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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

Secretary-1 addresses opening of MWJA conference MWJA members urged to make people know Our Three Main National Causes lifeblood of nation



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses opening of 5th Conference of MWJA.— MNA

YANGON, 16 May—The fifth conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association commenced at the hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Building in Lanmadaw Town-

ship this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe

of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, departmental heads, responsible persons of social organizations, the chairman of MWJA and CEC members, literati and delegates of States and Divisions. (See page 8)

Myaing Township on the development track

Byline & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)



Summer paddy field seen in Myaing of Pakokku District. (Byline on page 7)



Workers connecting 11-KV power lines from Kanma natural gas power plant for power supply. (Byline on page 7)

PERSPECTIVES

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Expedite road transport work for regional development

Ensuring smooth transportation at the core of its national development strategy and with the concept that smooth transportation will surely help consolidate friendship among brethren of various parts of the country, the government is paying serious attention to building of networks of railroads and motor roads across the country.

The ceremony to inaugurate Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon tarred road took place at the pandal near Seintaung Junction of mile post No. 12/1 on the road in Pathein, Ayeyawady Division the other day.

As construction of 10 roads of Ayeyawady Division Delta Region Road Network Development Project is being accelerated, newly-opened 96 miles long Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon tarred road was opened as the 9th facility of its kinds in the project.

Thanks to construction of the road, the region of Myat Mawtin located in southwest of Ayeyawady Division is accessible to Shwedagon Pagoda of Yangon by car within seven hours.

While implementing plans for equitable development of all the regions throughout the Union, the government is fulfilling the requirements of the people for enabling them to enjoy fruitful results of the improved socio-economic status in addition to the enhanced education and health standards. Moreover, all-out efforts are being made for development of all sectors in order to increase per capita income and welfare task.

The Head of State has given guidance that Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon road must be constructed as a main road to carry out rescue work and to be able to provide assistance to the people in a short period in case of occurrence of cyclones. Thus, the road was constructed as a tarred one during the period of five months. That is why the local people are to harmoniously maintain the newly-inaugurated road for its durability.

Potable water being supplied to wards and villages in Minbu District

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Under the supervision of Minbu District Peace and Development Council, drinking water is being supplied to wards and villages in Minbu District of Magway Division for ensuring adequate drinking water.

Recently Minbu Township PDC, Minbu Township Development Affairs Committee, departments and private entrepreneurs are providing 59,600 gallons of drinking water to 11 wards and villages—No.2 ward of Minbu, Hsinlu village (west) Hsinlu (east) village, Chaungson (north) village and Letyet village in Pwintbyu Township, Magyiphya village-tract and Myinkinta village in Salin Township, Minlwin village, Ohmyaykhon village, Wingaba village and Kuaungkon village in Ngaphe Township.

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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

Electoral Process Course for division/district/township election subcommissions



UEC member Dr Tin Aung Aye addresses opening of electoral process course for division/district/township election subcommissions in Yangon Division. —MNA

YANGON, 16 May — The opening of a course on electoral process for division/district/township election subcommissions in Yangon Division, conducted by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this morning.

It was attended by chairmen of division/district/township election subcommissions and members,

district/township judges and departmental officials.

Member of Union Election Commission Yangon Division (In-charge) Dr Tin Aung Aye spoke on the occasion and Chairman of Yangon Division Election Subcommission U Ko Ko gave accounts of the course.

Altogether 768 trainees are taking the two-day course.—MNA

UEC member meets Mandalay Division/District election subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — A work coordination meeting between member of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing and chairmen, secretaries and members of Mandalay Division, Nay Pyi Taw, Yamethin, Meiktila, NyaungU, Myingyan, Kyaukse, PyinOoLwin and Mandalay District Election Subcommissions was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division General Administration Department yesterday morning.



UEC member U Myint Naing speaking at work coordination meeting of Mandalay Division/District election subcommissions. —MNA

At the meeting, UEC member (Mandalay Division in-charge) U Myint Naing spoke on the occasion and heard reports on works of district election subcommissions.—MNA



Services of T&Y Group on display: T&Y Group displays its landscaping, home decoration and Air-Con and engineering services at the 1st National Expo 2010 held at Zeyathiri Department Store in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township on 15 May, 2010. —MNA



Canadian fighter jets escort Hong Kong plane after bomb scare

VANCOUVER 16 May—A Cathay Pacific passenger plane was escorted by two Canadian fighter jets to the Vancouver International Airport on Saturday following a bomb threat onboard the plane.

The plane, escorted by two CF-18 Hornets, landed safely at about 1:30 pm local time (2330 GMT) after the pilot issued an alert aboard the Flight CX839.

Local media reports said the plane en route to Vancouver from Hong Kong was towed to a secure part of the airport tarmac with passengers still on board. CTV News Channel TV footage showed a staircase was being brought up to the plane's doorway.

Canada Defence Minister Peter MacKay confirmed the threat.

"The CF-18 escorted the aircraft to Vancouver and it landed without incident," he said.

Local media quoted military officials as saying that the jets responded quickly from their base in Comox, on Vancouver Island, when information of the potential threat was received.

A search and rescue aircraft plus a military helicopter also responded to the call in case the incident developed.

The fighter jets, which are authorized to respond to security threats with any measures, did not land with the Cathay Pacific flight and have returned to their base.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Department of Defence are investigating the incident.—Xinhua



A Cathay Pacific airplane sits at the terminal at Vancouver International Airport in Richmond, British Columbia on 15 May, 2010. The Cathay Pacific airliner from Hong Kong was escorted by military fighter jets to its destination in Vancouver after a bomb threat, but no bomb was found, police said on Saturday.—INTERNET

Venezuelan president to attend G15 Summit in Teheran

TEHERAN, 16 May—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is due to visit Iran on Sunday to attend the 14th summit of the Group 15 developing nations, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Saturday.

Earlier, Venezuelan envoy to Teheran, David N. Velasquez Caraballo, told Fars that Chavez plans to take part in the conference scheduled for Monday in Teheran, the report said. Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ramin Mehman-Parast said on Monday that Teheran is scheduled to host special guests in the summit.

On Tuesday, Mehman-Parast said that eight presidents are to attend the upcoming the G15 summit in Teheran. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva and Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa are among the guests to attend the 14th Summit of the G15, said the spokesman.

Xinhua



A dancing robot is seen on an exhibition held in Hefei Science and Technology Museum in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 14 May, 2010. A robot exhibition was held here on Friday with 16 robots on show.—XINHUA

Egypt opens Rafah crossing with Gaza

GAZA, 16 May—Egyptian authorities on Saturday opened its borders with Gaza to allow departure of Palestinians who have been stranded in the enclave for more than 70 days in a row, the deposed Hamas' government of Gaza said.

In a statement sent to the media, Hamas' ministry of interior said that about 8,000 Palestinians, mostly patients, students and holders of foreign passports or residency

permissions in other countries, have applied to travel. The only crossing that Gaza's can travel through to the outside world is initially set to remain open for three days and Hamas authorities doubt that all the registered people could make their way out.

Egypt shut down the crossing in 2007, when Hamas took over the coastal enclave after routing security forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas.

A US-brokered agreement, signed in 2005 when Israel withdrew its forces and settlers from Gaza, stresses that the crossing can operate regularly only when pro-Abbas forces and European Union (EU) monitors be present. However, Egypt opens the crossing from time to time before humanitarian cases and people who had got security clearance from Egyptian authorities.—Xinhua

Iraq force captures al-Qaeda leader south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 May—Iraqi security forces captured an al-Qaeda leader during an operation in a town south of Baghdad, an Iraqi

military spokesman said on Saturday.

"The troops of the Iraqi Army 17th Division have carried out an operation in the town of

Latifiyah, 40 km south of Baghdad, and captured Muzahim Mohammed Horan, the leader of al-Qaeda organization responsible for activities in south of Baghdad areas," Major General Qassim Atta, spokesman for Baghdad Operations Command, told reporters.

Atta also said that the Iraqi troops defused bombs planted in a house and managed to arrest a suspect.

Latifiyah is part of the once restive area dubbed Triangle of Death, which is a cluster of towns scattered north of Hilla City, the capital of Babil Province, some 100 km south of Baghdad.

