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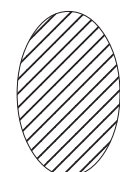
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Today is time to totally end doubts and to strive for development of nation utilizing land, water and human resources

Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils obelisk to mark opening of runway at Sittway Airport

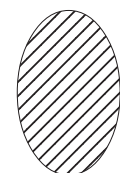


Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress in building of railway near Taungpauk Pagoda entrance to Ponnakyun town.—MNA



*Sittway
airport
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NAY PYI TAW, 21 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 Thauang Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, arrived at Paddy Husk Cement Plant of Western Command yesterday morning.

The Prime Minister and party viewed the production process of the cement. After hearing the reports of the commander, (See page 8)

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

Friday, 22 May, 2009

Extend networks of railways for regional development

Better transport is a basic requirement of regional development. The better the transport, the quicker the trade in the region and the more the production and service industries will improve. At the same time, the economic, social, education and health sectors will become more developed.

Because of mountain ranges and rivers, Rakhine State in the southwest part of the Union, was difficult of access though not far away from other regions. Therefore, the government has given top priority to transport in the state.

In Rakhine State, Yangon-Sittway, Yangon-Kyaukphyu and Minbu-An motor roads have emerged and the Sittway-Minbu-An railroad is under construction. Moreover, Sittway and Thandwe airports are being upgraded for easy and smooth transportation of passengers.

Pyidawtha-Yaychanbyin section of Sittway-An-Minbu railroad being built by the Ministry of Rail Transportation was opened on 19 May. The newly-opened section is over 11 miles long and there are 21 bridges, three stations and three halts along the way.

Myanma Railways is also extending the network of railroads to enable people to travel easily by train. Moreover, efforts are being made to be able to produce freight and passenger carriages at home. Kyangin-Pakokku, Katha-Bhamo, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, Namsang-Kengtung, Dawei-Myeik and Sittway-An-Minbu new railway projects are also being implemented.

Nowadays, the government is building networks of roads, railroads, creek- and river-crossing bridges and airports in all regions, including Rakhine State, to ensure easy and smooth transport across the Union. Therefore, it is necessary for regional organizations and people to continue taking part in all endeavours for regional and national development.

Deputy Minister inspects road/bridge constructions

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspected maintenance of Pyinmana -Pinlaung Road and Lainle bridge being built at mile post (47/3) on 12 May.

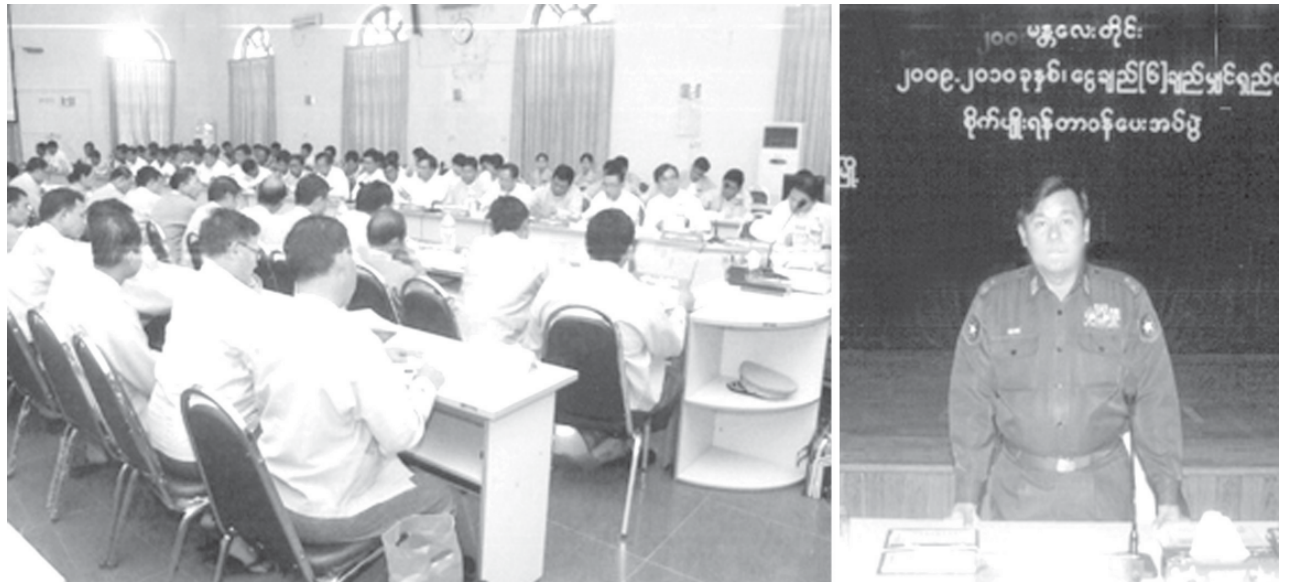
The deputy minister gave instruction on timely-completion of construction works, worksite safety, and minimizing wastes.

Then, he inspected progress of road construction along Pinlaung-Tonehone-Nanpan-Mongthauk-Nyaung Shwe road, instructed to go on with the maintaining works in the rainy season and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Commander assigns duties to grow Ngwe Chi-6 long staple cotton



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivers speech at a meeting to assign duties to grow long staple cotton.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin

Ngwe delivered a speech at the coordination meeting for regional food sufficiency held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division PDC office on

15 May morning.

In the afternoon, the commander also made an opening speech at the ceremony to assign duties to grow Ngwe Chi-6 long

staple cotton held at the same place. The commander assigned the duties to each department.

MNA

Some townships of Mandalay Division flooded due to heavy rains

One missing, some cows and goats swept away

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Due to heavy rains from 14 to 17 May, some rivers and creeks overflowed in Mandalay Division. Some areas were in undated in Kyaukse Township, Singaing and Myittha townships in Kyaukse District and Natogyi Township in Myingyan District and Wundwin Township in Meiktila District and some households were evacuated to the safe places. Some farmlands and some acres of summer sesame were flooded. One person went missing and some cows and goats drifted with the current.

The inundations occurred in some villages of Kyaukse Township in Kyaukse District due to overflow of Samon River, some villages of Singaing Township due to overflow of Panlaung River, some villages in Myittha Township because of overflow at Sittatgon canal of Kinda left main canal, some villages in Natogyi Township of Myingyan District and some villages in TadaU Township due to overflow of Mezali Creek. Some households affected by the floods were evacuated to the safe places.

The incessant rains caused the flash flood of a creek near West Thabyetha Village of Myittha Township on 15 May. U Hla Tin, 71 years, of the village was swept away in the flood and missing. Four houses, three cow sheds, two cows and about 70 goats from the west village drifted in the current.

Some areas of the motor road linking Pyinsi and Myittha villages in Natogyi Township, Myingyan District, were destroyed. Some farmlands

on both sides of the motor road were inundated.

Thinpon Creek overflowed and inundated some acres of summer sesame in Wundwin Township of Meiktila District.

As water has receded in these townships, local authorities, social organization members including members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and officials are providing assistance for health, accommodation and food requirements of the households who were recently evacuated to the safe places.

Officials of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, the Ministry of Construction and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries are making field trips to the flooded regions for providing necessary assistance for the flood victims.—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



Car bomb blast kills 41 in northwest Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 May — A car bomb exploded on Wednesday near several restaurants in a Shiite neighbourhood of northwest Baghdad, killing 41 people and injuring more than 70, police and hospital officials said.

No group claimed responsibility for the horrific blast but the style and location of the attack suggested it was carried out by Sunni extremists, such as al-Qaeda in Iraq, in an apparent bid to rekindle sectarian warfare as the US draws down forces in the capital.

The blast appeared timed for maximum civilian casualties, going off about 7 pm when many Baghdad residents take advantage of cooler evening temperatures for shopping and dining in outdoor kebab restaurants. It was the first major car-bombing in the capital since 6 May, when 15 people were

killed at a produce market in south Baghdad, and the deadliest in the city since twin car blasts killed 51 people in another Shiite neighborhood, Sadr City, on 29 April.

Nearly 200 people were killed in major bombings in Baghdad alone last month—mostly against Shiite targets. That has raised concern about security in the capital ahead of a 30 June deadline for the US to remove all combat forces from Baghdad and other Iraqi cities.

Police said the blast happened in Shula, a sprawling neighbourhood which had been a stronghold of Shiite militias including the Mahdi Army during the height of sectarian fighting two years ago.

Witnesses said the blast occurred about 300 yards (meters) from an Iraqi security forces checkpoint.—*Internet*



A wife sits next to her husband in a hospital after he was wounded in Wednesday's car bomb blast at Shula in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 May, 2009. A car bomb exploded Wednesday near several restaurants in a Shiite neighbourhood of northwest Baghdad, killing 41 people and injuring more than 70, police and hospital officials said.—INTERNET

This video frame grab taken from Iranian state broadcasters Al-Alam purports to show an Iranian Sajjil-2 surface-to-surface missile launching from a site in Semnan, 125 miles east of the capital Teheran, Iran, on 20 May, 2009.—INTERNET



Iran tests missile with range that can hit Israel

TEHERAN, 21 May—Iran tested its longest-range solid-fuel missile Wednesday — a launch that displayed Tehran's reach and burnished the president's hardline reputation ahead of next month's election. The missile was said to be capable of striking Israel, US Mideast bases and Europe.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates confirmed the test, which was announced by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The launch raised concerns about the sophistication of Tehran's missile program and Pentagon officials cautioned that it leaves Iran at a crossroads.

