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# Local people of Rakhine State urged to make efforts for economic development by applying sound infrastructures and developing conditions

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein on inspection tour of Taungup, Sittway

*Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress of Thandwe airport runway extension project.*—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, left Thandwe for Taungup by helicopter yesterday morning.

At the Yeiktha in Taungup, the Prime Minister met with townselders and social organizations and explained progress of hydropower projects, motor road and railroad construction projects and airport extension projects being undertaken by the government in Rakhine State. Next, the Prime Minister stressed the need for the local people to make efforts for economic development by applying sound infrastructures of Rakhine State and developing conditions.

**Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is undertaking construction of new railroads and assembling of carriages and cargo coaches with the least cost for the convenience of travellers.**

At the hall of Thandwe Airport, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on extension of the runway at the airport. The Prime Minister attended to the needs.

They inspected land preparation task at the upgrading of the 5500 feet by 100 feet runway to the 7000 feet by 100 feet facility and left for Sittway.

*(See page 8)*

***Photo shows Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin railroad section on Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad.***

**MNA**

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Work hand in hand with the government for national development

**Transport is one of the sectors the government has placed a special emphasis on and its purpose in doing so is to strengthen Union Spirit, unity and friendship of the national people and to ensure parallel development of all regions. Thanks to the government's relentless efforts, the entire nation is now enjoying rapid development and Rakhine State is no exception.**

**Geographically, Rakhine State has natural barriers such as rivers and mountain ranges and therefore there was a great deal of difficulty in building roads and bridges. Anyhow, new roads and bridges emerge one after another and it is mainly due to strong enthusiasm of the people there for the interests of their region. Now, construction of the An-Minbu railway has begun. Moreover, Sittway and Thandwe airports are being upgraded to improve the air transport sector.**

**For all-round development of the region, more and more basic education schools are being opened. In addition, arts and science colleges and universities, universities of computer studies and technological universities have been opened for the youths to be able to pursue higher education.**

**For rural development, the use of bio-batteries for lighting houses is being encouraged. Lighting with the use of bio-batteries is an easy and simple way and it can be applied anywhere. Therefore, measures should be taken for lighting every house in every village.**

**It is necessary for the entire national people to always work hand in hand with the government for national development, for success of the 2010 elections and emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.**

## 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**

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends physic nut plants growing ceremony of Yangon Command

*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects physic nut plantation of Yangon Command at local battalion in Hmawby.*—MNA

YANGON, 20 May – Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected physic nut plantation of Yangon Command at the local battalion in Hmawby, Yangon North District this morning.

After hearing a report on progress of cultivation of physic nut plants presented by the commander, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at physic nut plants growing ceremony 2009 of Yangon Command.

The manager of district Myanma Agriculture Service explained cultivation of physic nut plants and production of bio diesel.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and senior military officers presented packets of physic nut seed to departmental personnel and families of servicemen.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials grew physic nut plants and encouraged growing of physic nut plants by departmental personnel and families of servicemen.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected physic nut plants, fruits, seeds and saplings on display. — *MNA*

## Commander attends 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The 150th Founding Anniversary of Yadanabon Mandalay was held at the office of Mandalay City Development Committee on 14 May.

Present on the occasion were 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, departmental heads, members of the committee for holding the anniversary, artistes and guests.

The commader and the Mayor formally opened the ceremony.

They looked around tapestry, wood carving, and photos at the booth set up at the anniversary.

They mayor cut ribbons to open bronze image of King Mindon and precinct of Minkon obelisk.

The commander, the mayor and officials sprinkled scented water on the obelisk.

At Shwemantaung Sports Ground in Aungmyethazan Township, the commander and the mayor opened shows, competitions and fund fairs.

The commander and members viewed around the shops, performances of Myanmar Traditional cane ball and martial arts contests.

The commander and the mayor looked around historical newspapers, journals, magazines, and documents at book fairs. *MNA*

***Medical students (final part-II) of University of Medicine-2 (Yangon) making field to People's Hospital in DaikU Township, Bago Division.***—UM-2

## Medical students on field trip

YANGON, 20 May—Final year part-II medical students from University of Medicine-2 are on field trip in group to 35 townships in Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Ayeyawady divisions.

They will study and take part in the health care services of township and village health care centres, prevention of diseases, maternal and child welfare activities, vaccination, and educative talks on health knowledge up to 29 May.

The field trip is being made according to disease prevention and social medicine syllabus.

On 15 and 18 May, Rector of University of Medicine-2 Professor Dr Tint Swe Latt, Professor/ Head of Department Dr San San Myint Aung and party inspected the students who were at Pantanaw, Kyaunggon, Yaykyi, Kyonpyaw, DaikU, Nyaunglebin, and Kyaukdaga townships and fulfilled the needs.

*MNA*

# Assassinations on the rise in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 May—The number of assassinations in Afghanistan is growing, particularly in Kandahar Province, where Taleban militants are strong and well-organized. Dozens of politicians, government employees, activists and Muslim clerics have been targeted in an attempt to silence critics and disrupt the government.

Last month in Kandahar, Afghanistan's largest southern city, a local education director and a health official were shot dead by militants who stormed a government compound. And in a case that garnered international attention, armed men on motorbikes gunned down Sitara Achakzai, a prominent female politician and women's rights advocate, on 12 April as she chatted with a neighbour outside her home.—*Internet*

***Map locates the Surobi mountainous area in Afghanistan where an assassination attempt of the Afghanistan President's brother.—*INTERNET**

# Baghdad bomb kills 35 and wounds 72

BAGHDAD, 20 May—A parked car bomb ripped through a poor Shi'ite area of northwest Baghdad on Wednesday, killing 35 people and wounding 72 others near a popular restaurant, police said.

Shula in northwest Baghdad was also targeted by bombers on December 25 last year, killing four people.

The last large-scale bomb attack in Iraq was on April 29, when 51 people were killed in twin car bomb attacks in the Shi'ite Sadr City district of Baghdad.

The recent attacks raises questions about whether Iraq can avoid sliding back into greater bloodshed as an untested military prepares to take greater security responsibility and U.S. troops prepare for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

*Internet*

***The remains of the Kandahar provincial council's front gate, destroyed by a suicide car bomb. Seven suicide bombers wearing Afghan National Army uniforms stormed the compound recently.—*INTERNET**

# Afghan contractors violated gun policy

KABUL, 20 May— Four US contractors for the company formerly known as Blackwater were not authorized to carry weapons when they were involved in a deadly shooting in Afghanistan this month, the US military said on Tuesday.

The men — accused of opening fire on a vehicle in the capital on 5 May— have charged that their employer, now called Xe, issued them guns in breach of the company's contract with the military. One Afghan was killed in the shooting, and two others wounded.

Xe declined to comment on the weapons or the contract.

The men were all back in the United States or en route by Tuesday, an attorney for the contractors told *The Associated Press*. Daniel J Callahan said two of them "escaped" from the company in Kabul and took a flight out of the country late Saturday.

"Two of them snuck out under the cover of darkness," said Callahan, a lawyer based in California. "The other two, according to plans, should also be out of Blackwater's grasp."

*Internet*

***An injured man lies in a hospital bed in Baghdad following an explosion in the Abu Tsheer neighbourhood on 18 May, 2009.—*INTERNET**

# American service member killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 May—The US military says one American service member and one civilian have been killed in a bomb attack outside Afghanistan's capital.

US military spokesman Thomas Graves says a military vehicle was traveling from Kabul toward Bagram Air Field on Wednesday when it hit a roadside bomb.

He says the blast killed one service member who was in the vehicle, and one nearby civilian.

*Internet*

# Bomb hits US-led convoy near Afghan capital

KABUL, 20 May—A bomb ripped through a vehicle in a US-led military convoy outside the Afghan capital causing casualties, the military and witnesses said.

The vehicle was destroyed in the attack, about 35 kilometres (20 miles) from Kabul, where foreign troops cordoned off the area as an ambulance helicopter swooped in to pick up casualties, an *AFP* reporter said. "A military vehicle was struck by an IED (improvised explosive device)," US Lieutenant Colonel Christian Kubik confirmed to *AFP*. He could not immediately comment on casualties.

An Afghan driver on the busy road, which connects the capital and the largest US base in Afghanistan at Bagram, said at least one foreigner died.

"I saw one of the foreigners who was stuck in the wreckage of the vehicle and he was dead. They were trying to pull him out," said the driver, Sakhi Dad.

*Internet*

***An Afghan man is searched by a Canadian soldier during a special operation in Sanjaray, Kandahar Province, on 18 May, 2009.***
**INTERNET**

# Suicide blast kills two policemen, wounds ten in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 20 May—One suicide bomber on Tuesday exploded his explosive-laden car near a police patrol in Arghadab district of Kandahar Province, southern Afghanistan, killing two policemen and wounding 10 others, said an official.

Ghulam Ali Wakhdat, police chief for southern region, told *Xinhua* that it occurred at 07:00 pm local time when the suicide attacker drove a car with explosive materials and blew it up close to a team of police who were patrolling on foot in Arghandab district.

