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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Military Attaché of Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Colonel Alexander Svintsovskiy of the Russian Federation to the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 9 am

today.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.—MNA

Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Military Attaché Colonel Alexander Svintsovskiy of the Russian Federation at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Military Attaché Colonel Alexander Svintsovskiy of the Russian Federation at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Road networks reflecting genuine goodwill of State

With the aims of building a modern and developed nation, enhancing socio-economic status and uplifting the living standard of the national people, the government is upgrading roads linking rural and urban regions and inter-district roads.

On 30 April, the 115 miles and four furlongs long Ngaphe-Sedoktara-Laungshe-Hsaw Road was inaugurated in Hsaw, Sedoktara and Ngaphe townships.

As the new facility provides access to Padan on Pathein-Monywa Road, the residents from Padan can go to An of Rakhine State, to Minbu and to Pathein through Pathein-Monywa Road and those from MyaungU to Salin through Pathein-Monywa Road. Moreover, the local people from Theegon Village of Hsaw Township have easy access to Seikpyu through Pathein-Monywa Road, Kanpetlet of Chin State, Myaing and Monywa, Pakokku and Yesagyo via MyaungU of Sedoktara Township through Pathein-Monywa Road.

The newly-inaugurated road that passes through three townships and 40 villages will improve the socio-economic standard of the people residing in the townships and villages along the road. Thanks to construction of the road, local products and goods can be transported and sold to the western regions of Ayeyawady Division, the eastern regions of Magway Division and Tamu Border Trade Zone via Kalay of Sagaing Division.

Nowadays, the government is making utmost efforts in building the networks of motor roads, railroads, aviation, waterways and telecommunications for enabling the entire people of the nation to have easier access to various regions across the Union. As such, all the national people are enjoying fruits of better transport and communication in all regions of the Union.

Victorious Myanmar National Tennis Team honoured



MOC Vice-Chairman Mayor U Aung Thein Lin presenting prizes to captain Min Min of Myanmar Tennis Team.—MTF

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

Union Election Commission Meeting (25/2010) held



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe speaking at meeting 25/2010 of the commission.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — The meeting of the Union Election Commission (25/2010) was held at the meeting hall of the office of the Union Election Commission this morning, attended by Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and all commission members.

First, Chairman of the Union Election Commission

U Thein Soe made an opening address.

Next, applications for setting up political parties were scrutinized and matters on elections were discussed at the meeting.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the commission chairman.

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Root CA Key Generation Ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw made a speech at Root CA Key Generation Ceremony at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, yesterday.

Chairman of Electronic Communication Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister U Thein Tun delivered a speech and so did Director U Thein



CPT Minister U Thein Zaw delivers an address at Root CA Key Generation Ceremony.

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YANGON, 4 May—A ceremony to honour the victorious Myanmar national tennis team that achieved success in the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV 2010 in Amman of Jordan from 19 to 24 April 2010 was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 1 May evening.

Captain of the team Min Min recounted experience of competition.

Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Zaw presented certificates of honour to the players.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin gave K 1 million as cash award to each player.

President of the federation U Aung Maw Thein made a speech.

Later, the guests and players were entertained with songs and served with dinner.—MNA

Oo of Pre Key Ceremony.

Assistant Director U Aung Zaw Myint explained agenda on Root CA Key Generation Ceremony.

The minister inspected Root CA and CA machine rooms installed at Myanmar Info-Tech and Yadanarpon Teleport.

On 2 May, the minister held coordination meeting

with entrepreneurs who make investments in Yadanarpon Myothit near PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Division, at International Communication Station in Mayangon Township.

The minister and the deputy minister fulfilled the needs after hearing the reports presented by chief engineers and entrepreneurs.—MNA

Malaysia to build nuclear power plant: official

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May — The Malaysian government has approved the construction of a nuclear power plant which is expected to start operation by 2021 to meet the country's power demand in the future.

Malaysian Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Peter Chin Fah Kui made this remark here on Tuesday after officiating the First Carbon Neutral Conference on Sustainable Buildings South East Asia.

According to the minister, using nuclear to generate power was inevitable in Malaysia as the use of coal and gas to generate power could no longer meet the country's energy demand, given that the resources were depleting.

There was also limited land where dams could be built for the operations of hydro power plants, added Chin.

Chin said that instead of building small fossil- or gas-powered energy plants

all around the country, it would be better to just build a costly but efficient nuclear power plant.

While there were disputes on whether nuclear power was considered green, Chin said that at least nuclear is renewable. Stressing that Malaysia would use nuclear for power generation instead of weapons manufacturing, Chin said that the nuclear plant would abide by stringent standards so that safety was not compromised.

Xinhua



A resident walks past the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 4 May, 2010. A roadside bomb killed one and wounded six people in eastern Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET

Asylum-seeker boat intercepted off Australia's coast

CANBERRA, 4 May— The Australian navy has intercepted a boat suspected of carrying asylum seekers in waters off Australia's northwest coast, *Australian Associated Press* reported on Tuesday.

HMAS Childers, operating under the control of Border Protection Command, has intercepted the boat on Monday night west of the Ashmore Islands. Initial indications suggested there were 36 passengers and one crew member aboard the boat.

The group will be transferred to Christmas Island for security, identity and health checks. Their reasons for travel will also be established. It was the 50th asylum seeker boat to arrive in Australian waters this year.

Internet



Iraqi policemen gather around the vehicle of General Arkan Ali Mohammed, a senior officer from a counter-terrorism unit, who was killed in a bomb attack in Nisur Square in western Baghdad.

INTERNET

NATO service member dies in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 May— NATO says one of its service members has died in a vehicle accident in Afghanistan.

The service member's identity was not immediately released. The accident happened in southern Afghanistan on Monday. Five international soldiers have died in Afghanistan so far this month.

Xinhua



Afghan men practices walking in their new artificial legs at the orthopedic center in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 3 May, 2010. In Afghanistan the Red Cross runs six orthopedic centers, in Kabul, Golphahar, Jalalabad, Faizabad, Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers in Iraq die in non-combat incidents

BAGHDAD, 4 May— The US military says two American soldiers have died in Iraq from injuries sustained in separate incidents unrelated to combat.

Tuesday's military statement also says the deaths, which occurred on

Monday, are under investigation. The deaths raise to at least 4,396 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the war began in March 2003. That's according to an Associated Press count.

Xinhua

Man arrested over Times Square bomb attempt upon departure

NEW YORK, 4 May— US federal agents and police detectives arrested a Connecticut man of Pakistani descent Monday night in connection with a failed car bomb plot in New York's Times Square, officials said.

The suspect, who had lived in the state of Connecticut, was

arrested upon departure at the JFK airport in New York. He was trying to leave the country. The suspect was believed to be the one who recently bought the 1993 Nissan Pathfinder SUV that was found loaded with gasoline, propane, fireworks and fertilizer in the center of the square on Saturday,

official sources were quoted by the New York Times as saying.

Authorities identified the man after tracking records of the vehicle back to its previous owner in Bridgeport, Connecticut, who had advertised it for sale on several websites.

Xinhua



A dead sea turtle lies on the beach in Pass Christian, Mississippi, US, on 2 May, 2010. President Barack Obama said on 2 May that the United States is dealing with a "massive" and "potentially unprecedented" environmental disaster as a result of the expanding oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico caused by a sunken oil rig. British Petroleum (BP) announced on 3 May that it will pay "all necessary and appropriate clean-up costs" resulting from the blown-out oil well that has caused a massive slick that continues to swell in the Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET



Participants visit company booths during the 41st Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, the United States, on 3 May, 2010. The 41st OTC, the world's largest offshore oil industry event, kicked off here on Monday, with the participation of over 2,000 companies from more than 100 countries and regions. —XINHUA

Scientists study effects of grazing on grouse habitat

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 May—Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center in Burns, Ore are taking a careful look at how grazing cattle affect sage-grouse habitat on high desert rangelands.