"They can either continue on this path of continued destabilization in the region or they can decide that they want to pursue relationships with the countries in the region and the United States that are more normalized," said Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman.—*Internet*

Eight Iraqis killed in suicide bombing in Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 21 May — A suicide bomber struck a crowd of anti-Qaeda group members at a military base in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk on Thursday, killing seven members and an Iraqi army soldier, a local police source said.

A suicide bomber blew himself up among Awakening Council group members who were gathering to collect salaries in a military base in Kirkuk, killing the eight and wounding seven others, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The suicide bomber disguised in the uniform of the group members, the source said.

The attack came a day after a car bombing near a popular restaurant in the Shualaa neighbourhood in northwest of Baghdad, killing at least 34 people and wounding some 72 others.—*Internet*

Nearly 25 percent of Iraqis live in poverty

BAGHDAD, 21 May— Nearly one in four Iraqis lives below the poverty line, according to a study released on Wednesday by an Iraqi government agency.

The Central Statistics Authority study offered another window into the challenges confronting Iraq, as the country sitting atop the world's third largest crude oil reserves struggles to rebuild after the 2003 US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. CSA spokesman Abdul-Zahra Hendawi said 23 percent of the country's 27 million people live in poverty, most of them in the rural areas.

The three self-ruled Kurdish provinces in the north had the lowest poverty rates. Hendawi said the study blames failing infrastructure, corruption

and high unemployment for the spread of poverty, which was defined as living on \$2.50 or less per person, per day. He said the food ration system has played a role in minimizing poverty.

"We expected a higher percentage of poverty, but apparently the ration system is helping the poor to cope with the situation,"

he told The Associated Press. Under the system, all Iraqis are issued ration cards allowing them to buy 10 items — sugar, flour, rice, powdered milk, cooking oil, tea, beans, baby milk, soap and detergent — for a nominal fee. The system has long been a subject of debate in Iraq.

Internet



Soldiers from the US-led international coalition survey the wreckage of a vehicle after a blast outside Kabul on 20 May, 2009. —INTERNET

US says only 30 Afghan civilians died in bombing

KABUL, 21 May— Video evidence recorded by fighter jets and the account of the ground commander suggest no more than 30 civilians were killed in a two-day battle in western Afghanistan this month, the US military said Wednesday, a

stark contrast with Afghan claims that 140 civilians died.

The footage shows insurgents streaming into homes that were later bombed, said Col Greg Julian, the chief US military spokesman in Afghanistan. He said ground troops observed some 300 villagers flee in advance of the fighting, indicating that not many could have been inside the bombed compounds.

The figures, which the Americans called preliminary, are far lower than the numbers villagers provided to an Afghan government commission days after the May 4-5 battle in the villages of Gerani and Ganjabad in Farah province.

Internet

German woman beaten up over asparagus prices

BERLIN, 21 May—German police are searching for a motorist who beat a 24-year-old woman selling white asparagus because he was upset about her asking price for the coveted springtime vegetable, police said on Monday.

The prices for white asparagus, sometimes called “edible ivory” in Germany, fluctuate wildly during the short springtime season, peaking early in the season at 10 euros per kilo. The man screamed at the woman that her asparagus was overpriced. He then punched her in the face and threatened to unleash his attack dog at her. She fled and called police.

“The motorist said her prices were totally over the top,” said Dietmar Keck, police spokesman in the Havelland district west of Berlin, without saying how much she was asking. Prices for asparagus now range from 1 to 5 euros per kilo, he said. Some 55,000 tons valued at 175 million euros are harvested annually.

Internet



Passengers walk past a thermal camera that monitors the temperature of people arriving in the Dominican Republic. The global swine flu caseload has surged past the 10,000 mark with the crisis escalating in Asia despite stringent efforts to contain the virus.—INTERNET

Couple withdraws money, flees after bank error

WELLINGTON, 21 May—Police are looking for a New Zealand couple who disappeared after a bank mistakenly put 10 million New Zealand dollars (\$6.1 million) into their account.

The couple, who ran a gas station in the northern city of Rotorua, applied to Westpac Bank for a NZ\$10,000 (\$6,000) overdraft and had 1000 times that amount paid into their account. The two then withdrew some of the money and disappeared, Detective Senior

Sgt David Harvey said.

Harvey said Interpol has been contacted for help, suggesting authorities believe they may have fled abroad with the cash. “We are currently conducting an investigation into the individuals that may have been involved in the withdrawal of that money,” Harvey said.

Westpac Bank said in a statement it was “pursuing vigorous criminal and civil action to recover the sum of money stolen,” but declined further

comment. Massey University banking lecturer Claire Matthews said the “lucky” recipients likely would not get away with the cash.—Internet

Singapore economy shrinks 14.6 pct in 1st quarter

SINGAPORE, 21 May—Singapore’s economy shrank less in the first quarter than first estimated, suggesting the island’s hard-hit manufacturing and finance sectors improved in March.

Gross domestic product fell an annualized, seasonally adjusted 14.6 percent in the first quarter from the previous quarter and slid 10.1 percent from a year earlier, the Trade and Industry Ministry said on Thursday.

The ministry said last month that GDP plunged 19.7 percent from the previous quarter and 11.5 percent from a year earlier based on preliminary data largely from January and February.

“The data should convince skeptics that the most pessimistic scenario has been kept at bay, and a more nuanced view is warranted,” said Kit Wei Zheng, an analyst with Citigroup in Singapore.

Internet

UN Secretary-General’s Message on The International Day for biological Diversity

22 May 2009

The following is Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s message for the International Day for Biological Diversity, to be observed on 22 May:

The global decline in biodiversity remains alarming, despite agreement at the World Summit on Sustainable Development to significantly reduce the rate of loss by 2010. The main causes include deforestation, changes in habitat and land degradation, often linked to the growing impact of climate change. Another threat the focus of this year’s observance of the International Day for Biological Diversity is the spread of invasive alien species.

An unwanted by-product of globalization, non-native species, is harming ecosystem services, livelihoods and economies throughout the world. The Government of South Africa alone is spending as much as \$60 million per year in an attempt to eradicate plants, such as wattles, that are invading valuable farmland, river systems and economically important tourist sites such as the Cape Floral Kingdom.

In the Great Lakes of North America, zebra mussels are affecting shipping, fisheries and electric power generation. Throughout the islands of the Pacific Ocean, rats from foreign ships are exterminating indigenous birds. In many countries in Africa, water hyacinth is clogging lakes and rivers, to the detriment of aquatic wildlife and the communities and industries that profit from it.

There are many other examples of how invasive alien species can affect native biodiversity, agriculture, forestry, fisheries and even human health. Such threats stand to be exacerbated by the other drivers of biodiversity loss, and climate change in particular. The implications for poverty reduction, sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals are profound.

The Convention on Biological Diversity is addressing the threat of invasive alien species by setting global priorities and guidelines, sharing information and expertise, and helping to coordinate international action. The most cost-effective and feasible method of control is prevention. To be successful, this strategy requires collaboration among Governments, economic sectors and non-governmental and international organizations. A country can only prevent invasions if it knows which species may invade, where they may come from and the best management options for dealing with them.

Individuals, too, have a responsibility. Abiding by local and international quarantine and customs regulations will prevent the spread of insect pests, weeds and diseases. A simple rule applies: leave living organisms in their natural habitats and bring home only memories.

Next year is the International Year of Biological Diversity. Highlights include a high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly and the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Nagoya, Japan. These events will help to shape future strategies to preserve the planet’s ecosystems. Controlling invasive alien species and addressing the other causes of biodiversity loss is an increasingly urgent task. I urge all Governments, organizations and individuals to renew their efforts to protect life on Earth.—UNIC

Flash flooding, winds whip Australia’s northeast

SYDNEY, 21 May—Tens of thousands of homes were without power and hundreds of schools closed on Thursday as a wild storm front lashed Australia’s northeast coast.

A state of emergency was declared overnight in Queensland state, which was pounded by gale-force winds exceeding 100 kilometres (62 miles) an hour and torrential

rains.

A 46-year-old was killed when freak winds ripped a sheet of metal from a building on the Gold Coast tourist strip and it smashed through his office window, police said.

Up to 75,000 homes and businesses suffered blackouts as gusting winds felled trees and power lines, and the region received one-third of

its annual rainfall in a single day.

Enough rain fell over 48 hours in Brisbane, the state’s capital, to supply drinking water for more than a year.

The state’s premier Anna Bligh said it was likely to be among the highest damage bills Queensland had ever seen, with the worst flooding since 1974.

Internet



A wave washes over a car near the Currumbin Surf Club building (seen in the background) on Australia’s Gold Coast in Queensland on 21 May.