"The blast claimed two policemen and injured 10 others including the district police chief Zmarai Khan," he said. No group or individuals have not yet to claim responsibility while Taleban militants, who have vowed to intensify assaults against interests of government, often carried out such attacks in the shape of suicide bombing.

*Internet*

# Iran leader says US promoting terrorism

TEHERAN, 20 May—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused the United States on Tuesday of promoting terrorism in border areas and using arms and money against the Islamic state.

Khamenei's verbal attack is likely to disappoint US President Barack Obama's administration, which is seeking rapprochement with Iran after three decades of mistrust. The Pentagon said his comments were "terribly ironic" because Teheran was undermining stability in neighbouring Iraq and Afghanistan.

Khamenei was speaking in a western region close to Iraq where security forces often clash with Kurdish separatist rebels. Iran has also in the past accused its Western foes of seeking to destabilize it by backing militants on its borders.

"I say this firmly that unfortunately across our borders, our western borders, the Americans are busy making a conspiracy, they are busy fostering terrorism," he said, referring to the US presence in Iraq, Iran's western neighbour.

"Money, arms and organization ... are being used by the Americans directly across our western borders in order to fight the Islamic Republic's system. We should be awake," he said during a visit to Iran's Kurdistan Province.

*Internet*

# US, Russia to hold second day of nuclear arms talks

MOSCOW, 20 May—The United States and Russia were set to hold a second day of talks aimed at replacing a landmark Cold War-era nuclear disarmament treaty that expires in December, officials said.

The talks on a successor to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) are a central part of US President Barack Obama's desire to "reset" strained ties with Russia and their result could have far-reaching implications for global security.

Signed in 1991, START led to deep cuts in the US and Russian atomic arsenals and is seen as a cornerstone of strategic arms control, but the agreement expires in December.

Russian foreign ministry spokesman Igor Lyakin-Frolov said the first day of talks took place on Tuesday and would continue on Wednesday as planned.

He made clear though there would be little public information about them.

"By agreement of both sides the talks will be discreet and they will only release an agreed joint statement at the end," Lyakin-Frolov told *AFP*.

*Internet*

# At least 98 dead in Indonesian plane crash

JAKART, 20 May—An Indonesian military transport plane carrying 110 passengers and crew has crashed and burst into flames in East Java, killing at least 98 people, officials have said.

The aircraft ploughed into four houses on the ground, scattering debris and sending flames and billowing smoke into the air, before skidding into a field.

The plane's badly damaged tail section could be seen resting upside down on the ground while the rest of the fuselage had burned down to its metal frame.

Burning wreckage was scattered over a large area and soldiers were seen helping pull bodies from the paddy field where the plane came to rest.

At least five of those killed are believed to have been on the ground in Magetan.

Witnesses told local media they saw the plane split apart in the air following a loud bang.

Several described seeing its right wing fall off before it came down, suggesting possible metal fatigue.

The cause of the crash is not yet known, but air force spokesman Bambang Sulistyo said the plane was more than 45 years old.

*Internet*

***Rescue workers gather at the site of the wreckage of an Indonesian Air Force C-130 cargo plane after it crashed in Magetan in East Java province on 20 May, 2009.—INTERNET***

***An Israeli sapper removes the remains of a rocket which landed in the southern city of Sderot after being fired by militants in the Gaza Strip. Israeli air force jets staged a series of strikes on Tuesday on the Gaza Strip after militants there fired a rocket into the yard of a house in the southern city of Sderot, Palestinians and medical sources said.—INTERNET***

# Israeli war jets strike Gaza-Egypt borderline zone

GAZA, 20 May—Israeli war jets on Tuesday night struck the borderline area between southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah and Egypt, with no casualty, witnesses and Hamas security sources said.

Witnesses said they saw *F16* warplanes hovered over Rafah town and then two explosions were heard after two bombs fired by the warplanes struck the borderline area and destroyed tunnels used by Palestinians for smuggling.

Hamas security sources confirmed in a statement that Israeli warplanes struck the area with two bombs and destroyed tunnels dug under the borderline area between Rafah and Egypt. No injures were reported, said the sources.

Israel said it had destroyed 60 percent of the tunnels during the 22-day Israeli military offensive on the Gaza Strip that ended on 18 January.

The Israeli airstrike on Tuesday night came shortly after Israeli Radio reported that two homemade rockets were fired earlier on Tuesday evening at the southern Israeli town of Sderout.No injuries or damages were reported.

*Internet*

# Abbas swears in new Hamas-free government

RAMALLAH, 20 May— Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday swore in a new government comprised mainly of members of his Fatah Party, but without representation of his bitter rivals from the militant Islamic Hamas group.

The move underlines the failure of attempts to bridge differences between the two movements, which have been negotiating to form a joint government that would reunite the West Bank and Gaza and open the way for renewed foreign aid. Hamas overran Gaza nearly two years ago, expelling Fatah forces. The government sworn in Tuesday will effectively only rule the West Bank. Nations and aid organizations have been dealing with Abbas, but Hamas and Gaza have been largely left out because the EU, US and Israel list Hamas as a terror organization.—*Internet*

# Seven militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 May — Afghan troops backed by the US-led Coalition forces in mounting pressure on Taleban fighters in Marja district of the southern Helmand Province killed seven militants on Tuesday, a press release of the military said.

"Afghan National Army Commandos of the 205th Corps, assisted by Coalition Forces, killed seven militants during a search of an area known to be the hub of enemy activity in the city of Merja, Helmand Province, today," the press release said.Earlier, a local television TOLO reported the recapturing of Marja district without any resistance.

However, the press release did not say if there were any casualties on Afghan or US forces but adding the troops would continue to disrupt Taleban activities in south Afghanistan.

During the operation, according to the press release, huge amount of explosive devices and opium were also discovered.—*Internet*

*A contestant cooks at the innovative cooking contest held in Yangzhou city, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 19 May, 2009. Over 100 contestants took part in the innovative cooking contest in Yangzhou on Tuesday. —*XINHUA

# China, Brazil to offer satellite data to Africa

BEIJING, 20 May—China and Brazil will provide satellite observation data for African countries through a joint space program, according to agreements inked here on Wednesday.

The Earth receiving stations of Hartebeeshoek in South Africa, Aswan in Egypt and Maspaloms in Spain will process and distribute data from the China-Brazil Earth Resources Satellite-02B (CBERS-02B) to African states.

"It's also for the first time China became an exporter of Earth observation data," said Guo Jianning, general director of the China Center for Resources Satellite Data and Application.

Before that, China could only buy or share processed information such as satellite pictures from or with other countries, he said.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, at the last leg of his three-day China tour, witnessed the signing of the agreements at the Chinese space center in the northwest suburb of Beijing.

"Those agreements indicated the support and importance China and Brazil attached to African countries, which is also an example of science and technology cooperation between developing countries," Guo said.—*Xinhua*

## Los Angeles area hit by second earthquake in three days

LOS ANGELES, 20 May—The Los Angeles area was struck by a second moderate earthquake on Tuesday, but there was no immediate report of major damages, the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The magnitude-4.1 earthquake was centered in Hawthorne not far from downtown Los Angeles, with a depth of 7.5 miles (12 kilometres) , according to the USGS.

The shaker followed a magnitude-4.7 temblor that struck the Los Angeles area Sunday evening, with its epicenter 10 miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. As it did on Sunday, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) went briefly into "earthquake emergency mode," which requires the nearly 1,100 on-duty LAFD personnel to actively survey the department's 471-square-mile (754-square-kilometre) jurisdiction from the ground and air. Less than an hour later, the LAFD resumed normal operating status, according to spokesman Brian Humphrey, who said firefighters in neighbourhoods closest to the epicenter reported no significant damage, fires or injuries.—*Xinhua*

## Cholera outbreak spreads to 13 provinces in Vietnam

HANOI, 20 May—Vietnam confirmed more cholera cases in two other provinces, raising the number of localities hit by the disease in the north of the country to 13, the local newspaper *Young People* reported on Wednesday.

The two newly-confirmed northern provinces of Vietnam, Hung Yenand Vinh Phuc, had reported cases of vibrio cholera, according to Vietnam's Ministry of Health.

Since the cholera epidemic broke out in Vietnam, there have been 628 people suffering from the acute diarrhea, of which 56 tested positive for the vibrio cholera bacteria, said the ministry.

The ministry warned the country of high risk of an acute diarrhea outbreak in many other provinces of Vietnam in coming days.

Deputy Minister of Health Nguyen Thi Xuyen asked provincial health departments to work with their respective people's committees to form steering committees to help combat and prevent acute diarrhea from spreading. —*Xinhua*

## All items from Xinhua News Agency

*Filipino linemen install cables in Santa Rosa, near Manila in early January. A billion-dollar bond offering by the Philippines state agency which runs National Power was nearly six times subscribed, the government and reports have said.—*XINHUA

## Hopes for increasing agricultural exports run high at Shanghai expo

SHANGHAI, 20 May—The 10th International Food and Beverage Exhibition opened amid high hopes in Shanghai on Tuesday, with representatives from 1,057 businesses in attendance. Half of the participants were businesses from overseas, said organizers.