Cattle share this habitat with sage-grouse, which are chicken-sized birds that are notorious for the showy commotion they create during mating season. But the sage-grouse numbers have declined throughout their range, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has added the species as a candidate for Endangered Species Act protection. FWS will review the status of the sage-grouse annually to

determine whether it warrants more immediate attention for being listed as an endangered species.

If the sage-grouse is listed, this would increase scrutiny of management practices on rangelands that provide habitat for the species. The birds depend on sagebrush and the grasses growing beneath these shrubs to provide food and a safe place to nest and raise their young.

Ranchers worry that an increased emphasis on management for sage-grouse habitat could limit their use of rangelands. Such a limitation could seriously threaten the livelihood of ranchers who graze their animals on public lands.—Xinhua

Eleven police injured in grenade attack in Russia's Ingushetia

Moscow, 4 May—Eleven police officers were injured in a grenade attack on a police station in Russia's North Caucasian republic of Ingushetia, local investigators said on Tuesday.

An assailant attacked the police station on the Kavkaz highway near the Ingush capital of Nazran, using a grenade launcher late on Monday, according to Russian media.

"As a result of the attack, 11 police officers

sought medical assistance," investigators told the RIA Novosti news agency. Earlier reports said seven officers had been injured. No one was killed in the attack.

Russia's North Caucasus republics, particularly Chechnya, Dagestan and Ingushetia, have been plagued by attacks on law enforcement officers, whom local rebels see as representing the Russian authorities.

Xinhua



Visitors pose for photos with the Shanghai World Expo mascot "Haibao" at a photo exhibition on the Shanghai World Expo 2010, in Toronto, Canada, on 3 May, 2010. The five-day photo exhibition opened here on Monday.

XINHUA

Russian oil, gas output rise in first four months

Moscow, 4 May—Russia's oil and gas production saw a favorable increase year-on-year in the first four months this year, the Central Dispatching Department of the Fuel and Energy Complex said Tuesday.

From January to April, the country's oil output reached 165.3 million tons, which was a 3.1-percent growth over the same period of last year; while the gas production soared 20.4 percent year-on-year to 237.9 billion cubic meters.

According to official figures, in the first quarter Russia's crude oil output rose 3.2 percent over the same period of last year to 123.86 million tons. The gas production reached 181.65 billion cubic meters, rising 18.3 percent.

Russia became the world's largest oil producer in 2009 with 494 million tons, but its gas production slid to the second after the United States due to declining market demands.

Xinhua

Suicide top cause of death among S Korean youth: report

SEOUL, 4 May—Suicide was cited as the main cause of death among the South Korean youth, a government report said on Tuesday.

The Statistics Korea said in a report that 13.5 out of every 100,000 people in the 15 to 24 age group committed suicide in 2008, proving it to be the leading cause of death among young people in the country.

Traffic accidents had the second-highest ratio at 9.2 deaths per 100,000 people, followed by cancer at 3.7 and drowning at 1.3, it said.

Heavy stress from the competitive nature of the country's education system and job market were cited as top reasons for tempting them to commit suicide, the report added. Roughly 51 percent of the teenagers aged between 15 and 19 said stress from school and the college entrance exam has caused them to contemplate hanging themselves, while 22.6 percent of those aged between 20 and 24 said heavy stress stemming from job search after graduation was the main reason for being tempted to commit suicide, it said. In a separate report in March, the statistics agency revealed South Korea as having the highest suicide rate among all 30 members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2008, as the country saw on average 35 suicides per day.

Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Japanese designer Hanae Mori from her "East Meets West" collection during a ceremony celebrating Japanese-Turkish friendship at Ciragan Palace in Istanbul late on 3 May, 2010.

INTERNET



An aerial photograph shows a road submersed by flood in the suburb of Nashville, Tennessee, the United States, on 3 May, 2010. US authorities confirmed at least 22 people have been killed in floods during the weekend that have been ravaging southern America.

XINHUA

Obese kids more apt to get bullied

BEIJING, 4 May—Obese children in elementary school in US have 63 percent higher odds of getting bullied than thinner ones, according to a study published in Monday's issue of *Pediatrics*.

The study, led by Dr. Julie C. Lumeng from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, involved 821 boys and girls aged 8 to 11.



A quarter of the children reported being bullied, although their mothers said about 45 percent of them were bullied. The research also suggests that being overweight is the only factor that increases the risk

of being bullied, other factors such as gender, race and family income levels, don't seem to matter.

This finding is "so disturbing to me," Dr. Julie C. Lumeng told Reuters Health. "There is no simple solution to the problem. I think it reflects the general prejudice against obese people," and children, even at a very young age, pick up on this.—*Xinhua*

Prostate cancer vaccine wins US approval

WASHINGTON, 4 May—A "vaccine" which harnesses the body's own immune system to fight prostate cancer has been approved for use by US drug regulators.

Provenge - which is designed to be used in men with advanced disease - is the first of its kind to be accepted by the Food and Drug Administration.

Each dose has to be individually tailored and it is an expensive treatment at \$93,000 per patient.

It will add to, rather than replace, existing treatments, said experts.

Doctors have been working on therapies that prompt the immune system to fight tumours for decades.

Potential success stories include an experimental vaccine for melanoma which is in the late stages of development.—*Internet*



In this undated file photo, a man cries while searching for his son as smoke billows from a building after a double car bomb attack in central Baghdad, Iraq.—INTERNET

Taking olive oil may prevent bowel disease

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Increasing the intake of olive oil may reduce the risk of suffering from ulcerative colitis, a new study suggests.

The new findings were presented on Saturday at the Digestive Disease Week conference in New Orleans. Researchers at the University of East Anglia's School of Medicine in the United Kingdom followed more than 25,000 people, aged 40-65, between 1993 and 1997. None of the participants had ulcerative colitis at the start of the study. By 2002, 22 participants had developed

ulcerative colitis.

The researchers compared the diets of these people to those who didn't develop the disease and found that those with the highest intake of oleic acid were 90 percent less likely to develop ulcerative colitis. The researchers drew the conclusion that people whose diet was rich in oleic acid were far less likely to develop ulcerative colitis.

Oleic acid is a monosaturated fatty acid found in foods such as olive oil, peanut oil, grapeseed oil, butter and some margarines.

Internet

Health



Visitors from home and abroad watch the much-preferred moving "Riverside Scene During the Qingming Festival" at the Shanghai Expo's Chinese pavilion, on 2 May, 2010. The most precious exhibit of the China Pavilion, the electronic version of the national treasure by the renowned artist Zhang Zeduan of North Song Dynasty (1127-1279), measures 6.3 by over 130 meters, and is 30 times the size of its original. With 12 projectors running simultaneously, the scenes alternate every four minutes, giving a full and vivid presentation of the daily life of the common folks during the heyday of the Song Dynasty.

INTERNET

Male obesity linked with lower testosterone levels

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—US researchers have found a link between male obesity and low testosterone levels.

A research conducted by University at Buffalo (UB) endocrinologists showed that 40 percent of obese participants involved in the Hypogonadism in Males (HIM) study had lower-than-normal testosterone readings.

The percentage rose to 50 percent among obese men with diabetes, according to the study appearing online on Monday in the journal *Diabetes Care*.

The study also

revealed that as body mass index (BMI) — a relationship of weight-to-height — increased, testosterone levels fell.

Obesity has long been known as a condition linked to heart disease and diabetes, but this is the largest analysis of the association between obesity and low testosterone, and the first to compare prevalence of low testosterone with obesity and diabetes separately and together.

