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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 receives Chinese Transport Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo received Minister of Transport of the People's Republic of China

Mr. Li Shenglin and party at the State Peace and Development Council Office, here, at 2 p.m. today.

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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

MoU on China-Myanmar Corridor Project inked

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the signing of MoU on development of cooperation in China-Myanmar Corridor Project to link Rulie and Kyaukpyu at the SPDC Office here this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay,

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Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attends signing of MoU on development of cooperation in China-Myanmar Corridor Project to link Rulie and Kyaukpyu.—MNA



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Relentlessly preserve fine traditions of nation-building endeavours

Literati are a national strength striving for long-term existence of national culture which is soul of the nation and the people while trying their best to enable the nation to stand tall among the global countries with national integrity.

Realizing the significant role of the national policies, the entire people are joining hands with the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association as a national force to uphold Our Three Main National Causes and social objectives to be handed down from one generation to generation.

Nowadays, science and technology, and information and communication technology are developing in leaps and bounds throughout the world day by day. Some big countries possessing advanced technologies are wielding the influence of their powers and propaganda over other countries in their own interests on a wider scale by controlling media inclusive of periodicals. Alien culture and ideas are encroaching on the national culture of Myanmar through various types of media.

Intellectuals and intelligentsia in the literary world have been placing emphasis on literary works based on hobby, goodwill and conviction by serving the interest of the nation and the people for many years. Therefore, the literati are to continuously bring about the improvement of Myanmar literature standard, flourishing the correct national ideology among the people, ensuring the dynamism of patriotic spirit and cultivating the habit to abide by laws, rules and regulations.

It is incumbent upon the literati to try their best in realizing the media and journalist ethics and to strive with might and main for preserving the fine traditions of the nation-building endeavours.

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The United Democratic Party (UDP) headquartered at Taungpyin Ward in Dabayin Township of Sagaing Division on 17-5-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the 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.



Flag of the United Democratic Party (UDP)

Seal of the United Democratic Party (UDP)
Union Election Commission

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.

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

Information Minister inspects shooting camera, cinema machines



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan inspects Arricam Studio shooting camera and accessories of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise.—MNA

YANGON, 18 May—On his inspection tour, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan inspected decoration of Movie Censor Hall, one shooting camera and two cinema machines of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information on 16 May afternoon.

The minister viewed installation of sound proof devices, creation of Dolby Digital and decoration at the Movie Censor Hall.

He inspected Arricam studio shooting camera and its accessories purchased in 2009-2010 financial year.

The minister looked into installation of two Strong Highlight IIA brand cinema machines and enjoyed the movies shown with the use of the machines.

He instructed the officials to produce quality films with the systematic use of shooting cameras

and machines and to cooperate with those of movie world in the task.—MNA

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, headquartered at No. 9 of Thitsa Uyin Housing on Thitsa Street in Ward-8 of South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division, on 18-5-2010, submitted its applications to register as a political party under the 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 Shan Nationalities Democratic Party

Seal of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
Union Election Commission

Iraq forces: al-Qaeda plot on World Cup uncovered

BAGHDAD, 18 May—Iraqi security forces have detained an al-Qaeda militant suspected of planning an attack targeting the World Cup in South Africa next month, an official said Monday. Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a

spokesman for Baghdad security services, said Abdullah Azam Saleh al-Qahtani was an officer in the Saudi army. He is suspected of planning a "terrorist act" in South Africa during the World Cup beginning June 11, al-Moussawi told a news

conference in Baghdad.

He said al-Qahtani entered Iraq in 2004 and is suspected in several attacks in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

In South Africa, a police spokesman said Iraq has not notified them of the arrest.—Internet

A boy fetches water for his family as others go about their business in a narrow alley in the old part of Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday, on 15 May, 2010.
INTERNET



Security officials survey the site of a suicide bomb attack in Dera Ismail Khan on 18 May, 2010. A suicide car-bomber attacked a police van in the northwestern Pakistani town of Dera Ismail Khan on Tuesday, killing 12 people, including three policemen, a doctor said.—INTERNET

Thirteen die as bomb blast targets police van in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 May—A senior police officer and 12 other people were killed in a bomb attack in Pakistan's restive northwest on Tuesday, police and doctors said.

The bomb, targeting a police vehicle, also injured 14 others in the outskirts of Dera Ismail Khan, a main city in the newly-renamed Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, said Dr Nasir Malik, in charge of the emergency department at the main hospital. Deputy Superintendent Police Iqbal Khan, his guard and driver were also killed in the attack, Malik said. He said that three children and a woman were also among the dead. Police officials said that a 4 to 6 kg bomb was planted on a bicycle at the height similar to the police vehicle passenger level. The splinters spread into a wide area causing maximum damage in the morning crowding streets.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. But the authorities blame such attacks on Taliban militants.—Xinhua

Two girls killed in house bombing in Iraq

TIKRIT, 18 May—Two girls were killed in bomb explosions at the house of a deputy leader of a local anti-Qaida paramilitary group in a village in Salahudin province on Tuesday, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place at dawn in the village of Albu Jili near the town of Yathrib, some 90 km north of Baghdad, when gunmen planted bombs in the house of Ali Hussien Ghaieb, deputy leader of the town's Awakening Council group, also named Sons of Iraq group, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.—Xinhua

Taleban suicide bomb hits NATO convoy, kills 18

KABUL, 18 May—A Taliban suicide car bomber struck a NATO convoy in the Afghan capital Tuesday, killing six troops — five Americans and one Canadian, officials said. Twelve Afghan civilians also died — many of them on a public bus in rush-hour traffic.

The powerful blast occurred on a major Kabul thoroughfare that runs by the ruins of a one-time royal palace and government ministries. It wrecked nearly 20 vehicles, including five SUVs in the NATO convoy, and scattered debris and body parts across the wide boulevard. The body of woman in a burqa was smashed against the window of the bus.

The attack — the deadliest for NATO troops in the capital since September — comes despite a ramped up effort by Afghan authorities to intercept would-be attackers and better secure a capital city that saw a spate of brazen attacks this winter.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid told The Associated Press in a phone call from an undisclosed location that the bomber was a man from Kabul and his car was packed with 1,650 pounds (750 kilograms) of explosives. The target of the attack was the foreign convoy, he said.

"Everywhere was dead bodies," Police officer Wahidullah said. At least 12 Afghan civilians

died and 47 were wounded, most of them in the bus, the Interior Ministry said.

Internet

Wounded Afghan men lie at the hospital after a suicide car bomb attack in Kabul on 18 May, 2010.
INTERNET



Plane carrying 43 crashes in Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 18 May—A passenger airplane crashed Monday enroute from Afghanistan's northern city of Kunduz to capital city of Kabul with 43 on board, Afghan officials told Xinhua.

The plane has crashed somewhere near Salang Pass between Baghlan and Parwan provinces, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemarai Bashary told Xinhua, adding that the ministry is sending a team to probe into the accident.

Meanwhile, Ahmad Javed Basharat, police spokesman of Baghlan

province, said the plane crashed south of Salang Pass.

Earlier, Abdul Hamid Khan, head of the Kunduz Airport, told Xinhua that those on board included 38 passengers, eight of whom foreigners, and five crew members. The aircraft with the local airline Pamir Airways departed from Kunduz at 8:30 local time and has since lost contact, said the official.

