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Applications for formation, registration of political party passed, scrutinized

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Those who want to set up political parties are submitting the applications describing the names of parties to the Union Election Commission. Kaman National Progressive Party submitted the application today.

Of application-submitted groups, the commission has found the Khami National Development Party and Mro National Party to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission passed the formation of the groups as political parties

today.

Of 31 groups that have been allowed to form political parties, “Wa” Democratic Party submitted the application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today.

Up to date, 41 groups have submitted the applications to form or to continue existence as political parties. Fourteen of the 29 parties that submitted the application for registration have been permitted as registered parties, and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

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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



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Mawlamyinegyun no more isolated

Byline & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung

Unlike in the past, Mawlamyinegyun is no longer isolated now and it is easily accessible from

any other regions across the nation.

Boat was only mode of transport due to numer-

ous rivers and creeks. In consequence, without a vessel, local people had not been able to travel between

one village and another, let alone traveling to other township. However, with the emergence of bridges spanning rivers and creeks, natural barriers are no longer obstacles in transportation of the region.

Smooth transportation brought about regular flow of commodities, and consequently, the region has developed by leaps and bounds. The locked door of the region has been opened wide and ties among national brethren become closer.

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Some people on bike and some walking on road leading to Yazudaing Bridge No.2.

Yazudaing Bridge

No. 1 in

Mawlamyinegyun

in Ayeyawady

Division under

construction.





PERSPECTIVES

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Smooth transport improves socio-economic status

Today, the socio-economic status of the people is getting higher and trade is increasing remarkably. The population of towns and villages along roads is growing. Due to the new roads and bridges, regions are easily accessible from one to another.

In order to achieve smooth transport, which is at the centre of the ambition for regional development, the government has been building a large number of roads, and bridges spanning rivers and creeks. As a result, natural barriers formed between regions by rivers, creeks, lakes and mountain rangers were merely a thing of the past. In addition, relations between national races are improving, and transport is getting smoother with more trade activities than ever.

The opening ceremony of Kyaukoh Bridge on Mandalay-Madaya-Mogok Road in Singu Township, Mandalay Division, took place on 21 May. The 200-foot-long broad crest type facility can withstand 60 tons of loads.

The bridge is the latest of the 239 over-180-foot-long bridges in the nation constructed by Public Works, as well as the 12th of its kind in Mandalay Division. Thanks to the bridge, people can travel directly to Chin State, Magway Division and Sagaing Division. It also brings about smooth transport between Mandalay Division and Kachin State and Shan State (North).

Mandalay Division is a driving force behind the nation's economic growth. Kyaukoh Bridge is linked with the road networks that cover the whole nation. It makes substantial contribution towards industries, and transport of local goods. So, the flow of rice and other crops will be swifter to other regions.

ACCSQ and APWG meet to set standard policy of quality

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—The 11th meeting of ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standard and Quality (ACCSQ) and Automotive Product Working Group (APWG) hosted by Myanmar was held at Mount Pleasant Hotel here this morning, attended by directors-general and managing-directors of departments and enterprises under Ministry of Industry-2, personnel of departments concerned, and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, automobile makers from industrial zones, delegates of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries.

Director-General U Myo Aung of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning of Ministry of Industry-2 delivered an opening address. In today's meeting, the delegates hold discussion about production techniques and examination, confirmation, standardization of quality and regulation, and measures for production of automobiles in accord with

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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr Aloke Sen.

Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri was born on 7th February 1953. He obtained Doctorate Degree in Applied Mathematics. He joined the Ministry of External Affairs of India in 1978. During his diplomatic career, he had served in

Various capacities in the Ministry of External Affairs as well as the diplomatic missions of India in Nairobi (1980-1983), Brussels (1986-1989), Teheran (1989-1992), and Bangkok (1993-1997). He has served as Joint Secretary at the Ministry of Commerce in New Dehli from 1999 to 2003. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Minister at the Embassy of India in Washington. Since 2007, he is serving as Ambassador of India to the Republic of Slovenia.

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Myanmar, ROK to cooperate in communication sector



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw receives Mr Cho Byungjae, ROK Ambassador.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw received Mr Cho Byungjae, Ambassador of the

Republic of Korea to Myanmar at the Ministry here today. Both sides discussed cooperation in communications.—MNA



11th meeting of ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standard and Quality (ACCSQ) and Automotive Product Working Group (APWG) in progress.—MNA

standardized quality. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

The ACCSQ and the APWG are also holding two other meetings—the task force on mutual recognition arrangements for automotive

meeting and the automotive product working group meeting so as to adopt a policy of standardization and quality in ASEAN region through exchange of knowledge and discussion.

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Oil spill off Singapore after vessels collide

SINGAPORE, 25 May— Emergency teams were scrambling to contain 2,000 tonnes of crude oil that leaked on Tuesday into the Singapore Strait after two vessels collided in the busy waterway, port officials said.

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) said the Malaysian-registered tanker *MT Bunga Kelana 3* was damaged in a collision with the *MV Wally*, a

bulk carrier registered in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

One of the cargo tanks of the Malaysian vessel was damaged.

“Work is ongoing to contain and clean up the oil spill,” the MPA said in a Press release.

Four patrol and emergency response vessels and three private craft equipped with oil-spill equipment have been sent to the affected zone.

Nobody was injured and ship traffic was not affected by the incident, which took place 13 kilometres (eight miles) off Singapore in the Traffic Separation Scheme at 6:10 am Tuesday (2210 GMT Monday), the release said.

The Traffic Separation Scheme is a commercial channel running along the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

Internet



Ships are seen anchored off Singapore's coastline. Emergency teams have been scrambling to contain 2,000 tonnes of crude oil that leaked into the Singapore Strait after two vessels collided in the busy waterway, port officials have said.—XINHUA



Iraqi soldiers search a vehicle at a checkpoint in Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, on 25 May, 2010.

INTERNET

Taleban kills 5 civilians in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 May—Taleban militants kidnapped seven Afghan civilians and killed five of them in Afghanistan's eastern Khost Province, a statement of Afghan Interior Ministry said Tuesday.

“Taleban militants for unknown reason kidnapped seven villagers on Sunday and killed five of them,” the statement said. It also said that the fate of the remaining two is unclear.

“The Interior Ministry strongly condemned the attack and initiated an investigation into the case,” it added.

In a separate incident, Afghan and NATO-led troops during an operation eliminated two militants in Zani Khil District of Khost Province on Monday, the statement said.

Taleban militants, who vowed to intensify their activities against Afghan and the NATO-led troops, have yet to make comments. —Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 May— Two foreign soldiers — including a Canadian — working with NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in Afghanistan, the alliance said on Tuesday.

One soldier, whose identity was not disclosed, was killed in an attack by militants in the east of the war-torn

country on Monday. “An ISAF service-member died following a small-arms attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” a statement from the alliance said. NATO had earlier announced another soldier had been killed by a roadside bomb of the type used by the Taleban in the country's south.

Xinhua

Rockets hit northern Afghan city

KUNDUZ, 25 May— Two rockets fired by militants hit Kunduz city, capital of Kunduz Province in north Afghanistan on Tuesday morning, police said. “Taleban rebels fired two rockets this morning on Zakhil area in the provincial capital Kunduz city injuring two civilians,” deputy to provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Haqtash told Xinhua.

He did not provide more details.

It is the first time that Kunduz city came under rocket attack.

Parts of Kunduz Province particularly Chardara District has seen growing attacks by Taleban militants over the past year in the relatively peaceful northern region.—Xinhua

US declares fishery disaster in three Gulf of Mexico states

WASHINGTON, 25 May—US Commerce Secretary Gary Locke on Monday determined there has been a fishery disaster in the Gulf of Mexico due to the economic impact on commercial and recreational fisheries from the ongoing Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The affected area includes the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

“We are taking this action today because of the potentially significant economic hardship this spill may cause fishermen and the businesses and communities that depend on those fisheries,” Locke said in a statement.



A worker cleans up the oil contaminated beach in Port Fourchon, Louisiana, the United States, on 24 May, 2010.—XINHUA

“The disaster determination will help ensure that the Federal government is in a position to mobilize the full range of assistance that fishermen and fishing communities may need,” he said.

