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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

Kyaukoh Bridge commissioned on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road as 239th facility

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—A ceremony to inaugurate Kyaukoh Bridge on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township, Mandalay Division, was held at the pandal near the bridge this morning.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivered an address.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained the purpose of building the bridge and facts about it.

A local people also spoke words of thanks.

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Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint stroll along newly-inaugurated Kyaukoh Bridge.

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The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Kayin Peoples Party with its headquarters at No. (51) on Tawwin Street in Ward 3 of Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 21 May 2010.

The registration number of the Kayin Peoples Party is (9).

By order

***Sd/* Win Ko**
Secretary
Union Election Commission

"Wa" National Unity Party granted permission to register as political party

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"Wa" National Unity Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the "Wa" National Unity Party with its headquarters at No. 17 on Byuhar Road in Region 2 in Ward 1 of Lashio Township, Shan State to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 21 May 2010.

The registration number of the "Wa" National Unity Party is (10).

By order

***Sd/* Win Ko**
Secretary
Union Election Commission

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 22 May, 2010

With prevailing peace and stability, work together for regional development

In its long history, Myanmar has stood as an independent, sovereign nation among the international community. All the national races, living on the same soil and drinking the same water, have maintained the tradition of safeguarding the sovereignty.

A ceremony to form a border guard force in Shan State (East) took place in Tachilek on 18 May. It was held on a grand scale along with the local people performing traditional dances and singing the song of peaceful garden.

Shouldering duties as border guard forces with the noble aim of safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes: non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty will help gain regional development momentum through peace.

For those who performed their duties as people's militia (local) with full nationalistic spirit, they will be pleased to have the opportunity to shoulder national defence duties by transforming themselves into border guard forces.

The local people on their part have welcomed the formation of border guard forces in their region for their security, peace and stability as well as for eternal peace in border regions.

All in all, the border guard forces side by side with the State are to actively take part in regional economic and social development while safeguarding the nation based on Union Spirit.

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**

School Management Refresher Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — The ceremony to conclude the Basic Education School Management Refresher Course No (4) was held at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No (6) this morning, with an address by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein.

The minister called on township education officers and schoolheads to strive to be good education staff reliable by the ministry and the State.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and Deputy Minister U Aung Myo Min completion certificates to the representatives of trainees. — *MNA*

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addresses concluding of Basic Education School Management Refresher Course No. 4.

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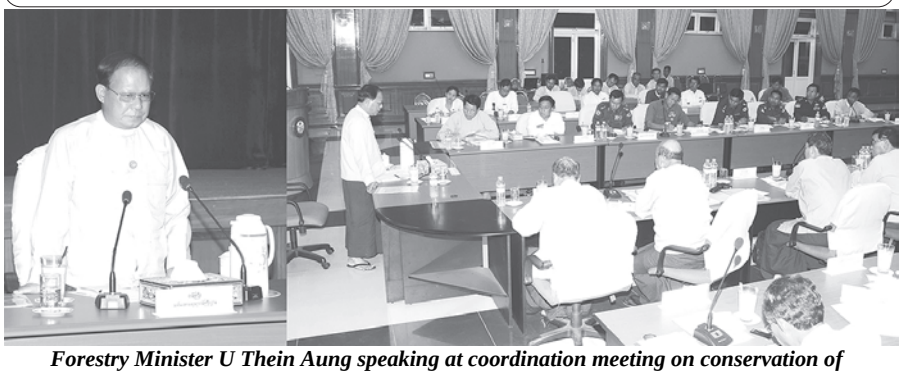
Coord meeting on watershed areas conservation held



***Forestry Minister U Thein Aung speaking at coordination meeting on conservation of watershed areas of four major dams in the environs of Nay Pyi Taw.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, a work coordination meeting for conservation of watershed areas of four major dams in the environs of Nay Pyi Taw was held at Kyun Shwe Wah hall of the Ministry of Forestry, here, yesterday afternoon.

After delivering an address, Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung heard reports on progress of conservation of watershed area in Nay Pyi Taw District and its environs presented by the director of Watershed Area Management Division of Forest Department (Head Office), and held discussions on conservation of watershed areas of Chaungmagyi, Yezin, Yanaungmyin and Ngalaik Dams with those present.

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

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ICT Development & Application (2/2010) course concludes

Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint of No. 3 Basic Education Department presents first prize to Daw Thet Su Wai in ICT Development & Application (2/2010).

EDUCATION

YANGON, 21 May— The concluding ceremony of ICT Development & Application (2/2010) course, organized by No 3. Basic Education Department under Ministry of Education and Soft Guide Computer Co Ltd, took place at the computer room of the Basic Education Department in Kyimyindine Township here this evening.

On behalf of the Director-General of No. 3 BED, Deputy Director-General U Myo Myint delivered an opening address and Managing Director of Soft Guide Computer U Aung Than Nyunt explained facts about the course.

Afterwards the deputy director-general presented first prize to Daw Thet Su Wai of BEHS (branch) BEMS-1 of Kyimyindine Township, Director U Tin Hlaing (Admin/Finance) second prize to Daw Zar Ni Aung from No. 2 BEMS of Mayangon Township and Daw Yin Yin Nu from No. 4 BEMS of Kyinmyindine Township, Managing Director U Aung Than Nyunt other awards to Daw Zin Ei Ei Aung from No. 2 BEHS of Sangyoung Township and Daw Su Su Hlaing Min from No. 2 BEHS of Kyimyindine Township.

Assistant Director (Academic) Daw Kyu Kyu Shwe presented completion certificates to the trainees and certificates of honour to the course instructors.

The concluded ten day-course was attended by all together 80 teachers.

MNA

6.2-magnitude quake hits Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 20 May — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale hit Costa Rico on xThursday, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The earthquake, which struck at 4:16 p.m. local time (2216 GMT), had its epicenter at a depth of 38.8 kilometres, 67 kilometres from San Jose, the capital city.

The earthquake was felt all around the country, but to the moment there are no reports of material damages or victims, local media said.

Meanwhile, the Volcanology and Seismology Observatory of Costa Rica (Ovsicori) also reported the quake, which had disrupted the telephone service in different points of the country.

The Ovsicori said the earthquake was triggered by the crash between the Cocos and Caribbean plates, which was part of the normal plate tectonics activity in the area.—*Xinhua*

Russia to invest heavily in Namibia uranium exploration

Moscow, 20 May— Russia plans to invest 1 billion US dollars in uranium exploration in Namibia, the leader of Russia's state nuclear corporation said on Thursday.

Sergei Kiriyenko, head of the state-owned Rosatom, revealed the plan at a press conference after talks between visiting Namibian President Hifikepunye Pohamba and President Dmitry Medvedev.

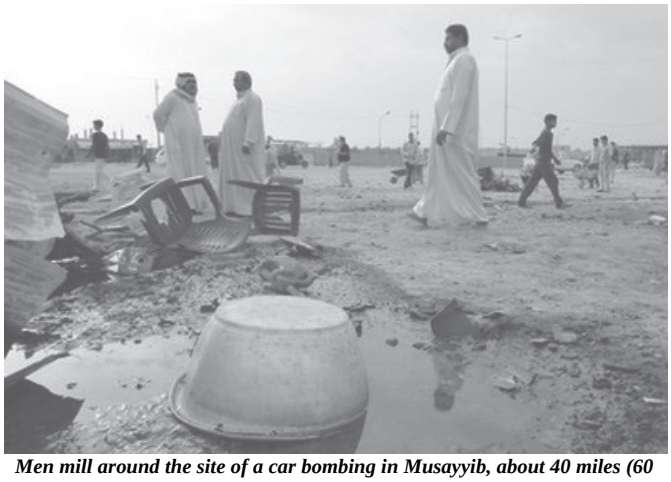
Namibia is the world's fourth largest uranium producer.

"We're ready to start investing already this year," Kiriyenko said.

He said the uranium will be used at a power plant in Turkey that Russia is building.

Pohamba was on a visit to Moscow to promote bilateral trade. He and Medvedev signed agreements on cooperation in mining, energy, transportation, fishing and tourism. Russia is particularly interested in exploring Namibia's uranium deposits.

Xinhua



Men mill around the site of a car bombing in Musayyib, about 40 miles (60 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq on 20 May, 2010. A car bomb exploded in front of a restaurant killing six people south of Baghdad on 19 May, 2010 Iraqi officials said, highlighting the fragile nature of Iraq's security.
INTERNET

New Zealand naval frigate Tekaha arrives in Shanghai, east China, May 19, 2010, to begin its six-day goodwill visit. The officers and soldiers on board will visit the World Expo Park during the visit.
XINHUA

Rocket attack kills 3 civilians, wounds 2 children in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 21May—A rocket fired by militants hit residential area in Waza Zadran District of Afghanistan's eastern Paktia Province on Thursday, killing three civilians and injuring two children, a health official in the neighbouring Khost Province said.