INTERNET



Swarms of visitor gather to appreciate a chef extemporizing the delicious food during the ongoing 10th SIAL China International Food, Beverage & Hospitality Exhibition, scheduled from 19 to 21 May, at the Shanghai New International Exhibition Center, in Shanghai, east China, on 20 May, 2009. —INTERNET

China urged to invest more in Africa

HARARE, 21 May — China should look at Zimbabwe as its centre-piece for development co-operation in Africa because the country is more psychologically and strategically prepared to accept China as a development partner than any other country, a former Zimbabwean diplomat has said.

Businessman and former Zimbabwean Ambassador to China Chris Mutsvangwa told *Xinhua* in a sideline of a symposium on Sino-Africa and Sino-Zimbabwe relations

here recently that Zimbabwe was strategically located in the Southern Africa region because most of the telecommunications and transport network were interlinked through the country.

“If you are talking of a strategic location as an investor, this is the place you will think of putting your industry. But more important, because of the fact that we have made more advances than any other country in opening up to China, we are much more psychologically pre-

pared to accept China as an investment partner,” Mutsvangwa said.

Mutsvangwa said Zimbabwe’s problems with the West also stem from the advances it had made in dealing with emerging powers like China and India. “No African country is advanced in thinking as Zimbabwe,” he said.

He encouraged more Chinese investment in Zimbabwe, saying Zimbabwe was not a basket case, but a case for the future of Africa.

Xinhua

Soil and land conservation reduces sand washed into China’s second longest river

YINCHUAN, 21 May — Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, an arid area in northwest China, has reported marked reduction of mud and sand washed into the Yellow River, thanks to soil and land conservation efforts over the past years.

Ningxia had harnessed soil erosion over an area of 19,500 square kilometres,

or 40 percent of the region’s total, as of the end of last year, and mud and sand washed into the Yellow River had been reduced by 40 million tons annually since 2003, said an official with local water resources department on Thursday. “The regional government spent more than 4 million yuan (about 590,000 US dol-

lars) on average each year to harness soil erosion,” said Zhang Ning, an official with soil and water conservation bureau of the regional Water Resources Department.

He said the investments were used to build new dikes, reinforce existing dikes and plant trees along the river. The areas along the middle and upper reaches of the Yellow River suffer the most serious soil erosion in the world, with a total eroded area of 454,000 square kilometres. —*Xinhua*

Researchers create next-gen DVDs with huge massive storage

LONDON, 21 May — Australian researchers reported Thursday that they have developed so-called “five dimensional” discs with a storage capacity 2,000 times that of current DVDs.

James Chon of Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia and colleagues described in the British journal *Nature* that how they were able to use nanoscopic particles to exponentially increase a disc’s data capacity while keeping its physical size intact. Discs currently have three spatial dimensions, but the new five-dimensional optical recording technique used wavelength of light and its polarization as the two additional dimensions. The researchers, who have already signed an agreement with Samsung, described the so-called spectral or colour dimension as well as polarization dimension as the key to creating ultra-high capacity discs. — *Xinhua*

Lula in China for talks cementing partnership

BEIJING, 21 May — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva spent his second day in Beijing in meetings with Chinese leaders Tuesday, which analysts said will cement bilateral partnership. Lula da Silva began the day by opening a Brazilian studies centre at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the country’s top research body. “In 2009, China became Brazil’s first trading partner. Now we still face the challenge of exploring the full potential of investments that our economies can offer to each other,” Lula da Silva told an audience of around 200 officials and scholars. —*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Spanish mountain climber Edurne Pasaban reached the top of Kangchenjunga mountain, the world’s third-highest with an elevation of 8,586 metres, on 18 May, 2009. — XINHUA

Photo taken on 20 May, 2009 shows the super corsair in nocturnal neon lightening inside the Amusement Park of Ferries Wheel by the side of the Golden Rooster Lake, upon its opening to public entertaining, in Suzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province. — XINHUA



Eight leftist rebels killed in S Philippines clash

MANILA, 21 May — Government forces raided a lair of the leftist New People’s Army (NPA) in the southern Philippines Thursday morning, killing at least eight of the scores of rebels in the camp, the military said.

Lt Col Dennis Godfrey Gammad, commander of the Army’s 36th Infantry Battalion, said his men swooped on the rebel lair at a Cabantaw village in Agusan del Sur province, triggering off a fierce fighting with about 50 rebels inside.

In a phone interview, Gammad said his men were able to trace the rebel lair after a recent wedding of an NPA leader, one Tapa from the NPA’s North Eastern Mindanao Regional Committee. “Our troops discovered that they were harboring in the area after a lot of people attended Tapa’s wedding. Our troops later assaulted the area...It’s a base camp, a satellite camp,” the Army commander said.

Gammad said the troops saw at least eight enemy bodies being dragged by their withdrawing comrades. Besides, he said the soldiers have recovered an AK-47, an M16 and a shotgun during initial clearing operations in the area. —*Xinhua*

Ancient handle with Hebrew text found in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, 21 May — Archaeologists digging on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives have discovered a nearly 3,000-year-old jar handle bearing ancient Hebrew script, a find significantly older than most inscribed artifacts unearthed in the ancient city, an archaeologist said.

The Iron Age handle is inscribed with the Hebrew name Menachem, which was the name of an Israelite king and is still common among Jews.

The inscription also includes a partly intact letter, the Hebrew character "lamed," meaning

"to." That suggests the jar was a gift to someone named Menachem, said Ron Beeri, who directed the excavation for the Israel Antiquities Authority. There is no indication the inscription refers to the king himself.

The name and similar variants have been found on Egyptian pottery dating back 3,500 years, and the Bible lists Menachem Ben Gadi as an ancient king of Israel. But this is the first time an artifact bearing the name has been unearthed in Jerusalem, Beeri said. "It's important because it shows that they

actually used the name Menachem during that period," Beeri said. "It's not just from the Bible, but it's also in the archaeological record."

Based on the style of the inscription, he dated the handle to around 900 BC, the time of the first Jewish Temple in Jerusalem as recounted in the Bible.

Internet



This image made available by Israel's Antiquities Authority on 20 May, 2009 shows an Iron Age handle inscribed with the Hebrew name 'Menachem,' which was the name of an Israelite king, discovered in an excavation in Jerusalem.

INTERNET

Sherpa climbs Mount Everest for record 19th time

KATHMANDU, 21 May — A Nepali sherpa carrying a banner reading "Stop Climate Change" climbed Mount Everest for a record 19th time on Thursday, improving his own record set last year, officials said.

Apa Sherpa, 49, who lives in the United States, reached the 8,850-metre (29,035-foot) peak along the Southeast Ridge route, pioneered by New Zealand's Sir Edmund

Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953.

"Climbing Everest is a very difficult thing," said Ang Tshering Sherpa, chief of the Asian Trekking Agency that sponsored the Eco Everest Expedition with which Apa climbed."

It is becoming more and more challenging be-

cause of climate change that has melted ice, exposed steep rocks and widened crevasses."

Apa, who first reached the summit of Everest in 1990, was born in Solukhumbu district, home to Mount Everest, but now lives in the Salt Lake City, Utah.

Internet



A view of the 8,848 metre-high Mount Everest. A Nepalese "Super Sherpa" has climbed the peak for a breath-taking 19th time, breaking his own previous world record.—INTERNET

Scientists investigate Mexican town's flu mystery

MEXICO CITY, 21 May — No one has identified ground zero in the swine flu epidemic. Just where or when the new strain of influenza first jumped from a pig and began infecting people is a scientific mystery — one that a group of flu detectives is determined to solve.

Scientists are returning next week to La Gloria, a pig-farming village in the Veracruz mountains where Mexico's earliest confirmed case of swine flu was identified. They hope to learn where the epidemic began by taking fresh blood samples from villagers and pigs, and looking for antibodies that could suggest exposure to previous swine flu infections.

Some experts say it's pointless to worry about what happened in La Gloria now that the swine flu virus has spread around the world. But others argue that a thorough investigation could be key to preventing future epidemics.—Internet

NEWS ALBUM

Judge to offer multi-language weddings

A judge says she will marry couples in five languages in a special ceremony in Cincinnati this coming Sunday.

Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Nadine Allen said she also is open to working with interpreters if couples want to get married in something other than French, Italian, Spanish, Swahili or English, The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Saturday.

"If anyone speaks another language and wants their vows in a tongue other than the five," Allen said, "we will be glad to work with an interpreter. All languages are welcome."

Allen, nicknamed the marrying judge, will be showing off her ability to conduct a wedding ceremony in five languages at Cincinnati's Theodore M. Berry International Friendship Park Pavilion.

Those taking part also will be serenaded by Allen's take on the 1964 song "Chapel of Love," the Enquirer said. "I'll only sing 'Chapel of Love' in English," the judge added regarding her offered services.

Canadian pianist in record-breaking concert

Canadian pianist Gonzales launched a bid on Sunday to break the world record for the longest-ever solo concert during a grueling 27-hour performance.

Gonzales took the stage at midnight at a small theatre in Paris' trendy Montmartre and was determined to stay there until the curtain drops at 3:00 am Monday (0100 GMT).



