Khin Maung Oo, advocates for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and Mr. John William Yettaw, also appeared in court to defend their clients. The hearing ended in the evening and was adjourned till 20 May.

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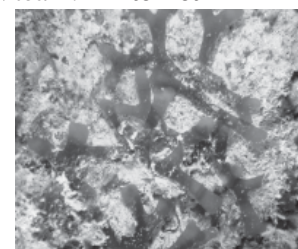
New red alga discovered in Mediterranean sea

MADRID, 19 May — An international team of researchers led by the University of Girona (UoG) has described a new species of red algae (*Leptofaucha coralligena*) in the western Mediterranean. This is the only species of the *Leptofaucha* genus currently known to be in the Mediterranean.

"The species that we

have described, *Leptofaucha coralligena*, is a deep water red alga which can often be found in the western Mediterranean between the end of winter and autumn. It is of great ecological importance, given that it is a species characteristic of the coral lining situated between 30 and 45 metres below the surface", explains Conxi

Rodríguez-Prieto, main author of the study and director of the UoG's Marine Benthic Algae team.—Internet



Leptofaucha coralligena in nature.

Erratum

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May—Please read Rules (41) instead of Rules (40) of YCDC Water Supply and Sanitation in the news on trial against American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma that appeared on 19 May daily newspapers.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects arrangements for lighting of villages with the use of bio batteries at Aung Mingala hall in Gwa.—MNA

Government determined to enable Rakhine State to enjoy...

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Chairman of Gwa Township PDC U Ko Ko Oo presented facts about the region; and Head of Kyeintali General Administration Department U Myint Hlaing, on facts about Kyeintali.

In response, the Prime Minister said that their visit to Gwa Township was to fulfil the requirements for regional development, and related ministers occasionally did the same.

In the past, Rakhine State saw a few armed insurgent groups. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, peace and stability had been restored across the state. Administrative organs at various levels and local people need to work together to restore fully the rule of law with development in the state.

Being surrounded by Yoma mountain ranges,

Rakhine State was difficult of access in the past and local people did not have much relation with those of other regions. In consequence, they stuck to racism and localism to some extent, and that had adverse effects on national unity of the nation, home to more than 100 national races.

So, the government placed emphasis on the transport sector for smooth transport between one region and another and proportionate development of all parts of the nation in order that the entire people would come to cultivate a stronger sense of Union Spirit with consolidated unity of national brethren.

In the process, the government was determined to enable Rakhine State to enjoy equitable development with any other part of the nation. Now, Rakhine State has seen a network of roads including Yangon-Sittway, Yangon-Kyaukpyu and Minbu-An roads.

To build main roads in Rakhine State was a really uphill task due to geographical barriers. Now, there have been many roads and Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad

Project is ongoing thanks to the efforts of local people, administrative bodies and departmental officials have been making with all their heart in the interest of the state.

Without doubt, Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad Project will soon come to fruition owing to the goodwill of the government, and ardent endeavours of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and local people. In addition, plans are under way to upgrade Thandwe and Sittway airports to improve the air transport sector. With the improvement of the transport sector, Rakhine State will be able to catch up with other regions in development. Such a remarkable development in the transport sector will fortify national unity considerably.

With the aim of generating all-round development of the state, the government is opening more and more basic education schools along with universities of various fields such as arts and science universities, university of computer studies, and technological university. Relevant administrative bodies are under an important duty to restore peace and stability in the region in order that the youth can pursue higher education in peace. Moreover, they have to inspire the teachers and students to cultivate a sense of duty so that the students will pursue education till completion.

The government is implementing the Five Rural Development Programmes for progress of rural areas. Now, the government is in pursuance of the target of enabling more than 64,000 villages to have access to electricity. In that regard, using electric lamps with bio-batteries is a simple and easy way and the process can be conducted in any region. So, related administrative bodies and social organizations have to do their bit to achieve the goal.

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Thahtay Hydro Power Project Site.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with departmental officials and social organizations at Aung Mingala hall in Gwa.—MNA

Government determined to enable Rakhine State to enjoy...

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The entire people including local people of Gwa Township are desirous of taking part in the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. None of the people has an idea of leading a life of panic. So, the people are required to maintain the already-achieved development momentum and do their bit in the elections due to be held in 2010.

The Prime Minister presented publications, medicines and clothes to the township through officials concerned.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko presented cash donations for tasks for regional development and personal goods donated by the Ministry of Industry-1 through the officials.

Managing Director of

the Hydropower Enterprise U Kyi Tha presented bio-batteries and lamps to the township.

The Prime Minister inspected durable low-cost bio-batteries for the villages.

On arrival at Gwa People's Hospital (25-bed), the Prime Minister held discussions on health care with the medical staff. He comforted and presented gifts to the patients.

After inspecting the functions around the medical facility, the Prime Minister gave instructions, and presented cash to the trust funds of the hospital.