The study showed that obesity and diabetes may exert independent influences on testosterone concentrations.

"The effect of diabetes on lowering testosterone levels was similar to that of a weight gain of approximately 20 pounds," said Sandeep Dhindsa, an endocrinology specialist in the UB Department of Medicine and first author of the study. "In view of the fact that almost one-third of the US is obese, these observations have profound pathophysiological, clinical, epidemiological and public health implications."

The HIM study was conducted from November 2003 to February 2004 in 95 primary care practices throughout the US. The study involved 2,165 men 45 years or older who provided blood samples for analysis of testosterone concentrations.—*Internet*



Wilson President Hotel in Geneva—65,000 US dollars for one suite per night.

INTERNET

Growth hormone can aid athletic performance

NEW YORK, 4 May—Researchers are reporting the first scientific evidence that a hormone banned in sports can boost athletic performance.

The improvement from human growth hormone was modest, and only in sprinting. It didn't increase strength or fitness. Athletes likely to benefit are those in sprint events like running or swimming that require a burst of energy, and where

a split second can decide the winner, the Australian researchers said.

Human growth hormone, or HGH, is one of many substances banned by the Olympics and other sports even though there hasn't been any good proof that it can enhance performance. Previous studies in athletes have been small and brief.

The new research tested it in about 100

recreational athletes for two months.

"This is the first demonstration that growth hormone improves performance and justifies its ban in sport," said Dr. Ken Ho, who led the study at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney. Human growth hormone is made by the pituitary gland and promotes growth of bone and other tissue.

Internet

Shanghai Expo imagines green cities of the future

SHANGHAI, 4 May — Eight-year-old Emily, from New York, hopes everyone rides a bike; 10-year-old Tyler, from Johannesburg, South Africa, hopes he can walk to school; five-year-old Bastet, from Cairo, Egypt, hopes the city smells very nice.

All the kids were responding to a question: "What would be different in the city of your dreams?"

Coming from all corners of the globe, they gave the above answers at the Urban Planet Pavilion, one of the five themed pavilions at the Shanghai Expo park.

All the cities they live in face the pressures of population growth, resource strain, climate change, and environmental pollution.

Over half of the world's population live in

cities, and that will be three quarters by 2050, according to the United Nations.

"People should restrain from exploiting the earth's natural resources too much. And they should stop sabotaging the environment," commented China Telecom employee Cheng Zhuo after he visited the pavilion.

Internet



A Gulfstream jet on display at the Singapore Airshow in February 2010. Major business jet makers said on Monday that they expected another tough year for the business aviation market as it weathers a slow pick up after the economic crisis.—INTERNET



File photo of headframes, once used to haul gold bearing ore to the surface from deep under ground mines, stand silhouetted near the West Australian goldfields town of Kalgoorlie. Australian miner Lihir Gold on Tuesday gave its backing to a 9.5 billion dollar (8.8 billion US) takeover by Newcrest, which said the tie-up would create the biggest gold producer in the Asia Pacific region.—INTERNET

Attention shoppers: Gulf spill could affect you

NEW ORLEANS, 4 May — The calamitous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico isn't just a mess for the people who live or work on the coast. If you drink coffee, eat shrimp, like bananas or plan to buy a new set of tires, you could end up paying more because of the disaster.

The slick has forced the shutdown of the gulf's

rich fishing grounds and could also spread to the busy shipping lanes at the mouth of the Mississippi River, tying up the cargo vessels that move millions of tons of fruit, rubber, grain, steel and other commodities and raw materials in and out of the nation's interior.

Internet

Philippine fast food giant Jollibee buys new restaurant in China

MANILA, 4 May — Philippines' largest fast food company Jollibee Foods Corp. has forged an agreement with a company based in the People's Republic of China that will allow the local food giant to acquire a major stake in a beef noodle restaurant.

Jollibee told the Philippine Stock Exchange on Tuesday that the wholly-owned subsidiary Jollibee Worldwide Pte. Ltd. signed a joint venture agreement with the Guangxi Zong Kai Food and Beverage Investment Co. Ltd. on April 30 that will allow the Philippine company to acquire a 55 percent stake in San Pin Wang for RMB 30 million (4.37 million US Dollars).

The remaining 45

percent will still be held by Guangxi Zong.

The agreement further stipulates that both Jollibee Worldwide and Guangxi Zong will infuse an additional RMB 20 million (2.91 million US Dollars) in San Pin Wang to fund its expansion.

"Together with the people from the Jollibee Group of Companies, I believe that we will be able to grow San Pin Wang to a very large and successful fast food chain in China. We wish to bring this brand to consumers in many other parts of China beginning with the neighboring provinces in South China," Jollibee Chairman Tony Tan Caktiong said in a statement.

Internet

Workers clean the beach of debris as it is prepared for possible contamination from the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in Pass Christian, Mississippi. The massive oil slick threatening the Gulf of Mexico's coastline could wreck the US economy's fragile recovery and lead to a "double-dip" recession, an investment firm warned Monday.

INTERNET



UBS posts 2.2 billion francs in first quarter profits



A report said that Swiss banking giant UBS will announce this week a better-than-expected net profit for the second quarter in a row as it recovers from the global financial crisis.

INTERNET

BERN, 4 May — Swiss banking giant UBS on Tuesday posted net profits reaching 2.2 billion francs (1.54 billion euros, 2.3 billion dollars) for the first quarter, up 83 percent from the previous quarter.

The group recorded pre-tax profits across all business groups including investment banking, which had run

up big losses during the financial crisis but which now recorded 1.19 billion francs in pre-tax profits for the first three months of the year. The bank said its investment banking business had benefited from a "strong performance" in its fixed income, currencies and commodities business.

Internet

Danish company Novo Nordisk's sales up 9% in Q1

COPENHAGEN, 4 May — The sales of the Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk has reached 13.7 billion Danish kroner (2.43 billion US dollars) in the first quarter, 9 percent up from the same period of 2009. Also, the result of primary operation increased from 3.8 billion US dollars first quarter in 2009 to 4.4 billion U.S. dollars.

"We are pleased with the solid operating results in

the first quarter. The primary reasons are because the increasing use of our modern insulin and its operating growth," says Lars Rebien Sorensen, administrative director.

"At the same time, our new drug Victoza for Type 2 diabetes, doing also well both in the US and Europe," said Sorensen, cited by the Danish state television station DR.

Internet

Business

Myanmar Forest Training School holds 105th graduation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung yesterday presented prizes to outstanding trainees and the best company at the 105th graduation

ceremony of Myanmar Forest Training School of Forest Department in PyinOoLwin.

It was also attended by Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung of PyinOoLwin Station,

departmental heads, rector, officials and families of the trainees.

Acting Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department, Managing

Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Director-General U Khin Win of Dry Zones Greening Department, Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistic Department, University of Forestry Rector Dr Myint Oo, Executive U Than Nwe of Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association awarded outstanding trainees.

Private companies also presented prizes to the outstanding trainees. Later, Principal of the training school presented completion certificates to the trainees.—MNA



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung speaking at 105th graduation ceremony of Myanmar Forest Training School.—MNA

Young woman saved from being trafficked

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—A 14-year-old young woman from Nanohn Village, Muse Township, was saved in time from being trafficked on 29 April.

Daw Mar Htan of Myitkyina and her niece arrived in Nanohn Village on 25 April evening, tricked the young woman into believing that she would get a job as a maid at a house in Myitkyina at a monthly salary of k 25,000 and have clothing and took her to Muse. They spent

the night at Muse and Daw Mar Htan handed over the young woman to her sister Ma Khaung Nan near a beauty salon near Nandawpauk. But authorities concerned managed to save her from Ma Khaung Nan. "The young woman is very lucky to be saved before being sold into the other country. Parents should educate their daughters so that they cannot be tricked by human traffickers", said a responsible person.

