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Agriculture, livestock breeding, transport and regional development tasks in Taunggyi District gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspected breeding of dairy cows and ducks, production of dairy products, eggs and feedstuff and production process of dairy produce at Bahtoo Station Farm on 9 May.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into water course of Bahtoo stream, a nursery, tea plantations, progress in construction of gravel-filled retaining wall at Nagapat creek in Yaksawk and measures for proper flow of water.

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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

Formation and registration of political parties applied

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting their applications to the Union Election Commission. Myanmar Democracy Congress submitted the application today.

Of the 32 application-submitted groups, 28 were permitted to form political parties.

Of the 28 groups, the following groups submitted their applications to register as political parties today. They are as follows:-

(1) Kayin People's Party

(2) "Wa" National Unity Party

Up to date, four of 13 parties have already been allowed to register as political parties, and the Commission is in the process of scrutinizing the applications of the remaining parties.—*MNA*

Myanmar, German focus on cooperation in agriculture

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Libyan jet with 104 crashes; child sole survivor

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Chin State: accessible to other States and Divisions

Var Bridge spanning Manipura River in Falam Township.

Byline: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine);*
Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*

Thanks to better transport, people can now travel to border areas through Union Highway and bridges nationwide.

Chin State, located in northwest of the country, shares border with India. Its unique gographical feature, is the many hills and valleys. In the past, it had to face many difficulties in transport sector.

In the olden days, transport sector of Chin State stood apart from other regions. But many roads and bridges have emerged in Chin State. Before current Government, there were only two bridges, namely Natzan Bridge (270-foot-long) in Tonzang Township and Lemyo Bridge (240-foot-long) in Matupi Township. And, there were only over 53 miles of tarred roads, over 80 miles of gravel roads and over 617 miles of earth roads.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 13 May, 2010

Village libraries essential for improvement of rural people

Today is education age when various technologies are essential for production, education and health sectors of the human society.

The government has created the opportunity on a wider scale in the nation for enabling the people to conveniently pursue the basic and higher education and modern technology. In response to genuine goodwill of the government, the youths are to try their best to become outstanding persons for serving the interest of the State, and the people residing in the rural areas are to try to gain general knowledge by cultivating the reading practice.

Self-reliant village libraries have been established with the aims of broadening the horizon of the people and enabling the nation to keep abreast of international community. The rural libraries are tools for disseminating knowledge to the rural people.

As 70 per cent of the nation's population are residing in the rural areas, the opening of more and more village libraries will contribute to uplifting intelligence quotient of the rural people. Books and literature are playing a key role in turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Libraries are focal points for rural people and youths who are studying the progress of science, arts, technology, politics, economics and social science subjects in the modern world.

In the near future, the Village Library Foundation will be established for contributing to durability of self-reliant village libraries and for providing necessary assistance for the libraries.

In the education age, science and modern communication technology are changing throughout the world by leaps and bounds. Thus, all the entire people are to work in concert with national spirit to establish the self-reliant village libraries that will enable the rural people to keep abreast of global people in the knowledge field.

KMD Technology Show on 15 May

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Technology Show and Special Sales of KMD are scheduled to be held at Strand Hotel, Yangon, on 15 May.

The customers may buy computer and its accessories at 50 per cent discount prices and the students may enroll for courses of KMD Computer Training Centre at 25 per cent discount prices at the show. KMD will sell office application softwares at special prices. The one-day show will be kept open from 12 noon to 5 pm.

Latest computer accessories will be on display at the show. Gifts will be presented to netbook, notebook and desktop buyers.

One may contact KMD Sales & Service (Ph: 245180, 384109, 381035, 503511 and 502244 for further details.—*MNA*

People's Desire

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

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Democratic Party (Myanmar), headquartered at No. 6 on Kwetthit Road in Ward 7 of Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division, on 11-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Flag of the Democratic Party (Myanmar)

Seal of the Democratic Party (Myanmar)

Union Election Commission

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Kayan National Party, headquartered at No. Nya/125 on Thaingbahan Road in Nyaunggon Ward 3 in Phekhon Township, Shan State, on 11-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

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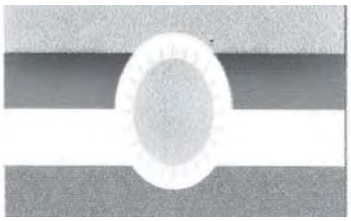
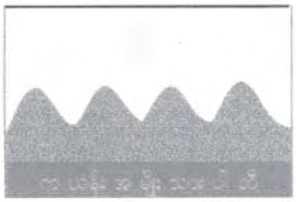


Flag of the Kayan National Party



Seal of the Kayan National Party

Union Election Commission

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar, headquartered at No. 16 on the first floor on Arthawka Road in Tamway Township, Yangon Division, on 11-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

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Flag of the Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar

Seal of the Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar

Union Election Commission

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 12 May— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 14 April reached 701404 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1267725, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	701404
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1267725

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 12 May—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32802 Afghan people were killed and 39283 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 14 April.

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Internet

Policemen arrive to inspect the package at the Times Square in New York, the United States, on 11 May, 2010.

XINHUA

Police and civil defence gather at the site of a bus explosion in Iskandiriyah, 50kms south of Baghdad. Iraqi security forces faced charges of negligence after militats killed 110 people in a devastating wave of attacks in five cities the previous day, Iraq's bloodiest this year.—INTERNET

Armed men shot dead jail official in Kandahar, S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 12 May—Unknown armed men shot an official of Kandahar jail in south Afghanistan on Wednesday, spokesman for provincial administration Zalmai Ayubi said.

"Two unknown armed men riding a motorbike opened fire on Nabi Gul Abid the secretary of the director of Kandahar prison and killed him on the spot this morning," Ayubi told *Xinhua*.

The incident occurred in Kandahar city the capital of Kandahar province when Abid was on way to office, he further said, adding the attackers made their good escape.

This is the second violent incident in a single day on Wednesday.

In the previous attack early this morning a roadside bomb struck a police van in Kandahar city wounding four persons including a policeman.

Xinhua

Two killed, 23 injured in Baghdad bombing

BAGHDAD, 12 May— Two people were killed and 23 others injured when booby-trapped shop exploded in a Shiite neighborhood in northern Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The blast took place in the morning when bombs planted in a shop in Shulla neighborhood detonated, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast destroyed the shop and caused severe damages to nearby shops and buildings, the source said.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene as ambulances and civilian cars evacuated the victims to Baghdad hospitals, the source added.

Waves of violence and sporadic attacks frequently hit the Iraqi cities about two months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

Xinhua

A woman grieves for a relative killed in a bombing in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 May, 2010.

INTERNET

People wounded from one of Monday's bomb attacks lie at a hospital in the city of Hilla, 100 km (62 miles) south of Baghdad on 11 May, 2010.

INTERNET

Bomb kills two US service members in Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 May—A bomb attack killed two US service members in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, while Afghan officials said at least 18 militants died in a recent operation in the same region.

A spokesman for US forces, Col. Wayne Shanks, confirmed that the dead were Americans but declined to provide further details until family members were notified.—*Internet*

Blast kills two kids in Pakistan's Peshawar

ISLAMABAD, 12 May—Two children were killed on Wednesday in a hand grenade blast at a home in the Khazana area of Peshawar in the northwest province of Pakistan, local TV reported.

Internet

Taleban kill two alleged US spies in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, 12 May— Residents and officials say the Pakistani Taleban shot and killed two men they accused of spying for the United States.

The bodies were dumped on Wednesday in Miran Shah, the main town in Pakistan's troubled North Waziristan tribal region.

Local resident Ahsan Ullah said notes attached to the bodies warned others to learn from the fate of the so-called American spies. Two Pakistani intelligence officials confirmed the deaths and the contents of the notes.

The Pakistani Taleban have killed dozens of people in recent years in similar fashion.

The latest deaths come less than two weeks after militants killed a former pro-Taleban Pakistani intelligence officer after abducting him with another exintelligence official and a filmmaker.

Internet

Drilling underway for Canada's deepest oil well

***Chevron Canada has begun drilling the country's deepest offshore oil well.—*INTERNET**

MONTREAL, 12 May—Chevron Canada has begun drilling the country's deepest offshore oil well, as the firm sought to soothe fears over a repeat of the massive oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico.

The exploratory well in the North Atlantic, a prospect known as Lona 0-55, is set to establish a new record shing an estimated 210,000 gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico each day.