Canadian musician Gonzales plays piano in pyjamas on 17 May, 2009 in Paris. Gonzales launched a bid on Sunday to break the world record for the longest-ever solo concert during a grueling 27-hour performance.

"He's doing fantastically well," said Frank Chambers, an official from the Guinness Book of World Records who was overseeing the record-breaking attempt.

"This is not just an endurance test, but an artistic performance."

On Sunday, after nearly 12 hours at the keyboard, Gonzales was showing some signs of fatigue but the music kept flowing from his upright piano, placed next to a large digital clock tracking his marathon.

Einstein's digits: Albert's phone number on web

If you had a question about the special theory of relativity back in 1930, you could call up the guy who proposed it. Ancestry.com has posted copies of German telephone books from 1915 to 1981 — including Albert Einstein's phone number while he was a university professor in Berlin.

Back then, just asking for 2807 got you a direct line to the physics genius. The genealogy Web site got Einstein's number when it scanned dusty phone books kept at the German National Library.

Adolf Hitler's longtime companion, Eva Braun, also shows up in the 1937 Munich directory.



Firefighter Eforrest Allmond hoses down an Asian Elephant from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus in Philadelphia, on 13 May, 2009.

Wednesday is scheduled to be the opening night for the circus in Philadelphia.



A dog feeds some of its 15 puppies at its owner's home in Huai'an city, east China's Jiangsu Province. The dog gave birth to 15 puppies two weeks ago and all of the doggies survived, giving their owner a surprising delight.



Incident timely trumped up to intensify international pressure on Myanmar by internal and external anti-government elements

FM U Nyan Win discusses recent developments in Myanmar with Japanese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May —Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr. Hirofumi Nakasone made a telephone call to U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, at 2.45 p.m. on 18 May, 2009 and they had friendly discussions on the recent developments in Myanmar.

Japanese Foreign Minister expressed his concerns about the recent lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. He was also concerned that the action taken by the Myanmar government might affect the views of the international community on Myanmar as well as the successful holding of the general elections in 2010. As he learnt about the recent illness of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, he urged to give humanitarian consideration in this respect. Although the issue is domestic legal process of Myanmar, he requested the Myanmar government to find an appropriate way in solving the issue taking into consideration the views of the international community. Moreover, as Myanmar is now at a critical juncture in its democratization process, he was hoping that it will be advanced into a process which could be given high regard by the international community.

Minister U Nyan Win responded that the incident involving Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and an American citizen could possibly be created by the other side and not by the Myanmar government. This incident will proceed fairly according to the law. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was also given the right to defend her case in consulting with her lawyers. The American citizen was also allowed to get lawyers and granted consular access according to the Vienna Convention. He had no idea what kind of legal action would be taken against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The court will decide according to the law. Both Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the American citizen are in good health. Well-qualified doctors and specialists are assigned to attend to their medical needs. Myanmar is trying to build improved relationship with countries all over the world including US, Japan and European nations. Minister U Nyan Win expressed his opinion that, at a time when US, Japan and European nations are reviewing their policies on Myanmar, it was likely that this incident was timely trumped up, to intensify international pressure on Myanmar, by internal and external anti-government elements who do not wish to see the positive changes in those countries' policies towards Myanmar.

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Hearing on lawsuit against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and American Citizen Mr John William Yettaw continues for fourth day

NAY PYI TAW, 21 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 fourth day at the court of Yangon North District today.

When he was asked by U Nyan Win, lawyer of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Prosecution witness Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun said he arrived at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at 7.20 am on 7 May to seize the items left there by Mr. John William Yettaw and to investigate the entry of Mr John William Yettaw. During his search of the residence, he was not disturbed by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma, he said. He asked Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma to wear chadors and took photos of Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma, he answered.

Asked by U Hla Myo Myint, lawyer of Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma, Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun answered that if Bahan Township Police Station provided security to the residence under restriction order evidence (b-2), separate units would take responsibility for main security duty.

In response to the question of Mr. John William Yettaw's lawyer U Khin Maung Oo, Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun said that the reason he could say the two sets of clothes were the chadors for Muslim women was that they were usually worn by Muslim women; and that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the chadors were just given to her as a present.

In his statement, prosecution witness U Zaw Tin from Criminal Case No. 47/2009 said that he is serving as Chairman of Ngahtetkyi Ward Peace and Development Council in Bahan Township; that he was summoned to the township PDC office at 5 a.m. on 7 May and met with Police Capt Tin Zaw Tun; that at about 5.30 a.m. Police Capt Tin Zaw Tun took him together with Kyaikkahsan Ward PDC Chairman U Khin Nyunt to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house on University Avenue; that when they got permission to enter the house, they entered it; that when the police captain showed a photo and asked Daw Aung San Suu Kyi if she knew the man in the photo, she replied she did; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi then asked a young women to bring the items the foreigner left; that besides, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said there was a Dhamma book he left and she went upstairs to bring it; that the seized objects were all listed in their presence and altogether there were 23 items; and that she also showed them the room the foreigner stayed in.

In his statement, prosecution witness Manager U Kyaw Thu of Beauty Land Hotel said that the hotel address was No. (188/192), 33rd Street, Kyauktada Township; that Mr. John William Yettaw put up at the hotel two times – one time from 7 November to 3 December 2008 and the other on 2 May 2009; that he stayed there only for one day and paid for the room for five days; that at about 10 p.m. on 3 May he said that he was going to spend the night at his friend's house and left the room key; that he did not come back to the hotel on 4 and 5 May; that at about 10 a.m. on 6 May, Police Captain Sa Kyaw Win and witnesses Ward PDC Chairman U Myo Thein and head of hundred houses U Htay Oo arrived at the hotel and the hotel room Mr John William Yettaw stayed in was shown to them; that some clothes and a big bag were found on the wardrobe in the room; that there were altogether 61 items including the items in the bag; that he signed the search form as the one who handed over the seized objects; that Police Captain Sa Kyaw Win and police members went back to the hotel at 6.20 p.m. the same day and asked permission to search again the room that Mr John William Yettaw had stayed in; that together with Chairman of Ward Peace and Development Council U Myo Thein and Head of 100-house U Htay Oo, he took them to that room; that they went back there to check three 100-dollar notes in the cover of telephone directory as said by Mr. John William Yettaw; that he signed the search form in the presence of the witnesses as the one who handed the dollar notes.

In questioning another prosecution witness U Khin Nyunt, Chairman of Kyaikkasan Ward PDC in Bahan Township, he said that he went to the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi together with Head of Bahan Township Police Force Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun and U Zaw Tin at about 5.30 a.m. on 7 May; that they got permission to enter the house at 7.20 a.m.; that when the police captain asked Daw Aung San Suu Kyi whether she knew the man in the photo showing her a photo and a paper she replied that she knew him; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi replied in the affirmative when the police captain asked her if there were some objects the foreigner left; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi handed the items the foreigner left; they listed them in the search form and confiscated them; that there were 23 items; that some of the 23 seized items as far as he remembered were two black chadors usually worn by Muslim women, two skirts, two scarves, three pairs of sun glasses; one red torch light; that she was responsible for those things and signed in the search form; that, when Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun asked whose those things were, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said that they were given to her as presents; that, at the request of Police Captain Than Soe, they went to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house at twelve noon on 12 May; that they got permission to enter the compound of the house at about 1 p.m. that they happened to see Daw Win Ma Ma coming out of the house, carrying a pillow, a pillowcase, a white plate, a spoon and fork, two paso (sarongs), a T-shirt and a large towel; that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi handed over those things, saying they were the things the foreigner used during his stay at her house.

Then prosecution witness Police Major Aung Htut Kyaw was examined. He stated that he was in charge of the computer section of overseas division; that Police Captain Maung Maung Myint handed over to him the things said to be Mr John William Yettaw's, that they were a Canon camera and six memory cards, that there were 331 photos and one video file filmed by Mr John William Yettaw himself in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house; that the video file and photos showed flippers, different stages of using flippers, Mr John William Yettaw trying them on, Mr John William Yettaw in disguise, the downstairs sitting-room of the house and pictures there, and his photos taken by himself on his arrival at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house at night. Police Major Aung Htut Kyaw showed the photos with the help of a computer. In the video file, Mr John William Yettaw said that he was in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house and asked for her permission to take her photos and to upload them on YouTube website; that he thought she refused because she was frightened; that he had caused her a lot of trouble on 30 November 2008; that he left his family behind; that he believed God was with him and protect him; that he admired Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that he did not blame her for not allowing him to take her photos; that she would have to face lots of hardships in future; that he prayed that he might be able to help her; that he spent the previous night at the house; that today was 6 May; that he had been hoping the whole night to go back to Thailand; that he felt delighted and proud of staying there.

The proceedings were adjourned until 10 a.m. on 22 May to examine the rest of prosecution witnesses.—MNA



Maj-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inaugurate runway of Sittway airport.—MNA

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the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

With low density, Paddy Husk Cement can be used in constructing one-storey houses and brick walls, smoothening the walls and building of light concrete blocks and decorating brick blocks. Paddy Husk Cement can resist the acidity more than normal type of cement. Therefore, paddy husk cement can be used together with the standard cement in building the concrete floors of the factories and laboratories that use acids. The use of equal ratio of the factory cement and paddy husk cement can save about 35 per cent cost of the cement.