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Putao: an ambitious tea district

Putao is a town located in the north of Kachin State. Growing tea in Putao is for domestic consumption as well as for export. The Head of State gave guidance on growing 100,000 acres of

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U Htaman Yon
(Putao)**

year. In Layingwin ward near Putao Airport, entrepreneurs have grown high-yield tea distributed by Kachin State Peace and Development Council. A tea research plantation has been set up near Muladeshi



Workers carrying out plant propagation at tea research farm in Putao Township.

tea in three years in order that Putao becomes a tea district. According to extended growing of 100,000 acres of tea in Kachin State, seven-year plan which is from 2009-2010 to 2015-2016 is under way to grow altogether 18,500 acres of tea. Of them, 10,000 acres

were put under tea plantation during the first three years. Efforts are being made to grow 18,550 acres of tea in wards and village-tracts in Putao Township during the seven-year plans. A total of 555 acres of tea was to be grown in Putao Township in 2009-2010

suspension bridge. The climate of Putao Township is convenient for tea-growing. In Putao Township, plans are under way to grow 7,595,775 seedlings in 1,395 acres by township/department, private entrepreneurs and NGOs. Of them, 3,211,997 seedlings in 589.9 acres



Thriving tea plants near Putao-Machanbaw road.

**Tea
research
nursery
in
Putao
Township
of
Kachin
State.**



A Lesu woman nurturing tea saplings at tea research farm.

have been grown. Only when the remaining seedlings have been grown, will Putao be a tea district. So, it will contribute to regional development as well as to promoting living standards of the local people.

**Translation: MT
Myanma Alin
(29-4-2010)**

Irrigation projects benefit agriculture works

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Kyeoohn-Kyeewa Dam Project being implemented by Construction 3 of Irrigation Department is damming Mone Creek near Wunlo Village of Pwintbyu Township.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence looked into progress of the project on 1 May after viewing Okshitpin-Kanbya section of Pathain-Monywa Road in a motorcade.

On completion, Kyeoohn-Kyeewa Dam will supply water to the irrigated farmlands of Mezali Diversion Weir and generate 74 megawatts.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected maintenance of Mezali Bridge, water inflow of Hsedawgyi Mezali Diversion Weir and flow of water along Taungmone main canal.

He viewed thriving summer paddy plantations



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Kyeoohn-Kyeewa Dam Project.—MNA

along the main canal and supply of water from Phayagon river water pumping station to summer plantations.



Later, he looked into conditions of Pwintbyu-Sagu-Minbu road section and maintenance of Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway).—MNA

Religious Affairs Minister receives Japanese guests



Religious Affairs Minister Thura U Myint Maung receives General Manager Mr. Akihiro Taino of Kyoto-based Honganji Foundation of Japan and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received General Manager Mr. Akihiro Taino of Kyoto-based Honganji Founda-

tion of Japan and party at the ministry here this afternoon.

They held comprehensive discussions on cooperation in religious matters.

Present also at the call were Acting Director-General U Khaing Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and officials.—MNA

M.V Crystal Symphony cruise liner arrives

YANGON, 4 May—Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and Ministry of Transport and under the arrangements of Myanmar Voyages International Tourism Co., Ltd, M.V Crystal Symphony cruise liner arrived at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa via Phuket Port of Thailand on 30 April. A total of 379 passen-

gers, most of whom were US Citizens, were onboard the cruise liner. They were welcomed by General Manager U Win Hlaing of Myanmar Travel Service, officials from Myanmar Port Authority and Myanmar Voyages International Tourism Co., Ltd.

The passengers visited downtown Yangon, Thanlyin, Bago, Inlay, Bagan and Mandalay. The

cruise liner left here for Cochin Port of India on 2 May.

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M.V Crystal Symphony cruise liner departs Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa (MITT).

H&T

On-job Training Course for Law Officers (Grade-4)

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The On-job Training Course No. 1/2010 for Law Officer (Grade-4) on probation was held at the hall of the Attorney-Gen-

eral's Office, here, yesterday afternoon, with an address by Attorney-General U Aye Maung. Present also were Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin

and U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads, course instructors and trainees.

A total of 100 trainees are taking the 15-week course.—MNA



Attorney-General U Aye Maung speaking at opening of on-job training course 1/2010 for law officers (Grade-4).

MNA

Applications for post-graduate medical courses

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health announced that applications are to be submitted for the post-graduate medical diploma courses, Med Sc degree courses, doctorate courses, MSc (Nursing) degree courses, Med Tech and M.Pharm degree courses at the universities under the department for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Eligible persons may submit applications not later than 30 July.

For further information, contact Medical Science Department.

MNA





Construction of Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoon Road gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected construction of new Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge by Bridge Construction Project Special Group (1) on Pathein-Chaungtha Road on 2 May.

Next, the minister looked into tarmacking of road sections,

construction of bridges and conduits and road works on Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoon Road.

The minister called for better coordination between the construction groups under the ministry and companies for durability of road meeting set standards and attended to the needs.

Altogether 15 road construction companies, two bridge construction companies, 21 road construction and six bridge construction groups of the ministry are striving for construction of 96-mile Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoon Road day in day out.

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Minister U Khin Maung Myint looks into construction of Pathein-Thalakkhwa-Mawtinsoon Road.

CONSTRUCTION

Myanmar WVO delegation back from Indonesia

YANGON, 3 May—A four member delegation led by Member of the Central Executive Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization U Chit Naing arrived back here on 30 April evening after attending the 13th General Assembly of the ASEAN War Veterans Organization in Jakarta of Indonesia from 26 to 28 April.

The delegation included MWVO CEC member U Sit Myaing, Heads of MWVO Headquarters U Myo Win, U Thein Naing and U Kyaw Win.

Myanmar and Laos delegations attended the assembly as observers

together with eight delegation members of other ASEAN eight member countries.

The assembly decided to hold the 14th assembly in 2012 in Malaysia. The President of Indonesia met 114 participants at the Presidential House on 28 April afternoon.

The President delivered an address. In his speech, the war veterans of all ASEAN member countries were held in high esteem for their military performances of independence, security and peace and stability at risk of lives for their States and the peoples.

MNA

ICT courses for education college teachers

YANGON, 4 May—Organized by Myanmar Computer Federation and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association, opening ceremonies of basic ICT instructor course for education college teachers, computer service and maintenance course No.1/2010 and Myanmar ICT Award (Educational Project) course No.1 and a ceremony to render ICT-related technical



Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min accepts K 10 million for enhancement of ICT donated by Managing Director U Tint Lwin of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.—MCF

assistance and to donate computers were held at Yankin Education College here yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min spoke on the occasion and MCF President U Thein Oo explained the provision of technical assistance. Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications Managing Director U Tint Lwin donated K 10 million for technical

assistance, MCF President U Thein Oo ICD projectors, computers and accessories and transformers for education colleges in Yangon Division.

The courses last up to 7 May and course No.2 will be conducted from 10 to 14 May. Education projects will be chosen by October for Myanmar ICT Award 2010.—MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe views sanitation tasks being carried out by fire brigade members of Fire Service Department (Head Office) and townships in Yangon Division at North Okkalapa Township General Hospital on 3 May.—MNA

University of Computer Studies (Lashio): Alma Mater...

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In all States and Divisions, technological universities have been opened for enabling the national youths to pursue advanced information technology for ensuring development of human resources.

The Ministry of Science and

Technology opened Technology University (Lashio) in Shan State (North). Moreover, the three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) was inaugurated on a grand scale on 10 March 2010. Thanks to establishing of the University of Computer Studies

(Lashio), more computer technicians will be turned in building a modern and developed nation.