Mariann Fischer Boel, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, who is leading a European Union delegation at the expo, said Sino-EU agricultural trade continues to grow despite the current financial crisis. Many businesses hope to boost exports to China as a result of this fair, she added.

Exported products include olive oil and cheese.

*Xinhua*

*Bottles of soda are displayed on the shelves of a store in Beijing in March 2009. A steady, litres-per-day diet of colas can cause serious muscle problems, doctors warned in a study on Tuesday.*

XINHUA

## German-owned ship released by Somali pirates

NAIROBI, 20 May—Somali pirates have released a German-owned grain ship which was seized in the Gulf of Aden three weeks ago, a Kenyan-based international maritime body confirmed on Wednesday.

Ecoterra International said the 31,000-ton ship, which was seized on 25 April with 17 crew members, about 300 km south-east of the Yemeni coastal city of Mukalla, was freed last on Friday. The Malta-flagged freighter's crew consists of a Polish captain, a Ukrainian senior mechanic, and 15 Filipinos. "SCHIFFAHRTS GmbH of Germany with all crew unharmed was released near Eyl," the statement said.

No information has been given on whether a ransom was paid.

While the Patriot, which had no German crew members on board, is now free, a further German vessel, the Hansa Stavanger container ship, remains held by pirates. Five German crew members are on board that ship.—*Xinhua*

# Somali official warns pirates may become warlords

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 May—Hijacking ships for ransom off the coast of Somalia has made rich men of many pirates who could become the strife-ridden African country's new warlords, a Somali official said on Tuesday.

The stark warning delivered at an international piracy conference adds urgency to the fight against the pirates who have emerged as the biggest threat to global merchant shipping.

This year alone bandits operating in and around the Gulf of Aden have attacked 81 ships, hijacking 29 of them. A German-owned ship was released last week, Germany's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday, but pirates are still holding more than a dozen vessels and hundreds of crew, mainly in the semiautonomous Puntland region of Somalia. With most attacks ending with million-dollar ransom payouts, piracy is considered the biggest moneymaker in Somalia, which has had no stable government since warlords overthrew the country's longtime dictator in 1991. Maritime experts have said pirates raked in up to $30 million in ransoms last year alone. *Internet*

***File photo shows armed Puntland police guard captured Somali pirates in Bassaso, Somalia.***
INTERNET

# Manmohan Singh to be sworn in as India's PM on Friday

NEW DELHI, 20 May — Manmohan Singh, who had taken on the opposition BJP in his own way during the campaign, was on Tuesday nominated as Congress Parliamentary Party leader by party chief Sonia Gandhi and is likely to be sworn in as Prime Minister for a second term on Friday.

Gandhi, who was elected Chairperson of the Parliamentary Party, nominated 76-year-old Singh as the CPP leader at a meeting of the newly-elected MPs in the Central Hall of Parliament."Friends, as per provision of Clause 5B of the Constitution of the Congress Parliamentary Party, I name Dr Manmohan Singh as the Prime Minister and urge you to support this by acclama-tion," she said to unanimous approval by the members, who thumped the desks. Singh, who was already named the prime ministerial candidate of the party, will have the distinction of becoming the prime minister after Jawaharlal Nehru to get a fresh term after a full five-year term.

Fresh from the spectacular victory in the Lok Sabha polls, the meeting saw Gandhi, asking Congress workers to put the party before self, remain disciplined and united to emerge even stronger in the future. — *MNA/PTI*

# Turkey blamed for looming crop 'disaster' in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 May—Iraq faces an agricultural "disaster" this summer if Turkey continues to retain waters from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers which have sustained Iraqi agriculture for millennia, experts say.

The controversy over the sharing of the mighty rivers at the root of Iraq's ancient name of Mesopotamia — meaning "between the rivers" in Greek — is almost as old as the country itself.

But for Baghdad, the current shortage demands an urgent response from Turkey. The reserves of all Iraqi dams at the beginning of May totalled 11 billion cubic metres (388 billion cubic feet) of water, compared to over 40 billion three years ago, although rain has not been below normal levels this winter.

The Euphrates is the most worrying situation.

Reserves at Haditha dam in the country's west, the first on the river, amounted to just 1.5 billion cubic metres on 1 May, compared to eight billion two years ago.—*Internet*

# Astronauts release Hubble telescope back into space

HOUSTON, 20 May—Rejuvenated by hours of repairs in space, the Hubble Space Telescope floated out of shuttle Atlantis' cargo bay on Tuesday to reclaim its place as the world's flagship observatory for astronomical research.

Atlantis astronauts spent more than 36 hours over five marathon spacewalks to make upgrades and outfit Hubble with new instruments. These included a panchromatic wide-field camera that should be able to see objects formed just 500 million years after the universe's birth in the big bang explosion some 13.7 billion years ago.

Using the shuttle's robot arm, astronaut Megan McArthur gently lifted the 13-tonne observatory from a work platform in Atlantis' payload bay where it had been positioned since Wednesday.

Holding the telescope high overhead, she released Hubble at 8:57 am EDT as the spacecraft soared 350 miles over the planet.—*Internet*

## NEWS ALBUM

### Rotten office fridge cleanup sends seven to hospital

An office worker cleaning a fridge full of rotten food created a smell so noxious that it sent seven co-workers to the hospital and made many others ill.

Firefighters had to evacuate the AT&T building in downtown San Jose on Tuesday after the fumes led someone to call 911. A hazmat team was called in.What crews found was an unplugged refrigerator crammed with moldy food.

Authorities say an enterprising office worker had decided to clean it out, placing the food in a conference room while using two cleaning chemicals to scrub down the mess.

The mixture of old lunches and disinfectant caused 28 people to need treatment for vomiting and nausea. Authorities say the worker who cleaned the fridge didn't need treatment — she can't smell because of allergies.

***A file photo of used bullets. 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 on Friday.***

### Snake blacks out Missouri Capitol, pays price

Missouri legislators spent about an hour in the dark Tuesday because of a power outage at the state Capitol — and a snake took all the blame and paid the price.

The electricity went out at noon while lawmakers were debating legislation and scores of schoolchildren were touring the building.

Several people were stuck in elevators, but Capitol Police Chief Todd Hurt said they all were freed within 20 minutes and no injuries were reported. Power was back on after about an hour.

The problem was a reptile that was in the wrong place at the wrong time. AmerenUE spokeswoman Susan Gallagher said the black snake got into underground electrical cables near the Capitol and shorted out two cables. The snake was electrocuted. The blackout also affected the Governor's Mansion and other downtown buildings.

### Snake head in food rattles diner at NY restaurant

A diner at a TGI on Friday's in upstate New York says he got a little something extra with his broccoli—a severed snake head. Jack Pendleton says he was at the restaurant in Clifton Park on Sunday when he spotted something gray mixed in with his vegetables.

He realized it was a snake head the size of his thumb, with part of the spine still attached. Pendleton says he snapped a photo with his cell phone camera and called the waiter over. He says he has no plans to sue.

A spokeswoman for the Carrollton, Texas, chain says it's investigating. It wasn't immediately known what kind of snake it was. Pendleton and his girlfriend weren't charged for their meals.

***A man participates in the boot throwing competition in Helsinki, capital of Finland. A boot throwing competition was held here on Thursday, attracting lots of local citizens. Competitors could throw the boot in any position they like and the farthest won the game.***

***People sit on a super-long sofa in Thessaloniki, Greece. This 64.75-metre-long sofa set the Guinness World Records for being the longest sofa in the world.***

## Meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The 110th meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at meeting hall of the Ministry here this morning. It was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprise under the Ministry, chairmen of State- and private-owned banks, directors and executives.

At the meeting, the minister called for undertaking banking services and monetary matters in line with laws, regulations and procedures and fairly carrying out banking services.—*MNA*

## Artificial skin manufactured in fully automated process

BERLIN, 20 May — Skin from a factory – this has long been the dream of pharmacologists, chemists and doctors. Research has an urgent need for large quantities of 'skin models', which can be used to determine if products such as creams and soaps, cleaning agents, medicines and adhesive bandages are compatible with skin, or if they instead will lead to irritation or allergic reactions for the consumer. Such test results are seen as more meaningful than those from animal experiments, and can even make such experiments largely superfluous.

***Skin from a factory- this has long been the dream of pharmacologists, chemists and doctors.***

But artificial skin is rare. "The production is complex and involves a great deal of manual work. At this time, even the market's established international companies cannot produce more than 2,000 tiny skinpieces a month. With annual requirements of more than 6.5 million units in the EU area alone, however, the industrial demand far exceeds all currently available production capacities," reports Jörg Saxler.

*Internet*

## Case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw heard for third day

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Criminal Case No. 47/2009 filed against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw went on for the third day at the court of Yangon North District today.