The declaration was made in response to

requests from Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal and Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour based on the loss of access to many commercial fisheries and the existing and anticipated environmental damage from this unprecedented event.—Xinhua

Iraqi MP shot dead in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 May— Two assassins of a newly- elected member of parliament were captured Monday in northern Iraq shortly after they fled the scene, a local police source said.

Two killers were captured in the northern city of Mosul, the third killer escaped, but was wounded by police, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A car loaded with explosives which is used in the assass-ination was also seized by security forces, the source added.

Xinhua



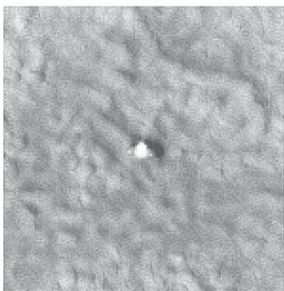
An aviation official holds up an aircraft part claimed to be the 'black box' recovered from the wreckage of a plane that crashed in Mangalore, India, 25 May, 2010.

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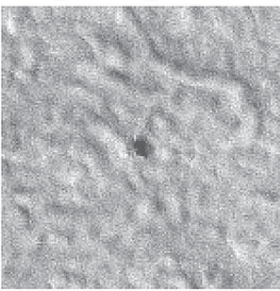


Phoenix Mars Lander pronounced “dead”

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Phoenix Lander

Two images of the Phoenix Mars Lander taken from Martian orbit in 2008 (L) and 2010 are shown in this handout combination photo from NASA released to Reuters on 24 May, 2010.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 25 May—NASA’s Phoenix Mars Lander has ended operations due to severe ice damage to its solar panels, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) announced on Monday. A new image taken by NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter shows signs of severe ice damage to the lander’s solar panels, according to

the JPL, which is based in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

Last week, NASA’s Mars Odyssey orbiter flew over the Phoenix landing site 61 times in its fourth and final attempt to communicate with the lander, but no transmission from the lander was detected, the JPL said.

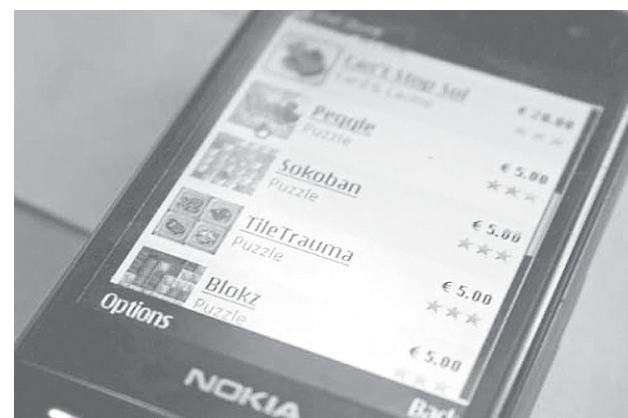
In three previous listening attempts totalling 150 flights earlier this year, the Odyssey orbiter also failed to detect transmission from Phoenix.

Xinhua

Nokia, Yahoo announce global partnership

BEIJING, 25 May—World’s largest mobile phone manufacturer Nokia announced Monday its alliance with world’s second largest search engine Yahoo, aiming to “offer people rich experiences that keep them connected to their world and the world around them.” Nokia’s recently purchased mapping giant NAVTEQ will power Yahoo’s map and navigation services, while Yahoo will run messaging and e-mail services for Nokia’s smartphones.

Nokia’s CEO Olli-Pekka Kallalassuo said,



A test version of Nokia’s new Ovi Store is seen in a picture taken in Helsinki 14 May 2009.

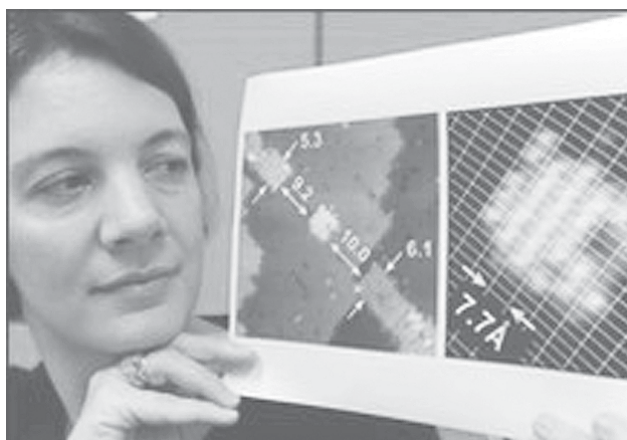
XINHUA

“delivering great user experiences – both online and on your mobile – is what this alliance is all about.” With their international distribution advantages and brand

recognition, the two giants will join hands in delivering rich and fascinating Internet experiences to appeal to their consumers’ needs.

Xinhua

Seven atom transistor sets the pace for future PCs



Professor Simmons and her colleagues have swapped silicon atoms for phosphorus.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 25 May—Researchers have shown off a transistor made from just seven atoms that could be used to create smaller, more powerful computers. Transistors are tiny switches used as the building blocks of silicon chips. If the new atomic transistor can be made in large numbers it could mean chips with components up to 100 times smaller than on existing processors. The Australian creators of the transistor hope it is also a step towards a solid-state quantum computer. The transistor is not the smallest ever created as two research groups have previously managed to produce working single-atom transistors. However, the device is many times smaller than the components found in chips in contemporary computers. On chips where components are 22 nanometres in size, transistor gates are about 42 atoms across. The working transistor was created by replacing seven atoms in a silicon crystal with phosphorus atoms. “Now we have just demonstrated the world’s first electronic device in silicon systematically created on the scale of individual atoms,” said Professor Michelle Simmons, lead researcher on the project at the University of New South Wales.

Internet

Australian scientists monitor bat activity for Hendra virus

SYDNEY, 25 May— Australian scientists on Tuesday monitored bat activity on a southeast Queensland property where the latest Hendra virus outbreak occurred.

Biosecurity Queensland scientists are using infra-red cameras to film horses, bats and other wildlife at night to see how the virus is transmitted to horses.

Bats are known to carry the virus but it’s unclear how the virus is transmitted to horses.

It’s a crucial link in the chain which could lead to preventative measures to stop horse to human transmissions.

Four of the seven people who contracted the virus from infected horses have died since the disease first emerged in 1994.

In the latest case, the infected horse was put down last week and 11 people who came into contact with it face a long wait before they can be cleared of the potentially fatal virus.

Xinhua



A street performer blows fire into the air during a religious festival honouring patron saint Santa Rita de Cascia in Baclaran, Paranaque south of Manila on 23 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Science

Japanese team discovers ‘super disc’ material



Blu-ray discs are seen next to HD DVDs on a shelf at a Best Buy store in San Francisco. A Japanese research team has found a material that could be used to make a low-price super disc with data storage capacity thousands of times greater than a DVD, the lead scientist has said.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 25 May— A Japanese research team has found a material that could be used to make a low-price super disc with data storage capacity thousands of times greater than a DVD, the lead scientist said Monday.

The material transforms from a black-colour metal state that conducts electricity into a brown semiconductor when hit by light, according to Shin-ichi Ohkoshi, chemistry professor at the University of Tokyo.

The material, a new crystal form of titanium oxide, can switch back and forth between the metal and semiconductor states at room temperature when exposed to light, creating an effective on-off function for data storage.

It is “promising as a material for a next-generation optical storage device,” Ohkoshi told AFP by telephone.

A material that changes colour with light can be used in storage devices as colours reflect light differently to contain different information.

Internet



Women born early more apt to have preterm baby

ABERDEEN, 25 May—Women who were born early are themselves more likely to give birth to a baby who isn't full-term, a new study suggests.

The same finding applies to women who weren't born early but had one or more siblings who were born preterm, according to a team of Scottish researchers.

"There was a suspicion that preterm birth might be linked with previous experience of preterm birth in the family," said Dr Siladitya Bhattacharya, senior author of the study and a professor of reproductive medicine at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, in Aberdeen.