Principal Daw Nan Soe Soe Aung of the university explained that University of Computer Studies (Lashio) is located on 112 acres of land between Mehan and Loilum villages on the

east side of Lashio-Mandalay Union Highway. A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of the university took place on 12 June 2007. The front row of the university is 513.25 feet in length, and the width of the main building is 350 feet.

She further explained that the university conferred four first degrees and two post-graduate diplomas

on the students. And, the university is conducting three-year courses for BCSc and BC Tech and four-year courses for BCSs Hons and BC Tech Hons.

At present, the university is opening the MISC two-year course and DCSc one-year course. In addition, the Computer Application Course is being provided to the students.

The graduates

produced by the university will become the reliable human resources of the State. At present, the local youths can enjoy the opportunity to learn advanced technology in their respective regions, and they need not to go to Yangon and Mandalay for pursuing higher education.

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Concerted efforts of over 12 million MMCWA members result in all-round development of mothers and children and their families

MMCWA standing tall as genuine volunteer force of the nation

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the 20th Annual General Meeting at its hall in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister said that since its establishment, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association has been carrying out noble tasks in health, education, social and economic sectors for the members of the association across the nation. It is known to all that concerted efforts of over 12 million members of the association result in all-round development of mothers and children and their families and they participate in respective sectors of building a modern and developed nation. Over 60 per cent of the population of the nation is mothers and children. The infant mortality and mother death rates are health indicators inter-related with economic and social sectors. The Head of State has given guidance to give special priority to maternal and child health, he said. In conclusion, the deputy minister urged all the members of the association to study the advancing technology in education, health, economic, social and international affairs to be applied in uplifting living standard of the rural and urban people.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister, President of MMCWA Daw Nilar Thaw and guests viewed the documentary photos of the association and State/Division MCW Supervisory Committees.

First, President of the association Daw Nilar Thaw presided over the meeting. In her address, the President said that MMCWA was formed as a social organization on 30 April 1991 with the aims of looking after mothers and children of the nation in health, education, economic and social affairs to improve living standard of the families. During the period of 19 years, the association has been undertaking health, education, and social tasks of the people throughout the nation. Therefore, the association is standing tall as a genuine volunteer



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe addresses opening of 20th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.—MNA

force of the nation.

The MMCWA has implemented the tasks year by year in accord with the conviction of the association. Thanks to efforts of all members of the associations at different levels, the association has had 21,653 branches with the members of 12 million across the nation.

The President said that she took pride in the activities of the MMCWA which is giving a hand to in nation-building tasks by taking care of mothers and their children who would be well-educated human resources in health, education, economic and social sectors at a time when the State Peace and Development Council is striving for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation smoothly by

laying down the policies.

The President stressed the need to participate in nation-building endeavours in cooperation with other social organizations that have the same attitude and conviction.

Next, the annual report, audit report, financial report and budget report were submitted to the meeting and they approved.

Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha presided over the afternoon session. The responsible persons of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin States, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago (East) and Bago (West) Division MCWSCs submitted annual reports at the session.

The meeting continues up to 6 May.

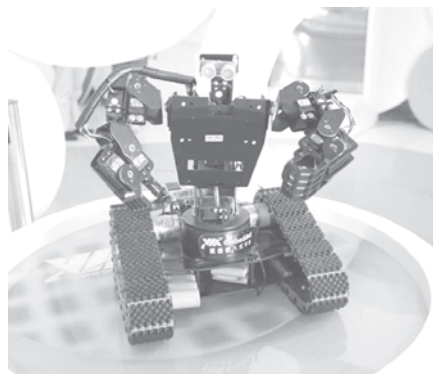
MNA

Moderate quake strikes eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 May—A shallow earthquake with magnitude of 5.2 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Tuesday morning, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 06:30 am Jakarta time Tuesday (2330 GMT Monday) with epicenter at 158 km southwest Gorontalo of North Sulawesi and with the depth at 10 km under sea bed, official of the agency Ajad Sudrajat told Xinhua.

There was no report about the impact of the quake, he said. —Xinhua



The robot is a football ace at Shanghai World Expo 2010.—XINHUA

UN says climate change threat to African poverty reduction, food security

NAIROBI, 4 May—Climate change can significantly reverse the progress towards poverty reduction and food security in Africa, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said in a new study published on Tuesday.

The briefing paper which was presented to the FAO regional Conference for Africa says the main consequence of higher temperatures and more unpredictable weather was a likely reduction in crop yields – 6.9 percent in the case of maize, an important staple – and a heightened risk of food insecurity.

The paper, Climate Change Implications for Food Security and Natural Resources Management in Africa, warned that business as usual was no longer an option and urged African governments to “prioritize and implement measures to develop agriculture and sustainable natural resource management”.

It says one-third of the African population lives in drought-prone areas. Six of the 10 largest cities in Africa are located on the coast. These are both areas susceptible to climate change. “Climate change will affect poorer African countries disproportionately. The poorest people in those countries will suffer the greatest consequences,” the report says. “The African subsistence farmer is among the most vulnerable. Those least able to cope will be hit the hardest.”

Xinhua

Woman stabs four shoppers at Los Angeles store

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—A woman stabbed and wounded four people in a busy store in West Hollywood of Los Angeles on Monday, police said.

Layla Trawick randomly stabbing people with a blade about the size of a kitchen knife on Monday noon, Los Angeles sheriff's Sgt. Josh Mankini said.

Three women and a man were wounded in the attack, and one of them was stabbed in the neck and shoulder, Mankini said.

The wounded were sent to area hospitals for treatment, he said.

The 34-year-old attacker was subdued by an off-duty sheriff's deputy who happened to be at the scene, according to Mankini.

The off-duty deputy, identified as Clay Grant, was in the store when he heard screaming, spotted the suspect, identified himself as a law enforcement officer and arrested her at gunpoint, Mankini said.

Xinhua

Johnson & Johnson unit recalls 43 medicines

BEIJING, 4 May— A unit of Johnson & Johnson has announced a voluntary recall of 43 over-the-counter children and infant medicines, according to media reports.

The recall was announced after FDA inspectors identified “manufacturing deficiencies” in the company’s Fort Washington, Pa., plant.

According to senior FDA official Douglas Stearn, the plant’s manufacturing process was “not in control,” a term regulators use to describe flawed procedures that affect

the composition of medicine.

The recall, which is undertaken by McNeil Consumer Healthcare, affects hundreds of thousands of bottles of medicine in homes and on store shelves throughout the US and in nine other countries.

It includes medicines manufactured in United States, and sold in United States, Canada, Dominican Republic, Dubai (UAE), Fiji, Guam, Guatemala, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, and Kuwait.

Internet

Link to falling sperm counts found, scientists say

BEIJING, 4 May— Sperm counts amongst humans are falling, but now scientists believe they may know why.

According to the World Health Organisation only 5 to 15 percent of their sperm is, on average, good enough to be classed as “normal”. As many as one in five healthy young men between the ages of 18 and 25 produce abnormal sperm counts.

Human males also suffer a disproportionately high incidence of reproductive problems compared to other species. Congenital defects, undescended testes, cancer and impotency are all increasing concerns.

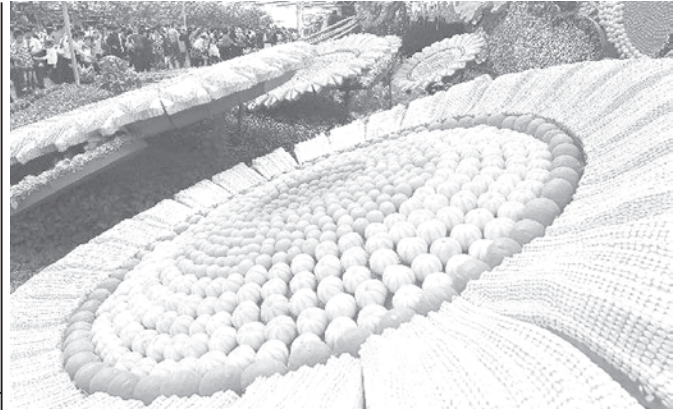
Next year marks the 20th anniversary of the WHO conference where a Danish scientist first alerted the world to the fact that Western men are suffering an infertility crisis.