On arrival at Ponnagyun, the Prime Minister and party viewed progress of ground work

on the railroad section near Taungpauk Pagoda.

In meeting with township level departmental officials and local people at Ponnagyun Railway Station, the Prime Minister said that the national unity was weak and Myanmar lagged behind in development for many years due to suspicions arising from racism and localism instigated by the colonialists. He continued to say that today is time to totally end doubts and to strive for development of the nation utilizing the land and water resources and human resources. He stressed the need to efficiently use the sound infrastructures and human resources and favourable conditions. Discarding localism and racism, it is necessary to focus on

regional development with economic outlook, he added.

At the hall of Ponnagyun Station, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on progress in construction of Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad Project. The Prime Minister gave

necessary instructions.

Sittway-An-Minbu Railroad will be 257 miles long. The railroad includes 26-mile Sittway-Ponnagyun railroad section, 34-mile Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw railroad section, 23-mile Kyauktaw-MraukU railroad section, 16-mile MraukU-Minbya railroad section, 76-mile Minbya-An railroad section, 54-mile An-Padan railroad section and 28-mile Padan-Minbu railroad section.

At the briefing hall of Kandawgyi in Mingan Ward of Sittway, the Prime Minister and party attended

the demonstration on production of bio-fuel from Thinwin seed (*Milletia pendula*).

They viewed production process of Thinwin bio-fuel and use of the fuel for lighting, cooking and driving of power-tiller.

At Sittway Airport, the Prime Minister and party attended the opening ceremony of the upgraded runway of the airport.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe formally opened the new runway.

The Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photo together with local national people and students.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled scented water on it together with Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and the ministers.

At the lounge of the airport, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on the location of the airport, the brief history and development tasks of the airport.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attends opening ceremony of "Pyinnya Sanyaytwin" self-reliant library in Kywite village, Sittway Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets departmental personnel and local people at Ponnagyun Railway Station.
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of the local people, U Than Tun accepted the TVs.

After visiting the library, the minister and officials greeted local people who were reading there. The minister urged the local people to participate in undertaking five tasks for durability of the village self-reliant libraries, and cordially conversed with the local people. At Sittway TV retransmission station, the minister inspected TV transmitter and broadcasting of Pyinsawady FM Radio Station and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At Sittway Sub-printing House, the minister inspected printing of newspapers and instructed officials to supervise the production of quality works, daily carry out the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the obelisk at opening ceremony of upgraded runway of Sittway Airport.—MNA

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After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Sittway Airport was constructed for the military use in 1947. In 1960, the 6000 feet by 150 feet tarred runway was constructed at the airport. Commencing 2001-2002, the preparation tasks were carried out at the airport such as repaving of the four-inch thick asphalt concrete on the 6000 feet by 150 feet runway, construction of the shoulders of the runway, extension of the 120 feet by 60 feet airport building to the 220 feet by 60 feet facility, construction of 600 feet by 300 feet apron, fencing of the airport compound, installation of lightings along the runway and signal lights along the approach roads. Therefore, F-28 aircraft with the load

of 73,000 lbs can land at the airport.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw submitted the reports on progress of the towns installed with mobile telephones and the number of telephone lines.

GSM and CDMA-450 mobile telephones are being installed in Sittway, An, Kyaukpyu, Thandwe, MraukU, Maungtaw, Myebon, Manaung, Taungup, Kyauktaw and Gwa of Rakhine State. So far, the towns have been installed with 16,750 telephone lines.

The auto-exchanges in Sittway, Ngapali (Shwewachaing), An, Taungup, Thandwe, MraukU, Maungtaw and Kyaukpyu have been installed with 5526 telephone lines.

Arrangements are being made to extend the installation of 1500 telephone lines at auto-exchanges in Kyauktaw, Minbya, Gwa and Buthidaung.

The Prime Minister and party left Sittway by Tatmadaw helicopter and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.

Yesterday morning, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan who accompanied the Prime Minister attended the opening ceremony of "Pyinnya Sanyaytwin" village self-reliant library in Kywite Village of Sittway Township.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Deputy Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Tin Hlaing, township level



library in Kywite Village, Sittway Township.—MNA

departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Assistant Director U Win Myaing of Rakhine State Information and Public Relations Department, Chairman of the Township PDC U Aung

Htut and Chairman of Village PDC U Saw Maung Gyi formally opened the library. The minister presented 30 sets of DTH system TV for some villages in Rakhine State with difficulty to enjoy the TV programmes. On behalf

maintenance of machines and minimize loss and wastage of raw materials.

Later, the minister met staff of departments and enterprises under the ministry and left instructions on the respective tasks.—MNA

Love your mother country

Mi Pyi Chit

These days, I happen to read articles of journals. In the articles, the writers made their opinions in a frank way. So, I thank them for their works that inspired me to write this article.

In addressing any form of issues, there must be correct views, correct thoughts, correct actions and correct decisions. One will never get along with others so long as one does not have right views. One will have to exercise caution and broaden one's horizons if one wants to have right views. Moreover, being Buddhists, the people have to believe in wholesome and unwholesome actions and good and evil results of actions. Here, I do not mean a person has to give up his efforts just as fortune does not smile on him, but he has to do some activities that can help him have an element of luck in pursuing his goals.

We the people were born of parents of various national races in Myanmar owing to the good deeds we did in our past lives. We should not put blame on our parents and the results of our past deeds for our being born in Myanmar. Instead, we should highlight the strong points of being born here in various spheres including religious, social, economic and health aspects.

There are so many points reflecting that Myanmar, our country where Theravada Buddhism shines, is definitely worth living. In the hereafter, human beings will be born in celestial and higher celestial abodes or in the hell. Myanmar is exactly the sole land where people can study and follow the Teachings of the Buddha to avert sufferings in the hell and to attain Nirvana.

Recall the prayers and religious verses you learnt from your parents and grandparents in your youth, and you will all notice that the prayers and religious verses comprise many methods to lead a peaceful and healthy life, do business, and get along with family members and societies. If in doubt, say the prayers and verses of Buddhism, and then you will come to know well and believe that there are so many satisfactory things in life.

In addition, the lifestyle of Myanmar people is endowed with a lot of worldly values. Traditional festivities and festivals are celebrated in each of the Myanmar months. We Myanmar people can easily

enjoy the loving-kindness of our parents and grandparents, obey the sermons of venerable monks, and enjoy pervasive delight, ecstasy and insight at meditation centres. Surely, Myanmar people have the unique opportunity to visit and pay reverence to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

There is no reason that those Myanmar citizens who are in foreign countries for various reasons can disregard and betray the motherland. I want every such citizen to come back to the mother country without fail after making further studies and profits. They all have the rights to return home. I wish all the Myanmar people would make provision in line with the Teachings of the Buddha for their hereafters, leading a peaceful life in the motherland till their last days.

I have been to some foreign countries, embracing many kinds of opportunities, but I have no words to fully express the delights that came from the bottom of my heart when I arrived back at Yangon International Airport of the mother country. For me, Myanmar, the country where there are my residence and family, is exactly the land I love and cherish most.

Our country is not a developed one yet, so what should we do, then? We all have to work harder and harder till we achieve our goal. We have to strive for generating better opportunities for younger generations. Instead of speaking ill of Myanmar through anti-government foreign radio stations, some Myanmar people living abroad should send relief supplies to Nargis victims. Make self criticism if you have provided relief aid such as snacks, some money, medicines and household utensils. Myanmar youths living in foreign countries should provide relief for the victims, instead of giving just lip service. If they had donated US dollars, yuans, yens and pounds saving at the rate of one unit a week, they would have provided a lot of aid for the victims by now, a year after the cyclone.

There are a large number of orphanages, homes for the aged and youths training centres in Myanmar to which they can make significant contributions. Edible oil cannot be produced by milling a sesame grain only, but they can serve the interests of the nation to some extent if they collaborate in that regard.

And there are many things they can learn to know

how to serve the interests of their country. If they study thoroughly the historical background, religious faith, culture and historic events of Myanmar, then they will come to respect and admire the mother country and own race.

In Myanmar, there are many things they can study in their spare time, and many centres they can extend a helping hand to. Therefore, I would like to make a positive suggestion that **instead of having a go at the motherland, the expatriates read religious books and listen to religious sermons. They should count the beads just for one round, reciting the Buddha's supreme attribute "Araham", or say prayers for the wellbeing of others. Then, they will be able to lead a peaceful life and do well in working out their difficulties and in their businesses. I wish they would spare a specific period of time to do meritorious deeds. They will be able to enjoy the fruits in this very life in proportion to the good deeds they have done. Furthermore, their worries and anxieties will dwindle away and they will be able to start a new life and realize that Myanmar is a pleasant and lovely land.** For me, I love the motherland beyond words.