The Prime Minister proceeded to Thahtay Hydropower Project by helicopter. Minister for Electric Power (1) in his report said that the project

was located across the Thahtay Creek, about 12 miles northeast of Thandwe; that on completion, the dam will be 2028 feet long and 298 feet high; and the dam is of rock-filled type. He also reported on work progress.

Deputy Minister U Myo Myint reported on construction of the separation wall, and technical experiences of landslides that took place at the entrance to the diversion tunnel.

In response, the Prime Minister called for worksite safety, and viewed the project site from the observation tower near the briefing hall.

The Prime Minister inspected the construction tasks by car around the project site and gave instructions.

The Prime Minister stopped for the night in Thandwe.

Thahtay Hydropower



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents publications, medicines and clothes for local people at Aung Mingala hall in Gwa.

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Project is situated across the Thahtay Creek, about 12 miles northeast of Thandwe.

Upon completion, it will be able to generate 111 megawatts

a year. It is designed to supply electric power to Rakhine State and support the grid. The major tasks of the project such as construction of the

separation wall have been completed. Now, tasks are ongoing to complete construction of the intake structure and tunnel.

MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects regional development tasks in Kayan and Thongwa Townships

YANGON, 19 May — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, arrived at Sasana Jawtika Masoeiein Taikthit Monastery in Kwammoedein model village of Kayan Township, Yangon South District this morning.

They attended a ceremony to drive stakes of the two-storey new monastery held in the compound. At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the minister and donors drove stakes and sprinkled them with scented water.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister opened the No.1 Masoeiein

Bridge in Kyonemayay village, Kayan Township. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party strolled along the bridge and had documentary photos taken.

After that, the commander, the minister and director-general of No.3 Basic Education Department opened the new school building of Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kwammoedein model village. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into the new school building.

Afterwards, the commander distributed bio-batteries and LED bulbs to heads of the village.

On arrival at Thongwa, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander inspected the completion of earthen road in Letpannankale village-tract and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspects the new school building of Kwammoedein model village BEHS (Branch) in Kayan Township.—MNA



Only when production of beans...

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Those who are responsible for production of ten major crops including beans and pulses, for stability of the price of the crops and finding markets in foreign countries are gathered at the meeting.

Thanks to the favourable conditions for growing beans and pulses and encouragement of the government, the number of the acres of beans and pulses reached over 10.5 million acres in the 2008-09 fiscal year and earned US\$ 806 million from export of over 1.5 million metric tons of beans and pulses in 2008-09 fiscal year. The government sets the target of over 10.5 million acres of beans and pulses in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Besides, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, efforts have been made for meeting the per-acre yield target while extending the growing of ten major crops. To achieve the production target of beans and pulses, farmers have grown new quality strains of beans and pulses instead of the old ones.

For development of beans and pulses production and booming export markets, growing quality strains of beans and pulses which are in demand by foreign markets plays an important role in achieving the aim. Besides, while making efforts for systematic storage and gaining trust from customers, efforts should be made for stability of the price, maintaining the markets and finding the new markets in foreign countries. Moreover, responsible personnel are also to seek ways for exporting value-added beans and pulses.

Myanmar is one of the largest exporters of beans and pulses in the world. Farmers and traders are to cooperate with the government in the beans and pulses business, he said.

The Secretary-1 also called on the ministries concerned, UMFCCI and traders to attend the needs of the business in which farmers, traders and exporters are involved. Moreover, responsible personnel are to keep on watching growing of beans and pulses and changes in the markets in the world and requirements for the markets and to inform the farmers and businessmen.

In this regard, growing beans and pulses should



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greets participants of the meeting on boosting production and export of beans and pulses. —MNA

benefit farmers. Only when the production of beans and pulses is up, will those who involve in the business gain benefits. While assistance is provided to farmers, measures should be taken not to disturb the stability of the market and to encourage the farmers. It is important to grow crops which are in demand.

Today, customers are taking care of the quality of foods which meet the health standards. The Secretary-1 also urged traders to consolidate and cooperate each other and not to work only for profit.

Traders are to invest and spend effectively while the government is ready to provide assistance to them, he said.

The government has been encouraging the agricultural sector including growing of beans and pulses while providing assistance to the export sector. Meanwhile, businessmen and traders are to consider the farmers as the partners and to provide assistance to the production of beans and pulses.

Next, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present at the meeting and inspected the samples of export-quality beans and pulses, pesticides and imported fertilizers on display in the meeting hall and then the first session of the meeting came to a close.

At the second session of the meeting, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo explained the situation of production of beans and pulses and research work on quality beans and pulses.

After that, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein discussed the smooth trading of beans

and pulses in the domestic market and increased export of beans and pulses to trading partners by associations and companies.

Minister for Finance and Revenues Maj-Gen Hla Tun explained financial measures to be taken for development of production and export of beans and pulses and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha discussed development of beans and pulses production.

Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Khin Maung Lay also explained the facts relating to the meeting.

Next, Dr Maung Aung of UMFCCI study group discussed the market share of Myanmar beans and pulses in the world market, Deputy General Manager U Than Kyaing of Myanmar Agriculture Service the production, domestic consumption and export of beans and pulses, Head of Office U Aung Naing Oo of the Ministry of Commerce the measures to be taken for Myanmar beans and pulses to meet international quality and standards, General Manager U Myint Win of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading the export of value-added bean products and UMFCCI President U Win Myint the development of proper trading system for beans and pulses.

After that, departmental officials supplemented suggestions on production and export of beans and pulses and UMFCCI, leading exporters of beans and pulses, representatives of state and division peace and development councils, state and division managers of Myanmar Agriculture Service and Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trading raised questions.

The meeting came to a close with the concluding remark by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein.—MNA

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects River Water Pumping projects, regional development tasks in Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 19 May — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials heard reports on progress of Hsin Tat River Water Pumping Project being implemented by Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation near Hsin Tat Village in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division facts about the project and supply of irrigated water to farmlands presented by the in-charge of the project at the briefing hall of the project on 14 May. The commander and officials made supplementary reports and Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions..

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited summer paddy plantation of farmer U Kan Shein at the Village where the manager of the township Agriculture Service presented a report on progress of summer paddy cultivation in the Township.

Then Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected pumping of water from Ayeyawady River to the main canal.

At the briefing hall of Pyawtywa River Water Pumping Project being implemented by the Department near Pyawtywa Village in Myinmu Township, the in-charge of the project gave accounts of the project and the commander made a supplementary report. After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into pumping of water from Mu River to the main canal.

Then Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to People's Hospital in Budalin. They presented cash assistance to eye patients and viewed performing operations and medical examinations for patients with eye complaint.

At the cash donation and eye glasses presentation ceremony, Lt-Gen Tha Aye delivered an address.



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence helps patients put on glasses at Budalin People's Hospital.—MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and commander accepted cash donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to eye specialists and nurses and presented eye glasses to patients. He then cordially greeted eye patients.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye heard reports on agriculture, education, health and social sectors of the township and regional development presented by the chairman of township PDC in meeting with

departmental officials, townselders and local people at Myawady Hall in Budalin.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye urged departmental officials and local people to carry out regional development tasks dutifully.

Then he presented sports gear for wards and villages and stationery for schools and the commander, uniforms for the township fire brigade to officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the township Fire Station and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

MCPA to organize educative talk

YANGON, 19 May— Myanmar Computer Professionals' Association (MCPA) will organize a talk on 'The Fundamental Networking' at Mayama Info-Tech in Hlaing Township, here, on 24 May.

General Manager U

Ye Kyaw Thein of Compu Tech Computer Training & Servicing will give the talk.

The talk, covering networking, frequency, protocol and media type, is meant for those who will sit for ITPEC Exam and MCPA Exam and start

to learn Networking or for those who are using Networking.

Those interested persons may attend the talk free of charge. For details, may contact Room 4, Building 4, MCPA's office, ph: 652276.

MNA

Hot Shot-2 to be on for funds for MWJA

YANGON, 19 May—The movie 'Hot Shot-2' will be on at Thamada Cinema on 23 May to raise funds for Myanmar Writers and Journalists' Association. The

movie can be booked at the association, No. 529, 2nd floor, Merchant Street, ph: 252417 and at the cinema, ph: 246962, 246963.—MNA

Sony 3-LCD Projectors introduced

YANGON, 19 May—A ceremony to introduce new Sony 3-LCD Projector jointly organized by TMW Enterprise Ltd and Sony Singapore Broadcast and Professional Products Division was held at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, Dagon Township, here this morning.

U Wai Lwin, managing-director of TMW Enterprise Ltd extended greetings. Mr Thomas Wong, executive manager of Sony

Singapore Head of BPP Marketing Division explained facts about Sony projectors.

New Sony projectors marketed by TMW Enterprise are tweaked for satisfaction of the consumers.

Various kinds of Sony projectors from basic ones to hi-tech projectors for cinema are now on market. As the new projectors are installed with 3-LCD technology, more vivid pictures can be enjoyed. Portable MX-20 projectors that are suitable

for offices are also available in addition to full HD projectors sold at reasonable price.

Sony 3-LCD projectors are available at Sony Showroom, No. 90 A/B Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, No.173/175 Pansondan Street, No.20 A/B Yawmingyi Street Yangon, No. 352 corner of 30th and 82nd Street Aungnanshae Yeiktha, Chanaye thazan Township, Mandalay, No.93 Bogyoke Aung San Street Myoma-Taunggyi and dealers.—MNA



Sony 3-LCD projectors on display at a ceremony to introduce new Sony 3-LCD projectors.—MNA

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HK to host Asia Aerospace Expo 2009, 2011

HONG KONG, 19 May—Asian Aerospace Expo and Congress 2009 and 2011 will be held in Hong Kong, the Expo's organizer announced here Monday.