Xinhua

People fix the damaged gas pipeline in Killi Barozai Shalkot area near southwest Pakistan's Quetta, 15 May, 2010. An explosion near a gas pipeline caused gas pipeline damage while no casualties reported.—XINHUA



Drone attack kills 8 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 16 May—A suspected US drone fired missiles on alleged militant targets in northwest Pakistan's Khyber tribal region on Saturday killing at least eight people.

Pakistani Army spokesman Major General Athar Abbas told Xinhua that at least eight people were killed in the attack.

However, local sources said that 13 people were killed and several others injured in the attack. The identities of the dead have not been known.

Local residents told Xinhua that five to six blasts were heard in the area and believed that it was a drone attack. Some eyewitnesses said that a spy plane was seen in the sky before the attack. Athar Abbas said that it was not yet ascertained whether it was a drone attack or not.—Xinhua



Heather Nevill (L), and fellow veterinarians clean an oil-covered brown pelican at the Fort Jackson Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Buras, Louisiana. Crews worked to place a siphon tube into a ruptured pipe spilling oil into the Gulf of Mexico Saturday as globs of oil washed ashore in new spots and US officials told BP to clarify what cleanup costs it will pay.

INTERNET



Crab fisherman Michael Bailleaux in Belle Amie, Louisiana who faces uncertainty as the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico worsens. New findings suggest the spill has already eclipsed the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, the worst environmental disaster in US history.

INTERNET

Belfast flights to be halted because of ash cloud

LONDON, 16 May— Britain said flights to and from Belfast and other parts of Northern Ireland would be halted from 0600 GMT to 1200 GMT on Sunday because of an ash cloud from an Icelandic volcano. The National Air Traffic Service's statement marked an extension of a previous no-fly decree issued on Saturday night that excluded Belfast.

In April, ash from the volcano caused widespread disruption across Europe when a number of countries closed their airspace for nearly a week as a safety precaution.

Since then the ash has periodically forced the short-term closure of parts of airspace in some European countries.

Internet



A Karbi tribal man carries traditional fishing tools as he participates in cultural programmes on the last day of the first Lasuban festival held in Mawphlang, about 25 kilometres (15 miles) north of Shillong, India, on 15 May, 2010. The two day long festival is organized by Meghalaya tourism to promote tourism.

INTERNET

Russia to sell jets, air defence systems to Syria

MOSCOW, 16 May— The head of Russia's arms-trading agency says the nation has signed contracts to deliver fighter jets, air defence systems and armored vehicles to Syria.

Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation chief Mikhail Dmitriyev said Russia will sell MiG-29 fighter jets, Pantsyr short-range air defence systems and armored vehicles. He

didn't give any numbers or provide any further details.

The statement late Friday carried by Russian news agencies confirmed earlier media reports that worried Israel.

Previous Russian sales of advanced anti-tank missiles and other weapons to Syria have irked Israel, which said that some landed in the hands of the militant group Hezbollah.—Internet

UN Secretary-General's Message on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

17 May 2010

In today's world, telecommunications are more than just a basic service – they are a means to promote development, improve society and save lives. This will be all the more true in the world of tomorrow.

The importance of telecommunications was on display in the wake of the earthquake which devastated Haiti earlier this year. Communications technologies were used to coordinate aid, optimize resources and provide desperately sought information about the victims. The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and its commercial partners contributed scores of satellite terminals and helped to provide wireless communications to help disaster relief and clean-up efforts.

I welcome those efforts and, more broadly, the work of ITU and others to promote broadband access in rural and remote areas around the world.

Greater access can mean faster progress toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Internet drives trade, commerce and even education. Telemedicine is improving health care. Earth monitoring satellites are being used to address climate change. And green technologies are promoting cleaner cities.

As these innovations grow in importance, so, too, does the need to bridge the digital divide.

The theme of this year's observance, "Better Cities, Better Life with ICTs," is a reminder that communications technologies must be employed – and disposed of – in a manner that raises living standards while protecting the environment.

The United Nations is committed to ensuring that people everywhere have equitable access to information and communication technologies. On this International Day, let us resolve to fully harness the great potential of the digital revolution in the service of life-saving relief operations, sustainable development and lasting peace. — UNIC

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, 17 May 2010

Message from ITU Secretary-General

Better Cities, Better Life with ICTs

This year marks the 145th anniversary of the establishment of ITU. I am proud to be leading this dynamic organization, the specialized United Nations agency which defines the cutting edge of information and communication technologies — or ICTs — and is steadfastly committed to connecting the world to the benefits of the ongoing digital revolution.

ICTs are constantly reshaping the way the world communicates while creating the opportunities for a better life through long-term, sustainable development, not least among the most vulnerable sections of our society.

In the urban context, ICTs have increasingly dictated lifestyles and behaviour patterns and contributed to the growth of trade and commerce, improved governance and municipal services, and revolutionized entertainment through the development of rapid communications, both mobile and fixed.

ICTs provide solutions to many of the problems facing cities even as they become magnets for migrating populations as well as contribute to making them more eco-friendly and economically viable. For many city dwellers, it is nearly impossible to imagine life without ICTs. From television to mobile phones and the Internet, ICTs have reshaped the world, helping billions of people to live, work and play in the most creative ways. ICTs present innovative ways of managing our cities — smart buildings, intelligent traffic management, new efficiencies in energy consumption and waste management, and not least exchanging information and knowledge and communicating on the move in an increasingly converged information society.

While the world's cities are undoubtedly endowed with many advantages, the disparities between the haves and the have nots among urban populations is often a vivid reminder that the vast majority is left out of the reach of development. It is ironic that even in densely populated urban centres countless millions are deprived of access to the means of communication and information that are taken for granted by others. Along with this growing digital divide, the lack of safe drinking water, sanitation, food, shelter, health care and education are basic needs that are addressed by the Millennium Development Goals, which call for the significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

By tapping into the huge potential of ICTs to improve the lives of people and by providing affordable and equitable access to information and knowledge to empower everyone to achieve their aspirations, administrations can contribute towards meeting the rising expectations of an ever-growing population in the world's cities. Acting as catalysts for a more productive and better life, ICTs open the door to the myriad solutions that can help achieve harmony among the spatial, social and environmental aspects of cities and their inhabitants.

The World Summit on the Information Society, which met in Geneva in 2003 and in Tunis in 2005, called upon countries to consider establishing national mechanisms to achieve universal access in both underserved rural and urban areas in order to bridge the digital divide. ITU is committed to connecting the world and to ensure that the benefits of ICT reach the remotest parts of the world, including the millions who remain unconnected in our teeming cities.

I urge you to celebrate this special 145th anniversary of ITU by focusing on connecting people around the world and harnessing the full potential of ICTs so that we can all enjoy a more productive, peaceful and — in every way — a better life.

Hamadoun I. Touré
ITU Secretary-General



Guard kids' eyes against long-term sun damage

NEW YORK, 16 May—With May designated as UV awareness month, experts are calling on parents to pay special heed to the safety of their children's eyes this summer. Although eye protection is a concern for people of all ages, Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, warns that children are particularly vulnerable to the harmful ultraviolet A and B (UVA and UVB) damage that can accompany sun exposure.

For one, children generally spend more time in the sun, the group noted. In addition, the organization highlights the American Optometric Association's cautionary finding that the lenses of young eyes are more transparent than that of adults, risking retinal exposure to a greater degree of short wavelength light.

"We need to remember to protect our eyes from UV every day of the year," Hugh R. Parry, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness America, said in a news release. "UV rays reflecting off the water, sand, pavement and even snow are extremely dangerous. We can encourage our children to wear the proper eye protection by leading by example."

Internet



Fans and players release red balloons dedicated to those who have been affected by HIV/AIDS prior to the Houston Astros and San Francisco Giants baseball game on 15 May, 2010, in San Francisco.

INTERNET

Megadoses of vitamin D offer no benefit

NEW YORK, 16 May—Sometimes too much of a good thing can be ... not such a good thing. That's the conclusion of the largest study to date of the effects of giving superdoses of vitamin D. The supplement helps bodies build bone and muscle, but the new study, published this week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, finds that megaquantities of the vitamin - a year's supply given in a single dose, for instance - do not appear to reduce the risk of falling or suffering fractures in elderly women. Most adults in developed nations, including the US, are vitamin D deficient, in large part because of lack of sun exposure. While the body naturally produces vitamin D when the skin is exposed to ultraviolet rays, concerns about skin cancer and the heavy use of sunscreens have contributed to a worrying deficiency in large populations.—Internet

A Saudi university student is pictured checking out his internet blog on a laptop at a cafe in Riyadh.—INTERNET



Internet use makes us happier, says mental health study

LONDON, 16 May—When it comes to mental health, the Internet gets a bad rap. There are countless studies that suggest regular access to the Internet is linked to stress, anxiety and addiction. But before you stop tweeting and toss out your iPhone, it turns out that spending time on the Web could actually be making you happier.