Professor Niels Skakkebaek of the University of Copenhagen presented data indicating sperm counts had fallen by about a half over the past 50 years. —Internet

United airlines and Continental merge

BEIJING, 4 May — United Airlines has agreed to buy Continental in a deal that’s in excess of three billion US dollars and would create the world’s largest carrier. The new United would surpass Delta Air Lines in size. This should help it attract more high-fare business travellers.

The deal would create a giant with major hubs in key US domestic markets including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and San Francisco and an international network stretching from Shanghai to South America. —Xinhua



Visitors gather to appreciate a unique sculpting of helianthus, at the Vegetable Fair, which attracts great many visitors and procurators for sightseeing and deal-order by the virtue of new and high-tech cultivation methods, affluent varieties of strains, as well as novel horticultural sculpting, during the May 1 vacation, in Shouguang, east China’s Shandong Province, on 2 May, 2010. The fair is slated to last until on 20 May.

INTERNET

S Korea’ Daewoo engineering wins \$272 mln oil storage plant order from UAE

SEOUL, 4 May—South Korea’s Daewoo Engineering & Construction Co. said Tuesday that it has won an order 7. S Korea’s Daewoo Engineering wins \$272 worth 272 million US dollars to build an oil storage facility in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The agreement with Takreer, an affiliate of Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Co., will give Daewoo Engineering exclusive rights to build the facility consisting of 16 oil storage tanks in an area near Abu Dhabi, the capital of UAE, by November 2012, as it will oversee the whole engineering, procurement, and construction process involved, the South Korean company said in a statement.

Daewoo Engineering has secured overseas deals worth 870 million US dollars so far this year, as it targets to win overseas orders totaling 4.5 billion US dollars by the end of the year, it added. —Xinhua

Attention! Kungfu cats coming!

How well do you know your own pet cats? Someone might say the kitties are cute, smart and even elegant. Admittedly, at most of the time they are tame, playful and intimate with their masters. However, those



clever nocturnal animals always have another face — play Kungfu!

Today we’ll uncover their true features.



Bird’s Nest to witness tightrope Guinness record

Chinese legend Adili Wuxor, known as the Prince of Tightrope Walking, started his two-month campaign to break Guinness World Record of steel wire walking and living here on Monday at the National Stadium, or the Bird’s Nest.

In the coming 60 days, Adili, who has already held five Guinness World Records for various stunts, will stay on a steel wire which is 60-metre high and merely 33 centimetre in diameter, hung above the Bird’s Nest. In his personal world record challenge, Adili plans to



Adili Wuxor walks on the steel wire in the Bird’s Nest on 3 May, 2010.

walk five hours and approximately 20 kilometres everyday.

He will also give boundless aerial tightrope performance

such as dancing, sleeping, eyes-covered walking, running, headstand, and single leg standing when the wind scale is under 6.

Creative wake: corpse put atop motorcycle

David Morales Colón, a 22-year-old Puerto Rican man, was shot to death a week ago. Marin Funeral Home has embalmed his body and put the corpse atop a motorcycle in a hunched-over racing position. The body wears a black cap, black sunglasses and a long-sleeved black T-shirt.



News Album

Photo taken on 19 April, 2010, shows workers pasting a tea map in the Badachu Park in Beijing. Various kinds of tea leaves are pasted to the particular regions where they grow on a 20-sq m China map. The tea map will make its debut at the 9th China Gardening and Tea Culture Festival on 27 April.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO (103)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOY NO (103) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 5.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CORPORATION BERHAD**
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ANSAN VOY NO (99-1)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ANSAN VOY NO (99-1) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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A man wears a traditional spring time mask during a local spring festival in a suburb near the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on , 2 May, 2010.

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Indian children play in a waterfall at the Lumbini Water Cascade in Hyderabad, to beat the high temperatures.

INTERNET

Gene study finds mammoths had 'anti-freeze blood'

LONDON, 4 May — Mammoths had a form of "anti-freeze" blood to keep their bodies supplied with oxygen at freezing temperatures. Nature Genetics reports that scientists "resurrected" a woolly mammoth blood protein to come to their finding. This protein, known as haemoglobin, is found in red blood cells, where it binds to and carries oxygen.

The team found that mammoths possessed a genetic adaptation allowing their haemoglobin to release oxygen into the body even at low temperatures. The ability of haemoglobin to release oxygen to the body's tissues is generally inhibited by the cold. The researchers sequenced haemoglobin genes from the DNA of three Siberian mammoths, tens of thousands of years old, which were preserved in the permafrost.

The mammoth DNA sequences were



The mutation may have helped mammoths survive in the Ice Age.

INTERNET

converted into RNA (a molecule similar to DNA which is central to the production of proteins) and inserted into E coli bacteria. The bacteria faithfully manufactured the mammoth protein.

Internet

Antarctic ice 'has traces of uranium'

DETROIT, 4 May—An ice core from the Antarctic bears traces of uranium that may have been carried by the wind from Australian mines in 1995, a Chilean glacier expert says. The minuscule amounts of the radioactive element "correspond to a year (1995) when Australia increased its uranium production", Ricardo Jana, who participates in an international research effort in the frozen continent, told *El Mercurio* daily on Sunday.

He said scientists theorise that the uranium particles were carried by the wind from Australia and deposited in the northern part of the Antarctic's Detroit Peninsula. Jana works for the Chilean Antarctic Institute, which takes part in a joint Brazilian-Chilean-American glaciological and atmospheric research on the Detroit Plateau.— *Internet*



Traces of uranium, possibly from Australian mines, have been found deep in Antarctic ice.

INTERNET

Psychologists find superstition works like a charm

BRISBANE, 4 May — From a lucky coin to a rabbit's foot, they're taken to exams, job interviews and weddings in the hope they will bring good fortune. But rather than being mere superstition, lucky charms do actually work, psychologists have claimed.

Researchers told half the golfers on a putting green that they were playing with a lucky ball and the rest they were playing with a normal one.

Those with the "lucky" ball sank 6.4 putts out of 10, nearly two more putts on average than the others—an increase of 35 per cent. These results sparked huge interest among behavioural psychologists, who said they put luck in a different



Psychologists believe lucky charms aren't merely superstition but that they really work.

INTERNET

light.

The research, by the University of Cologne, in Germany, was conducted on just 28 students but the results are considered significant.

They will also be an en-

couragement for the millions who cling to a lucky shirt or ring on special occasions to bring them fortune. A recent survey found 77 per cent of people are at least mildly superstitious.— *Internet*

Doctors replace girl's damaged esophagus with stomach

NEW JERSEY, 4 May — A New Jersey teenager, who was given just six months to live, has a new lease on life thanks to a groundbreaking surgery that has never been performed on a human before. Brianna Ranzino was turned away by four hospitals after doctors concluded that a rare and deadly tumour in her trachea was inoperable, WBZTV.com reported.

But her family refused to give up hope and travelled to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass., for another opinion.— *Internet*

Next Batman film to swoop into theaters in 2012



LOS ANGELES, 3 May—A sequel to “The Dark Knight” will swoop into theaters in 2012.

Warner Bros. scheduled on 20 July, 2012, as the release date for the next installment of the Batman film franchise.