"A rocket hit a house in Waza Zadran district at noon time today, as a result three civilians were killed and two children were injured," Zahid Malyar, deputy to provincial health department in Khost city, the capital of Khost Province, told *Xinhua.*

Malyar said that the injured children including a girl had been taken to Khost hospital for treatment.

The official did not point finger at any group for launching the attack but officials often blame such attacks on Taliban militants.—*Xinhua*

Nine wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 May—Nine people were wounded in three separate bomb explosions in Baghdad on Thursday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Five people were wounded when a magnetic bomb attached to a car went off while travelling in Zaiyounah neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Another three people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near the garage of Baiyaa District in southern Baghdad, the source said.—*Xinhua*

Indian Air Force to deploy 80 Mi-17 helicopters within four years

MUMBAI, 20 May— The Indian Air Force (IAF) will induct 80 *Mi-17* transport helicopters within four years, an IAF official said on Thursday.

The first batch of newly-acquired Mi-17s would be delivered to the IAF by the end of this year, the Press Trust of India quoted an IAF official as saying .

The IAF would receive the remaining *Mi-17s* in a phased manner in the next four years, said the official.

The IAF official said these *Mi-17s* are newly-developed types, capable of carrying a load of five tons, including 15 fully- equipped troops, while the existing *Mi-17s* in the IAF'S transport fleet only have the load capacity of 3 tons or so.—*Xinhua*

***An engineer of Chinese telecommunications equipment manufacturer Huawei introduces Huawei's network products to clients in the Huawei's IPTime Show Truck in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark, May 18, 2010. The Huawei's IPTime Show Truck started a two-day display in Copenhagen on Tuesday.—*XINHUA**

Brush fire rages in Riverside, Calif

LOS ANGELES, 20 May—More than 250 firefighters were battling a 500-acre (202 hectare) brush fire on Thursday afternoon that was burning across parched hillsides in western Riverside County near Corona, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The firefighters, armed with three water-dropping helicopters and four air tankers, have been attacking the blaze that broke out in an area about 50 km southeast of the downtown Los Angeles shortly before 1 pm (2000 GMT).

No structures were immediately threatened, but officials were warning residents nearby to be ready in case they were ordered to evacuate, the Riverside County Fire Department said, according to the *Times.—Xinhua*

***Afghan policemen look at the wreckage after a suicide attacker targeted an international military convoy near Nangarhar air base, in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, Thursday, May 20, 2010. There were no confirmed reports on casualties.*—Internet**

Fighting bull cloned for 1st time in Spain

Got, the country's first cloned Spanish fighting bull, is seen hours after being born at a ranch in Melgar de Yuso, northern Spain, on , 19 May, 2010. A dairy cow has given birth to a calf which should be an exact genetical replica of a ferocious, hefty beast of the type faced in bullrings by matadors.

INTERNET

MELGAR DE YUSO, 21 May—Scientists in Spain say they have cloned a fighting bull for the first time.

Vicente Torrent, a specialist in veterinary genetics, says the newborn calf, named Got, is an exact replica of a muscular, horned specimen of the type matadors face in bullrings.

The animal was unveiled Wednesday, a day after being born. It now weighs 24 kilograms (53 pounds).

Torrent says his 17-man team is hopeful Got will exhibit the same fierce traits that made his genetic predecessor, Vasito, such a valuable specimen.

Animal cloning began in 1996 with Dolly the sheep. Torrent said it took three years of work to devise a means of preserving what he called valuable bull genes.

Internet

Japan launches satellite for 2-year study of Venus

TOKYO, 21 May—Japan launched a new spacecraft on Friday a two-year mission to study the planet Venus and its climate.

A rocket carrying the Venus climate orbiter called "*Akatsuki*" blasted off from a Japanese space centre in Kagoshima, southern Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said. Akatsuki means "dawn" in Japanese.

Akatsuki is expected to reach Venus' orbit in December. The orbiter will circle the planet for two years to examine its climate, including clouds, temperature and wind power, the agency said. The development cost of *Akatsuki* was around 25 billion yen ($280 million).

The Venus mission follows Japan's first lunar probe, which completed a 19-month mission last year. The lunar project was to create a detailed map of the moon's surface and examine its mineral distribution.

Internet

The H-2A rocket carrying Venus climate orbiter Akatsuki lifts off at Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on 21 May, 2010.

INTERNET

An aerial view of spilled oil being burnt off seven miles northeast from where the Deepwater Horizon wellhead sank off the Louisiana coast. Nearly a month after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on 20 April, killing 11 workers, British energy giant BP has failed to stop the leak, although it says it has contained some 40 percent of the oil streaming from the wreckage.

INTERNET

Mars rover surpasses Viking 1's longevity record

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—Pop quiz: What spacecraft holds the record for longest-surviving mission on the bitterly cold and dusty surface of Mars? As of Thursday, there's a new —but possibly temporary — champion.

For decades, the NASA Viking 1 lander held the title after toiling away six years and 116 days on the red planet. But Opportunity, one of the twin rovers that landed in 2004, has surpassed that record and shows no signs of stopping.

Unlike Viking 1, which conducted science experiments in one spot, the six-wheel, solar-powered opportunity has been on the go, driving into craters and peering at rocks along the way.

Image provided by NASA shows NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity using its front hazard-identification camera to obtain this image at the end of a drive on the rover's 1,271st sol, or Martian day.

INTERNET

Designed to last three months, the golf cart-size rover has logged more than 12 miles on its odometer and is inching toward the largest impact crater yet — a journey that is expected to take several years.

With winter under way in the southern hemisphere, Opportunity has had to alternate between driving and resting to recharge its battery and stay warm.

"The expectation is that Opportunity will keep on going and going and going," said project manager John Callas of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Internet

10 most amazing volcanic eruptions in world

BEIJING, 21 May—The scenes of volcanic eruption not only leave us stunning impression, but also can bring catastrophic aftermath.

Thought as one of the most active volcano on the earth, the eruption of Kilauea Volcano that began in 1983 brought a towering column of steam and ash.—*Xinhua*

Mount Nyamulagira, DR Congo

XINHUA

A snowman couple hold a placard reading "I'm hot" during a "snowman demonstration" against global warming in Germany. The United States has to lead the global fight on climate change by breaking with business-as-usual and setting tough standards for the amount of greenhouse gases it emits into the atmosphere, US scientists said.

INTERNET

Greenland rising as ice melt goes on

MIAMI, 21 May—US scientists say they are surprised at how rapidly the ice is melting in Greenland and how quickly the landmass is rising in response.

Greenland — the world's largest island — is situated in the Atlantic Ocean to the northeast of Canada. It has been known for its dense ice cap, up to 1.2 miles thick, covering much of the island. But now scientists at the University of Miami say Greenland's ice is melting so quickly the land underneath is rising at an accelerated pace.

Researchers said some coastal areas are rising by nearly 1 inch per year and, if current trends persist, that number could accelerate to as much as 2 inches per year.

Internet

US, Russia urge drivers to put down their phones

MOSCOW 21 May—The United States and Russia launched a global safety campaign at UN headquarters on Wednesday urging drivers everywhere to put down their cell phones — and focus on the road.

US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said drivers who send and receive texts take their eyes off the road for an average of 4 seconds, going the length of a football field without paying attention. A football field is 120 yards (metres) long.

Russian Ambas-sador Vitaly Churkin said the new campaign would seek to "mainstream" the perils of distracted driving into global discussions of road safety.

Internet

Science

New strategy may be last shot to get rid of polio

GENEVA, 21 May— For years, the world has been on the brink of wiping out polio, the deadly disease that can paralyze and kill children.

At the World Health Organization's annual meeting of health ministers this week, experts are unveiling what they describe as a new strategy to get rid of the feared disease.

But others say there is little new and that if this effort fails, there are serious questions about whether to continue the campaign should be raised.

Some experts say eradicating polio is impossible and should be abandoned. With a new target of stopping the virus by the end of 2012, this may be WHO and partners' best chance to get rid of polio before donors run out of money and patience.

Since WHO, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and Rotary International set out to eradicate polio in 1988, they have come tantalizingly close.

By 2003, cases had dropped by more than 99 percent. But progress has stalled since several deadlines have been missed.

Internet

The World Health Organization is calling for discounts on drinks to be banned and for advertising targetting young people to be scrapped as part of a strategy to cut alcohol abuse.

INTERNET

Lassa fever claims 19 lives in Nigeria

LAGOS, 21 May— Health authorities in northern Nigeria 's Kebbi State have reported that Lassa fever killed 19 people in three local government areas of the state. An epide-miologist with the state government Shehu Mohammed disclosed this to reporters in Birnin Kebbi, the state capital on Tuesday. Samples of blood from some of the deceased were tested at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, the epidemiologist said.