On 12 May report by British researchers from the UK's Chartered Institute of IT (known as BCS) have found a link between Internet access and well-being. But some benefit more than others from tapping into the information superhighway, including those with lower incomes or fewer qualifications, people living in the developing world and, perhaps most surprisingly, women.—Internet

Health

Puerto Rico struggles with high preterm birth rate

SAN JUAN, 16 May—The first thing Dr. Marta Valcarcel notices on a walk through a nursery full of tiny, heavily bandaged babies is the empty incubator in the corner.

She calls out to a nurse who only shakes her head. The infant who

came in days earlier weighing less than 3 1/2 pounds had succumbed to illness — another child born too early to survive.

"I try to distance myself or I would cry all the time," says Valcarcel, who runs the largest neonatal intensive care unit in this US Caribbean

territory. "We rejoice at the ones that survive."

Her unit at a San Juan hospital is pivotal in the struggle to save a growing number of babies born well before their due dates. With nearly 20 percent of infants born before 37 weeks, Puerto Rico has the highest preterm birth rate in the United States and one of the highest in the world.

Poverty in Puerto Rico, which has half the per capita income of the poorest US state, can be a factor. Also, 48 percent of the island's births are performed by Cesarean section, compared with 32 percent on the US mainland. In some cases doctors opt to deliver babies by C-section before they reach term in hopes of avoiding complications.

Internet



Maria Esther Rivera, left, and her husband Juan Castillo look through an incubator at their newborn son.—INTERNET

Faster salmonella detection now possible with new technique

DES MOINES, 16 May—Using technology available through a local company, an Iowa State University researcher is working on a faster method to detect and genetically identify salmonella from contaminated foods.

Byron Brehm-Stecher, an assistant professor of food science and human nutrition, wants to replace the current system of salmonella detection with a new approach that can provide DNA sequencing-like results in hours rather than days.

Brehm-Stecher's collaborator, Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc., from Ames, is providing advanced biomedical instruments and reagents for the research. The recent results of the research,



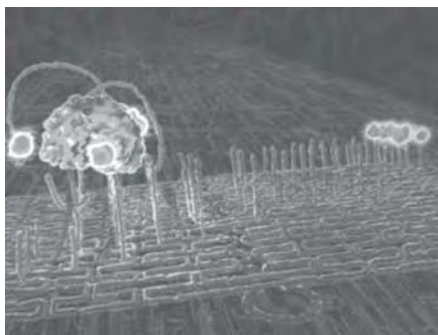
Byron Brehm-Stecher, assistant professor of food science and human nutrition, and master's student Brittany Porter work on a new process that can give fast, DNA-based information when Salmonella outbreaks occur.

INTERNET

funded by the Grow Iowa Values Fund, will be presented at the August meeting of the International Association for Food Protection in Anaheim, Calif.

Currently, definitive genetic identification of food-borne pathogens is done using traditional DNA sequencing methods first developed in the 1980s.—Internet

Molecules that behave like robots



The latest installment in DNA nanotechnology has arrived: A molecular nanorobot dubbed a "spider" and labelled with green dyes traverses a substrate track built upon a DNA origami scaffold. It journeys towards its red-labelled goal by cleaving the visited substrates, thus exhibiting the characteristics of an autonomously moving, behavior-based robot at the molecular scale.

INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 May—A team of Columbia University, Arizona State University, the

University of Michigan, and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have programmed an autonomous molecular "robot" made out of DNA to start, move, turn, and stop while following a DNA track.

The development could ultimately lead to molecular systems that might one day be used for medical therapeutic devices and molecular-scale reconfigurable robots — robots made of many simple units that can reposition or even rebuild themselves to accomplish different tasks. A paper describing the work appears in the current issue of the journal *Nature*.

Internet

Tea filters help smokers to quit

BEIJING, 16 May—Chinese researchers have developed a tea filter that may help people to quit smoking — while smoking.

Zhao Baolu of the Chinese Academy of Sciences says after 20 years his team has developed a tea filter that uses theanine to inhibit nicotine addiction.

The first study involved 100 male smokers. The researchers found the participants' average daily cigarette consumption decreased by about 43 percent after one month and 56.5 percent after using the tea filters for two months.

In the second trial,



File photo shows a woman smokes a cigarette in Arlington, Virginia on 12 June, 2009.

INTERNET

smokers decreased their smoking 48 percent after one month using the tea filters, 83 percent after two months and 91 percent after three months.

In addition, the average number of cigarettes consumed daily by study participants dropped from 24.5 per day to about 3 per day at the end of three months.

When a smoker smokes using the tea filter, the inhibitors of the nicotine receptor in the tea filter are

absorbed through the respiratory system and travel to the brain where it produces cessation effects, the researchers say. The smokers get progressively less dependent on nicotine with each smoking cycle and eventually quit, the study says. The findings are published in the journal *Science of China*.

Internet

Science

Facebook downplays privacy crisis meeting



Facebook's more than 400 million users share 25 billion things a month.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 16 May—Facebook has downplayed the significance of a company-wide meeting to discuss privacy issues.

The blogosphere described the meeting as a panic measure following weeks of criticism over the way it handles members' data. Several US senators have made public calls for Facebook to rethink its privacy safeguards.

The American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU, launched a petition directed at Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

It called on him to regain the trust of users by giving them control over all the information shared via Facebook.

Earlier this week European data protection officials weighed in on the controversy and called privacy changes "unacceptable".

A number of high-profile users have also deleted their Facebook accounts after the site introduced a new feature that lets non-Facebook websites, or third parties, post the personal views of Facebook users without their consent.

Internet

Astronauts forced into shorter shuttle survey

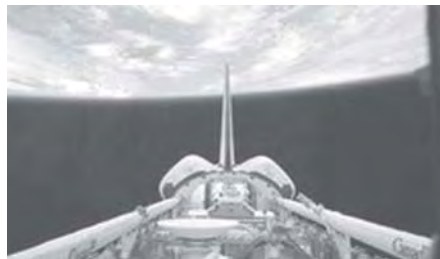
CAPE CANAVERAL, 16 May—A snagged cable forced Atlantis' astronauts to resort to a more inconvenient and less comprehensive method of inspecting their space shuttle Saturday as they sped toward a weekend rendezvous with the International Space Station. Mission Control, meanwhile, decided there was no need to move the space station away from a piece of space junk. Experts had monitored the orbiting debris for a couple of days, projecting it to pass within six miles of the shuttle and space station shortly after Sunday's docking. In the end, flight controllers

concluded the unidentified object would remain at a safe distance and pose no threat.

Sunday morning's scheduled linkup remained on track, despite the space junk issue and the condensed safety survey of Atlantis.

The inspection is a standard — and essential — procedure the day after liftoff. A 100-foot boom is used to survey the heat shield on both wings and the nose in a hunt for launch damage. On Saturday morning, however, the astronauts could not tilt the bundle of laser sensors and TV camera on the end of the pole.

Internet



In this image provided by NASA space shuttle Atlantis' cargo bay and its vertical stabilizer intersecting.—INTERNET

Google admits wi-fi data collection blunder



A street-view camera car. Google has said it will no longer collect Wi-Fi network information for its "Street View" mapping service after "mistakenly" gathering personal wireless data.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 16 May—Google has admitted that for the past three years it has wrongly collected information people have sent over unencrypted wi-fi networks.

The issue came to light after German authorities asked to audit the data the company's Street View cars gathered as they took photos viewed on Google maps.

Google said during a review it found it had "been mistakenly collecting samples of payload data from open networks".

The admission will increase concerns about

potential privacy breaches.

These snippets could include parts of an email, text or photograph even the website someone may be viewing.

In a blogpost Google said as soon as it became aware of the problem it grounded its Street View cars from collecting wi-fi information and segregated the data on its network.

It is now asking for a third party to review the software that caused the problem and examine precisely what data had been gathered.