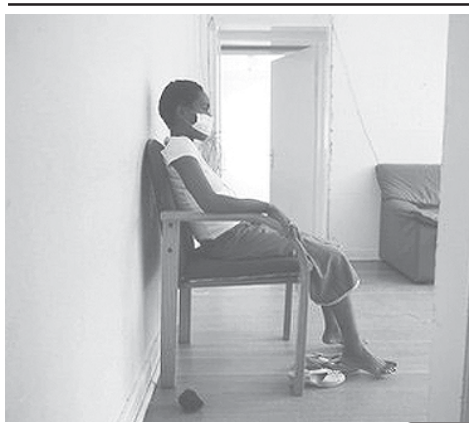
So Bhattacharya and his team of

researchers evaluated 22,343 pregnancies in Scotland that occurred among 13,845 daughters born to 11,576 different mothers, spanning a period of 60 years.

When the researchers looked at women who had been born preterm (single deliveries, not multiple births) and were pregnant for the first time, they found a higher risk for early birth compared with those not born preterm.

"The mums who themselves were born preterm are 60 percent more likely to have a preterm baby themselves in their first pregnancy," Bhattacharya said.

Internet



A woman sits at the Nkosi's Haven, a shelter and care for destitute HIV-infected mothers and their children in 2009 in Johannesburg. A rise in drug abuse, especially heroin, in eastern and southern Africa is threatening advances made there in bringing HIV and AIDS infections under control, experts said at a conference in Sweden on Monday.

INTERNET

Fewer sugary drinks, less high blood pressure

LOUISIANA, 25 May— Even a small reduction per day in sweetened soft drink intake could improve your blood pressure, researchers report. In an 18-month study, researchers found a measurable reduction in blood pressure — 1.8 points in systolic pressure, the higher of the desired 120/80 desired reading, and 1.1 points in diastolic pressure — when intake was reduced by about a can of sweetened beverage a day, said the report published on 24 May in Circulation.

"We found a direct dose-response relationship," said study leader Dr Liwei Chen, assistant professor of epidemiology at Louisiana State University



Health Science Centre School of Public Health. "Individually, it was not a big reduction. But population wise, reducing total consumption could have a huge impact." The improvement was recorded in a group of older people whose starting consumption was already well below the American average intake of 2.3 servings of sweetened bevera-

ges per day, Chen noted.

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. The American Heart Association has long warned about the possible health dangers of added sugars in products such as soft drinks, most notably in a report issued last year.

"What this new paper does is add strength to an emerging body of evidence linking added sugar, in this case in beverages, and increased blood pressure," said Rachel K Johnson, the lead author of the heart association report and a professor of nutrition at the University of Vermont.

Internet

Homeless americans unlikely to receive basic health care

WASHINGTON, 25 May—Homeless US adults are up to 10 times less likely to get the health care they need than people in the general population, a new survey reveals.

The poll results — analyzed by researchers from both the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and the Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Programme —

are reported in the May issue of the American Journal of *Public Health*.

"Our study documents the substantial inability of homeless people to get the health care they need," study author Dr Travis Baggett, from MGH's department of medicine, said in a news release. "Almost three-

quarters of respondents had at least one type of unmet health-care need. Rates for specific services were six to 10 times higher than those seen in the general population, and being uninsured was a consistent predictor of the inability to get needed care."—Internet

Children choose snacks in a vending machine. US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Monday urged Congress to plow billions more dollars into programmes to end the twin scourges of child obesity and hunger, which impact children, the economy and national security.

INTERNET



Testosterone may make women less trusting

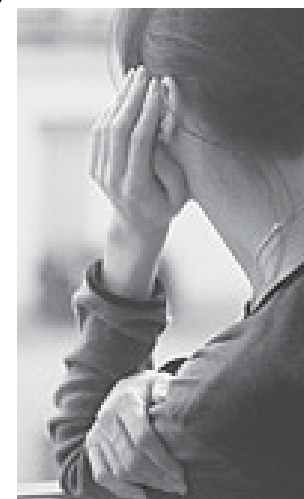
AMSTERDAM, 25 May—It turns out that testosterone might be responsible for more than masculinity and Hollywood action movies: A new study suggests that women who get doses of the hormone are less trusting of strangers, a possible sign that testosterone boosts

levels of caution.

The research doesn't prove a direct connection between testosterone, which is found in both sexes.

But it does appear to indicate that the hormone helps reduce trust in women and, "in our opinion, protects them from harm," said study co-author Jack van Honk, a psychologist at Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

The overall role of testosterone in the body remains something of a mystery. "We don't know a lot, to be completely honest," said Paola Sapienza, a professor of finance at Northwestern University who studies testosterone and how it affects decision-making. The hormone seems to be connected to aggression,



she said, but "nobody really knows the mechanism by which testosterone changes behavior."

To make matters more complicated in the world of science, it's less clear what it does to women, she said, and there have been relatively few studies into testosterone's effects on them.

Internet

H1N1 pandemic flu hits pregnant women hard

NEW YORK, 25 May—Pregnant women who get the H1N1 pandemic strain of flu are at high risk of experiencing serious complications for themselves and their unborn child, a new study finds.

According to the report, there has not been much data about the effect of the novel H1N1 flu on pregnant women and their fetuses, and what data exists is conflicting. In other pandemic flus — in 1918 and 1957 -- pregnant women were at a high risk of being hospitalized and dying, the researchers noted.

"In keeping with prior pandemics, pregnant women don't do well with pandemic flu, because they have a compromised immune response," said influenza expert Dr Marc Siegel, an associate professor of medicine at New York University in New York City.

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Health



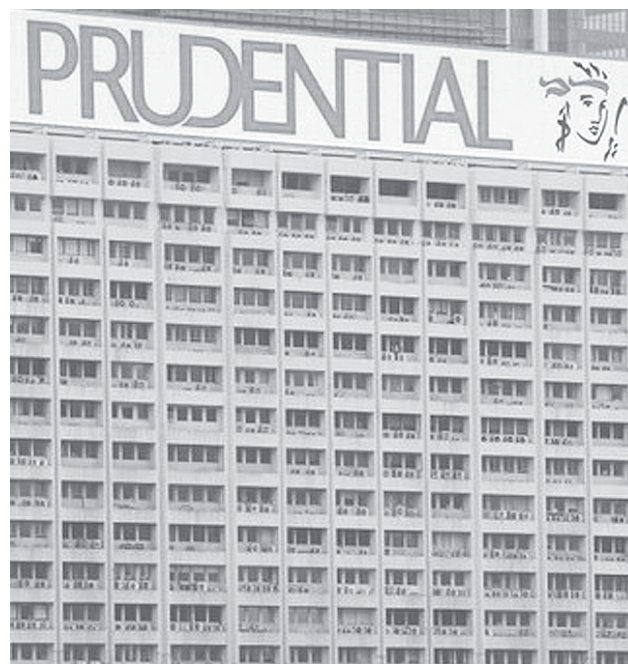
China's special purpose vehicle market to rise rapidly

WUHAN, 25 May—Infrastructure construction in China may push up domestic demand for special purpose motor vehicles, especially construction vehicles and engineering trucks, an industry analyst said.

Secretary-general of the Special Purpose Vehicle Chapter of the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM) Wang Huanmin said sales of engineering vehicles will grow fastest as expressway construction will boost demand for road construction vehicles, maintenance vehicles, coaches for long distance public transport, and trucks for energy and resources transportation.

"Road building remains a significant means for China to sustain its economic expansion, and that means giant market opportunities," Wang said at the 2010 China International Forum for Special Purpose Vehicles in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, Monday.

According to a Ministry of Communications' blueprint, China will establish a national highway network of 100,000 km by 2020, about the same length as in the United States today.—*Xinhua*



A huge advertising board for British insurer Prudential is seen on the top of a building in Hong Kong in March 2010. The takeover of AIA would give Prudential about 30 million customers in Asia and see the Asian operation become the group's biggest division — contributing some 60 percent of new business profit.

INTERNET



Foxconn is the world's largest maker of computer components and it also turns out iPhones for Apple. An employee giant has died after falling from a building at the company's plant in southern China - the 10th such death this year, state media has reported.