Eager to avert the kind of PR disaster that has embroiled rival energy giant BP over the US oil slick, Chevron was careful to stress that for its new Canada drilling, "the primary focus of the experienced team managing drilling operations is on ensuring safe and incident-free operations during drilling."

The exploratory well, expected to be drilled and evaluated over several months, is located in the largely unexplored Orphan Basin, an area stretching across 100,000 square kilometers (62,140 square miles). It is some 430 kilometers (270 miles) northeast of Newfoundland's capital St. John's.

Local officials have also gone at lengths to reassure locals.

"We are confident... We're satisfied at this point in time that it is safe and prudent to continue with drilling in the Orphan Basin," Newfoundland and Labrador Natural Resources Minister Kathy Dunderdale told CBC News.

Internet

DNA could be backbone of next-generation logic chips

NEW YORK,12 May— In a single day, a solitary grad student at a lab bench can produce more simple logic circuits than the world's entire output of silicon chips in a month.

So says a Duke University engineer, who believes that the next generation of these logic circuits at the heart of computers will be produced inexpensively in almost limitless quantities. The secret is that instead of silicon chips serving as the platform for electric circuits, computer engineers will take advantage of the unique properties of DNA, that double-helix carrier of all life's information.

In his latest set of experiments, Chris Dwyer, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering at Duke's Pratt School of Engineering, demo-nstrated that by simply mixing customized snippets of DNA and other molecules, he could create literally billions of identical, tiny, waffle-looking structures.

***This is a closeup of a waffle.—*INTERNET**

Dwyer has shown that these nanostructures will efficiently self-assemble, and when different light-sensitive molecules are added to the mixture, the waffles exhibit unique and "programmable" properties that can be readily tapped. Using light to excite these molecules, known as chromophores, he can create simple logic gates, or switches.

These nanostructures can then be used as the building blocks for a variety of applications, ranging from the biomedical to the computational.

"When light is shined on the chromophores, they absorb it, exciting the electrons," Dwyer said.

Internet

Samsung Life shares jump after record IPO

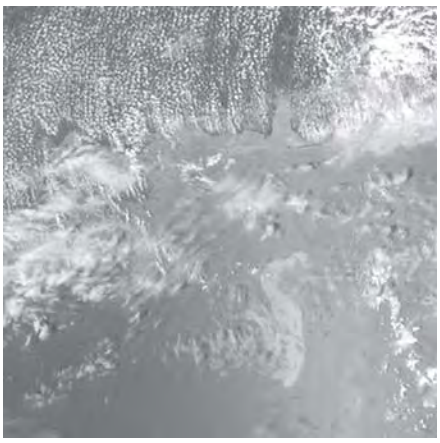
SEOUL,12 May—Samsung Life Insurance shares jumped nearly 9 percent in their first day of trading in South Korea after a $4.3 billion initial public offering that set a record as the country's largest.

The shares opened Wednesday at 119,500 won ($104.69), some 8.6 percent above the IPO price of 110,000 won. They later surrendered some of those gains to trade at 114,500 won.

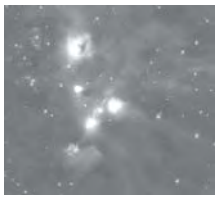
The IPO was South Korea's biggest, according to Kang Seung-ju, an official at the Korea Exchange, the stock market operator.

A total of 44,437,420 shares were offered to the public with a value of about 4.9 trillion won ($4.3 billion) at the IPO price. That far exceeded the previous record IPO by Korea Life Insurance earlier this year of 1.78 trillion won.

Samsung Life is South Korea's biggest life insurer and a key company in the Samsung Group conglomerate, which is spearheaded by Samsung Electronics Co. The closely watched IPO drew strong interest from investors.—*Internet*



Herschel finds a hole in space: surprising glimpse into end of star-forming process



NGC 1999 is the green tinged cloud towards the top of the image. The dark spot to the right was thought to be a cloud of dense dust and gas until Herschel looked at it.
INTERNET

NEW YORK,12 May — The European Space Agency's Herschel infrared space telescope has made an unexpected discovery: a hole in space.

The hole has provided astronomers with a surprising glimpse into the end of the star-forming process.

Stars are born in dense clouds of dust and gas that can now be studied in unprecedented detail with Herschel. Although jets and winds of gas have been seen coming from young stars in the past, it has always been a mystery exactly how a star uses these to blow away its surroundings and emerge from its birth cloud. Now, for the first time, Herschel may be seeing an unexpected step in this process.

A cloud of bright reflective gas known to astronomers as NGC 1999 sits next to a black patch of sky.

For most of the 20th century, such black patches have been known to be dense clouds of dust and gas that block light from passing through.

When Herschel looked in its direction to study nearby young stars, the cloud continued to look black. But wait! That should not be the case. Herschel's infrared eyes are designed to see into such clouds. Either the cloud was immensely dense or something was wrong.

Investigating further using ground-based telescopes, astronomers found the same story however they looked: this patch looks black not because it is a dense pocket of gas but because it is truly empty. Something has blown a hole right through the cloud. "No-one has ever seen a hole like this," says Tom Megeath, of the University of Toledo. "It's as surprising as knowing you have worms tunnelling under your lawn, but finding one morning that they have created a huge, yawning pit."

Internet

In this image provided by NASA shows the oil slick appearing as a silvery-gray patch in the lower right of the image acquired by NASA's Aqua satellite on 11 May, 2010.
INTERNET

Science

Firefox 4 has simpler design, more privacy control

NEW YORK, 12 May—The next version of the Firefox browser, set for release by the end of the year, will pare down the software's menus and certain user options while giving Web surfers more control over privacy.

Firefox 4 promises to let users better control relationships with websites by describing more simply what information is gathered by cookies, which are files that store data on website visits.

In Firefox's current version, determining which websites are peering into users' Internet habits is a complex process involving many menus and submenus. With the change, users will be able to see from a single menu what information websites are gathering. Users will then have the option of deciding which cookies to allow and which to disable.

Internet

US cancer costs double in nearly 20 years

ATLANTA, 12 May— The cost of treating cancer in the United States nearly doubled over the past two decades, but expensive cancer drugs may not be the main reason why, according to a surprising new study.

The study confounds conventi-onal wisdom in several respects. The soaring price of new cancer treatments has received widespread attention, but the researchers conclude that rising costs were mainly driven by the growing number of cancer patients.

The study also finds cancer accounts for only 5 percent of total US medical costs, and that has not changed in the last few decades.

"I will say I'm a bit surprised," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld of the American Cancer Society, who said he would have expected the proportion of cancer costs to rise.

The researchers also found that private insurers now cover a greater share of cancer treatment costs — about 50 percent — while patients' out-of-pocket costs have fallen over the past two decades.

Internet

Soweto Born jewelry maker Jabulani Tsotetsi shows off his silver pendent made out of 2 mini vuvuzelas and a coin in Johannesburg for the upcoming FIFA World Cup that will be hald in South Africa from 11 June to 11 July .
INTERNET

More kids' jewelry recalls in works

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—Federal regulat-ors are expanding their investigation into children's jewelry that contains the toxic metal cadmium, promising that a recall announced Monday of "Best Friends" charm bracelets will not be the last."More recalls are in the works," US Consumer Product Safety Commission spokesman Scott Wolfson said.Those recalls would be the result of voluntary testing by companies, some of which have found troubling levels of cadmium and then reported those results to the agency, Wolfson said. He would not say how many products are under scrutiny.In addition, in recent weeks agency inspectors working at 10 of the nation's largest ports have screened imports of jewelry for cadmium. In one instance, a shipment of Chinese jewelry was turned away.—*Internet*

***An Indian medical volunteer administers a dose of an oral polio vaccine to a young child during a polio immunization programme. Uzbekistan will start mass immunisation against polio this month after an outbreak of the disease in neighbouring Tajikistan, officials in the Central Asian state said on Monday.—*INTERNET**

Health

A worker displays a handful of pistachios during the Ferry Plaza farmer's market in San Francisco, California. Going nuts in your diet can be good for your health, according to a study published on Monday, which showed that eating nuts helps to lower blood cholesterol levels.
INTERNET

Going nuts in your diet can cut cholestreol

WASHINGTON, 12 May—Going nuts in your diet can be good for your health, according to a study published on Monday, which showed that eating nuts helps to lower blood cholesterol levels.

People who ate an average of 67 grams (2.4 ounces) of nuts a day saw a 5.1 percent fall in total cholesterol concentration and a 7.4 percent drop in low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) — sometimes referred to as bad cholesterol — concentration compar-ed to no-nut eaters, the study showed.

