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Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on departure for Republic of Korea

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 4 p.m today on the Prime Minister's departure for the Republic of Korea to attend the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit and ASEAN-ROK CEO Summit to be held in Jeju Island at the invitation of Mr Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.

Together with the Senior General, who saw off the Prime Minister, were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, the Director-General of the SPDC Office and heads of department, Charge d' Affaires ai of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Chung In-Gyun and officials.

The Prime Minister-led delegation comprises Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, the Director General of the Government Office and departmental heads. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, who is also a member of the delegation, left for ROK on 27 May in advance.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Four political objectives

- **Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order**
- **National reconsolidation**
- **Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution**
- **Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution**

Four economic objectives

- **Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well**
- **Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system**
- **Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad**
- **The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples**

Four social objectives

- **Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation**
- **Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character**
- **Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit**
- **Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation**

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 31 May, 2009

Say no to tobacco to become healthy, fit citizens

The World Health Organization designated 31st May as World No Tobacco Day.

Health and fitness deserve careful attention from everyone, as only with health and fitness can a person improve his social life.

A notable point for public health is that the danger posed by smoking has adverse effects not only on smokers but also on passive smokers.

Once, smoking claimed casualties more than any other cause. If a person smokes for many years at a stretch, the membranes in his tongue and oral cavity will get thicker and lose sense of feeling taste of the food. In addition, smoking makes oral cavity dry and that encourages proliferation of bacteria that do not live on oxygen. If so, the smoker may get pyorrhoea in his gums.

Smoking also can cause lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, heart failure and paralytic stroke.

Women are more vulnerable to smoking. If a woman smokes while pregnant, she will be likely to suffer abortion and premature birth.

Now, a variety of ways are applied to control the abuse of cheroots and tobacco products with the aim of easing the social and economic problems, evil consequences of smoking.

The people are therefore exhorted to say no to tobacco in order that they can keep themselves healthy and fit with better social life; married persons can lead a happy married life; and the youth of the nation will become reliable citizens with high physical and intellectual calibres.

All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye on inspection tour of Magway

Lt-Gen Tha Aye views construction of main building at Magway University.

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence met division, district and township level departmental staff at the office of Magway Division Peace and Development Council on 28 May morning.

Officials concerned reported on construction and agricultural tasks and development affairs and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye fulfilled the requirements and stressed the need for cultivating patriotism in carrying out nation-building tasks. Next, he inspected the development of Magway and visited Magway University. Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with the rector, professors and faculty members and looked into construction of the main building of Magway University.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited the teaching hospital (Magway) and encouraged the students taking practical examinations. He then gave necessary instructions to the medical superintendent and officials.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye proceeded to the University of Medicine (Magway) where he inspected the lecture halls and gave necessary instructions to the rector and faculty members.

He also visited the Technological University (Magway), met with faculty members and left necessary instructions. After inspecting groundnut and other crops plantations in Magway Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye went to Natmauk. He met departmental officials, the chairman and officials of Natmauk Township Peace and Development Council at the council office and attended to the needs.

In meeting with officers and other ranks of Natmauk Station and their families at the local battalion hall, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to them.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye went along Natmauk-Pyawbwe and Yangon-Mandalay Roads and arrived back here in the evening. — *MNA*

Health Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Chairperson of i Love Myanmar Group Daw Livisat Naing Thang and members at the Ministry of Health, here, at noon today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and directors-general of the Ministry of Health.—*MNA*

***Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Chairperson of i Love Myanmar Group Daw Livisat Naing Thang and members.*—MNA**

Basic fire fighting course concludes

YANGON, 30 May—Director-General of the Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Myint Tun attended the concluding ceremony of basic fire fighting course No. (2/2009) which was held at the township gymnasium in Taze in Sagaing Division on 26 May. After extending greetings, he presented the prizes to the winners.

Likewise, the director-general also looked into Sagaing, Myinmu, ChaungU, Monywa, Ahlon Tutmyo, Budalin, Dapayin, Taze, YeU, KinU and Shwebo fire stations.

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An Afghan man throws water on a half burnt school book after school was burnt by arsonists during overnight in Daman district of Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on Thursday, 28 May, 2009. Officials say arsonists have burned down a boys school overnight in southern Kandahar.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 618

WASHINGTON, 30 May —As of Friday, 29 May, 2009, at least 618 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Friday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 456 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,304

WASHINGTON, 30 May — As of Friday, 29 May, 2009, at least 4,304 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes nine military civilians killed in action. At least 3,448 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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

Taleban kill 4 truckers, set fire on 10 trucks in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 May— Taleban militants fighting Afghan and the US-led forces in Afghanistan, attacked a supplying convoy in the southern Zabul province, killing four drivers and set on fire 10 trucks, provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Sarjang said Friday.

"A group of Taliban militants attacked a convoy of trucks in Shinkai district Thursday evening, killing four truckers and burning 10 trucks," Sarjang told Xinhua.

All the victims were Afghans, he said. He said that the trucks belonged to locals and supplied non-military logistic items to the international troops stationed in south Afghanistan.

Troops from several countries including the US, Canada, Australia, Britain and Holland have been serving in the southern region to stabilize security there.

Meantime, a Taleban purported spokesman Qari yusuf Ahmadi in talks with media from an undisclosed location claimed that 15 drivers and guards of the convoy were killed in the attack.

Taleban fighters have vowed to intensify attacks and activities this year in Afghanistan. —*Internet*

Twin roadside bombings kill four Afghan civilians, wound three police

KABUL, 30 May— Two roadside bombings rocked Kandahar, the former stronghold of Taleban in south Afghanistan on Saturday, leaving four civilians dead and injuring three police constables, an official said.

The first attack, which hit a civilian car in Khakriz district killing four civilians including a woman Saturday morning while the other attack targeted a police van in Dand district wounding three police constables, a police officer Ghulam Hazrat, told *Xinhua.*

He blamed Taleban fighters for the incidents, adding the militants carried out such attacks to destabilize the province.—*Internet*

Seven killed, 14 injured in separate bomb attacks NE Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 May — Seven people were killed and 14 others were injured in separate attacks on Friday in Diyala Province, northeast of Baghdad, a well-informed police source said.

Five people were killed and 12 others were injured in the firstattack when a parked minibus was ripped apart by blast in Khalis town in Diyala, about 75 km northeast of Baghdad, the police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. People were getting on the minibus to travel to other nearby towns when the bomb exploded on the bus at mid-day. Four women and three children were among the wounded, the source added.

Several cars and buildings nearby were damaged by the explosion, the source added.

Separately, two people were killed and two others were injured when a car were struck by a roadside bomb near Khanaqeen town in Diyala, about 60 km northeast of Baghdad.

Diyala has long been the hotbed of insurgency since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, despite the ongoing security crackdown in the province conducted by US-backed Iraqi security forces.—*Internet*

An Afghan man stands next to ruins as he looks at Canadian soldiers on patrol at Bazaar e Panjwai in Kandahar 28 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Bomb kills four north of Baghdad, say Iraqi police

BAGHDAD, 30 May —A bomb exploded inside a bus station north of Baghdad on Friday, killing at least four people and wounding 10, police said, the deadliest in a series of attacks in northern Iraq.

A US soldier also was killed Friday in a grenade attack, raising to at least 22 the number of American troop deaths so far in May. That's the deadliest month for US forces in Iraq since September, when 25 died.

The grenade detonated near a US patrol in the northern province of Ninevah, the military said in a statement, providing no further details.

Insurgent activity has persisted in northern Iraq despite several US-Iraqi military operations.

Friday's bus station bomb was attached to a car parked inside the station in the Shiite enclave of Khalis, according to local police and a report from the provincial security headquarters. Police officers gave the casualty toll on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

The US military said the attack occurred near a vegetable market, killing at least one person and wounding 14. Conflicting casualty tolls are common in the chaotic aftermath of bombings in Iraq.

Internet

File photo shows Hussein Mohammed points to the charred ground outside the home where the body of his teenaged neighbor Abeer Qassim al-Janabi was burned after she was raped and killed along with her parents and 6 year-old sister by four US soldiers in Mahmoudiya, Iraq. Relatives of a murdered Iraqi family will get a chance Thursday, 28 May, 2009 to tell a federal judge how the deaths affected them.
INTERNET

US economy shrinks at 5.7% pace in Q1

WASHINGTON, 30 May—The US economy sank at a 5.7-percent rate in the first quarter, slightly less deep than the 6.1-percent annualized decline estimated last month, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Despite the slight improvement, the first-quarter performance was still grim. It marked the second straight quarter where the economy took a big hit. At the end of 2008, the economy shrank at a whopping 6.3-percent pace, the most in 25 years.

In the first quarter, American consumers, who had tightened their purse strings for two consecutive quarters, boosted their spending by 1.5 percent but less than the 2.2-percent growth rate estimated a month ago.

"The decrease in real GDP in the first quarter primarily reflected negative contributions from exports, equipment and software, private inventory investment, nonresidential structures, and residential fixed investment that were partly offset by a positive contribution from personal consumption expenditures," the Commerce Department said.

Meanwhile, business spending on equipment and software plunged 33.5 percent. That was steeper than the 28.1-percent drop in the final quarter of last year and the most since the first quarter of1958.—*Internet*

NY off-duty police officer killed by fellow cop

NEW YORK, 30 May—An off-duty rookie police officer was killed by a fellow cop Thursday night in a shooting in East Harlem of New York City in what appears to be a case of mistaken identity. Police said the 25-year-old officer, Omar Edwards, married and father of two small children, was confronting suspect Miguel Santiago, who has five prior arrests for drugs, assault and robbery.