INTERNET

Oil drops to near \$69 as stock markets, euro fall

SINGAPORE, 25 May—Oil prices fell to near \$69 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as plunging regional stock markets and a weaker euro rattled the confidence of commodity investors.

Benchmark crude for July delivery was down \$1.08 to \$69.13 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract advanced 17 cents to settle at \$70.21 on Monday.

Oil has plummeted 21 percent from \$87.15 a barrel earlier this month as a falling euro made dollar-based crude more expensive for investors holding the European currency. Investor

concern that Europe's debt crisis could undermine global economic growth has also hurt stock markets, which oil traders watch as a measure of overall confidence. All major Asian stock markets fell Tuesday, following a 1.2 percent pullback in the Dow Jones industrial average Monday. The euro dropped to \$1.2302 on Tuesday from \$1.2342 on Monday. "The market appeared to acquiesce to the weakness in the stock market," Ritterbusch and Associates said in a report. "The primary drivers of this month's price plunge remain heavily skewed toward the bearish side."

Internet

Wuhan Steel gets green light for Africa ventures

BEIJING, 25 May—China's third largest steelmaker Wuhan Iron and Steel Group on Monday received approval from the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) for two overseas acquisition deals in Africa that are expected to contribute nearly 2 billion tons of iron ore deposits.

The government cleared Wuhan Steel's plan to acquire the Soalala iron ore deposit in Madagascar with two other companies and the

company's stake buy in a Liberian iron ore project.

The exploration license for the Soalala iron ore project was granted to Hong Kong-based Wisco Guangxin on May 8, a joint venture company 42 percent owned by Wuhan Steel, 38 percent by the Guangdong Foreign Trade Group Co and 20 percent by Kam Hing International Holdings, according to a statement released by Hong Kong-based Kam Hing International Holdings.

Internet



A port worker sifting through unloaded iron ore imported from Australia at a port in Rizhao, Shandong province. —INTERNET

Yahoo! has announced that it has acquired Koprol, an Indonesian Internet service that lets people use mobile telephones to instantly tap into nearby people and places. —INTERNET



IMF urges Spain to make far-reaching, comprehensive reforms

WASHINGTON, 25 May—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Monday that the challenges in Spain are severe and the European nation's economy must make far-reaching and comprehensive reforms.

According to the

IMF, the Spanish economy may stagnate as the weakness in private demand and fiscal consolidation interact, "especially if reforms to boost competitiveness and growth are timid."

"Financial market conditions may also deteriorate further, raising borrowing costs for both the government and the private sector," said the Washington-based agency in a report after consultations with the Spanish government.

Noting that policy should focus on fostering the smooth rebalancing of the economy, the IMF urged Spain to take "urgent and decisive action" on labour market and fiscal and banking sector consolidation.

Internet

Commercial property troubles US banks

NEW YORK, 25 May—The default rate for commercial mortgages held by banks in the first quarter hit its highest level since at least 1992 and is expected to surpass that by year-end and peak in 2011, according to a study by Real Capital Analytics.

That could spell prolonged problems for larger banks and even greater trouble for regional and small banks where commercial real estate loans comprise a greater percentage of all loans. The default rate for bank-held commercial mortgages reached 4.17 percent in the first quarter, up from 3.83 percent in the fourth quarter 2009, according to a report released on Monday by the real estate research firm.

The figures do not include bank-held mortgages on apartment buildings.

Commercial real estate loans are contributing to banks' elevated levels of loan losses, two years after the height of the financial crisis, as commercial property typically lags the economy by about 18 months to two years.

Deteriorating values, high vacancy rates and low rents are expected to push that rate past the 4.55 percent default rate reached in 1992 before year-end and peak at 5.4 percent in 2011.—*Internet*

Business



Electoral process course opens in Mindat

MINDAT, 25 May – An electoral process course for multi-party democracy general elections was opened at Basic Education High School No (1) in Mindat this morning. Member of the Union Election Commission Dr Ba Maung made an opening speech.

Next, Dr Ba Maung, the secretary and

members of State Election Sub-commission and members of District and Township Election Sub-commissions discussed election laws and rules.

State IPRD

Construction of Yadana Theinga Bridge gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected bole piling at the worksite of Yadana Theinga Bridge being built by Bridge Construction Special Group (14) on 22 May.

At the briefing hall on the bank of Kyaukmyaung, the minister heard reports on bole piling works and design of the bridge presented by officials concerned, and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister looked into construction of bole piles RP-2 and RP-6 and RP-1.

The upper structure of the 2480 feet long bridge is steel truss and the lower structure is broad crest type. It has 28 feet wide two-lane motorway flanked by three feet each wide pedestrians. Its water clearance is 320 feet wide and 47 feet high. It can withstand 60 tons loads. — MNA

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The “Wa” Democratic Party headquartered at No (Za-4/7) on Hsenwi Road in Ward-8 in Lashio, Shan State, on 25-5-2010, submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned

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



Flag of the “Wa” Democratic Party



Seal of the “Wa” Democratic Party

Union Election Commission



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects construction of Yadana Theinga Bridge.
MNA

Victorious Myanmar youth golf team arrives back

YANGON, 25 May— Selected Myanmar youth golf team led by Manager, Coach U Soe Kyaw Naing, took part in Seremban International Golf Club and the 108th Malaysian Amateur Open Golf Championship held in Malaysia, arrived back here by air yesterday evening.

Vice Presidents of Myanmar Golf Federation U Min Thein and U Aung Kyi, General Secretary U Aung Hla Han, Head Coach U Ko Ko Lay, Director U Kyaw Nyo Lin of Air Bagan Ltd and their families welcomed the victorious team.

Selected Myanmar young golfer Ma Yin

May Myo stood first in two international events of Seremban International Golf Club held from 14 to 15 May - the 27th Men & 19th Ladies Amateur Open Golf Championship and the handicap event of the 108th Malaysian Amateur Open Golf Championship.

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Victorious Myanmar youth golf team at Yangon International Airport on their return from Malaysia.

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Mingalar Market fire extinguished

YANGON, 25 May— The fire that occurred due to wire shock at Mingalar Market in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, at about 8.30 am yesterday was put out at

5.05 am today.

The fire destroyed 845 shops on the fourth floor and the top floor, and injured three firefighters and one civilian (not in serious condition). The

injured are now in Yangon General Hospital. Officials concerned are now rendering necessary assistance in connection with the disaster.

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) Sepak Takraw tournament kicks off

YANGON, 25 May— The opening of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Sepak Takraw tournament took place at the assembly hall of Tatmadaw (Air) in

Mingaladon Station. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Col Lwin Oo made a speech on the occasion and opened the tournament.

It was also attended

by senior military officers, service men and guests.

A total of nine teams are taking part in the tournament that will last till 28 May.—MNA



Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department clarifying matters on school enrolment to heads of BEHS/BEMS/BEPs at the meeting hall of the department on 23 May.—MNA



Traditional practitioners provide public health care in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint visited a medical team from the Traditional Medicine Department and Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association (Mandalay Division) providing health care to the public at the stairways of Kolonedaka Pagoda East Pyigyipyawbwe Ward in

Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, on 23 May morning.

Traditional Medicine Department Director-General Dr Aung Myint and officials reported to the minister on the provision of health care with the use of traditional medicine. Next, the minister comforted the

patients. A total of 521 people were provided health care there.

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Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint greets the local people receiving health care provided by traditional practitioners.

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Member of UEC meets sub-commission members in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— A coordination meeting between Member of the Union Election Commission Daw Khin Hla Myint and members of Ayeyawady Division Election Subcommissions took place at the meeting hall of Ayeyawady Division Election Subcommission on 17 May morning.

On the occasion, Member of the

Union Election Commission Daw Khin Hla Myint delivered an opening address and Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Election Subcommission U Myo Tun reported on tasks carried out.

The electoral work course opened at Ayeya Shwewah hall in Pathein Township was attended by members of Division/District/Township Subcommissions.