MNA/Xinhua



An Afghan policeman keeps watch at the site of a suicide car bomb in Kabul on 18 May, 2010. At least five NATO-led foreign troops were killed on Tuesday's suicide car bomb attack in the Afghan capital, police source said.—INTERNET

Deep sea oil plumes, dispersants endanger reefs



A fisherman holds up an oil-stained buoy that washed up on the beach at South Pass near the mouth of the Mississippi River on 14 May, near Venice, Louisiana. BP succeeded Sunday in capturing "some" oil and gas by inserting a mile-long tube into the main Gulf of Mexico leak, but would not say if it was just a dribble or a significant percentage of the gusher.

INTERNET

NEW ORLEANS, 18 May—The oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has already spewed plumes over ecologically sensitive reefs, part of a stalled marine sanctuary proposal that would restrict drilling in a large swath of the northern part of the vital waterway. Marine scientists fear that two powerful

Gulf currents will carry the oil to other reefs. The eastward flowing loop current could spread it about 450 miles to the Florida Keys, while the Louisiana coastal current could move the oil as far west as central Texas.

The depth of the gushing leaks and the use of more than 560,000 gallons of chemicals to disperse the oil, including unprecedented injections deep in the sea, have helped keep the crude beneath the sea surface. Marine scientists say diffusing and sinking the oil helps protect the surface species and the Gulf Coast shoreline but increases the chance of harming deep-sea reefs, which are seen as bellwethers for sea health.—*Internet*



This NASA Earth Observatory image obtained on May 14 shows the plume of ash from Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano as it rises above a sea of cloud. Heathrow and Gatwick have reopened after being forced to close by the volcanic ash cloud, but airports in Northern Ireland and others around the country remain shut.

INTERNET

First large-scale formal quantitative test confirms Darwin's theory of universal common ancestry

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 May—More than 150 years ago, Darwin proposed the theory of universal common ancestry (UCA), linking all forms of life by a shared genetic heritage from single-celled microorganisms to humans. Until now, the theory that makes ladybugs, oak trees, champagne yeast and

humans distant relatives has remained beyond the scope of a formal test. Now, a Brandeis biochemist reports in *Nature* the results of the first large scale, quantitative test of the famous theory that underpins modern evolutionary biology.

The results of the study confirm that Darwin had it right all along. In his 1859 book, *On the Origin of Species*, the British naturalist proposed that, "all the

organic beings which have ever lived on this earth have descended from some one primordial form." Over the last century and a half, qualitative evidence for this theory has steadily grown, in the numerous, surprising transitional forms found in the fossil record, for example, and in the identification of sweeping fundamental biological similarities at the molecular level.

Internet

How spiders create silk threads: lowering pH regulates spider's silk production, researchers find



Artificial spider silk.—INTERNET

STOCKHOLM, 18 May—How can a tiny spider body contain material for several decimeters of gossamer silk, and what governs the conversion to thread? Researchers at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) in Sweden can now explain this process.

The new research findings are presented in an article in the scientific

journal *Nature*.

"We have seen how the first part of the spider silk protein has a very special and important function. It quite simply controls when the protein is to be converted into gossamer," says My Hedhammar, one of the researchers at SLU.

By rapidly lowering the pH, a spider can initiate the conversion to silk. Before this, the

protein needed to form the silk is stored in a gland in the spider's body.

When it is time to spin a thread, the protein passes through a canal where it is converted to gossamer. Along the canal, the conditions change: among other things, the pH is lowered from a neutral (pH 7) to a somewhat more acidic level, pH 6.

"The spider gossamer protein consists of three parts. At SLU, this time we have primarily studied the first part, named NT, and have seen that it has very special properties that are important to the spider. At neutral pH, NT helps the protein to remain in liquid form. When the pH goes down, NT sees to it that threads are formed rapidly and also in an orderly manner," says My Hedhammar.—*Internet*

Bacterial genes that improve plant growth by 40% identified

WASHINGTON, 18 May—You might think bacteria that "invade" trees are there to cause certain destruction. But like the helpful bacteria that live within our guts, some microbes help plants thrive. To find out what makes these microbe-plant interactions "tick," scientists at the US Department of Energy's (DOE) Brookhaven National Laboratory decoded the genome of a



Bacteria living within poplar roots. INTERNET

plant-dwelling microbe they'd previously shown could increase plant growth by 40 percent. Their studies, described online in *PLoS Genetics*, identified a wide range of genes that help explain this symbiotic success story. The work could move the approach of

using bacteria as growth-promoting agents one step closer to implementation for improved agriculture and biofuel production.

"To fuel and feed the planet for the future, we need new approaches," said Brookhaven scientist Safiyh Taghavi, the study's lead author.

"Biofuels derived from plants are an attractive alternative energy source, but many biofuel feedstock crops are in direct competition with food crops for agricultural resources such as land, water, and fertilizers.—*Internet*

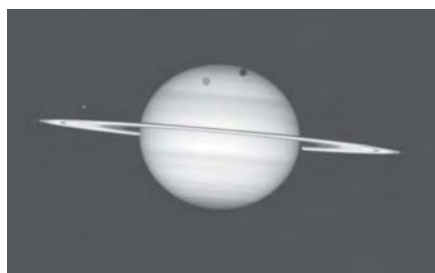
Two Atlantis astronauts complete first spacewalk of mission

WASHINGTON, 18 May—Two US astronauts conducted the first of three spacewalks for space shuttle Atlantis' STS-132 mission on Monday, NASA said.

According to the US space agency, Atlantis's mission specialists Garrett Reisman and Steve Bowen began the spacewalk at 7:54 a.m. (1154 GMT), which lasted seven hours and 25 minutes.

They installed a new space-to-ground antenna that will increase the space station's ability to conduct two-way data, voice, and video communications.

Internet

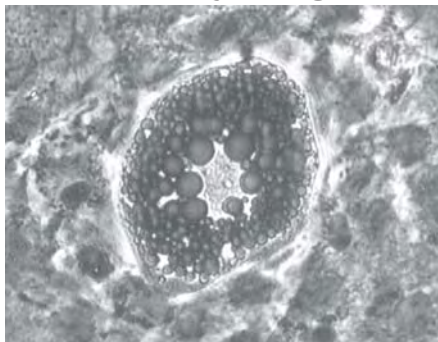


An image of four moons of Saturn passing in front of their parent planet in seen this image taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope on 24 February, 2009 and released by NASA on 17 March, 2009.

INTERNET

Science

A fat cell grows up: stages from early to mature cell offer clues for anti-obesity drug development



Mature fat cell.—INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 May — Getting from point A to B may sound simple, but not so in the formation of fat cells. In a finding with potential drug-development implications, Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute for Diabetes, Obesity,

and Metabolism at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and colleagues report in the current issue of *Genes & Development* the discovery of an intermediate state between early-stage fat cells and fully mature ones that is only present transiently during the fat-cell formation process. This intermediate state is induced by hormones related to cortisol, which are known to contribute to obesity and metabolic disturbances in people. *Internet*

Caffeine may slow alzheimer's disease and other dementias, restore cognitive function, according to new evidence



Coffee with caffeine. Caffeine may be protective against the cognitive decline seen in dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 May— Although caffeine is the most widely consumed psychoactive drug worldwide, its potential beneficial effect for maintenance of proper brain functioning has only recently begun to be adequately appreciated. Substantial evidence from epidemiological studies and fundamental research in animal models suggests that caffeine may be protective against the cognitive decline seen in dementia and Alzheimer's disease (AD).