When Edwards was approaching his car at about 10:30 p.m. local time, he saw Santiago breaking into his car. Edwards called 911, drew his gun and started chasing Santiago. Plainclothes officers responded to the scene and fired six rounds at Edwards, hitting him in the arm and chest. He was not wearing a bullet proof vest at the time.—*MNA/Xinhua*

One of the lanes of 'La Democracia' bridge over the Ulua river, built by the French in 1963, had its central section collapse due to an earthquake in El Progreso, 270 km north of Tegucigalpa. A powerful 7.1-magnitude earthquake rocked the economic and tourist heart of Honduras, killing five, wounding at least 13, and shaking neighboring countries as far away as Mexico.—INTERNET

Two bombs explode in Ecuador, causing no injuries

QUITO, 30 May—Two pamphlet-bombs exploded Thursday night targeting the buildings of a TV channel and the Ecuadorian Education Ministry without reports of victims and major damages, Ecuadorian police said on Friday.

Both explosions were registered at around 23:00 local time on Thursday (0500 GMT on Friday) in the north of Quito. The first explosive device blew up at the gardens of the right-wing TV channel Teleamazonas, where some 50 people were working, but none of them were injured.

The second was detonated at the headquarters of the Education Ministry. The pamphlets found at both explosion sites were against the government, police general commander Freddy Martinez said.

Jorge Ortiz, Teleamazonas' presenter of the morning news, said that the TV channel wanted "to announce, once again, that despite all the threats, attacks and incomprehension, the channel will not change by any means it decision of continuing being an independent channel from the political power, to inform without fear, with objectivity, pluralism and opening."— *Internet*

An Iraqi child fills a cooking pot with water from a stand pipe in Baghdad, 2005. Iraq is to ask Iran and Turkey to help it fend off potentially deadly thirst and heat this summer by supplying the water and electricity it needs.—INTERNET

Hezbollah leader promises stronger Lebanon

BEIRUT, 30 May—Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah told supporters Friday in Beirut his group will strengthen the Lebanese Army if it wins political power.

Nasrallah also said Lebanon and Israel could become involved in armed conflict again, although he called the possibility "far off," Ynetnews reported.

In his speech, which commemorated the ninth anniversary of the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon, Nasrallah promised Hezbollah would "arm the Lebanese Army and make it strong." He also said Iran would "gladly" offer military aid.

Nasrallah accused Israel of trying to create sectarian conflict in Lebanon by blaming Hezbollah for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. A story suggesting evidence points to Hezbollah ran recently in the German magazine Der Spiegel.

Many in the audience of thousands chanted "Death to Israel" during the speech.—*Internet*

18 Taleban fighters, six Afghan soldiers killed in clash

KABUL, 30 May— 24 people including 18 suspected Taleban militants have been killed as fighting flared up in Afghanistan's northwest Badghis province, provincial governor Dulbar Jan Arman said Saturday.

"Taliban fighters ambushed a unit of national army soldiers in Balamurghab district Friday and troops returned fire leaving 18 Taliban rebels dead," Arman told *Xinhua*. Six Afghan soldiers were killed in the firefight lasted for several hours, he added. Several Taleban insurgents and five Afghan troopers sustained injuries in the conflicts, he added.—*Internet*

People watch the dragon boat race held on Liujiang River in Liuzhou City of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 28 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Indian Navy foils attack on Cargo ship, two pirates killed

NEW DELHI, 30 May—An Indian Navy ship has thwarted a pirate attack on a merchant vessel with 10 Indian crew in the Gulf of Aden in which two of the eight Somali sea brigands are feared killed and the rest arrested, Navy sources said Friday. The attack on the Norwegian-owned merchant vessel — *M V Maud*, flying the Liberian flag — took place about 225 nautical miles east of Aden around 1300 hours IST Thursday, the sources said.

INS Talwar, a guided missile frigate, was escorting a three-vessel group in the international recommended transit corridor in the Gulf of Aden when *Maud* crew noticed an eight-member pirate gang in a skiff approaching towards it. The vessel's captain sent a distress signal to Talwar, which rushed a helicopter to ward off the piracy attack.—*MNA/PTI*

Schwarzenegger proposes 5% cut in California employee salaries

LOS ANGELES, 30 May—Amid a worsening budget crisis, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed a 5-cent cut in state workers' salaries, a newspaper report said on Friday.

The governor's proposed salary reduction would affect 235,000 state workers who already are taking mandatory unpaid furloughs to help the state grapple with a projected budget gap of 24.3 billion US dollars, according to the *Los Angeles Times.*

Combined with the furloughs, ordered by Schwarzenegger earlier this year, the new proposed salary cuts would push many state employees' wages down by about 15 percent, saving the state 470 million dollars, said the paper.

"Everyone in the state is cutting back right now — businesses, families," said Matt David, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger. "The governor feels it's very important that state workers do the same thing."

Meanwhile, Schwarzenegger is considering to close 220 California state parks that draw nearly 80 millions of visitors every year.

Schwarzenegger this week recommended eliminating 70 million dollars in parks spending through 30 June, 2010. An additional 143.4 million dollars would be saved in the following fiscal year by keeping the parks closed.

Xinhua

***Combine harvesting machines reap wheat crops in the expanse of farmland in Sanjing Village in Tancheng County, east China's Shandong Province, on 29 May, 2009.*—XINHUA**

All items from Xinhua News Agency

***Students cheer during an International Children's Day activity in Ditan Park in Beijing, China, on 29 May, 2009. A garden party with the theme of focusing on youth life and health to celebrate the International Children's Day was held here attracting nearly 20,000 children and parents.* —XINHUA**

Sino-Arab relations are very much valued

UNITED NATIONS, 30 May—The exponential growth in trade and strategic relations between China and the Arab world is highly valued at the League of Arab States and will not come at the expense of relations with the United States, the secretary-general of the League of Arab States said at a press conference here on Friday.

"We value very much our relationship with China," Secretary-General Amre Moussa, told *Xinhua*. "We can have good relations, growing trade and growing economic investments with China and America at the same time."

China is now the largest exporter to the Arab world, overtaking the United States for the first time since the 1960s. Trade between China and Arab countries jumped from 36.7 billion US dollars in 2004, when the Sino-Arab Cooperation Forum was launched, to 132.8 billion dollars last year.

In the past, particularly during the Bush administration, the Arab world became increasingly disenchanted with America's lackluster role in the Israel-Palestine conflict. But US President Barack Obama offers renewed hope that peace talks will progress.

"The previous administration waited six years (before addressing the crisis)," said Moussa. "Now (the Obama) administration has started engaging right away. This is encouraging because all of us have suffered from certain policies in the past."

Xinhua

Major US car parts suppliers file for bankruptcy

DETROIT, 30 May—Two Michigan-based major US auto parts suppliers have filed for bankruptcy, as demand for cars plunged to decades' low levels in North America.

Visteon, former parts-making unit of Ford Motors, has filed for bankruptcy protection in Delaware. The company confirmed on Thursday that it will get financing support from Ford during bankruptcy.

Ford is the only one of the three largest US automakers that is not being driven into bankruptcy.

Meanwhile, chassis manufacturer Metaldyne Corp, a unit of Japan's Asahi Tec Corp, announced on Wednesday that it was filing to the New York bankruptcy court.

Metaldyne, whose largest unsecured creditor with a 27.5-million-US-dollar claim is Chrysler, has accumulated 929 million dollars in liabilities since 31 Dec. Asahi Tec said in a statement to the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Visteon has been losing money in the past nine years since its spinning-off from Ford in June 2000. According to its Chapter 11 filings, the company has 4.58 billion dollars in assets and 5.32 billion dollars in liabilities, including 862 million dollars owed to bondholders.—*Xinhua*

***The Soyuz TMA-15 spacecraft fires its steering thrusters as it closes in on the International Space Station (ISS) for docking in this view from aboard the station in this image from NASA TV on 29 May, 2009. The Russian spacecraft blasted off on Wednesday on a mission that will double the permanent crew of the ISS to six for the first time.*—XINHUA**

Renault, Nissan to strengthen alliance for 1.5 bln euro cost savings

PARIS, 30 May—French second largest auto maker Renault SA and Japanese Nissan Motor Co announced Friday they will strengthen their alliance with a goal of an extra 1.5 billion euros (about 2.1 billion US dollars) in cost savings this year, the two companies said in a statement.

Renault-Nissan Alliance was to "accelerate and deepen" the cooperation, which was expected to get both companies through the global economic crisis, the statement said."Today, we must move faster," said Carlos Ghosn, the chairman of the alliance. "Seeking synergies is no longer optional, but mandatory."According to the statement, the 2009 savings will be shared equally between the two partners.—*Xinhua*

Brazil launches rocket to test launching base

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 May—The Brazilian Space Agency (AEB) on Friday launched a rocket to test the facilities at the Alcantara Launching Center, the AEB said. The launching, which took place on Friday afternoon, was "a complete success", AEB said in a statement.

The mission was code-named Maracati 1 under a partnership between Brazil and Germany. It was the first launch from the Alcantara base since 2007.

The rocket, named Orion 1, was developed by Germany. It was equipped with tracking devices and reached 93 kilometers high before falling into the sea about 80 kilometers off the Brazilian coast.

Xinhua

Sudan: Almost 250 people killed in tribal clashes

KHARTOUM (Sudan), 30 May — Fighting between rival Arab tribes in western Sudan's oil-rich Kordofan region killed almost 250 people over two days earlier this week, including 75 policemen, Sudan's interior minister said.

Tribal clashes over cattle grazing and water rights is common across Sudan, but the violence has grown worse over the years with the number of arms left over from the two-decade long civil war between the north and the south that ended in 2005.