According to Mohammed, the disease was uncovered after tests were conducted at the hospital.

"What we thought was high fever turned out to be Lassa fever after the tests," the News Agency of Nigeria quoted him as saying.

Internet

Under new guidelines set out by doctors' regulator the General Medical Council, British doctors face being banned from practising if they fail to respect the wishes of terminally ill patients who want to die by refusing treatment.

INTERNET

New hope for early detection of autism

WASHINGTON, 21 May—Researchers hope that a simple brain scan performed in infants and toddlers can presage the development of autism, leading to early detection and early intervention.

The test involved using functional MRI to measure brain responses to spoken words in sleeping children.

"We're focusing on this earliest time period, when the brain is still developing and still changing," explained study author Lisa Eyler, an assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego. "If we could use this with other markers, we could probably identify people early on and, if we could do that, we'd have a much better chance of helping to make sure that their language development is normal."

The finding is slated to be presented on Wednesday at the International Meeting for Autism Research in Philadelphia.—*Internet*

Health

Japan gov't to slaughter cattle to combat foot-and-mouth disease epidemic

TOKYO, 21 May— The Japanese government said on Wednesday it will cull all pigs and cows within a 10-kilometre radius of the areas hit by foot-and-mouth disease in Miyazaki Prefecture.

In a move to prevent the further spread of the disease, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Hirotaka Akamatsu said at a press conference on Wednesday that 205,000 cows and pigs will be given vaccines before they are slaughtered in order to delay the spread of the infection.

"We will start giving vaccines immediately from today," Akamatsu said.

Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, currently under fire after admitting local officials could have prevented the epidemic had they not overlooked the infection during an on-site inspection in March, vowed to take "vigorous" actions to prevent the spread of the infection.

"To prevent the spread of infection, we need to take vigorous measures including the use of vaccines," the Prime Minister said.

"We'd like to tackle the problem with strong determination as a government," he added.— *Xinhua*

FDA may disclose more details on drug, food safety

WASHINGTON, 21 May—The nation's top drug regulator proposed on Wednesday to disclose more information about safety problems with the drugs and devices it rejects. The effort is part of a broader plan to remake the public image of the Food and Drug Administration, which has come under fire for being too secretive.

An agency taskforce is suggesting 21 ways the FDA could release more information to the public in areas like drug evaluation and in food manufacturing inspections, another area in which it has oversight responsibility.

Agency leaders stressed that the FDA is merely considering the changes and that some would require legal changes by Congress to implement.

Internet

***Seized counterfeit medical pills. Brazil and India on Wednesday urged the World Health Organization to cut its link with big pharmaceutical firms in the fight against counterfeit medication.*—INTERNET**

Early detection of ovarian cancer moves closer

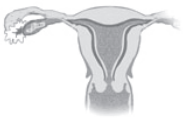


Illustration courtesy: U.S. National Cancer Institute

CHICAGO, 21 May— A step-wise approach accurately spots early stage ovarian cancer in older women at average risk for the disease, new research suggests.

This cancer is known as a silent killer because it is often diagnosed too late to be successfully treated. Scientists have long sought a reliable method of early detection.

The "Risk of Ovarian Cancer Algorithm" (ROCA), which uses a mathematical model, is geared specifically to postmenopausal women at average risk for the disease.

The findings will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), being held next month in Chicago, but were released to reporters at a special news briefing Thursday.

"This ROCA algorithm represents yet another example of personalized medicine. This is personalized towards a screening strategy for a vicious cancer," explained Dr Douglas W Blayney, ASCO president, professor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and medical director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Michigan.

However, experts are awaiting the results of a much larger trial, due out in 2015, before recommending this as routine procedure.

Internet

IMF urges Japan to begin reducing debt next year

A clerk count Japanese banknotes in Tokyo. The International Monetary Fund has urged Japan to begin efforts to reduce its public debt from April 2011, amid growing scrutiny over the country's fiscal picture.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 21 May— The International Monetary Fund urged Japan on Wednesday to begin efforts to reduce its huge public debt from April 2011, as the country's fiscal situation comes under increasing scrutiny.

After decades of heavy stimulus spending and declining tax revenue, Japan has a public debt mountain bigger than any other industrialised nation, expected to hit 200 percent of gross domestic product in the next year.

"The need for early and credible fiscal adjustment has become critical in Japan," IMF senior adviser James Gordon said after talks with Japanese officials, adding that measures should include a gradual increase in consumption tax from the current five percent.

"We think fiscal adjustment should start in fiscal year 2011," Gordon said. The measures "will be made more credible by early action," he added.

Internet

Stocks sink as euro drops, jobless claims rise

In this file photo made on 17 May, 2010, trader Steven Schnibbe works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. A sell-off in stock futures accelerated on May 20, as the euro resumed its fall.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 21 May—The stock market extended its sharp slide Thursday as investors' already bleak view of the world economy worsened with another drop in the euro and disappointing US employment news.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 250 points in morning trading. Interest rates fell sharply in the Treasury market as investors once again sought the safety of US government debt.

With Thursday's drop, the S&P 500 is down more than 10 percent from its 2010 trading high last month. Such a drop is considered by many analysts to be a "correction" in the market. Many analysts pay more attention to drops from closing highs, however, not trading highs.

Internet

Indonesia's new finance chief: reforms will go on

JAKARTA, 21 May— Indonesia's new finance minister pledged on Thursday to continue with the reform agenda started by his pred-ecessor, who maintained economic growth but angered some with her anti-corruption sweep and tax enforcement.

Agus Martowardojo, CEO of state-owned Bank Mandiri - the country's largest bank - was named on Wednesday to take over the Finance Ministry from Sri Mulyani Indrawati, who resigned to take a position at the World Bank. "We will continue the bureaucratic reforms that have been administered by Minister Sri Mulyani," Marto-wardojo told reporters on Thursday at his house. "In addition, we will maintain fiscal resilience and will maximize all efforts in creating a harmonious relationship between fiscal and monetary policy, so that our economic growth can be sustained."

Internet

File photo shows the skyline of Singapore's financial district and Raffles Place. Singapore's economy grew by a better-than-expected 15.5 percent year on year in the first quarter, spurred mainly by strong global demand for electronics, official data showed Thursday.—INTERNET

HP recalls more notebook computer batteries

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 May—Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP) on Wednesday announced that it is recalling more notebook personal computer (PC) batteries that have the potential to overheat and pose a fire and burn hazard to consumers.

The latest move is an expansion of a previous programme ini-tially launched on May 14, 2009, with additional battery packs and notebook models.

Xinhua

Business

5 mln more Chinese employed at end of 2009 vs 2008

BEIJING, 21 May— More than 779.95 million Chinese were employed at the end of last year, 5.15 million more than at the end of 2008, China's Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security said here Wednesday. Some 297.08 million Chinese worked in the agriculture sector last year, accounting for 38.1 percent of the total labour force.Another 216.84 million and 266.03 million people were employed in the secondary and tertiary industries, respectively, according to the ministry.China's urban jobless rate stood at 4.3 percent at the end of 2009, the ministry said, adding that 5.14 million laid-off workers found new jobs.

Xinhua

Toyota recalls Lexus cars in Japan, US to follow

A visitor takes a photograph of the Toyota Lexus LS650hL at a Toyota showroom in Tokyo, Japan, on 19 May 2010.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 21 May— Toyota Motor Corp began a recall on Friday of 4,509 Lexus cars in Japan because of a computer problem affecting the model's steering system, with a similar recall to follow in the US.

The carmaker said on Wednesday it would recall the cars in Japan, with another 7,000 affected in the US, China, Europe and other regions. The recall affects Toyota's luxury Lexus "LS" line and involves a computerized system that oversees how the steering wheel controls the tires.

After being hit with a record $16.4 million fine in the US for being slow to carry out an accelerator pedal recall and facing strong government criticism both at home and abroad for slow responses to safety problems, Toyota Motor Corp is working to react more quickly to problems with its cars. The company on Tuesday paid the fine in the US where it still faces hundreds of state and federal lawsuits.

Internet

The euro has fallen against other major currencies in Asia amid persistent concerns over eurozone debts, despite a short-lived rally on intervention rumours. INTERNET

Transport Minister inspects security measures, aviation services

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— On his inspection tour of Yangon International Airport this afternoon, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe inspected security measures being taken at departure lounge, passenger lounge, check in counter and arrival lounge and stressed the need for security measures, convenience of passengers and avoidance of unnecessary delays.