A special supplement to the *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, "Therapeutic Opportunities for Caffeine in Alzheimer's

Disease and Other Neurodegenerative Diseases," sheds new light on this topic and presents key findings. *Internet*

Newborn infants learn while asleep; study may lead to later disability tests



Sleeping newborn.—INTERNET

FLORIDA, 18 May — Sleeping newborns are better learners than thought, says a University of Florida researcher about a study that is the first of its type. The study could lead to identifying those at risk for developmental disorders such as autism and dyslexia.

We found a basic form of learning in sleeping newborns, a type of learning that may not be seen in sleeping adults," said Dana Byrd, a research affiliate in psychology at UF who collaborated with a team of scientists.

The findings give valuable information about how it is that

newborns are able to learn so quickly from the world, when they sleep for 16 to 18 hours a day, Byrd said. "Sleeping newborns are better learners, better 'data sponges' than we knew," she said.

In order to understand how newborns learn while in their most frequent state, Byrd and her colleagues tested the learning abilities of sleeping newborns by repeating tones that were followed by a gentle puff of air to the eyelids. After about 20 minutes, 24 of the 26 babies squeezed their eyelids together when the tone was sounded without the puff of air.—*Internet*

Not all thyroid cancers need treatment

NEW YORK, 18 May—People with papillary thyroid cancer that hasn't spread beyond the thyroid gland appear to have good outcomes regardless of whether or not they are treated, new research shows.

Papillary thyroid cancer is the most common type of thyroid cancer. Among more than 35,000 people with "localized" papillary thyroid cancer who underwent immediate surgery to remove half or

all of their thyroid gland, researchers found that 99 percent were still alive 20 years later. For the 440 patients who didn't undergo immediate treatment, 97 percent were still alive after 20 years.

As the numbers show, surgery is the mainstay of treatment for localized thyroid cancer, with just a handful of patients — 1.2 percent in all in the current study — not being treated.

Internet



\$35M for Dartmouth health care delivery center

CONCORD, 18 May — Dartmouth College is getting \$35 million to open a center it hopes will help the nation take the next big steps in health care reform: improving quality while lowering costs.

The historic health care overhaul legislation President Barack Obama signed in March will give millions of Americans access to health care, but "the real rocket science in health care right now is in the delivery," said Dartmouth President Jim Yong Kim, who has been promoting the idea of a national institute on health care delivery since arriving at Dartmouth last July.

Now, he has a \$35 million commitment from an anonymous donor to establish the

Dartmouth Center for Health Care Delivery Science, which will bring together experts in everything from medicine and management to sociology and systems engineering to figure out what is working in successful health care systems such as Minnesota's Mayo Clinic. They'll then teach practitioners, who can return home and make changes immediately, Kim said.

"We're not just doing the research and presenting it for people to either accept or not accept," he said.

The center also will be home to a new master's degree in health care delivery science, which will begin enrolling students in July 2011.

Internet

Health

Spanish singer Luz Casal, seen here in 2009 and who underwent breast cancer surgery in January 2007, said Monday she needs surgery on her other breast after doctors found the cancer had returned.—INTERNET

Better City, Better Life

Myat Swe



The Opening Ceremony of Shanghai World Expo 2010 is held on a very grand scale, taking the breath of the attendees away.

I felt blessed when my boss informed me that I had been chosen to represent the motherland as a journalist at the Opening Ceremony of Shanghai World Expo 2010, which runs from 1 May to 31 October 2010 with the theme "Better City, Better Life" and is expected to lure about 70 million visitors. As for me, to embrace the unique opportunity to attend such a very grand scale ceremony is an honour beyond words.

At the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China, the government of the Union of Myanmar sent a two-journalist delegation — one from the Information and Public

Relations Department and me from The New Light of Myanmar to the expo.

On the morning of 26 April, we left Yangon International Airport by air for Beijing via Kunming. Just as we disembarked the airplane at Kunming, we were greeted by very cold weather I did not expect. It was also very cold in Beijing. We learnt that it was colder than last year in the capital of China this year. We were accommodated at Beijing Asia Hotel.

We had to join J-1 Group consisting of 27 journalists from 10 South East Asia countries plus five South Asia countries namely India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Throughout

the tour, we were accompanied by a five-member team from the All China Journalist Association.

The Director of the Department of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce received the journalists from the 15 developing Asian countries at the ministry in the capital at 8.30 am the following day. Extending warm greetings to the journalists, the director stressed the importance of boosting economic cooperation and promoting comprehensive trade, trade agreements and AFTA agreements between China and ASEAN countries. China was strengthening mutual understanding, and

fortifying cooperation in the mining and hydropower sectors between China and developing countries, he said, adding that China was contributing towards the fight against the global economic crisis. He disclosed that however China alone was unable to achieve the world economic recovery, calling for cooperation of all countries in that regard. He noted that China wanted to deal with ASEAN countries at a higher level.

Then, the journalists of us went shopping in Yashow Market where

four corners of the world a year.

We attended the Welcome Reception hosted by the Information Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Beijing Asia Hotel at 6.30 pm. The Vice Minister in his address spotlighted win-win cooperation between China and the Third World in various sectors.

At 10 am on 28 April, Vice Foreign Minister Zhang Zhijun received the J-1 group at the Foreign Ministry. In his speech, he invited all to work together for "Better City, Better Life" for the Third World.

Pearl TV Tower, from which we enjoyed the beautiful night scene of Shanghai.

On 30 April, we visited Huawei Company, which is a leading global provider of commercial telecom networks and serves 45 of the world's 50 top telecom operators. Its products and solutions are deployed in over 100 countries, and supports communication needs of one-third of the world population.

The Opening Ceremony of the Shanghai World Exposition took place at 8.30 pm with an address



The display of fireworks in progress at the Opening Ceremony of Shanghai World Expo 2010 on 30 April.

we witnessed the hustle and bustle of the city.

In the afternoon, we visited Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City established in an area of 720,000 square kilometers. It was built for 16 years in a row from 1406 to 1420 during the times of Ming and Qing dynasties. It has more than 1000 archaeological, substantial edifices in it. Since its birth, it has been named Forbidden City because ordinary people were forbidden from visiting it. In 1994, it was renamed The Palace Museum. It attracts the attention from over 10 million visitors from the

At 2.30 pm, we met officials and editors of The China Daily under the China Daily Media Group, which has 11 English publications and one of the country's top news Internet portals. The China Daily has an average daily circulation of more than 300,000 in about 150 countries and regions. It gets on with its business with over 40 foreign experts and over 400 English-speaking reporters and editors.

On 29 April, we visited the Great Wall. At 3 pm, we departed for Shanghai by air, which has now become one of the world's leading metropolises. At 7.15 pm, we visited the Oriental

of Chinese Premier Wan Jiabao. Among tens of thousands of the attendees were leaders of 20 countries and over 10,000 journalists from around the world. The ceremony was held so grandly that it took my breath away from the very beginning to the very end. The second session of the ceremony was held in the open air area. After the one-hour display of fireworks, there was a rapturous, thunderous applause from the attendees.

