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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

Construction of school building in Aungnancho Station of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, bridge inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected construction of school building at Basic Education High School in Aungnancho Station in eastern hill region of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and progress of Maehaw Creek Bridge on 20 May.

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects construction of school building at Basic Education High School in Aungnancho Station of eastern Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.—MNA

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Milito ends Inter's long wait

Diego Milito has scored some crucial goals in Inter's run.

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A shot in the arm for Hlaingbwe peasants

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On our trip in Kayin State, we Myanma Alin news crew paid a visit to Hlaingbwe. While in Hlaingbwe, we had a chance to visit Yeboke Dam construction site near Htilon Village, 50 miles from Thaton.

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been building dams and reservoirs so as to utilize water and land resources. The dam is being built by damming up

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Control tower and conduit of Yeboke Dam Project being implemented in Hlaingbwe of Kayin State.

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards eternal peace

Myanmar is home to various national races. In the Union, the national people have been living together in amity and unity for generations. And as a result, solidarity, unity and amity have been forged.

Gaining experience from history, the people have held the belief that national unity is instrumental in maintaining the Union for its perpetuity. They are safeguarding the nation with the strength of national unity and doing their bit in nation-building tasks.

The government on its part is building up a peaceful, modern, developed nation enlisting the strength of the people. It is taking all necessary measures at present by taking lesson from the past and trying to work with extra awareness in the future. As equal opportunities have been given to the national races regardless of the places they are living in the regions including border areas have gathered development momentum. The local people have been enjoying fruits of peace and development.

A ceremony to form a border guard force in Shan State (East) was held in Tachilek on 18 May. A similar ceremony was also held in Metmung on 20 May. On both occasions, the border guard force members were decorated with insignia of the Tatmadaw and assigned duties.

Those who shouldered their duties as people's militia (local) with amity and unity now have the opportunity to discharge national defence duties as members of border guard forces. Performing duties as a border guard force with the aim of safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes has redoubled the efforts for regional security, peace and stability.

Now, the local people are welcoming the formation of border guard forces. So, the border guard forces have to strive for eternal peace in border regions while carrying out State defence duties for regional security, peace and stability.

Packaging, one of the marketing tools to gain market share

YANGON, 22 May— With a view to enabling Myanma products penetrate international market more easily, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Department of Export Promotion, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand jointly organized Design and Packaging Course at UMFCCI Office Tower from 18 to 20 May.

The conclusion ceremony was held on 20 May evening. The course was attended by 100 persons, of whom are directors and staff of member companies of the UMFCCI and brother associations.

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***Concluding ceremony of Design and Packaging course in progress at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.*—UMFCCI**

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**

UEC member meets members of Shan State/District Election Subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Member of Union Election Commission U Tha Htay met members of Shan State and Kengtung District Election Sub-commissions at the hall of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Office in Kengtung on 16 May.

Member of UEC U Tha Htay explained facts about the election law, rules and work guidelines issued by the Union Election Commission of the Union of Myanmar.

Members of the Shan State Election Subcommission reported on arrangements for conducting the electoral course and preparations for the election.

The UEC member replied to queries raised by the subcommission members.

***UEC member U Tha Htay meets members of Shan State and Kengtung District Election Subcommissions.*—MNA**

The electoral work courses were conducted for members Township Election Sub-commissions of Kengtung, Mongphyat, Monghsat and Tachilek Districts in Kengtung on 17 and 18 May and in Tachilek on 18 and 19 May.

UEC member U Tha Htay delivered speeches at the courses and provided lectures to them. The courses were attended by 130 members from Kengtung, Mongkhat, Mongyang, Metmung, Mongla, Mongping, Tachilek, Mongphyat, Mongyawng, Monghsat and Mongton Townships.

On 18 May, the UEC member together with the subcommission members and trainees viewed sample polling booth and demonstration of casting at Basic Education High School No. 3 in Kengtung and a similar ceremony at Tachilek BEHS No. 1 on 19 May.

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Prizes awarded in Myanmar Double Strong Sepak Takraw Champion

YANGON, 22 May— The Myanmar Double Strong Sepak Takraw Champion 2010 (Mandalay), jointly organized by Mandalay Division Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Double Strong, took place at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay yesterday.

After the final matches, Managing Director Mr Peter Ong presented the third prize and cash award to Thant Zin Tun (B) team, Mandalay Division Police Force Commander Police Col Aung Naing Thu, the second prize and cash award to ADM (A) team, and Vice-President of Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation U Nyan Tun, the first prize and cash award to Parkay (A) team in the men's double regu novice event.

***Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung presents first prize to Comet (A) team in Myanmar Double Strong Sepak Takraw Champion 2010 (Mandalay).*MNA**

Secretary of Mandalay Division PDC U Ohn Lwin gave the third prize and cash award to Parkay (B) team, Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Nay Win (Rtd), the second prize and cash award to ADM team and Brig-Gen Than Tun Aung of Central Command, the championship trophy and cash award to Comet (A) team in the men's regu open event.

MNA

Russia to resume Bulava missile tests in November

MOSCOW, 22 May— Russia will not resume testing of the Bulava intercontinental missile until November at least, Russian Defence Minister Anatoli Serdyukov said on Friday.

Bulava is being designed as a principal strategic nuclear weapon for deployment on the submarines. The construction of the submarines has already begun.

Still, seven of a total of 12 tests of the Bulava failed. The next testing had been scheduled for June before Serdyukov's Friday announcement.

"The only reason for the failure is the technology of the missiles' assembling. The only problem we see is the quality of works," the minister told the *RIA Novosti* news agency.

Currently, three new missiles are being built, Serdyukov said.

The missiles are identical, which would enable engineers to find a flaw in the assembling process.

Xinhua

Workers work at a construction site of a green agricultural base in Jiegu Town of quake-hit Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 21 May, 2010. The construction of 1923 greenhouses will be completed till 15 June in Yushu to provide sufficient vegetables for local residents. —XINHUA

Eight survive plane crash in south India; 158 dead

A surviving child is taken to a hospital after the plane crash in Mangalore on 22 May, 2010. At least 160 people were confirmed dead in an Air India plane crash in southern India early on Saturday, officials said.—INTERNET

MANGALORE, 22 May— An Air India Express passenger plane from Dubai crashed outside an airport in southern India on Saturday, killing 158 people when it burst into flames after overshooting the runway and plowing into a forest.

There were only eight survivors after the *Boeing 737-800*, with 166 people on board including crew, appeared to have skidded off the runway in rain at Mangalore Airport in Karnataka state, Air India director Anup Srivastava said.

All the passengers were Indian nationals, an Air India official in Dubai said.

Air India Express is the budget arm of the loss making state-run carrier Air India, which has been fending off growing competition from private airlines. First indications are that the crash was an accident, officials say.

Television channels said the plane crashed around 6:30 am (0100 GMT). TV images showed it struck a forested area.

Flames were seen blazing from the wreckage as rescue workers fought to bring the fire under control.

Internet

US missile kills 10 in NW Pakistan

DERA ISMAIL, 22 May— An overnight US missile strike killed two foreign militant suspects and eight Pakistanis near the Afghan border, two intelligence officials said on Saturday.

The attack late Friday targeted the house of a local resident in Boya village near Miran Shah, the main town in North Waziristan.

US drones often hit suspected hide-outs of militants in troubled Pakistani tribal region, which Washington considers a center for the remnants of Taleban, al-Qaeda and Pakistani militants.

Internet

A man stands at the site of a car bombing in Musayyib, about 40 miles (60 kilometres) 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

A resident inspects the site of a bomb attack in Khalis, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, ON 22 May, 2010. A minivan packed with explosives blew up at a crowded market in Iraq's troubled northern Diyala Province on Friday.
INTERNET

Iraqi car bomb toll in Diyala rises to 30

KHALIS, 22 May— The death toll from a car bomb which exploded at a market in Iraq's northern Diyala Province, has risen to 30, officials say.

Friday's blast took place in the mainly Shia town of Khalis, about 80km (50 miles) north of Baghdad.

Earlier this month, a spate of attacks killed more than 100 people.

It was initially said the blast had killed at least 23 people and wounded another 53.

A man who was being treated for leg wounds after the bombing blamed the police.

"Policemen were securing the market like they always do, but... how did that car enter the market?" said Haitham Hussein al-Tamimi.

Two months ago, the same town was hit by a double bombing in which at least 40 people were killed.

Internet

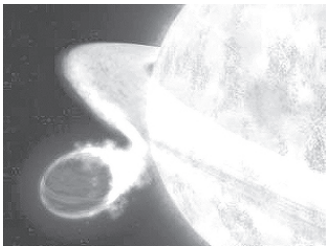
US Patriot missiles arriving in Poland in coming days

WARSAW, 22 May—A battery of US Patriot missiles will arrive in Poland in the next few days, Polish Defence Minister Bogdan Klich announced on Friday. Klich said the Patriots will arrive in Poland on 24 May and will be stationed in Morag in the northern lake District of Masuria, some 60 kilometres from the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad. In February, Poland ratified the so-called SOFA deal on the stationing on its soil of US troops who will crew the surface-to-air Patriot battery. They are also due to train Polish soldiers to use the system.

The Patriots together with about 100 US military personnel will be stationed in Poland under the Obama administration's new missile defence plan, which replaced an earlier strategy foreseeing the installation of a US missile interception system in Poland and the Czech Republic. A Russian foreign ministry spokesman said last month that Russia is concerned about the US "anti-missile activity" in the Polish territory and the planned deployment of the Patriot anti-aircraft missiles there.