The Messariah and Rezeigat tribes that clashed Tuesday and Wednesday straddle the border region between southern Kordofan and neighboring Darfur, where a separate conflict that has claimed 300,000 lives has raged for more than six years.Interior Minister Hamed Ibrahim told the Cabinet on Thursday that in addition to the police, 169 tribesman were killed in the fighting, including 89 from the Messariah and 80 from the Rezeigat. Calm has now returned to the area, he was quoted as saying by the state news agency.—*Internet*

***Survivors of bomb blasts on Thursday lie on their beds at a hospital in Zahedan, 1076 km southeast of Teheran, on 28 May, 2009.—*INTERNET**

Two killed in Nigerian military aircraft crash

LAGOS, 30 May — A military aircraft belonging to the Nigeria Air Force (NAF) crashed Thursday in northern Nigeria's Kaduna State, killing two officers, the Lagos-based Guardian newspaper reported Friday. The officers are a Group Captain and a Flying Officer. The aircraft which is known as Air Beetle is used for training by the NAF. It crashed at about 3:00 pm local time.

As at press time, the reason for the crash was unknown.—*Internet*

Ship sinks off Indonesia's coast, at least nine dead

JAKARTA, 30 May — Rescuers searched for survivors Friday after a wooden boat packed with Afghan migrants sank off western Indonesia, killing at least nine people and leaving 11 others missing, the Navy said.

More than a dozen Afghans have been found alive in the Malacca Strait, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from land, said Al Muhfid, a navy second lieutenant. Most were plucked from the choppy waters by fishermen immediately after Thursday's accident.

The Afghan men, including several who were badly hurt, told authorities they had flown from Afghanistan to Malaysia, where human traffickers offered to help them get by boat to Australia, where they hoped to start a new life.

But nine hours into the journey, as they were nearing Indonesia's coast of Sumatra to refuel, they encountered a dark, thick haze triggered by land-clearing forest fires. They slammed into a fishing platform, putting the boat off balance.

"Just then, they were hit by high waves and the boat capsized," said Muhfid, adding that at least nine people were killed and 11 others remain missing.

Survivors told investigators they wanted to seek political asylum in Indonesia because of the security situation in their homeland, he said, but no decision has yet been made. More interviews need to be carried out with immigration officials, he said.—*Internet*

Oil hits 6-month high above $66 on economic hopes

NEW YORK, 30 May — Oil rose to a six-month high above $66 per barrel on Friday, marking its largest monthly percentage gain in more than a decade, after US, Japanese and Indian data suggested the economic downturn may be easing.

Oil prices jumped around 30 percent this month, the largest monthly rise since March 1999, buoyed by expectations of a global economic recovery later this year, which helped push stock markets higher.

US crude oil for July delivery settled up $1.23 at $66.31, its highest settlement since 4 November, after earlier hitting $66.47, the highest intraday trade since 5 November.

London Brent crude settled up $1.13 at $65.52, its highest settle since 4 November.

Internet

Bong! Big Ben rings in its 150th anniversary

Defiantly low-tech yet accurate to the second, Big Ben is having its 150th birthday Sunday 31 May, 2009, its Victorian chimes carrying the sound of Britain into the 21st century.

It's a birthday the world can share in. The peals of London's favourite clock are carried globally by BBC radio, and its 315-foot tower, roughly 16 stories, is the city's most famous landmark.

But getting inside and seeing Big Ben, the sonorous main bell that gives its name to the whole contraption, isn't easy. Security measures mean few are granted admission, and there's no elevator, so those who are escorted in must climb 334 winding limestone stairs.

Catherine Moss, who took journalists on a pre-anniversary tour, said that in one year as a Big Ben guide, she had climbed the height of Everest three times over. "It's my own private step machine," the trim-looking 51-year-old called down from the top of the tower.

No special events are planned, aside from an exhibition opening 19 Sept in the nearby parliamentary offices.

The Big Ben bell is seen inside St Stephens tower of the Houses of Parliament, in central London.

Iowa man charged after allegedly eating bag of pot

A man has been arrested in the Iowa City area after police say he tried to eat a bag of marijuana to avoid drug charges. University Heights police said the man was pulled over early Sunday for a traffic violation. Police said the officers noticed a marijuana odor on his breath, and a green, leafy substance on his shirt.

Police Chief Ron Fort said the officers then discovered the man had a partially eaten plastic bag in his mouth.

Fort said the suspect eventually gagged, and a medium sized bag came out of his mouth.

The man was charged with preventing apprehension and obstructing prosecution and third-offense drug possession.

Pittsburgh student used snake as jump rope

Pittsburgh police say a high school student is facing charges for using a biology class snake as a jump rope.

Police say the incident happened Monday at Taylor Allderdice (ahl-DER'-dys) High School.

Police aren't identifying the 17-year-old suspect because he's being charged in juvenile court. The boy will be charged with theft and cruelty to animals.

The animal survived the ordeal and was being examined by a veterinarian.

Pittsburgh Public School officials on Tuesday were not immediately able to say what kind of snake it was.

A one-month-old Asian elephant calf born in Moscow Zoo takes its first lenghty walk under the watchful gaze of his mother.

NEWS ALBUM

Actresses play Korean folk drum in Beishan Park in Jilin, northeast China's Jilin Province.

Glass water bowl and sun start fire at Wash home

Fire officials in Washington state said a sunny day and a dog's glass water bowl combined to cause a blaze that charred the back of a home. Bellevue Fire Department Lt Eric Keenan said investigators determined the glass bowl of water focused sunlight enough to act like a magnifying glass and start the fire on the home's wood deck Sunday.

Investigators said there was no electrical wiring or other possible cause.

The homeowners were away, but neighbors noticed the smoke and flames. The family dog was rescued. Damage is estimated at $215,000.

Lush and green Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township

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

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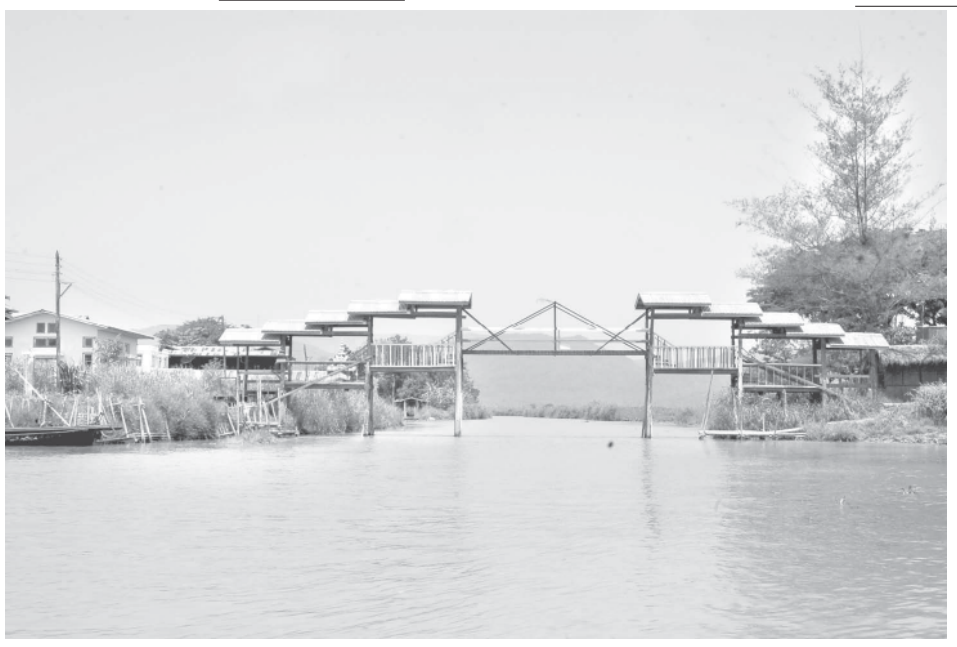
The news team also witnessed the removal of water hyacinths by over 20 people in the lake. In enquiring them, they said that they are villagers from Pyabin Village of Thabyebin Village-tract. They are collectively unblocking water hyacinths from the water way from the village to the lake, they said. Due to their works, only a few number of water hyacinths and garbage flow into the lake. It is necessary to remove water hyacinths and garbage from the lake six times a year, and it is necessary to take three to four days to carry out the cleaning task, explained U Kyaw Sein of Pyabin Village.

We carry out removal of water hyacinths and garbage six times a year.
U Kyaw Sein, Pyabin Village.

Bungalows built in traditional style in Inlay Lake.



A bridge linking villages seen in Inlay Lake.

At many places in the lake, we saw signboards to refrain from throwing garbage into the lake. A large number of local and foreign tourists are visiting the lake. If there is no control of the throwing of garbage into the lake, the beauty of the lake and ecosystem will deteriorate soon. Therefore, the disciplines for throwing garbage were adopted there. The residents of the lake always participate in keeping the lake clean.

Local people told us that they are responsible for keeping Inlay Lake clean and pleasant. For greening 20-mile radius of Inlay Lake, the project supervisory committee is undertaking its main tasks: conservation of natural forests, establishment of forest plantations, prevention of landslides and silting, making sure that water of the lake is clean and clear, control of extended construction of buildings, conservation of birds and animals, inspection of tasks and giving educative talks. While visiting the lake, we saw dredgers in action to remove silt.

We witnessed thriving tomato plantations on the floating islands. Boats carried a large number of tomatoes. The local people also grow seasonal crops. The villages around the lake are putting into practice the one-village-one-product scheme. Moreover, the villages are engaged in the tourism industry. To accommodate the local and foreign tourists in the festival period, the bungalows of floating hotels were built with the combination of traditional and modern architecture.

Indeed, Inlay Lake contributes much to development of social and economic standard of the local people. The greening and beautifying of Inlay Lake is the duty of all the residents. Continued concerted efforts are to be made for keeping the lake lush and green.

It was evening when we had covered the news around Inlay Lake. We pleasantly enjoyed the beautiful sunset.

Myanmar will continue to exist as long as the world exists. I firmly believe that Inlay Lake and its surrounding areas, a scenic beauty of Myanmar land, will be lush and green all the more.