On 1 May, we attended the Opening Ceremony of the Site of Expo 2010 Shanghai China. In his speech, (See page 7)



Visitors at the Myanmar Pavilion.

Better City, Better Life

Myat Swe

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the Chairman of the National Organizing Committee for Expo 2010 Shanghai China thanked China for the Expo designed to encourage the developing countries to work harder for "Better City, Better Life". He noted that the expo would contribute towards the drive for "Better City, Better Life" not only at present but also in future. The President of the International Exhibitions Bureau also underscored the role of "Better City, Better Life".

Then, the journalists of us visited the pavilions of 192 countries and 50 international organizations. It was the very first day, but all pavilions were completely filled with visitors. Of them, the Chinese pavilion could draw the attention of the greater number of visitors than any other pavilion, as evidenced by a very long queue outside it. We two Myanmar journalists at first visited the pavilion of Myanmar, then many other pavilions. Either post of the Myanmar pavilion has three curves that represent Our Three Main

National Causes, under which the government is working hard for equitable development of all parts of the Union. And it is intended to provide the visitors with the views on the earnest efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been making with might and main to improve the living status of the public. The nation has enjoyed remarkable progress in all sectors, especially in six major sectors: trade, communication, education, health, transport, and border areas development, as a result.

At the Chinese pavilion, the journalists of us altogether watched a documentary film, which features that once Chinese people tried their best to rise from the nightmare of poverty; they remained harmonious in times of emergency; and they are now working hard in harness for further urbanization then for modernization with the aim of improving their living conditions. The China pavilion is particularly designed to reflect the theme "Better City, Better Life". The pavilions of 192 nations and 50 international organizations are all attractive to the visitors some way.

In the evening, we attended the interview and press conference at the Expo Press Centre Reception by officials of Shanghai (TBD).

We were all free on the morning of 2 May. We had to spend several hours in the bus to travel to Changzhou. The following morning, we visited Wuyi Village in Hengshanqiao Town, Wujin District, Changzhou City, Jiangsu Province. With an area of 5.61 square kilometers, Wuyi Village was listed as a national pioneering demonstration village of countryside modern test zone in 1998. Since then, the village has kept enhancing its economic comprehensive strength, made great efforts to improve the villagers' living standard. As a result of intensive pursuit of its motto "Integrate the rural area with the city", to put it another way "Better City, Better Life", Wuyi has become No. 1 village in Changzhou, and one of the top 100 villages in the country. So far, it has won several awards such as national Civilized Village, National Model Village Committee, and Typical Village in China's Rural Reform. It is very heartening to learn that despite being a small village, it owns collective



People queue up to visit Myanmar Pavilion.

assets worth nearly 100 million yuans, and the annual revenue hits over 10 million yuans. Every 100 families has 300 phones. The eight enterprises and factories belong to the villagers. Wow, it has set a target of economic growth by 50 % for this year. Villagers are reaping the reward of their hard work, leading a rich, happy, peaceful life. Everyone has a job and enjoys social security. With harmony and happiness, the village adheres to people-oriented outlook. It has been put on the map of China. In a word, it is even like a paradise for the villagers. Of the interesting places I visited during my trip, the one I admire best is Wuyi Village as it has proved that the motto "Better City, Better Life" can be translated into reality surely, and every rural area can become an urban one in a short time if local residents exert hard work and harmony with a strong determination.

At 10.20 am, we visited KTK Group Co., Ltd., which was established in 1988. With a workforce of some 2000, the group mainly produces rolling stock. Then, we visited Changzhou Science and Education Town, which admits more than 76,000 students. We also visited

Tianning Temple. The over 153-meter tall religious edifice is the tallest of its kind in China. And the 13-storey building receives a stream of visitors, totaling about 100,000 a year. Then, we visited Changzhou Creative Industries Park.

On 4 May, we visited Lingshan Grand Buddha and the Buddhist Palace in Wuxi Lingshan Buddha Scenic Spot, which sees millions of tourists a year. It consists of a landscape of lakes, mountains, culture of Buddhism, art of building and historical knowledge. The 88-metre-tall standing bronze Buddha Image is the tallest of its kind in China. Wuxi New District Exhibition Centre, the Suntech Company, and Cynovo Inc. in National Software Centre were also included in our itinerary that day.

At 6pm, Wuxi Mayor received the journalists of us at Hubin Hotel in Wuxi, a land of picturesque sites and tourist attractions including Tai Hu Lake, archaeological edifices, and buildings of cultural heritage.

In his speech, the mayor said that the city's ambitious target was modernization; and that it was trying to the best of its ability to create a better environment. He

explained facts about how they were working hard for regional modernization. Then, he hosted a dinner in honour of the journalists at the hotel, which brought our trip to China to an end.

We all concluded our trip on 5 May, and said goodbye to each other at Hubin Hotel in Wuxi and at Ramada Pudong International Airport.

To put it in a nutshell, provinces of China are striving for their urbanization and modernization, and its people realize the value of hard work, thereby taking giant steps for building their mother country into a developed one. Actually, Shanghai World Expo 2010 nudges the developing countries to work harder than ever for fast development in line with its theme "Better City, Better Life".

We are deeply grateful to all responsible persons for their hospitality and friendship shown to all of us during the trip. I am confident Shanghai, a glittering marvel of modernity, will always be special to me, and the nostalgic memories of our stay in China will be with me forever.



The China pavilion is particularly designed to reflect the theme of Shanghai World Expo 2010 "Better City, Better Life".



Secretary-1 receives Chinese...

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Present also at the call were Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minis-

ter for National Planning and Economic Development U Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo.—MNA

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo receives Minister of Transport of the PRC Mr. Li Shenglin.

MNA

MoU on China-Myanmar Corridor Project...

(from page 1)

and heads of department. The Chinese delegation led by Minister of Transport of the People's Republic of China Mr. Li Shenglin, was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo and high-ranking officials.

Minister U Khin Maung Myint and Minister Mr. Li Shenglin signed the MoU and exchanged the documents.

Chairman of Shwe Nar Wah Company Ltd U Tun Myint Naing and Chairman and President of China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd M. Sun Ziyu signed the contract on Hteedan Wharf Project, Yangon, and exchanged the documents.—MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo attends signing ceremony on construction of Hteedan Wharf Project of Yangon.—MNA



Supply of water to Thabyesein village of Thabyesein village-tract in Zeigon Township.—DAD

Informatics & THAMES to open International Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Informatics & THAMES (IT & Business Education) will conduct International Foundation course at its centre soon.

The training course will provide five subjects on Proficiency in English (level I, II, III), Computer Applications, Mathematics, Learning Skills and Critical Thinking that will

last between six and nine months. On completion, the trainees can get the certificates conferred on by Informatics Academy (Singapore).

Interested persons may contact Informatics & THAMES (Yangon, Myanmar) on the 2nd floor of Myaynigon Plaza (Tel: 525971, 501450 and 706740).

MNA

Applications for registration as political party submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May — Groups that have been allowed to form political parties are submitting their applications to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission. The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party submitted the application today.