Xinhua

Hubble finds a star eating a planet



Artist's concept of the exoplanet WASP-12b.—INTERNET

LONDON, 22 May—The hottest known planet in the Milky Way Galaxy may also be its shortest-lived world. The doomed planet is being eaten by its parent star, according to observations made by a new instrument on NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, the Cosmic Origins Spectrograph (COS). The planet may only have another 10 million years left before it is completely devoured.

The planet, called WASP-12b, is so close to its sunlike star that it is superheated to nearly 2,800 degrees Fahrenheit and stretched into a football shape by enormous tidal forces. The atmosphere has ballooned to nearly three times Jupiter's radius and is spilling material onto the star. The planet is 40 percent more massive than Jupiter.

This effect of matter exchange between two stellar objects is commonly seen in close binary star systems, but this is the first time it has been seen so clearly for a planet.

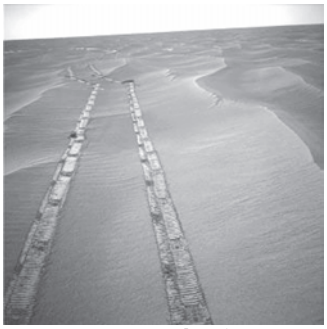
"We see a huge cloud of material around the planet, which is escaping and will be captured by the star. We have identified chemical elements never before seen on planets outside our own solar system," says team leader Carole Haswell of The Open University in Great Britain.—*Internet*

NASA's Mars Rovers set surface longevity record

WASHINGTON, 22 May—NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Project will pass a historic Martian longevity record on 20 May. The Opportunity rover will surpass the duration record set by NASA's Viking 1 Lander of six years and 116 days operating on the surface of Mars. The effects of favourable weather on the red planet could also help the rovers generate more power.

Opportunity's twin rover, Spirit, began working on Mars three weeks before opportunity. However, Spirit has been out of communication since 22 March. If it awakens from hibernation and resumes communication, that rover will attain the Martian surface longevity record.

Spirit's hibernation was anticipated, based on energy forecasts, as the amount of sunshine hitting the robot's solar panels declined during autumn on Mars' southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, mobility problems prevented rover operators from positioning Spirit with a favourable tilt toward the north, as during the first three winters it experienced.



***NASA's Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity used its navigation camera for this northward view of tracks the rover left on a drive from one energy-favourable position on the northern end of a sand ripple to another.*—INTERNET**

Internet

Probing the dark side of the universe: In search of primordial gravitational waves

CHICAGO, 22 May—Advancing into the next frontier in astrophysics and cosmology depends on our ability to detect the presence of a particular type of wave in space, a primordial gravitational wave. Much like ripples moving across a pond, these waves stretch the fabric of space itself as they pass by. If detected, these weak and elusive waves could provide an unprecedented view of the earliest moments of our universe. In an article appearing in the 21 May issue of *Science*, Arizona State University theoretical physicist and cosmologist Lawrence Krauss and researchers from the University of Chicago and Fermi national Laboratory explore the most likely detection method of these waves, with the examination of cosmic microwave radiation (CMB) standing out as the favored method.

During the past century, astronomy has been revolutionized by the use of new methods for observing the universe, but still today the origin of dark energy and dark matter is unknown.

The answer to these and other mysteries may require us to probe back to the earliest moments of the Big Bang expansion. Questions of origins, such as 'how did the Universe begin,' provoke fascination and are at the forefront of ASU's Origins Project, which Krauss directs.

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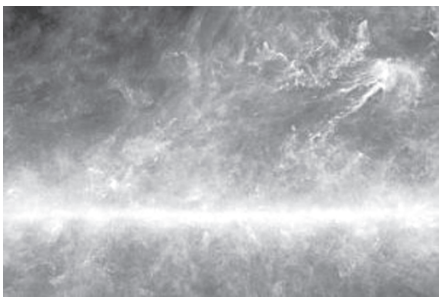

***Though the Planck satellite has yet to return results from the cosmic microwave background, its new results show exquisite images of cold dust in our own galaxy. This image shows the galactic plane — the line running horizontally across the image near the bottom — and the huge clouds of cool dust that rise far above the plane.*—INTERNET**

I am treefrog, feel me shake

WASHINGTON, 22 May—Using experiments involving a mechanical shaker and a robotic frog, researchers reporting online on 20 May in *Current Biology* have found new evidence that male red-eyed treefrogs communicate with one another in aggressive contests by using vibrations they send through their plant perches.

The findings open the door to further study of what has been a neglected channel for vertebrate communication.

"In the case of red-eyed treefrogs, tremulation displays in which the frogs shake their entire bodies convey information about the status and aggressive intent of the signaler," says Michael Caldwell of Boston University.

"They also appear to carry information about the size of the signaler."

Internet

Red eyed tree frog-agalychnis callidryas. Male red-eyed treefrogs communicate with one another in aggressive contests by using vibrations they send through their plant perches.
INTERNET

Science

This artist's concept from an animation depicts Curiosity, the rover to be launched in 2011 by NASA's Mars Science Laboratory, as it is being lowered by the mission's rocket-powered descent stage during a critical moment of the "sky crane" landing in 2012.
INTERNET

Geometry drives selection date for 2011 Mars Launch

WASHINGTON, 22 May—Planners of NASA's next Mars mission have selected a flight schedule that will use favourable positions for two currently orbiting NASA Mars orbiters to obtain maximum information during descent and landing.

Continuing analysis of the geometry and communications options for the arrival at Mars have led planners for the Mars Science Laboratory, or Curiosity, to choose an Earth-to-Mars trajectory that schedules launch between 25 Nov and 18 Dec, 2011. Landing will take place between 6 Aug and 20 Aug, 2012. Due to an Earth-Mars planetary alignment, this launch period actually allows for a Mars arrival in the earlier portion of the landing dates under consideration.

"The key factor was a choice between different strategies for sending communications during the critical moments before and during touchdown," said Michael Watkins, mission manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "The shorter trajectory is optimal for keeping both orbiters in view of Curiosity all the way to touchdown on the surface of Mars. The longer trajectory allows direct communication to Earth all the way to touchdown."

Internet

How to avoid gout-triggering foods

PITTSBURGH, 22 May— Experts at a US health education group advise changing diet to avoid foods that may trigger gout.

Health professionals at the Gout & Uric Acid Education Society invite those suffering from gout — the most common form of arthritis — to consult their updated, simplified dietary guidelines at: www.goutedu-cation.org. "The revised dietary guidelines for gout are easy to incorporate into daily life," nutritionist Madelyn Fernstrom of the University of Pittsburgh said in a statement. "These guidelines comprise a lifetime model for eating — whether or not you have gout." Some of the dietary guidelines recommended for gout management include:

— Avoiding red meat, shellfish and alcohol, especially beer. These foods are high in purine, a chemical that can contribute to elevated uric acid levels associated with the pain of gout. Uric acid is also a marker for diabetes and kidney disease.

— Avoiding soft drinks, fruit juices and prepackaged baked goods with high sugar content. These often include high-fructose corn syrup, which increasingly is being associated with gout.

Internet

Austrian experts warn of obesity among population

VIENNA, 22 May— Austrian medical and social experts warned on Friday that 42 percent of the Austrian population aged 18 to 65 years are overweight, which would cause very tough medical and social problems.

At the round table held by the Chamber for Pharmacists in Vienna, the continually increasing body weight of the Austrians as well as the universality of obesity became the main topics. The figures showed that in the group of 18 to 65 years of age, the proportion of obese patients have even accounted for 11 percent.

Over the past few years, the proportion of obese children has also increased by 7 percent. The experts said that obesity must attract sufficient attention of all social parities.—*Xinhua*

Nepal records 20 diarrhea deaths for water-borne diseases

KATHMANDU, 22 May—Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) under the Nepali Ministry of Health and Population, has so far recorded 20 diarrhea deaths due to water-borne diseases this year.

According to Saturday's *The Himalayan Times* daily, Dr Vishwo Raj Khanal, senior public health officer at EDCD said no outbreak had been recorded as yet. But with continued increase in temperature, scarcity of safe drinking water and lack of proper sanitation, there were some cases of water-borne diseases.

According to EDCD, 20 people out of 441 infected with diarrhea died last month in remote districts of the mid and far-western regions.

Khanal said that they had recorded less number of people suffering from water borne diseases in comparison to the same period last year.

While government records put the death toll between mid-April to mid-October last year at 366, non-governmental organizations recorded 394 deaths for the same period.

EDCD has formed Community Rapid Response Teams in 20 vulnerable districts to respond immediately to any outbreak. The Division has also formed rapid response teams nationwide.

Internet

Workers clean up the beach on Elmers Island, Louisiana. Amid rising anger over a huge oil slick hitting US shores, BP officials on Friday denied botching the month-long clean-up and deliberately hiding the true extent of the spill.
INTERNET

IV treatment may thwart advanced cancers

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 May— New preliminary research suggests that intravenous delivery of a cancer-destroying virus — a form of gene therapy — can destroy tumor cells throughout the body.

Twenty-three patients whose colorectal, skin, ovarian and lung cancers had spread through their bodies received one of five dose levels of IV treatment.

In 75 percent of those who received the highest doses, the treatment reached tumors and stopped cancer growth, the researchers said in a news release. Cancer was also suppressed in some who got lower doses.

The patients reported mild side effects, such as symptoms similar to that of flu.