Director Christopher Nolan brought the Caped Crusader back to the big screen in 2005’s “Batman Begins” and 2008’s “The Dark Knight,” which earned over \$1 billion worldwide and garnered Heath Ledger a posthumous Oscar for his role as The Joker.

No other details about the film were announced on Friday.—*Internet*

Catherine Bach’s husband dies in apparent suicide

LOS ANGELES, 3 May—Los Angeles authorities say the attorney-husband of actress Catherine Bach has been found dead in an apparent suicide. Coroner’s office operations chief Craig Harvey says entertainment attorney Peter Lopez died Friday at his home in the Encino Hills. Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter says a neighbor reporting hearing a gunshot and someone at the home found Lopez’s body.

A spokesman for Lopez’s law firm says he was Michael Jackson’s music attorney until a couple of years before the pop star died.

Bach’s publicist, Steve Rohr, says the Lopez family has suffered a “tragic personal loss.”

Bach played Daisy Duke in the 1980s TV series “The Dukes of Hazzard.” She and Lopez had two young daughters.—*Internet*

‘As the World Turns’ matriarch Wagner dies at 91

NEW YORK, 3 May—Actress Helen Wagner, who played mild-mannered Nancy Hughes on the CBS soap opera “As the World Turns” for more than a half-century, has died at age 91.

She died on Saturday, said New York-based CBS, which didn’t say where she died or what was the cause of her death.

Wagner spoke the first words on “As the World Turns” when the show premiered on 2 April, 1956, and she held the Guinness World Record for playing the same role on television for the longest amount of time, CBS said.

While Wagner, who was born in Lubbock, Texas, was seen less often in later decades, no other network television

performer came close to her run playing a single character.

“It has been fun to keep the character true to herself, no matter who is writing it at the moment,” she said in 1998.

Her first words on the show’s premiere were “Good morning, dear.” She was still part of the cast, though with a small presence, in December 2009, when CBS announced that “As the World Turns” was being canceled and its last episode would air in September 2010.

The show was the first daytime TV drama to run a full half-hour rather than 15 minutes. It rose to No. 1 in the daytime ratings and, in the 1970s, was expanded to an hour.—*Internet*



Chihuahua ‘Roze,’ left, and toy poodle ‘Monaka’ pose for pictures at pet show in Makuhari, near Tokyo, on 2 May, 2010.
INTERNET



A competitor trims a poodle during the dog beauty competition in the FCI Japan International Dog Show 2010 in Tokyo.

INTERNET

Summit nabs rights to Watts-McGregor film

LOS ANGELES, 3 May—Summit Entertainment has added a second Naomi Watts feature to its release slate, with the announcement that it has picked up most worldwide rights to “The Impossible,” in which Watts co-stars with Ewan McGregor.

The film is based on a true story that took place during the 2004 tsunami that hit the coast of Thailand.

The independent studio last week acquired rights for North America and several other territories to Doug Liman’s “Fair Game,” in which Watts stars as CIA undercover operative Valerie Plame Wilson opposite Sean Penn.

That film will debut at the Cannes festival later this month.

“Impossible,” which Juan Antonio Bayona is directing from a script by Sergio G. Sanchez, begins filming in August in Alicante, Spain, before moving to Thailand in October.

Bayona and Sanchez previously collaborated on “The Orphanage,” which Bayona directed and Sanchez wrote. Summit has acquired worldwide rights to “The Impossible,” with the exception of Spain, where Warner Bros. will distribute the film.—*Internet*



Chinese tourists wait to take photos with a Pakistani man at the entrance of the Pakistan Pavilion at the World Expo site in Shanghai, China, on Sunday, 2 May, 2010. A steady flow of visitors joined long lines in sweltering heat at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 on Sunday, a day after organizers said visitor numbers were just more than half of what was expected.

INTERNET

9/11 drama tugs predictably at heartstrings

NEW YORK, 3 May—An earnest heartstring-tugger set in the wake of 9/11, “The Space Between” comes with ready-made emotional weight and benefits from a solid performance by Melissa Leo but is less successful than it might have been. The Tribeca Film Festival selection stands a chance of moving audiences in a limited theatrical run, but seems unlikely to overcome broader resistance to features revolving around the event.

Leo, more caustic than usual but again convincing as a working-class woman struggling with misfortune,

plays Montine, an alcoholic flight attendant on the verge of getting fired for her quick temper. Working on a flight that is grounded mid-route when the September 11 attacks occur, she’s stuck caring for a 10-year-old Muslim boy who was flying alone.

Though reluctant to engage with young Omar, she caves in after learning that his father worked at the World Trade Centre. She goes AWOL from work in an attempt to get the boy to New York and search for his father. Their ensuing road trip is shadowed by terror-related issues both predictable

(Omar’s Pakistani heritage provokes bigotry) and unexpected. Writer/director Travis Fine handles the thawing relationship between the two protagonists well, but his screenplay is too on-the-nose in its pursuit of emotional resonance, particularly when it comes to Montine’s family and the losses in her past.

Happily, Fine doesn’t push him to act cute, but something more was needed to balance this two-hander and to deepen the bond Fine envisions between the boy and his new guardian.

Internet

SPORTS

Blackburn stun Gunners with comeback win

BLACKBURN, 4 May—Blackburn Rovers came from behind to beat Arsenal 2-1 at Ewood Park on Monday and leave third place in the English Premier League up for grabs.

David Dunn cancelled out



Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger. —INTERNET

Robin van Persie's opener before captain Christopher Samba scored the winner to stun the visitors. A win for Arsenal would have confirmed third place in the Premier League and direct qualification for the Champions League group stage.

But north London rivals Tottenham can now move to two points behind them if they win at Manchester City on Wednesday, meaning Spurs could pinch third place should they win and Arsenal lose in Sunday's final round of matches. —Internet

Hull relegated by last-gasp Wigan leveller

WIGAN, 4 May—Hull City were officially relegated from the Premier League on Monday as hosts Wigan Athletic secured a 2-2 draw with a dramatic injury-time equalizer at the DW Stadium.

Latics defender Steve Gohouri scored the crucial last-ditch goal that confirmed the Tigers' relegation to the Championship. Hull went into the clash knowing that only a first away win of the season would keep them



Wigan Athletic's Hugo Rodallega (left) challenges Hull City's Bernard Mendy during their Premier. Internet

mathematically in the top flight.

But survival was practically impossible given their huge goal difference deficit compared to West Ham, the only team they could have drawn level with on points.

They join Burnley and Portsmouth in the Championship next year, the Claret and Pompey having already been relegated.

Internet

Celtics rout Cavaliers to level NBA playoff series

CLEVELAND, 4 May—Ray Allen scored 22 points and the Boston Celtics beat Cleveland 104-86 on Monday to even their best-of-seven second round NBA Eastern Conference playoff series at one victory each.

Kevin Garnett added 18 points and 12 rebounds for Boston and Rasheed Wallace came off the bench to contribute 17 points while Rajon Rondo matched a Celtics playoff record with 19 assists. The Cavaliers, 10-0 in playoff series after winning the opener as they did against the Celtics, now face games three and four on Friday and Sunday in Boston. —Internet



Ray Allen of the Boston Celtics shoots over Anthony Parker of the Cleveland Cavaliers during Game Two of the Eastern Conference Semifinals during the 2010 NBA Playoffs at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, Ohio.

INTERNET

Bordeaux coach Blanc offered France job

BORDUAUX, 4 May —Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc has been offered the chance to replace France coach Raymond Domenech after the World Cup, French football federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes has revealed.

Escalettes, quoted by the French daily *Sud Ouest* ahead of Bordeaux's 1-0 win over Toulouse on Sunday, said the ball was now in the court of the former World Cup



French football federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes has revealed that Bordeaux coach Laurent has been offered the chance to replace France coach Raymond Domenech after the World Cup.