Up to date, there were 38 parties

that submitted their applications for formation and continued existence as political parties. Five of the 18 parties that submitted the applications for registration as political parties have been permitted to register and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

MNA



Deputy Chief Engineer U Kyaw Soe of DAD inspects supply of water to Ahlat village of Paung Township.—DAD



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence speaks words of encouragement to Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.
(News on page 16)

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Images of formation of Shan State (East) Border Guard Force

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence cordially greets local people attending ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.(News on page 16)

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Members of Shan State (East) Border Guard Force taking oaths of Tatmadawmen.
(News on page 16)

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Local people attending the ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.(News on page 16)—MNA



Basic Course No (46) for Junior Officers opens

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May — The opening of Basic Course No (46) for Junior Officers was held at Ohndaw Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning with an address

by Rector U Win Maung of the institute.

It was also attended by pro rectors, deans and heads of department, lecturers, assistant lecturers, heads of branch and 257 trainees.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Ohn decorate a BGF member with insignia of Tatmadaw. (News on page 16)—MNA

BGF members and local people enjoying traditional dances at ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force. (News on page 16)

MNA



5th Meeting of ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Network commences

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The 5th Meeting of ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Network, hosted by Myanmar, was opened at Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this morning.

It was attended by rectors of university, deputy directors-general of departments and

officials from Supreme Court, Attorney-General's Office, MPF and related ministries, delegates of 10 ASEAN countries and representatives of ASEAN-WEN.

Director-General U Sann Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department, on behalf of the Minister for

Forestry, spoke on the occasion.

Pro-Rector U Tin Tun of Forestry University presided over the meeting. The representatives of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries submitted the papers.

The meeting runs till 19 May.

MNA



Residents of Mandalay, Bago Divs in need of water get sufficient potable water

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—The local authorities, departments concerned, social organizations and people are joining hands in supplying drinking water to the regions that are in need of drinking water.

Deputy Director-General U Ohn Nyunt of Development Affairs Department and officials on 16 May supervised supply of drinking water to Tatsi Village of Natogyi Township and Tamangyi

Village of Taungtha Township.

They also inspected supply of water to the tank of Nyaung U Township Development Affairs Committee for public consumption and distribution of water to the people of Chaungshay Village.

It was reported that dailys water tankers of Township DACs provided 25,600 gallons of potable water to wards of Gyobingauk with the use of water tankers of DAC, fire engines and water bowsters of No. 87 Sawmill and Bus-line Association and 8000 gallons to villages and wards of Zigon Township.

Since 12 May, Thegon Township DAC has been supplying 27,000 gallons of water to villages

of Thegon Township. Wellwishers and departments concerned also distribute 32720 gallons to the people every day.

Yesterday, 27,700 gallons of water were supplied to villages of Waw Township, 12,500 gallons to those of Thanatpin Township and 9600 gallons to those of Kawa Township.

Under the arrangements of the State, priority is being given by the local authorities, DACs, department concerns, social organizations and wellwishers to supplying potable water to the regions of the nation that are in need of water in late summer.

MNA

5th Meeting of ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Network in progress at Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

Chinese film at Cannes: "Chongqing Blues"



Chinese director Wang Xiao-shuai (C) poses for a group photo with cast members of his film "Chongqing Blues" (Rizhao Chongqing) in Cannes of France, on 12 May, 2010.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 18 May— And there no shortage of rich content at Cannes, France right now, but the Cannes Film Festival has only one entry from China in its main competition this year.

The feature is "Chongqing Blues" starring singer-turned-actress Fan Bingbing. The picture is under the direction of filmmaker Wang Xiaoshuai who uses the film to pose an open question about the modern generation of young people in China. Let's see a few moments of the film before we hear the director's own comments.

Wang's latest offering tells the story of Lin, a sea captain who returns to the city of Chongqing after a six month tour

to discover his estranged 25-year-old son has been killed.

Lin then goes on a journey to discover the circumstances surrounding his son's death.

Wang said, "This comes from a short story in the media where a youngster was killed with no reason. It's a reflection of life nowadays in China. Young people do things without a target without a purpose or any reason, they are abandoned, and so I wanted to ask the question who killed this young man? Is it the society, is it the environment. That's the question of the generation because they have lost faith in everything."—Xinhua

1st Finnish woman conquers Mt Qomolangma

HELSINKI, 18 May— The first Finnish female mountain climber has conquered Mt. Qomolangma on Monday after a month long climbing, reported Finnish media on Monday.

Carina Raiha, 43, left her job about 18 months ago to devote herself to the preparations for the climb. She started her climb at the beginning of April and finally reached the summit of Mt Qomolangma on Monday.

She is the first Finnish woman to scale the world's highest peak of 8,848 metres height. Her previous personal record was a climb to 6,000 metres in Peru.—Xinhua

Indonesian maybe recorded as world's oldest woman

JAKARTA, 18 May— Indonesian census takers have made a startling conclusion that a woman from Riau Province named only Katemi is 145 years old, a media reported here on Tuesday.

The far from scientific conclusion, if proven accurate, would shatter the previous record of 122 years of age set by Jeanne Calment of France, who lived from 1875 to 1997.

Though Calment's life was documented, there appears to be no such records for Katemi. That, however, has not dissuaded census takers from the Central Bureau of Statistics (BPS) from listing her official year of birth as 1865, the same year US

President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was first published.

The head of the Dumai branch of BPS named only Syafruddin, said that a first census team had listed Katemi's date of birth as 1865 and thought nothing of it.

The team interviewed Katemi's younger sister, Ama, whose age was listed as 98.

Ama said her sister was the second of three children born in Wono Bondo, Pacitan district, East Java, in 1865.

Mimi, 70, Katemi's adopted daughter, told the team that she only knew that Katemi was born in 1865.

Xinhua

California woman earns college diploma at age 94

It's never too late to earn your college degree. Just ask 94-year-old Hazel Soares.

The San Leandro woman was one of about 500 students to pick up diplomas Saturday during a commencement ceremony at Mills College, an Oakland liberal arts college for women that also offers coed graduate programmes.

"It's taken me quite a long time because I've had a busy life," said Soares. "I'm finally achieving it, and it makes me feel really good." Soares, who has six children and 40 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, is believed to be the world's second oldest person to graduate from college. Nola Ochs (OAKS) of Kansas became the oldest when she graduated from Fort Hays State University



Hazel Soares, 94, right, gets ready before the start of commencement exercises at Mills College, as her son Matthew Soares, 59, looks on in Oakland, Calif., on 15 May, 2010.

three years ago at age 95, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Ochs, now 98, topped that

academic feat on Saturday, when she received her master's degree in liberal studies from Fort Hays.

Two million yuan flushed down train toilet

After walking eight kilometers for three hours along a train track between Xi'an and Tianwang in Shaanxi Province railway workers found a bag with a bankbook with 2 million yuan (\$293,000) in deposits along with his bankcard and password that a train passenger had accidentally dropped down a toilet.

The grateful owner, surnamed Wu tried to reward the finders with 30,000 yuan, but they refused it.

Man in burning truck drives to fire station

Truck on fire? Forget calling 911. Craig Brown of Carlton just drove a few more blocks to the McMinnville Fire Station when smoke started to billow from under the hood of his pickup. McMinnville Fire Marshal Eric McMullen said a firefighter who'd been outside on Friday morning washing an ambulance rushed inside to

get help.

