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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Azerbaijani President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which falls on 28 May 2010.—*MNA*

Heads of States, Heads of Government and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, Vietnam exchange felicitations on the occasion of 35th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—*On the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the following messages of felicitations were exchanged between the Heads of States, Heads of Government and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the two countries.*

Message from Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, to Mr Nguyen Minh Triet, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Excellency,

On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I would like to extend to your Excellency and, through you, to the people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam our warmest compliments and best wishes.

The past decades of our bilateral relations have consolidated the warmest mutual understanding and ever closest cooperation that we are enjoying at the moment, it is my honour to recall the traditional cordial ties that originated way back to

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Azerbaijani counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Artur Rasizade, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which falls on 28 May 2010.—*MNA*

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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Myeik University: an auspicious ground for human resources development

Byline: ***Tin Mar Win & Mya Kay Khine Soe;***
Photo: ***Myanma Alin***

The government is upgrading and updating the education sector with the aim of promotion of education standard of national residing at development regions of the Union as well as in the cities of states and divisions to be able to acquire knowledge and turning out highly-qualify human resources.

In its drive for turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia across the nation and placing emphasis

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Photo shows Myeik University.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 28 May, 2010

Paddy season starts with monsoon

According to the observation recorded these days, the monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal. The southwest monsoon has entered the northern Bay of Bengal and central Myanmar. It has rained a lot in Rakhine and Mon States, and Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

So, it is now time to grow paddy for this season. Farmers around the nation are now gearing up to plough fields. This year, the monsoon enters the nation a little late, so farmers should seek advice from agriculturalists with respect to choosing suitable paddy strains and sparing paddy seeds.

Farmers have to put all the targeted acreage under paddy, and to boost per acre yield. High-yield strains and correct agricultural methods are necessary for boosting production of paddy. If paddy seeds of pure stock are used, the paddy output and quality are high, the rice tastes good, paddy plants are resistant to pests and harsh weather, and they can be grown at any type of soil.

In Myanmar, paddy is grown largely in Sagaing Division, Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division (West), and Shan State. Ayeyawady Division has larger paddy sown acreage than any other state or division, and paddy per acre yield is high in Shan State and Sagaing Division. Anyhow, farmers are to work hard to boost per acre yield region-wise.

The government is providing farmers with irrigation water and high-yield strain paddy seeds extensively for agricultural development. In addition, it is encouraging farmers to utilize farm machinery and advanced agricultural methods in combination, and disseminating agricultural methods and giving talks to minimize unnecessary loss and wastage.

Agriculture is the greatest part in the economic development of the nation. With an increase in the agricultural produce, the nation will be able to boost export of the surpluses. The targets of total sown acreage and agricultural outputs will be achieved this year if agriculturalists and farmers work in harmony.

People's Desire

* **Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
* **Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
* **Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
* **Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Information Minister receives Thai Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan received Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar H.E Mr. Apirath Vienravi at his office here at 1:40 pm today.

The meeting was also attended by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Head of Office U Myint Htwe.—*MNA*

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Azerbaijani counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Azerbaijan, which falls on 28 May 2010.—*MNA*

***Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan receives Ambassador of Thailand Mr. Apirath Vienravi.*—MNA**

Dy Health Minister attends 63rd World Health Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended 63rd World Health Assembly held in Geneva of Switzerland from 17 to 21 May.

The assembly started at UN office in Geneva of Switzerland on 17 May. The delegates from WHO member countries discussed Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

On 18 May, the deputy minister discussed successful implementation of MDGs in Myanmar. He held discussions with managing director and officer-in-charge of Global Fund, director (TB) of WHO, WHO coordinator (Laboratory), deputy CEO of GAVI, professor from Sasakawa Memorial Foundation and deputy CEO of UNAIDS. He also discussed Roll Back Malaria and Combination Therapy.

The delegation arrived back here on 23 May.