At the hall of Central Aviation Control Centre, the minister heard reports on work progress, security measures, installation of security devices and airport and aviation maintenance services presented by the director-general of the Department of Civil Aviation and called for collaborative efforts on safety measures and convenience of passengers. The minister looked into area control centre and control tower and attended to the needs.

MNA

***Transport Minister U Thein Swe inspects security measures at Yangon International Airport.*—MNA**

UEC member meets members of Mon State / District Election Subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—A work coordination meeting between member of the Union Election Commission Mon State in-charge U Nyunt Tin and members of State / District subcommissions took place at the office of Mon State Election Sub-commission on 19 May afternoon.

U Nyunt Tin made an opening speech and Chairman U Thein Tun Aye of Mon State Sub-commission and chairmen of district sub-commissions explained their work activities. Next, those present held general discussions.

UEC member U Nyunt Tin gave necessary instructions and gave a concluding remark.

The electoral process course for township sub-commission members, organized by Mon State Subcommission, was opened at its office on 20 May morning. The course opening ceremony was attended by U Nyunt Tin, U Thein Tun Aye and members of township sub-commissions and departmental officials. U Nyunt Tin delivered an opening speech and explained facts about the course. The course which lasted from 20 May till today was attended by 72 trainees.

MNA

***Member of Union Election Commission U N Zaw Yaw met members of Kachin State, Myitkyina and Putao District Election Subcommissions in Myitkyina on 19 May.* (News reported)**

MNA

Myanmar giving priority to implementing UN MDG, poverty alliviation

***Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attending 66th Session of ESCAP.*—MOFA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The 66th session of the United Nations Asia Pacific Economic and Social Commission was held in Incheon, the Republic of Korea from 13 to 19 May.

The session was attended by member States of ESCAP, Heads of States, Heads of governments, Foreign Ministers, UN agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, diplomats and experts.

Among the Asia Pacific Leaders were President of Kiribati Mr. Anole Tong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea Dr Chung Un-Chan, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina and Prime Minister of Vanuatu Mr Edward Natapol. The Myanmar Delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win attended the Ministerial Segment of the 66th Session from 17 to 19 May. The Ministerial Segment was inaugurated by Prime Minister Dr Chung Un-Chan of the Republic of Korea.

Mr Kim Jong-hoon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of ROK presided over the 66th Session.

The discussions focused on two main challenges facing the Asia Pacific region namely, to harness the economic recovery underway in Asia and the Pacific and to seek to sustain growth through a concerted effort by governments across the region to adopt Green Growth and clean technology development to improve the lives of the people of the region. The meeting also discussed the theme topic. A Supportive Financial system and Green Growth for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The Heads of delegation made general statements from 17 to 18 May. Minister U Nyan Win made a general statement in the afternoon of 18 May at the 66th session.

In his address, Minister U Nyan Win stated the efforts of Myanmar in implementing the UN MDG. As countries in the Asia Pacific are uneven in meeting the MDG targets, regional cooperation was needed in this regard. The Minister also mentioned that in Myanmar, priority was given to the implementation of the MDG for the national development and poverty alleviation.

On 18 May, Minister U Nyan Win met Dr Noeleen Heyzer, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ESCAP at the his office at the UN Convention Centre. The two sides discussed the cooperation between Myanmar and ESCAP, as well as the assistance of ESCAP for the economic and social progress of Myanmar.

The Ministerial segment concluded on 19 May, with the adoption of 15 draft resolutions and the draft report of the 66th session of ESCAP.

Minister U Nyan Win arrived back in Yangon by air yesterday evening. The Minister was accompanied by Director-General U Thant Kyaw and Director U Kyaw Swa of the International Organizations and Economic Department and Director U Lwin Oo of Foreign Economic Relations Department.

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Kyaukoh Bridge commissioned…

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The commander and the minister cordially greeted the local people.

The minister, the deputy managing director of Public Works and the secretary of Mandalay Division PDC formally opened the bridge.

The commander unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it together with the minister and officials.

Kyaukoh Bridge is of reinforced concrete foundation and RC structures.

The bridge, 200 feet long, has 24 feet wide two-way motor way flanked by three feet wide pedestrian way. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads.

***Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe unveils stone inscription of Kyaukoh Bridge.*—MNA**

***Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe delivering an address at the opening of Kyaukoh Bridge.*—MNA**

***Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and Minister U Khin Maung Myint greeting those present at the bridge opening ceremony.*—MNA**

Thanks to construction of Kyaukoh Bridge, Chin State, Magway and Sagaing Divisions will have access to the Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road through the Haka-Falam-Kalay-Gangaw-Monywa-Mandalay Road, Kachin State to Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road through the Myitkyina-Bhamo-Tagaung-Katha-Thabeikkyin Road, and Shan State (North) to the Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road through the Muse-Lashio-Kyaukme-PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road.

As a result of building the road networks from the east to the west and from the north to the south across the nation, various kinds of minerals extracted from States and Divisions and paddy, rice and other crops from various regions can speedily be exported throughout the nation. Furthermore, the road networks will contribute a lot to enhancement of all sectors including economic, social, health and education fields of the regions.

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***Photo shows Kyaukoh Bridge on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok road.*—MNA**

Applications for formation, registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Those wishing to set up political parties submitted applications for registration as political parties with their names to the Union Election Commission. On 21 May, Regional Development Party (Pyay) submitted its application to the commission.

So far, the Union Election Commission has granted permission to 34 to form political party among 40 groups that submitted applications to form political party or to continue existence as political party.

Of 24 groups that submitted the applications for registration as political party, the commission has found the following groups to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the commission passed the groups to register as political parties. They are as follows:-

(1) Kayin Peoples Party
(2) "Wa" National Unity Party
(3) Union Kayin League

Up to now, there were 24 parties that submitted the applications for formation and registration as political parties. Of them, a total of 11 parties have been allowed to register, and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—*MNA*

MOC Chairman's Cup Weightlifting Contest 19-21 June

YANGON, 21 May—The 12th MOC Chairman's Cup Weightlifting Contest at Aung San Gymnasium from 19 to 21 June.

The contest will be categorized into men's 56-kilo, 62-kilo and above 62-kilo events, women's 48-kilo, 53-kilo and above 53-kilo events in the first class, men's 56-kilo, 62-kilo and above 62-kilo events and women's 48-kilo, 53-kilo and above 53-kilo events in the second class, and men's 56-kilo, 62-kilo, 69-kilo, 77-kilo, 85-kilo, above 85-kilo events and others.

Those wishing to take part in the contest may enlist at General Secretary of MWF Assistant Director U Myint Swe of the Sports and Physical Education Department, Tel: 01-388160, not later than 10 June.

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MWJA donates 10500 gallons of water

YANGON, 21 May—As part of public welfare tasks, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association donated one vessel of water to three wards opposite to Kyimyindine Township this morning. The water supply team provided 2500 gallons of water to 3200 local people of West Ayeywa Ward, 5000 gallons to 3156 people of Aukyon Ward and 3000 gallons to 2516 people of Ngasin Ward, totalling 10500 gallons.

Chairman of MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), vice-chairmen and officials supervised supply of water to the people with the assistance of Yangon City Development Committee and social organizations.

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Alaungdaw Kathapa…

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to Alaungdaw Kathapa." The two old roads to Alaungdaw Kathapa are 41 miles and 38 miles long respectively, but the new one is only 31 miles long. To have access to the destination, we had to pass through Kapaing, Phayawa and Thabeikhsay camps. Along the route from Kapaing camp to Thabeikhsay camp in the morning, we enjoyed the songs of various species of birds and the bark of a barking deer, which reflected the peaceful life of the wildlife. Various species of butterflies were flying here and there. The sounds of the currents of creeks and streams were a music to me ears. On the whole, the area was like a large picture of natural beauty.

Explaining facts about the park, Governor of Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park Assistant Director of the Forest Department U Ye Htut told The Myanma Alin, "We conserve the park in order that the biodiversity can live naturally."

With an area of 394,780 square acres or 617 square miles between the Chindwin and the Myittha rivers, Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park, the first of its kind in Myanmar, covers Kani Township in Monywa District, and Mingin Township in Kalay District, in Sagaing Division. Pahtolone and Taungdwin forest reserves are in the park.

It was designated as Alaungdaw Kathapa Sanctuary in 1983, and then as Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park in 1989. The park is comprised of various types of forests including pine forests and evergreen forests. There, species of hardwood total about 150; that of bamboo, 10; and that of cane, four. Rare species of herbs also grow in the park.

It stands at an altitude of 2000 to 4000 feet with deep ravines, gorges, abysses, and grasslands, and it is home to a large number of species of biodiversity, thus adding to the natural beauty of the region.