Firefighters opened the hood and found flames licking around the engine. They quickly grabbed a hose and put out the fire.

McMullen said the crew was happy to be able to help without leaving the station. And he adds, "We were joking today about our new drive-up service."



A Japanese shirt company in Tokyo used 2,070 shirts to make an imitation of one of Vincent Van Gogh's paintings to attract customers.

The Australian Body Art Carnivale was held from May 14 to 16 in Eumundi, Australia.



News Album

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 19.5.2010

Congratulations! to Pa Pa Saw (Retd. Director General) and Mommy Doll (Retd. Research Officer) for a very happy wedded-life of fifty years.

Love, compassion, understanding & respect to each other for the last fifty years have been outstanding and memorable.

Please keep up with your daily ritual of Danā Silā, Bhāvanā as earnestly as ever. Wish Mom & Pa a very happy-healthy-long-life and may you continue strolling along the path of life by holding each other's hands as firmly as in the past fifty years.

Tha Tha Oo M.D, MPH

-Board-certified Neurologist, Sentara Neurology Specialists;
-Clinical Assoc.Prof. of Neurology, East Virginia Medical School;
-Clinical Assoc.Prof. of Neurology, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth.

Artificial skin graft promises to make you sweat



Sweat again—INTERNET

BEIJING, 18 May — It's still a long way from the replicants in Blade Runner, but artificial skin containing sweat glands has been produced for the first time — and tested in mice. The hope is that, unlike conventional skin substitutes, the new skin will allow patients with large grafts to sweat to keep their bodies cool.

"This system promises to restore normal sweating activity," says Xiaobing Fu of the Burns Institute of the General Hospital of the People's Liberation Army in Beijing, China. Whether that promise has been fulfilled remains to be seen.

To produce the grafts, Fu and colleagues seeded beds of collagen with immature skin cells called keratinocytes. To this they added microspheres of gelatin whose surfaces were loaded with sweat-gland cells extracted from donated skin samples plus epidermal growth factor, which triggers cell growth. After two weeks, layers of skin containing gland-like islands had formed.

Internet

Mums-to-be think mother knows best

LONDON, 18 May — Mothers-to-be think their own mothers know better than the medical profession when it comes to health advice, researchers say. A University of London team talked to women who gave birth in the 1970s, 1980s and the 2000s. Modern women were more likely to take a mixture of advice — but were still more likely to follow family wisdom.

One baby charity said family tips were useful, but medical advice should be sought if mothers-to-

be had worries. The researchers talked about pregnancy and childbirth advice to seven women who gave birth in the 1970s and 12 of their daughters who had babies

in the 2000s. They then also analysed interviews on the same topic which had been carried out with 24 women in the 1980s.

Internet



Pregnant women are bombarded with advice. INTERNET

BIDDING INVITATION

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified companies to submit their best proposal for the security human resources management services at the Indonesian premises in Yangon.

For further information, please contact the Embassy' Human Resources Committee, (Firman, Gopokson or Djumara) at the Indonesian Embassy Office (Phone 01-254465/9 or Fax 01-254468).

Interested companies may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00 am-04.00 pm.) from 19 to 21 May 2010.

The proposals are to be submitted by 25 May 2010; late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, May 2010

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOYNO ()

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 11 VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Urban pollution 'raises blood pressure'

BERLIN, 18 May — City pollution, previously linked to poor respiratory health, has now been linked to raised blood pressure.

German researchers looked at 5,000 people and found long-term exposure increased blood pressure, even when other key fac-

tors were considered.

The team, which has presented its work to the American Thoracic Society, says efforts should be made to reduce exposure to pollution. UK experts said the paper offered an "interesting theory". High blood pressure increases the risk of atherosclerosis, a hardening of the arteries, which leads to cardiovascular diseases like heart attacks and strokes.

Internet



Pollution has been linked to poor respiratory health. INTERNET

Oxygen therapy may help preemies avoid ventilators

WASHINGTON, 18 May — A new study about very premature newborns shows that it's safe to try a kinder, gentler type of oxygen therapy first before resorting to harsher, more invasive ways to help them breathe.

Many very small babies have trouble breathing on their own after birth, partly because their immature lungs are not yet ready to make surfactant, a vital liquid that helps keep their air sacs

open. When treating the youngest preemies — those born before 27 weeks of gestation, or more than three months early — doctors traditionally have given them surfactant and put them on ventilators, which involves inserting a tube into their windpipes.

But putting babies on ventilators can cause serious complications, such as lung injuries and infections.

Internet



A premature infant uses CPAP (continuous positive airway pressure) at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland. — INTERNET

Indonesian President calls for fighting against terrorism

JAKARTA, 18 May—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono called for his countrymen on Monday to save the country from the threat of terrorism. The president made the plea before his leaving for visits to Singapore and Malaysia.

"I call on all people of Indonesia to save our nation from the threat of terrorism and from irresponsible parties,"

he said.

According to the president, the terrorism movement no longer aimed its target on foreign parties but to the nation and the government of Indonesia.

Indonesian police has killed five terrorist suspects recently and arrested dozen others. The operation foiled the terrorist plans to assassinate president and government top officials

as well as attacking on foreign targets. Indonesia has suffered from a series of major terrorist attacks, including the churches explosion in 2000, Bali bombings in 2002 and 2005, JW Marriot Hotel blasts in 2003, Australian embassy bombings in 2004 and the recent suicide bombings at JW Marriot Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, killing more than 260 people.—Xinhua



Newlyweds wave to friends and relatives at the group wedding in the factory of Shenyang Transformer Group Co., Ltd of Tebian Electric Apparatus Stock Co., Ltd (TBEA) in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 May, 2010. Thirty pairs of newlyweds held a group wedding in the factory where they work on Sunday. —XINHUA



Fireworks is displayed at Disney's Magic Kingdom Park, during a welcome event prior to the 2010 International POW WOW in Orlando, Florida, the United States, on 16 May, 2010. The annual premier international marketplace for travel to the United States, will gather over 1,000 US travel organizations and worldwide tourism operators.

XINHUA

Plane diverted to DC area after fire in cockpit

CHANTILLY, 18 May—A fire in the cockpit of a United Airlines flight from New York to Los Angeles caused an emergency landing outside Washington, a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The fire aboard the Boeing 757 was extinguished before the plane landed Sunday night at Dulles International Airport and no injuries were reported, FAA spokeswoman Holly Baker said.

Passenger Phil Lobel said he saw someone bring a fire extinguisher to the cockpit during the

incident and other passengers later showed him pictures they took of flames in the cockpit.

United Airlines spokesman Mike Trevino said the plane took off from New York's John F Kennedy International Airport and was diverted to Dulles, where it landed at 9:36 pm. All 105 passengers and seven crew members got off safely, Trevino said. He did not have any other details.

Baker said the FAA was investigating the fire but to her knowledge, there was no criminal activity involved.

Xinhua

Moderate quake strikes E Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 May—A shallow moderate quake with magnitude of 5.1 jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 16:51 pm Jakarta time (0951 GMT) with

epicenter at 101 km northwest Labuha of East Nusa Tenggara province and with the depth at 10 km, the agency said. Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone, the so called "Pacific Ring of Fire."