People with high triglyceride levels who ate nuts saw a 10.2 percent fall in those blood lipid levels, said the study, which analyzed data from 25 trials conducted in seven countries, involving 583 men and women aged 19-86 with high or normal cholesterol levels.

All the trial data that were analyzed for the study compared nut-eaters to a control group that did not eat nuts.

None of the participants were taking medication to lower their blood lipids.

Internet

Kidney removal may be ill-advised for some elderly

CLEVELAND , 12 May— Removing a kidney does not seem to extend the life of elderly people with kidney cancer that has not spread, a new study finds.

Instead, it suggests, people with such cancer should undergo more conservative treatm-ents that preserve the non-cancerous parts of their kidneys.

Kidney cancer cases have increased over the past 10 years, especially among older people, and doctors are trying to figure out the best way to treat what they call localized cancer in this age group.

In the new study, Dr. Steve Campbell of the Cleveland Clinic and his colleagues examined the medical records of 537 people who were at least 75 years old and had localized kidney tumors.

About 20 percent of them were simply observed, 53 percent had surgery that spared their kidney and 27 percent had their kidney removed.

In the next four years, 28 percent of the overall group died, but just 4 percent of the deaths were attributable to progression of their cancer. The type of treatment did not affect the risk for dying, the researchers found. Rather, additional medical problems were found to have raised that risk. And, people who had a kidney removed had increased problems with their remaining kidney, the study found.

Internet

A polar bear is pictured in its pen at the Marineland animal exhibition park in Antibes on the French riviera.
INTERNET

China's consumer prices, bank lending rise in April

BEIJING, 12 May—China said on Tuesday that consumer prices and bank lending accelerated in April, fuelling fears the economy may overheat and building pressure on Beijing to hike interest rates and let its currency rise. Property prices also had the biggest year-on-year jump in nearly five years in April, signalling measures introduced by the government in recent weeks to curb inflation and rein in soaring prices were having little effect.

"Currently, prices are rising quite fast but CPI increases are mainly due to food and rent prices," a spokesman for the National Bureau of Statistics, Sheng Laiyun, told reporters.

"In the near term, prices are still under quite significant upward pressure. Total demand is still on the rise and domestic liquidity is still abundant."

The consumer price index, the main gauge of inflation, rose a higher-than-expected 2.8 percent compared with April last year, the NBS reported.

The increase outpaced the 2.4 percent jump in March but was still below the government's own inflation target of three percent for the year.

Analysts had expected an increase of 2.7 percent, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

Sheng insisted consumer price increases were still "relatively mild" and it was still possible for Beijing to achieve its official target, but analysts expressed concern that the rises were too fast.

Internet

Toyota quarterly profit $1.2 bln as sales recover

TOKYO, 12 May—Toyota cruised back to profit in the latest quarter as the world's top carmaker cut costs and hitched a ride on the global auto sales recovery while fighting to salvage its reputation for quality. But the automaker's top executive and analysts alike said Toyota is still far from a full recovery while another potential blow to its image looms after US federal authorities launched a fresh investigation into a steering recall.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Tuesday that January-March profit totaled 112 billion yen ($1.2 billion) compared with a 766 billion yen loss the year before.

Quarterly revenue jumped to 5.28 trillion yen ($57 billion) from 3.54 trillion yen a year earlier, when purchases of cars and other vehicles were slumping amid the global financial crisis.

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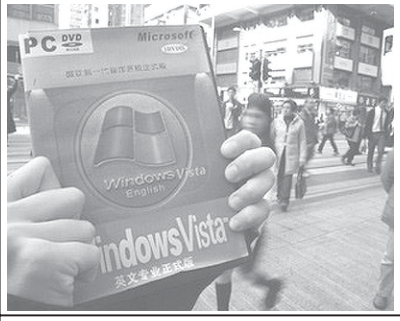

A pirated copy of Microsoft Windows Vista readily available in southern China pictured in Hong Kong in 2007. Software piracy cost technology companies more than 50 billion dollars around the world last year, with Asia accounting for the largest share of losses, an industry report said Tuesday.
INTERNET

Samsung cash to target green energy, health

SEOUL, 12 May—South Korean giant Samsung said on Tuesday it plans to invest 20 billion dollars in healthcare and green energy until 2020 in a move it says could provide thousands of new jobs.

Company chairman Lee Kun-Hee said the move came as world governments were shifting billions of dollars into more sustainable energy as concerns grow over the planets depleting resources.

Group flagship Samsung Electronics is the world's largest maker of memory chips and flat screen televisions and the second largest mobile phone manufacturer.

But Lee Kun-Hee stressed the need to innovate when he returned as company chairman in March, almost two years after stepping down following a probe into his business dealings.

An offshore wind power farm is pictured in northern Germany. South Korean giant Samsung has said it plans to invest 20 billion dollars in healthcare and green energy until 2020 in a move it says could provide thousands of new jobs.
INTERNET

"This is a time of real crisis. Global companies are crumbling. We don't know what will happen to Samsung either," he said at the time. "Within 10 years, all Samsung products may disappear. Now we have to start anew."

Samsung said the 23 trillion won (20 billion dollars) investment plan was agreed during a meeting Monday attended by Lee and heads of the group's affiliate firms.

Internet

RBS bank to axe 2,600 jobs in Britain

LONDON, 12 May—Britain's partly-nationalised lender Royal Bank of Scotland revealed Monday that it plans to axe 2,600 more jobs, according to a company spokesperson.

The bank, 83-percent owned by the state after Europe's biggest-ever bailout during the financial crisis, plans to cut 2,000 jobs at its insurance unit that includes Green Flag, Churchill, Direct Line and Privelege.

Another 600 positions will be shed at its retail head office operations that are based in locations that include Edinburgh and London.

"We are working hard to rebuild RBS in order to repay taxpayers for their support and having to cut jobs is the most difficult part of this process," a bank spokesperson said.

"We have strived at all times to be open and honest about the tough choices we are making.

Internet

Business

Android phones overtake iPhones

WASHINGTON, 12 May—US sales of smartphones running Google's Android mobile operating system surged past those of Apple for the first time in the first quarter of the year, industry research firm NPD said on Monday.

Android-powered smartphones accounted for 28 percent of US consumer sales in the first three months of the year compared with 21 percent for the iPhone, NPD said.

Canada's Research in Motion, maker of the popular Blackberry, retained the top spot with 36 percent of US smartphone sales in the quarter, NPD said.

Strong sales of Motorola's Android-powered Droid and HTC's Android-based Droid Eris were cited as among the reasons for Android's surge past Apple.

Google makes its open-source Android software available to handset manufacturers and also sells its own smartphone, the Nexus One.

"As in the past, carrier distribution and promotion have played a crucial role in determining smartphone market share," said Ross Rubin, NPD's executive director of industry analysis. According to NPD, smartphone sales at AT&T, the exclusive US carrier for the iPhone, comprised 32 percent of the smartphone market in the quarter, followed by Verizon Wireless (30 percent), T-Mobile (17 percent) and Sprint (15 percent). NPD also said the average selling price for all mobile phones was 88 dollars in the first quarter, five percent higher than a year ago. Smartphone prices on the other hand decreased three percent over the previous year to 151 dollars.

Internet

A manager holds an Apple iPhone (L) and Motorola's Droid smartphone (R) at a Verizon store in 2009. US sales of smartphones running Google's Android mobile operating system surged past those of Apple for the first time in the first quarter of the year, industry research firm NPD said on Monday.
INTERNET

In this on 11 April, 2010 file photo, Shanghai Automotive Group Co, Ltd (SAIC) debuts the Ye Zi or Leaf concept car at the World Expo in Shanghai. One of the most extreme visions of China's green future is the Ye Zi, or Leaf, an experimental car developed by SAIC, the local partner of GM and Volkswagen AG.—INTERNET

Myanmar, German focus on cooperation in agriculture

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo receives Ambassador Mr Julius Georg Luy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Union of Myanmar and Ambassador Dr Cyrill Nunn, Director-General of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Department of German Foreign Office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Ambassador Mr Julius Georg Luy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Union of Myanmar and Ambassador Dr Cyrill Nunn who is also the Director-General of the Asian and Pacific Affairs Department of the German Foreign Office at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation yesterday afternoon.