In his statement, prosecution witness Police Captain Sa Kyaw Win of the Special Investigation Department (Foreign Affairs Division) said that under the instructions given by his superiors, he went to Beauty Land Hotel (2) at 188/192 on 33rd Street, Ward (1), Kyauktada Township where Mr John William Yettaw had stayed at about 10.05 am on 6 May; that together with Chairman of Ward (1) Peace and Development Council in Kyauktada Township U Myo Thein and Head of 100-houses U Htay Oo, he searched Mr John William Yettaw's room named "Diamond" on the fifth floor of the hotel; they found his black rucksack in the room, and examined it in the presence of witnesses and seized 61 objects from the rucksack that hotel manager U Kyaw Thu handed the objects at the hotel; that in the interrogation process, he asked Mr John William Yettaw if the objects were his; that in response, Mr John William Yettaw said "yes" and put his signature; that Mr John William Yettaw said that in addition to the objects, there were three 100-dollar notes in the telephone directory in his room; that so he, together with witnesses, searched the room for the second time at 6.20 pm the same day; that as said by Mr John William Yettaw, they found the three 100-dollar notes in the telephone directory, and manager U Kyaw Thu handed the notes, and he confiscated them; and Mr John William Yettaw wrote down and signed the search form.

In the afternoon, another prosecution witness Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun, head of Bahan Township Police Force, was questioned. He said that together with Nga-htet-kyi Ward (West) PDC of Bahan Township U Zaw Tin and Kyaikkasan Ward PDC U Khin Nyunt went to the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at 7.20 am on 7 May; that her house was located at 54/56 on University Avenue, Shwedaunggya Ward, Bahan Township; that they went to her house with the warrant to search the house issued by the judge of Bahan Township court; that he informed Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in advance and searched the house with her permission; that showing her the warrant and then the photo of Mr John William Yettaw and asked her if she knew him; that then she replied that she did; that he also asked if Mr John William Yettaw had arrived at her house; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi replied that Mr John William Yettaw arrived in her home on 4 May morning and left on the night of 5 May; that she also said that Mr John William Yettaw left some of his belongings in the house; that then she showed the items one by one and he listed them; that she also said that there also were some books Mr John William Yettaw left in his first visit and handed them and so he confiscated them; that when asked if there was anything else he had left, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that there were some letters Mr John William Yettaw's daughter had sent and they had been torn; that then she handed them all, and he listed them in the search form and confiscated them; that the seizures were two black chadors usually worn by Muslim women, two black scarves, two long skirts, one red torch light, six colour pencils in a plastic bag, three pairs of sunglasses, two signal lights, a pair of swimming glasses, one two-pin plug, two pieces of circuit wire, one recharger, a black bag with a zip in it that was used to keep the apparatuses, a plastic bag with a zip in it, two pairs of grey stockings, five parts of an English book, and a bag with pieces of torn paper sheets in it.

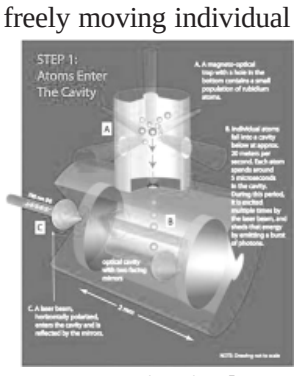
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi signed the search form and said she was responsible for the items seized, and showed the place where Mr John William Yettaw slept. Asked why Mr John William Yettaw left two chadors, she replied that he left them as gifts for her.

Then, Ma Aye Tharaphu Kyaw and Ma Phyo Pa Pa Aung were asked to wear the dresses and sun glasses in court, and prosecution witness Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun was asked by the prosecution officer whether he could identify who they were. The prosecution witness replied that he could not.

After questioning prosecution witness Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun the proceedings were adjourned until 10 am on 21 May. — *MNA*

## New system for detection of arrival of single atoms

SANTIAGO, 20 May — Scientists have devised a new technique for real-time detection of freely moving individual neutral atoms that is more than 99.7% accurate and sensitive enough to discern the arrival of a single atom in less than one-millionth of a second, about 20 times faster than the best previous methods. 20 times faster than the best previous methods.




***Step one in single-atom detection system.***

The system, described in Advance Online Publication at the Nature Physics web site by researchers at the Joint Quantum Institute (JQI) in College Park, MD, and the Universidad de Concepción in Chile, employs a novel means of altering the polarization of laser light trapped between two highly-reflective mirrors, in effect letting the scientists "see" atoms passing through by the individual photons that they scatter.

The ability to detect single atoms and molecules is essential to progress in many areas, including quantum information research, chemical detection and biochemical analysis.

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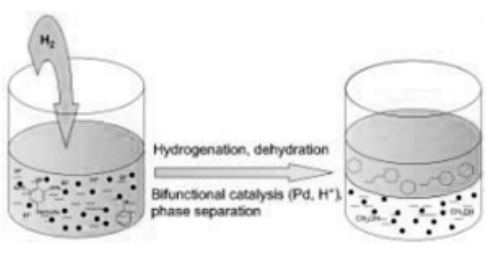
## Biomass as source of raw materials

MUNICH, 20 May — For the protection of the environment, and because of the limited amount of fossil fuels available, renewable resources, such as specially cultivated plants, wood scraps, and other plant waste, are becoming the focus of considerable attention.




***Scientists have now developed a new catalytic process to convert components of bio-oil directly into alkanes and methanol.***

Processes such as pyrolysis or liquefaction allow the conversion of biomass into bio-oil, a highly promising renewable source of energy. A team of German and Chinese scientists led by Johannes A. Lercher at the Technical University of Munich has now developed a new catalytic process to convert components of bio-oil directly into alkanes and methanol. As reported in the journal Angewandte Chemie, the process is based on a "one-pot" reaction catalyzed by a precious metal on a carbon support combined with an inorganic acid.

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***Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially converses with local national races, students and staff aboard the special train at opening of Sittway (Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin) railroad section.*—MNA**

# Local people of Rakhine State urged to make efforts…

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They were welcomed at Sittway Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, senior military officers of the local station and departmental officials.

They went to Pyidawtha Railway Station to attend the opening ceremony of 11.46 miles long Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin railroad section on Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad, in Sittway and cordially greeted the local people.

The Prime Minister and party took the special train that departed Pyidawtha Station at the opening ceremony, cordially conversed with the local people, students, and staff aboard the train.

On arrival at Sittway Station, the special train was welcomed by local national people.

At the station, the Prime Minister and party viewed the documentary photos on construction of the railroad. Next, they sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque, and cordially greeted the local national people and townselders.

The Prime Minister and party left Sittway Station by special train. On board the train, primary students of Sittway happily sang the songs. At Yegyanbyin Station, the Prime Minister met with townselders, national races and members of social organizations.

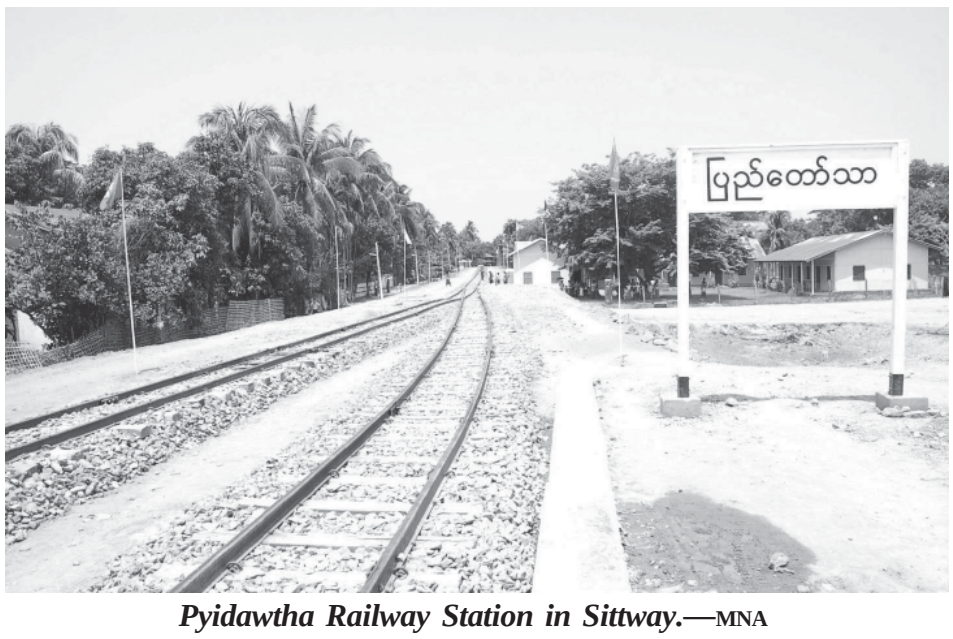
The Government is striving for all-round development of the country to be a modern nation. Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is undertaking construction of the new railroads and assembling of carriages and cargo coaches with the least cost for the convenience of the travelers by repairing and upgrading the railroads with a view to ensuring better transportation and gaining development momentum in the respective regions.

Construction of Sittway (Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin) railroad section started on 15 February 2009 and completed on 13 May.

Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin railroad section includes 21 small and large bridges, three block stations and three stopover stations.