Xinhua



A new and novel Japanese keep fit regime using replica samurai swords is helping people keep fit through the ancient art of samurai attack techniques. —INTERNET

Russian biggest domestic airline to start flights to Beijing

Moscow, 18 May—The largest Russian airline on the domestic market, SibirS7, will open the route between Krasnoyarsk in southern Siberia and Beijing on 2 June, local media reported on Monday.

Initially, the flights to the capital of China are planned once a week on

Wednesdays, and return flights will take place every Thursday.

Novosibirsk-based S7 airline, operating a fleet of Boeings and Airbuses, has been experiencing a sharp decline in the volume of passenger traffic lately that plunged over 13 percent in 2009.

Xinhua

AirAsia to offer one million free seats this week

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 May—Malaysian budget carrier AirAsia pledges to offer one million free seats this week for a travel period between 3 January to 8 May next year.

AirAsia's regional commercial head Kathleen Tan said here on Monday that book for the free seats starts from this Tuesday to Sunday, which covers a total of 130 destinations to 20

countries such as India, Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Singapore and China.

This is the best chance for guests to plan and book their flights for next year and take advantage of Kuala Lumpur's status as a gateway to Asia, Australia and Europe to connect globally, she added.

Xinhua

S Korea to continue emergency economic policy despite recovery signs

SEOUL, 18 May—South Korean President Lee Myung-bak on Monday vowed to keep its emergency economic team due to lingering external uncertainties, despite of recent signs of recovery. "The emergency economy policy meeting will be continued until the economy is completely recovered," Lee said in his biweekly radio address.

Following the remarks, presidential spokeswoman Kim Eun-hye confirmed the report, saying the emergency economic policy meeting will be operated continuously for the time being. South Korea's "emergency economic government," chaired by President Lee, was launched in January of last year to counter the global financial crisis.

Xinhua



Japanese models present kimonos at the Shanghai World Expo park on 16 May, 2010. —XINHUA

Scott rediscovers winning touch at Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO, 18 May — Adam Scott won the Texas Open and, like the Australian does after



Adam Scott, of Australia, lifts his trophy after winning the Texas Open golf tournament on Sunday.—INTERNET

many tournaments, heard from fellow countryman Greg Norman.

"He's glad I like the course," Scott said. Scott should. He played it like Norman made it just for him.

Among harsh scrubland off the fairways that reminded him of Brisbane and sandbelt greens that looked like home, Scott got his first PGA Tour win in two years with a stellar 36-hole finale on Sunday at the new Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio.

Internet

Busch wins Sprint Cup race at Dover

DOVER, 18 May—The final laps at Dover International Speedway were shaping up as a classic showdown between Jimmie Johnson and Kyle Busch.

Not so fast, Jimmie. Johnson, nearly flawless during his four-year reign as Cup champion, made a rare pit road error that squashed the duel and ended his shot at victory in his dominant No. 48 Chevrolet.—Internet



Sam Hornish Jr. crashes on the front straightaway during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Autism Speaks 400.—INTERNET

Injured Ballack ruled out of World Cup

BERLIN, 18 May—Germany captain Michael Ballack has been forced out of the World Cup finals due to an ankle injury which has sidelined him for two months, the German football federation (DFB) said on Monday.

Chelsea forward Ballack was told he could play no part in the 11 June-11 July finals after a scan revealed the severity of an ankle injury suffered in the FA Cup final win over Portsmouth on Saturday.

"It's hard to accept, of course I'm disappointed," said Ballack. Germany coach Joachim Loew, speaking from one of Germany's pre-World Cup training camps in Sicily, said: "We're going to work to find a good solution."

Ballack limped out of the FA Cup final win after a heavy tackle by

Pompey's Kevin-Prince Boateng, who ironically plays for Germany's group D opponents Ghana, and was left sweating over his World Cup chances despite X-ray scans revealing no broken bones.—Internet



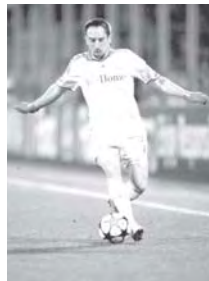
Germany captain Michael Ballack, seen here in March 2010, has been forced to pull out of the World Cup finals in South Africa.—INTERNET

SPORTS

CAS upholds Ribery's Champions League final ban

GENEVA, 18 May—The Court of Arbitration for Sport said on Monday that it had rejected an appeal by Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery against a three match UEFA ban, keeping him out of Champions League final.

Internet



The Court of Arbitration for Sport said on Monday that it had rejected an appeal by Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery, seen here in April 2010, against a three match UEFA ban, keeping him out of Champions League final.

INTERNET

Howard frustrated by Celtics in Game 1 loss

ORLANDO, 18 May—Dwight Howard knew what the Boston Celtics had planned. Whenever he got the ball in the post, someone was going to hit him, bump him, push him, do whatever it took to keep him from getting into rhythm.

It wasn't a new approach. The Celtics simply do it better than just about everyone else.

Howard made only 3 of his 10 shots from the floor on Sunday, continuing what's been a year-long offensive struggle against the Celtics, and his Orlando Magic lost Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals to Boston 92-88.

Internet

Flyers rout Canadiens in East finals opener

PHILADELPHIA, 18 May—The Philadelphia Flyers are about to find out what it's like to play from in front. It's been a while since the NHL's comeback kids have been the ones being chased.

Fresh off a stirring Game 7 win over the Boston Bruins that capped a rally from three games down, the Flyers scored early against Jaroslav Halak and the Montreal Canadiens and rolled to a 6-0 win in the opener of the Eastern Conference finals on Sunday night.

Michael Leighton was strong in a slow-starting first period for the Flyers and finished with 28 saves in his first NHL playoff



Philadelphia Flyers defenseman Braydon Coburn (5) celebrates with left wing Simon Gagne (12).

INTERNET

shutout. James van Riemsdyk, Danny Briere and Simon Gagne scored in a span of 9:23 in the second to turn it into a rout.—Internet

Domenech names squad for World Cup campaign

PARIS, 18 May—France coach Raymond Domenech on Monday announced his World Cup squad from which only one player, likely to be a defender, will be omitted in the coming days. A 24-man squad, whittled down from a list of 30 revealed last week, will next week take part in a three-day training camp at altitude in the French ski resort of Tignes.

France, who lost to Italy in the 2006 World Cup final, are in group A with hosts South Africa, Mexico and Uruguay. Goalkeepers are Hugo Lloris (Lyon), Steve Mandanda (Marseille), Cedric Carrasso (Bordeaux).

Defenders are William Gallas (Arsenal), Eric Abidal (Barcelona), Bakary Sagna (Arsenal), Patrice Evra (Manchester United), Gael Clichy (Arsenal), Marc Planus (Bor-



France coach Raymond Domenech announced his World Cup squad.

INTERNET

deaux), Anthony Reveillere (Lyon), and Sebastien Squillaci (Sevilla).

Midfielders are Abou Diaby (Arsenal), Alou Diarra (Bordeaux), Lassana Diarra (Real Madrid), Yoann Gourcuff (Bordeaux), Florent Malouda (Chelsea), and Jeremy Toulalan (Lyon).