The two exhibitions will be staged at the ultra-modern Asia World-Expo complex adjacent to the Hong Kong International Airport, with the first one to be held 8-10 Sept, said Reed Exhibitions, organizer of the events.

Global aerospace leaders including Airbus, Air France / KLM, Engineering, Boeing, Bombardier, CFM International, Goodrich, HAECO, HAESL and Lufthansa Technik are committed to large stands at the main exhibition hall in the 2009 event, with more than 10,000 people expected to visit the 2009 event, according to Reed Exhibitions.

"The focus of attention for the global economic growth is increasingly turning to dynamic Asian markets, with visionary commercial aviation companies looking beyond the current recession to position themselves for long-term growth in the region," said Paul Beh, president of Reed Exhibitions' Asia and Pacific.

"We are expecting up to 3,000 Chinese visitors at the show to discuss product and service procurement, new international joint ventures and supplier relationships," he said.

Internet

Mexico arrests 13 drug suspects, some on plane

MEXICO CITY, 19 May—Mexican soldiers arrested 13 alleged drug cartel members, including one man who had just arrived on a private plane to take over trafficking operations in the northern city of Monterrey, the Defence Department said.

Acting on a tip, soldiers arrested Rodolfo Lopez and several others Monday after they landed at Monterrey's international airport, the department said in a statement. Several armed men were arrested in the parking lot, where they were waiting to pick Lopez up, it added.

The department said Lopez had been chosen to take over trafficking operations for the cartel in the industrial city from Hector Huerta, who was captured March 24, one day after the government listed him among its 37 most-wanted smugglers. Lopez had not been on the list.

The department said Lopez told soldiers he had arrived from the Pacific resort town of Acapulco, where he received instructions about his new duties from cartel leader Arturo Beltran Leyva.

Four of the 13 suspects were arrested at a Monterrey residence. Soldiers seized 14 guns, a grenade, ammunition, drugs and cash during the operation.

They also found a banner with a message for the Mexican president, reading: "Felipe Calderon, please don't mess with the family because it is very sacred. Show respect or face the consequences of our people. They are tired of atrocities."—*Internet*

La 8th-grader planned school shooting

LAROSE, 19 May—A Louisiana middle school student stormed into a classroom and fired a gunshot over a teacher's head Monday before shooting himself in a bathroom, authorities said. Investigators found a suicide note and plans for a rampage in the teen's journal. The 15-year-old student, whose name was not released, fired once around 9 am inside a classroom at Larose-Cut Off Middle School, then shot himself in the head, said Lafourche Parish Sheriff Craig Webre. He was in critical but stable condition. The teacher had never taught the teen.

Webre said investigators found a note describing the boy's plans to "gear up" before his spree, along with a drawing of how he'd dress. The boy also scribbled "I am king" and "y'all will die!" on a sheet of paper investigators found. Although he apparently was intent on killing people, he was armed with only four bullets for the .25-caliber, semiautomatic pistol he had taken from his father's home during the weekend. The boy's mother noticed he seemed nervous before school, but he said he was just worried about seeing his standardized test results, which were released Monday, Webre said.—*Internet*

Two small planes collide over ocean near California coast

LOS ANGELES, 19 May — Two small planes reportedly collided over the ocean near the California coast Monday afternoon but there was no immediate word of casualties, authorities said.

The US Coast Guard said two debris fields were located and secured more than two hours after the collision. One field was near Long Beach, about 40 km south of Los Angeles. The second was located about 4.8 km northeast of the first debris field.

A security zone was established around the fields, said Lt. Stephanie Young of the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard sent a helicopter and two rescue boats, and county lifeguards also sent boats to help search the waters, Young said. Ian Gregor of the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) said the report of a collision came from the pilot of another plane.

An armada of more than 20 boats from the Coast Guard, the fire departments of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles and Long Beach were scouring the rough, choppy, white capped sea as a heavy marine layer was rolling in, according to the local KCAL9 TV station.

Internet

Nokia unveils cheapest 3G phone

BEIJING, 19 May—Nokia launched the low-cost 3G phone to date and other two devices Monday it hopes will make serious inroads in emerging markets.

The world's top handset maker said it will sell the 2730 Classic for 80 euros (108.3 US dollars), while the cost for the 7020, and 2720 Fold, models would be 90 and 55 euros respectively.

The new 3G handset, with Nokia's traditional candy bar design, is targeted at entry-level prepaid users in both developing and developed markets.

All new models would be equipped to access Internet and work with Nokia's range of emerging market services.

Nokia's wide offering has kept it ahead of its traditional rivals like Samsung Electronics, but the Finnish firm has lost market share at the top end of the market to rivals like Apple and Research in Motion.