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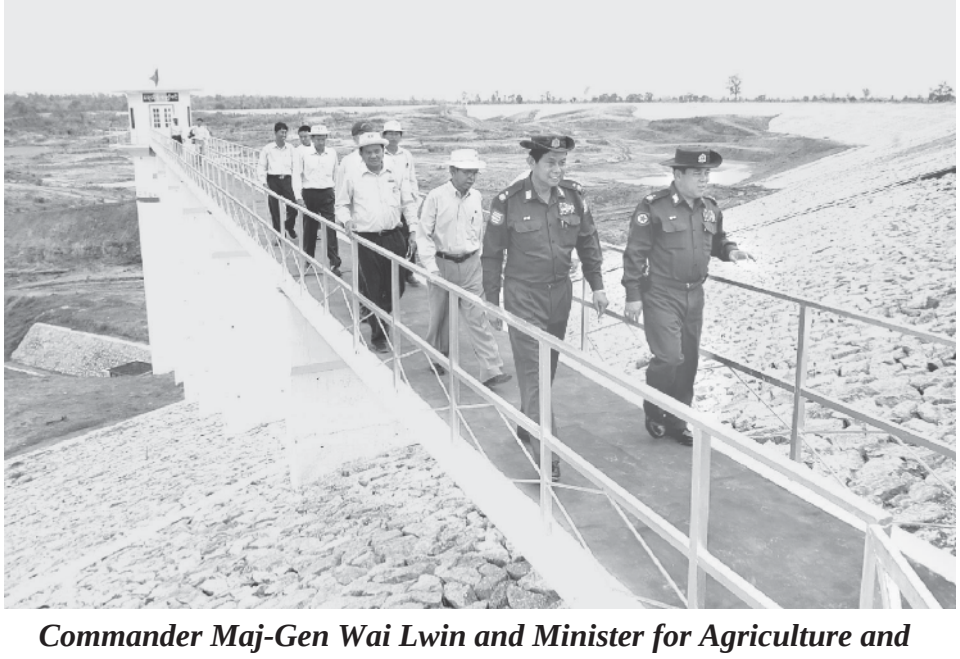
A boat in Inlay Lake seen at sunset.

Photo shows a plantation on floating island in Inlay Lake of Nyaungshwe Township.



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo at Madan Dam.—MNA

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Dam projects being implemented systematically …

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On behalf of the local people, the commander thanked the Head of State and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for systematic implementation of the dam projects in Nay Pyi Taw Command for development of the agriculture sector and for greening the region. He continued to say that in the past, summer paddy could not be grown in the region due to inadequate water supply in the summer. At present, he added that Madan Dam will supply water to monsoon paddy plantations in the rainy season if necessary, and will irrigate the summer paddy fields. In conclusion, the commander urged the local people to join hands with departmental personnel to maintain the irrigation facilities for their durability, to abide by the laws of dams and reservoirs and participate in the tasks of greening the forests in the watershed area.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveils the stone inscription of Madan Dam.—MNA

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally open Madan Dam.
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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave a speech. He said that in the agriculture sector, there was 2.5 million irrigated acres in 1988-89, and at present, the irrigated sown acreage increased up to over 5.6 million. The irrigated water can be supplied to 17.2 per cent of 28 million acres of farmlands across the nation, he said. In the past, he noted that nine village-tracts of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township grew monsoon and summer paddy, groundnut, maize, pea and vegetables on 17,127 acres of farmlands, accounting for 223.31 per cent of cultivation capacity. In conclusion, the minister said that thanks to construction of Madan Dam, the region will have the opportunity to extend its sown acreage up to 22,250, accounting for 278.13 per cent of cultivation capacity.

A local spoke words of thanks.

The commander unveiled the stone inscription of the dam and sprinkled scented water on it together with the minister. Next, they formally opened the dam.

Madan Dam built on Madan Creek is an earthen work. The main embankment is 101 feet high and 8305 feet long. The RC conduit, installed with one 6 feet by 4 feet valve, is 298 feet long. The spillway is 50 feet wide and 790 feet long. The dam can store 36,500 acres feet of water at the highest level and will irrigate 8,000 acres of farmlands.

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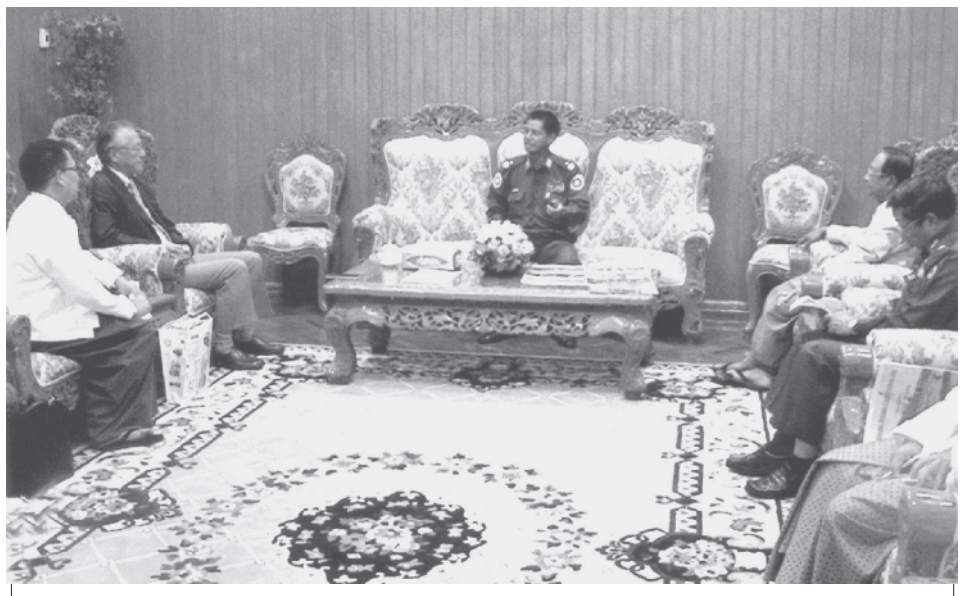
Construction Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May— Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager Mr. Masyuki Seike of JFE Engineering Corporation of Japan and party at his office on 28 May. They cordially discussed cooperation of the bridge constructions.

Also present on the occasian were Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials.—*MNA*



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr Masyuki Seike and party of JFE Engineering Corporation of Japan.

CONSTRUCTION

Relief tasks ongoing in flooded townships, Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Secretary of the National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo supervised relief tasks, health care and preventive measures against A/H1N1 in the flooded townships in Mandalay Division on 26 May.

In meeting with members of the township health committee, medical staff, members of social organizations and local people at TadaU People's Hospital, the deputy minister provided medical kits, commodes and medical pamphlets. He inspected the operation theatre, wards, private wards, medical store and labour room.

He also visited Kyaukse People's Hospital and provided medical kits, commodes and medical pamphlets.

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo presents medical kits comprising 28 kinds of medicines to Kyaukse People's Hospital.

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Forestry Minister arrives back from China

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Director-General U San Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department and Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise, on 25 May met with Minister of Forestry Mr Jia Zhibang of the People's Republic of China at the latter's office in Beijing of China and discussed matters related to forestry.

The minister also met with Chairman of China International Forestry Group Mr Zhang Zhang De and accepted documents related to 10 pickup automobiles donated by China International Forestry Group to the Ministry of Forestry of Myanmar.

On 27 May, the minister met with Director-General Mr Chen Yuhou and party of Yunnan Province Forest Administration Department at the meeting hall of Forest Administration Department in Kunming, Vice-Governor Mr Kong Chuizhu of the Yunnan Province, the director-general of the Forest Administration Department and officials of Trade Department, Forest Fire Fighting Department and forest pathology control department at the guest house of the governor in Kunming.

They discussed cooperation in technology between the two countries, conservation of natural forests, investment in local wood based factories, promotion of timber trading, eradication of illegal cross-border timber smuggling and seeking the methods to cooperate in forest fire fighting between the two countries.

On 28 May, the minister visited Wood Based Factory in Kunming and arrived back here in the evening.

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Bahan Tsp sees school enrolment day activities

YANGON, 30 May— No (3) Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education held school enrolment day ceremony at No (2) Basic Education High School in Bahan Township this morning.

Member of the Central Leading Committee for Ensuring Enrolment of All School-age Children Director-General of the Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau U Ohn Myint dealt with the work programmes, and handed over 700 sets of kindergarten textbooks worth K 140,000 donated by the Ministry of Education to Township Education Officer Daw Myint Kyi.

The secretary of the Township PDC handed over school textbooks and stationery worth K 94,000 donated by social organizations and well-wishers to the township education officer.

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Tobacco Kills

Coord meeting held to build library in Yenangyoung

YANGON, 30 May—A meeting to construct Alin Saytaman library near No. 1 Basic Education High School in Yenangyoung Township was held at the office of the director-general of Settlement and Land Records Department, here, on 9 May.

Patrons of the library construction work committee Maj-Gen Aung Khin (Retd), Sayamagyi Daw Tin Win (Dr Ma Tin Win), U Kaung, U Win Kyi (Director-General of SLRD), U Shein Win (Tetlan Construction) and U Aung Nyein (Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise), Chairman Major Htay Lwin (Retd) and party participated in the discussions on construction task.

The two-storey RC library building, 25 feet by 60 feet, will be constructed at a cost of K 40 million plus furniture and the funds worth K 20 million.

After the meeting, 14 wellwishers donated K 10.8 million to the funds.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds may contact U Win Kyi (Tel: 067-410006) and U Aung Nyein (Tel: 067-412380) in Nay Pyi Taw, U Htay Lwin (09-5091361), U Maung Maung Myat (09-5148957) and U Kyaw Htin (09-5201126) in Yangon, and U Aung Kyaw Myint (060-21118) in Yenangyoung.