Strikers are Nicolas Anelka (Chelsea), Djibril Cisse (Panathinaikos), Andre-Pierre Gignac (Toulouse), Sidney Govou (Lyon), Thierry Henry (Barcelona), Franck Ribery (Bayern Munich), and Mathieu Valbuena (Marseille).—Internet

Over 100 arrests as Barca celebrations turn violent

MADRID, 18 May—More than 100 people were arrested as celebrations marking Barcelona's second consecutive league title turned violent, police said on Monday.

Emergency services also treated 32 members of the security forces and 87 revelers for minor injuries, a police statement said. It said some 40,000 fans took to the streets of the Catalan capital in north-eastern Spain after Barcelona retained its Liga crown on the final day of the season on Sunday with a 4-0 home win over Valladolid.—Internet



Riot police and undercover agents take action after unrest broke out during Barcelona's celebration.

INTERNET

Venus Williams takes over world number two spot

PARIS, 18 May—American Venus Williams, beaten finalist in Madrid at the weekend, moved up one spot to second in the WTA rankings behind younger sister Serena on Monday.

Williams lost in straight sets to France's Aravane Rezai, who enters the Top 20 for the first time with a career high number 16 ranking.

Russian Dinara Safina, beaten in the first round in Madrid, falls from fifth to ninth with compatriots Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Dementieva, Australian Samantha Stosur and Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska all moving up one spot.

1. Serena Williams (USA) 8475
2. Venus Williams (USA) 6386 (+1)
3. Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 5630 (-1)
4. Jelena Jankovic (SRB) 5160
5. Dementieva, Elena (RUS) 4830 (+1)

Internet



American Venus Williams, seen here, beaten finalist in Madrid at the weekend, moved up one spot to second.—INTERNET



Flowing fashions : Models walk down the catwalk during the closing of the 5th edition of "Afrik Fashion" in Abidjan.

INTERNET

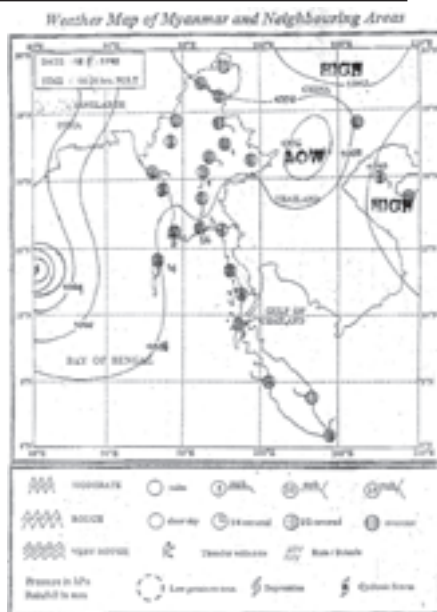
Flooding hits Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary

BEIJING, 18 May — Heavy rains have caused flooding in Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, killing at least four people.

In southern Poland, a man fell into the Koszarawa River late on Sunday and drowned. Firefighters also struggled to evacuate others in the country's south. Meanwhile, officials in Hungary described the situation in one northeastern county as "catastrophic." One man died Saturday in the flooding and more than 2-thousand people have been evacuated or rescued from their homes.

In the Czech Republic, police said a 69-year-old woman drowned in the town of Trinec, 400 kilometers east of Prague.

Internet



WEATHER

Tuesday, 18th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin, Eastern and Northern Shan State, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Magway, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (44.2°C), Magway (44.0°C), Nyaung U and Chauk (43.5°C) each, Pakokku (42.0°C), An (42.6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.20) inches, Dawei (1.65) inches, Paung (1.57) inches, Thantagun (1.46) inches, Pyapon (1.38) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.30) inches, Myingyan (1.10) inches and Kawkaik (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-5-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 18-5-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-5-2010 was 75%. Total sun shine hours on 17-5-2010 was (3.6) hours.

Rainfall on 18-5-2010 was (1.30) inches at Mingaladon, (2.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.91) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (1.30) inches at Mingaladon and (2.20) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.91) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from East at (01:50) hours MST on 18-5-2010.

Bay Inference According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, yesterday's depression over South Bay moved Southwest direction. It is intensified further into a cyclonic storm "Laila" and is centered at about (260) miles Southeast of (Chennai). It is forecast to move Northwest wards. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 19th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon to the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-5-2010)(Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (19-5-10 09:30 am ~ 20-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Bagan; The Land of Pagoda"
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar "The Hotel Amara"
- * News
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Bagan; The Land of Pagoda"
- * Beikthano Archaeological Museum
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Disaster & Development(III)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Bagan; The Land of Pagoda"
- * From "Putao" to "Machanbaw"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Early Morning Athletics
- * Myanmar Movies "Puzzle Angel"



Wednesday, 19
May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:10 am

2. အင်္ဂလေမင်္ဂလ် (ယဉ်ပေးထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am

6. မြေမြေကြွေကြွေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am

7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. "မာန်အောင်ကျွန်း ပတ်လမ်းအောင်ပွဲ"

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ပင်"

8:50 am

11. Musical Programme

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL(2010) တောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (မနောမြေ FC အသင်းနှင့်

- ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm

2. Songs Of National Races

5:05 pm

3. အမေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

- ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား

- သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ်

- (သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒ

- အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:20 pm

4. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

5. Classical Songs

5:35 pm

6. Musical Programme

5:45 pm

7. ရွှေယံရုံလင်အာဆီလ်

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရှိရာလက်တွေ့

6:40 pm

11. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:05 pm

12. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

7:35 pm

13. "ဝတ်မှုတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း"

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်တေးသံသာ"

- (အပိုင်း-၄၃)

18. မြန်မာဒီဇိုလီဇာတ်လမ်း

- "တော်လာရီ"

- (လူမင်းအိန္ဒြာကျော်လင်)

- (ဒါရိုက်တာ-နေပိုင်)



- ★ 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

Shan State (East) Border Guard Force formed

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Shan State (East) Border Guard Force was formed with a ceremony held on a grand scale in Tachilek today.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn and Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of local station, departmental staff and local people totalling about 1,400.

BGF members took oaths of a Tatmadaw member, and they were decorated with insignia of the Tatmadaw.

Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto made a speech and so did Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of the

Ministry of Defence.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone plaque in commemoration of the formation of the border guard force. BGF members together with local people sang songs. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence hosted a lunch in honour of the members and spoke words of encouragement.

The members have shouldered duties as people's militia (local) with a sense of friendship among national races and with nationalistic spirit. They are pleased and are taking pride in the opportunity to serve as border guard force members. Local people welcome and encourage the formation of the border guard forces for their security, stability and peace, perpetual peace of border areas.

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Likelihood of squalls off and along Myanmar coast

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—According to the observations recorded at 5:30 pm today, the cyclonic storm "Laila" over southwest Bay of Bengal moved southwestwards with its centre in the sea about 220 miles east of Chinnai, India. The maximum wind speed of the storm is about 50 mph. It is forecast to move northwestwards.

The storm is now at the yellow level, and is assumed not moving towards Myanmar. Due to the influence of the storm, squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar coast. The wind speed in the squalls is likely to be 35 to 40 mph, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence unveils stone plaque to commemorate the formation of Shan State (East) Border Guard Forces.

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