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A container vessel is berthed at the port in Singapore. Singapore's main exports fell 19.2 percent year on year in April, government data showed, as the city-state struggles to find a way out of its worst recession in decades.

INTERNET



Engineered antibodies fight AIDS virus in monkeys

WASHINGTON, 19 May— Researchers may have discovered a technique that will eventually lead to a way to vaccinate against the AIDS virus, by creating an artificial antibody carried into the body by a virus.

This synthetic immune system molecule protected monkeys against an animal version of HIV called SIV, the researchers reported in the journal *Nature Medicine*.

While it will be years before the concept could

be tested in humans, it opens up the possibility of protecting people against the fatal and incurable virus.

“Six of nine immunized monkeys were protected against infection by the SIV challenge, and all nine were protected from AIDS,” Philip Johnson of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and colleagues wrote.

Several attempts to create a vaccine against the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS

have failed.

AIDS not only attacks the immune cells that usually defend against viruses, but it quickly hides out in an as-yet undiscovered “reservoir” so the immune system must be primed to capture virtually every single virus. In addition, people do not usually make antibodies against the virus. Antibodies are immune system particles that latch on to invaders so killer cells can destroy them.—*Internet*

Women who smoke more prone to lung damage

CHICAGO, 19 May—Women may be especially susceptible to the toxic effects of cigarette smoking, US researchers said on Monday.

They said women who smoke develop lung damage earlier in life than men, and it takes less cigarette exposure to cause damage in women compared with men.

“Overall our analysis indicated that women may be more vulnerable to the effects of smoking,” said Dr Inga-Cecilie Soerheim of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston and the University of Bergen in Norway.

Soerheim, who presented her findings at the American Thoracic Society meeting in San Diego, California, said



A woman smokes a cigarette outside of an office in central London on 6 May, 2009.—INTERNET

researchers had suspected this but until now had lacked proof.

Her team analyzed 954 people in Norway with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which includes lung problems from chronic bronchitis to emphysema.—*Internet*



Astronaut Andrew Feustel (L) and John Grunsfeld, on Atlantis’ robot arm, work on the Hubble Space Telescope with the coast of Africa in the background in this image from NASA TV on 18 May, 2009. Shuttle Atlantis astronauts returned to the Hubble Space Telescope on Monday for a final spacewalk to install fresh batteries, thermal shields and a sensor to pinpoint celestial targets for research. Grunsfeld and Feustel left the shuttle’s air lock at about 8:30 am EDT (1230 GMT), almost an hour ahead of schedule.—INTERNET

Astronauts finish repairs on Hubble telescope

CAPE CANAVERAL, 19 May—Spacewalking astronauts completed repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope on Monday, leaving it more powerful than ever and able to peer even deeper into the cosmos—almost to the brink of creation. The last humans to lay hands on Hubble outfitted the observatory with another set of fresh batteries, a new sensor for precise pointing and protective covers.

That equipment, along with other improvements made over the last five days, should allow the telescope to provide dazzling views of the

universe for another five to 10 years.

“This is a very important moment in human history,” Hubble senior project scientist David Leckrone said in Houston. “We will rewrite the textbooks at least one more time.”

It was the fifth and final spacewalk for the shuttle Atlantis crew, and the final visit by astronauts ever to Hubble.

As the spacewalk drew to a close, Hubble’s chief mechanic, John Grunsfeld, accidentally bumped one of the telescope’s antennas and knocked off its cap with his foot.—*Internet*

Paper company threatens Indonesian orangutans

JAKARTA, 19 May—One of the world’s largest paper companies plans to clear a large swath of unprotected forest in Indonesia being used as a sanctuary for critically endangered orangutans, according to environmental groups working in the area. Singapore-based Asia Pulp & Paper and a local joint venture partner, Sinar Mas Group, have received a license to clear hundreds of hectares (acres) of trees just outside the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park on Sumatra island, WWF-Indonesia and four other groups said Tuesday.

Though not protected, the plush, lowland forests

are considered an important area for biodiversity and have been used since 2002 as a release point for around 100 Sumatran rehabilitated orangutans—some orphaned when their mothers were allegedly killed by workers on nearby palm oil plantations.

“It took scientists decades to discover how to successfully reintroduce critically endangered orangutans from captivity into the wild,” said Peter Pratje of the Frankfurt Zoological Society. “It could take APP just months to destroy an important part of their new habitat.”

Internet

Japan reports 144 confirmed cases of new flu

TOKYO, 19 May—The number of A/H1N1 cases in Japan has reached 144 after 48 more infections were confirmed Monday in Osaka and Hyogo prefectures.

The number may keep rising as many in the region reported symptoms of the new flu.

Japanese government on Monday convened an emergency task force meeting to discuss countermeasures on the spread of the epidemic.

At the meeting, Prime Minister Taro Aso called

the public to remain calm, saying the Japanese government has no plans to ask citizens to refrain from holding meetings or scale down corporate activity.