"This is the first time that we've been able to treat patients intravenously and had proven success in targeting and destroying metastatic cancers in the body with an armed oncolytic virus product," said Dr David H Kirn, president and chief executive officer of Jennerex Biotherapeutics in San Francisco. "This opens up a whole new world of systemic approaches to therapy."—*Internet*

The First Festival of Prams is held in Kiev, Ukraine, on 21 May , 2010.
XINHUA

Heart disease among childhood cancer survivors tied to gene mutations

DUARTE , 22 May — A new study finds that survivors of childhood cancer with certain genetic variations are more likely than other survivors to develop heart disease.

Researchers say the findings could help them personalize treatment for certain children with cancer to prevent the toxic effects of anthracycline chemotherapy upon the heart.

"Although we depend heavily on anthracyclines for treating children with cancer, we are fully aware of their toxic effects to the heart. We also know that some patients — despite being exposed to higher doses — don't develop heart problems, while others with little exposure have considerable cardiac damage," said study senior author Dr Smita Bhatia, professor and chair of the department of population sciences at the City of Hope National Medical Centre in Duarte, Calif, in a news release.

"Our results are a good example of how understanding a cancer patient's genetic makeup can help us better tailor individual therapies," Bhatia said.

Internet

Creativity, schizophrenia share similarities in the brain

STOCKHOLM, 22 May —What do creative people and people diagnosed with schizophrenia have in common? According to new research out of Sweden, both share similar dopamine systems in the brain.

Dopamine, along with serotonin, is a key neurotransmitter - chemicals that are vital to transmitting messages via nerve cells in the brain.

"We have studied the brain and the dopamine D2 receptors, and have shown that the dopamine system of healthy, highly creative people is similar to that found in people with schizophrenia," Fredrik Ullen, associate professor at Karolinska Institute's department of women's and children's health in Stockholm, said in a news release.

Ullen and his team gleaned their finding, which was published online 17 May in *PLoS One*, from work with schizophrenia patients and healthy individuals who were deemed creative after completing psychological testing that focused on problem-solving.

"The study shows that highly creative people who did well on the divergent tests had a lower density of D2 receptors in the thalamus than less-creative people," Ullen said. "Schizophrenics are also known to have low D2 density in this part of the brain, suggesting a cause of the link between mental illness and creativity."

The thalamus region of the brain, the authors noted, is a kind of filter for information before it moves on to the cortex region, which handles understanding and reasoning.—*Internet*

US actress and singer Jennifer Lopez and her husband, singer Marc Anthony pose as they arrive at the amfAR's Cinema Against Aids event in Antibes, southeastern France. Stars and celebs from Russell Crowe to Ornella Mutti raised 5.36 million euros (6.7 million dollars) for the battle against HIV-AIDS.
INTERNET

Health

India, Thai bilateral trade to reach 10 bln US dollars in 2012

BANGKOK, 22 May— India and Thailand are confident to meet a target of their bilateral trade's value of 10 billion US dollars in 2012, Thai Deputy Commerce Minister Alongkorn Polbutr said Friday.

Alongkorn's remark was made after he returned from India, where he paid a two-day official visit during May 18-20, the Thai News Agency (*TNA*) reported.

"The visit has made both the Indian government and private sector understand Thailand's actual situation very well, hence they are still confident in Thailand," he said.

The bilateral trade between Thailand and India in 2009 was totally valued at 4.95 billion US dollars.

For January March period of 2010, the bilateral trade was totally valued at 1.71 billion US dollars, or 80.46 percent year- on-year higher.

Xinhua

This photo taken in 2009 shows a Singapore Airlines Airbus A380 making its final approach at Hong Kong's international airport. Singapore Airlines (SIA) said Friday its fourth quarter net profit soared more than six-fold as the global economic rebound boosted travel and cargo demand.— INTERNET

Business

Visitors view exhibits on an auto expo held in Wuhan International Exhibition Centre in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 21 May, 2010.
XINHUA

Greece, Libya seek closer cooperation in energy, tourism

ATHENS, 22 May— Prime Minister George Papandreou met with his Libyan counterpart Al-Baghdadi Ali Al-Mahmudi on Friday, seeking closer economic cooperation.

"New ways to boost bilateral ties opened today,"Papandreou said after his meeting with Al-Mahmudi.

The Libyan premier invited Papandreou to visit Tripoli soon to sign development agreements.

During their meeting, the two leaders discussed prospects for additional cooperation in renewable energy sources, natural gas, constructions, sea transportation, and tourism.

Stressing Libya's "significant role in the Mediterranean Sea as a gate to Africa and the Arabic world," Papandreou referred to traditional friendly ties between the two countries and thanked Al-Mahmudi for Libya's will to strengthen cooperation with Greece.

The Libyan premier said his country is currently going through a major development phase and suggested setting up an economic trade zone between the two countries.—*Xinhua*

Ford recalls 170,000 cars in Argentina, Brazil for ignition problem

BUENOS AIRES, 22 May—The US Ford Motor Company has recalled more than 170,000 cars of model "Ka" in Argentina and Brazil for a problem in the electrical ignition device, which can cause a fire, the company said Friday.The company said in a statement to the two countries that the cars produced between 27 Nov 2007 and 31 Jan 2010 with certain serial numbers will be examined.

The problem could cause "ineffectiveness of security tools in the car. In an extreme case it could produce a short-circuit and a fire in the engine," the company said.

Some 155,000 cars of this model have been sold in Brazil, according to Brazil's National Federation of Motor Vehicles Distribution. And at least 14,369 were sold in Argentina between 2008 and 2009, according to the country's Automotive Distributors Association.

Xinhua

Toyota gets Tesla stake, Tesla gets Toyota factory

The Tesla Motors Model S hybrid car is seen plugged in to an electric outlet at the 2010 North American International Auto Show during press day in Detroit, Michigan, on 12 January , 2010.
INTERNET

PALO ALTO, 22 May —Toyota Motor Corp said it would take a $50 million stake in US electric carmaker Tesla Motors, a move that gives the Japanese automaker a chance to repair its dented public image and vaults the California start-up on to the world stage.

The two companies said on Thursday they would cooperate on the development of electric vehicles, parts and production system. Separately, Tesla will take over a plant Toyota closed in the San Francisco area and build its upcoming all-electric Model S sedan at the site from 2012.

The David-and-Goliath handshake highlights a changing dynamic in the auto industry, where newcomers such as Tesla and BYD Co of China are challenging established players in the uncharted field of mass-produced all-electric vehicles.

At a joint news conference in California, Tesla Chief Executive Elon Musk described the investment as a "gesture of support" from Toyota Chief Executive Akio Toyoda, who approached him in a whirlwind corporate romance that included dinner at Musk's house and a test ride around Los Angeles in Tesla's pricey electric Roadster sport car over the last month.

Internet

Chrysler adds 1,100 jobs at Detroit Jeep plant

DETROIT, 22 May— Chrysler Group LLC gave a big boost to the battered Michigan economy on Friday when it announced plans to add about 1,100 workers to help build the new Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The company made the announcement at a Detroit factory as it celebrated the start of Grand Cherokee production. Chrysler said it expects strong sales of the new sport utility vehicle, which is due in showrooms next month.

Almost all the workers will be new hires, which Chrysler can pay about $14 per hour, about half the hourly rate received by current workers represented by the United Auto Workers union. The workers will staff a second shift at the factory, called the Jefferson North Assembly Plant, starting on 19 July.

Internet

Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne drives the automaker's new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee during a ceremony in Detroit, on 21 May, 2010.
INTERNET

Turkey warns of spreading piracy threat along African coasts

ISTANBUL, 22 May— Turkish Foreign Ministry on Friday warmed in a statement of spreading piracy threat along the African coasts.

The statement was made by Foreign Ministry spokesman Burak Ozugergin to the press at the preparatory meeting of the International Conference on Somalia in Istanbul.

He said that piracy in Somalia should be stopped before it spread to other African coasts.

Up to now, he added, five Turkish ships have been taken hostage by Somali pirates, and one of them was still in the hand of pirates.

"We think that piracy should be prevented from spreading to other African coasts. We also contribute to this goal with active efforts. Turkey has contributed to the operations waged under UN and NATO," said Ozugergin.

Turkey has sent six frigates to Somalia since February 2009 to serve international anti-piracy mission in the Gulf of Aden.

Turkish navy ships captured seven pirates and fended off many pirate attacks since then.

According to semi-official *Anatolia* news agency, Turkish President Abdullah Gul met his Somali counterpart in Istanbul on Friday.

Xinhua

The girl on the right shows the words "We love Chinese language" written in Chinese during the Ukraine leg of the third "Chinese Bridge" world middle school students Chinese language competition in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on 21 May, 2010.

XINHUA

Hundreds flock to Nigeria in search of food

A man weights potatoes on a market in Niamey in April 2010. Hundreds of Niger nationals, mostly women and children, have flooded into neighbouring Nigeria in search of food, officials and residents said on Friday.—INTERNET

KANO, 22 May— Hundreds of Niger nationals, mostly women and children, have flooded into neighbouring Nigeria in search of food, officials and residents said on Friday.

"We are aware of the recent influx of people from Niger into some parts of (southern) Katsina State," Sani Makana, the state agriculture commissioner told *AFP* by phone from the state capital Katsina.

The number of Niger nationals in northern Katsina state, which shares a land border with Nigeria, has soared in the past two months, residents said. Makana said some were so desperate they had been forced to beg door-to-door.

"It is a pathetic sight. They just have nothing to live on and have to beg to eat," said Katsina resident, Abubakar Shehu.

"When you ask them why they came here they tell you that they were starving in Niger... and would die if they stayed," Shehu said.