Both sides focused on bilateral cooperation in agriculture sector.—*MNA*

Ensure sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries

Nyunt Oo Soe

Rural Library Foundation will speed up establishment of village libraries and help improve the socio-economic life of rural populace. In addition, increasing the number of self-reliant village libraries is for development of human resources capable of building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, I would like to exhort the entire people to do their bit in the drive as a national duty.

Knowledge is a driving force behind generating a prosperous future of a person. Books can benefit not only the reader but also his nation. Reading can bring a lot of benefits to readers such as high intelligent power, vast knowledge, farsightedness, higher incomes, and being free from poverty. Books also provide intellectual nourishment and enhance the innate ability of the readers. I would, therefore, say everyone who wishes to become rich, have a brighter future, and possess high intellectual power should not ignore the role of libraries and publications.

Today, world countries are trying to gain advanced technologies and human resource development. In this regard, libraries contribute towards development of human resources, as they help broaden the horizons of the readers.

The government is taking measures for building Myanmar society into a constant-learning one. The Head of State gave guidance on establishment of self-reliant village libraries in rural areas where the majority of the people of the nation reside in order to widen the horizons and improve the socio-economic life of local people, and implementation of that plan in connection with the five rural development tasks. In compliance with the guidance, the Ministry of Information launched establishment of self-reliant village libraries with the contributions of the government, local people and well-wishers in 2004. At the first phase, libraries were opened at monasteries, schools, ward offices, cooperative buildings, and houses and periodicals were provided for them at the rate of 100 to 150 books each for a library. Up to November 2007, 55755 libraries had been set up out of 64989 villages.

At the second phase, land plots, buildings, furniture, and books were provided for the libraries for their sustainable progress. Opening libraries in villages generates many benefits to rural folks — having easy access to publications; gaining knowledge; being able to distinguish between right and wrong; spending valuable time in an advantageous way; becoming more polite and upright; and bringing about reliable people for the nation. In addition, establishment of libraries is a national duty for building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Ministry of Information has been constantly making efforts to ensure sustainable development of the libraries in line with the five work programmes as follows:-

(1) to organize rural people to cultivate a good habit of reading,
(2) to keep the publications for their durability, and to raise funds to increase the number of the publications,
(3) to get a land and a building for a library,
(4) to furnish libraries,
(5) to bring about skilled librarians, and form library committees.

The five work programmes are being realized with four strengths: local authorities; social organizations and well-wishers; villagers; and the Information and Public Relations Department.

Up to the end of January 2010, the number of the libraries that meet the five programmes stood at 28,658. Plans are underway for the remaining 27,097 libraries to meet the programmes by the end of December 2010. Companies and entrepreneurs are making donations to provide lands and buildings to set up libraries. In 2009-2010 financial year, the Ministry of Information built 300 village libraries, spending 300 million kyats, in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State. It has earmarked a budget of 400 million kayts for 2010-2011 financial year. The ministry will have to take measures for sustainable progress of the libraries that have met the five standards, and for enabling the libraries to posses the five standards with sustainable development. So, it is fair to say that the State funds and the efforts of the ministry alone have constraints on ensuring sustainable progress of all libraries by the end of December 2010.

Hence, there is a plan to build Rural Library Foundation with the aim of making contribution towards the programmes the State and the ministry have been implementing for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries, as well as rendering necessary assistance. The process calls for the participation of social organizations, well-wishers or entrepreneurs. Therefore, the plan "Rural Library Foundation" is designed to enable all libraries to possess the five standards.

Rural Library Foundation will comprise literati, outstanding persons and businessmen in various fields, and those who have attachments and take interests in libraries. The foundation will carry out many functions such as providing periodicals, buildings and furniture; making field trips to inculcate local people with a good practice of reading; providing technical assistance for systematic operation of village libraries; and raising funds of the foundation.

With a growing number of such libraries, rural people that make up the majority of the nation's population will be able to expand their horizons. Then, they will be able to differentiate between good and bad, and know how to exercise democracy. Community learning centres will be set up by providing Internet access for self-reliant village libraries. That implies that self-reliant village libraries play an important part in the drive for development of human resources.

Rural Library Foundation will speed up establishment of village libraries and help improve the socio-economic life of rural populace. In addition, increasing the number of self-reliant village libraries is for development of human resources capable of building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, I would like to exhort the entire people to do their bit in the drive as a national duty.

Translation: MS

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects plantations at Pwint Kaung and Khin Nwe Yi Co in Yaksawk.

MNA

Agriculture, livestock breeding, transport and regional…

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Then he oversaw growing of coffee, rubber, mango and macadamia and production at Pwint Kaung and Khin Nwe Yi Company in Yaksawk.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and party looked into upgrading of road sections on Yaksawk-Pindaya-Aungban road.

After inspecting measures being taken for ensuring water sufficiency at Ngakyaung-aing Dam in Myaynikyin village in Aungban, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing instructed to establish forests at the environs of the dam and watershed area in order to maintain the fertile soil.

MNA

Only nine bomb blast victims under treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — It has reported that of 170 victims of the bomb blast that occurred in front of X_2O water throwing pandal on Kandawgyi Circular Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, on 15 April, most of them have been discharged from Yangon General Hospital and other hospitals, and only 11—six men and five women—were undergoing treatments.

At present, only nine—five men and four women— are under treatment as more were discharged from the hospitals.

MNA

Diarrhoea cases found in Waw Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Waw Township, Bago Division (East) was struck by an outbreak of diarrhoea from 5 to 11 May with 42 men and 40 women from urban wards and villages treated at Waw General Hospital.

Of them, 30 men and 25 women patients were discharged from the hospital up to yesterday. The rest are still under medical attention. None of the patients suffering from the runs in the hospital dies of the diseases.

Now, the Ministry of Health and local authorities are jointly taking preventive measures against the epidemic.—*MNA*

Chin State: accessible to other States …

(from page 1)

In the rainy season, it took about a couple of weeks to go to Haka-Matupi trip by car and about ten days in summer and winter. Nowadays, local people can go at any time through main road networks—Kalay-Phalan-Haka road (124 miles), Gangaw-Haka (86 miles), Mindat-Matupi (102 miles), Matupi-Yayzwar-Haka (173 miles and three furlongs), Thinebin-Teedain-Raidkhawwah (57 miles and one furlong) and Tiddim-Tunzang-Keekha road (80 miles). Now, they have easy access to some townships in one a day. Kaptel bridge (Bailey suspension bridge) on Tiddim-Kaptel-Reh lake road was built at a cost of K 99.8 million by spanning Manipura River, which is a barrier to transport in the State. Construction of the bridge started in 1995, and it was put into service on 20 April, 2002. It is 385 feet in length and 14 feet in width and can withstand 60 tons of loads.

Photo shows Mindat-Matupi road in Chin State.

Welcome to Kanpetlet!

Likewise, Manswaung bridge (steel bailey suspension bridge) was constructed on Tiddim-Reh lake road near Laingtwee village in Tiddim Township by spanning Manipura River at a cost of K 141.6 million. Construction of the bridge began in 1 December, 2002. It is 460 feet long and 14 feet wide and can withstand 60 tons of loads. It was commissioned into service in 20 March 2005. In addition to above two river-crossing bridges, Pur bridge (steel and concrete bridge) was built on Haka-Phalan-Kalay road in Phalan Township in 1 October 2005. It is 340 feet in length and 34 feet in width, and can withstand 60 tons of loads. Construction of the bridge started on 1 October, 2005 and ended in June, 2006. It was put into service in 12 February, 2007 (Union Day). Like in other states and divisions, Tatmadaw government has been implementing development plans in the State, based on natural resources and other circumstances. Thanks to better transport, Chin State that lagged behind in the development is now enjoying the fruit of economic, education, health and transport sectors.

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Translation: MT

Kyemon (8-5-2010)

Energy Minister supervises supply of water to residents…

(from page 16)

The minister greeted U Than Aye-Daw Aye Hlaing family of Kungyangon who donated purified drinking water containers, and inspected filling of water into the tankers by staff of Township DAC, Township Fire Brigade and Township Red Cross and putting water guard chlorine liquid into the water.

The minister viewed the process of purifying water of storage tanks for distribution.

MNA

Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspects supply of clean water in Kungyangon Township.

MNA

Earth road inaugurated in Maubin

Minister U Thein Nyunt views practical works of trainees of Advanced Tailoring Special Course No. 2 and Basic Vocational Course No. 4 in Mawlamyinegyun.

MNA

YANGON, 12 May—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Seiktha-Kyonnattaw-Kywedon earth road in Maubin Township on 8 May.

It was 15 feet wide and 3 miles and 2 furlongs long road.