Myanma Railways managed the functions of 1976.35 miles long railroad before 1988. In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, a total of 1261.70 miles long railroads including the newly opened Pyidawtha-Yegyanbyin railroad section were constructed. So far, MR has built 3238.05 miles of railroads in total and 821 railway stations.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State to build the railroads as the net work for development of social and economic status in States and Divisions, new railroad projects namely 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad, 95-mile Katha-Bhamo Railroad, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway Railroad, 236-mile Namsang-Kengtung Railroad, 150-mile Dawei-Myeik Railroad and 257-mile Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad are under construction.




***Pyidawtha Railway Station in Sittway.*—MNA**

***Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visit Doh Alin Library in Nanchaung Village of Thandwe Township.*—MNA**

Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan who accompanied the Prime Minister on 18 May afternoon attended the opening ceremony of "Doh Alin" Library in Nanchaung Village of Thandwe Township.

First, Chairman of Thandwe Township PDC U Myat Kyaw, Staff Officer U Nyo Ohn of District Information and Public Relations Department and Chairman of Nanchaung Village PDC U Aung Min formally opened the library.

The minister gave instructions on five future tasks for durability of the libraries.

The commander and the minister visited the library and cordially greeted the villagers who were reading there.—*MNA*

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# *PM facilitates development of Rakhine State*

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets local people, national races and social organizations at Yegyanbyin railway station.*** **(News on page 1)—MNA**

***Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes speech at opening ceremony of Nanchaung village library at Thandwe Township.*** **(News on Page 1)—MNA**

## U Aung Khin Soe presents credentials to Philippine President

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—U Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of the Philippines, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Ms Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 6 May 2009 in Manila.—*MNA*

## Bagan publishes compilation of articles, novelets

YANGON, 20 May — Bagan Publishing House in Yankin Township has published works of writers Chit Oo Nyo, Nay Win Myint, Maung Wunna and Thu Maung today.

"Taya Thabin" is a compilation of articles written by Chit Oo Nyo, "18 Yuzana", a compilation of 11 novelets written by Nay Win Myint, "a compilation for rememberance" by Maung Wunna and "Sarthabin-1", a compilation of articles written by Thu Maung are in circulation today.

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## School management course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The conclusion of Basic Education School Management Course (1/2009) conducted by the Ministry of Education took place here this afternoon.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered a speech and presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 375 trainees from departments, assistant state/division education officers and high school principals attended the four-week course, which was launched on 27 April.—*MNA*

## UMFCCI, Thai entrepreneurs to meet on trade

YANGON, 20 May — The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and the Thai delegation comprising entrepreneurs will launch a meeting at UMFCCI, here, on 27 May.

The meeting will discuss matters according to category of goods.

Myanmar entrepreneurs will see respective samples from a total of 43 Thai companies and will discuss interactive trade with the Thai entrepreneurs.

Samples from Thailand include construction materials and machines, pipe and pipe-related materials, cleaning materials, motors, car and motorcycle batteries, cables and other things, cosmetics, garments, personal goods and others.

Myanmar entrepreneurs interested to attend the meeting may contact UMFCCI, IRD of UMFCCI, Tel: 214344-49 (Ext: 203) for details.

*MNA*

## Talk on insurance to be organized

YANGON, 20 May—Jointly organized by Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and sponsored by Han Sein Thant Engineering & Trading, Dr Maung Maung Thein (Myanma Insurance) will give an educative talk on 'Having insurance and claiming compensation' at MFF on Bayintnaung Road, west Gyogon in Insein Township on 23 May.

Those interested may attend the talk.—*MNA*

## All this needs to be known

- **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
- **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
- **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

# Yesagyo, NyaungU, Kyaukpadaung Tsps witness agriculture, development facilities

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met with servicemen and family members of Monywa Station at Monywa Station Hall on 17 May.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected conditions of Monywa-ChaungU-Yesagyo-Pakokku road, maintenance of frames and Hsinbyushin Bridge, changing of water course and gave instructions on prevention against erosion at the bridge and the bank.

At the local battalion in Yesagyo Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with servicemen and family members.

In NyaungU Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected functions of Letpanchaypaw and Thagaungti river water pumping stations. They inspected the tasks of integrated farm of NyaungU Township Cooperative Department.

At the office of Myanma Agriculture Service in Kyaukpadaung Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with officials and local people.

Then he viewed tarmacking of Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila road and thriving summer paddy plantations in Magyitaing Village-tract. They left there and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.—*MNA*

*Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects Letpanchaypaw river water pumping station in NyaungU Township.*—MNA

# Daw Aung San Suu Kyi tells diplomats …

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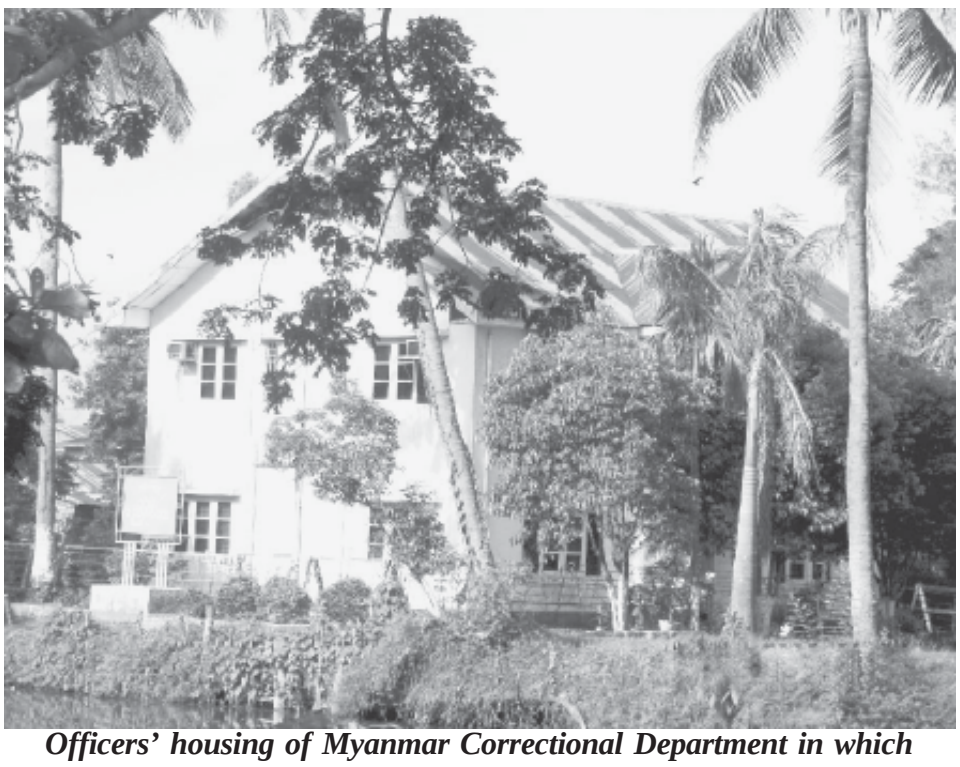
At 1.15 pm, Ambassadors, Chargés d'Affaires and diplomats of the embassies of Australia, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, Egypt, France, Germany, the Republic of India, the Republic of Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Singapore, Thailand, Britain, the United States of America, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme totalling 29, five member correspondents of MFCC and five editorial staff of the local journals and magazines observed the trial of the Yangon North District Court where the judges were hearing the submission of plaintiff Commander of Bahan Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun.

From 2.15 pm to 2.40 pm, the diplomats from the Republic of Singapore, the Russian Federation and Thailand met with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the officers' housing of the Myanmar Correctional Department.

At the meeting, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi told the diplomats that she was in good health. She added that officials provided her with accommodation for her convenience. With regard to the intrusion of Mr. John William Yettaw who secretly entered the compound of her house, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that she helped him on the humanitarian grounds and action will be taken against Mr. John William Yettaw under the law.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is being accommodated at the officers' housing of the Myanmar Correctional Department. The chief medical officer and doctors of the Myanmar Correctional Department are closely providing health care to her daily. This morning, two senior general practitioners and one heart specialist of Yangon General Hospital in addition to doctors of the MCD gave health care to her. With regard to the case of American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw who entered the compound of the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from 3 to 5 May, the court continued questioning the four persons including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.—*MNA*

*Daw Aung San Suu Kyi departs from Yangon North District Court after her appearance at the hearing for third day.*—MNA



*Officers' housing of Myanmar Correctional Department in which Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been accommodated.*—MNA

*Ambassadors, Chargés d' Affaires and diplomats who visited hearing at Yangon North District Court for third day.*—MNA

# UNSG will visit Sri Lanka to help "treat wounds of war"

GENEVA, 20 May—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said here on Tuesday that he would visit Sri Lanka on May 22-23 to help "treat the wounds of war" in the island country.

"We urgently need to treat the wounds of a war that has alienated the communities in the island for almost three decades," Ban told a Press conference in Geneva.

"To aid this endeavour I will visit Sri Lanka this Friday May 22 to Saturday May 23," he said.

The UN Chief said he was "relieved" by the conclusion of military operations in the country, but was also "deeply troubled" by the loss of so many civilian lives there.

"It is most important that every effort be undertaken to begin a process of healing and national reconciliation," he said.