Chairman of Division Election Subcommission and members of Division/District Election Subcommissions law officers trained 130 members of Township Election Subcommissions on electoral law and rules in the course. Member of the Union Election Commission Daw Khin Hla Myint met members of District/Township Election Subcommissions on 18 May at the office of Pathein District Election Subcommission, and members of Myaungmya District and Labutta Dis-

trict Election Subcommissions on 19 May morning.

Member of the Union Election Commission Daw Khin Hla Myint instructed members of Hinthada District/Township Election Subcommissions on 20 May morning, in the afternoon, members of Maubin District/Township Election Subcommissions, members of Phapon District/Township Election Subcommissions on 21 May morning

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Mawlamyinegyun no more...

(from page 1)

On 25 April evening, our media crew of Kyemon daily visited Yazudaing Bridges No. 1 & 2. We first rode to Bridge No.2 through Jone-jone-kya Village

to see a new transport facility in my region. I think the two bridges will contribute much to development and transportation of the region."

The local people are grateful for the govern-

Mawlamyintgyun along with the emergence of the bridge: that it took over four hours to get to Yangon at present but it would be at the very most four-hour drive when the bridge No. 1 is in service.

Yazudaing Bridge No.2 is one-way RC type facility. The bridge with 20-foot wide motorway is 540 feet in length and can withstand 60 tons of load. It is the 48th over-180 foot bridge in Ayeyawady Division.

We then proceeded to Bridge No.1 by bikes. There, we saw

a large number of people relaxing riverside. Some were taking physical exercises facing the river and some strolling along riverside.

Turning my eyes to Kanyinge Village, I saw Z-craft carrying passengers from Yangon disembarking at Kyaukhtauk Z-craft wharf on Mawlamyinegyun bank. The passengers then got into passenger vehicles and proceeded to Mawlamyinegyun.

It takes 12 hours from Mawlamyinegyun to Yangon and thus going by vehicle is much time-

saving and more effective. Departments concerned has worked day and night for timely completion of Yazudaing Bridges No. 1 & 2 on Maubin Yele-galay-Shwetaungmaw-Kyeikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road section, part of road network project for development of Ayeyawady.

Yazudaing Bridge No.2 is already in commission and the bridge No. 1 will be opened soon. Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 is 1955 feet and nine inches long steel frame type facility. The

main bridge is 998 feet and two inches long and its motorway is 20 feet wide. It has two-foot wide pedestrian on either side and can withstand 60 tons of load.

Two years after Nargis tragedy, transportation of Mawlamyinegyun has become much better than ever before and socio-economic status of local people is also improving thanks to Yazudaing bridges.

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People from nearby regions can visit Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 for recreation and relaxation.

from Mawlamyinegyun. After 30-minute ride under dim sunshine of April evening, we saw Yazudaing Bridge No.2

A local who was on the bridge for pleasure said, "I have been wanting to come here since I have read the news about the inauguration of the bridge. As a local, I feel really happy

ment's goodwill to build Yazudaing bridges in the region. We were also extremely pleased to see the progress of the region.

A villager of Jone-jone-kya Village who was also there for relaxation when interviewed said that one can now make one-day trip between Yangon and



Passengers back from Yangon disembarking at Kyaukhtauk Village Z-craft wharf.



Myanmar, ROK to cooperate in sports sector



Sports Minister Thura U Aye Myint receives ROK Ambassador Mr Cho Byungjae. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint received

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Cho Byungjae and party at his office here yesterday morning.

They held discussions on cooperation in sports sector between the two countries.

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Cash donation to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association

YANGON, 25 May—A ceremony to donate cash to MWJA was held at its meeting hall here yesterday. Chairman of MWJA U Tin Kha

(Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepted K 300,000 donated to the MWJA's fund by Poet Min Maung Nwe (Mon Htarni).

This is the third

donation of the wellwisher who had already donated K 180,000 for the first time and K 300,000 for the second time.

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International Bakery & Pastry Course on first week of June

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Targeting at those who want to work at hotels, restaurants and cruise ships and those who want to be a professional at his own business, Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will conduct a new International Bakery & Pastry Course on the first week of June.

Well-experienced trainers will give lectures in accord with the course guideline of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Institute of AH&LA (USA) with the use of teaching aids at the three-month course.

IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course will be organized at the same avenue on

the first week of June.

For further information, contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at Room (302) in Building (267) on Pyay Road, Myaenigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 01 523623, 523200, 4412256 and 095020302).

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KMD introduces new Lenovo product

YANGON, 25 May— KMD Computer Group introduced a new Lenovo product at Sedona Hotel here this morning.

Lenovo products has been standing top in Asia

Pacific computer market for 8 years in a row since 2002. Lenovo notebooks for offices and all-in-one PCs were introduced at the ceremony.

KMD Computer

Group distributes Lenovo products in Myanmar as a sole agent. For more information, KMD, Ph: 245180, 384109 and 503511.

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Vice-President & General Manager of Lenovo Mr Howie Lau extends greetings at the launch of Lenovo new product.

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Chaungkauk Dam: the glory of Meiktila Township

(from page 16)

The dam is located near Letthekyo village in Meiktila Township and shares border with Pyawbwe Township. It was built in 1993-94 and completed in 1995-96. It was put into service in 1997. The dam benefits 4277 acres in Meiktila Township and 2,000 acres in Pyawbwe Township. The dam is supplying water not only to fields but also to Meiktila Lake.

As its water storage area is 13,250 acres feet, water is to be filled up to the white mark. The dam cannot withstand the water pressure when the water level exceeds the mark. So, they had to build a left main canal. Its highest water level



U Tun Aung (farmer)

is 790 feet and its depth 64 feet. When the reservoir is filled to the brim, it can supply till the water level falls 10 feet below the surface. About seven miles from Chaungkauk dam is Chaungkauk diversion dam which has left and right canals.

The left canal is 40,000 feet long and the right canal, 15,500 feet long. The left canal irri-

gates farmlands in Meiktila Township and the right, farmlands in Pyawbwe Township.

Chaungkauk dam supplies water to 300 acres of summer paddy and 150 acres of cotton plantations through Chaungkauk diversion dam. The dam contributes to seven village-tracts in Meiktila Town-

ship. In an interview with farmer U Tun

Aung, he said, "I grow cotton this year. I have

no difficulties in growing cotton due to rainfall and the dam." Cotton production will be higher than expected. Chaungkauk Dam, a glory of Meiktila Township, contributes to greening of plantations.

Translation: MT
Myanma Alin
(25-5-2010)



U Thein Zaw Hlaing



Lush and green summer paddy and cotton plantation.



A 400-meter-long dragon-shaped kite flies during a kite flying competition held in Baidi Scenic Spot in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 23 May, 2010.—XINHUA

IBM to buy AT&T's Sterling Commerce for \$1.4 billion

NEW YORK, 25 May—IBM (IBM.N) plans to buy Sterling Commerce from AT&T Inc (T.N) for about \$1.4 billion in cash to expand its portfolio of software for companies in financial services, manufacturing and retail.

Sterling's software and services help companies securely transfer electronic documents, such as purchase orders, payroll information, invoices and healthcare claims. It is the No. 2 player in the field after privately held GXS Inc.

"The market is fairly mature, with low growth in recent years, but with potential for solid profitability," said Thomas Weisel Partners analyst Tim



A man walks past the headquarters of IBM Japan in Tokyo on 18 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Klasell. International Business Machines Corp over the past decade has been focusing on improving its profitability by concentrating on high-margin software and services rather than hardware.

Internet

Magnitude-6.5 earthquake hits Brazil's Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 May—A magnitude-6.5 earthquake has hit deep below Brazil's Amazon region, but no damage or deaths have been reported.

The US Geological Survey says the temblor struck at 12:18 pm local time (1618 GMT) in Brazil's Acre state, which borders Peru and Bolivia.

It was located 360 miles (580 kilometres) below the earth's surface. An official in the mayor's office of Cruzeiro do Sul says nothing was felt there and no damage was reported in that city, 75 miles (125 kilometers) from the epicenter.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity, as she was not authorized to speak with the media.

Internet

5.0-magnitude quake jolts southwest China

CHENGDU, 25 May—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale jolted the bordering region of Dujiangyan city and Pengzhou city in southwest China's Sichuan Province Tuesday.