The minister then viewed practical works of trainees at Advanced Tailoring Special Course No. 2 and Basic Vocational Course No. 4 being conducted by Education and Training Department at Maw Ayeya Hall in Mawlamyinegyun.

Altogether 30 women each are attending the Basic Vocational Course and the Advanced Tailoring Special Course. Both courses will last 10 weeks.

MNA

Local authorities, departments concerned, social organizations, wellwishers supply drinking water to people under water stress in Bago Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Under the directives of the government, measures for ensuring water sufficiency in some regions of drinking water scarcity in Myanmar are being taken by local authorities, departmental officials and social organization in cooperation with the public.

On 10 May, well-wishers, water donors and development affairs committee provided 20-liter water containers and water tanks to the monks and people who are living under water stress at Setkonpaing, Kanthaya, Ngachinpaing, Thida Aye, Ywathit (4), Kankon(4), Butar and Shwekyeepin wards in Thanatpin Township of Bago Division.

Similarly, wellwishers supplied water to Min Ywa, Shwekyeepin, Yitkanlay, Kamarnat, Yitkangyi, Kalachaunggyi, Minywa and Kamase village-tracts facing drinking water shortage by 12 vehicles

On 11 May, members of Bago Township No (1) Police Station, DaikU Township Police Station, Waw Township Police Station, Thanatpin Township Police Station, Kawa Township Police Station and Township Peace and Development Council, wellwishers, social organizations and Township Development Affairs Committee and Correctional Department in Bago distributed water to the people at Shangyi, Mingalun, Kyaikpi, Akarit, Abyar Bote, Abyar Htaminsaing, Abyar Hngetchaywin, Inndaingsu, Kyalaha, Kapin, Latpankhar, Zaynyaungbin and Sitee villages.

Likewise, wellwishers in Bago and social organizations provided drinking water to Shanyuagyi, Paychaung and Sitee villages in Bago Township, Kyarchaung village in Thanatpin Township and Pagan, Tanawkyun and Kyonyat villages in Waw Township by 1600-gallon bowsers.

Under the leadership of Thanatpin Township Peace and Development Council, wellwishers in Thanatpin donated 20-liter water containers and drinking water to people at Setgonpaing, Phayagyipaing, Auksu and Htaungmin wards and Khalut, Nyankyun and Kyeepinsu villages by water bowsers.

Likewise, Thegon Township Fire Brigade members, social organizations and wellwishers provided drinking water to people at Charsharkon, Phalankon and Maukan villages for ensuring water sufficiency daily.—*MNA*

Two killed, three injured in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Destructive acts of KNU insurgents often caused loss of lives and limbs to innocent people.

A passenger vehicle hit the mine planted by KNU insurgents in Papun Township of Kayin State, leaving two innocent people dead and three injured.

At 3 pm yesterday, the front wheel of the bus driving from Winmaung Village of Papun Township rolled on a mine planted by KNU insurgents on Kyangin Road between Melaikkyauk and Metoh villages. The driver and one passenger were killed in the mine blast and three injured. The injured persons were rushed to Bilin Township People's Hospital for providing medical treatments to them. Officials provided necessary assistant to them.—*MNA*

Reckless driving causes accidents

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—A truck loaded with firewood got out of control and ran into about 150 feet deep ravine at the bend near Kanmanaing Village, Tiddim Township, Chin State, at 2.30 pm on 2 May, leaving a man on the car dead.

The driver is still at large. Tiddim Police Station has filed a lawsuit against him.

In another case, a trailer vehicle carrying a study team from the Geology Department of Pathein University lost control and turned on its side at the entrance road to Dattawgyaint in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, at 6 pm on 4 May. Ten of the passengers received bruises and cuts on their bodies, two are now in PyinOoLwin Hospital. PyinOoLwin Police Station is taking action against the reckless driver.—*MNA*

A crane ship floats in support of a relief platform at the Deep Sea Horizon oil spill site in the Gulf of Mexico, on 8 May, 2010.
INTERNET

What next? After failure, BP mulls gusher options

MEXICO, 12 May— A day after icy slush clogged the massive box they hoped would contain an out-of-control oil gusher in the Gulf of Mexico, BP officials on Sunday said they may try again — this time with a smaller box.

They also were considering several other options to stop the daily rush of at least 200,000 gallons of crude, which began washing up on beaches in thick blobs over the weekend.

With crippled equipment littering the ocean floor, oil company engineers scrambled to devise a fresh method to cap the ruptured well. Their previous best hope for containing the leak quickly, a four-storey containment box, became encrusted with deep-sea crystals Saturday and had to be cast aside.

Among the plans under consideration:

• Deploying a new, smaller containment box in the hope that it would be less likely to get clogged. Officials said the new box could be in place by midweek.

"We're going to pursue the first option that's available to us and we think it'll be the top hat," the smaller box, BP Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said.

Internet

Doctors rule out lung cancer for King Juan Carlos of Spain

MADRID, 12 May— King Juan Carlos underwent a successful operation to remove a small benign growth from his right lung, doctors said on Saturday.

The doctors ruled out any possibility the 72-year-old monarch was suffering from any form of lung cancer after the growth was discovered during his yearly medical tests in late April.

"The medical team considered it necessary to analyze morphological changes in a calcification on his Majesty's right lung, which had been observed in previous years," the Royal Palace said in an official communique.

Dr Laureano Molins Lopez-Rodo said after the operation that the nodule removed from the king's right lung was not cancerous.

"It is not malignant, we have ruled out that it could be lung cancer," the doctor said.

Xinhua

Doctors attend the Press conference about the lung surgery of Spain's King Juan Carlos, on 8 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Sacramento breast cancer run raises $2 mln

BEIJING, 12 May— Over 22,000 people swarmed into streets Saturday to take part in the annual "Susan G Komen Race for the Cure" in Sacramento of US, raising an expected two million US dollars for breast cancer research and local screening, according to media reports.

The Race for Cure is the continuation of a goal set back in 1982 by Susan G Komen's sister. The event raises funds for breast cancer research and is held every year on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. Reasons for racing are as diverse as the team names such as "Walkers for Knockers" and "The Real Housewives of Ada County."—*Xinhua*

A fisherman hauls out tuna during the "Almadraba" (fishing of the tuna) in Zahara de los Atunes, southern Spain.—INTERNET

30 dead, 60 missing in Russia mine blast

MOSCOW, 12 May— At least 30 people died and 60 remained unaccounted for following two weekend explosions at one of Russia's largest coal mines, Russian news agencies reported the Emergencies Ministry as saying on Monday.

The death toll from the methane blasts at the Raspadskaya mine, 3,000 km (1,850 miles) east of Moscow, rose from 12 overnight as more bodies were found underground, Em-ergencies Minister Sergei Shoigu was quoted as saying.

"Thirty people are dead and the fate of 60 other people in the mine remains unclear," Shoigu said, as quoted by *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

Seventeen rescuers who were caught in the second of two explosions were found overnight, he said, adding that time was running out to rescue miners from two flooded areas of the mine.

"We have 48 hours," he said.

Rescue teams re-entered the mine late on Sunday after a build-up of methane halted the search for most of the day.

A criminal inv-estigation has been opened into possible safety violations, the Prosecutor General's Office said.

Internet

Palestinians agree to launch proximity talks with Israel

RAMALLAH, 12 May—The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) agreed to launch the US-proposed proximity talks with Israel, and the indirect negotiations are likely to be announced later on Saturday.

The organization's executive committee made the approval in a fiery session held behind closed doors in Ramallah, Qais Abu Laila, an official from the Democratic Front of the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), told *Xinhua.*

Meanwhile, Yasser Abed Rabbo, an executive committee member, told a Press conference that the launching of negotiations with Israel is likely to be declared after US Middle East envoy George Mitchell meets Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas later Saturday in Ramallah.

"This is in response to the national Palestinian interests and to give a new chance to the peace process which is sponsored by the United States," Abed Rabbo said.

Washington offered to lead the indirect negotiations, which are also called "proximity talks," in a bid to revive the Israeli- Palestinian peace process that has been stalled for 18 months over a dispute on settlement expansions.

Abed Rabbo noted that the final-status issues, which would enable the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel, would be topics of the indirect talks.—*Xinhua*

A visitor poses by a kangaroo sculpture made of recycled steel and iron near the Australia Pavilion at the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 8 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Rainwaters flood 1,409 vehicles in underground garages of S China city

GUANGZHOU, 12 May— A total of 1,409 vehicles were flooded after water from a rainstorm poured into 35 underground garages of Guangzhou City, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, municipal authorities said Tuesday night.