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Bago Division holds school enrolment day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Bago Division held its school enrolment day ceremony at City Hall of Bago on 25 May.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min delivered a speech. The director-general of No (1) Basic Education Department presented work programmes on school enrolment day.

The commander and officials donated exercise books, stationary and cash.

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Respects to be paid to centenaries

YANGON, 30 May—Mangala Byuha Organization will mark its 12th founding anniversary and hold the fifth ceremony to pay respects to centenaries at its head office here in July.

Centenaries around the nation are to send forms stating if they can attend the ceremony or not, along with a copy of citizenship scrutiny card, copy of census form, original testimony of the ward/village Peace and Development Council concerned, and a 4" x 6 " photo to the head office on Arzarni Street in Bahan Township, Yangon, not later than 11 June.

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Stipends provided to students of staff of MCDC

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A ceremony to provide stipends, school uniforms, books and stationery for students of staff under Mandalay City Development Committee was held at the City Hall in Mandalay on 22 May afternoon.

Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han gave a speech. The mayor, wife and officials presented school uniforms, exercise books and stipends to the students.

The mayor and officials inspected repair of Yangon-Mandalay Highway, repaving of roads in Chanmyathazi and Chanayethazan Townships and functions of Malun pump station and water tank in Chanayethazan Township.—*MNA*

Foreign Affairs Dy Minister back from Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air today after attending the 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting which was held from 27 to 28 May 2009, in Phnom Penh, the Kingdom of Cambodia.

On 27 and 28 May, Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint attended the 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting.

At the meeting, delegates of the two sides discussed matters relating to strengthening of the existing co-operations in political, economic and social sectors between the two organizations. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

On 28 May, Deputy Foreign Minister U Maung Myint, together with members of Myanmar delegation, went to the Myanmar Embassy and the Office of the Military Attaché in Phnom Penh. The Deputy Foreign Minister gave instructions to the staff members to further strengthen the existing relations between Myanmar and Cambodia, and explained the recent internal developments in Myanmar.

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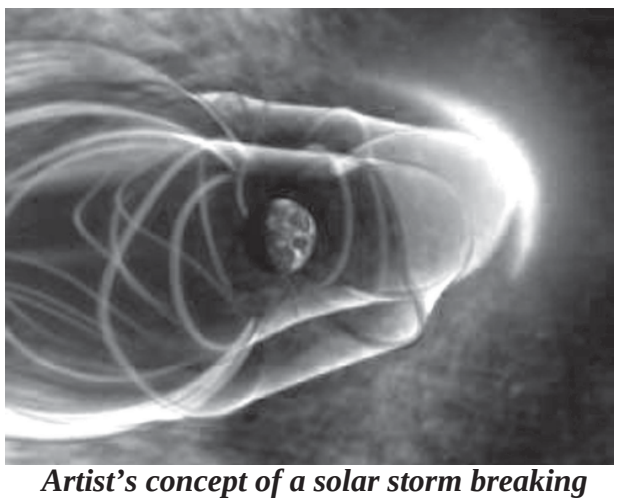
Magnetic tremors pinpoint impact epicenter of earthbound space storms



Artist's concept of a solar storm breaking through the earth's magnetic field.

EDMONTON, 30 May — Using data from NASA's THEMIS mission, a team of University of Alberta researchers has pinpointed the impact epicenter of an earthbound space storm as it crashes into the atmosphere, and given an advance warning of its arrival.

The team's study reveals that magnetic blast waves can be used to pinpoint and predict the location where space storms dissipate their massive amounts of energy. These storms can dump the equivalent of 50 gigawatts of power, or the output of 10 of the world's largest power stations, into Earth's atmosphere.

The energy that drives space storms originates on the sun. The stream of electrically charged particles in the solar wind carries this energy toward Earth. The solar wind interacts with Earth's magnetic field. Scientists call the process that begins with Earth's magnetic field capturing energy and ends with its release into the atmosphere a geomagnetic substorm.

"Substorm onset occurs when Earth's magnetic field suddenly and dramatically releases energy previously captured by the solar wind," said David Sibeck, project scientist for the Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions During Substorms (THEMIS) mission at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, Md.—*Internet*

Honey bee colony losses almost 30% from all causes

SCIENCEDAILY, 30 May — Honey bee colony losses nationwide were approximately 29 percent from all causes from September 2008 to April 2009, according to a survey conducted by the Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Honey bee pollinating an almond flower.

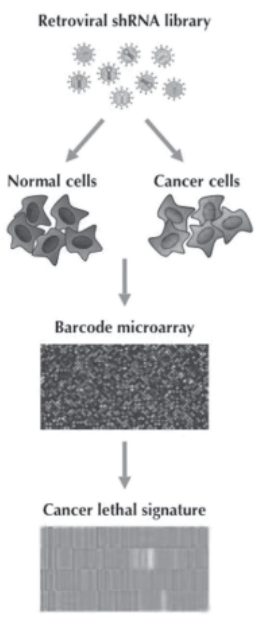
This is less than the overall losses of about 36 percent from 2007 to 2008, and about 32 percent from 2006 to 2007, that have been reported in similar surveys.

"While the drop in losses is encouraging, losses of this magnitude are economically unsustainable for commercial beekeeping," said Jeff Pettis, research leader of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. ARS is USDA's principal intramural scientific research agency. The survey was conducted by Pettis; Dennis vanEngelsdorp, president of AIA; and Jerry Hayes, AIA past president.—*Internet*

New studies reveal broad, hidden network that lets tumors thrive

CHEVY CHASE, 30 May — Howard Hughes Medical Institute researchers have identified many potential new drug targets for cancers long deemed "untouchable" due to the type of genetic mutation they contain. These studies are beginning to reveal new ways of attacking cancer by targeting a largely hidden network of normal genes that cancer cells rely on for survival.

The researchers studied cells with mutations in KRAS, the most commonly mutated gene in human cancers. KRAS, which was discovered nearly 30 years ago, is mutated in 30 percent of human tumors, including 90 percent of pancreatic cancers, 50 percent of colon cancers, and 30 percent of non-small cell lung cancers.—*Internet*



China, India hold seminar on better cooperation

BEIJING, 30 May — Around 100 officials and scholars from China and India Saturday gathered in Beijing to discuss how to boost cooperation between the two Asian giants.

"Dragon and elephant have danced together in recent years," Feng Zuoku, vice president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, said at the start of the seminar.

Dragon is usually referred to China while elephant signifies India.

As a metric of rapidly-growing ties, bilateral trade volume hit 51.78 billion US dollars in 2008, making China India's top trading partner, Feng said.

Feng said both countries made breakthroughs in military and security cooperation and enjoyed huge potential in cooperation in information technology, culture, education, finance, science and counter-terrorism.

The two-day seminar aimed at examining the merits and faults in the development of both countries and enhancing mutual understanding.

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Tourists stroll at the lantern-decorated Shantang Street of Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 May, 2009. The ancient city met many tourists during the national holiday of the Dragon Boat Festival, or Duanwu Festival.—INTERNET

Tourists watch a traditional folk dance in Sanhe Township, in Feixi County, east China's Anhui Province, on 28 May, 2009. The folk custom culture activities presented in tourism spots around China attracted so many tourists. —INTERNET

An Iraqi child shot dead in restive Diyala despite massive offensives

BAQUBA, 30 May — A six-year-old child was shot dead and four Iraqi soldiers were wounded in two attacks in the volatile province of Diyala, which witnesses a month-long security operation, a local security source said on Saturday.

Unknown armed men opened fire on the child near his house in a village near the city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The police is investigating the motive behind the murder, although the police believe that it could be that his father is a member of the Awakening Council group, which fights Qaida militants in the village, the source said.—*Internet*

Two murderers escape Ark prison in guard uniforms

GRADY (Ark), 30 May — Arkansas authorities are searching for two convicted murderers who walked out of a prison after dressing up like corrections officers.

Corrections department spokeswoman Dina Tyler says Jeffrey Grinder and Calvin Adams escaped Friday evening from a prison in Grady. Both men were serving life sentences without the possibility of parole.

Tyler says the guard uniforms the inmates put on are made in the prison. She says the men put them on in the prison library and walked out of the prison during a shift change.

Tyler says 32-year-old Grinder and 39-year-old Adams drove away in a maroon or burgundy colored, 4-door sedan that had been left for them.

Grinder was convicted of murder in 2004, and Adams was convicted in 1995. Both men have family in Arkansas and out of state.

Internet

Brand new Chrysler vehicles sit in a lot at the Belvidere Assembly plant in Illinois. A US court is set to rule Monday on whether to allow the sale of US auto giant Chrysler to a group led by Italy's Fiat, the presiding judge has said.—INTERNET

Dozens of whales beach on South African shore

CAPE TOWN (South Africa), 30 May—Scientists decided to kill more than 30 beached whales that resisted frantic efforts to push them back out to sea near South Africa's storm-lashed southern tip, media reported Saturday.

Nan Rice, head of the Dolphin Action and Protection group said 20 pilot whales were successfully rescued, but there was no alternative but to euthanize 34 others, according to the South African Press Association.

"I feel quite sad, but it is the right thing to do," Rice told SAPA.

One whale died early during the rescue efforts, its body lying motionless on the sand as hundreds of volunteers rushed around trying to rescue the rest of the school.

Braving high winds and rough waves, the rescuers tried to push and drag the three-meter (10-feet) whales out of the knee-deep water and back to sea, but often their struggles were to little avail. Most of the rescuers wore wet suits, but some rushed into the icy waters in normal clothes. Authorities brought in six bulldozers to push the whales back into the water.