Internet



Myaing Township on the development track

Byline & photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

(from page 1)

Pakokku District of Magway Division, located in central Myanmar, is formed with five townships, namely Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikpyu. We, Myanma Alin Daliy news crew, left by car for Myaing about 27 miles from the north of Pakokku. It was very comfortable for us to travel on two-lane tarred road. Before 1988, Pakokku-Myaing motor road was only an earth facility, and now all roads (27-mile long) are concrete.

One can see stone inscription that reads "Welcome to Myaing"

at the entrance to the town. Green trees on either side of the road symbolize the peace and stability of the town. We were welcomed by Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Kyi and deputy head of department U Myint Sein, and conducted us round the development of the town and briefed us at Township Office.

It is at an altitude of 886 feet. It shares borders with Yesagyo in the east, Pauk in the west, Pakokku in the south, Pale of Sagaing Division in the north. Myaing sits on Sagaing-Magway division-to-division road. It can be accessible to four

corners. It has an area of 785 square miles. The township is formed with three wards, 81 village-tracts and 330 villages. It has a population of 354,000. Most of the roads were built on self-reliant basis. In 2008-2009, six self-reliant rural roads which are over 30 miles long were constructed at a cost of K 219.9 million. During 2001-2010, a total of K 229.7 million—K 133.3 million from Development Affairs Committee's fund and K 96.4 million from public contributions—was spent on 68 water supply tasks. Those spendings also include digging of new lakes for drinking water. During ten years, altogether K 410.3 million—K 60.5 million from department funds and K 349.8 million from public contribution—was spent on building and repairing schools. In order to tap underground water



Photo shows Natha Myaing Hall in Myaing Township.

for farmlands, digging wells and sinking artesian wells were carried out on self-reliant basis. Village electric power supply was done as well. "Before 1988, there were only two roads in the township, but Public Works built three new roads," said Township Engineer U Soe Maw of Public Works. Head of Myaing Township DAC said, "In 2006, supply of drinking water in the district was carried out. And local people now enjoy

adequate supply of drinking water. With respect to communication sector, there are 678 digital auto telephones, 500 CDMA 450 MHz mobile phones and Public Access Center (PAC)," said Auto Exchange Incharge U Win Myint Aung. Before 1988, there were 212 Basic Education Schools in the township. But the school number has now increased to 314. Matriculation exam pass-rate was 31.78 percent last year. In health sector, 16-

bed township hospital was upgraded into 25-bed hospital in 2009. Two 16-bed station hospitals were built. Its annual rainfall is about 30 inches. Rice sufficiency is 57.24 percent. Sufficiency of edible oil is 42.7 percent. Government is now redressing necessary assistance nationwide to have harmonious development, to ensure better transport, to have food sufficiency and to improve education and health standards and socio-economic life of the people. Myaing Township is now taking part in nation building tasks by joining hands with the Government.

Translation: MT
Myanma Alin
(4-5-2010)



Paving of a road in Myaing Township.



Myaing junction where roads leading to Pakokku, Monywa, Mandalay and Chin State meet.

Melior International College Singapore to conduct educational seminar on 23 May

YANGON, 16 May—A press meet on education seminar of Melior International College Singapore took place at Parkroyal Hotel here yesterday.

Vice-President Mr. Warren Eng of Singapore and Assistant Manager U Kaizar Tinmon explained facts about the seminar to be held on 23 May.

Next, Mr. Warren Eng and U Kaizar Tinmon answered the queries raised by those present.

Talks on Business, Tourism & Hospitality, Psychology, Biomedical Science, scholarship programme and job opportunities for the graduates will be given at the seminar. Mr. Warren Eng will conduct a trial class for enabling the Myanmar youths to acquire knowledge on further education.

Melior International College, one of the partner college of Central Queensland

University of Australia, offers master and bachelor degree courses.

Those wishing to take part in the seminar may contact Melior International College Yangon Office at Room (339) in Parkroyal Hotel (Ph: 250388 ext: 339) together with educational certificates and marks lists. Admission cards for free seminar and trial class can be taken out not later than 12 noon on 22 May.

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Press meet on education seminar of Melior International College Singapore in progress at Park Royal Hotel in Yangon.

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Secretary-1 addresses...

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Secretary of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) acted as MC.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that MWJA launched its first conference in 1993. Since then, it has been holding its conference once every four years in line with its constitution. This year, the conference is in its fifth time. That reflects literati, writers and journalists have become a national force.

Today, certain powers getting upper hand in science and technology, and IT focus much on influence over other countries as well as on propagation through the media for various gains. In consequence, alien ideologies and cultures are infiltrating into the cultures of national races through the media and globalization process.

In his guidance, the Head of State said that there may not be a prosperous nation even it has developed. If the role of the social sector is taken for granted, national culture will deteriorate. It is, therefore, to ensure peace and tranquility in the nation measures are to be taken harmoniously in preserving traditions and uplifting national prestige and integrity.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the government has been improving infrastructures to build a new nation. In addition, it has been organizing arts and literary competitions including Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions to enable the people to realize a sense of preservation of national prestige and integrity and cultural heritage and adoring traditional cultures. Simultaneously, it has been excavating archeological edifices with the aim of inculcating young generations with a sense of taking pride in own cultural heritage.

Therefore, MWJA is to take the leading role in making the people know that the national policy of Our Three Main National Causes is the lifeblood of the nation which is to be relayed from one generation to the next.

At the same time, new generations, who are responsible for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty, and enabling the nation to catch up with regional and global countries, are to ward off potential dangers posed by decadent culture and build, through the might of literacy, the national characters such as adoration of national culture and traditions, strong sense of Union Spirit or true patriotism, and trying to become reliable citizens.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia in the literary field



Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets delegates of States and Divisions to 5th Conference of MWJA.—MNA

have been engaged in the literary industry for years, making self sacrifices due to their strong taste, goodwill and belief in the art of literary works.

Exerting their literary might, they have to make sustained efforts to raise the standard of Myanmar literature, strengthen the people's conviction of national cause, uplift dynamism of patriotic spirit, and flourish the habit of abiding by laws, rules and regulations.

He urged the people to wipe out destructionists who perpetrate instigations among the State and national races and to actively take part in nation-building tasks and national process.

He said that the government presented life-time achievement literary awards, national literary awards, Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards to the literati for their performances and honoured doyen literati yearly. Likewise, the private organizations held ceremonies to honour the literati who wrote the literary works for the sake of the State and the people.

This year when the fifth conference of the MWJA is held, the State has issued and is implementing the necessary law and rules for Multi-party Democracy

General Elections, the 5th step of State's Seven-Step Road Map.

Journalists and literati are to actively participate in the process of building a new democratic nation by taking lessons from the extreme practising of democracy and freedom and the past bitter history of Myanmar and other countries on instigation of interfering in international affairs. In building a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the journalists and literati of the fourth estate are to serve the national interest for writing, educational campaign and highlighting the national course in line with the media ethics as part of efforts to conduct the legislature, executive and judicial pillars not to deviate from the national cause.

Realizing the bounden duty, the delegates to the conference are to actively take part in the discussions on nation-building process to be implemented in accordance with the media ethics. In addition, the journalists and literati are to adopt the resolution to dutifully discharge national duty of the fourth estate in the future tasks of the conference. After the opening ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the literati and delegates of States and Divisions.—MNA

Drinking water supplied to households in Taunggyi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Taunggyi Town-

ship Development Affairs Committee of Shan State

(South) is supplying 1.32 million gallons of water—

1.02 gallons from seven spring lakes and 0.3 million gallons from 25 tube wells, 25 public lakes and seven public taps.

Taunggyi Township is now facing running dry of wells and less

of water output of tube wells due to high temperature.

So, Local authority in cooperation with Township DAD, social organizations, local people have been providing drinking water to Kyaunggyisu ward, Kantha wards, Seinpan wards, Yadanathiri wards, Chanmyathazi wards, Shwetaung and Chantha wards on alternate basis since 5 May.

On 14 May, 7000 gallons of drinking water was supplied to regions 1 and 2 in Seinpan ward and regions 2 and 3 in Shwetaung ward.—MNA



Water tanker supplying water to local people in Taunggyi.—DAD

Moderate earthquake hits Andaman Island of India

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (India, Andaman Island) about (270) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismo-logical observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (27) min (48) sec M.S.T today.

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5th Conference of Myanmar Writers ...



Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepts cash and publications of wellwishers for Rural Library Foundation.—MNA

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Maung Oo (Retd) (Tin Than Oo), U Htein Min (Min Aye Nyein Say), U Khin Tun (Kyaw Hein Aung), Daw Si Si Nyunt (Ma Sein Zaw) and Daw Khin Win (Khin Khin Win- Education), as members of the panel of the chairman.