He expressed hope that his visit would provide him with "a first-hand assessment of conditions on the ground".—*MNA/Xinhua*

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

# ARF security policy meeting held in Thailand

BANGKOK, 20 May—Senior security and defence officials from its 24 members attended the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) security policy meeting on Thursday at Thai resort island Phuket, agreeing to enhance regional security communication and cooperation, as well as to collectively maintain the regional peace and stability.

More than 70 officials in charge of defence and security issues from 10 ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries and its 22 dialogue partners participated in the one-day ARF security policy meeting, which was the sixth of its kind since it was first held in Beijing in 2004.

Delegates agreed the overall international security situation is stable, with the increasing amount of common security interests shared by the international community. However, they underlined the nonconventional issues, such as terrorism, weapon proliferation and marine security, as worth of more notice. Vice Admiral Sun Jianguo, assistant chief of general staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, attended the meeting and chaired the China-ASEAN breakfast meeting.—*MNA/Xinhua*

***Japan's Prince Akishino, center, tries to play a pan flute during a visit to the Village Museum in Bucharest, Romania, Wednesday, on 20 May, 2009. Japan's Prince Akishino, and Princess Kiko, are on a 4 day visit to Romania.—INTERNET***

# Cambodia to take more measures to fight against drug abuse

PHNOM PENH, 20 May— Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Tuesday called on the whole nation to join together to take immediate measures to fight against drug issues.

The drug matters were adverse to the society and public security of the country, so "the Ministry of Education must consider to add the anti-drug message in the textbooks from primary to higher education to make knowledge of the danger of drug among young people," the Premier said at a ceremony for officially announcing senior General Ke Kim Yan as Chairman of the National Authority of Anti-Drug.

The anti-drug message must declare "drug destroys future and life", the Premier stressed, adding that the drug issues have threatened the social security, national economy and the family harmony. Meanwhile, he also appealed to movie productions in the country to add anti-drug message before starting playing the movies, and printing media, mass media as well as TV programmes to insert the anti-drug message to their articles and programmes to educate general people if possible.

Hun Sen said that from 1979 to the early 1990s, Cambodia was not affected by the drug. But "our people have suffered from it since we opened the free market in the 1990s. The criminals have attempted to use the country as a transmit place", he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

***Triplet Jaguar cubs, seen, at the Tierpark Zoo, in Berlin, Tuesday, on 19 May, 2009. The three cubs were born on 16 April and named Atiero, Jumanes and Valdivia.***

**INTERNET**

# Thai minister says German tourist did not die from H1N1

BANGKOK, 20 May—A German tourist who died in Thailand this week after falling ill with a fever did not have the H1N1 flu virus, Thailand's Public Health Minister said on Tuesday.

"I have been briefed by the deputy permanent secretary that our lab tests confirmed about half an hour ago that the patient did not die of the new flu strain," Witthaya Kaewparadai told a television station by telephone from Switzerland.

His deputy, Manit Nop-amornbodi, later told a news conference in Bangkok that the 65-year-old woman had died of pneumonia.

The authorities said on 12 May that two Thai citizens who had been in Mexico had contracted H1N1 flu but both had recovered.

There have been no deaths from the flu in Thailand.

Ministry spokesman Suphan Srithamma said earlier that the German woman had arrived in Thailand on 12 May in good health but developed a fever and died on 18 May.

*MNA/Reuters*

# China to build two dams in Sierre Leone

FREETOWN, 20 May—China is to build two hydro-electric dams in Sierre Leone as part of efforts to foster ties with the West African country, its ambassador there said late on Monday.

Qiu Shaofang told reporters Sierra Leone's President Ernest Bai Koroma was due to make a state visit to China starting on Sunday to discuss bilateral ties and assistance. "Despite the current international economic downturn, China has promised not to reduce assistance to African countries, particularly Sierra Leone," Qiu said.

The two dams would be built over three years in the northern city of Makeni, Koroma's home base, and in Port Loko, 75 miles (120 kilometres) from the capital Freetown.

Sierre Leone is seeking to put years of conflict behind it and attract investors. China, which has seen its trade with Africa jump in recent years, has frequently offered help to African nations in building dams despite criticism from campaigners about their impact on the local environment.—*MNA/Reuters*

***A tourist gestures before the Perito Moreno Glacier in Los Glaciares National Park in Argentina's Patagonia region, Monday, 0n 18 May, 2009.***

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# Warm and fuzzy feelings all in the brain

LONDON, 20 May—The same part of the brain that makes us crave food and sex may also help determine whether somebody is a warm and sentimental "people" person, researchers said on Wednesday.

Scientists found a greater concentration of brain tissue in certain areas of the brain may drive some people to gush fuzzy feelings more than others, they reported in the European Journal of *Neuroscience.*

"It is interesting that we can pin down this relationship between a specific aspect of your personality and a specific region of the brain," Graham Murray of Cambridge University in Britain, who led the study, said in a telephone interview.

"Those are the regions that we know are important for basic biological drives like for food and sex."

The researchers, who collaborated with a team at Oulu University in Finland, used questionnaires to help measure the relationship between personality and brain structure in 41 men.

The volunteers were asked how well they thought they connected to people, how they showed their emotions and whether they liked to please people. The researchers used brain scans to analyze the concentration of grey matter — tissue rich in brain cells known as neurons — in different regions.

*Internet*

# Stem cells "seek and destroy" cancer cells

***A man works at the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research at the University of California San Francisco in San Francisco, on 10 March, 2009.—*INTERNET**

CHICAGO, 20 May—Genetically engineered stem cells from bone marrow showed promise as a potential new way to deliver a cancer-killing protein to tumors, British researchers said on Tuesday.

Experiments in cell cultures and in mice showed the adult stem cells — a type known as mesenchymal stem cells — could home in on cancer cells and deliver a lethal protein that attacked only the cancer while sparing normal healthy tissue.

"We've developed cells which specifically target cancer through the body and deliver an anti-cancer protein to where it is needed in a seek-and-destroy approach," said Dr Michael Loebinger of University College London, who presented his findings at the American Thoracic Society conference in San Diego.

"Essentially, we've combined two pieces of research. The first is that mesenchymal stem cells have an innate ability to seek out tumors throughout the body," Loebinger said in a telephone interview.

Loebinger, Dr. S. M. Janes and colleagues altered the cells to express or make the cancer-killing protein called TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand or TRAIL.

"This protein has the ability to cause the death only of cancer cells. By combining these two approaches, we have a cell which has the ability to go around the body and find and destroy tumors," Loebinger said.

Studies in cell cultures showed the cells were able to find and kill cells from lung, squamous, breast and cervical cancer. "Lots of cancer have sensitivity to this TRAIL protein," Loebinger said.

They also injected the cells into mice with breast tumors and showed they were able to safely kill the tumors but leave healthy tissue intact.—*Internet*

***The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.***

# Deadly pneumonia caused by super-bugs on rise

*A girl suffering from pneumonia is given oxygen treatment at the Catarino Rivas Hospital in San Pedro Sula, on 5 March, 2008.*—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 May — Deadly pneumonia caused by so-called superbugs are spreading outside hospitals and represent a growing threat to the public, US researchers warned on Wednesday.

Making the problem more worrying is the recent H1N1 flu outbreak because the "super-bug" pneumonia most commonly appears following an influenza-like illness, Alicia Hidron of the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta reported.

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infections can range from boils to more severe infections of the blood, lungs and the sites of surgery. Such infections can often be treated only with expensive intravenous antibiotics.

Most cases are associated with hospitals, nursing homes or other health care facilities but infections acquired in the wider community are increasing, the researcher noted.

*Internet*

# Kid more likely to smoke if mom did while pregnant

LOS ANGELES, 20 May — Kids are more apt to smoke if their mothers smoked during pregnancy, a new study has found.

For the study, researchers at the University of Arizona used data from the Tucson Children's Respiratory Study to see whether a mother's smoking during pregnancy and during her child's early years affected whether the child smoked later on.

The researchers assessed maternal smoking during pregnancy and when infants were 1.5 months and 1.5 years old and again when the children were 6, 9 and 11 years old. They then looked at the children's smoking behaviour when they were at ages 16 and 22.

They found that women who smoked during pregnancy and during their children's early years were more likely to have kids who smoked at age 22. This proved true whether the mother smoked or did not smoke during the child's school years.

In fact, these children are four times more likely to become regular smokers, according to the study.

In addition, the children of mothers who smoked during pregnancy and their early years were less likely to quit smoking than were the offspring of mothers who never smoked or who started smoking when their children were school-age.

The research suggested that biological changes take place in the womb.

"Somehow smoke is changing the brain chemistry," said the lead researcher, Dr Roni Grad, an associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the university.

*Internet*

# WHO seeks swine flu vaccine help for poor nations

GENEVA, 20 May —The World Health Organization urged drugmakers to reserve some of their pandemic swine flu vaccine for poor countries, but received few concrete offers as experts disclosed that an effective flu shot is still months away.

The global body wants companies to donate at least 10 percent of their production or offer reduced prices for poor countries that could otherwise be left without vaccines if there is a sudden surge in demand. But some are skeptical about what such a commitment could mean for their business.