MNA

***Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo participates in 63rd World Health Assembly as deputy chairman.* —MNA**

Education Road Show in Yangon on 29 May

YANGON, 27 May— Crown Education, PSB Academy and MDIS have joined hands to organize Education Road Show at Park Royal Hotel here between 1 to 3 pm on 29 May.

Education consultant U Aung Kyaw Hsan of the Crown Education and Manager Daw Khine Khine Lin of Management Development Institute of Singapore will give talks on education systems in Singapore, United Kingdom and Australia and deciding courses which guarantee certain job opportunities.

The similar shows will also be displayed in Taunggyi on 31 May and in Mandalay on 2 June respectively.

One may also have a chance to take a look at courses in local software training centres, IELTS centres and City and Guild at the show.

Those interested may contact Crown Education at Room 228-229, Summit Parkview Hotel, (Ph: 211888 ext: 228-229, 216750) for more details.

MNA

Smoke rises at the site where an IED (improvised explosive device) was detonated in front of the main gate of Camp Nathan Smith in Kandahar City on 26 May, 2010. A powerful bomb exploded outside the NATO base on Wednesday, destroying scores of vehicles but causing no casualties, officials said.—INTERNET

15 Iraqis wounded in Baghdad bomb blasts

BAGHDAD, 27 May— Fifteen people were wounded in separate bomb explosions in Baghdad on Thursday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Six people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at the bustling central Baghdad district of Aalawi, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, four people were wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near the main road that passes through Iskan neighborhood in western Baghdad, the source said.

Also in the day, three people were wounded in a makeshift bomb blast in Baghdad southwestern district of Jihad, the source added.

Two people were also wounded in a bomb explosion in Harthiyah neighborhood in western the capital, he said.

Waves of violence and sporadic attacks continue in the Iraqi cities more than two months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills policeman, wounds 2 in W Afghanistan

HERAT, 27 May— A roadside bomb organized by militants struck a police van in Farah province, in western Afghanistan, leaving one policeman dead and two others injured, police spokesman in the western region Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said Thursday.

"The gruesome incident occurred in Balablok district Wednesday, killing one policeman and injuring two others," Ahmadi told *Xinhua.*

He also added that another mine planted on a road in the same district was found on Thursday morning and defused later.

Taleban militants who staged a violent comeback in 2006 have vowed to speed up their activities this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua

Hamas policemen are seen at a naval exercise in preparation for the arrival of the Freedom Flotilla at the Gaza Seaport on 26 May, 2010. The Freedom Flotilla, consists of nine ships from Europe and Arab states, is expected to arrive in Gaza at the beginning of the next week to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.
XINHUA

Vietnam stock market index ends up

HANOI, 27 May— Vietnam's stock market index, the VN-Index, closed at 497.16 points on Thursday, up 4.47 points, or 0. 91 percent, against the previous trading day.

A total of 41.76 million shares worth 1.38 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (72.65 million US dollars) changed hands at the Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange. Prices of 135 stocks went up, 48 dropped while 51 remained unchanged.

The HNX-Index, index of Vietnam's Hanoi Stock Exchange, went up 0.35 points, or 0.22 percent, to 159.83 points.

Xinhua

Pakistani Taleban leader killed by Afghan forces

ISLAMABAD, 27 May— Pakistani Taleban leader Maulvi Fazlullah was killed in a clash with Afghan forces near the border, local TV channels reported Thursday.

He was killed along with six of his comrades in the Barg Matal district of Afghanistan's Nuristan province, near the border with Pakistan, Mohammad Zaman Mamozai, chief of the Afghan border force for the eastern region, was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

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, killing at least 30 people and wounding 80 others, police and officials said.—INTERNET

Bomb kills 5, injures 20 at Russian dance show

STAVROPOL, 27 May— At least five people were killed and 20 injured on Wednesday when a bomb exploded outside a theatre in the southern Russian city of Stavropol just before the start of a Chechen dance show, investigators said.