On our way to Kathapa Square, I came across my old friend Chairman of Yinmabin Township Peace and Development Council, who said, "Alaungdaw Kathapa is not in Yinmabin Township, but according to the transport conditions, our township has to take responsibility for the park. So, I am now here." He also said all the three roads to Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park had been upgraded to fine gravel ones.

The National Park Administration Board under the Environment and Wildlife Conservation Division of the Forest Departmenty is carrying out researches and giving educative talks on environmental conservation.

Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park is held sacred to Buddhists. It is also a picture of wonderful natural beauty. It has impressive geographical features and is home to biodiversity. Moreover, it is now easily accessible from other regions. Therefore, I would say Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park is worth visiting.

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Thitsar Well in Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park, water from which is believed to cure diseases.

Alaungdaw Kathapa Reclining Image.

Natural forests in Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park.

HK's air cargo traffic surges 38% in April

HONG KONG, 21 May—Hong Kong International Airport registered positive growth in air cargo tonnage for the seventh month in a row, up 38 percent year on year, to 354,000 tons in April, Hong Kong's Information Services Department said on Monday. The strong cargo growth was mainly attributed to the continued recovery in the airport's key export markets, in particular North America and Europe. Exports recorded an increase of 57 percent, while imports showed year-on-year growth of 30 percent, and transshipments at 10 percent.

Air-traffic movements also increased 2.7 percent over last April, to 24,725 while passen-ger volume declined 1.5 percent to approxim-ately 4.2 million at the same period.

Airport Authority Chief Executive Officer Stanley Hui is confident passenger traffic will pick up.

He noted that the exceptionally strong Easter holiday traffic last year had created a high base for comparison, then Iceland's volcanic eruption and the Black Outbound Travel Alert for Bangkok had a negative impact.—*Xinhua*

The AIA Tower in Hong Kong. British insurance giant Prudential said on Monday it will raise 14.5 billion pounds (17 billion euros, 21 billion dollars) from the sale of new shares to help fund a record takeover of Asian insurer AIA.—XINHUA

Gold bars are stacked at a plant. The euro slumped to a four-year low against the dollar on mounting concerns about eurozone debt while world stock markets diverged as European equities recovered some lost ground.—XINHUA

Canada's resale housing market showing cooling signs

TORONTO, 21 May—Home sales activity in Canada came up short of the record for the month of April and new listings continued to climb, according to statistics released by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) on Monday.

Residential sales activity via the Multiple Listing Service(R) (MLS(R)) Systems of Canadian real estate Boards numbered 52,042 units in April 2010. This is less than one percent short of the record for national sales activity during the month of April, which was set in 2007. Compared to April 2009, national activity was up 20 percent.

Seasonally adjusted national home sales activity slipped 2.6 percent from the previous month, and now stands 6.8 percent below the peak reached in December 2009.

"The easing trend in national sales activity masks a rising trend in a number of major markets," said CREA President Georges Pahud. " Some 99,901 homes were newly listed for sale on Canadian MLS(R) Systems in April 2010, surpassing the previous record for the month of April set in 2008 by six-tenths of one percent. A total of 236,397 residential properties were listed for sale on Boards' MLS(R) Systems at the end of April 2010, down 1.9 per cent from levels one year earlier.—*Xinhua*

Wind power holds tremendous potential for growth in China. As one of the world's top greenhouse gas emitters, the country is seeking cleaner and more sustainable energy sources, but many challenges remain before commercial application can truly take off Duration.
XINHUA

France registers less new enterprises in April

PARIS, 21 May— The new birth of enterprises in France declined by 18.1 percent in April from the level of March, the national statistics bureau INSEE said Wednesday. If exclu-ding self-managed enterprises, which constitute the majority of the overall birth enterprises, the monthly variation rate was a decrease of 12.8 percent in April, totalling 19,788 new enterprises, the agency said. The sharp decline was following two months' sucessive growth in February and March, which recorded month on month increase rate of 10.9 percent and 4.0 percent respectively.

However, summing up the amount of entries in the nearest three months to April, the enterprise creation went up by 20.1 percent compared to the same quarter on year before. INSEE indicated that construction and service activities were sectors that made most contribution to the growth.—*Xinhua*

ASEAN trade in goods agreement enters into force

JAKARTA, 21 May—The ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA), one of the region's landmark economic agreements aimed at lowering the cost of doing business and simplifying trade-related transactions, entered into force on Monday, a statement issued by the ASEAN Secretariat said here. The ATIGA, which is comprehensive in its scope and brings transparency to regional trade liberalization, consolidates all committments related to trade in goods. It focuses on not only tariff liberalization and non-tariff measures, but also includes matters related to simplification of rules of origin and its implementation.

Various agencies and regulatory bodies dealing with entry of goods, such as the Customs, and health and agricultural authorities, will jointly operate in ensuring smoother operations at the Customs entry points. "The ATIGA is a major achievement towards the establishment of a single market and production base under the ASEAN Economic Community 2015," said the Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

Xinhua

A man passes in front of Samsung Electronics' main office in Seoul. The firm, flagship of the country's biggest business group, is already the world's largest maker of memory chips and flat-screen TVs, and the second largest mobile phone manufacturer after Finland's Nokia.
XINHUA

US sees record capital inflow

NEW YORK, 21 May—Foreigners bought a record $140.5 billion of long-term US securities in March, the Treasury Department said on Monday, and more than doubled purchases of US government bonds. China remained the largest holder of Treasury debt and added to its holdings for the first time in seven months. Net Treasury purchased by all foreign investors jumped $108.47 billion in March from $48.1 billion in February.

"Long-term purchases exceeded our best expectations and clearly show foreign investors have not satiated their appetite for US securities," said Michael Woolfolk, senior currency strategist at BNY Mellon in New York. March's net long-term inflow was roughly three times the $47.1 billion inflow in February and shattered a previous record set in May 2007. The Treasury began compiling the data in the 1930s.

Xinhua

Italy, Russia pave way for closer military cooperation

ROME, 21 May— Italy and Russia on Thursday held the first summit featuring both foreign and defence ministers of the two countries, to pave the way for a closer military cooperation.

The talks followed an innovative "2+2" format. Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini discussed with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov while Italy's Defence Minister Ignazio La Russa met with Russian equivalent Anatoly Serdyukov at Villa Madama, a prestigious state palace.

The bilateral meetings focused on the promotion of Italy-Russian collaboration on several global issues including terrorism, Iran's nuclear programme, Afghanistan's peacek-eeping mission, and the exchange of military information and personnel.

"I'm very satisfied of this first pioneering summit between our two countries and I look forward to further increasing Italy's strategic partnership with Russia," Frattini told a joint Press conference after the meeting.— *Xinhua*

Senior-three students of Lintou Middle School shout loudly to release pressure in Hanshan County of Chaohu City, east China's Anhui Province, on 19 May, 2010.

XINHUA

South Korea to hold Korean Products Fair in Moscow

SEOUL, 21 May—South Korea's Ministry of Knowledge Economy and the state-run Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA) said on Thursday that they will co-host a Korean products fair in Moscow this week, where more than 85 South Korean businesses will be represented. The event, scheduled to be held from 20 to 23 May, is the first of its kind since 2004, and South Korean businesses in information technology, machinery, health care and consumer products sector will display their products, including Samsung Electronics Co and Hyundai Motor Co, the trade promotion agency said in a statement.

"Since the beginning of the global financial crisis in 2008, trade between South Korea and Russia saw massive declines. But South Korean business-man still believe Russia has great potential and long-term growth, as exemplified by their active participation in this fair," KOTRA said.

Xinhua

Aerobics can be better than walking

EDMONTON, 21 May—An aerobics programme that gets the heart pumping beats a walking programme, but walkers may stick with their activity longer, Canadian researchers say. Gordon Bell of the University of Alberta and colleagues compared for six months aerobic fitness training to a pedometer-based walking programme among 128 physically inactive men and women ages 27-65 — taking fewer than 5,500 steps per day over a seven-day period and not participating in any form of regular exercise.

"We gradually built up the number of steps that the walking group did until they were prescribed 10,000 steps per day to be completed every day of the week. They actually were able to complete 9,221 steps per day or 92 per cent of the prescription," Bell says in a statement. "Volunteers had to adhere to the intensity of exercise as measured by a heart-rate monitor and built up to about four classes a week by the end of the study and adherence was 77 percent for this group."—*Internet*

Polar explorers return to Russia from Antarctica

MOSCOW, 21 May—Russian Polar explorers are en route to St Petersburg from Antarctica, local media reported on Thursday. The vessel Academic Fyodorov with 70 scientists on board conducted a research work during its 201-day journey around the world.

The experts were said to have continued the well-drilling near Vostok lake, the largest of more than 140 subglacial lakes found under the surface of Antarctica, where they collected water samples. They also performed radar measurements of the ice cap in the central Antarctica and oceanographic research in the Bellingshausen Sea.