The master of

ceremony announced the start of conference, accounting for 93.65 percent which is 206 representatives out of 221 representatives.

He spoke words of thanks for sending message of felicitations and flower baskets by its brother associations and Township JWAs.

After that, alternate chairman MWJA Vice-Chairmen (1) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) made an opening speech.

Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) presented CEC reports, Treasurer Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd) (Khin Maung Tun Lanmadaw) financial report, audit team leader U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) audit report, joint-treasurer U Maung Maung Aye (Maung Hay Mar) report of fund-raising supervisory committee, Vice-Chairman (3) U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), amendment to

constitutional rules and procedures.

In the afternoon session, U Moe Aung (Maung Maung Moe Aung) of Dawbon Township, Daw Ni Ni Tin (Ni Ni-Myanmarsar) of Bahan Township, U Myat Wai Toe (Myat Wai Toe-Institute of Education) of Hlinethaya Township and Daw Phyu Phyu Khaing (Chu Nwe) of Paukaung Township seconded the CEC report.

U Sein Hlaing (Sein Hlaing Bo) of Bago Township discussed the future task. Vice-Chairman-2 U Than Maung (Than Maung) replied to the discussions

on the CEC report.

CEC member U Aung Thein Win (Maung Khaing Khant) read the record put on deceased members of the association.

U Maung Than (Maung Thet Hnin-North Okkalapa) of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township tabled a motion on approval for the CEC report and the future tasks and U Than (Maung Than-MA) Mandalay Division seconded it.

U Thein Zan (Minbya-Theinzan) of Minbya Township tabled a motion on approval for the financial report, audit report and fund-raising report, and U Myint Swe

(Myint Swe Myint) of Botahtaung Township seconded the motion.

U Khin Maung Tun (Min Thway Nwe-Zigon) of Zigon Township tabled a motion on amendment of the constitutional rule, and U Tin Aung Ngwe (Nay Chi-Magway) of Magway seconded it.

Vice-Chairman-1 U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), Vice-Chairman-3 U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) and Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) awarded the outstanding township JWAs.



Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung).—MNA

Officials of MWJA accepted K 1,010,000 donated by 45 Township JWAs.

The second-day session of the conference continues tomorrow.

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Vice-Chairman (1) U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) delivers an address.—MNA

Drinking water supplied to people of Sagaing, Magway, Taninthayi, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, Shan State (South)



Director of Sagaing Division DAC U Myo Naing Aung supervises supply of drinking water in Myaynikyin Village of ChaungU Township.—DAD

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Under the arrangements of the State, the local authorities, departments concerned, non-governmental organizations and local people collaborate supply of adequate drinking

water to the regions facing shortage of water.

For ensuring sufficiency of drinking water for local people, Director U Myo Naing Aung of Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee and

officials distributed 11700 gallons of drinking water to the local people of one village each of Budalin, Monywa, ChaungU, Sagaing, Wetlet, Shwebo, Myaung and Myinmu Townships with the use of 12 water

tankers.

On 14 May, Director U Hsan Maw Khin of Magway Division DAC and officials supervised supply of 1600 gallons of drinking water to villages of Gangaw, Pauk, Chauk and Pakokku townships.

Thayetchaung Township DAC of Taninthayi Division supplied 4600 gallons of drinking water to the people of Nyaungzin Village on 14 May. Executive Officer U

Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Kawkaik Township DAC and staff provided 10000 gallons of drinking water to residents of Ward 3 and Ward 7 of Kawkaik on 13 May.

Yesterday, officials of Bago Township DAC and departments concerned supervised supply of 36000 gallons of water to villages of Bago Division with the use of 22 water bowsters.

Under the supervision of Ayeyawady Division

DAC, the local authorities, members of Fire Brigade and social organizations cooperated with local people in supplying 12800 gallons of water to Wards 1, 7, 8 and 9 of Labutta on 13 and 14 May and 2400 gallons of water to villages of Kangyidaunt Township. Taunggyi Township DAC supplied 7000 gallons of water to people of Seinban and Shwetaung wards with the use of six trucks on 14 May.—MNA



Drinking water being supplied to local people of Anyadan Village of Kangyidaunt Township.—DAD

Strong quake strikes eastern Indonesia, no casualty

JAKARTA, 16 May—A powerful quake with magnitude of 6.0 rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Sunday, but there were no damage or casualties, agencies reported here.

The quake jolted at 7:33 am Jakarta Time (0033 GMT) with epicentre at 128 km southwest of Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi Province and at the depth of 103 km under sea bed, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency named only Subagio told *Xinhua*.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 2 to 3 MMI at Manado, and Gorontalo province, and 3 MMI at Luwuk town of Central Sulawesi province, he said.

Spokesman of the National Disaster Management Agency Priyadi Kardono told *Xinhua* that there were no initial reports of damage or casualties resulted by the quake.

The meteorology and geophysics agency did not issue a tsunami warning.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so-called the Pacific Ring of Fire, where two continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movements.—*Xinhua*

Moderate quake hits Fiji Islands

HONG KONG, 16 May—A magnitude-5.9 earthquake hit the Fiji Islands around 15:18 GMT on Saturday, said the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The epicentre was monitored at 23.646 degrees south latitude and 176.156 degrees west longitude with the depth of 44 km.

Xinhua

Nicaragua police seizes over one ton of cocaine

MANAGUA, 16 May—Nicaraguan police and army seized more than one ton of cocaine on a ship on Thursday in a joint operation in the port of Corinto, officials said on Friday. The seizure, part of a joint operation dubbed "Safe Port", has been the "hardest hit" in the country against international drug trafficking this year, said Roger Gonzalez, chief of the naval force.

The drug was hidden in cement bags destined for a cement company at Progreso, SA in Guatemala, and the sender was a company named Ardos SA in Barranquilla, Colombia, said Aminta Granera, a senior official of the police. The registered owner company of the ship was CGM Gema of Cyprus, but officials said the crew members were allowed to continue their course. "This is a cargo transportation service from one port to another, and we think they did not know about the drug, so they can continue their trip," Gonzalez said.—*Xinhua*

Britain rebuffs Argentine call over Falklands

LONDON, 16 May—Britain rebuffed a call on Friday from Argentine President Cristina Kirchner to new Prime Minister David Cameron to halt all oil exploration in the waters around the Falkland Islands. A Foreign Office spokeswoman said: "We have no doubt about our sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and the surrounding maritime areas."

"The Falklands Islands Government is entitled to develop a hydrocarbons industry within its waters and it is longstanding UK government policy to support this."

Internet

New batch of Filipino seafarers seized by Somali pirates

MANILA, 16 May—A Greek cargo vessel with 19 Filipino crew members was seized by ransom-seeking Somali pirates off the coast of Oman on 12 May, a Philippine embassy said on Friday.

The Philippine Embassy in Nairobi reported to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) that the Liberian-flagged, Greek-owned *MV Eleni P* was hijacked 250 nautical miles off the coast of Oman on its way to Kandla, India. Aside from the Filipinos, two Romanians and an Indian were also on board the ship.

"The European Union Naval Force said that the crew are safe and they are monitoring the situation," the embassy said. There are now 66 Filipino seafarers on board of six vessels being held captive by Somali pirates: three on board the *MV St. James Park*, one onboard *MV Iceberg 1*, 19 onboard the *MT Samho Dream*, three on *MV Tai Yuan 227*, 21 on *MV Voc Daisy*, and 19 on board the *MV Eleni P*.—*Xinhua*

Xinhua

Newly crowned Miss World Hungary Agnes Dobo (C) poses with runner-up and Miss Universe Hungary Timea Babinyecz (L) and Miss Earth Hungary Jennifer Kalo (R) after winning a joint beauty contest in Budapest on 13 May, 2010.—*XINHUA*

Indonesia, Malaysia to sign new labour pact next week

JAKARTA, 16 May—Indonesian manpower and Transmigration Minister Muhaimin Iskandar said that Indonesia and Malaysia will sign a new labour agreement to provide legal protection which will reopen the supply of Indonesian migrant workers to Malaysia, local media reported here on

Saturday.

The minister said that the agreement is expected to be signed during Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's official visit to Malaysia on Tuesday next week.