Interior Ministry officers stand guard at the site of a bomb explosion in Russia's southern city of Stavropol on 26 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Investigators opened a criminal case under terrorism laws, the Prosecutor General's Office said in a statement. The ethnically Russian Stavropol region, which borders the violence-racked Muslim republics of the North Caucasus, has been hit by Islamist attacks in the past, but not in recent years. The prosecutor's office statement said the bomb, which contained explosives equivalent to 200-250 grammes of TNT, exploded 15 minutes before the start of a concert by a celebrated Vainakh dance troop from Chechnya.—*Xinhua*

Israeli warplanes hit Gaza targets, 15 wounded

RAFAH, 27 May—Palestinian hospital officials say 15 people were wounded in overnight Israeli airstrikes in the Gaza Strip.

The airstrikes came after the Israeli military reported that Palestinian militants on Tuesday had blown up a donkey cart filled with dynamite near the concrete wall that separates Gaza from Israel and fired several mortar rounds into Israel. No Israelis were injured.

Officials at the hosp ital in Beit Hanoun in northern Gaza say 15 people, mostly civilians, were injured when Israeli warplanes targeted a Hamas training camp in the area.—*Internet*

USAF vehicle breaks record for hypersonic flight

WASHINGTON, 27 May—An experimental aircraft has set a record for hypersonic flight, flying more than 3 minutes at Mach 6 — six times the speed of sound.

The X-51A Waverider was released from a B-52 Stratofortress off the southern California coast Wednesday morning, the Air Force reported on its website. Its scramjet engine accelerated the vehicle to Mach 6, and it flew autonomously for 200 seconds before losing acceleration. At that point the test was terminated.

The Air Force said the previous record for a hypersonic scramjet burn was 12 seconds.

"We are ecstatic to have accomplished many of the X-51A test points during its first hypersonic mission," said Charlie Brink, an X-51A program manager with the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

"We equate this leap in engine technology as equivalent to the post-World War II jump from propeller-driven aircraft to jet engines," Brink said.

The Waverider was built for the Air Force by Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne and Boeing Co.

Joe Vogel, Boeing's director of hypersonics, said, "This is a new world record and sets the foundation for several hypersonic applications, including access to space, reconnaissance, strike, global reach and commercial transportation."

Four X-51A cruisers have been built for the Air Force, and the remaining three will be tested this fall.

Internet

Visitors view during the 13th China Beijing International Hi-tech Expo in Beijing, capital of China, on 27 May, 2010. The five-day expo, with more than 2,000 participants from the US, the UK, Germany, Russia, Japan, South Korea, etc., opened here on Thursday.

XINHUA

Shuttle Atlantis returns to Earth after final voyage

CAPE CANAVERAL, 27 May— The space shuttle Atlantis returned to Earth on Wednesday, wrapping up the final mission of its 25-year career.

Atlantis touched down at 8:48 am (1248 GMT) at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, completing a picture-perfect landing on the runway at the Kennedy Space Centre.

The shuttle uncoupled from the orbiting *International Space Station (ISS)* space on Sunday after its mission deliverings 12 tonnes of supplies and equipment.

Wednesday's landing caps the 25-year career of one of NASA's iconic spacecrafts, which has logged some 115 million miles (185 million kilometres). It was Atlantis' 32nd and *final mission* and will be followed by only two more shuttle flights, one by discovery in mid-September and the programme's final mission by endeavour at the end of November.

Once the shuttle program ends, the United States will rely on Russian *Soyuz* rockets to carry its astronauts to the space station until a commercial US launcher can be developed. That is scheduled for 2015.

Internet

Space shuttle Atlantis glides by rescue vehicles before landing on Kennedy Space Center's runway 33 on Wednesday, 26 May, 2010 in Cape Canaveral, Fla.—INTERNET

Facebook to unveil simplified privacy controls Wednesday

BEIJING, 27 May— Facebook said it will introduce "drastically simplified" tools for privacy controls on Wednesday to appease concerns about safeguarding information at the social-networking site.

Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg said Monday that the social network "missed the mark" with its privacy controls and changes are imminent.

"The biggest message we have heard recently is that people want easier control over their information," Zuckerberg said. "Simply put, many of you thought our controls were too complex."