Xinhua

Art works worth 500 million euros stolen in Paris

French forensic police conduct an investigation at the window at the Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, where five works by Pablo Picasso, Fernand Leger, Henri Matisse, Georges Braque and Amedeo Modigliani worth 500 million euros ($620.8 million) were stolen, 0n 20 May, 2010.

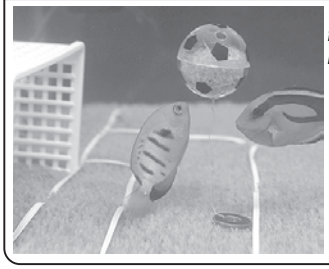
Five famous paintings by prestigious art masters, including Matisse and Picasso, were stolen overnight on Wednesday, French police said on Thursday.

The loss includes art works by Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Georges Braque, Fernand Leger and Amadeo Modigliani, investigators told reporters.

The gate of the Modern Art Musuem located in the 16th arrondissement of Paris by Seine River was found wide open around 6:50 in the morning, and one window of the musuem was broken, local reports said.

A person intruding the museum was recorded by the surveillance camera of the museum, investigators at the site said.

Local media estimated that the loss of Paris Modern Art Museum amounted to about 500 million euros (620 million US dollars).



A blue tang, symbolising Japan's national soccer team who are popularly known as "Blue Samurai", and a flame angelfish, symbolising Denmark's national soccer team, swim near a small transparent "soccer" ball containing fish food inside a tank made to look like a soccer stadium at Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 20 May, 2010.

Book checked out by Washington returned

George Washington's tomb is seen at his Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens on 3 September, 2009, in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

Staff at a New York library said members of George Washington's estate have returned a book he borrowed from the facility 221 years ago.

Charles Berry, the New York Society Library's chairman of the board of trustees, accepted a copy of "The Law of Nations" from the estate of the first US president during a ceremony at the library on Wednesday, bringing an end to the story of the book borrowed from the collection on 5 Oct, 1789, the *New York Daily News reported* Thursday.

"I hereby absolve George Washington and his representatives for any overdue library fees incurred," Berry said. "The library was not about to pursue a fine, but we were delighted to learn that a copy of this book was coming back to us."

Berry said the book is not the exact copy borrowed by Washington, but is another copy of the same edition purchased by Washington's Mount Vernon estate for $12,000. "We express our gratitude for your patience ... and for your generosity in erasing the considerable funds that were probably owed by George Washington," said James Rees, executive director of Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. "He did not do his public duty."

1794 silver dollar sells for record $7.85 million

What may be America's oldest silver dollar has become the world's most expensive coin, with its owner saying it changed hands in a private transaction between coin collectors for nearly $8 million.

Steven L Contursi, who has owned the mint-condition 1794 Liberty dollar for the past seven years, confirmed on Thursday that he sold it to the Cardinal Collection Educational Foundation of Sunn-yvale for $7.85 million.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (25810)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (25810) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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'Artificial life' breakthrough announced by scientists

LONDON, 21 May — Scientists in the US have succeeded in developing the first synthetic living cell. The researchers constructed a bacterium's "genetic software" and transplanted it into a host cell. The resulting microbe then looked and behaved like the species "dictated" by the synthetic DNA. The advance, published in *Science*, has been hailed as a scientific landmark, but critics say there are dangers posed by synthetic organisms.

The synthetic cell looks identical to the 'wild type'
INTERNET

The researchers hope eventually to design bacterial cells that will produce medicines and fuels and even absorb greenhouse gases. The team was led by Dr Craig Venter of the J Craig Venter Institute (JCVI) in Maryland and California. He and his colleagues had previously made a synthetic bacterial genome, and transplanted the genome of one bacterium into another.— *Internet*

Art of letter writing 'dying"

LONDON, 21 May — Letter writing is becoming a dying art among today's technologically savvy children, a survey suggests. More than a quarter (26%) of seven to 14-year-olds have not written a letter in the last year, and one in 10 (10%) has never written one, according to a poll commissioned by World Vision. But in the last week alone, almost half (49%) of youngsters have written an email or a message on a social networking site.

More than four in 10 (43%) have not received a letter in the past year, and 20% say they have never received one. In contrast, more than half (52%) have received an email or message on a social networking site in the last week.— *Internet*

Tech savvy children are forgetting the art of letter writing.
INTERNET

Depression ups risk for kidney patients

DALLAS, 21 May—US researchers say complications may be more likely in kidney disease patients diagnosed with depression than among other kidney patients.

Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas find long-term hospitalization, long-term dialysis treatment or dying within the year were twice as likely to occur in chronic kidney disease patients diagnosed with depression as in patients without depression.

Internet

Kuwait Oil Company signs 170-mln-dollar pipeline deal

KUWAIT CITY, 21 May— State-owned Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) said on Thursday it has signed a contract worth 48.35 million dinar (around 170 million US dollars) with an Italian company for laying down a crude oil pipeline.

That was part of the company's plan to inject 17.5 billion to 24.5 billion dollars into oil and gas facilities in the next five years.

The official *KUNA* news agency said the Italian company ABB Italia will build a crude pipeline from northern Kuwait to the central mixing unit and the northern reservoirs.

The pipeline will be able to transport 315,000 barrels of oil per day, and is vital to the company's plan to hike its output in the northern fields, the KOC said.

KOC was established in 1934 and taken over by the government in 1975 to become a subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, an umbrella entity for the Gulf Arab emirate's oil industry. KOC focuses on the exploration and production of oil and gas.

Kuwait is the fourth-largest exporter of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and boasts around 10 percent of the world's proven oil reserves.

The emirate's oil output capacity stands at 3.1 million barrels per day and pumps out around 2.3 million barrels per day under OPEC's quota.

Xinhua

Blood vessels blamed for elder muscle loss

GALVESTON, 21 May — Muscles age because of the way a network of blood vessels that threads through muscles responds to the hormone insulin, US researchers said. Researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston said blood vessels open wide and allow nutrients to reach muscle cells when young people naturally release insulin after eating a meal.

The study, published in the Journal of *Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, suggests insulin in elderly people does not result in the muscle repairing — "vasodilating" — effect. "We found that by blocking vasodilation, we reproduced in young people the entire response that we see in older persons — a blunting of muscle protein response and a lack of net muscle growth," study senior author Dr Elena Volpi said in a statement. "In other words, from a muscle standpoint, we made young people look 50 years older."

Volpi and colleagues infused insulin equivalent to the amount generated in response to a single meal into the thigh muscles of two sets of young volunteers. One set was given a drug that blocked vasodilation, while the other set responded normally. Muscle protein synthesis levels were measured using chemical tracers and muscle tissue biopsies were done, Volpi said.

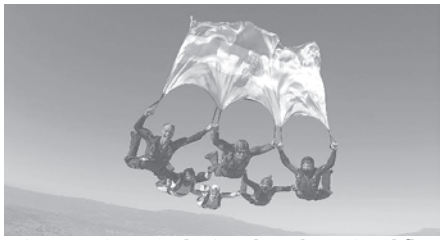
Internet

Peru recovers more than 500 pieces of cultural relics

LIMA, 21 May—The Peruvian Foreign Ministry on Wednesday delivered 542 pieces of cultural relics recovered from abroad to the National Institute of Culture (INC), Vice Foreign Minister Nestor Popolizio said.

Among the recovered relics, there are pieces made of gold, pottery, wood and textiles corresponding to the pre-Incan cultures of Mochica, Wari, Vicus, Recuay, Paracas, Chancay and Moche. They have an estimated market value of 85 million US dollars.

One of the most flamboyant is a gold headdress with a shape of octopus, said Popolizio during the delivery ceremony.—*Xinhua*



Six Argentine parachutists show the national flag as they perform in the air to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Argentina's independence, over Patagonia altiplano in southern Argentina, on 19 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Heavy oil hits Louisiana shore

VENICE, 21 May— The first heavy oil from a giant Gulf of Mexico spill sloshed ashore in fragile Louisiana marshlands on Wednesday and part of the mess entered a powerful current that could carry it to Florida and beyond.

The developments underscored the gravity of the situation as British energy giant BP Plc raced to capture more crude gushing from a ruptured well a mile beneath the surface. The spill is threatening an ecological and economic disaster along the US Gulf Coast and beyond.

Boom to protect Louisiana's fragile wetlands is put into place on Lake Machias on 9 May.
INTERNET

"The day that we have all been fearing is upon us today," Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said after a boat tour to the southernmost point of the Mississippi River estuary.

Internet

Five mummified bodies found in truck in north Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 21 May—Police found the mummified bodies of two women and three men Wednesday stuffed in plastic bags in a pickup truck left near a highway in the northern Mexico state of Chihuahua.