The quake struck at 2:11 pm, and no casualties had been reported as of 3 pm, the provincial seismological bureau said in a Press release.

No damage had been reported to the Dujiangyan irrigation system, the world's oldest irrigation project still functioning, the bureau said.

The epicenter of the quake was at 31.1 degrees north latitude and 103.7 degrees east longitude, at a depth of 10 km. The bureau said the tremor was an aftershock of the Wenchuan earthquake that shook southwest China on 12 May, 2008.—Xinhua



A visitor uses a self-service food ordering machine at the National Restaurant Association (NRA) Show 2010 in Chicago, on 23 May, 2010. The NRA Show will be held from 22 to 25 May. More than 1800 exhibitors from over 100 countries put some 900 new products on show.

XINHUA

School bus crash kills three

LONDON, 25 May—A bus carrying children home from school in northern England crashed into a car and overturned, killing three people and injuring dozens more, police said.

Two teenagers — a boy and a girl who had been on the bus — and the male driver of the Honda car involved in the crash were killed in the accident Monday.

It happened when the coach apparently swerved to avoid a vehicle on a busy road, before colliding with the Honda and flipping over.

Four people were critically injured and 35 others suffered less serious wounds after the crash near Keswick, in the Lake District, said police. Injuries included fractures and spinal damage.

"My officers and people from the other emergency services found a very difficult situation to deal with," said local police official Kevin Greenhow.—Internet

Four-alarm fire destroys business row in New York

NEW YORK, 25 May—A block of stores in Queens Borough of New York were engulfed by fire Monday morning.

Four suffered minor injuries.

The fire department is investigating the cause of the four-alarm fire that tore through the business row.

Flames broke out in a grocery store on 99th Street in Rego Park of Queens just after 8:30 am (1330 GMT).

Xinhua

Three gov't soldiers killed, four others wounded in S Philippines

MANILA, 25 May—Three government soldiers died and four others were wounded in an attack on a construction site by the leftist New People's Army guerrillas in the southern Philippine province of Davao Oriental on Monday, the military said.

Capt Emmanuel Garcia, spokesman of the Army's 10th Infantry Division, said the undetermined number of

rebels swooped down at the construction site of Maverick Construction, which the soldiers were securing, in Banay-banay town around 12 noon.

This ensued a one-hour firefight between the soldiers from the 26th Infantry Battalion who had put up a temporary patrol base in the area and the rebels, who Garcia said came in aboard a dump truck.—Internet

Cambodia hosts ASEAN police conference

PHNOM PENH, 25 May—The 30th ASEANAPOL (Association of Southeast Asian Nations Chiefs of National Police) conference opened here Tuesday to further strengthen cooperation and mutual assistance among the police forces of the ASEAN member countries and the dialogue partners.

The official opening ceremony was held under the presidency of Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior Sar Kheng. Nearly 300 high-ranking police officers from the ten ASEAN member countries and the dialogue partner countries including China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and the representatives of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat and Interpol attended the four-day conference. They will discuss issues like terrorism, drug and weapon trafficking, maritime fraud and cybercrime, etc. They will also update each other on developments on transnational crime and discuss how ASEANAPOL can increase relations with Interpol. It will also focus on the progress of the Electronic ASEANAPOL Database System (e-ADS), and adopt the joint statement.

"The annual ASEANAPOL is a good opportunity for us to review the previous year cooperation and to exchange ideas, experience and discussed any measures to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in order to enable all ASEAN forces to have similar capacity, technical and material basis in fighting against transnational crime so as to ensure happiness in the region and the world," Cambodia's Police General Neth Savoeun said at his welcome speech.

Xinhua



An aerial view shows the flooded village in Central Poland on 24 May, 2010. The death toll from the worst floods to hit Poland in over a decade reached 15 on Monday, as flood waters spread towards the north of the country and burst through a dyke, officials said.—XINHUA



Nile Delta holds 223 trillion cubic foot gas reserves

CAIRO, 25 May— Egyptian Oil Ministry said on Monday Egypt's Nile Delta is one of the most important area in the world that holds rich natural gas reserves.

The Ministry cited a report issued by the American Geological Association on 18 May, saying that Egypt's Nile Delta (north of Cairo) holds undiscovered natural gas estimated with 223 trillion cubic feet (about 6.3 trillion cubic meters). Refat Khafagy, undersecretary of the Oil Ministry, said the natural gas can be exploited by using advanced technologies, adding that there are also 7.6 billion barrels of undiscovered oil in

the same region.

Russia's West Siberian Basin is another region rich of natural gas reserves with an estimated 643 trillion cubic feet (about 18.2 trillion cubic meters). The Middle East and North Africa also has several areas with abundant natural gas reserves, which include the Rub Al Khali Basin with 426 trillion cubic feet (about 12 trillion cubic meters), the Greater Ghawar Uplift with 227 trillion cubic feet (about 6.4 trillion cubic meters), and the Zagros Fold Belt with 212 trillion cubic feet (about 6 trillion cubic meters).—Xinhua



Nigerian aircraft crash-lands in Kano State, no casualty

LAGOS, 25 May— A training aircraft belonging to the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology crash landed at Dawakin Tofa town in northern Kano state on Sunday.

Eye witnesses told reporters that the plane was forced down at Kashirmo town around 5:30 pm local time, probably due to strong wind storms experienced at the time.

The pilot and one

other person on board escaped unhurt, a local resident said.

A source at the control tower of the Malam Aminu Kano International Airport confirmed that two training aircraft came to Kano from the college of Aviation, Zaria for training.

He said the control tower got a report that the crew met a rainstorm on their way back to Zaria after the training.

The aircraft were advised to return to Kano, but on reaching Kano too, they met a strong wind storm and one of the planes proceeded to Katsina, the source added.

According to the source, the other aircraft force-landed at a primary school at the Dawakin Tofa area but there was no casualty.

Internet

A Statoil gas processing plant in Kaarstoe, Norway. Statoil, 67 percent held by the Norwegian state, is one of the world's largest oil and gas producers and the world's second largest natural gas exporter behind Russian giant Gazprom.

INTERNET

Prehistoric rock paintings found in Yellow River valley

A group of 24 rock paintings dating back 9,000 years have been found on cliffs in a Yellow River valley in northwest China's Gansu Province, villagers and officials said on Tuesday.

The paintings, which formed a rectangle 7.5 meters long and 4.4 metres wide, portrayed the family life of a man, two women and three children, as well as hunting and ploughing

in their community, said Liu Zaiming, a local official in Pingchuan District in the city of Baiyin.

Liu was among the first to detect the paintings on the red sandstone of Dalangshan Mountain in Pingchuan, on the western bank of the Yellow River, China's second longest waterway.

The paintings, first spotted by villagers in Shuiquan, a small, underdeveloped town

two weeks ago, had turned darkish brown, but the figures, cattle and wild animals portrayed were still vivid when one climbed up the craggy mountain for a closer view.

Experts from the provincial cultural heritage bureau say the paintings date back to 7,000 BC.

Local officials said they were working on plans to turn the site into a tourist attraction and increase the local farmers' income.

Shuiquan, with about 35,000 people, is an impoverished rural town. Though its name means "a spring of water," it is plagued by drought throughout the year.



Underwater wedding is held in Anhui Province, China.



Tourists walk under a tree painted with the picture in the shape of a giraffe in the Olympic Park in Beidaihe District in Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei Province, on 24 May, 2010. Many animal images are painted on over 30 trees in the parks and on the streets in the city to beautify the environment.

Ship in bottle: Trafalgar Square artwork unveiled

It's a scale model, but this ship in a bottle is no toy.

The gigantic replica of the Adm Horatio Nelson's flagship HMS Victory — placed in a bottle — was unveiled Monday in London's Trafalgar Square.

Yinka Shonibare's work — which is 4.7 meters (about 5 yards) long and 3.47 meters (nearly four yards) in diameter — will temporarily occupy the fourth plinth in the square, the public space in London named for the



British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare poses for photographs in front of the latest fourth plinth commission, his 'Nelson's Ship in a Bottle' sculpture during its unveiling ceremony in Trafalgar Square, London, on, 24 May, 2010.