In the worst-hit Tianhe District, 24 underground garages were flooded, leaving 1,139 vehicles flooded, said Ouyang Ming, deputy head of the municipal water authorities.

"Guangzhou has nearly 10,000 underground garages. Only a small fraction were flooded," he said.

Car owners are seeking compensation from garage and insurance companies.

Car owners of Kangcheng residential estate are demanding the management company that runs the garage compensate them. More than 370 vehicles, including some luxury cars, were flooded in the storm.

A car owner spokesman surnamed Hu said they would negotiate with the the agency. A spokesman for the agency said legal procedures were necessary and the agency would fulfill its lawful obligations.

Xinhua

Boeing's newest research aircraft gets a public unveiling in St. Louis, the United States, on 11 May, 2010. With a creepy look, it's called the Phantom Ray, words very suited to its future spying role and its sleek lifting-body shape.—XINHUA

Flights cancelled at Spanish airports

BEIJING, 12 May — Air passengers are facing more disruption, as the volcanic cloud from Iceland causes even more delays and cancellations across Europe.

Four airports in the Canary Islands and three in Southern Spain were forced to close, as ash drifted across their airspace.

Restrictions were placed on flying through Spanish airspace on Monday. But Seville, Jerez and Badajoz airports were completely shut down as of 0500GMT on Tuesday.

Budget airline Ryanair says it has cancelled dozens of flights to and from destinations in Spain, Portugal and the Canary Islands.

Rival carrier EasyJet is warning there could be disruption to flights to and from France, Spain, Portugal and Gibraltar.

Some passengers have been told there is no immediate sign of airports being reopened.

Internet

Blame game starts over Mexican Gulf oil disaster

BEIJING, 12 May—A lot of finger pointing on Capitol Hill Tuesday, as the blame game was played out over the Mexican Gulf oil disaster.

US lawmakers questioned executives from 3 companies about the cause of the massive leak. In a testimony before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Chairman of BP America said the disaster was caused by the failure of a safety device made by another company.

However, that company, Transocean, accused BP, saying it was in charge of the overall operation. There were also claims that a third company, Halliburton, failed to properly plug the exploratory oil well.

They responded by saying they were only following plans by BP. The spill has been contaminating water in the Gulf of Mexico for 3 weeks.

The pollution is threatening sensitive marshes and marine wildlives, from Louisiana to Florida.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 6 May, 2010 shows folk artists' art works made of colorful sand and bottles in the theme of special sceneries of Jordan in Jordan Pavilion at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, China.

UK surgeon cuts out whole testicle in place of cyst

A surgeon was supposed to cut out a cyst on a man's right testis, but instead he accidentally cut off the whole testicle, media report on Wednesday.

When the incident happened in September 2007, Al Hourani was working as a locum surgeon at Fairfield General Hospital in Bury, Greater Manchester, England.

He is being accused of misconduct over the error and faces further charges of injecting himself with a drug meant for a patient and stealing tablets, the General Medical Council(GMC) told.

An African chimpanzee is ready to toss sand to visitors in a zoo in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 5 May, 2010. The zoo got four chimpanzees on 31 December , 2009, from a German woman as New Year gifts. —INTERNET

US woman without arms to test for black belt

A 32-year-old American woman, born without arms or kneecaps, is scheduled to test for her black belt in taekwondo next month, according to the Associated Press reports on Wednesday.

Sheila Radziewicz, from Massachusetts and a brown belt, will take the test at Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts in Peabody.

Palestinian largest "loaf of chicken" enters the world Guinness book

Thousands of Palestinians on Monday gathered at the village of A'roora, north of the West Bank city of Ramallah to celebrate the ceremony of accepting the largest Palestinian loaf of chicken, known as "Musakhan" into the Guinness book of world records.

Jamal al-A'roori, director of the project of baking the largest "Musakhan Loaf" said that the preparations for the project took one complete year, adding that 40 Palestinian cooks from all over the West Bank.

The celebration in the village, which was under the title " Festival of Joy, The Palestinian Musakhan", was folkloric, where the Palestinians wanted to prove their rights in their land and their heritage.

Macaque twins hug their mother at the Taiyuan Zoo in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi province, on 7 May, 2010.

News Album

Two 80-year-olds fight over Obama's nuke programme

US President Barack Obama's recent peaceful vow to reduce the US nuclear arsenal and not to use nukes against nations that don't have them had two men in their 80s in at each other's throats in Zhengzhou, Henan Province recently.

The fight sent one man, surnamed Li 82, to the hospital for eight stitches in his head for a 6-centimetre gash after his assailant, Wang 81, heaved into him with a three-legged camp stool.

It began after Wang said he thought Obama's policy was "great news." "You're talking nonsense. It's all bullshit," responded Li and the fight began.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DUCKY SHINY VOY NO (065)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DUCKY SHINY VOY NO (065) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 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.

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Marriage Announcement

Edmond Saw Htun Htun Win,
The Son of Saw Ant Tyhee and Daw Are More,
Residing at Kanbalu Village, Letpandan Township,
Bago Division married to
Dorothy Naw Yin Mon Myint
The daughter of John Ohn Yin and Naw San San Myint,
residing at No.91, Sinyegan Street, Ahlone Township,
Yangon on 8.5.2010 by entering marriage Agreement
before Reverend Father Cornelius Kyaw Khine at
St. Theresa's Church, Ahlone and
their weeding reception was held successfully on the
same day at Summit Parkview Hotel, Yangon.

Parents of both sides
Edmond Saw Htun Htun Win
Dorothy Naw Yin Mon Myint

Brain scans may be useful lie detectors, say experts

Conventional detectors monitor changes in vital signs like heart rate.
INTERNET

LONDON, 12 May—Brain scans could be useful as lie detectors to show if a witness lies when identifying a suspect in a crime investigation, US researchers believe.

Scientists at Stanford University were able to tell when a person recognized a mug shot by reading their brain waves.

Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) revealed tell-tale brain activity during the memory recall task, *Proceedings* journal reports.

But experts warn the technology is not foolproof and can give false results.

And such false positives could have serious legal consequences, say Dr Jesse Rissman and his team, who conducted the research.

Internet

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Academics urge radical new approach to climate change

LONDON, 12 May—A major change of approach is needed if society is to restrain climate change, according to a report from a self-styled "eclectic" group of academics.

The UN process has failed, they argue, and a global approach concentrating on CO_2 cuts will never work. They urge instead the use of carbon tax revenue to develop technologies that can supply clean energy to everyone.

Their so-called Hartwell Paper is criticized by others who say the UN process has curbed carbon emissions. The paper is named after Hartwell House, the Buckinghamshire mansion, hotel and spa where the group of 14 academics from Europe, North America and Japan gathered in February to develop their ideas.

Internet

CO_2 should not be the prime target of climate policy, the report argues.
INTERNET

UK retail sales 'fell in April'

LONDON, 12 May—UK retail sales fell in April owing to the timing of Easter and uncertainty from consumers ahead of the general election, figures indicate.

The total value of sales fell by 0.2% in April from a year earlier, with the like-for-like drop at 2.3%, the British Retail Consortium (BRC) said.

Food sales fell back, but this was distorted because of the early Easter compared with last year.

The figures for this year only included Easter Sunday and on Monday.

The previous month's figures had been boosted by the inclusion of the first two days of the long Easter weekend, and had showed an increase of 4.4% in like-for-like sales.

Internet

Asian stocks fall as EU bailout rally peters out

SINGAPORE, 12 May—Asian stocks fell on Tuesday as a relief rally triggered by a $1 trillion plan to contain Europe's debt crisis fizzled out.

Most of the region's markets opened higher following a broad advance in Europe and on Wall Street but couldn't sustain gains for a second day running. As elation faded about the European Union's headline-grabbing moves to defend the euro and quarantine the debt woes of financially shaky member states, investors returned to fretting over the strength of Asia's economic recovery.

Oil prices, meanwhile, slipped toward $76 a barrel and the euro, which rebounded the day before from a 14-month low, surrendered some of its gains against the dollar."

The bailout doesn't necessarily change the economic outlook for the eurozone," said Lorraine Tan, director of equities research at Standard & Poor's in Singapore.—*Internet*

A stock trader works at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, on 10 May.
INTERNET

Fossil reveals early bird plumage

LONDON, 12 May—A new study of a 150-million-year-old fossil of an Archaeopteryx has shown that remnants of its feathers have been preserved. Archaeopteryx is regarded as a "missing link" that documents a fabulous transition from dinosaur to bird.