Besides, I wish they would understand that Myanmar is a land where they can seize golden opportunities such as they will come to be brave enough to cope with their deaths and ups and downs by making some religious provision; they can practise concentration and meditation and perform meritorious deeds to cease their sufferings in next existences, they can share joys and sorrows with their beloved spouses, children and grandchildren, and they can deal with true friends and relatives in peace. I wish,

- Myanmar expatriates would love the motherland,
- those with painful experiences and negative attitude would view the objective conditions as they really are by following the Teachings of the Buddha for some time,
- they would return to their motherland and serve national interests,
- they would share the experiences and knowledge they have gained in foreign countries,
- they would be able to demonstrate their nationalistic spirit and skills in the international community,
- they would enjoy the traditions and customs of the nation,
- they would import good methods, concepts and technical know-how of other countries,
- they would come to love and serve the interest of the motherland with a prosperous future,
- they would be able to safeguard pleasant and peaceful Myanmar,
- they would work hard joining hands to enable the motherland to exist perpetually and stand tall in the global community, and
- they would love the mother country with a sense of serving the national interests and adoration and reliance on the country.

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Inter-District Road (2) to improve living conditions of rural folks

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Maung Maung Thant



Gravel road section at mile post No. 100/4 of Inter-District Road (2) in Thazi Township.

(from page 16)
Myanma Alin made a trip to the project site for upgrading Inter-District Road (2) in Thazi

Township being undertaken by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee under the Ministry for Progress of Bor-

der Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

The project covers the length between Patheingyi

Township in Mandalay Division and Mawlamyine Township. Upon completion, the road will be a 440 miles and six furlongs long. When asked about the project, Chief Engineer U Kyaw Thu Aung said, "Now, 22 engineer groups are building this inter-district road in cooperation with local people. Our Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee launched this project in 2004-2005 financial year, and up to 2007-2008 financial year, we built 83 miles and two furlongs of gravel roads and three miles of tarred roads. This financial year (2008-2009), 74 miles and four furlongs of gravel roads are on target. So, by then, we will have

completed 160 miles and six furlongs of gravel roads."

Junior Assistant Engineer U Zaw Myo Win said, "Engineer In-Charge U Than Oo and our group undertake a two and a half miles section of gravel road from mile post No. 100/4 to mile post No. 103/0. We managed to complete 90 per cent of work in April."

cal year. In Mandalay Division, the road passes through Patheingyi, Singaing, Kyaukse, Pyawbwe, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe. On completion, the road will be 440 miles and six furlongs long between Patheingyi in Mandalay Division and Mawlamyine Township.



U Wunna Soe, Junior Assistant Engineer.

Junior Assistant Engineer U Wunna Soe said, "Our group undertakes two and a half miles from mile post No. 90/0 and 100/4, and up to now, we have completed nearly cent per cent of work." Inter-District Road (1) is between Tada U Township in Mandalay Division and Hmawby Township in Yangon Division, with a length of 400 miles and one furlong.

The government is pouring huge funds into the Inter-District Road (1) and the Inter-District Road (2) projects. Inter-District Road (1) is between Tada U Township in Mandalay Division and Hmawby Township in Yangon Division, with a length of 400 miles and one furlong.

Due to such prudent projects, the rural areas along inter-district roads will be able to enjoy better transport and then progress in economic, social, education and health sectors.

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A road section of Inter-District Road (2), about 10 miles to east of Thazi.

Summer season computer course of Ocean Gate concludes

YANGON, 21 May — A summer season computer course of Ocean Gate Training School concluded today. At the concluding ceremony held at Myanmar Medical Association here, Vice-President of the training school Daw May Phyu Thwe honoured an outstanding trainee who received an award for learning computer science for one year free at the

school. A responsible person of the training school briefed on the new programme for sustainable learning of computer science and course instructors presented completion certificates to trainees. A lucky draw programme followed the ceremony.

According the new programme which is scheduled to launch as

from July, the private school has planned to conduct the training for school children at weekends. School children may learn technological subjects while enjoying them-selves, the school said. More information are available at Ocean Gate, No 355, Room No. 206 on Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Ph: 380130. — MNA



Vice-President of Ocean Gate training school Daw May Phyu Thwe honoured an outstanding student Maung Myint Mo Chan Myae Ko Ko who received ICDL Image Maker at summer season computer course. — MNA

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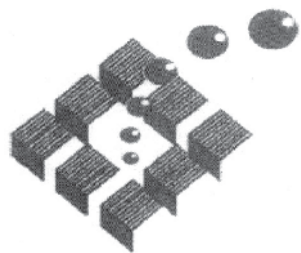
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India gives more Mumbai attack evidence to Pakistan

NEW DEHI, 21 May—Responding to Pakistan's queries, India on Wednesday handed over to it the third dossier of evidence on Mumbai attacks, which includes certified DNA report and statement of the lone arrested terrorist Ajmal Amir Kasab.

The voluminous documentation, comprising replies to 10 queries made by Pakistan and 15 booklets, were handed over by a senior official of the Ministry of External Affairs when he called a senior diplomat of the Pakistan High Commission to the Ministry here. "MEA today handed over to the Pakistani High Commission additional information and details related to the Mumbai terror attack sought by Pakistan," a statement by the Ministry said.

The documents handed over to Pakistan included the certified report of Kasab's DNA report, sources said. India had given DNA reports of the 10 terrorists involved in the attack to Pakistan on March 13. However, two DNA reports were of the same person and the report of Kasab was missing due to a clerical error. The fresh dossier handed over to Pakistan also included a certified statement of Kasab made before a Mumbai court, which was being persistently sought by Islamabad to pursue its own investigations into the case. Statements of witnesses made in the court and other documents related to it were also included in the 15 booklets which ran into 1,500 pages. Such documents could not be handed over earlier because of legal issues, as the permission of the court was required.

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Samsung remains at top in global TV market ranking

SEOUL, 21 May—South Korea's top electronics company Samsung Electronics Co came in as the global top TV seller in the first quarter of 2009 for the 13 consecutive quarter, a market researcher said Wednesday.

Samsung Electronics took up 21.5 per cent of the market share in terms of US dollar-based revenue in the January-March period, according to DisplaySearch. In terms of units sold, Samsung held a

17.2-per-cent stake of the market with sales of around 7.45 million TVs.

Samsung has stayed as the top of the global TV maker since the first quarter of 2006. Meanwhile, South Korea's LG Electronics Co grasped 13.3 per cent of the stake, returning to the second rank for the first time since the second quarter of 2007, while Japan's Sony fell to the third with 13.1 per cent, according to the researcher.—MNA/Xinhua

Obama warns US may face long-term joblessness

WASHINGTON, 21 May—Americans could face higher unemployment for some time to come, President Barack Obama warned on Wednesday, underscoring the tough challenges the country faces even as the economy shows signs of stabilizing.

Obama, speaking to a meeting of his 16-member Economic Recovery Advisory Board headed by former Federal Reserve chief Paul Volcker, said he was encouraged by "signs of normalcy" in the financial markets and hints the economy was steadying — though he remained concerned in the long run.

"One of the things that we're wrestling is how do we deal with job creation and employment," Obama said. "The concern that we have is that even in a stabilizing situation there is the prospect of higher unemployment for some time to come," Obama said, noting the decline of US manufacturing and changes in the global economic picture. The US unemployment rate rose to 8.9 per cent in April, the highest since 1983, following months of heavy job losses stemming from the global financial crisis. — MNA/Reuters

China urges rich nations to cut emissions by 40%

BEIJING, 21 May—Rich nations should cut their greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2020 from 1990 levels as part of a new global climate change pact, China said on Thursday, spelling out an ambitious stance ahead of negotiations.

Developed countries should also give 0.5 to 1.0 per cent of their annual economic worth to help other nations cope with global warming and curtail greenhouse gas emissions, China said in the document, laying down demands for a conference in Copenhagen in December meant to seal a new climate change pact.

The pact must ensure wealthy nations "take on quantified targets to drastically reduce emissions", said the statement, issued by the National Development and Reform Commission (www.ndrc.gov.cn), which steers Chinese climate change policy.

The Copenhagen conference is looking to agree on a treaty that will build on the current Kyoto Protocol. The Chinese document also pointedly demands that a new treaty "ensure developed countries that have not ratified the Kyoto Protocol assume corresponding and comparable emissions reduction commitments".

MNA/Reuters

Russia halts plans for Syria fighter sale

MOSCOW, 21 May—Russia has halted plans to sell MiG-31 fighters to Syria because of pressure from Israel, the *Kommersant* daily reported on Wednesday citing an unidentified source in Russia's defence industry.

Russia in 2007 agreed to supply Syria with eight MiG-31 fighters, known in the West by NATO codename Foxhound, for about 400-500 million US dollars, the paper said.

Kommersant quoted an unidentified person close to Russia's state arms exporter as saying that Moscow had halted the contract due to pressure from Israel. The paper quoted another source in an unidentified Russian ministry as saying that the contract had been halted because Syria could not find the money to pay for the fighters. The MiG-31 is a supersonic, high-altitude fighter. It has a maximum speed of 3,000 kilometres per hour (1,860 miles per hour) and a combat radius of 720 kilometres (450 miles). Russia's state arms exporter, Rosoboronexport, declined to comment on the report. A spokesman for the Syrian Embassy in Moscow was unavailable for comment.—MNA/Reuters



German Dachshund 'Bessi', right, acts as guardian to a five-days-old yet nameless tiger cub at a zoo in Stroehe, northern Germany, on 20 May, 2009.
INTERNET



New contraceptive blocks HIV transmission

NEW YORK, 21 May — A new contraceptive device may also effectively block the transmission of the HIV virus that causes AIDS, New York researchers said. The new device is a vaginal ring that releases multiple types of non-hormonal agents and microbicides, which would prevent conception as well as the sexually transmitted human immunodeficiency virus.