"I visited Kuala Lumpur on Monday and Tuesday, meeting with my Malaysian counterpart and preparing the

signing of the new labour agreement. Both delegations were enthusiastic and optimistic about solving any technical problem a few days before (the labour treaty) is signed," the minister was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying after his arrival from his recent visit to Malaysia.—*Xinhua*



Policemen stand guard beside the suspicious vehicle near Union Square in downtown New York, United States, early on 14 May, 2010. A suspicious vehicle with gas canisters inside was deemed harmless early Friday and an all-clear was given in the latest bomb scare to hit New York City since a failed car bomb attempt on Times Square two weeks ago.

XINHUA

France, Lebanon discuss military cooperation

BEIRUT, 16 May—Lebanese Defence Minister Elias Murr discussed on Friday in Beirut with his visiting French counterpart Herve Morin upgrading Lebanese army's weapons, the country's state-run *National News Agency (NNA)* reported.

"We discussed military cooperation and issues related to upgrading the army with modern weapons, especially the air force," said Murr after the meeting.

He added that the meeting also discussed the UN resolution 1701 that ended the 2006 war between Israel and Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah.

When asked about a possible escalation with Israel in the south of Lebanon, Murr stressed that the Lebanese Army has no information about an imminent conflict.

For his part, Morin said the France hopes that arming the Lebanese force can guarantee its independence.

Xinhua



Owners of an alpaca farm in Lancaster County, US donate alpaca hair to help clean up the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.—*XINHUA*

More than 160 killed in Darfur clashes

KHARTOUM, 16 May—Clashes between Sudan's army and Darfur's most powerful rebel group have left more than 160 people dead, Sudanese security officials said on Saturday.

The violence comes less than two weeks after the rebel Justice and Equality Movement broke off talks with the

government on a permanent peace deal for Darfur, accusing the military of waging a new offensive in the troubled region.

In the deadliest clashes, government troops killed 108 JEM rebels on Friday in the Jebel Moon area of western Darfur, near the Chad border, army spokes-man Capt.

Khalid al-Sawarmi said.

He said the military also captured 61 rebel fighters and confiscated weapons and vehicles. Al-Sawarmi did not provide any information on government casualties.

Government forces also battled JEM rebels near Nyala in neighbouring south Darfur, Sudan's official SUNA news agency reported. Twenty-seven police and 33 rebels were killed in that fighting, the head of Sudan's Central Police Reserve, Dr Mohamed Abdul Magid al-Tayeb, told SUNA.—Internet

Plane crashes in India, pilot escapes unhurt

NEW DELHI, 16 May—A pilot training plane on Friday crashed on a field near the western Indian state of Gujarat's Ahmedabad city when it developed an engine glitch during a training session, but the pilot managed to escape unhurt, a senior police official said.

"The Cessna-152 of Ahmedabad Aviation and Aeronautics crash landed on the field in the outskirts of Ahmedabad. However, the pilots on board escaped unhurt.

The mishap took place when the pilot tried to land the plane following an engine snag. The plane caught fire after it crashed. Fire engines rushed to the spot to douse the flames," the official said.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, he added.

Xinhua



Soldiers stand on piles of drugs before the drugs were incinerated at a military base in Ciudad Juarez on 14 May, 2010. According to local media, soldiers burned more than 2,000 kg (4,409 lbs) of marijuana and 152 kg of cocaine along with other drugs seized during different military and police operations.

INTERNET

Explosions shake US gun factory

WASHINGTON, 16 May—Multiple explosions occurred on Friday afternoon at a gun factory in New Hampshire, several nearby houses were evacuated.

The explosions took place at the MDM Muzzleloader facility in Colebrook, and went on for about two hours, as ammunition exploded, filling the sky with black smoke, according to local press accounts.

About 40 nearby houses were evacuated, and a shelter was being set up to house residents.

It was unclear what caused the explosions. It's also not clear if anyone was injured or killed. As the explosion went on for two hours, firefighters were prevented from getting close enough to control the fire.

Xinhua

Eleven tourists hurt in Marseilles train crash

PARIS, 16 May—Eleven tourists were hurt on Friday in a traffic accident in the port city Marseilles in southern France, local media reported.

The accident happened at about 2:00 pm local time when a novelty tourist train, which runs on the road pulling a line of small open wagons, was struck by a car making a wrong turn out of a parking lot, said firefighters, who were working on the site to restore traffic order.

Two persons were seriously hurt while the other nine suffered only minor injuries, rescuers said.

There were no details about the nationalities of the injured.

Xinhua

Woman, 65, chases down purse thief

Police in Minnesota said a man who snatched an 85-year-old's purse was chased down by the woman's 65-year-old daughter.

St. Paul police spokesman Sgt Paul Schnell said the man struggled with the two women at about 2:18 pm on Friday and fled with the older woman's purse, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* reported.

The daughter gave chase and the man attacked her with a knife, cutting her on the cheek, but dropped the purse and fled in a Buick when she used her cane to break the weapon. The woman did not require medical attention, Schnell said.

A witness took down the man's license plate and Perry Young, 52, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and first-degree attempted aggravated robbery, the newspaper said.



Photo, shows treasures retrieved from the underwater Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 AD) ship Nan'ao No1 which sank in the sea near the Nan'ao County, Shangtou City, south China's Guangdong Province.



Life composed of series of accidents.

Seven-time survivor gives away fortune

A Croatian man who survived seven nearly fatal accidents before winning an \$874,000 lottery jackpot says he is giving away the money.

Frano Selak, 81, of Petrinja, said he is

celebrating his fifth marriage by giving away the remainder of the lottery jackpot he won five years ago and selling his home on a private island to live in his old Petrinja residence, Britain's *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

"All I need at my age is my Katarina (his new wife). Money would not change anything," he said. Selak has been called "the world's luckiest man" due to surviving seven near-fatal incidents, including a 1962 train crash into a river and being sucked out of an airplane when the door opened. Selak survived the fall by landing on a pile of hay. Nineteen others died in the incident.

"I never thought I was lucky to survive all my brushes with death. I thought I was unlucky to be in them in the first place," he said.



Sixteen-year-old Jessica Watson waves as she sails past the finish line at the entrance to Sydney Harbour in Sydney, Australia, on Saturday, 15 May, 2010.

Australian teen completes round-the-world sail

After seven months at sea, an Australian teen crossed the finish line of a round-the-world journey Saturday in her pink yacht, becoming the youngest sailor to circle the globe solo, nonstop and unassisted.

Thousands of spectators erupted into cheers as 16-year-old Jessica Watson sailed into Sydney Harbour, the finale to an epic adventure in which she battled 40-foot (12-metre) waves, homesickness and critics

who said she'd never make it home alive. "She said she'd sail around the world, and she has," a tearful Julie Watson said as she watched her grinning daughter cruise past the finish line from a nearby boat. "She's home."

Watson gasped, laughed and waved her arms frantically as she caught sight of her parents when they pulled alongside her 34-foot (10-metre) yacht, Ella's Pink Lady.

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A woman lifts her grandson out of a cradle as her daughter rests after a cesarean section at the Ramon Gonzalez Coro maternity hospital in Havana.—INTERNET

After C-section, stitches or staples?

NEW YORK, 16 May—There are a number of ways that surgeons can close a C-section wound — using staples or different types of stitches, including ones that need to be removed and those made of materials that are absorbed into the body. But little has been known about whether the cosmetic results vary with the different methods.

For the new study, Italian researchers randomly assigned 180 women undergoing a C-section to have one of four methods of wound closure: staples or one of three types of sutures, including absorbable stitches and stitches that had to be removed. After two and six months, the

study found, there were no overall differences among the groups' cosmetic results — based on both an independent plastic surgeon's ratings and the women's own perceptions of their scar healing.

The findings suggest that, generally speaking, women who have a C-section can expect to get similar aesthetic results regardless of the type of wound closure, lead researcher Dr Antonella Cromi, of the University of Insubria in Varese, Italy, told *Reuters Health* in an email. That said, though, results do vary from patient to patient, and they also depend on factors other than the use of staples versus stitches.—*Internet*

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The survey was carried out by the BMA, which represents doctors.—INTERNET

BMA study says NHS doctors have whistle-blowing fear

LONDON, 16 May — Many hospital doctors are too scared to raise concerns about patient care or staff behaviour in case it affects their career, according to a survey. The study by BMA Scotland found 40% of the 384 doctors questioned do not report issues of concern. The organization called for doctors to be given more protection from managers.