According to the United Nations around 7.8 million Nigeriens are in need of food, out of the around 10 million affected by a crisis in the Sahel region.—*Internet*

Bangladesh, Russia sign 5-year agreement on nuclear cooperation

DHAKA, 22 May— Bangladesh and Russia on Friday signed in Moscow a 5-year Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of the Use of Nuclear Energy for Peaceful Purposes.

State Minister for Science and ICT Yeafesh Osman signed the deal on behalf of the Bangladeshi government, making ways for nuclear power plants and meet the growing power demand in Bangladesh, a message of the Bangladeshi Foreign Ministry said.

Bangladesh requested the Russian authorities to assist in establishing two nuclear reactors with the capacity of 1000 MW each.

A high-level delegation from Russia will visit Bangladesh soon to take forward next steps in implementing the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant Project in Bangladesh's northern District of Pabna, about 170 km from capital Dhaka.

As per the framework agreement, the future cooperation between the two countries would include design, construction and operation of nuclear power and research reactors, nuclear fuel supply, taking back the spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste management and personnel training and capacity building for operation and maintenance of the plants.

The agreement was signed for a five-year term with possible tacit extension every five years.

Internet

Atlantis astronaut complete final spacewalk

WASHINGTON, 22 May— Two US astronauts completed their final spacewalk Friday at the *International Space Station*, replacing batteries before heading home.

Garrett Reisman and Michael Good reentered the orbiting station's decompression chamber at 1:13 pm (1713 GMT) after the Atlantis crew's third spacewalk in five days. Their sortie lasted six hours and 46 minutes.

The pair plugged a new ammonia jumper cable into the orbiting space station's huge framework and installed two new batteries that store energy collected by the station's large solar panels.

Each battery weighs 375 pounds (170 kilograms) and measures about the size of a three-foot (one-metre) box. Good and another fellow astronaut swapped out another four batteries during another spacewalk on Batteries usually last five to six years but the ones that were replaced had functioned for nine years. The old batteries will be brought back to Earth aboard Atlantis.

Internet

This NASA TV image shows US astronauts as they take their final spacewalk at the International Space Station on Friday to complete battery replacement work (centre) and various other tasks before heading home. Garrett Reisman and Michael Good set out at 6:27 am (1027 GMT) for the Atlantis crew's third spacewalk in five days.—INTERNET

Continental Airlines fine sought on concorde crash

Flames come out of the Air France Concorde seconds before it crashed in Gonesse near Paris Roissy airport, on 25 July, 2000.—INTERNET

PARIS, 22 May— Prosecutors said on Friday that Continental Airlines should be fined 175,000 euros ($218,800) for manslaughter over its role in the 2000 crash of an Air France Concorde plane which killed 113 people.

The Concorde, carrying mostly German tourists, caught fire as it roared out of Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport on 25 July, 2000 and crashed just minutes later into a nearby hotel.

Investigators believe a Continental DC10 triggered the disaster when a small metal strip fell from it onto the runway. This punctured the Concorde's tyres during take off, spraying debris into the underwing fuel tanks and sparking the fire.

Prosecutors added they were seeking a two-year suspended prison sentence for Henri Perrier, an 80-year-old former Concorde director who headed the plane's testing programme.

Perrier, who was involved in the first Concorde flight in 1969, and American airline Continental have denied any wrongdoing. Continental has questioned the safety record of the aging Concorde model as part of its defence.—*Internet*

Financial Skills Refresher Course concludes

Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Dr Win Myint speaking at concluding ceremony of Financial Skills Refresher Course No. 1/2010.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Dr Win Myint delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of Financial Skills Refresher Course No. 1/2010 at the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, here, yesterday morning.

Managing Director U Aung Than Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise presented certificates for the trainees to the trainee leader. The deputy minister awarded the outstanding trainees.

The course was attended by 56 trainees.—*MNA*

LENOVO 2010 IT Exhibition on 26 May

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Technology lovers can discover latest techonlogy at Lenovo 2010 IT Exhibition to be held at Strand Hotel on Seikkantha Street in Yangon on 26 May.

Veriface Face Recognition Technology, Bio Excess, APS (Active Protection System), USB port locker system, one key recovery system and security techonlogies will be present at the exhibition which will be held only for a day.

Lenovo notebooks, deskstops and accessories will be sold at discount and with lucky draw coupons. For detail, contact KMD Sales Centre, No. 170-184, Pansodan Street (Middle), Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Ph: 245180, 384109 and 381129.—*MNA*

Myanmar journalists leave for India on study tour

YANGON, 22 May —Under the study tour programme of ASEAN journalist delegations, two Myanmar journalists U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sathmu Tekkatho) and U Myo Thant (Myo Myat Thu) left this morning for New Delhi, India, via Bangkok of Thailand at the invitation of the Indian Government.

During their stay in India, the journalists will meet officials of the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Industry and Indian Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and pay study visits to the film city in Mumbai and international IT companies in Bangalore, New Delhi-based TV station and daily presses.

The ASEAN journalist delegation also comprises 11 journalists from Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia.—*MNA*

***Journalists U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) and U Myo Thant (Myo Myat Thu) seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for New Delhi of India at the invitation of Indian Government under study tour programme of ASEAN journalists on 22 May.*—MNA**

A shot in the arm for …

(from page 1)

Yeboke Creek and Kasaing Creek near Htilon Village and is nearly completion.

The main embankment is 17,720 feet long (over 3 miles) and 46 feet high that it can be seen from a distance. The saddle dyke is 4,960 feet in length and 34 feet in height. The earthworks has completed by 98 per cent and laying of stones by either side of the dam still needs 730 per cent to be completed.

According to an official of Construction Group-6 of Irrigation Department, Hlaingbwe Township is rainy and its annual rainfall is 180 inches on average: that Yeboke Dam will benefit 5,452 acres of farmlands; that the dam will prevent farms in wet-land from being flooded; that Hlaingbwe farmers will be able to cultivate 3,000 acres of summer paddy, 280 acres of beans and pulses and 720 acres of edible oil crops in addition to 4,000 acres of monsoon paddy when the dam is in service.

A civil engineer at the construction site said that the dam, conduit and spillway are almost complete now and that tunnels are being dug to irrigate 1,000 acres of farmlands between the dam and Hpaan-Hlaingbwe motorway in 2010 summer paddy cultivation season as the dam will start storing water in coming rainy season.

The earth type dam with maximum water storage capacity of 36,000 acre-feet has 57,000 acre-feet annual average water inflow. The RC type spillway is 275 feet in length and 40 feet in width and construction of 129-foot conduit has 90 per cent completed. The dam is scheduled to be completed in 2010-2011.

The dam is believed to contribute to Hlaingbwe Township to practise double and mixed-cropping patterns and is can be seen as a shot in the arm for farmers of Hlaingbwe Township.

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Translation: TKK

Myanma Alin: 22-5-2010

Heavy machinery in operation at the work site of main canal.

Photo shows progress in construction of RC type spillway.

Crown Education to organize Education Road Show

YANGON, 22 May—Crown Education, Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS) and PSB Academy will jointly organize the Education Road Show at Parkroyal Hotel from 1 pm to 3 pm on 29 May, at Mya Sabei Hotel in Taunggyi from 10 am to 2 pm on 31 May and Mandalay Swan Hotel in Mandalay from 4 pm on 7 pm on 2 June.

Country Managers from PSB Academy and MIDS will share their experiences.

The enthusiasts may know information about universities from London, Australia and the USA, NUS and NTU of Singapore and local English schools, engineering training centres and computer training centres.

Nelson English Language School, Ocean Gate Training Center and City & Gullds and Gusto will participate in the Education Road Show.

For further information, contact Crown Education at Summit Parkview Hotel, Room 228-229, Tel: 211888 (Extension 228-229), 216750 and mobile: 095085185.—*MNA*

About transfer of technology at UMFCCI on 26 May

YANGON, 22 May—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize its monthly talk at 2 pm on 26 May at UMFCCI Tower in Lanmadaw Township, here.

Project Manager Dr Jose Luis Herce-Vigil of WIPO, Singapore Office will give talks on transfer of technology and creation of SMEs in developed and developing countries. Chairmen, executives, and members of the UMFCCI and brother associations and anyone interested may attend the talk.

MNA

Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association holds AGM

***Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department speaking at 6th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association.*—MNA**

YANGON, 22 May—Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association held the 6th annual general meeting at Chatrium Hotel in Tamway Township this morning.

Chairman of MIFFA U Aung Khin Myint extended greetings. Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department of the Ministry of Transport made a speech. Secretary Daw Thit Htet read the annual report of executive committee and financial report.

The list of 16-member executive committee including Chairman U Aung Khin Myint and Secretary Daw Thit Thit Htet was announced.

Later, the chairman gave concluding remarks.

MNA

Let's seek best friends…

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With regard to the book borrowing card system for the villagers, Secretary of the library U Thein Zaw said, "The committee fixed library fees K 100 per member. It is reasonable fee. The members may borrow books and take them to their homes. Those wishing to take out borrower's cards have to pay K 200 per card to be able to borrow 10 books. The borrower's card system is beneficial to the readers who have the opportunity to read the books not only at the library but at home."

Daw Tin Mya Lwin, Staff Officer of NyaungU District IPRD.

Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin said, "The library subscribes a daily newspaper. As the airplane carrying newspapers arrives in NyaungU every day, the newspapers are delivered to the library daily."

Next, I requested the District Staff Officer of IPRD for visiting one more library. I have an opportunity to visit Soe San Library opened at a house of wellwisher located beside NyaungU-Chauk Road in Bagan Myothit.