The researchers say that it may soon be possible to work out the colours of feathers sported by these creatures. The new work is published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS).

But the authors warn museum curators not to be overzealous in cleaning up fossils for display in case they destroy vital scientific data.

Archaeopteryx is the most iconic of fossils: Many of the specimens beautifully capture this snapshot of evolution—showing the creature's skeleton, feathers and teeth in great detail.—*Internet*

Archaeopteryx fossils capture a snapshot of evolution.
INTERNET

British man fined 1,477 dollars for posting on Twitter

BEIJING, 12 May — A British man has been fined about 1,000 British pounds (1,477 US dollars) for posting a message on his miniblog, news reports said on Wednesday.

Paul Chambers, who posted on his Twitter that he was trying to blow up the Robin Hood airport in the southwest of Doncaster, England.

Security servicemen at the airport saw his tweet and suspecting it as a serious threat to the airport for they informed the local police.

Doncaster magistrates fined him 385 British pounds (568.80 dollars), plus 600 pounds (886.40 dollars) costs.

It is a warning to those Twitter users which may take for granted that their messages cannot be seen as they do not have any followers, reported Financial Times. Messages on Twitter are visible to anyone unless comments are protected via privacy settings which would not make them public and only available to those who are accepted by invitation.

Xinhua

Nurses show the professional skills in an activity of marking the International Nurses Day, which falls on 12 May, in Tianjin, north China, on 11 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Italian Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti (L), EU rotating presidency Spanish Finance Minister Elena Salgado (C) and Greek Finance Minister Giorgos Papakonstantinou talk during an extraordinary EU Finance ministers meeting in Brussels, on 9 May, 2010. Ministers will examine the European Commission's proposal agreed on by the eurozone leaders, during their meeting on Friday, whose objective is to stabilize the euro after the agreed aid to Greece.

XINHUA

EU finance ministers agree on 750-billion-euro rescue mechanism to safeguard euro

BRUSSELS, 12 May— European Union (EU) finance ministers agreed early Monday on an unprecedented rescue mechanism worth up to 750 billion euros (956 billion US dollars) to prevent spread of the Greek debt crisis and rebuild confidence in financial markets. At a news conference following the extraordinary meeting, European Economic and Monetary Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn said that finance ministers decided to create a European Financial Stabilization mechanism to preserve financial stability in Europe.

Under the three-year Special Purpose Vehicle, the largest bulk of the 750 billion euros, or 440 billion euros (560 billion US dollars), would come from bilateral loans from the 16 eurozone countries, said a statement issued after the meeting.

The European Commission would raise 60 billion euros (76.5 billion US dollars) from financial markets on behalf of the EU, which means the borrowing would be guaranteed by all 27 EU governments.

Xinhua

More jobs to be eliminated in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 12 May— Hundreds of job positions would be eliminated to help close a projected 492-million-US-dollar deficit in Los Angeles, city officials said on Tuesday.

The planned job elimination is included in a spending plan approved on Wednesday by the Los Angeles City Council's Budget and Finance Committee after weeks of deliberations, said Councilman Bernard Parks, chairman of the committee.

The "bulk" of the more than 1,700 positions expected to be eliminated are currently occupied by city employees who would be issued pink slips (layoff notices) unless alternative solutions are found to close the budget gap, Parks said.

The committee will present its report to the full City Council on Friday.

The planned layoffs are more than what Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa had originally proposed.

Xinhua

Gold price opens higher in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 12 May—The gold price in Hong Kong went up 137 HK dollars to open at 11,345 HK dollars per tael on Wednesday, according to the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society.

The price is equivalent to 1,225.32 US dollars a troy ounce, up 15.03 US dollars at the latest exchange rate of one US dollar against 7.772 HK dollars.

Xinhua

Dollar at upper 92 yen in Tokyo

TOKYO, 12 May— The US dollar traded at the upper 92 yen level early on Wednesday in Tokyo.

The dollar bought 92.81-83 yen at 9 am, up from 92.61-71 yen in New York and 92.72-75 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Tuesday.

The euro was quoted at 1.2640-2642 dollars and 117.32-36 yen, compared with 1.2658-2668 dollars and 117.42-52 yen in New York and 1.2745-2748 dollars and 118.20-24 yen in Tokyo late on Tuesday.

Xinhua

Kindergarten attack leaves seven kids dead, at least 20 injured in NW China

X'I AN, 12 May— Seven children were hacked to death and at least 20 others injured in a violent attack at a kindergarten in northwest China's Shaanxi Province on Wednesday morning, local authorities said.

The incident happened at about 8 am at a kindergarten in Nanzheng County of Hanzhong City, said Liu Xiaoming, a local publicity official. "The injured have been rushed to hospital," he said.

It was the fifth such attack against school children in less than two months. The country has taken measures to boost campus security in recent weeks.

Experts have blamed pressures caused by modern society for the string of attacks.

Internet

Photo taken on 9 May, 2010 shows the rows of windmills in the Gobi in Turpan, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. The development of the pneumatic-electric power generating industry in Xinjiang has gained strong momentum since the country's strategy of development of the West, and the dense distribution of the windmills taking advantage of local affluent pneumatic energy become the new tourist attraction now.

XINHUA

Ronaldinho and Adriano omitted from Brazil's World Cup squad

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May — There was no place for Ronaldinho or Adriano in Brazil coach Dunga's 23-man squad for the World Cup, which was announced on Tuesday, though, Ronaldinho still has a slight hope as he was named on a seven player reserve list.

Both players have fallen out of favour during Dunga's reign and were not expected to be selected for the 11 June - 11 July tournament in South Africa.The 30-year-old Ronaldinho, part of the 2002 World Cup-winning team, made his last appearance for Brazil in April 2009 while Dunga had expressed concern over Adriano's fitness.

Internet

There was no place for Ronaldinho, seen here in April 2010, or Adriano in Dunga's 23-strong squad. **INTERNET**

Atletico's Forlan fears giant-killers Fulham

HAMBURG, 12 May — Atletico Madrid's Uruguayan striker Diego Forlan said his Spanish side must be wary of giant-killers Fulham with the sides set to meet in the Europa League final here on Wednesday.

The former Manchester United forward scored the crucial extra-time goal against Liverpool at Anfield a fortnight ago in the Europa League semi-final which booked the Spanish their Hamburg berth.—*Internet*

Atletico Madrid's Uruguayan striker Diego Forlan, seen here talking to reporters in Hamburg, said his Spanish side must be wary of giant-killers Fulham with the sides set to meet in the Europa League final here on Wednesday. **INTERNET**

Dunga selects 23-strong squad for World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May—Dunga announced the list of 23 players for Brazil that will participate in the World Cup in South Africa 2010 on 11 May.

Goalkeepers are Julio Cesar (Inter), Doni (Roma), and Heurelho Gomes (Tottenham). Defenders are Luisao (Benfica), Lucio (Inter), Juan (Roma), Thiago Silva (AC Milan), Daniel Alves (Barcelona), Maicon (Inter), Michel Bastos (Lyon), and Gilberto (Cruzeiro)

Midfielders are Gilberto Silva (Panathinaikos), Josue (Wolfsburg), Elano (Galatasaray), Kaka (Real Madrid), Ramires (Benfica), Felipe Melo (Juventus), Julio Baptista (Roma), and Kleberson (Flamengo)

Forwards are Luis Fabiano (Sevilla), Nilmar (Villarreal/), Grafite (Wolfsburg), and Robinho (Santos)

Reserves are Ronaldinho (AC Milan), Alex (Chelsea), Marcelo (Real Madrid), Carlos Eduardo (Hoffenheim), Sandro (Internacional Porto Alegre), Diego Tardelli (Atletico Mineiro), and Paulo Ganso (Santos).

Internet

***Head coach of Brazil Dunga seen at a Press conference.*—INTERNET**

Scholes snub for England opens door for Col

LONDON, 12 May — Paul Scholes's decision to turn down the chance of a World Cup recall for England may have secured Joe Cole's seat on the plane to South Africa.

The Chelsea midfielder had been widely tipped to be one of the most high-profile absentees from Fabio Capello's squad for South Africa after a season marred by injury, a dip in form and confidence and a lack of first team starts for his club under Carlo Ancelotti.