State police said the bodies — apparently mummified by the desert climate — had not been identified. The site where the truck was found is south of the violenceplagued bor-der city of Ciudad Juarez, where the truck had been reported stolen.

University authorities in Ciudad Juarez also reported Wednesday that a freshman had been found dead, wrapped in a blanket at a local fairground.

Mexico was shocked when two university students in Monterrey were killed in the crossfire of a shootout between soldiers and gunmen in March.

Also on Wednesday, authorities said about 88 tons (80 metric tons) of a precursor chemical used to make methampheta-mines had been seized at the Pacific Coast seaport of Manzanillo.

The chemical ethyl phenyl acetate, also known as phenylacetic acid, can also be used in cocaine processing.

Internet

Egypt launches diplomatic flurry to contain Nile crisis

A view of the river Nile on the outskirts of Cairo. Senior Egyptian officials left for Khartoum amid a diplomatic flurry that will see several African leaders in Cairo in the coming weeks seeking to contain the region's water-sharing crisis.
INTERNET

CAIRO, 21 May—Senior Egyptian officials left for Khartoum on Wednesday amid a diplomatic flurry that will see several African leaders in Cairo in the coming weeks seeking to contain the region's water-sharing crisis.

Mohammed Nasredine Allam, Egypt's minister for water resources and irrigation, is heading to Sudan for talks on Nile water sharing after five upstream countries signed a deal that Cairo and Khartoum rejected, the official *MENA* news agency reported.

Allam, accompanied by senior foreign ministry officials, is expected to discuss with his Sudanese counterpart, Kamal Ali, "ways for both countries to maintain their rights (to Nile water) based on international agreements."

Under a 1959 agreement between Egypt and Sudan, they get the lion's share of the water flow.

On Wednesday, Kenya became the fifth country to sign a new treaty — after Ethiopia, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda — for what is claimed to be an equitable sharing of river waters, despite strong opposition from Egypt and Sudan.

Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga is due in Egypt on Saturday for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Prime Minister Ahmed Nazif.

On 29 May, Congolese President Joseph Kabila is due to visit Egypt and in June Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza is also expected in Cairo, *MENA* said.

Internet

Yemen jails Somali pirates for 10 years

SANAA, 21 May—A court in the southern port city of Aden on Wednesday sentenced 10 Somali pirates to 10 years in jail for trying to hijack a cargo ship in Yemeni waters, the Defence Ministry said.

The verdict came a day after Yemen ruled on the death penalty for the first time in a piracy case.

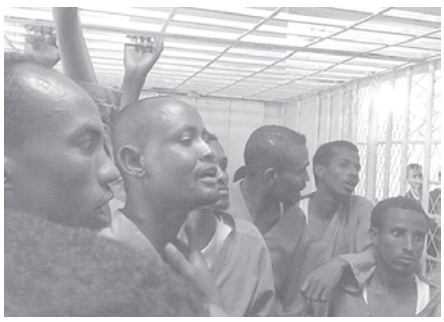
The ministry's 26sep.net website said the convictions were based on a report by a Russian naval vessel that had intercepted the Somalis and averted the hijacking.

The report contained photographs of the attempted hijacking and of the arms and equipment seized, including AK-47 assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades as well as a ladder of the type used by pirates to board vessels.

Another 12 Somalis are being tried separately in Aden on charges of piracy in Yemeni waters.

On Tuesday, a Yemeni court sentenced six Somali pirates to death and jailed six others for 10 years each for hijacking a Yemeni oil tanker and killing two cabin crew in April 2009.

Heavily armed pirates using high-powered speed boats operate in the Gulf of Aden where they prey on ships, sometimes holding them for weeks before releasing them for large ransoms paid by governments or ship owners.—*Internet*



Somali pirates stand in the dock during their trial in Sanaa on 18 May. A court in the southern port city of Aden on Wednesday sentenced 10 Somali pirates to 10 years in jail for trying to hijack a cargo ship in Yemeni waters, the defence ministry said.
INTERNET

Escorted by soldiers and Valentin Jaimes (centre) stand in front of seized packs containing heroin during a presentation to the media in Tijuana, Mexico, on 19 May, 2010.
INTERNET

Man caught at Puerto Rico Airport with weapons

SAN JUAN, 21 May—A man was arrested this week trying to board a flight out of Puerto Rico while carrying weapons that included a stun gun, a switchblade knife and four box cutters, US authorities said Wednesday.

Jose Pol, 59, a resident of Rhode Island, was passing through a security checkpoint at the US Caribbean territory's main international airport Monday when Transportation Security Administration agents discovered the weapons in his carry-on luggage, the FBI said.

US authorities said they had not found any evidence linking the case to terrorism.

In Rhode Island, the man's son, also named Jose Pol, said the suspect's girlfriend believes he was bringing the knives to help her cut boxes at her job in the produce section of a Wal-Mart. He described his father as a packrat who hoards belongings and said he may have been collecting the other weapons as toys.

"It don't surprise me," the 23-year-old Pol said in an interview at his home in Pawtucket. "It was dumb of him doing that."

The suspect remained in custody as investigators tried to determine his motive. US prosecutors have charged him with attempting to board an aircraft with concealed dangerous weapons, a charge that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Internet

Cameroon's Eto'o lauds 'unique' Mourinho

MILAN, 21 May — Inter Milan's Cameroon international striker Samuel Eto'o has been talking up the effect of boss Jose Mourinho ahead of Saturday's Champions League final here against Bayern Munich.

Speaking to the UEFA website Eto'o, who also has worked under the likes of Frank Rijkaard and Pep Guardiola, described the Portuguese as one of a kind.

"Jose is unique as a coach and as a human being. He's unique, he's a one-off. He says what he thinks," he said before praising his boss's work ethic.

"That formula makes for great results. Until now, Jose has found the right formula for his squad. This creates the right relationship and brings good results."—*Internet*

Inter Milan's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho (R) gives instructions to Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o during their Champions League match against Barcelona at San Siro Stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

Robben takes swipe at Mourinho's tactics

LONDON, 21 May— Bayern Munich winger Arjen Robben has taken a swipe at Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho's negative tactics ahead of Saturday's Champions League final.

Robben, who will face Inter in the final in Madrid this weekend, played under Mourinho for three years at Chelsea and grew tired of his safety-first philosophy.

The Holland international believes Mourinho was too concerned with winning at all costs and didn't let his players express themselves.

Bayern Munich winger Arjen Robben, seen here in May 2010, has taken a swipe at Inter Milan boss Jose.— INTERNET

"He puts out a winning team, it doesn't matter if it's done with nice football or not," Robben told BBC Sport. "The philosophy at Bayern is the coach Louis van Gaal wants to win games by playing nice football."—*Internet*

Our World Cup has started, says hopeful Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, 21 May — Argentina coach Diego Maradona held his first training session with his World Cup squad on Thursday, and said he had high hopes for the 11 June 12-July tournament in South Africa.

"Our World Cup starts today because we start work with 17 players. We have high hopes," said Maradona, who led Argentina to World Cup glory in 1986.

Maradona was without five players for his first trip onto the paddock with his South Africa-bound squad.

Internet

Argentina coach Diego Maradona,held his first training session with his World Cup.
INTERNET

Injured Fabregas, Torres in Spain World Cup squad

MADRID, 21 May — Spain coach Vicente del Bosque on Thursday named injured players Cesc Fabregas and Fernando Torres in his final along with Barcelona's uncapped keeper Victor Valdes.

Most of the players who won Euro 2008 are in the 23-man squad for South Africa, including star striker David Villa, who is set to leave for Barcelona in a 40-million-euro deal.

Spain, among the favourites for the World Cup, which runs from 11 June 12-July, face Switzerland, Honduras and Chile in Group H of the opening round.

They holds the distinction of being the only side to ever be ranked number one in the FIFA standings without winning a World Cup. Their best result remains fourth place in 1950.

Internet

Spain coach Vicente del Bosque named injured players Cesc Fabregas.
INTERNET

Blanc confirmed as Domenech successor

BORDEAUX, 21 May — Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc was on Thursday officially confirmed as the chosen successor to Raymond Domenech as manager of France after the World Cup.

In a statement the French Football Federation said that the federal council had "confirmed the choice of Laurent Blanc for the post of national coach following the 2010 World Cup".

"The FFF will not comment further on this dossier before the signing of the contract which will finalize the recruitment of Laurent Blanc," the statement added. The announcement followed a meeting between Bordeaux president Jean-Louis Triaud and his FFF counterpart Jean-Pierre Escalettes concerning the departure of Blanc who still has one year left on his current contract.

Internet

Bordeaux coach Laurent Blanc was officially confirmed as the chosen successor.
INTERNET

Bump Day could be extra intense

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 May — Bump Day is going to be relevant again at Indianapolis.