"As soon as we put them back into the sea, they swim back to the beach again," said National Sea Rescue Institute spokesman Craig Lambinon. "It's not a very easy situation," Lambinon said.—*Internet*

Death toll rises to 30 in SW China colliery gas burst

CHON GQING, 30 May — Death toll rose to 30 after five more bodies were recovered in a colliery gas burst Saturday in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, according to local coal mine safety authorities.

The accident happened around 11 am at Tonghua Coal Mine in Anwen Town of Qijiang County, when 131 miners were working underground. One hundred and one miners were rescued.

Of the rescued, 59 miners were injured, including four in serious condition.—*Internet*

Photo taken on 30 May, 2009 shows the view of a solar halo in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province. The rare phenomenon of a solar halo appeared in the sky over Chengdu between 1 pm and 2 pm on Saturday. INTERNET

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Russian plant to destroy nerve gas shells

SHCHUCHYE, 30 May— A plant described as the largest in the world opened Friday in Siberia to destroy Russian artillery shells containing nerve agents.

The 250-acre Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility in Shchuchye, near the Russian border with Kazakhstan, was built with $1 billion from the United States, *The Washington Post* reported Friday. Officials from both countries attended the opening ceremony.

A US inspection team stumbled on about 2 million shells filled with deadly nerve agents like sarin and VX in a group of warehouses in 1994. Sen Richard Lugar, R-Ind, who was present Friday in Siberia, was photographed in 1999 carrying a briefcase that held a VX-filled shell to dramatize how easily a weapon capable of killing thousands of people could be removed.

"In Washington, that photo became an important symbol of the challenge we faced," Lugar said Friday. "Today, we must ensure that the weapons are never used and never fall into the hands of those who would do harm to us or others." —*Internet*

Mexico's most-wanted drug lord's power waning

MEXICO CITY, 30 May—Mexico's most-wanted drug lord has an increasingly less-powerful role in his cartel, the country's Attorney General said Friday.

Eduardo Medina-Mora said Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman remains an emblematic figure in the Sinaloa Cartel but he's not as involved in day-to-day drug trafficking.

Guzman lost his leadership role while serving a 20-year sentence at a Mexican prison, Medina-Mora said. Guzman escaped in 2001, and has been on the run ever since.

Mexico is offering $2 million and the US $5 million for information leading to Guzman's arrest.

Also Friday, soldiers arrested a lieutenant of the Sinaloa drug cartel who received direct orders from Guzman, said Gen. Luis Arturo Oliver, the Mexican Defence Department's deputy chief of operations.

Oliver said Roberto Beltran Burgos was in charge of conveying Guzman's orders to other cartel members and coordinating a group of 14 lawyers working for the crime syndicate.

Beltran Burgos was arrested in Culiacan, capital of Sinaloa state, after soldiers received complaints of armed men in a residential area.

Meanwhile, a judge on Friday ordered 10 mayors and 20 other top officials from the central state of Michoacan held for 40 days pending an investigation of their alleged ties to La Familia drug cartel.

Internet

Bernd Weise, of the Amphicar Club Berlin, pilots his 1961 Amphicar down the Grand Canal, past the Rialto bridge at rear, in Venice on 28 May, 2009. The German-built amphibious car, which uses a Triumph Herald engine, is capable of over 110 kph (70mph) by road and 8 knots on water. Its driver needs a regular driving licence and a boat licence.—INTERNET

Argentina's dengue cases rise to 25,833

BUENOS AIRES, 30 May—The number of dengue cases in Argentina reached 25,833, Argentine Health Ministry said on Friday.

Despite 3,107 more people have been infected with the disease since the last report was released on 30 April, Argentine authorities said the dengue epidemic is being controlled.

From February to April, the country has seen a large number of mosquitoes of all kinds, including the Aedes aegypti, which is a carrier of dengue.

The northern province of Chaco, where 10,796 cases have been registered, is the worst hit area in the country. While in Catamarca, another northern province, 8,703 cases have been registered.—*Internet*

British man killed in hot air balloon crash in central Turkey

ANKARA, 30 May—A British man was killed and seven other tourists injured when a hot air balloon crashed in central Turkey on Friday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

The accident took place in the tourist region of Capadoccia in the central province of Nevsehir early on Friday, according to the report.

It added that the injured have been taken to the hospitals for medical treatment.

Internet

Police dressed in traditional ethnic dresses perform in a function marking the first anniversary of the establishment of the Republic, in Kathmandu on 29 May, 2009. The 240-year-old monarchy ended a year ago.—INTERNET

Cancer relies on proteins to stay alive

BEIJING, 30 May — US researchers say they have identified new ways of attacking cancer by targeting a largely hidden network of normal genes that cancer cells rely on for survival.

Researchers at the Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital said they reduced the production of thousands of normal proteins to determine which were required for cancer cells to survive.

They found cancer cells growing in a dish rely heavily on many normal proteins and when some of those protein levels drop, cancer cells die.

The researchers studied cells with mutations in KRAS, the most commonly mutated gene in human cancers. KRAS, which was discovered nearly 30 years ago, is mutated in 30 percent of human tumors, including 90 percent of pancreatic cancers, 50 percent of colon cancers, and 30 percent of non-small cell lung cancers.

"Efforts to develop drugs that inhibit oncogenic RAS proteins have been largely unsuccessful, despite the fact that RAS gene family members are mutated in about 30 percent of human tumors," said scientists.

More than 18 months ago, the resesrchers decided to see if they could use the powerful RNAi technology to seek out genes that KRAS-mutant cancer cells need for survival. Their efforts, culminating in two reports in the 29 May, 2009 issue of the journal Cell, have led to the identification of potentially promising drug targets: serine/threonine kinase 33 (STK33) and polo-like kinase 1 (PLK-1), as well as a host of other proteins.

Internet

French union denounces fruit-picking "slavery" case

STRASBOURG (France), 30 May — Around 50 women from Eastern Europe were employed as fruit pickers in Alsace in eastern France under conditions that approached "slavery", the CGT trade union said on Friday.

The women were paid 0.25 euros (0.350 US dollars) a kilo for picking strawberries, well below the legal rate and housed in "unfit" conditions in temporary barracks, Jacky Wagner, a local CGT official told *Reuters*.

A local police official said an investigation had been opened into the case but would focus on what the women were paid and how they were employed rather than the conditions in which they were housed.

The CGT said one group of Romanian women had been replaced by another group made up of Poles, Ukrainians and Romanians after a disagreement with their employer, a German national.

MNA/Reuters

A teacher helps her pupil to adjust the mask to prevent the spread of A/H1N1 flu at a school in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay,on 29 May, 2009. The Paraguay health authorities confirmed on 28 May, that there were five cases of the A/H1N1 influenza in the country.—INTERNET

Value of taking aspirin to cut heart risk varies

LONDON, 30 May — Taking aspirin reduces heart attack risk in people with no previous history of vascular disease but increases the risk of internal bleeding, say British researchers who analyzed the results of 22 clinical trials.

This means the net effect in this group of patients is uncertain because the benefits and risks may cancel each other out. However, the researchers found that aspirin's benefits generally outweigh its risks among people who have vascular disease.

Colin Baigent, of the University of Oxford, and colleagues looked at serious vascular events (heart attack, stroke or vascular death) among 95,000 low-risk patients in six primary prevention trials and among 17,000 high-risk patients in 16 secondary prevention trials.

Among patients in the primary prevention trials, aspirin was found to reduce the risk of serious vascular events by 12 percent but increased the risk of internal bleeding by about one-third.

Internet

Two Department of Environmental Conservation officers check a building site for pollution in New York, on 26 May, 2009. Amid the bright lights and skyscrapers, these "green police" track down polluters and just about anything that breaks environmental laws.—INTERNET

Colouring, or makeup, provides gender cues

MONTREAL, 30 May— The brain is wired to identify gender based on facial cues and coloring, which may explain why women wear makeup, Canadian researchers said.

Psychology Professor Frederic Gosselin and his University of Montreal team found the luminescence of the eyebrow and mouth region is vital in rapid gender discrimination.

"As teenagers, dimorphism — systematic difference between sexes — increases in the nose, chin, mouth, jaw, eyes and general shape of faces," lead author Nicolas Dupuis-Roy said in a statement. "Yet we aren't conscious of how our brain recognizes those differences."

The researchers showed photos of 300 Caucasian faces to some 30 participants. Subjects were asked to identify gender based on images in which parts of faces were concealed.

The study, published in the Journal of Vision, found that eyes and mouths are paramount in identifying gender. The investigation found the shades of reds and greens around mouths and eyes led to faster gender discrimination.—*Internet*

Venezuela declares state of emergency to avoid A/H1N1 spread

CARACAS, 30 May—Venezuelan health authorities declared on Friday a state of emergency after reporting the first case of A/H1N1 influenza in the country on Thursday.

President from the National Institute of Hygiene (INH) Jesus Querales said the Health Ministry gave orders to all private and public doctors "to be on alert."

Querales said that the first case of A/H1N1 flu in the country is a male patient who arrived from Panama and the health authorities monitor the rest of the passengers who were on the same flight.

Querales also called on people to go to health centers when having any of the symptoms.

"These virus are characterized for their high capacity to reproduce, but the mortality rate is low," Querales said.

According to the INH, till Thursday there have been 198 samples tested in the country and only one was positive.

Internet

23 new H1N1 cases reported in Panama, raising total to 130

PANAMA CITY, 30 May—Twenty-three new cases of A/H1N1 flu were reported in Panama Friday, raising the country's infection toll to 130 cases, the Health Ministry said in a statement.

Of the confirmed cases, 81 have recovered and returned to their normal daily lives, the ministry said. Panama City remains the worst hit region in the country, with 107 cases, followed by Colon province with 22 cases and Cocle province with one case.—*Internet*

Canada adds 218 new cases of A/H1N1 flu in two days

OTTAWA, 30 May—Canada added 218 new cases of A/H1N1flu during Thursday and Friday, bringing the country's total to 1,336, according to the latest figures from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).The outbreak has spread to the sparsely-populated northern Territory of Nunavut, which reported its first case on Friday. The person has preexisting medical conditions, local health officials said.