1805 battle in which Nelson defeated the combined French and Spanish fleets.

Man bites man in dog fight in New York

There were men, dogs and biting, but it was not dog-bites-man nor man-bites-dog news. One man bit another during a fight over a couple of dogs at a park in suburban New York City, according to media reports on Tuesday. Rockland County sheriff's Capt William Barbera said two dog owners and a passer-by were involved in this man-bites-man news Sunday night.

One dog owner didn't like the way their pets were playing at a dog park in New City, about 30 miles north of New York and they came to blow over each other.

A third man tried to break up the fight and that one of the combatants bit him on the wrist. He said that no one has been arrested but that the case is still being investigated.

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MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (325)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (325) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.5.2010 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.

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Nurses stand in a tuberculosis pediatric ward in 2007 in South Africa. An international team of researchers has uncovered new genetic variants that increase a person's likelihood of contracting infectious diseases including tuberculosis and malaria.— INTERNET

Mother who killed kids to decide if bodies are repatriated

COSTA BRAVA, 25 May —A mother who admitted suffocating her two children with a plastic bag in a Spanish hotel room is expected to decide whether their bodies should be repatriated. Rebecca, five, and her 11-month-old brother Daniel were found dead at the Hotel Miramar in Lloret de Mar, on the Costa Brava, on Tuesday.

British consular staff are due to visit their mother, Lianne Smith, in jail in the coming days to talk about whether she wants their bodies to be flown home or buried in Spain. The bodies are understood to be held at Girona's Institute of Legal Medicine. Smith, 43, was transferred to prison in Girona, Spain on Saturday, after a judge ruled that a case should be brought against her. The former Cumbria County Council employee confessed to the horrific killings in notes left at the crime scene, a

court in Blanes, near Lloret de Mar, heard.

Judge Rafael Fernandez remanded her in custody at the end of hearing on Saturday, which was held behind closed doors and lasted several hours. She is being held in a cell on her own and is thought to be on suicide watch. The children died around the time Smith's partner, Martin Smith, 45, was extradited to Britain to face child sex charges.

Internet



Long-term treatment with anti-cancer medication Rituxan, produced by Swiss laboratory Roche, can cut the recurrence of follicular lymphoma in some patients by half, a new study said.—INTERNET

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The Union of Myanmar Civil Service Selection and Training Board Vacancy Announcement Announcement No. 5 / 2010 7 th Waxing of Nayon 1372 ME (19 May 2010)

1. Relief and Resettlement Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position -

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	2	B.A(English)

2. The applicants -

- (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
- (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 15 June 2010.
- (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No.(17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 15 June 2010.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant position will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main)/ 2009, dated 6 August 2009 (Amendment).

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No.(17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 15 June 2010. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will be held on 10 and 11 July 2010. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 8 July 2010.

8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No.(17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

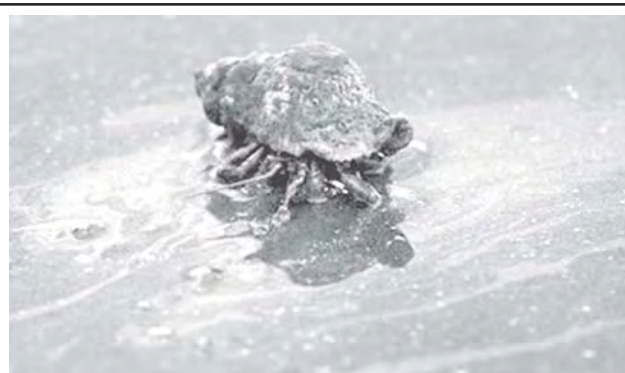
9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

Dogs maul German toddler to death

OLDISLEBEN-SACHSEN-BURG, 25 May—Four attack dogs killed a 3-year-old toddler in eastern Germany and badly injured the girl's great-grandmother, who had tried to rescue the girl, police said. Prosecutors opened an investigation for negligent homicide against the dogs' owner, the girl's aunt, police spokeswoman Jeanette Schwahn-Witzenhausen said.

The girl and her 70-year-old great-grandmother had been visiting the girl's aunt on Friday evening in Oldisleben-Sachsenburg in Thuringia state when the Staffordshire bull terriers attacked the girl while she was in the house, police said.

Internet



An oil-covered crab crawls on the beach on Grand Isle, Louisiana. Anger was mounting as heavy oil blackened Louisiana's marshes and beaches and efforts to cap the oil which has been gushing into the Gulf of Mexico for more than a month met with more delays. — INTERNET

One of Mesoamerica's oldest tombs found

LOS ANGELES, 25 May — The discovery in the Mexican state of Chiapas, an elaborate crypt at least 2,500 years old, includes the remains of what is believed to be an early ruler of the Zoque people, archaeologists say.

US and Mexican archaeologists have discovered one of the oldest tombs in Mesoamerica, a burial chamber from at least 2,500 years ago in the state of Chiapas that contains the remains of what appears to be one of the first powerful rulers of the Zoque people.

Internet



Gunmen kidnap two American tourists in Yemen

HAYMA, 25 May—Gunmen kidnapped two American tourists and their driver in Yemen on Monday and demanded the release of a jailed tribesman, security officials said.

The US Embassy in San'a said it was working with Yemeni authorities to resolve the situation, and a US official in Washington said it did not appear to be an act of terrorism.

The security officials

and members of the kidnappers' tribe said the two Americans — a man and a woman — were seized while traveling to al-Hudaydah Province west of the capital, San'a.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Relatives of the Americans' taxi driver, Mohammed Saleh, said he phoned after the kidnapping to report that

six gunmen stopped them on the road and took them to the al-Hamra village.

Members of the kidnappers' Sharda tribe said the hostages were now their "guests."

The driver's relatives and the tribesmen spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid trouble from the authorities.

The security officials said the American tourists arrived in Yemen Saturday on a flight from Dubai.

Internet



The performance "Impression Lijiang" is staged near the foot of the Yulong Snow Mountains in Lijiang, a tourist resort in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 24 May, 2010. —XINHUA

Indonesia slightly increases export of crude palm oil

JAKARTA, 25 May—Exports of Indonesia's crude palm oil (CPO) and its derivative products increased slightly in the first four months to 4.65 million tons, Indonesia Palm Oil Producers Association (Gapki) reported on Tuesday.

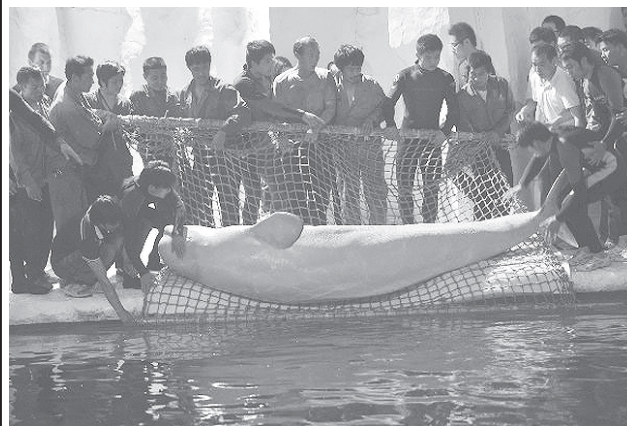
Director Executive of Gapki, Fadhil Hasan said the demand of the commodity from Indonesia keeps rising despite domestic green campaign against the CPO consumption.

"India has been the main destination country for Indonesia's CPO exports so far," he said.

The European Union has said that it will continue purchasing CPO from Indonesia, ignoring environmental concern from the public.

The director said that the shipments during the first four months comprised 2.5 million tons of CPO and 2.15 million tons of its derivative products.

Exports of Indonesia's crude palm oil and its derivative products last year rose by 2 million tons to 15.5 million tons.—Xinhua



Employees carry a beluga from Russia in Hangzhou Polar Ocean Park, Hangzhou city, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 24 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Indian held with tortoises in Bangladesh's main airport

DHAKA, 25 May—Immigration officials of Bangladesh's main Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in capital Dhaka has seized a consignment of 480 rare tortoises and arrested a Malaysia-bound Indian national, a senior official said on Monday.