"This device is a new approach to birth control, because it avoids the long-term use of hormonal methods that have been associated with increased

risk of certain cancers," Dr. Brij Saxena of Weill Cornell Medical College, the lead author, said in a statement. "At the same time, this is the first device to simultaneously offer the possibility to prevent unintended pregnancy and HIV transmission."

The vaginally inserted ring is incorporated with multiple antiviral drugs that prevent HIV infection and are time-released over a period up to 28 days, which, when combined, were found to block infection in human cells exposed to the virus in a laboratory setting.

"The combination of these antiviral drugs has proven to be potent agents that may block infection by the HIV virus," Saxena said. The study, published in the journal AIDS, said the ring is also incorporated with compounds that prevent conception by arresting sperm motility, raising vaginal mucous viscosity, and sustaining the acidity of the vagina in which sperm do not survive.

Internet



Two sands artists work at their sand sculpture 'Ephemeral heroes' in the garden of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 19 May, 2009. This sculpture is a homage to illustrious sportsmen from antiquity until now.

INTERNET

Man has third kidney transplant

NEW DELHI, 21 May — The third time around may be lucky for Jaswant of Jalandhar, India, who recently underwent another kidney transplant surgery after the first two failed. Counting his own two, the 33-year-old photographer has had five kidneys thus far.

Jaswant (last name not provided) had his third transplant surgery 40 days ago and is determined to "make it this time," the *Times of India* reported from Jalandhar in northern Punjab state.

He is fourth such patient in the country to successfully undergo three renal transplants," doctors who performed the surgery told the newspaper.

Finding kidney donors within the family has not been a problem for Jaswant. It was his older sister who donated the organ for his first transplant in 2004. The donated organ held for about a year before his body rejected it as Jaswant couldn't afford the post-surgery treatment, the report said.

Internet

Mutant genes found in childhood leukemias

MEMPHIS, 21 May — US medical scientists say they have identified mutant genes involved in high-risk childhood leukemias, possibly leading to a new therapeutic target.

Researchers said they pinpointed a new class of gene mutations that identify cases of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia that have a high risk of relapse and death. The scientists said their finding suggests specific drugs that could treat the high-risk leukemia subtype in children, particularly because such drugs are already in clinical trials for similar blood diseases in adults.

Discovery of the mutations was led by scientists from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Children's Oncology Group, the University of New Mexico and the National Cancer Institute.

"We have made such great progress in curing children with ALL that the main challenge is now the remaining high-risk patients," St. Jude Scientific Director Dr James Downing said. "We still do not know how to accurately identify these patients and effectively treat them to provide the highest chance for a cure."

Internet

AIDS patients helped by early retrovirals

STANFORD, 21 May — US medical researchers say they've determined AIDS patients with serious complications benefit from early antiretroviral treatment.

Scientists at the Stanford University School of Medicine said a multicenter trial they led determined patients testing positive for the human immunodeficiency virus who don't seek medical attention until they have a serious AIDS-related condition can reduce their risk of death or other complications by half if they get early antiretroviral treatment.

The researchers said their findings could lead to widespread changes in HIV treatment, particularly for patients diagnosed at an advanced stage.—Internet

Gene may explain why more boys have autism

LOS ANGELES, 21 May — A variant of a gene called CACNA1G may increase a child's risk of developing autism, particularly in boys, US researchers suggest. Researchers at the University of California in Los Angeles say classic autism strikes boys four times more often than girls.

However, if including the entire spectrum of autism disorders, such as the milder Asperger syndrome, boys are diagnosed 10 times more often than girls.

Dr Stanley Nelson of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and colleagues zeroed in on a region of Chromosome 17 that previous studies have tied to autism.

The research team scoured the DNA of 1,046 members of families with at least two sons affected by autism for common gene variants, Nelson says.

Internet

A second language makes a third easier

EVANSTON, 21 May — People who already speak two languages are more adept at learning a new foreign language than their monolinguals, US researchers say.

Study co-authors Viorica Marian of Northwestern University

and Margarita Kausanskaya of the University of Wisconsin-Madison said the bilingual advantage persists even if the new language they study is completely different from the languages they already know.

The researcher asked three groups of native English speakers — English-Mandarin bilinguals, English-Spanish bilinguals and monolinguals — to master words in an invented language that bore no relationship to English, Spanish or Mandarin.

The study, scheduled to be published in the August

issue of *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*, found the bilingual participants — whether English-Mandarin or English-Spanish speakers — mastered nearly twice the number of words as the monolinguals.

"It's often assumed that individuals who've learned multiple languages simply have a natural aptitude for learning languages," Marian said in a statement. "While that is true in some cases, our research shows that the experience of becoming bilingual itself makes learning a new language easier."

Internet

Fragments of antiques, among which the oldest dates back to the 5th century BC, are displayed at the Athens archeological museum after being returned to Greece from Germany, Belgium and Great Britain.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Shakhtar Donetsk prevail in UEFA Cup finale

ISTANBUL, 21 May — An extra-time goal from Brazilian midfielder Jadson earned Shakhtar Donetsk a 2-1 victory over Werder Bremen in the UEFA Cup final here on Wednesday to clinch the Ukrainian side's first European title.

Jadson's 15-yard shot slipped through the grasp of Werder goalkeeper Tim Wiese in the 97th minute after the teams had been locked 1-1 at the end of normal time.

The Germans thought they had snatched an equaliser in the last minute of the additional period, only for on-loan Chelsea striker Claudio Pizarro's bundled effort to be ruled out for a foul on Dmytro Chygrynskiy.

Internet



Werder Bremen's German midfielder and captain Torsten Frings (L) duels with Shakhtar Donetsk's Polish midfielder Mariusz Lewandowski during their UEFA Cup final football match at Fenerbahce Sukru Saracoglu stadium in Istanbul. —INTERNET

Giggs sees United thriving long after he has gone

MANCHESTER, 21 May — Ryan Giggs's contribution to Manchester United this season has been significant enough for him to have collected the English players' Player of the Year award.

But the veteran Welsh winger believes the current United squad will continue to thrive, long after he has called time on a career that has already delivered 11 Premier League winners' medals and a record number of appearances for his one and only club. Sir Alex Ferguson's team have already wrapped up a third consecutive Premier League title and they are looking to retain their Champions League crown with another final against Barcelona.

Having already lifted European football's biggest prize twice, Giggs knows that, at 35, there will not be

too many more evenings like Wednesday in Rome. But he is confident that the youthful nature of United's current squad means that the club could be in for several years of domestic and European dominance. —Internet



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Henry, Iniesta confident of Champions League final fitness

MADRID, 21 May — Thierry Henry and Andres Iniesta should be fit to face Manchester United in the Champions League final if their recovery from injury continues on schedule, Barcelona said on Wednesday.

The French striker and the Spanish midfielder "continue the process of recovery" with "the intention and the will" to play in the final in Rome, a Barcelona spokesman told AFP on Wednesday. They should achieve their goal if "nothing" affects their recovery, he said. —Internet



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INTERNET

Eduardo back for next season after more surgery

LONDON, 21 May — Arsenal's Croatian striker Eduardo Da Silva, who suffered a horrific leg break last year, has undergone fresh surgery but should be fit for the start of next season, the club said on Wednesday.

The operation, carried out in Amsterdam, involved the removal of metal screws that were placed in his left ankle following the injury.

"Eduardo underwent simple revision surgery on his left ankle," Arsenal said in a statement. "The operation went well and Eduardo will follow a dedicated rehabilitation programme throughout June." —Internet



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Sharapova happy to be back in business

WARSAW, 21 May — Maria Sharapova insisted on Wednesday the long hours she spent recovering from a crippling shoulder injury will reap rich rewards with



Maria Sharapova, continued her successful return to the WTA circuit on Wednesday with a confident 6-2, 6-0 victory over Darya Kustova of Belarus which took her into the quarter-finals.

INTERNET

more Grand Slam titles to add to the three she's already captured.

The former world number one showed no signs of rust, and a dazzling array of powerful groundstrokes, as she stormed into the quarter-finals of the Warsaw claycourt tournament with a 6-2, 6-0 thrashing of Darya Kustova of Belarus.

Internet

Nadal cautious ahead of French Open

MADRID, 21 May — World number one Rafael Nadal was cautiously optimistic Wednesday as he left for Paris where he has the chance to become the first man to claim five successive French Open titles.

"I expect to play well. And we will see if I am ready to win or not, but of course it would please me very much to win it for the fifth consecutive time," he told reporters at the airport at Palma de Majorca. "If I play at my best level, I think I can have a good result in Paris, and if this is not the case, I must take it calmly because this has been a good year for me." —Internet



Spanish Rafael Nadal, was cautiously optimistic on Wednesday as he left for Paris where he has the chance to become the first man to claim five successive French Open titles.