IndyCar drivers and team executives say the final day of Indianapolis 500 qualifying could be more interesting than usual because several Champ Car drivers who joined IndyCar when the series merged in 2008 have gained enough experience at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to challenge the veterans.

That could leave some longtime IndyCar drivers fighting for a spot in the field on Sunday.

Internet

Armstrong abandons race after crash

LOS ANGELES, 21 May — Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong abandoned the Tour of California after crashing early in the fifth stage on Thursday.

"Sorry to report there was a huge crash," RadioShack team manager Johan Bruyneel said via Twitter. "Lance had to abandon and is going to the hospital for X-rays."

Team spokesman Philippe Maertens said Armstrong was evaluated by doctors in the team bus who gave him eight stitches under his left eye, and also had "a severe left elbow contusion".

He was taken to hospital for precautionary X-rays, which were negative.—*Internet*

Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong, seen here on 16 May, abandoned the Tour of California after crashing early in the fifth stage on Thursday.—INTERNET

Grant resigns as Portsmouth manager

LONDON, 21 May— Avram Grant on Thursday resigned as manager of Portsmouth, stepping back from a role in which he won praise for his unsuccessful attempts to keep the debt-ridden team in the Premier League.

The Israeli, who led Portsmouth to the FA Cup final last weekend despite the side being relegated, said quitting had been "one of the most difficult decisions I've had to take in my football career".

"After a lot of soul searching and under the circumstances I'm taking a different direction," he said in an open letter to fans on the club's website.

"It's been both a difficult and complex year for us at the club, but at the same time, it's been a wonderful and uplifting professional and personal experience."

Internet

Portsmouth manager Avram Grant acknowledges the crowds applause following his team's defeat to Chelsea.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Wie advances in Sybase Match Play Championship

GLADSTONE, 21 May — Michelle Wie smacked herself on the rear end after three-putting for her lone bogey in the first round of the Sybase Match Play Championship.

"I was angry," said Wie, a 2-up winner over Stacy Prammanasudh on Thursday at Hamilton Farm. "I do that so that I get angry and forget about it and move on."

Internet

Monfils, Baghdatis crash in Nice

NICE, 21 May — Gael Monfils and Marcos Baghdatis, ranked third and fifth seeds respectively, both crashed out in the quarter-finals of the ATP tournament here on Thursday.

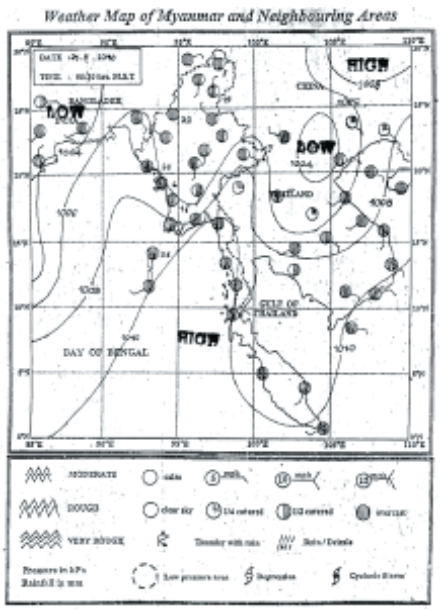
World number 15 Monfils fell to Italian journeyman Potito Starace, ranked 63rd, in straight sets, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 and did not offer any excuses for a defeat which does not bode well for the French Open that starts onSunday.—*Internet*

Daw Myint Myint
(85 years)
Retired Deputy Assistant Director,
General Administration Department,
Ministry of Home Affairs

Beloved eldest daughter of (U Maung Kalay- Daw Aye Hlaing), daughter-in-law of (U Ba Kyaw-Daw Hla Khin), beloved wife of U Hla Myaing (Ko Saung) Patron, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, of 2/Ah-6, Lane-3, Tharyaraye Street, Kyaik Waing Pagoda Road, Mayangone Township, Yangon, beloved mother of U Aung Thu Myaing (Correspondent- Ji Ji Press News Agency, Japan)-Daw Zan Zan Mar (Representative of Kelvin Diesels), Dr. Myint Thu Myaing (Professor, Law Department, East Yangon University) beloved grand mother of Ma May Oo Myaing (Final Year, B.E Mechatronics, G.T.U- Hmawbi) and Maung Shwe Po Myaing, passed away peacefully at 7:00 a.m on Thursday, 20th May 2010 at Yangon General Hospital. Cremation will take place at 4:00 p.m on Saturday, 22nd May 2010 at Ye Way Cemetery. (Buses will leave from the above address at 2:30p.m on Saturday.)

Bereaved Family

Dreyer & Reinbold Racing driver Tomas Scheckter of South Africa works on his iPad in the cockpit of his race car during practice at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis on 20 May, 2010. Qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 begin on 22 May.—INTERNET



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(22-5-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (22-5-10 09:30 am ~ 23-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Fishery)"
* News
* Documentary "Inside Myanmar's Music World"
* Simple and Beautiful Rural Life
* News
* Myanma Pottery
* News
* Amazing Hotel in Myanmar (Lucky Dragon Hotel
* Opening
* News
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Myanmar TV

Saturday, 22 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. အင်္ဂဇယဓ်လံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဒီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:05 am
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
8. Musical Programme

8:25 am
9. "ချင်းပြည်နယ်သို့ ခရီးတစ်ခေါက်"

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
10."မေတ္တာရေအမြဲတည်လေသည်ရွှေကြာ"

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Game For Children

11:50 am
4. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

12:15 pm
5. Yan Can Cook

12:35 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း မနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၉)

1:25 pm
7. "ပြည်သူများအတွက်စေတနာဝန်ထမ်းမိခင်နှင့်ကလေးစောင့်ရှောက်ရေးအသင်းဝင်များ"

1:35 pm
8. Dance of National Races

1:45 pm
9. "ဇမ္ဗူဒီပါမှာထွန်းတဲ့ကျွန်း"

2:25 pm
10. မြန်မြန်ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

2:35 pm
11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:50 pm
12. International News

3:45 pm
1. MyanmarNational League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကန္တော FCအသင်း နှင့် ရွှေကပင်ယူနိုက်တက် FCအသင်း)

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:35 pm
6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် (ယုသန္တာတင်)

7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၉)
13. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

WEATHER

Friday, 21st May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division, fairly widespread in Mon State, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kayin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Magway, Yangon Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Kalewa (39.6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.91) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.28) inch, Kyauktaw and Paung (2.36) inches each, Sittway (2.17) inches, Coco island (1.82) inches, Maungdaw (1.73) inches, Taungdwingyi (1.26) inches and Yamethin (0.51) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on21-5-2010 was 81°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2010 was 66%. Total sun shine hours on 20-5-2010 was (0.6) hours.

Rainfall on 21-5-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (2.48) inches at Mingaladon, (2.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.93) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 20-5-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, the cyclonic storm ''Laila'' over the West Central Bay has crossed the Andhra Pradesh Coast (India) and remained as the cyclonic storm over land near Machilipatnam. It is forecast to move northeastwards and the system may regenerate over the North Bay as the depression within the next (48) hours. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the22nd May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division,scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times Gulf of Mottama, Delta, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon into the Deltaic area.

Forecastfor Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of May 2010: During the coming weekend, rain (or) thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Union Kayin League granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 48/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 48/2010
9th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
21 May 2010

Union Kayin League is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Union Kayin League with its headquarters at No. (1) Saw Tay Lane on U Lu Ni Street in Kayin Amyotha Ward of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 21 May 2010.

The registration number of the Union Kayin League is (11).

By order

Sd/ **Win Ko**
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Elephants dance to entertain the visitors.

Laila likely to move towards north of Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observatory report at 5.30 pm today, cyclonic storm "Laila" that occurred as a land depression near Machilipatnam of India headed to northeastward. As it is forecast to move towards northward of the Bay of Bengal within 48 hours, the move of cyclone is under watch in time.

The storm currently designated at the yellow level is not likely to move towards Myanmar.

Influence of the storm is likely to cause squalls in the delta, and coastal region and offshore of Rakhine State and rough waves. During the squalls, maximum wind speed may reach 40 mph.

MNA

Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park

Byline: *Yan Gyi Aung;*
Photos: *Kyaw Zeya*

On arrival at Sallavati (a) Monywa at dusk, we witnessed the hustle and bustle of the city. The development momentum of the northwest city is very heartening.

While our car was running along Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road, a recently-built facility, to the north of the city, we saw Chindwin River-spanning bridge from afar. When the car turned left to a fine gravel road, driver Ko Myo Zaw said, "This is the newly-built Tayawkyin-Kapaing Road, the shortcut

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