The government task force decided not to upgrade its measures aimed at coping with the spread of the new flu from the current phase 2, which refers to an early stage of domestic outbreak, according to Kyodo News.

Internet

Latest developments on A/H1N1 flu worldwide

BEIJING, 19 May—The following are the latest developments on A/H1N1 flu outbreaks worldwide on Tuesday, according to the World Health Organization and governments’ data.

Confirmed deaths worldwide: 76, including 68 in Mexico, six in the United States, one in Canada and one in Costa Rica. Confirmed cases worldwide: More than 8,820 in 40 countries and regions, most in the United States and Mexico.—*Internet*



Egypt announces 27th bird flu fatality

CAIRO, 19 May—Egypt’s official news agency says a 4-year-old girl has died of bird flu, making her the country’s 27th death from the virus since 2006.

The Ministry of Health announced that Nada Reda from the Daqahliya Province was admitted to a hospital on 9 May with flu-like symptoms and died Monday.

The vast majority of people who have succumbed to the H5N1 virus in Egypt are women and children, tasked with caring for domestic poultry Egypt is the country worst hit by bird flu outside Asia and the disease has persisted despite efforts to educate the people and control the poultry population. The government, meanwhile, has ordered the slaughtering of all the country’s pigs out of fear of swine flu even though there are no cases in the country.—*Internet*

An empty classroom of the Nisitenma elementary school in Osaka. Japan on Monday reported 163 swine flu cases and shut more than 2,000 schools and kindergartens in a bid to slow the spread of the virus that may already have infected hundreds, a report said.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Man Utd 'keeper Foster out for nine weeks



Manchester United's goalkeeper Ben Foster saves a penalty from Tottenham's Jamie O'Hara during the 2009 Carling Cup final at Wembley stadium in London, March 2009.—INTERNET

on 27 May or the last league game at Hull on Sunday. Foster, 26, has also been ruled out of England's World Cup qualifiers with Kazakhstan and Andorra on June 6 and 10.

"It is big blow for Ben as not only will he miss the Champions League final but also England's summer internationals," manager Sir Alex Ferguson told www.manutd.com.—Internet

Cantona sees easy victory for United over Barca

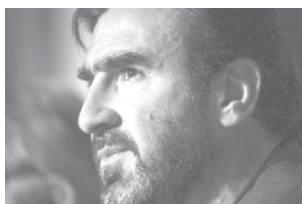
CANNES, 19 May—Football legend Eric Cantona, the star of a new film competing at Cannes, on Monday predicted triumph for his former team Manchester United over Barcelona in the Champions League final.

"I'll give you a straight answer," he said when asked at a press conference here who would win on 27 May. "Manchester."

Cantona compared Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson—who was leading the team back in the 1990s when the French footballer was there—and Ken Loach, the director of his film titled "Looking for Eric."

"The way they work is

100 percent for the players, they are both very humble. They got me to give every bit of myself. Alex Ferguson is a great coach and Ken Loach is a great director," he said. The former footballer, who has already acted in several films, plays himself in the new movie, appearing like a vision to help a Manchester postman also named Eric whose life is spiralling out of control.—Internet



French actor and former football player Eric Cantona

Nadal looks to Paris after Madrid Masters defeat

MADRID, 19 May—Rafael Nadal shrugged off his Madrid Masters final defeat to Roger Federer and insisted that it will not have a detrimental effect on his bid to lift a record fifth successive French Open title.

The world number one saw his 33-match winning run on clay brought to a halt in a one-sided 6-4, 6-4 loss to his old rival in the pair's 20th career meeting.

But Nadal, who has won the last four French Open titles and has never been defeated in Paris, believes the slower, Roland Garros courts will suit him more.

"This means nothing in terms of Paris, it's a completely different surface," said Nadal, who has defeated Federer in the last three French Open finals.—Internet

Sunderland's relegation fight goes down to the wire

PORTSMOUTH, 19 May—Sunderland's struggle to avoid relegation will go down to the wire after lax defending contributed to a 3-1 loss at Portsmouth's Fratton Park here on Monday.

The Black Cats' needed all three points from this visit to the south coast but their Premier League fate will now be determined by Chelsea's visit next Sunday.

Sunderland were left just two points clear of the drop zone, with a win against Chelsea seeing them safe while anything else and their future will be decided by results elsewhere.

Ricky Sbragia's struggles remain a point better off than Hull, who host

Manchester United, and two ahead of local rivals Newcastle.

Portsmouth had already ensured their topflight status last weekend.—Internet



Portsmouth's Nigerian footballer John Utaka celebrates scoring his goal against Sunderland during their Premiership football match at Fratton Park in London.—INTERNET

Juventus sack coach Ranieri, Ferrara in charge



Claudio Ranieri

would definitely be fired at the end of the season, and sooner still if Juve lost to AC Milan.