INTERNET

Moscow heartache the spur for Park

MANCHESTER, 21 May — Park Ji-Sung has admitted that missing out on last season's Champions League final was more painful than either of the two serious knee injuries he has suffered in his career. And the Korean ace is desperate to make up for it by ensuring he is on Sir Alex Ferguson's team-sheet for this year's final, against Barcelona in Rome next week.

Ferguson has described the decision to leave Park out of the 18-man matchday squad for last season's final win over Chelsea in Moscow as one of the hardest he has made in more than three decades as a manager. But Park has continued to perform consistently for United this season and has been regularly involved in key games for the Old Trafford club.

Earlier in the season, Ferguson insisted that Park would be in his starting line-up if United reached the Champions League final again. —Internet

Heynckes plays down Bayern title hopes

BERLIN, 21 May — Bayern Munich's caretaker coach Jupp Heynckes on Wednesday said that he does not think his side can overhaul league leaders Wolfsburg to win the German title.

"I can't see anyone taking the title off Wolfsburg," Heynckes told the Rheinischen Post in an article to be published on Thursday. Going into the final day of the Bundesliga season on Saturday, Bayern are two points behind Wolfsburg in second place.

In order to win what would be their 22nd German title, Bayern must beat third-placed Stuttgart, with whom they are level on points, and hope



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Wolfsburg lose at home for the first time this season against UEFA Cup finalists Werder Bremen.

Internet

**KAW SILIADEVI (72) YEARS**

Wife of Mr. S. ARYA Lecturer (Retd.) YIT, Advisor/Head of Dept (Rtd.) DSTU; Mother of Shri Pati (MD-PANHLAHLA Co., Ltd) & Gita; Lal Muni & Dharam Raj; Shri Kisum & Kisun Chenell (Perth); Sharada & Jacob Kurian; Shri Mani & Shakuntala; Aunty of Ram Raj Singh; Subas; Ram Pratap; Grand Mother of 15 children, expired at 6.50 Am on 21-05-2009 at Bahosi Medical Centre, Yangon. Funeral at 1.30 PM at Ye Wai Hindu Cemetery, the same day. PRAYER MEETING & BHANDARA (Mass Feeding) on Sunday 24.05.2009, from 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM at No.A-4,459/469 Lower Pazundaung Road Residence, Yangon.



A visitor looks at an installation involving 80 hair dryers in the Chinese capital, Beijing.
INTERNET

Philippine officials seize 3.5 tons of elephant tusks

MANILA, 21 May—Philippine Customs authorities have seized an estimated 3.5 tons of elephant tusks from two containers sent from Tanzania, one of the largest such consignments found in the country, officials said on Wednesday.

The consignment arrived in Manila in March and immediately drew suspicion because it was said to contain plastic, said Customs police chief Nestorio Gualberto. “What kind of plastic materials does Tanzania produce?” he said. “We suspected right away that these were elephant tusks”. No one came to claim the consignment and there have been no arrests.

Officials said some of the tusks weighed as much as 25 kilos each. They valued the consignment at over two million US dollars, although that appears to be a conservative estimate given that in some countries prices are at or above 1,500 US dollars per kilo.—MNA/Reuters

**MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(22.5.2009) (Friday)**

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

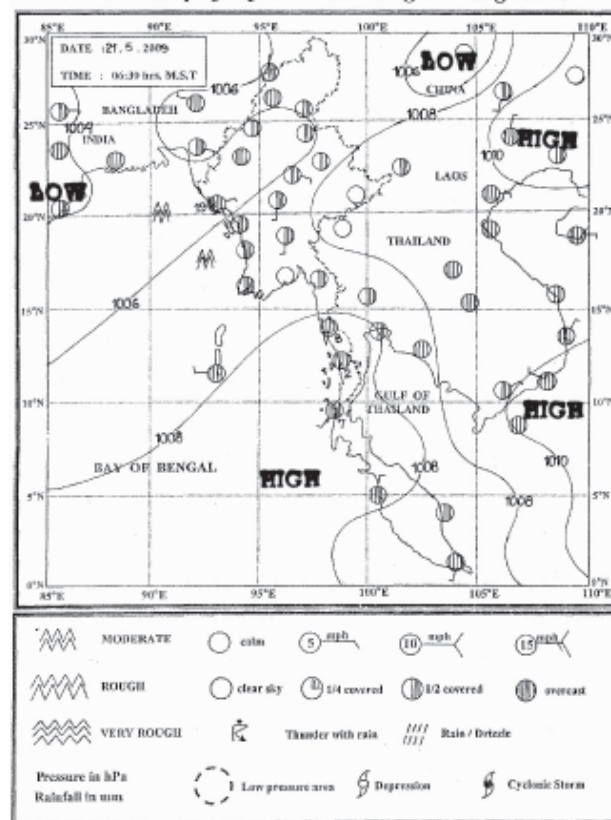
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Hydropower Projects in Myanmar
- * Pa-O Traditional Bag
- * Mandalay, A Close distance
- * Nipa Palm Forest
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Road network speed up Commodity Flow
- * Kachin Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- * A Salient Myin Ma Hti
- * Let's Talk About Lahu Nationals
- * Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
- * Myanmar Musical Orchestra (Brass Gong)
- * Alms Food Offering Ceremony of Southern Kyaye Chaung Village
- * Fabulous Bagan (IV)
- * Hydropower Projects in Myanmar
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- * Elephant Survey in Hukaung Tiger Reserve
- * Fabulous Bagan (V)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**WEATHER**

Thursday, 21 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 Mon State and Ayeyawady Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Yangon Division, isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin States and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Belin (6.34) inches, Pyapon (2.01) inches, Hinthada (1.34) inches and Gwa (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2009 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2009 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 20-5-2009 was (5.8) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 21-5-2009 was (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (4.17) inches at Mingaladon, (4.69) inches at Kaba-Aye and (6.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from South at (15:30) hour MST on 20-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd May 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Deltaic, Gulf Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 22 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. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကဏ္ဍနည်း

8:10 am

6. ကြေးမုံရိပ်သွင်တေးနယဉ်

8:20 am

7. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့”
(ဖိုးဖြူ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:30 am

8. International News

8:40 am

9. “လျှပ်စစ်ဖြင့်အလှဆင်မည့် ရေလှောင်တမံစီမံကိန်းကြီးများ”

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of National

Races**4:20 pm**

3. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:35 pm

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:45 pm

5. Musical programme

5:00 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:15 pm

7. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

8. Song of Yester year

5:30 pm

9. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကဏ္ဍကြမယ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

18. သီချင်းချစ်သူ



Inter-District Road (2) to improve living conditions of rural folks

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Maung Maung Thant

Now, the government is implementing the Five Rural Development Programmes to improve the living standard of rural people: smooth transport, supply of safe water, promotion of education, better health care and economic growth.

Surely, the programme for smooth transport will help improve the socio-economic life of the people of rural areas that lag behind other regions in development. As part of the drive, the government is now building inter-village, inter-township, and inter-district roads.

Under the arrangements of Chairman of Thazi Township Peace and Development Council U Pauk Kyaw and officials of the township Development Affairs Committee, our media team from the
(See page 11)



Gravel road section at mile post No. 100/4 of Inter-District Road (2) in Thazi Township.

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Love your mother country

Our country is not a developed one yet, so what should we do, then? We all have to work harder and harder till we achieve our goal. We have to strive for generating better opportunities for younger generations.

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Robotic therapy holds promise for cerebral palsy

SCIENCE DAILY, 21 May — Over the past few years, MIT engineers have successfully tested robotic devices to help stroke patients learn to control their arms and legs. Now, they're building on that work to help children with cerebral palsy.



A young patient tests out an MIT-developed robotic therapy device at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Westchester Country, N Y.

"Robotic therapy can potentially help reduce impairment and facilitate neuro-development of youngsters with cerebral palsy," says Hermano Igo Krebs, principal research scientist in mechanical engineering and one of the project's leaders. Krebs and others at MIT, including professor of mechanical engineering Neville Hogan, pioneered the use of robotic therapy in the late 1980s, and since then the field has taken off.

"We started with stroke because it's the biggest elephant in the room, and then started to build it out to other areas, including cerebral palsy as well as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injury," says Krebs.

Internet

Area of brain that makes a 'people person' discovered

OSLO, 21 May — Cambridge University researchers have discovered that whether someone is a 'people-person' may depend on the structure of their brain: the greater the concentration of brain tissue in certain parts of the brain, the more likely they are to be a warm, sentimental person.

Why is it that some of us really enjoy the company of others while some people are detached and independent? In an effort to explore these questions, Maël Lebreton and colleagues from the Cambridge Department of Psychiatry, in collaboration with Oulu University, Finland, examined

the relationship between personality and brain structure in 41 male volunteers.

Internet



Whether someone is a 'people-person' may depend on the structure of their brain, researchers have discovered.

Significant day temperature

Chauk 42°C

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Bilin
6.34 inches

Pyapon
2.01 inches

Hinthada
1.34 inches

Gwa
0.79 inch