The company plans to discuss the changes that needed at an event on Wednesday in the city of Palo Alto, California. It will unveil a new version of its privacy menu intended to make adjusting the settings much easier for users.

Currently, Facebook users are required to navigate through 50 settings with over 170 different options to adjust how much of their profile information is accessible to anyone on the Internet.

Xinhua

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE ON THE DAY OF VESAK
28 MAY 2010

I am pleased to send greetings on the Day of Vesak, which marks the birth, enlightenment and passing of the Buddha. Vesak is a time for all Buddhists to reflect on the fundamental values of tolerance, compassion and service to humanity that are embodied in the Buddha's life and teachings. These values are echoed in the Charter of the United Nations, a promise by Member States to work in harmony for a world where women and men can thrive and prosper in peace and dignity.

The theme for this year, "Global Recovery: the Buddhist Perspective", speaks to the heart of global concerns at a time of multiple crises. When the economic and financial crisis hit, the poor suffered first and worst. They will take longest to recover. At the time, I urged world leaders to act in unison for the common good. Their synchronized response and the efforts of the United Nations helped to avoid a worse crisis. Valuable lessons were learned that are guiding our response as the fallout continues.

Such displays of solidarity are increasingly essential in today's interdependent world. They are reflected in the Day of Vesak itself, and the acts of compassion for the less fortunate that are part of its annual observance. Only by showing regard for others can we succeed in tackling the great challenges of our era: reducing poverty and hunger; reversing environmental decline; avoiding catastrophic climate change; and creating a world of freedom, peace and justice for all. If we follow the true spirit of Buddhism — or any of the other major religions of the world — all these noble goals can be achieved.

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Man infected with computer virus

BEIJING, 27 May— British scientist, Dr Mark Gasson, says he has become the first man in the world to become infected with a computer virus.

Gasson, from the University of Reading, contaminated a computer chip which was then inserted into his hand. The device, which enables him to pass through security doors and activate his mobile phone, is a sophisticated version of ID chips used to tag pets and other animals.

In the trials, Dr Gasson was able to demonstrate that the chip was able to pass on the computer virus to external control systems. If other implanted chips had then connected to the system they too would have been corrupted, Gasson said.

His findings have important implications for a future where medical devices such as pacemakers and cochlear implants become more sophisticated. In the future they could risk being contaminated by other human implants.

"With the benefits of this type of technology come risks. We may improve ourselves in some way but much like the improvements with other technologies, mobile phones for example, they become vulnerable to risks, such as security problems and computer viruses," Dr Gasson explains.

"This type of technology has been commercialised in the United States as a type of medical alert bracelet, so that if you're found unconscious you can be scanned and your medical history brought up."

Internet

FDA warns of liver injury risk with weight-loss drugs

BEIJING, 27 May—The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has revised the label for two kind of weight-loss drugs to include new safety information about rare cases of severe liver injury, according to media reports on Thursday.

The agency said it has not determined that Roche's prescription drug orlistat (Xenical) or Glaxo's over-the-counter pill orlistat (Alli) caused liver damage, but feels the public should be alerted because the condition is serious.

The warning is based on a completed FDA review of all available data from preclinical and clinical trials, postmarketing studies, and drug utilization from April 1999 to . 7 Aug, 2009.

The FDA identified 13 postmarketing cases of severe liver injury — 12 of them foreign cases involving Xenical and the other a US case involving Alli. Two died and three needed liver transplants.

The FDA said an estimated 40 million people worldwide have used Xenical or Alli.

Both Roche and GlaxoSmithKline noted that the reports of liver injury were rare.

Xinhua

Professional Ye Han explains culture of ancient costumes of Han ethnic group to students at the Yifu Primary School in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province on 25 May, 2010.
Xinhua

US restaurants accused of packing "extreme" calories on diners

BEIJING, 27 May—A US consumer group accused big national chains of packing extreme amounts of calories onto unsuspecting diners, according to media reports Wednesday.