District IPRD Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin, Deputy Head of District IPRD Daw May Thet Nwe, Librarian U Zaw Win Cho and I held discussions on libraries of the district.

Soe San Library in Bagan Myothit of NyaungU District.

Lunge Ahman Library in Anaukohn Village of NyaungU Township.

University Student Ma Aye Chan May.

Librarian U Zaw Win Cho said, "Major Maung Latt (Retd) of PyinOoLwin handed over his house to the library committee for opening the library. About 50 readers visited it daily. Most of them are students."

When I asked about the number of libraries in NyaungU District, Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin explained, "A total of 186 self-reliant libraries have been opened in NyaungU District. Indeed, the libraries were opened with the collaboration of the rural people."

"Most of the libraries subscribe the daily newspapers. The libraries are in operation in line with the five-point standards of IPRD. Our staff in groups make field trips on inspection of the libraries for their durability and for meeting the five-point standards," said Deputy Head of District IPRD Daw May Thet Nwe.

In Myanmar tradition, there is a saying that goes: "Books are best friends." Everybody can meet best their friends at the libraries.

The rural people have many best friends at the libraries. That is why I would like to urge all the people to seek the best friends at the libraries.

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Brazil prolongs vaccination against A/H1N1 flu

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 May—Brazil's Health Ministry announced on Friday its decision to prolong the national campaign of vaccination against the A/H1N1 flu until 2 June.

The campaign, which started in early March, was due to end this Friday.

The ministry also decided to extend the vaccination to children aged two to five years old. Initially, the campaign targetted only children aged six months to two years old, adults aged 20 to 39, elders, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions such as diabetes or heart diseases.

In order to include the children aged two to five in the campaign, the Brazilian government will need 10.8 million extra doses of the flu vaccine. The children will take the vaccine in two turns, with a gap of three weeks between the doses.

Health Minister Jose Gomes Temporao also made a balance of the campaign so far. According to him, since March over 61 million Brazilians have been vaccinated against H1N1 flu.

That represents about 70 percent of the campaign's goal. Among pregnant wom-en, 68 percent were vaccinated, much lower than the 80 percent expected by the Ministry. Among adults aged 20 to 29, 77 percent were vaccinated, and among those aged 30 to 39, only 37 percent were immunized against the H1N1 flu.—*Xinhua*

Fans of Judo attend the opening ceremony for the Judo Grand Slam held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 21 May , 2010. —XINHUA

Russia to install explosive detectors in metro

MOSCOW, 22 May—Russia is to install explosives detectors in the country's major metros as a part of security measures, the Emergencies Minister said on Friday. The move follows the deadly blasts in Moscow metro in March, which claimed more than 40 lives and injured about a hundred. The twin blasts have sparked a national outcry as they proved insecurity of Moscow residents.

The new measures are believed to protect the citizens from possible terrorist attacks, and scientists and security services are developing new explosive detectors as the old ones allegedly do not detect all the explosive compounds, the minister Sergei Shoigu told a news conference.—*Internet*

Dancers Adam Chmielniak (L) and Milana Burchardt attend the press conference for the National Pavilion Day of Poland at the 2010 World Expo in Shanghai, east China, on 21 May, 2010. The worldwide premiere of a Chopin's music-inspires dance show "Let's Dance Chopin", with Janusz Stoklosa as composer and Maria Stoklosa as choreographer, will be held during the ceremony for the National Pavilion Day of Poland at the Expo on 22 May.
XINHUA

Plane crash kills two in southeastern Venezuela

CARACAS, 22 May—Two people were killed when a light plane crashed on Friday in the Aro River area in Guayana city of Venezuela's Bolivar state, some 700 kilometers southeast of the national capital Caracas.

The *Cesna 182* light plane belongs to the Pilotage aerial school, and it crashed around 1:30 pm local time after hitting an electrical cable, the state-run TV channel Venezolana de Television (VTV) said. The report said firemen and aviation experts went to the scene for investigation.

The victims included an aviation trainee and his guide.—*Internet*

Vehicles move in a flooded street in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 21 May , 2010. A torrential rainfall hit Changsha Friday. —XINHUA

Arab League to attend international summit on Haiti

CAIRO, 22 May—The Arab League will attend an international summit in Dominican Republic in June, on the future of Haiti after a strong earthquake hit the country in January.

Ibrahim Mohieddin, Chief of Two Americas Department under the Arab League told reporters in the AL headquarters in Cairo on Thursday that he will attend the summit on behalf of AL chief Amr Moussa.

The summit, with the theme "Solidarity Beyond the Crisis," is scheduled to be held in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic on 2 June, Mohieddin said, adding that the summit will be organized by Dominican Republic in cooperation with the Haitian government and the European Union.

Arab countries' aid for Haiti has reached 100 millions US dollars, Mohieddin said, stressing that the summit is very important to Arab countries because it shows that the Arab world doesn't separate from the international community in the frame of crisis.

The participation of the Arab League represents the presence of Arab countries and reflects the positive role of AL in supporting Haiti, the AL official said.

Xinhua

Women talk while walking at Khumjung village, a Sherpa village in Nepal, on 18 May, 2010.
XINHUA

Floods cause heavy damage in Czech Republic

PRAGUE, 22 May—Floods in the Czech Republic this week had caused damage estimated at one billion korunas (48 million US dollars), Czech TV reported on Friday.

According to the Firefighters' Corps General Directorate, the floods, triggered by days of torrential rain, drowned an elderly woman and injured 11 people. Around 1,200 people have been evacuated from their homes and more than 2,100 buildings have been flooded.

The Chamber of Agriculture reported that at least 120 square kilometres of farmland were inundated with crops destroyed.

These numbers are expected to grow. Water levels in affected rivers are receding but danger remains around the lower reaches of the Morava River. Landslides were reported in 20 places, mainly in northern Moravia.

Thanks to the anti-flood measures taken since a similar calamity 13 years ago, damage is much less this time.

But these measures could not be put into effect in all endangered areas. Politicians now demand a new law that would allow for expropriation of land in such cases. Poland, Slovakia and Hungary have also been hit badly by the floods.

Xinhua

Homecoming for Tanzania rhino species kept alive in S Africa

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK, 22 May—A group of Tanzanian rhinos, extinct in their natural habitat, was airlifted home on Friday from South Africa where some of the species were taken two decades ago.

The Tanzanian government asked South Africa to return some of the black rhinos, of the east African Diceros bicornis michaeli species, after they went extinct in their original home range, South Africa's government news agency said.

South Africa had imported five of the michaeli rhinos more than 20 years ago, *BuaNews agency* said. While the species is not native to South Africa, the rhinos thrived there, multiplying to 61.

"I thank very profoundly all those who have supported Tanzania's wildlife conservation efforts over the many years," Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete said when the five rhinos arrived at an airstrip in Serengeti National Park.

"This event is a stark reminder of what went wrong in the past and a lesson about what needs to be done to prevent it from happening again.

Internet

A Black Rhino is seen at a Rhino conservation programme in Nanyuki, approximately 300 kilometres north of Nairobi on March 2010. A group of Tanzanian rhinos, now extinct in their natural habitat, was airlifted home Friday more than two decades after some of the species were brought to South Africa, officials said.

INTERNET

Jakarta to totally ban smoking in public building

JAKARTA, 22 May—Jakarta, the capital of Indonesia will totally forbid smoking in all public building, a media said here on Saturday. Jakarta Governor Fauzi Bowo was quoted by the *Jakarta globe* as saying that the rules on that would soon be finalized.

Should the ban is treated seriously, unlike earlier attempts to restrict smoking in public areas, Jakarta could finally join the growing list of major cities around the world that have virtually eliminated smoking inside bars, restaurants, offices and shopping malls.

As an interim measure, Fauzi on Friday issued a decree to revise a widely ignored 2005 bylaw on smoke-free areas that mandated the creation of smoking rooms in public buildings.

Xinhua

Backyard gardens become source of income

LOS ANGELES, 22 May— Los Angeles, which has a growing number of people selling home-grown fruit and vegetables, is halting enforcement of an ordinance against the practice.

The Los Angeles City Council said it is suspending enforcement of a 1946 ordinance and weighing a new measure, the Food and Flowers Freedom Act, which would allow for the growing of "berries, flowers, fruits, greens, herbs, ornamental plants, mushrooms, nuts, seedlings or vegetables for use on-site or sale or distribution off-site," the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Friday.

Internet

Malaysia to hold World Engineering, Science and Technology Congress

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 May— About 1,400 scientists and engineers all over the world will attend World Engineering, Science and Technology Congress 2010 (ECTCON) to be held here on 15 to 17 June.

The congress, with the support from Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, will have the theme "Towards Sustainability: Bridging Engineering, Technology and Humanities".

Zainal Abidin, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, said that the congress stresses on the bridging of all communities of experts of research and innovation in sustaining knowledge for the betterment of humanity, he told reporters during a press conference at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on Friday.

He added, the ESTCON will include 20 parallel sessions with more than 1,400 research papers to be tabled in this three-day congress.

Xinhua

One of world's rarest stamps to be auctioned

A David Feldman employee shows what is believed to be the world's most expensive stamp, the Swedish 'Treskilling Yellow - Error of Colour', at David Feldman Philatelists auctioneers in Geneva, Switzerland, on 20 May, 2010.

One of world's rarest stamps is going up for auction this weekend and could fetch a record-breaking price, the head of a Geneva auction house said.

The Swedish "Treskilling Yellow" is believed to be the only surviving misprint of an 1855 three shilling stamp that was supposed to be green. It has fabled status among collectors and is considered one of the world's most valuable objects pound for pound.