It said it had "concerns" about the culture within the NHS, and insisted doctors should not be afraid to blow the whistle. Dr Charles Saunders, chairman of the BMA's Scottish Consultants Committee, said doctors had a "duty" to speak out when they are worried about hospital practices. "However, as the results of this survey bear out, this is not always possible or effective", he added.—*Internet*

Ambulances sometimes transfer patients between hospitals.
INTERNET

The warriors were built to protect the emperor after his death.—INTERNET

China unearths 114 new Terracotta Warriors

BEIJING, 16 May — Archaeologists in China have unearthed 114 new terracotta warriors at the vast Qin dynasty tomb complex near Xian in Shaanxi Province, state media reports. The statues, many of which were found in pieces, were brightly coloured and lying alongside pots, weapons and other items, said *China Daily*. Research teams also found evidence of burn marks on the clay, proof that the pit had at some point been set on fire. More than 8,000 of the statues, made in 221BC, have already been unearthed. Xu Weihong, head of the research team, told *China Daily* the warriors had been found during the third excavation of the largest of the three pits at the tomb complex. The excavations began in June last year.

"We were pleasantly surprised to find rich colours on the Terracotta Warriors," he said. "It was hard work to restore the clay warriors as they were broken into pieces. It took us at least 10 days to restore one." Archaeologists say all the warriors would originally have been brightly decorated but that 2,000 years underground has worn away the paint. Liu Zhanchang, director of the Museum of Qin Shihuang Terracotta Warriors and Horses, said the burn marks found were proof that the pit had been set on fire.—*Internet*

Hospital transfer 'battery risks'

LONDON, 16 May — Unnecessary risks are being taken when transferring seriously ill people from hospital to hospital, doctors say. Some patients, such as those with head injuries or burns, are moved because they require care at specialist units. But British Medical Association, doctors, said medics often had to rely on batteries to power vital equipment — and these

were prone to failing.

The Department of Health said it was up to local trusts to ensure the right steps were taken for such patients. Most ambulances do not have sockets for standard three-pin plugs. Instead, they have cigarette lighter-style sockets, which means hospital equipment such as ventilators, blood pressure monitoring and intravenous drug equipment cannot be plugged into the vehicle's power supply.

Doctors transferring patients are therefore required to connect the equipment to batteries.

Newer ambulances are being brought in which do have three-pin plug sockets but, because many of the older vehicles will be on the roads for another five years, doctors believe action is need now.—*Internet*



Vehicles drive in the rain in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 15 May, 2010. Changchun witnessed a torrential rainfall on Saturday.—XINHUA

Sudan rejects new Nile water agreement

KHARTOUM, 16 May—Sudan on Friday rejected a new agreement signed by four of Nile Source Countries on sharing the Nile water. "Sudan's strategy stands on rejecting any procedure that does not achieve consensus among all Nile Basin countries, and therefore we reject this agreement," Kamal Ali Mohamed, Sudanese Minister of Irrigation, told reporters on Friday. "This

agreement does not benefit the source countries. We still insist on importance of reaching a consensus among all countries," he added. Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania on Friday signed a new agreement on sharing the Nile water in Entebbe, Uganda, despite boycott from Sudan and Egypt, and absence of Burundi and the Democratic Rep-

ublic of Congo. Representatives of the four countries signed the agreement after almost 10 years of negotiation among the nine Nile basin countries for better sharing the Nile water.

Xinhua

Canada and Denmark sign Arctic cooperation arrangement

OTTAWA, 16 May—Canada's Ministry of National Defence announced on Friday that General Walt Natynczyk, the Chief of the Defence Staff of Canada, and General Knud Bartels, the Chief of Defence of Denmark, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Arctic Defence, Security, and Operational Cooperation, during Bartels's visit to Ottawa on 13-14 May. Bartels is here to discuss with his Canadian counterpart a range of issues of common interest, including the Arctic, NATO, Afghanistan, and counter-piracy.

Xinhua

Tajik carries 1 kg of heroin in stomach

MOSCOW, 16 May—A Tajik citizen was arrested in Pulkovo Airport in St Petersburg after a custom officer discovered he had one kilogram of heroin in his stomach, RBC news agency reported on Friday. The drug courier arrived to Russia from the Tajik capital of Dushanbe, a Federal Border Service spokesman said. The heroin was packed in 120

separate pills swallowed by the 28-year-old man.

The man, who was not identified, will be charged with smuggling. The Central Asian state of Tajikistan is the poorest among the former Soviet republics and its location as the main drug transit route from Afghanistan to Europe is a valuable source of income for many.

Xinhua

\$2 billion sought to overhaul ruined Haiti schools

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 16 May—The Inter-American Development Bank is seeking \$2 billion to expand access to Haitian schools.

President Rene Preval and Bank President Luis Moreno announced the five-year programme Saturday. It could be among the first presented for possible funding by the new

Haitian Interim Reconstruction Commission co-chaired by Bill Clinton.

The programme aims to rebuild a system in shambles before nearly 4,000 schools were destroyed. Its advisers include Louisiana post-Katrina school superintendent Paul Vallas.

Nearly all Haitian

schools are private, forcing parents to spend food money on books, uniforms and tuition. Just one in 10 Haitian teachers is a qualified educator.

The bank's programme calls for the adoption of a national curriculum, teacher training and facility improvements.

Internet



Palestinian farmers harvest the wheat at a farm in the West Bank village of Leban, south Nablus on 15 May, 2010. XINHUA

Cannes Film Festival 2010 inaugurates



Cast members Lee Jung-Jae(L), Yoon Yuh-Jung(C) and Jeon Do-Youn pose during a photocall for the film "Housemaid" at the 63rd Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France, on 14 May, 2010.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 16 May—The curtains were raised at the Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday, with film buffs and moviemakers queuing up to attend early morning screenings. For

the next 11 days, the famous and not-so-famous will walk the red carpet, test their stamina at party after party, and cram together in darkened screening rooms.

The President of the Jury, director Tim Burton, who made his name with gothic fantasies ranging from "Edward Scissorhands" to "Sleepy Hollow" and "Batman" and whose "Ed Wood" was shown at Cannes in 1995, said he was looking forward to the two-week movie marathon that lay ahead.

Internet

Search for 24 Russian miners can't resume for week

MOSCOW, 16 May—Russian officials said Friday the search for 24 workers missing after a coal mine explosion won't resume for a week, apparently eliminating hopes of finding them alive. Rescue operations at the Rapsadskaya mine in western Siberia were suspended on Thursday because of heavy concentrations of explosive methane and fires in the tunnels. On Friday, Emergencies Ministry official Pavel Plat said the methane couldn't be reduced to safe levels for at least a week, and a protest rally by the mine's employees was reportedly broken up brutally by riot police.

"We simply can't let people remain in the kind of situation that has developed in the mine," he said.

Internet



Rescuers rest outside the Rapsadskaya mine in Kemerovo region, on 13 May, 2010.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ribery strikes as Bayern stay on track for treble

BERLIN, 16 May—Franck Ribery grabbed one of the goals as Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich stayed on course for the treble with a 4-0 win over 10-man Werder Bremen in the German Cup final on Saturday.

Ribery scored his first goal for nearly two months after a difficult few weeks for the 27-year-old who is due to hear on Tuesday if he is banned for next Saturday's Champions League final against Inter Milan.

The French international has kept a low profile since being questioned by police over his involvement in the under-age call-girl scandal which has rocked his national team.

And he was handed a



Bayern Munich's midfielder Franck Ribery (L) and Werder Bremen's defender Clemens Fritz fight in the German Cup on Saturday.—INTERNET

three-match ban by UEFA for being sent off in the Champions League semi-final first-leg win over Lyon which looks set to keep him out of the Champions League showpiece in Madrid.

Internet

Marseille rule as Auxerre stun Lille to Champions League place

PARIS, 16 May—Lyon and Auxerre sealed prized tickets for next season's Champions League as Marseille capped their French title triumph with a 2-0 victory over Grenoble on Saturday.

With Marseille already crowned champions and Grenoble, Boulogne and Le Mans relegated, the only issues to be settled on the final day of league action involved qualification for Europe.