"Compared to some of the foods we're seeing in restaurants now, the Big Mac seems downright dainty," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the consumer group Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Dietary guidelines suggest most US adults limit their daily intake to about 2,000 calories. The CSPI highlighted several items and each one packs nearly a full day or more in calories and that's just "one" item.

A Five Guys bacon cheeseburger and large fries is the same as eating two McDonald's quarter pounders and three large fries.

Even salads at some restaurants may not be healthy if it's loaded with cheese, creamy dressing and other high calorie items.

"Certainly there are indulgent items on menus, but there are more diet-conscious items on menus than ever before, and our customers know it," Michael Donohue, the organization's chief spokesman, says in a statement.

People in the US eat out four to five times a week and one out of every three adults is considered obese, the group said.—*Xinhua*

Actors perform at the Wenzhou Theater of Wenzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 26 May, 2010. Actors from France, Sweden, Poland, Russia, etc presented a burlesque show for people here on Wednesday.—**Xinhua**

A supply of antiretroviral drugs are prepared for free distribution to HIV patients visiting for treatment and consultation at a government hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2009. People with HIV reduced the risk of handing on the AIDS virus by an astonishing 92 percent while they were taking antiretroviral drugs, according to a trial reported on Thursday.—INTERNET

Austria's smoking rate among the world's highest

VIENNA, 27 May—Austrian experts sounded warnings Wednesday on the grim situation facing anti-smoking campaigns in the country, saying its smoking rate was among the world's highest.

About 2.5 million, or 60 percent, of those in the 20-50 age group were regular or occasional smokers in Austria, said Horst Olschewski, director of the Pulmonary Division at the Graz University Hospital.

"This is actually a world record," Olschewski told a press conference on a restaurant smoking ban ahead of the World No Tobacco Day on 31 May. About 24 percent of the boys around 15 years old smoke cigarettes, as do 30 percent of the girls of the same age, both quite high, he said.

Xinhua

Health

A man uses a door to float in flooded village of Szczekarow close to Kazimierz Dolny, central eastern Poland on 26 May, 2010. Poland has earmarked 2 billion zlotys ($590 million) from budget reserves to help victims of floods that have burst riverbanks and submerged homes, Prime Minister Donald Tusk said on Tuesday. **—Xinhua**

Flu cases in Singapore near epidemic levels

SINGAPORE, 27 May—Epidemic season has hit Singapore as the number of flu cases surged through the roof, local newspaper *The Straits Times* reported on Thursday.

Although this has been a traditionally high season for influenza and colds collectively called acute respiratory infection, the number of people with the sniffles has been at epidemic, or near-epidemic levels for the past six weeks.

A high of 18,420 people sought treatment for the flu at government health polyclinics last week, or 4,000 more patients a week than the norm for this time of the year. Many of the flu cases involve the pandemic A/H1N1 strain, which created a health scare worldwide last year, but eventually proved to be milder than originally thought.

According to the Ministry of Health, 29 percent of patients here with flu-like symptoms last week had this bug.

Also worrying is the higher number of patients turning up with pneumonia, a more severe form of upper respiratory tract infection.

Pneumonia is the third-biggest killer in Singapore, after cancer and heart disease accounting for more than 2,000 deaths in 2008.

Xinhua

Piracy hurt economy of East African countries

NAIROBI, 27 May— Piracy activities on the coast of Somalia have been severely hurting the economy of countries in the East African region.

Secretary of Kenya Ships Agency Association, David Mackay, said Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and other countries in the region were losing over 200 million US dollars in revenues because of piracy activities on Somali waters.

"The total cost of the crime to the East African economies is 275 million dollars annually," he told journalists in Nairobi on Wednesday.

He said that piracy has led to an increase in freight costs and consequently the cost of goods in the region has shot up.

"The cost of shipping goods has increased by 15 percent. Insurance companies raised their premiums to cushion their businesses. Also, shipping companies have to employ extra security guards to ensure their goods arrive safely," he said.