"I'm hoping it will be a new record," auctioneer David Feldman said on Friday. He oversaw its last official sale in 1996 for 2.875 million Swiss francs (then about US$2.3 million).

Saturday's auction will involve several undisclosed telephone bidders whose credentials have been checked, Feldman told *The Associated Press*.

All who take part have been sworn to secrecy, but the buyer will have the right to decide whether his name and the purchase price can be revealed after the sale, said Feldman.

The Treskilling Yellow is "one of about a half dozen highly notorious stamps in the world," according to noted US stamp expert Robert Odenweller.

The 1856 "British Guiana 1 cent Magenta" is the best-known of all unique stamps, but has been locked away in a vault since 1980 when it was bought for nearly US$1 million by John du Pont.

13-year-old American boy becomes youngest to top Mount Everest

A 13-year-old American boy became the youngest climber to reach the top of Mount Everest on Saturday, breaking the former record as part of his quest to climb the highest peaks on all seven continents.

A spokesman for Jordan Romero says the boy's team called him by satellite phone from the summit of the world's highest mountain, 29,035 feet (8,850 metres) above sea level.

"Their dreams have now come true. Everyone sounded unbelievably happy," a new statement on Jordan's blog said on Saturday morning.

Jordan Romero (R) poses with his father and stepmother at a hotel in Kathmandu in this on 10 April, 2010 file photo. The 13-year-old American boy became the youngest climber to successfully scale the 8,850 metres (29,035 feet) Everest summit on 22 May according to his website.

News Album

Crows go for a smoke break

Do you believe crows to be smokers? A British couple was lucky enough to see the scene of crows smoking. Tony and Judie Ellis were on their Maldives trip when they saw several crows landing on a roof and sharing cigarettes.

One crow landed on the roof with a pack of smokes, and soon three others joined him for a smoke break. One of the crows was hanging out cigarettes to the other birds! "We have been to the Maldives four times before but never seen any sort of crow behavior like that. I was lucky to be able to record this on my camera," Judy said.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1030)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1030) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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.

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Woman, 31, gives birth to first sextuplets in England for 25 years

LONDON, 22 May — A mother has defied huge odds by giving birth to the first sextuplets in England for nearly quarter of a century. Surrounded by a team of doctors and nurses, Vicky Lamb, 31, gave birth to four girls and two boys, 14 weeks early. The tiniest of the babies, born last Friday at 11.05 pm, weighed under 1lb 5 ounces and the biggest just 1lb and 15 ounces.

***Brood: Janet and Graham Walton with their six daughters in 1983. They were the world's first surviving all-female sextuplets.*— INTERNET**

Last night the precious new arrivals were under the care of experts in the neonatal intensive care unit of Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital. Live births of such a high number of babies are incredibly rare and sextuplets is estimated to occur in just one in every 4.5million pregnancies. The next few days and weeks are said to be 'critical' for the siblings, who are dependent on a vast array of medical equipment and the devotion of experts for their survival.

Internet

Yoga for cancer patients provides benefits of sleep, vitality

NEW YORK, 22 May— Touch toes. Downward dog. Breathe. It's a yoga routine that cancer doctors have prescribed for years without evidence it would do much good. Now the biggest ever scientific study of yoga finds their instincts were right.

While yoga doesn't cure the disease, its stretching and breathing exercises did improve sleep, reduce dependence on sedatives and help cancer patients resume the routine activities of everyday life, according to a 410-participant study being highlighted at the American Society of Clinical Oncology's annual meeting in Chicago next month.—*Internet*

Older patients can skip breast radiation

BOSTON, 22 May— They said the finding, to be presented next month to a meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, may save many women and their doctors a lot of trouble, not to mention the costs of radiation. "This study confirms that for older women with early stage breast cancer, lumpectomy without radiation is a viable alternative, and tamoxifen may replace the need for radiation," said Dr Kevin Hughes of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, who led the study.

***Older women with early stage breast cancer can safely skip radiation therapy and go straight to taking pills that help keep tumors from coming back, researchers reported on Thursday.*— INTERNET**

Hughes and colleagues now have 12 years of data on 636 women aged 70 or older who had stage I breast cancer, the easy-to-cure type that has not spread and that is so-called estrogen receptor-positive. The women had the tumors removed in an operation called a lumpectomy. Half got radiation treatment and then took five years of tamoxifen, a pill that has been shown to cut in half the risk that breast cancer will return.

The other half went straight to tamoxifen. Twelve years later, 12 women who got radiation had died from their breast cancer, compared to eight who got tamoxifen only, Hughes told reporters in a telephone briefing. Many of the women died, but more than 95 percent died from something other than breast cancer.

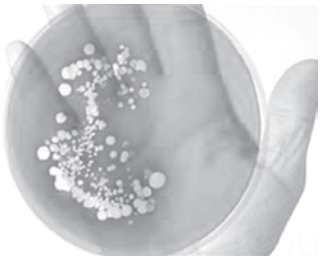
Internet

Genetics of body germs revealed

NEW YORK, 22 May — The entire DNA sequences of 178 microbes that live in, or on, the human body have been decoded. Researchers want to understand how the vast array of bugs that share our skin, mouth, stomach and chest can cause disease. A US consortium aims to crack the genomes of 900 bacteria and viruses.

The initial findings, reported in *Science*, will be used as a "reference library" to help put new sequences into context as they are unravelled. The typical person is home to millions of microbes — the human gut alone is thought to contain at least 100 times more microbial genes than human ones.

Many flora on the human body have never been grown in the lab or identified. Some are essential to us — playing a role in digesting food and developing the immune system. And, while people are very similar to one another genetically, the colonies of microbes we host appear to differ from one person to the next.—*Internet*



***Our hands alone carry hundreds of microbes.*—INTERNET**

Doctors remove half of infant's brain to relieve seizures

OMAHA, 22 May—A baby boy, suffering from a rare brain disorder that left him having up to 200 seizures a day, is recovering after doctors removed part of his brain, WOWT-TV in Omaha, Neb, reported. When little Aaron McDonald and his twin brother, Conor, were born in March — their parents couldn't have been happier. But that joy soon turned into fear when doctors discovered Aaron had Ohtahara syndrome, which is a neurological disorder characterized by seizures.

It affects newborns, usually within the first three months of life in the form of epileptic seizures, the National Institutes of Health said on its Web site. "You go from being so excited that you have two sons born, and then you go to that drop-off-a-cliff feeling of horrible sadness when you find out what's wrong," Aaron's dad, Dan McDonald, said. Because the seizures were so severe, doctors were left with no other choice but to operate. On 17th May, Aaron underwent a 12-hour surgery at Children's Hospital in St Paul, Minn.

"Now they don't take out the entire brain, but they do remove part of it, and they disconnect the other parts," McDonald said. "And then if the right side is not specialized yet, it's able to partially or fully pick up functions."

Internet

'Unintended' statin side-effect risks uncovered

LONDON, 22 May— GPs should think more carefully about prescribing cholesterol-busting drugs say researchers who highlighted a range of "unintended" side effects. Some doses and types of statins are linked with a greater risk of adverse effects, including liver problems and kidney failure, the UK research showed.

***Statins lower cholestero*—INTERNET**

Doctors will have access to a computer programme based on the findings to help spot those most at risk. Millions of UK adults take the drugs to reduce heart attack and stroke risk. The researchers, from the University of Nottingham, stressed that for many people the benefits of statins outweighed any adverse effects, but the findings would help weigh up the pros and cons in each patient.

There are plans to prescribe statins on the NHS in around one in four adults aged over 40.

The Department of Health had predicted prescriptions for the drugs would rise by 30% a year, as GPs find more and more people eligible. At the moment, anyone judged to have a one in five or greater risk of developing cardiovascular disease over 10 years is advised to take a statin. But there has been much debate over side effects and the latest research set out to confirm where the problems may lie in a "real life" population. —*Internet*

Putin says Russian economic situation visibly better

MOSCOW, 22 May—The economic situation in Russia became visibly better in comparison with the last year, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin told the interstate council of the Euro-Asian economic union, the *RBC news agency* reported on Friday.

Putin expected that Russia's budget deficit in 2010 would be 5.5 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). This is less than the previous forecast of 6.8per cent. Oil prices are rising faster and they are "quite comfortable" for the economy, while the volume of mortgage loans was twice that of last year, Putin said during the council's meeting in St. Petersburg.

He also noted that Russian banks had no problem with the liquidity and the government expected the vuoume of bank loans to rise by five to the percent in 2010. The Prime Minister pointed out that the interest charged by the banks decreased to 11-14 per cent. He did not exclude that the federal budget deficit would drop below the 3-percent level for 2012.

Putin also mentioned that the national car market had been recovering thanks to the government subsidies and utilization programme. However, he stressed, the main engine of that growth was the rise of social well-being of the citizens who are "ready to buy the goods of the long use again."

MNA/Reuters

Commuters travel through a flooded street during heavy rains in the southern Indian city of Vishakhapatnam on 20 May, 2010.
INTERNET

File photo shows customers looking at Sony TVs in a shop in Tokyo. "Google TV," developed in partnership with technology titans Sony, Intel and Logitech, fuses the freedom of the Internet with television programming.
INTERNET

City plans saggy pants ban ordinance

HORN LAKE, 22 May— Officials in a Tennessee town said they are working on a new ordinance to ban locals from wearing their pants low enough to reveal underwear or bare backsides.