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and European championship winner. "Laurent Blanc is under contract until 2011. There are four Ligue 1 games left, he has to be allowed to work in peace. Then he will decide. No one can decide for him," he said.

Escalettes admitted that the national team were going through a difficult patch with an underage call-girl scandal engulfing several team members."

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Jimenez fans 13, gets 6th win, 5-2 against Padres



San Diego Padres third baseman Chase Headley puts the tag on Colorado Rockies' Ian Stewart. —INTERNET

SAN DIEGO, 4 May—Ubaldo Jimenez struck out a career-high 13, became the first six-game winner in the majors this season and hit an RBI single to lead the Colorado Rockies to a 5-2 win over the NL West-leading San Diego Padres on Monday night.

The hard-throwing Jimenez (6-0) held the Padres to one run and four hits in seven innings. He was making his third start since throwing the first no-hitter in franchise history, at Atlanta on 17 April. He walked two. He retired the last nine batters he faced, striking out five of the final six. —Internet

Federer readies himself for Estoril challenge

ESTORIL, 4 May—Tennis world number one Roger Federer strolled to his first practice session at the Estoril Open on Monday surrounded by four security men to guide him and coach Severin Luthi through an excited crowd of fans.

Up to 200 excited spectators were waiting along a gravel path leading to the court as the top seed made his way to an outside venue at the Estadio Nacional complex.

Once inside, up to 100 of the faithful took up positions peering through gaps in a tall hedge behind

a chain-link fence surrounding the court to watch the session.

Internet



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Benzema 'not worried' about call-girl probe

MADRID, 4 May—Real Madrid's French striker Karim Benzema said he has not yet been summoned for questioning by French police investigating an under-age sex scandal, but said he is not worried about the case.

A judicial source said last month that Benzema would be questioned over allegations he had sex with a 16-year-old call-girl in 2008. "I'm not worried about this affair," Benzema, 22, said Monday. "They haven't summoned me. I feel very at ease, I am thinking only



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of football."

The call-girl also said she had relations with Benzema's France team mate Franck Ribery in 2009, when she was 17 but told him she was over 18, the source said. Sources close to the investigation said police had also questioned a third France international, Lyon winger Sidney Govou, 30.

In France a person under 18 is considered a minor. Sex with a prostitute under 18 carries a jail term of up to three years and a fine of 45,000 euros (60,000 dollars). —Internet



FIFA General Secretary Jerome Valcke (L) and Chairman of the Local Organising Committee South Africa. —INTERNET



Members of different Chilean groups perform during a clown festival in Valparaíso city, about 120 km (75 miles) northwest of Santiago, on 3 May, 2010. The city is celebrating the year of Chile's bicentenary with art activities in public places in a lead-up to the country's 200th anniversary of independence on 18 September, 2010. —XINHUA

No damage reported after strong Chile quake

SANTIAGO, 4 May—A 6.4 magnitude quake shook southern Chile late on Monday, but an official at the state emergency office. Onemi, said there were no immediate reports of any damage.

The quake struck 68 miles (109 kilometres) northwest of the southern city of temuco, the US Geological survey reported.

Chile's Navy said there was no tsunami warning. The latest quake followed and 8.8 magnitude earthquake on February 27 that killed hundreds of people, ravaged towns and hit the forestry and steel industries in south-central Chile.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (5-5-2010)(Wednesday)

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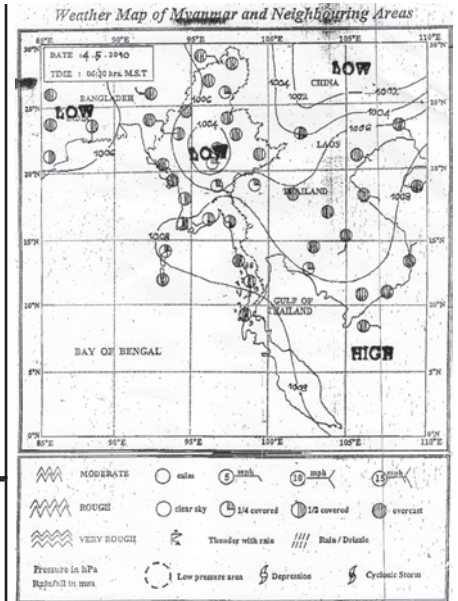
Local Transmission

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- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Movies "Getting on six Lives"



WEATHER

Tuesday, 4th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Lower Sagaing with isolated heavy fall in Mandalay Division and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above May average temperatures in Magway Division, (7°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana), Chauk, Myingyan, (44°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tataroo (2.28) inches, Dawei (1.50) inches, Sagaing (0.91) inch, Kyauktaw (0.71) inch, Magway (0.63) inch and Kyause (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2010 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2010 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 3-5-2010 was (11.2) hours.

Rainfall on 4-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 3-5-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuations of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-5-2010: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-5-2010: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Myanmar



Wednesday, 5
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. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း)

တေးရေး-
ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

6. မြန်မာ့အလင်း
ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. "ဆွေမျိုးတော်တော်"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

3:10 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL(2010)

- ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် နေပြည်တော် FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm

2. Dance Of National Races Musical

Programme

5:10 pm

3. အစောင့်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာ အထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)

5:25 pm

4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

5. Classical Songs

5:45 pm

6. ရွှေယဉ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့

6:40 pm

10. ထက်မြတ်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

11. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

7:40 pm

12. "ဝတ်စုံတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း"

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်တေးသံသာ"

(အပိုင်း-၃၉)

17. မီးသတ်တပ်ဖွဲ့နေ့ဂုဏ်

ပြုဇာတ်လမ်း

"သမင်္ဂဗိုလ်"

(ကျော်ကျော်ဦးမင်းရာဇာ၊

ပုလဲဝင်းသင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးဇော်အောင်)

18. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား

ကြီး၏အရပ်အဝန်းများ

မေတ္တာဘဝနာမ္မာများခြင်း

တရားတော်

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Applications to set up political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting applications stating the name of their parties to the Union Election Commission. The Rakhine Nationals Progressive Party and Democracy and Peace Party submitted their applications to the UEC today.

Among the groups that submitted applications to set up political parties, the UEC passed the following parties to set up political parties today as they are found to be in accord with Political Parties Registration Law and Rules. They are as follows:-

- (1) Union Democratic Party
- (2) Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party

- (3) Chin Progressive Party
- (4) Kayan National Party
- (5) National Democratic Party for Development
- (6) Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar
- (7) Union Solidarity and Development Party
- (8) "Wa" National Unity Party
- (9) "Inn" National Development Party
- (10) All Mon Region Democracy Party

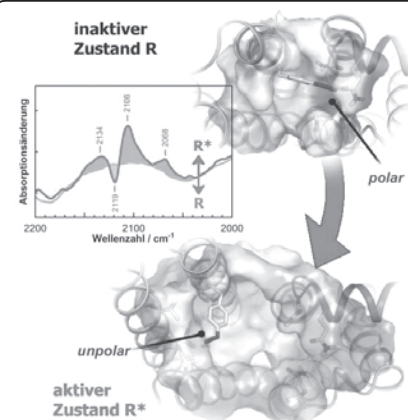
So far, a total of 24 groups out of 30 that submitted applications to set up political parties were granted to set up political parties and applications of the remaining groups are scrutinized.

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University of Computer Studies (Lashio): Alma Mater for human resources

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A file photo shows opening ceremony of University of Computer Studies (Lashio). (See page 9)



The spectra of the azido probe (blue group) allow biophysicists to track the changes which take place within the receptors during individual stages of activation in detail.

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The significant day temperatures

(4-5-2010)

Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	44.0° C
Chauk	44.0° C
Myingyan	44.0° C