Juve battled to a credible 1-1 draw at the San Siro just over a week ago but Sunday's 2-2 home draw against Atalanta meant they have now gone seven league matches without a win. They currently sit third in the table again but seven matches ago they were Inter Milan's closest title challengers and now they face a fight to hold onto a top three finish with fourth-placed Fiorentina just one point behind with two matches to play.

A fourth place finish would mean they would have to negotiate two qualifying rounds to reach the Champions League group stages, giving them an extra four unwanted matches.—Internet

ROME, 19 May—Juventus on Monday fired coach Claudio Ranieri and replaced him with junior team coach and former player Ciro Ferrara, the club said in a statement.

Ranieri's future had long been the source of speculation and two weeks ago Italian media had reported that he

Pasta master Maria hungers for Slam success

WARSAW, 19 May—Maria Sharapova said she was gunning for Grand Slam glory again after making her comeback from a nine-month injury lay-off with a first-round victory at the WTA Warsaw Open on Monday.

The 22-year-old former world number one was taken to three sets by Italy's Tathiana Garbin before eventually prevailing 6-1, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 and said she was delighted to be back in action.

"In these nine months, the only thing that I've accomplished is a good pasta carbonara," she joked. "At the end of the day, that's not my specialty. My specialty is to go out and compete in Grand Slams."

The Russian has slipped to a world ranking



Russia's Maria Sharapova eyes the ball during her match against Italy's Tathiana Garbin at the first round match of the Warsaw Open tennis tournament in Warsaw.—INTERNET

of 126 after being laid low by an injury to her right shoulder and she admitted that the road to recovery had not been easy.

Internet



David Beckham (left) and Wayne Rooney pose for photos during the launch of England 2018 / 2022 World Cup bid at Wembley Stadium in London, on 18 May.—INTERNET

Beckham: Winning 2018 bid would mean the world to me

LONDON, 19 May—David Beckham admits helping England win the right to host the 2018 World Cup would mean as much as all the success he has enjoyed during his illustrious career.

Beckham has won the Champions League, six Premier League titles and two FA Cups with Manchester United as well as the Spanish title at Real Madrid.

The LA Galaxy midfielder, currently on loan at AC Milan, is also England's most capped outfield player, has captained his country 59 times and played in two World Cups, with a third in South Africa next year a distinct possibility.

But even those impressive achievements would fade in comparison to playing a role in bringing the World Cup back to England for the first time in 52 years.

Beckham was part of the successful bid to win the 2012 Olympic Games for London and now he will be one of the English FA's most visible faces of their own campaign as a bid vice president.—Internet



Rafael Nadal reacts during the final match of the ATP Madrid Open claycourt tournament against Swiss Roger Federer on 17 May, 2009 in Madrid.—INTERNET



Japan's J-league Kawasaki Frontale's Juninho, left, fights for the ball with South Korea's Pohang Steelers's Denilson during their AFC Champions League soccer match in Kawasaki, Japan, Tuesday, 19 May, 2009.—INTERNET

2nd International Talents Job Fair for foreigners held in Beijing

BEIJING, 19 May—Judging by the turnout at this weekend's "International Talent" job fair in Beijing, China is still a good place for foreigners to weather the global financial crisis.

Organized by the Beijing Talent Service and the Chentong Human Resources Company, the fair attracted some 40 companies, schools and state-owned enterprises interested in hiring foreigners.

The most popular job for ex-pats? Teaching a foreign language, of course.

Armed with a stack of CVs, Li Zegang arrived at the fair bright and early. But he wasn't applying for anything in his own name—he was trying to land employment for a friend from Russia.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (20.5.2009) (Wednesday)