"I don't think that all of the answers are there yet," said Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis AG spokesman Eric Althoff. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who met with 30 major pharmaceutical manufacturers, called Tuesday for global solidarity in confronting the disease. Solidarity "must mean that all have access to drugs and vaccines," he added.

The only major drugmaker that publicly agreed to the WHO request Tuesday was Britain's GlaxoSmithKline PLC, which said it would donate 50 million doses in a pandemic and offer more that WHO could buy at a discount for poor countries.

A second drugmaker with only limited production capacity said it would share half of its vaccine doses. WHO officials declined to identify the company because the deal has yet to be signed.

Smaller vaccine makers from developing countries also promised to share 10 percent of their vaccines with the UN at cheaper prices.

"I can reassure you I have received very serious commitments," WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan told reporters after meeting with the drugmakers.

Nearby, health ministers from around the world gathered for WHO's annual assembly and discussed how to tackle the outbreak.

*Internet*

# Swine flu cases spread in Asia, Americas

GENEVA, 20 May — Mexico's swine flu death toll rose by four as the virus continued to spread through Latin America and made inroads in Asia, with the number of Japanese infections topping 200.

In the United States, a man who recently travelled to Mexico may have become the country's 8th swine flu casualty when he died Tuesday after contracting the A(H1N1) virus, according to health officials and local media reports.

The number of people to have died of the virus in Mexico hit 74 while confirmed infections in the country, the epicentre of the outbreak, rose by almost 100 in 24 hours to 3,660, health authorities said.

*A visitor disinfects their hands at an entrance of a hospital in Osaka. About 30 vaccine makers from 19 industrialized and developing countries were invited by the WHO to Tuesday's discussions, which officials said focused on the cost of the vaccine and its availability in vulnerable poor countries.*—INTERNET

United Nations chief Ban Ki-moon urged people to remain vigilant against swine flu because previous pandemics had shown flu outbreaks could start mild and worsen.

*Internet*

# Vietnam reports another A/H1N1 suspected case

HANOI, 20 May — The Vietnamese health authorities said a South Korean man from the US arriving in the country has showed flu-like symptoms, the online newspaper Vietnamnet reported on Wednesday.

The man, whose age is not mentioned by the newspaper, entering Vietnam on the flight transiting in the Republic of Korea, showed higher body temperature. He was isolated and suspected of having the flu A/H1N1 virus.

The test result is not available now, said health officials.

Amid the high possibility of the flu reaching the country, Vietnamese relevant ministries, authorities in cities and provinces nationwide have been taking all-out efforts to prevent an outbreak of the A/H1N1 flu in the country.—*Internet*

# Confirmed, probable A/H1N1 flu cases in US rise to 5,469

WASHINGTON, 20 May — The number of confirmed and probable human A/H1N1 flu cases has risen to 5,469 in 48 US states, with six deaths, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Tuesday. The figures didn't include one confirmed death from the new flu reported in New York City on Sunday.

The CDC said on its website that it's uncertain at this time how severe this novel H1N1 outbreak will be in terms of illness and death compared with other influenza viruses. Because this is anew virus, most people will not have immunity to it, and illness may be more severe and widespread as a result.

In addition, currently there is no vaccine to protect against this novel H1N1 virus. CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this new virus in the coming days and weeks.—*Internet*

# Panama confirms 6 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

PANAMA CITY, 20 May — Panamanian health authorities on Tuesday reported six new cases of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 65. The Health Ministry said that of the 65 confirmed cases, 34 were females and 31 males. All of them are in quarantine and receiving specialized treatment. Among the confirmed cases, 41 were minors and the rest are all under 44 years old, the ministry said.—*Internet*

# France reports 16 confirmed cases of A/H1N1 flu

PARIS, 20 May — The Institut de Veille Sanitaire (INVS) announced on Tuesday that there have been 16 confirmed cases of influenza A/H1N1 in France.

According to reports of the French media, all the 16 cases are imported, 11 from Mexico and 5 from the United States.—*Internet*

# SPORTS

## Magpies lose Bassong appeal

*Newcastle United's French defender Sebastien Bassong (left) is challenged by Liverpool's Dutch forward Dirk Kuyt during their side's Premier League match at Anfield in Liverpool, north-west England, on 3 May.*—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 May—Newcastle will have to do without key defender Sebastien Bassong for their relegation crunch at Aston Villa on Sunday after the Frenchman failed in an appeal against the red card he received at the weekend. The 22-year-old was sent off in the 1-0 defeat by Fulham after tangling with Diomansy Kamara and, because it was his second red card of the season, was automatically banned for two matches.

Newcastle go into their final match of the season knowing they must register a better result than Hull manage at home to Manchester United if they are to survive in the top flight.

If Hull take a point against United, Newcastle must win to retain their top flight status while a win for Hull would see Alan Shearer's side relegated regardless of their own result.—*Internet*

## Stenson focused on 1st major win — not No. 1 spot

VIRGINIA WATER, 20 May—Henrik Stenson is focusing on winning his first major title rather than worrying about becoming the top-ranked player in the world.

The 33-year-old, who has risen to a career-best No. 4 following his victory in the Players Championship at TPC Sawgrass two weeks ago, is more interested in becoming the first Swedish men's player to win a major.

"World Rankings are very important to me," Stenson said on Tuesday. "It would obviously mean a lot to be the highest-ranking player in the world at some point, but winning a major would be much more important to me than being the No. 1 player for a short period of time.

"They kind of go hand in hand. If you win a couple of majors, you're probably going to get close to No. 1. So you are probably not going to do one without the other."—*Internet*

## Korea's Suwon make AFC Champions League knockouts

SINGAPORE, 20 May—South Korean powerhouse Suwon Bluewings booked their spot in the AFC Champions League knockout rounds on Tuesday as Kawasaki Frontale set up an all-Japanese last 16 clash with Gamba Osaka.

*Choi Sung-Hyeon (R) of South Korea's Suwon Samsung Bluewings and Daniel Bennett (L) of Singapore's Singapore Armed Forces FC jump for the ball during a preliminary football match of the AFC Champions League in Suwon. Suwon Samsung Bluewings won the match 3-1.*—INTERNET

The K-League champions overcame stubborn resistance from minnows Singapore Armed Forces to win 3-1 with first-half goals from Bae Gi-Jong and Lee Sang-Ho and a last minute penalty by Seo Dong-Hyeon doing the job.

Their victory snuffed out any hope that Shanghai Shenhua had of staying in Asia's top club competition, with the Chinese outfit playing for pride only against Japan's Kashima Antlers.

That match ended 1-1 with Marquinhos' 31st minute goal for Kashima cancelling out Mark Milligan's ninth minute opener.—*Internet*

## Klinsmann: I could have defended Bayern title

BERLIN, 20 May—Sacked Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann claimed on Tuesday he could have led the reigning German champions to a successful defence of their Bundesliga crown.

Bayern sacked Klinsmann at the end of April following a string of mediocre performances that have left the German giants two points behind leaders Wolfsburg before the Bundesliga finale this weekend.

A win at Werder Bremen on Saturday will crown Wolfsburg as German champions for the first time, although if they lose and Bayern win their final game against Stuttgart Bayern will top the table.

*Internet*

*Juergen Klinsmann*

## Sweden on course for World Team Cup defence

*Swedish Robin Soderling, seen here in April 2009, beat Sam Querrey 6-2, 6-2 and Andreas Vinciguerra sank Robby Ginepri 7-5, 6-4, as reigning champions Sweden remained on course for a successful defence of the World Team Cup after clinching victory over the USA in the tournament's round-robin stage in Dusseldorf, Germany.*—INTERNET

DUSSELDORF, 20 May—Reigning champions Sweden remained on course for a successful defence of the World Team Cup after clinching victory over the USA in the tournament's round-robin stage here on Tuesday.

Robin Soderling beat Sam Querrey 6-2, 6-2 and Andreas Vinciguerra sank Robby Ginepri 7-5, 6-4 to give them an unassailable 2-0 lead prior to Wednesday's doubles.

France trail Germany 1-0 in their round-robin tie going into the fourth day, after Rainer Schuttler defeated world number seven Gilles Simon 6-4, 6-4 ahead of Philipp Kohlschreiber's match against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Wednesday.—*Internet*

## Juventus complete Cannavaro re-signing

ROME, 20 May—Juventus announced on Tuesday the re-signing of Italy World Cup-winning captain Fabio Cannavaro from Real Madrid.

Cannavaro's contract with the Spaniards runs out at the end of June and he has signed a one-year deal with the Old Lady of Turin. The 35-year-old was world player of the year in 2006, after leading Italy to World Cup glory that same year.

That was also the summer he left Juventus, where he had played for two seasons, to join Real after the Italians were relegated to Serie B for match-fixing.

*captain Fabio Cannavaro from Real Madrid*

His move angered many fans and when his possible return to the club was first mooted it received mixed reactions from Juve fans, some of whom have not forgiven him for deserting them in 2006.—*Internet*

## Tagliani's wild ride ends with Indy 500 start

INDIANAPOLIS, 20 May—Alex Tagliani never dreamed his first Indianapolis 500 start would come with so much drama.