The airport's Customs Intelligence Super, Shamsul Islam Khan, told Xinhua "we've rescued 480 live tortoises from two bags and arrested the Indian passport holder Peer Mohammad on Sunday night at about 10:30 pm

local time."

He said wildlife offender, who is from India, has planned to smuggle out the rare species of tortoises widely known as "Star Tortoise" to Malaysia. "We're yet to be confirmed whether he (Peer Mohammad) collected the tortoises from India or Bangladesh," Khan said, adding "we've already sent the tortoises to the Dhaka Forest Office for their better protection."

Xinhua

Children perform during a gymnastics contest held in Wuhu, east China's Anhui Province, on 23 May, 2010. Children from 15 kindergartens of the city took part in the contest on Sunday.

XINHUA



Brazil's OGX announces oil discovery

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 May—Brazilian oil company OGX announced on Monday an oil discovery in shallow waters off the country's southeastern coast.

The company said it has identified gas and condensates in the Santonian section of its 1-OGX-11D-SPS well, in the Natal prospect. The well is located in the shallow waters of the Santos Basin, some 104 km off the Brazilian coast. The water depth in the area is of about 170 meters.

According to the company, the discovery marks the beginning of "a new cycle of important discoveries."

"This result both confirms the existence of an active petroleum system and demonstrates the soundness of our exploration philosophy and technical team's knowledge of the sedimentary basins that make up our portfolio," said OGX's Chief Executive Officer Paulo Mendonca.—Xinhua



Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard points at a photo of former Portuguese football player Luis Figo competing at the opening ceremony of the exhibition "Mexico World Cup, 80 years Putting the Heart" at the Chapultepec Zoo in Mexico City, on 24 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Microsoft unit may undergo management shake up

NEW YORK, 25 May—Microsoft Corp is set to shake up the management of its division focused on videogames, mobile phones and other consumer devices, the Wall Street Journal said on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter.

The software maker may announce the changes at its entertainment and devices division as early as this week, the Journal reported in its online division. Microsoft declined comment.

J Allard, the group's chief experience officer and chief technology officer, is expected to leave his position following the company's recent decision to shut down a tablet computer development project, named Courier, that Allard was overseeing, according to people familiar with the matter, the Journal said.

Internet



Spanish matador Julio Aparicio is carried to infirmary after being gored by a bull during a bullfight during the San Isidro Feria at the Las Ventas bullring in Madrid. Aparicio underwent surgery and is out of critical danger.

INTERNET



Spanish bullfighter recovering after throat goring

MADRID, 25 May – A Spanish bullfighter left intensive care on Monday and was recovering satisfactorily in a Madrid hospital after a bull's horn ripped through his throat, pierced his tongue and smashed his palate. Aparicio, 41, suffered the grotesque goring on Friday evening during a bullfight at Madrid's Las Ventas bullring.

The matador lost his balance, fell to the ground and in an instant the 530-kilogram (1,168 pound) bull drove his right horn through Aparicio's throat and out his mouth.—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (26-5-2010)(Wednesday)

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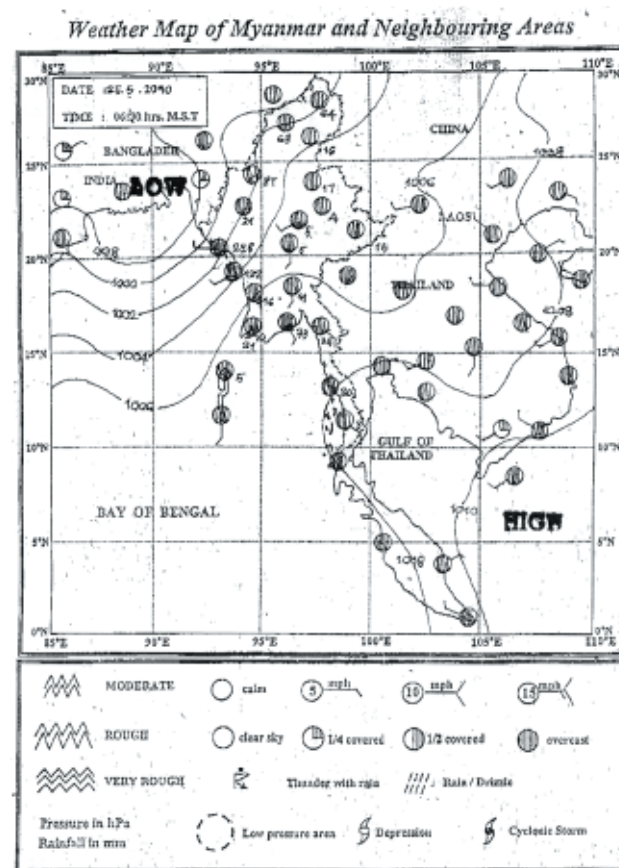
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- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles(Bagan)



WEATHER

Tuesday, 25th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the North Bay and Central Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Mon States and Mandalay Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kayin and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (5°C) below May average temperatures in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (8.97) inches, Thandwe (7.12) inches, An (6.06) inches, Mawlaik (5.63) inches, Kyaukpau (4.80) inches, Theinzaya (4.28) inches, Kyauktaw (4.17) inches, Machanbaw (3.74) inches, Homalin (3.42) inches, Kyaukpataung (3.15) inches, Sinphyukune (2.40) inches, Minbu (2.17) inches and Chauk (1.89) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2010 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 25-5-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-5-2010 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 24-5-2010 was (4.8) hours.

Rainfall on 25-5-2010 was (0.94) inch, at Mingaladon, (1.45) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (5.51) inches at Mingaladon, (7.12) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.50) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (13:30) hours MST on 24-5-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, the low pressure area over the North Bay and adjoining the East Central Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Northern Shan State and lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-5-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-5-2010: Some rain or thundershowers which is heavy at time. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-5-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Myanmar**TV**

Wednesday, 26 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ ခိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. ဓမ္မပူဇော်အစီအစဉ်

7:55 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

7. Song Of National Races

8:15 am

8. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:30 am

9. “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ”

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010)ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta United

FC အသင်းနှင့်**မနောမြေ FC အသင်း)****5:00 pm**

2. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:15 pm

3. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

4. Classical Songs

5:35 pm

5. ရွှေပွင့်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

6. “ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်မြောက်ပိုင်းမှ ဖြစ်ထွန်းစီးပွားစိုက်ပျိုးရေး လုပ်ငန်းများ”

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20pm

9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:40 pm

10. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:10 pm

11. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

7:40 pm

12. “ဝတ်မှုန်တေးဂီတ အဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း”

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International News

15. Weather Report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်တေးသံသာ” (အပိုင်း-၄၄)

17. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “ပိလောနို့နတ်” (လွင်မိုးခိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သီ)



- ★ 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

Chaungkauk Dam: the glory of Meiktila Township

Visiting Meiktila Township, one can see thriving summer paddy fields, cotton plantations and chilly plantations, which are the fruits of dams and tube-wells in the township. Recently, our news team made a trip to Chaungkauk Dam in Meiktila Township to write a byline about it. Thanks to the dam, summer paddy fields are now thriving.

After driving about ten miles along Meiktila-Pyawbwe Road and about seven miles along the laterite road from Meiktila, we got to our destination. Deputy staff officer U Thein Zaw Hlaing of the Irrigation

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Photo: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

Department explained facts about the facility to us, saying, "The dam was built on Chaungkauk Creek. It is of earthen type and 6800 feet in length, 74 feet in height and 20 feet in width." Its water storage capacity is 13,250 acre feet and inflow area 78 square feet, he added.

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Low pressure area weakens

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—According to the observations at 12:30 hrs MST on today, low pressure area over the North Bay and adjoining Central Bay become unimportant.—MNA

Monsoon enters northern Bay of Bengal, central Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Over last 24 hrs, southwest monsoon has entered the northern Bay of Bengal and central Myanmar, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department today.

MNA



Photo shows Chaungkauk dam in Meiktila Township.