Horn Lake Mayor Nat Baker and members of the board of aldermen said they have seen recent increases in men wearing their pants in the saggy fashion, leading them to seek a ban in the form of an ordinance, The (Memphis) Commercial Appeal reported on Thursday.

"There have been ordinances like this upheld across the country, and in talking with the city attorney, I think we can draw up something that can be upheld in court," Baker said.

"They need to pull their pants back up to where they should be," Baker said. "It's getting out of hand."

Officials did not reveal possible penalties for violations of the ban.

Internet

Earth's oceans are becoming warmer

PASADENA, 22 May— A NASA-led study has determined the upper layer of Earth's global ocean has warmed since 1993, indicating a strong climate change signal.

The international study, co-authored by Josh Willis of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, determined the energy currently stored in the ocean is enough to power nearly 500 100-watt light bulbs for each of the roughly 6.7 billion people on the planet.

"We are seeing the global ocean store more heat than it gives off," said John Lyman, an oceanographer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research. Lyman led the study that analyzed nine different estimates of heat content in the upper ocean from 1993 to 2008.—*Internet*

File photo shows commercial fishermen and other mariners join together to send an urgent message to save the oceans from ocean acidification caused by fossil fuel emissions in Homer, Alaska. Over a hundred boats and hundreds of members of the fishing community participated in the event.
INTERNET

Foreign investment boosts stock market liquidity of Vietnam

HANOI, 22 May— Experts said here on Friday that foreign portfolio investment helped boost the liquidity of Vietnam 's stock market.

The remarks were made at a seminar under the theme of "Foreign investment in Vietnam in the post-crisis era", organized by the Vietnam Association of Foreign Invested Enterprises (VAFIE) and Vietnam Association of Securities Business (VASB).

Foreign portfolio capital creates the demand power and promotes the equalization of state-owned companies and the issue of government bonds and companies' bonds, said experts.

The active participation of foreign investors helps the Vietnamese stock market become more attractive, they said.

Le Van Chau, VASB Chairman, said Vietnam lacks proper policies to attract the foreign portfolio capital flows. The country's financial market is not developed and presents many risks.—*Xinhua*

24 students hurt in school bus accident in New York

NEW YORK, 22 May—Twenty-four students were hospitalized on Friday following a school bus accident on the upper east side of Manhattan, said New York City fire department officials.

The school bus was rear-ended by a car at about 11 am local time, according to the officials.

Seven people were seriously injured but in stable condition, while 17 others were with minor injuries.

MNA/Xinhua

A Sri Lankan family looks out from their flooded home in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 17 May, 2010.
INTERNET

More aggressive people may die earlier

MONREAL, 22 May— Canadian researchers looking for keys to longevity say studies on dogs suggest shy breeds live longer than aggressive ones.

The researchers suggest dog breeding — a vast artificial selection experiment shaping not only physical characteristics and abilities but also behavioral traits such as aggressiveness/docility — can teach lessons about personality, metabolism, and life-span in general.

Internet

BA posts annual net loss of 425 m pnds

LONDON, 22 May— BA announced on Friday that net losses widened to 425 million pounds in the group's 2009/2010 financial year.

Earnings after tax ballooned by nearly one fifth in the 12 months to March 2010, after a loss of 358 million pounds in 2008/2009, BA said in a results statement.

Internet

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INTERNET

Milito ends Inter's long wait

MADRID, 22 May—FC Internazionale Milano landed their first European Champion Clubs' Cup since 1965 by defeating FC Bayern München 2-0 at the Santiago Bernabéu through two goals from Diego Milito.

After a wait of 45 years, FC Internazionale Milano were crowned European champions for the third time as Diego Milito's brilliantly-taken double put paid to FC Bayern München in Madrid.

Both sides came into the final having won domestic doubles and it was Bayern who initially looked the more likely to force a breakthrough. Inter have shown their clinical side throughout this season's UEFA Champions League, however, and demonstrated it again in the 35th minute as Milito outstripped the Bayern defence to score.

***Diego Milito has scored some crucial goals in Inter's run.*—INTERNET**

Though the German side continued to dominate territory and possession, there was no way back when Milito again broke through with 20 minutes left to secure Inter's first European Champion Clubs' Cup victory since their consecutive triumphs of 1964 and 1965.—*Internet*

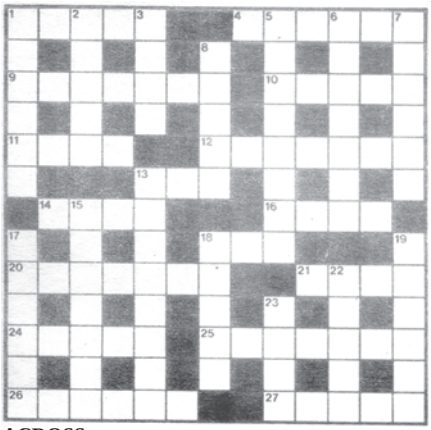
FIFA to reconsider World Cup ticket sales

JOHANNESBURG, 22 May—After FIFA's online ticket sales system proved to be overly complicated for large number of South African soccer fans, football's world governing body is considering a change of the way to sale FIFA World Cup tickets.

The cost of tickets could also be reconsidered with the high prices contributing to keeping away fans, not just South Africans but those from the rest of Africa as well, FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke told reporters in Johannesburg on Thursday. After slow sales for this year's World Cup in South Africa, FIFA introduced over-the-counter sales, which proved to be highly effective. FIFA also increased the number of cheap seats for South Africans and legal residents of the country.

Valcke admitted the tickets sales system FIFA put in place was not perfect.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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China down Vietnam 5-0 to claim first victory at 17th Women's Asian Cup

CHENGDU, 22 May — Host" China claimed their first victory at the 17th AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Asian Cup here on Friday as they beat Vietnam 5-0 in the Group B second round match.China, who has reached the final of the Asian Cup in 10 of the last 11 editions, proved that they were too strong for Vietnam, taking the absolute dominance on the field at the Chengdu Shuangliu Sports Centre.

***Hosts China claimed their first victory at the 17th AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Asian Cup here on Friday as they beat Vietnam 5-0 in the Group B second round match.*— XINHUA**

China opened their scoring in the seventh minute when defender Li Danyang headed in Liu Huana's fine cross, four minutes before Yuan Fan netted in captain Bi Yan's corner.China's third goal arrived in the 36th minute as Zhang Rui shook off two defenders to drive in a long shot.—*Xinhua*

Sharapova reaches Strasbourg final

STRASBOURG, 22 May – Former world number one Maria Sharapova reached the final of the WTA Strasbourg claycourt event by beating Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues in the semi-finals on Friday. The Russian superstar, a three-time Grand Slam winner, won 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 and will face Germany's Kristina Barrois in Saturday's final.

"At 4-2 in the first set I lowered my level and she raised hers," Sharapova said after improving to 3-0 lifetime against Medina Garrigues. "Playing a Spanish player on clay was an excellent test. I still can't judge my level of game on this surface, but although there are some big events coming, I don't feel pressure." Sharapova is playing this tournament for the first time.

Internet

***Former world number one Maria Sharapova.* INTERNET**

Barcelona signs Spanish striker David Villa for 40m euros

MADRID, 22 May — Barcelona have been brisk in the transfer market and signed Spanish striker David Villa from Valencia for 40 million euros.

The move reinforces the Catalan giants claim of being the number one side in world football and could prove a shroud piece of business before proceedings get underway in South Africa.

Spain striker David Villa.

The 28-year-old is Spain's second-highest scorer with 36 goals from 55 matches, and will be spearheading his country's World Cup campaign. Barcelona confirmed on their website that Villa would sign a four-year contract with an option for one more year.

Internet

Barcelona contact Arsenal over Cesc Fabregas

LONDON, 22 May — Barcelona have contacted Arsenal with a view to signing Cesc Fabregas, according to the Spanish side's sporting director Txiki Begiristain. But Begiristain said "Barca would be "respectful" of Arsenal in their pursuit of the midfielder."We contacted Arsenal to ask if they are ready to negotiate. We are waiting for an answer," said Begiristain.

But Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood said: "We haven't had an official approach from them."Last week

***Fabregas signed an eight-year contract with Arsenal in 2006.* INTERNET**

Fabregas, 23, who joined the Gunners from Barca in 2003, said he would only leave Arsenal for Barcelona. Begiristain conceded Barca must respect Fabregas's contract, which runs until June 2014.— *Internet*

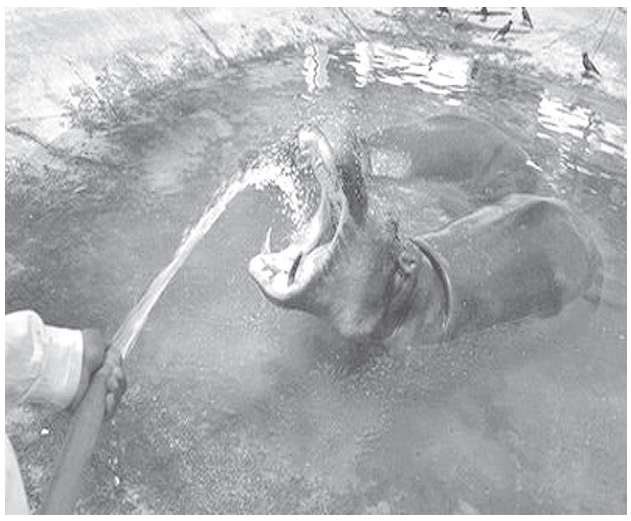
Donald seizes lead at Wentworth

***Donald appears to be recapturing the form that made him one of Europe's best golfers.*—INTERNET**

WENTWORTH, 22 May —Luke Donald struck a three-under-par 68 for the second day in a row to lead the European PGA Championship at Wentworth by one stroke at the halfway stage. Donald, who has only carded one bogie in the first two rounds, is six under, one shot clear of his fellow Englishmen Ross Fisher and Danny Willett. Three-time major winner Padraig Harrington and world number eight Paul Casey are a further shot back.