Out of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories, 9 provinces and 2 territories now have reported infection cases.The Province of Ontario added 131 new cases, bringing its total to 626, which is by far the most among the provinces. Health officials said despite the surge, most cases are mild.—*Internet*

12 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in UK

LONDON, 30 May—UK's Department of Health confirmed on Friday 12 new cases of A/H1N1 flu infections, bringing the total number of cases in the country to 215.The newly confirmed cases were all from England, with 10 children from west Midlands region linked to the ongoing investigation of a school outbreak.-Two additional cases include one child in London who was linked to a previously confirmed case and an adult in the northwest region whose source of infection remains under investigation.

"The localized cases of swine flu found in the UK have so far been mild, and we have not seen evidence of widespread community transmission," said a spokesperson from the Health Department.—*Internet*

Confirmed, probable A/H1N1 flu cases in US rise to 8,975

WASHINGTON, 30 May—The number of confirmed and probable human A/H1N1 flu cases has risen to 8,975 in 48 US states plus the District of Columbia, with 15 deaths, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Friday.

The CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this new virus in the coming days and weeks.—*Internet*

SPORTS

*The Republic of Ireland's Robbie Keane (L) and Nigeria's Yusuf Mohammed (R) vie during their international friendly football match at Craven Cottage stadium, in Fulham.—*INTERNET

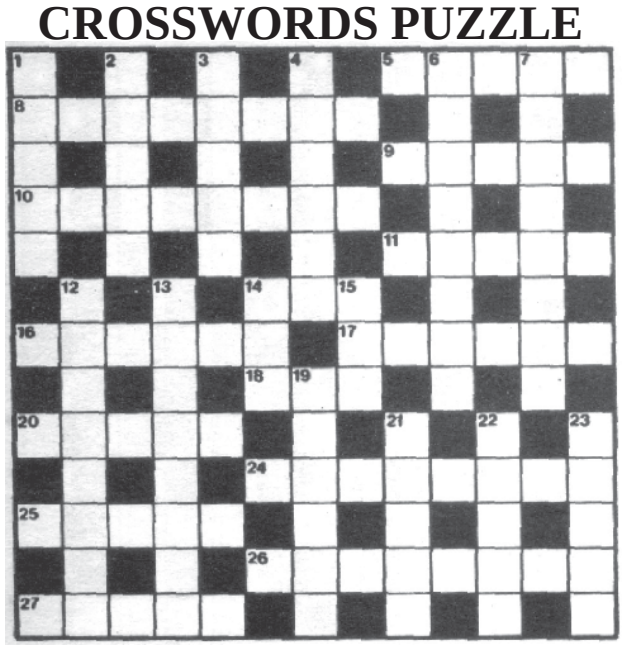
Keane earns Ireland friendly stalemate with Nigeria

LONDON, 30 May—Robbie Keane saved the day for Ireland, the Tottenham captain producing the equaliser to earn Giovanni Trapattoni's side a 1-1 draw with Nigeria in Friday's friendly at Craven Cottage.

Michael Enemaro bought beleaguered Nigeria coach Shuaibu Amodu some precious breathing space with a fine goal in the 30th minute to put his team in front.Eight minutes later Keane plundered the a deserved equaliser for Ireland. Trapattoni will have been reasonably satisfied with his evening's work as he prepares for next Saturday's World Cup qualifier in Bulgaria, where they can all but rubber-stamp a top-two finish in qualifying Group Eight.

Even so, the Italian might have been disappointed that his in-form side could not have disposed of a Nigeria team stripped of John Mikel Obi, Joseph Yobo, Obafemi Martins and Chinedu Obasi through club commitments or injuries.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Juventus-bound Diego wants German Cup success

BERLIN, 30 May—Brazilian midfielder Diego has pledged to give his all in Saturday's German Cup final for Werder Bremen against Bayer Leverkusen when he will play his last game before joining Italian giants Juventus.

The 24-year-old has signed a five-year deal worth 24.5 million euros which will take him to Italy, but admits Saturday's German Cup final at Berlin's Olympic Stadium is very important to him.

"This game will be my most important - not only with Werder but in my whole life," said Diego who has won 34 caps for Brazil."I am very happy that I have a chance of giving something back for all the devotion that was given to me in Bremen."I am top motivated and will give everything I have in Berlin."—*Internet*

Brazilian midfielder Diego

Drogba want to make amends for Barca ref rant

LONDON, 30 May—Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba has offered to make a second apology to referee Tom Henning Ovrebo for his wild-eyed rant after Chelsea's Champions League semi-final exit to Barcelona.

Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba

Drogba has already said sorry to Ovrebo once since the spectacular meltdown at Stamford Bridge but he has been charged by UEFA, the European game's governing body, and is keen to make it clear how much he regrets the incident. Ovrebo was criticised by Drogba and his Chelsea team-mates for rejecting four penalty appeals in the second leg clash.

Internet

Venus Williams beaten at French Open

PARIS, 30 May —Out of breath and out of sorts, Venus Williams played her way right out of the French Open on Friday with her most lopsided Grand Slam loss since 2001.

Agnes Szavay of Hungary reacts after winning her match against Venus Williams of the US at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 29 May, 2009. — INTERNET

That the No. 3-seeded Williams would exit in the third round at Roland Garros is not quite so extraordinary, perhaps, considering she now has left this particular Grand Slam tournament at this precise stage in four of the past five years.That Williams would lose the way she did — 6-0, 6-4 — and to the player she did — 29th-seeded Agnes Szavay of Hungary, whose resume boasts a lone major quarterfinal appearance — was anything but ordinary.

Internet

Chelsea's Didier Drogba (C) scores a goal during their English FA Cup final soccer match against Everton at Wembley Stadium in London, 30 May, 2009.— INTERNET

Chelsea come from behind to win Cup Final

LONDON, 30 May — Chelsea beat Everton 2-1 to win the 2009 FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium here on Saturday.

France's Louis Saha scored the fastest-ever goal in an FA Cup final, in just 25 seconds, to give Everton the lead before Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba equalised for Chelsea in the 21st minute.

The match between the Premier League rivals remained all square until the 72nd minute when Chelsea's England midfielder Frank Lampard scored his 20th goal of the season despite Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard getting both hands to the ball.—*Internet*

Genoa chief confirms Crespo signing

ROME, 30 May—Genoa have completed the signing of Inter Milan forward Hernan Crespo, the club's president Enrico Preziosi said on Friday.

Preziosi met with the 33-year-old Argentine's agent Fernando Hidalgo in the afternoon and afterwards proclaimed Crespo as a Genoa player."It's an important signing, we're very happy. Crespo is a great player, a serious lad who we've been following for a long time," said Preziosi.

Hidalgo said his client had also had an offer from Fiorentina but they only wanted to give him a one year deal."We have agreed on a two-year contract and that's an important demonstration of confidence in Hernan," he said.—*Internet*

Tennis aces Ivanovic and Safina on collision course

PARIS, 30 May—Defending champion Ana Ivanovic and top seed Dinara Safina moved a step closer to a quarter-final showdown at the French Open on Friday as both brushed aside third round opponents.

The Serb trumped Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-0, 6-2 while the Russian blasted her way past compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova with a near identical score of 6-2, 6-0. In three matches played, Safina has dropped just four games and Ivanovic 14.—*Internet*

Serbia's Ana Ivanovic serves a ball to Czech Republic's Iveta Benesova during their French Open tennis third round match at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. Ivanovic won 6-0, 6-2.— INTERNET

OBITUARY

Daw San Kyi aka Daw Nellie

Age (87) Years

Methodist English Girls' High School

Daughter of U Myit, K.S.M, T.D.M (Retd. Dy Commissioner, Myaungmya) - Daw Mya Yin, daughter-in-law of U Ba Tin, Bar-at-Law - Daw Ma Ma Gyi, beloved wife of (U Hla Pe Tin), sister of (U Maung Maung), (U Maung Maung Aye, TC. 1. Pathein), U Khin Hlaing (Ex. B.N., B.O.C, P.O.I), (Prof. U Shwe Tin, DGME, MOH) and Daw Khin Yee, mother of B.B.S. U Win Tin (UNICEF)-Daw Hla Hla Myint, (Dr. Mya Mya Thwin) - John Grassmayr, (Daw Than Than Htwe) - U Hla Baw, U Nyan Lin (YKKO) - Daw Yu Yu Lwin (YKKO), grandmother of Daw Sandy Aung- U Soe Win Htike (GFC), U Myo Min Tin, U Ye Win Tun (YKKO) - Daw Htike Htike Aung, U Naing Win Aung (YKKO) - Daw Po Zar Chi, Ma Hnin Ei Khaing, Ma Kyi Tha Lin and Maung Thi Han, great grandmother of two passed away at 9 a.m. on Friday, 29 May 2009. Funeral cortege will leave 666-B, Mya Kan Tha (2) Lane, Pyay Road, 6th Mile, Kamaryut at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, 31 May 2009 for cremation at Yay Way Cemetery.

Bereaved Family

HK, Denmark sign deal to enhance coop on technology

HONG KONG, 30 May—Hong Kong has signed with Denmark a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in science and technology, according to i nformation reaching here Friday from Denmark. Cooperation will be carried out mainly in nano-technology, advanced materials, biotechnology, solar energy and energy efficiency.

According to the memorandum, which was signed Thursday in Denmark, both sides will explore possible cooperation in joint research and development projects, as well as exchanges of scientists and experts, science and technology information and documentation in the context of the cooperative activities.