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

Local Transmission

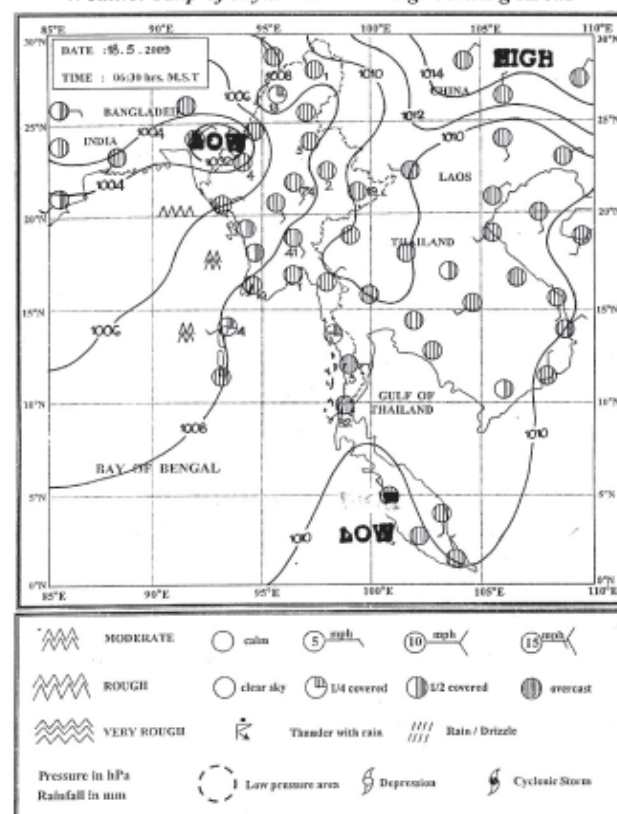
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Travelogue (PyinOoLwin)
- * Bamboo Parquet
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Khaung Taing Village)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * PaO Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- * Magic of Cotton Blanket
- * Rakhine Traditional First Crop Alms Offering Ceremony
- * Mobile Education Activities for Wildlife Conservation
- * A day in a farmer's life
- * Ancient Pakhangyi Monastery
- * Travelling on the Chin Mountain Ranges
- * Fabulous Bagan (II)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Travelogue (PyinOoLwin)
- * Bamboo Parquet
- * Daily Life of a Toddy-palm Climber
- * Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Khaung Taing Village)
- * Fabulous Bagan (III)
- * A Day in Yangon (People's Square)
- * Myanmar Orchestra, A Blend of Artist
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan, Mon States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine and Mon States, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C) and Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Theinzayat (3.83) inches, Hmawbi (1.65) inches and Lashio (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-5-2009 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 19-5-2009 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-5-2009 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 18-5-2009 was (3.7) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 19-5-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon and Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (3.66) inches at Mingaladon, (4.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (6.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (15:30) hour MST on 18-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 20 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. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

7:50 am

5. “ကုသမနွေးတိဘိဘေး” (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ သုမောင်၊ ညီကျော်)

မကူး)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီမိုးမိုး)

8:05 am

6. Musical programme

8:20 am

7. ဇီချောင်းရေလှောင်တံ

8:30 am

8. International News

8:40 am

9. Local Talent

8:50 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Musical programme

4:20 pm

3. Dance of National Races

4:30 pm

4. သူ့လက်သံ

4:40 pm

5. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:50 pm

6. Classical song

4:55 pm

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm

8. “အလျော်အစား”

(ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ ငွေစင်သွန်း၊

ခင်သန်းနွယ်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)

5:10 pm

9. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)

(ရက္ခဗေဒ)

5:20 pm

10. Songs to uphold

National Spirit

5:30 pm

11. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်

5:40 pm

12. ရွှေယဉ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

13. ဂူတီးတေးသံနှင့်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ

(အပိုင်း-၃)

6:00 pm

14. Evening news

6:30 pm

15. Weather report

6:35 pm

16. မြန်မာ့မေလေ့ရှိရာလက်ဝှေ့

6:55 pm

17. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:30 pm

18. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

19. News

20. International news

21. Weather report

22. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်

“ရွှေနံ့သာစံအိမ်”

(ရန်အောင်၊ ဝေဠုကျော်၊

မိုးမြတ်သူ၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နန္ဒ)



Only when production of beans and pulses is up, will those involved in business gain benefits

Meeting on boosting production and export of beans and pulses held



Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at the meeting on boosting production and export of beans and pulses.—MNA

While making efforts for systematic storage and gaining trust of customers, efforts should be made for stability of the price, maintaining the markets and finding the new markets.

Secretary-1 of the SPDC General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo inspects samples of beans and pulses, insecticide and fertilizers.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 19 May — A meeting on boosting production and export of beans and pulses was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce here this morning with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

It was attended by the ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, the governor, presidents and responsible personnel of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Agriculture Development Bank, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Beans, Pulses and Sesame Traders Association, private banks, representatives from state/division peace and development councils, officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and entrepreneurs.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said the government has encouraged the agricultural sector to boost production of major crops including rice, beans and pulses and industrial crops while fulfilling the basic requirements of the agricultural sector.

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Fame, wealth, beauty psychological dead ends

SCIENCEDAILY, 19 May — If you think having loads of money, fetching looks, or the admiration of many will improve your life — think again. A new study by three University of Rochester researchers demonstrates that progress on these fronts can actually make a person less happy.

"People understand that it's important to pursue goals in their lives and they believe that attaining these goals will have positive consequences. This study shows that this is not true for all goals," says author Edward Deci, professor of psychology and the Gowen Professor in the Social Sciences at the University. "Even though our culture puts a strong emphasis on attaining wealth and fame, pursuing these goals does not contribute to having a satisfying life. The things that make your life happy are growing as an individual, having loving relationships, and contributing to your community," Deci says. The research paper, to be published in the June issue of the *Journal of Research in Personality*, tracked 147

alumni from two universities during their second year after graduation. Using in-depth psychological surveys, the researchers assessed participants in key areas, including satisfaction with life, self-esteem, anxiety, physical signs of stress, and the experience of positive and negative emotions.—Internet



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