Ernie Els, who has been heavily criticized over his redesign of the course, is three under par. Donald, who has been struggling with a wrist injury for two years, reached the turn in three under and was level par for the back nine. "I think the reason why it suits me is because you are kind of having to plot your way around a little bit more now," he said.—*Internet*

SPORTS



A hippopotamus reacts as a zoo keeper sprays water on it on a hot day at a zoo in Ahmadabad, India, on 21 May, 2010.
INTERNET

Mexico reports nearly 4,000 prairie fires this year

MEXICO, 21 May — Mexico has registered 3,995 cases of prairie fire so far this year, the country's National Forest Commission (Conafor) said on Friday.

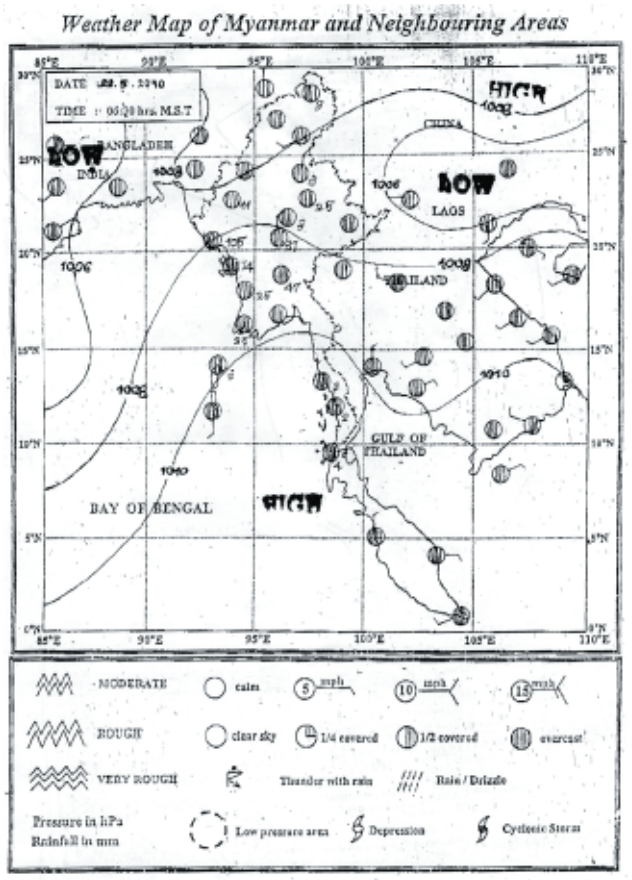
The wildfire, with a daily average of 36 cases, has affected a total of 64,381 hectares of fields, it said.

The Conafor, affiliated to the Environment and Natural Resources Ministry, said that 39 percent of those affected fields were pastureland, 47.56 percent were bush and shrubbery, and 13.38 percent were forests.

The National Centre of Forest Fires Control said five of the country's 31 states were affected most with the wildfire from 2003 to 2009.

Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(23-5-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (23-5-10 09:30 am ~ 24-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Working and Living in Myanmar (Tea House and Internet Cafe)"
* News
* Documentary "Ayeyawady (The Historical Lifeline of Myanmar)"
* A Day in the Life of a Mahout
* Nan Pan Market Day
* News
* Journey to Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda)
* Myanma Melody On Screen
* News
* An Umbrella For Style
* Myanma Lacquerware

OverseaTransmission
* Opening
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* Current Affairs "Working and Living in Myanmar (Tea House and Internet Cafe)"
* News
* Documentary "Ayeywady (The Historical Lifeline of Myanmar)"
* Invitation to Myanmar Language and Literature
* News
* Journey to Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda)
* News
* Myanma Melody On Screen
* Fabulous Shwe Ku Dage Daw Gyi
* News
* Current Affairs "Working and Living in Myanmar (Tea House and Internet Cafe)"
* News
* Documentary "Ayeyawady (The Historical Lifeline of Myanmar)"
* Daily Life of a Toddy-Palm Climber
* News
* Elegant Myanmar Dance
* News
* Music Gallery
* Myanmar Movies "He sows when he reaps"

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 23 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:10 am
2. အောင်တော်မူ(စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမဂ်လာ

8:10 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
8. Musical Programme

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. "အမှန်ထင်နေသောအမှား"

8:55 am
11. Song of National Races

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:25 am
3. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်းမနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

12:20 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:40 pm
6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "စကားပြောသော အသည်းနှလုံး" (စိုးနိုင်၊ဦးသိန်းမောင်၊ ကြည်ကြည်ဌေးတင်တင်ခွဲ၊ ဦးကျောက်လုံး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးသုခ)

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဥဿာယူနိုက်တက် FCအသင်း နှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FCအသင်း))

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS' ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

6:40 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ " "အမည်သညာခေါ်စရာကား" (မိုးထက်ပိုင်၊ ကြည်နူးနိုင်၊ဖြိုးပိုပို၊ ခင်မျိုးအေးဝိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင် (MMG))

7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
13. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ

WEATHER

Saturday, 22nd May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, the southwest monsoon has advanced into the Deltaic area. Rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions, isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kayah, Kayin, Mon and Eastern Shan States, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (4.80) inches, Sittway (4.72) inches, Hsipaw (2.99) inches, Zaungtu (2.92) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.84) inches, Shwegyin (2.56) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) and Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaykong) (2.52) inches, each and Monywa(2.48)inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-5-2010 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 22-5-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-5-2010 was 92%. Total sun shine hours on 21-5-2010 was (9.0) hours.

Rainfall on 22-5-2010 was (1.02) inches at Mingaladon , (1.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (3.50) inches at Mingaladon, (4.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from West at (15:40) hours MST on 21-5-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, the land depression near Visakhapatnam (India) has weakened into a low pressure area. 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 the23rd May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Chin and Rakhin States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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

Let's seek best friends at libraries

Article: *Myint Wai Hlaing;*
Photos: *Ye Thura Aung*
(NyaungU District IPRD)

One of the mid-summer days, I visited Bagan-NyaungU, one of the hottest regions of Myanmar.

On the way to Mount Popa for writing a byline on progress of the dry zone greening task, I received the invitation of Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin of NyaungU District Information and Public Relations Department to visit the library in Anaukohn Village.

At the library named "Lunge Ahman", I saw people young and old reading books of their choice.

Anaukohn Village is formed with 320 houses where many basic education and university students are residing.

Those who have developed reading practice will gain progress in their daily lives. Those who apply knowledge obtained from reading in their worksites and environs will achieve success day by day.

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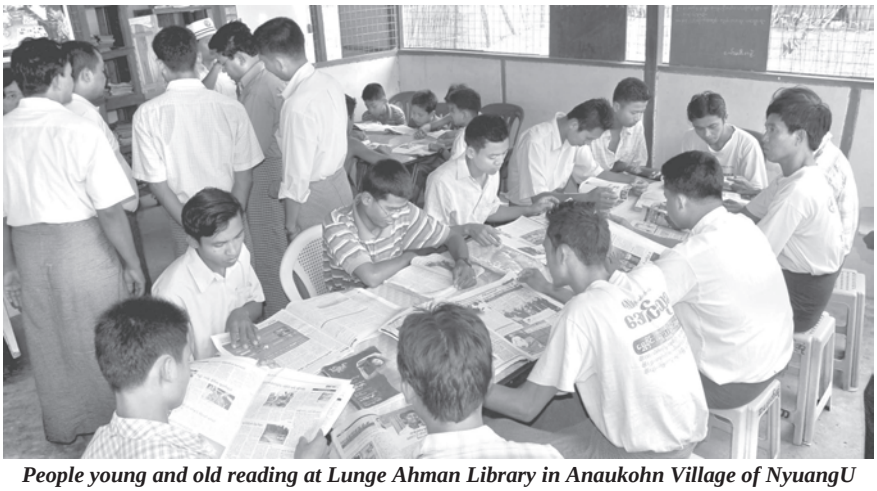
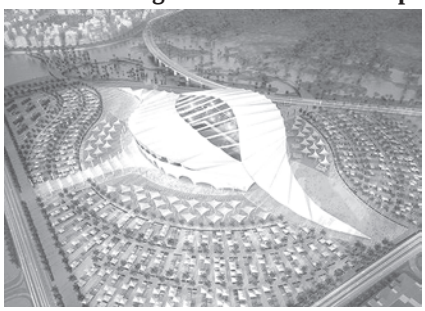


People young and old reading at Lunge Ahman Library in Anaukohn Village of NyuangU Township.

Weather Report

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May— The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observations at 12.30 hours MST, the depression near Visakapatnam of India has weakened into a low pressure area.—*MNA*

Qatar unveils awesome solar stadium designs for 2022 World Cup



Qatar World Cup Eye: Al Khor Stadium is inspired by a seashell and looks like a giant eye. Fans will appreciate the shade of its flexible roof and landscaped gardens.

QATAR, 21 May—Another has an entrance linked to the Qatar-Bahrain Friendship Bridge, which will connect Qatar with its island neighbor -- one more marvel of architecture in the Arab world.

Sunlight will provide most of the stadiums' power, and they will each apparently employ a unique climate-control system that will keep temperatures below 82 degrees F, despite the desert country's extreme heat.—*Internet*