And those stakes set the stage for plenty of drama with Lyon, Lille and Auxerre trading places throughout the night as they fought respective battles for one of the two remaining spots giving entry to Europe's premier club competition.—Internet



FC Sochaux' defender Jeremie Brechet (L) fights for the ball with Auxerre's forward Roy Contout.—INTERNET

Ol' Celtics, or just old? Boston to show vs Magic

ORLANDO, 16 May—Plopped on the couch in his living room, Stan Van Gundy was watching Boston blow past

Cleveland in the Eastern Conference semifinals and thought it was some sort of replay from the Celtics' 2008 NBA title run.

There were the familiar scenes: Kevin Garnett pounding his chest, Ray Allen swishing 3-pointers and Paul Pierce pumping his fist. Boston was winning, and winning big. Orlando's coach was perplexed. "If you look at them, that's the (same) team," Van Gundy said. "What would be the difference?"

Internet



Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen (20) celebrates his three-point shot against the Cleveland Cavaliers. INTERNET

Russia beats Germany 3-2 at ice hockey worlds



Russia's Alexander Ovechkin celebrates after scoring during the Qualifying Round Group E match between Russia and Germany at the World Ice Hockey Championships in Cologne, Germany, on 15 May, 2010.—INTERNET

COLOGNE, 16 May — Alex Ovechkin scored his fourth goal in four games to lead Russia to a 3-2 victory over Germany and remain undefeated at the ice hockey world championship on Saturday.

Two-time defending champion Russia jumped ahead 2-0 after 26 minutes on goals by Ilya Kovalchuk and forward Nikolai Kulemin.

Christian Ehrhoff scored for the hosts with 1 second left in the second period.

Internet

Inter on brink of second step in historic treble

ROME, 16 May—After nine months and 37 matches the Serie A title race has come down to one last game with Inter Milan leading AS Roma by two points.

Inter are bidding to become the first Italian team to win the treble having secured the Italian Cup just over a week ago — beating Roma 1-0 in the final — and with the Champions League final to come on 22 May in Madrid against Bayern Munich. First up they will try to secure the scudetto with an away match against already-relegated Siena.

Internet



Inter Milan's coach Jose Mourinho is seen during his team's Italian Serie A match against Chievo. INTERNET

Last-gasp Sevilla steal Champions League spot



Sevilla's forward Frederic Kanoute (R) fights for the ball with Almeria's defender Chico (L).—INTERNET

MADRID, 16 May—Teenager Rios Rodri scored a stoppage time winner as 10-man Sevilla sealed fourth place and Champions League qualification with a last-gasp 3-2 win at Almeria on Saturday to leave Real Mallorca in tears. Mallorca were seconds away from sealing fourth thanks to a 2-0 home win over Espanyol but 19-year-old Rodri, a product of the Sevilla youth system, scored with virtually the last kick of the game in a goal worth millions to his side.

Sevilla had been reduced to 10 men following the dismissal of Alvaro Negredo on 64 minutes for abusing the linesman and were clinging on to their 2-1 lead.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Ankle injury gives Ballack World Cup worry

LONDON, 16 May—Germany captain Michael Ballack has admitted the ankle injury he suffered in Saturday's FA Cup final could threaten his World Cup place.

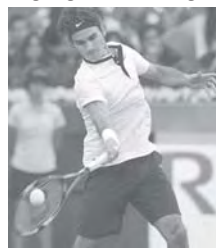
The 33-year-old limped from the Wembley Stadium pitch with an injury to his right ankle after 44 minutes of his Chelsea side's 1-0 win over Portsmouth, which gave the London club the league and cup double. "Until I know what the MRI scan will reveal, I am naturally concerned," said Ballack.—Internet



Chelsea's midfielder Michael Ballack (R) cries out in pain as he is tackled by Portsmouth's Kevin-Prince. INTERNET

Federer, Nadal set-up dream Madrid final

MADRID, 16 May — Rafael Nadal fears the huge game of Roger



Swiss Roger Federer returns the ball against Spanish David Ferrer during their match of the Madrid Masters. INTERNET

Federer in Sunday's final of the Madrid Masters after the elite rivals set up a re-run of their 2009 title match which was won by the world number one Swiss.

The title clash will be the pair's 21st meeting with Nadal holding the advantage at 13 wins to seven.

Nadal, crowd favourite and hero at the Caja Magica, moved onto the cusp of more ATP history with his stirring 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 defeat of fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro in his semi-final.—Internet



People walk on the north bridge in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 15 May, 2010. The 8th Dalian International Walking Festival was opened in Dalian on Saturday.
XINHUA

Moscow metro celebrates 75th anniversary

Moscow, 16 May—The Moscow metro system celebrated its 75th birthday on Saturday but the planned opening of two new metro stations, expected to be the centerpiece of the celebration, was postponed indefinitely. The subway system issued special tickets and prepared a vintage car for passengers to mark the anniversary, reported the RIA Novosti news agency.

A fashion show and concert also were held at the subway stations to mark the day. The opening of the Dostoevskaya station was postponed because the city commission believed that its platform murals and wall paintings were "too bleak and aggressive."—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (17-5-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions

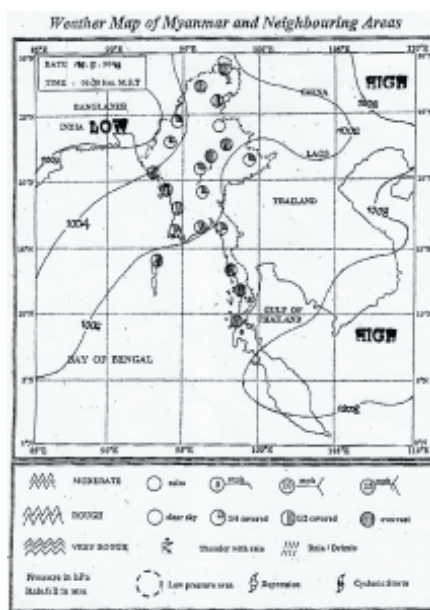
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Overseas Transmission	(09:00am~11:00am) MST
	(17-5-10 09:30 am ~ 18-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Myanmar Traditional Festival"
- * I am novice
- * News
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- * Myanmar Traditional Handiwork of Casting
- * News
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- * Amazing Hotel In Myanmar (Hotel Zwekabin)
- * News
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- * Blind Masseur
- * Myanmar Movies "Mommy's Girls"



WEATHER

Sunday, 16th 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 Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Northern Shan and Rakhine States, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin, Kayah, Eastern and Southern Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (45.9°C), Monywa, Myingyan and Magway (45.5°C) each, NyaungU (45.2°C), Pakokku (45.1°C), Kalewa (45.0°C) and Minbu (44.6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.74) inch, Monghsat (0.55) inch and Kawthoung (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-5-2010 was 106°F. Minimum temperature on 16-5-2010 was 81°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-5-2010 was 62%. Total sun shine hours on 15-5-2010 was (11.0) hours.

Rainfall on 16-4-2010 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 15-5-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin, Northern Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady 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 isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 17 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသားသန့်မြို့
2. ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ ခိုင်မင်းညိုမင်း)

တေးရေး -
ဗိုလ်တလေးတင့်အောင်

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. Song Of National Races

8:30 am

8. "ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:30 pm

4. အထေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြုများ) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:45 pm

5. Songs for Uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. "နားဝင်ပီသလှလက်သံ"

5:05 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

8. မြန်မာစာသုံးစွဲ ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနုနု" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
17. "သုခုမရင်ပြင်"

- ★ 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

5th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association commences

YANGON, 16 May—The first day session of 5th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place at the hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Minyekyawswa road in Lanmadaw Township here this morning, attended by Patron of Central Committee for holding the 5th

Conference of MWJA Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

It was also attended by Chairman of MWJA and CEC members, literati, guest, and delegates from state/division and observers.

Joint-Secretary-1 U Than Hlaing (Tekkatho Thinkha) of MWJA acted as master of ceremonies

at the first-day session, and announced that the State Peace and Development Council donated K 5 million to the Central Committee through the Minister for Information.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made a speech on the occasion.

Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan delivered a speech. After that, Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepted cash and publications donated by wellwishers to Rural Library Foundation in honour of the 5th Conference of MWJA.

In honour of 5th Conference of MWJA, donations made by wellwishers to Rural Library Foundation include 9,000 books and publications worth K 8,722,000 and K 0.3 million in cash.

At the morning session of the first day, Vice-Chairman (1) of MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) acted as alternate chairman and U Khin Zaw (U Khin Zaw-Mayangon), Lt-Col Maung (See page 9)



Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greets literati and state/division delegates to the 5th MWJA Conference.—MNA

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