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* Alms-Food (Soon)
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* Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
* Naga Traditional Handicrafts
* Meet Peculiar Salamander
* One Day Trip to Sanka Village
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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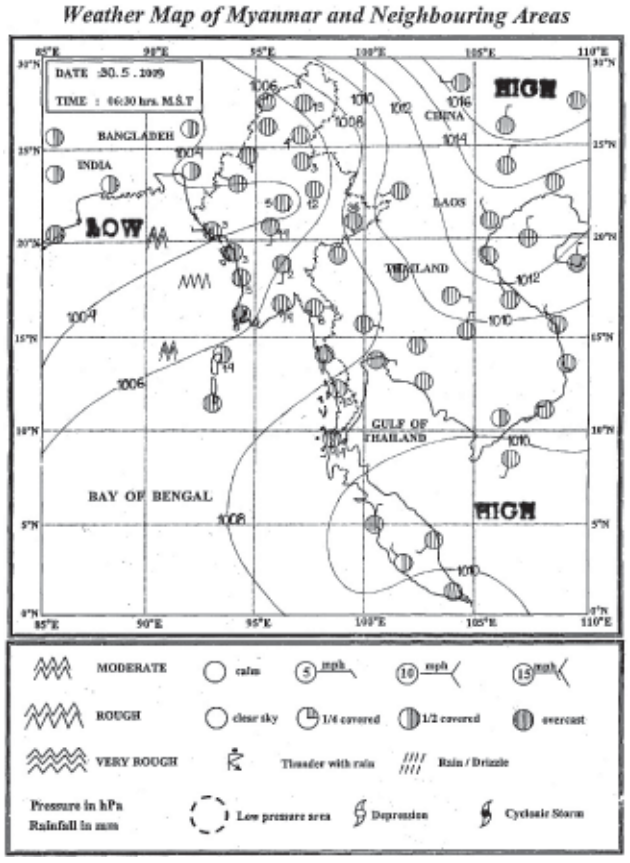
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 30 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Central Yangon (3.27) inches, PyinOo Lwin (3.11)inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.91)inches, Heho (2.40) inches, Maungdaw (2.36) inches,Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.09) inches and Taunggyi (2.05) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-5-2009 was 79°F. Minimum temperature on 30-5-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-5-2009 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 29-5-2009 was (Nil) approx.

Rainfall on 30-5-2009 was (2.09) inches at Mingaladon, (2.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.27) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (13.90) inches at Mingaladon, (19.25) inches at Kaba-Aye and (23.07) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 29-5-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-5-2009: One or two rain of thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-5-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-5-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 31 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

7:55 am
5. Nice and sweet song

8:05 am
6. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

8:10 am
7. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသားနိုးရာအကာ

8:20 am
8. **"ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာကမ္ဘာ"** (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ လွင်မိုး၊ ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ လှအဥ္ဇလီတင့်၊ ဝွမ်းပုံ၊ ဧရာ)

8:30 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical programme

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ"** (အပိုင်း-၅၀)

12:35 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:50 pm
6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် **"သီတာခုနှစ်တန်"** (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ နေအောင်၊ ရဲအောင်၊ ဇင်မာဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နန္ဒ)

2:30 pm
7. **"သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ဥပဒေ"** (မင်းဝေ၊ ခင်ဇာခြည်ကျော်၊ ဧကရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယဉ်ကျော်)

2:35 pm
8. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL-Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Southern Myanmar F.C အသင်းနှင့် Delta United F.C အသင်း)

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening news

6:30 pm
4 . Weather report

6:35 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure"

6:55 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ **"ဆယ့်ငါးမိနစ်"** (ခင်မောင်ချင်း၊ ချာလီ၊ ဒိန်းဒေါင်၊ ရာဇာပေါက်စီ၊ သူဇာပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သူဇာပွင့်)

7:10 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"ချစ်သူ့သက်ထား"** (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather report
11. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့်ဇလဗေဒ ခန့်မှန်းချက်
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် **"ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုပွန်စားခန်း"** (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ **"ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်"** (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
14. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်

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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Dam projects being implemented systematically for development of agriculture sector and for greening regions

Madan Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Madan Dam, built by Construction-5 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was inaugurated at the dam near Nanwinkyin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township this morning.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address on the occasion. He said that the newly opened Madan Dam is the 222nd facility of its kind across the nation and the 14th dam project completed in Nay Pyi Taw Command. Madan Dam, the 33rd irrigation facility in Nay Pyi Taw Command,will add to the present irrigated acreage of 112,862, he said. In addition, Phaunglaung Dam and Pulway Dam are under construction in Nay Pyi Taw Command, he added. As a result, he said that sown acreage of summer paddy will be extended soon.

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Newly-opened Madan Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.—MNA

Lush and green Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township

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

Traditional handicraft, floating vegetable plantations and floating houses in the lake and beautiful bungalows are wonderful scenes in Inlay Lake located in Nyaungshwe Township, Shan State (South).

Inlay Lake emerged naturally. The lake contributes to economic and social status of Intha national race. The natural beauties and traditional handicraft attract the local and foreign tourists.

On 12 May morning, we arrived at Nyaungshwe to write articles on Inlay Lake. Head of Nyaungshwe Township Information and Public Relations Department Ko Tun Lin took us to Inlay Lake for enjoying the natural beauties of the lake.

We left the jetty for Inlay Lake by boat. We saw some boats carrying water hyacinths after transporting passengers and asked Ko Tun Lin about it. He explained that the ferry boats carry water hyacinths as an act of cleaning around Inlay Lake when they transported the passengers. It is a sanitation task on a manageable scale for cleaning the lake.

Inlay Lake is 63 square miles or 40,137 acres. Nine main creeks—three from the east of the lake and six from the western bank—flow into the lake. The Project Supervisory Committee was formed with township level departmental officials to undertake the tasks of greening 20-mile radius of Inlay Lake and protection of forest, water and land resources and endangered species of birds and animals.

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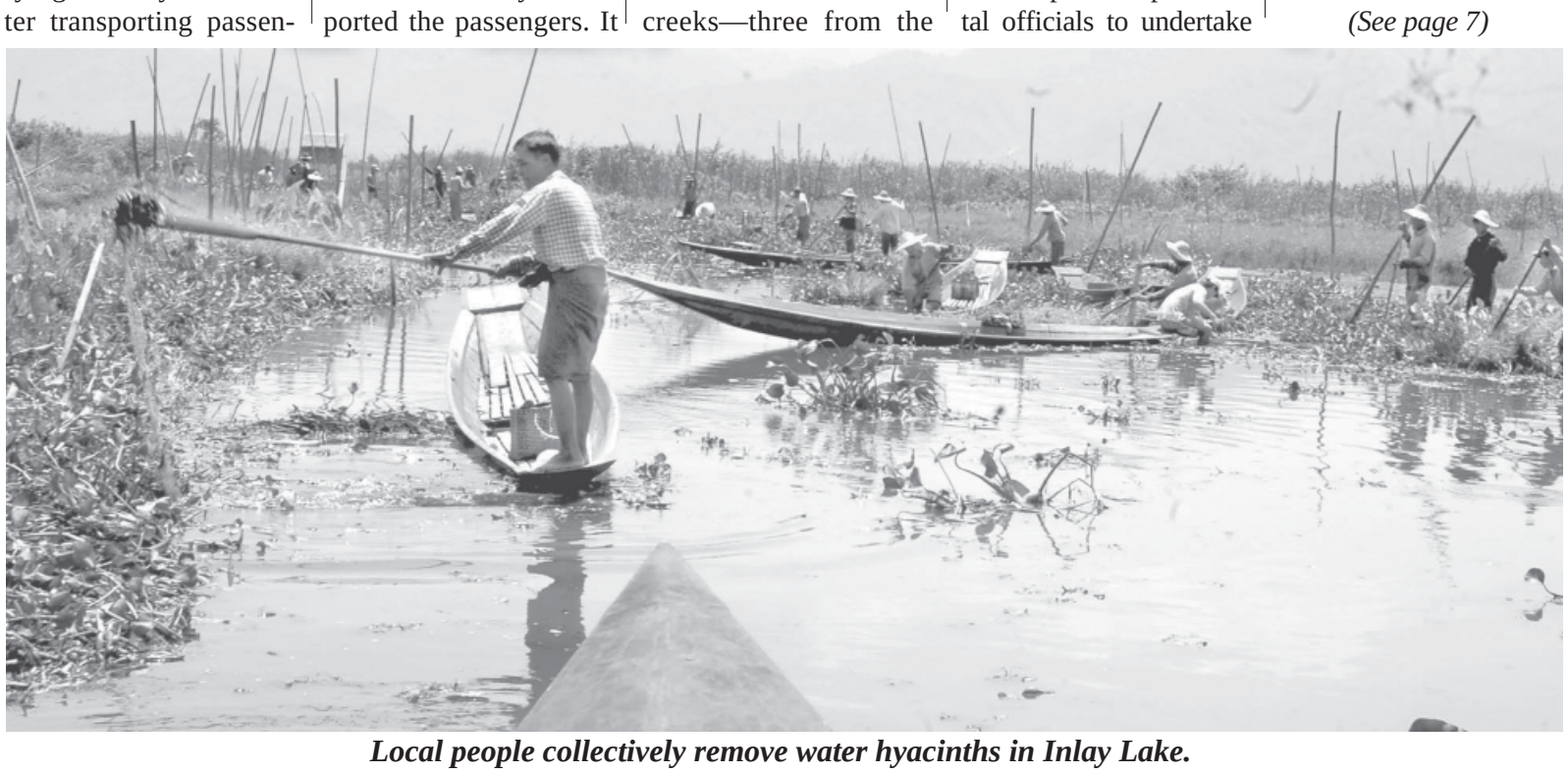

Local people collectively remove water hyacinths in Inlay Lake.