There had even been speculation that Cole, who had not featured in an England squad since the 4-1 win over Croatia in Zagreb in September 2008, could miss out on the provisional 30-man squad Capello unveiled on Tuesday.Those suggestions however proved to be sharply at odds with the ringing endorsement of the 29-year-old's qualities delivered by Capello after he unveiled his squad.

"Joe Cole played with us before his injury and every time I was impressed," Capello said."I followed him when he started to play again after the injury.

Internet

***Midfielder Paul Scholes seen during Manchester United's clash with Stoke City. Scholes's decision to turn down the chance of a World Cup recall for England may have secured a seat on the plane to South Africa for player Joe Cole.*—INTERNET**

Haney spares himself (and Tiger) lots of innuendo

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 12 May — For all the criticism Hank Haney has faced over six years and six major championships working with Tiger Woods, his latest move deserves nothing but praise. Haney resigned as his swing coach on Monday night, and the timing could not have been better.—*Internet*

Tiger Woods uses his putter to indicate a point of interest. **INTERNET**

S Africa's Soccer City to host first match on 22 May

JOHANNESBURG, 12 May— South Africa's flagship World Cup stadium Soccer City will next week host its first professional match, ahead of the tournament's opening game on 11 June, organizers said on Tuesday.

"The much anticipated local cup final, the Nedbank Cup, will take place at Soccer City on 22 May," said Rich Mkhondo, spokesman for the local organizing committee. The match will also mark the stadium's formal handover to FIFA, just three weeks before the kick-off of the world's most-watched sporting event.

The giant, clay-coloured stadium, inspired by the African calabash (gourd), is located between downtown Johannesburg and Soweto township. —*Internet*

***Construction workers who worked on Soccer City Stadium near Soweto celebrate with thier vuvuzelas (trumpets) in the stadium, on 3 May.* —INTERNET**

Yadanabon FC makes bright start in Group-C of AFC President's Cup

YANGON, 12 May— Myanmar National League champions Yadanabon FC made a bright start in the Group-C of AFC President's Cup victory over Durk Star Bhudan 11-1 held in Thuwunna, Myanmar on 11 May.

Durk Star did not play well most of the time competing with host Yadanabon FC conceding more goals than the previous match against HTTU. Durk Star could play better than the previous match but many mistakes had to be found in their defence line thereby conceding nine goals in the first half. Yadanabon FC took nine goals lead in the first half.

In the second half, some superb players of Yadanabon FC were given retirement. Next two goals were struck by substitutes Aye Moe and at 60th minute and Thet Naing at 68th minute.

Internet

AFC President's Cup.

Blackhawks rout Canucks, return to West finals

VANCOUVER, 12 May — Troy Brouwer and Kris Versteeg scored 36 seconds apart early in the second period, and the Chicago Blackhawks eliminated the Vancouver Canucks in Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals for the second straight year with a 5-1 win on Tuesday night.

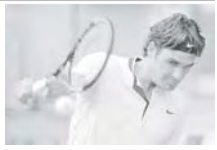
Internet

Chicago Blackhawks' Dave Bolland celebrates his goal against the Vancouver Canucks during the second period of Game 6 in an NHL hockey Western Conference playoff series in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 11 May, 2010. **INTERNET**

Tennis ace Federer boosts confidence with opening win

MADRID, 12 May – World number one Roger Federer shrugged off his surprise loss in the Estoril semi-finals last weekend and defeated Germany's Benjamin Becker 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) to reach the third round at the Madrid Masters on Tuesday.

Federer — the title holder — has yet to produce a significant winning run on clay this season with his defence of the French Open title starting in less than a fortnight.—*Internet*



***Swiss Roger Ferderer returns a backhand to German Benjamin Becker during their match of theMadrid Masters. Federer won 6-2, 7-6.*—INTERNET**

SPORTS

A Dutch boy is said to have survived a Libyan Afriqiyah Airways plane crash on 12 May in Tripoli.—INTERNET

Libyan jet with 104 crashes; child sole survivor

TRIPOLI, 12 May—A Libyan plane carrying 104 people crashed Wednesday on approach to Tripoli's airport, leaving a field scattered with smoldering debris that included a large chunk of the tail painted with the airline's brightly colored logo. A 10-year-old Dutch child was the only known survivor.

The Dutch prime minister said everyone on the Afriqiyah Airways Airbus A330-200 arriving from Johannesburg, South Africa was killed except the child, whose survival was hailed as a miracle.

The youth was taken to a hospital in Tripoli and was undergoing surgery for injuries including broken bones.

The Royal Dutch Tourism Board said 61 of the dead came from the Netherlands.

Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (13-5-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (13-5-10 09:30 am ~ 14-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs"Surprising Myanmar(The Shwedagon Pagoda)"
* News
* Documentary "The World's Largest Book"
* The Beauty and Lifestyle of Taung Yoe Tribe
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* The Enchanting Ahkha Village

OverseaTransmission

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* News
* Documentary "The World's Largest Book"
* Travelogue in Popa
* News
* Myanmar Traditional Pavilion Painting
* Modernized Umbrellas evovled from the Yesteryear
* News
* Record Album
* Traditional Chin Clothes
* Myanmar Movies"Shwe Nanthar House"

Myanmar TV

Thursday, 13 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အင်္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလ(ယဉ်ဝေယဏ္ဍန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Dance of National Races

8:10 am
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am
8. "နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ"

8:30 am
9. Dance Variety

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

3:45 pm
1. AFC President's (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Yadanarbon (MYA) အသင်းနှင့် ITTU (TKM)အသင်း

5:45pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "အချစ်ကော်ဖီ" (အပိုင်း-၆) (သူရလင်း၊မေတ္တာ၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ယုဇနဝိုလ်မြင့်၊ စုပုံချစ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm
6. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ်ဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၃) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၂)

WEATHER

Wednesday, 12th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan State, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remanining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were about May average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division (3 ℃) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhin and Kayah States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) above may average temperatures in the remanining states Divisions. The siginificant day temperature were Myingyan (45.6℃),Monywa, NyaungU and Chauk (45.0 ℃) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.51) inch,Kengtung (0.36) inch,Khayan (0.32) inch and Putao(0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2010 was 106°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2010 was 82°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-5-2010 was 45%. Total sun shine hours on 11-5-2010 was (9.1) hours.

Rainfall on 12-5-2010 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) m.p.h from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 11-5-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 13th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Northern Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-5-2010: Partly cloudy

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-5-2010: Partly cloudy

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-5-2010: Partly cloudy

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★ 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

Authorities, departments, wellwishers supply drinking water to water shortage regions of Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Under the managements of the government, the local authorities, departments concerned, non-governmental organizations and the people are joining hands in sufficiently supplying drinking water to the regions facing water scarcity.

Beginning 10 May, Kyaikmaraw Township Peace and Development Council has been supervising the supply of water by fire engines to Kyonsein Village facing shortage of water. On 11 May, the wellwishers from four wards of Paung, Kywegyan, Oktantar and Zingyaik villages donated 35,000 gallons of drinking water with the use of 40 vehicles to Wepadan, Ahauk, Kyabo, Kawkayin, Kadaing and Htanbingyaung and Baunggonlay villages of Ahlat village-tract and Baungonle village in Thabyegon village-tract in Paung Township.

Since 29 April, the group led by Chaukkyaung Monastery Sayadaw of Pyinkhayaing Village has been supplying 7500 gallons of water per day to the people from Ottwin, Konthaya and Thechaung Villages of Hainggyikyun Township, Ayeyawady Division. The group led by the general manager of Yuzana Cold Storage of Pathein donated K 500,000 for 25-truck-capacity-water to Konthaya Village through the Village Peace and Development Council on 10 May.

Under the arrangement of Kyauktan Township PDC, six water bowsers carried water from Bantbwegon Dam of Myaingthaya Ward to the local people of wards on 11 May. Moreover, Township Development Affairs Department dredged Hsin Lake with the use of two excavators.—*MNA*

Energy Minister supervises supply of water to residents in Kungyangon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi inspected supply of water to Htantaw Ward of Kungyangon from the water pumping station on 9 May.

At Township Development Affairs Committee Office, the minister attended the coordination meeting on supply of water to wards and villages with water shortage.

At the meeting, the minister stressed the need to supply water to wards and villages water shortages with the use of water bowsers, to organize the committee for construction of temporary drinking water lakes in the villages.

(See page 9)

Although it sounds like a contradiction in terms, using the power of the sun for refrigeration is proving to be an original energy concept. In Tunisia and Morocco, Fraunhofer research scientists are using solar energy to keep perishable foodstuffs such as milk, wine and fruit fresh.—INTERNET