But he'll take anything after Sunday's chaotic qualifying finish — even a replacement ride from the back of the 33-car field in this weekend's race.

"When they told me, I was like 'Really?' I didn't even know that rule existed," Tagliani said on Tuesday.

Hours after being bumped from the field, Conquest Racing owner Eric Bachelart announced he would replace Bruno Junqueira in the No. 36 car with his full-time Canadian driver.—*Internet*

*Canadian Alexandre Tagliani, of Montreal, sits in his car during practice on the third day of qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, on 16 May, 2009.*—INTERNET

## England keeper crisis as James has shoulder op

LONDON, 20 May—England manager Fabio Capello will have to rely on third-choice goalkeeper Robert Green for next month's World Cup qualifiers against Kazakhstan and Andorra after David James opted for shoulder surgery.

Manchester United's Ben Foster, who had moved past Green in Capello's pecking order, is also unavailable for the trip to Kazakhstan and the Wembley meeting with Andorra after having an operation to correct a ligament problem in his thumb.

James has had a problem with his left shoulder for some time but delayed a decision on surgery until his club, Portsmouth, had secured their survival in the Premier League.—*Internet*

*Portsmouth goalkeeper David James pictured during his side's UEFA Cup match away to Wolfsburg in the northern German city, December 2008.*—INTERNET

***Hanging with mom : A Grey-bellied Night Monkey (Aotus Lemurinus) born in captivity one month ago, climbs onto his mother at the Santa Fe Zoo, in Medellin, Antioquia Department, Colombia. The Night Monkey is an endangered species.—*** INTERNET

# Russia, Georgia conclude "constructive" talks in Geneva

GENEVA, 20 May—Russia and Georgia on Tuesday concluded a "constructive" round of talks in Geneva, in which participants discussed both security and humanitarian issues, a European official said. The discussions were held "in constructive spirit", Pierre Morel, the EU special representative for the Georgian issue, told a news conference following the talks.

Morel said all related parties attended Tuesday's talks, despite initial problems on Monday, when the Russian delegation walked out of the meeting room which led to the suspension of the discussions. "I believe the process is on the right track. The process is in full swing," he said, adding that the parties agreed to meet in Geneva again on July 1. This was the fifth round of internationally mediated talks aimed at resolving security and humanitarian issues left over by the Russia-Georgia conflict last August.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## MRTV-3
### Programme Schedule
### (21.5.2009) (Thursday)

| 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
* Kachin Traditional Wedding Ceremony
* A Salient Myin Ma Hti
* Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

**Europe/ North America Transmission**

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Travelogue (Pyin Oo Lwin)
* 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!
* Kachin Traditional Wedding Ceremony
* A Salient Myin Ma Hti
* Let's Talk About Lahu Nationals
* Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
* Alms Food Offering Ceremony of Southern Kyaye Chaung Village
* Ginger Salad for an acquaintance
* Fabulous Bagan (IV)
* Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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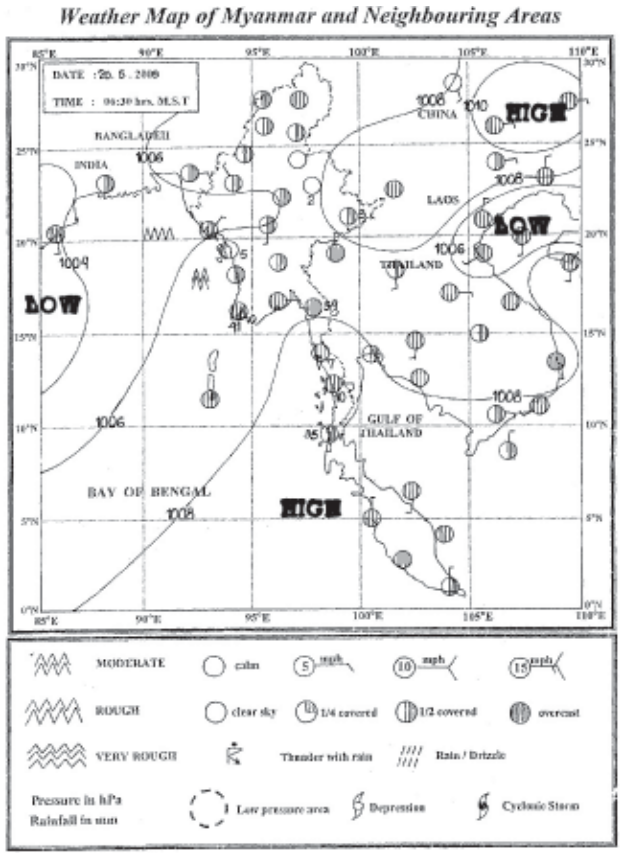
*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*




# WEATHER

## Wednesday, 20 May, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine States, Magway, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above May average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division, (7°C) above May average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Tatkone) (2.52) inches, NayPyiTaw (Yesin) (0.95) inch, NayPyiTaw (Thapyaykone) (0.71) inch, NayPyiTaw (Pyinmana) (0.67) inch, Kyeikkhami (2.28) inches, Pathein (1.57) inches, Mawlamyine (1.41) inches, Kawthoung (1.38) inches and Kawkayeik (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-5-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 20-5-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-5-2009 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 19-5-2009 was (5.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 20-5-2009was (Tr)) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) 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 (8) mph from Southwest at (14:35) hour MST on 19-5-2009.

**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 21th May 2009:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Raknine and Shan States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rian or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-5-2009:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-5-2009:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-5-2009:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar

**Thursday, 21 May**
**View on today**

**7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**
3. Morning news

**7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**
5. Dance of National Races

**8:00 am**
6. Musical programme

**8:15 am**
7. Dance variety

**8:30 am**
8. ပျော်ဘွယ်ချည်မျှင်စက်ရုံ

**8:35 am**
9. International News

**8:45 am**
10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**4:00 pm**
1. Martial song

**4:10 pm**
2. Musical programme

**4:20 pm**
3. Cute little Dances

**4:35 pm**
4. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**4:40 pm**
5. "အဲဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ဌက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

**4:45 pm**
6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သန်္ဓာအထူးပြု) (သန်္ဓာ)

**5:00 pm**
7. Song for uphold National Spirit

**5:10 pm**
8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

**5:20 pm**
9. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးဆုကဏ္ဍ

**5:45 pm**
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

**6:00 pm**
11. Evening news

**6:30 pm**
12. Weather report

**6:35 pm**
13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "တယ်တင်ချင်းနည်း" (ဗိုးရန်အောင်၊ ရတနာမိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

**6:55 pm**
14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ္ပံဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

**7:10 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

**8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

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**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

# Daw Aung San Suu Kyi tells diplomats she is in good health

# Chief medical officer, doctors of MCD closely providing health care daily to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

# Hearing continues into case of American citizen who entered house compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Hearing continues for third day today into the cases of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw.

The trial started at 10.10 am and adjourned at 12.15 pm.

The Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs asked permission to allow 29 diplomats from the foreign embassies to the Union of Myanmar and News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, five member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and five editorial staff of local journals and magazines to observe the trial of the Yangon North District Court that was hearing the criminal case Nos. 47/2009, 48/2009 and 49/2009. The Yangon North District Court allowed them to observe the trial with the restrictions: not to bring lethal weapons into the court; not to enter the places except the designated places; and not to converse with the defendants at the trial, not to make recording and not to take photos and shoot video features according to section 352 of the Criminal Code and section 48 (1) of the Court Manual. *(See page 10)*

***Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with diplomats from the Republic of Singapore, the Russian Federation and Thailand at officers' housing of Myanmar Correctional Department.***

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## Insight into evolution of first flowers

TALLAHASSEE, 20 May — Charles Darwin described the sudden origin of flowering plants about 130 million years ago as an abominable mystery, one that scientists have yet to solve.

But a new University of Florida study, set to appear in the online edition of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, is helping shed light on the mystery with information about what the first flowers looked like and how they evolved from nonflowering plants.

"There was nothing like them before and nothing like them since," said Andre Chanderbali, lead author of the study and a postdoctoral associate at UF's Florida Museum of Natural History. "The origin of the flower is the key to the origin of the angiosperms (flowering plants)."—*Internet*

***This flower from an avocado tree (Persea americana) shows the characteristics of ancient flowering-plant lineages.***

## Komodo Dragons more deadly than thought

MELBOURNE, 20 May — A new study has shown that the effectiveness of the Komodo Dragon bite is a combination of highly specialized serrated teeth and venom. The authors also dismiss the widely accepted theory that prey die from septicemia caused by toxic bacteria living in the dragon's mouth.

Using sophisticated medical imaging techniques, an international team led by Dr Bryan Fry from the University of Melbourne have revealed that the Komodo Dragon (Varanus komodoensis) has the most complex venom glands yet described for any reptile, and that its close extinct relative Megalania was the largest venomous animal to have lived.

The work will be published in the next issue of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.—*Internet*

***Komodo dragons are the largest lizards in the world.***

**Significant day temperature**

Chauk 41ºC
Minbu 41ºC

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

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