Mackay said among the sectors that are negatively affected in Kenya is tourism. "We have had cancellation of several cruise ships coming to Kenya and other destinations in the region."—*Xinhua*

FAW Volkswagen has agreed to locate its 8 billion yuan (US$1.17 billion) new plant in Foshan in Guangdong Province as part of the German auto maker's drive to widen its weak footprint in south China. —INTERNET

Euro sinks on report about China's holdings

NEW YORK, 27 May— The euro fell against major currencies on Wednesday on a report that China was reviewing its euro holdings.

The *Financial Times,* without citing sources, said China was reviewing its holdings of eurozone debt in the wake of the crisis that has swept through the region's bond markets.

A couple of encouraging US economic report drove stocks higher but failed to lift the euro. Worries persist about the debt crisis and weak growth outlook in the eurozone, analysts said.

The 16-nation single currency was also hurt by rising interbank rates and weak demand for German bonds. The three-month U.S. dollar London interbank offered rate, or Libor, which hit another 10-month high on Wednesday. An auction of 7 billion euros of five-year German government bonds drew the lowest demand since March 2008.The euro bought 1.2192 dollars in late New York trading compared with 1.2332 dollars it bought late Tuesday. The pound fell to 1.4383 dollars from 1.4397 dollars.

Xinhua

In this photo taken on 21 May, 2010, Chrysler assemblyman Michael Ricks works on the door assembly on the automaker's new 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee at the Jefferson North Assembly in Detroit. The Commerce Department said Wednesday, on 26 May, demand for durable goods increased 2.9 percent last month. It was the best showing in three months and more than double the 1.3 percent gain expected. Internet

Business

New car plant to be located in S China's Foshan

BEIJING, 27 May— FAW Volkswagen has agreed to locate its 8 billion yuan (US$1.17 billion) new plant in Foshan in Guangdong Province as part of the German auto maker's drive to widen its weak footprint in south China, the Economic Observer reported yesterday.

According to an industrial outline issued by Guangdong Province, the joint venture between FAW Group Corp and Volkswagen will build a plant capable of producing 300,000 units in Nanhai District of Foshan. Construction will start next year and be completed by 2013, the newspaper added.

A spokesman for FAW Volkswagen was not available for comment yesterday.

At the end of April, Volkswagen AG announced it would invest another 1.6 billion euros (US$2.1 billion) in China to build two new plants and launch new models to meet rising demand.—*Internet*

A man takes the fish out of hot water in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 25 May, 2010. Local fishermen have a traditional method of drying fish, which have become an important way of financing.
XINHUA

Japan's exports rise 40.4% in April on year

TOKYO, 27 May — Japanese exports grew 40.4 percent in April from a year earlier, marking the 13th successive month of trade surplus, the Ministry of Finance (MOF) said Thursday in a preliminary report.The ministry attributed rise in exports to increase in demand in Asia for Japanese products, suggesting the country's export-led expansion may have extended into the second quarter of this fiscal year.However the pace of export growth in April slowed from the previous month when shipments abroad gained by 43.5 percent on year, the MOF said Nevertheless, the value of exports rose in April for the fifth successive month totalling 5,889 billion yen (65.39 billion US dollars).

Due to imports to Japan rising 24.2 percent in April, totalling 5,147 billion yen (57.15 billion US dollars) — marking the fourth straight month of advance — Japan's trade surplus stood at 742 billion yen in April continuing a surplus for the 13th consecutive month.—*Xinhua*

Gold price opens higher in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 27 May— The gold price in Hong Kong went up 4 HK dollars to open at 11,232 HK dollars per tael on Thursday, according to the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange Society.

The price is equivalent to 1,212.81 U.S. dollars a troy ounce, up 43.2 U.S. cents at the latest exchange rate of one US dollar against 7.774 HK dollars.

Internet

An employee cleans solar panels at a power plant in Dunhuang, Gansu province.—INTERNET

Brazilian economy to grow 6.5% in 2010

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 May — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Wednesday revised up its projection for Brazil's economic growth rate to 6.5 percent in 2010.

The figure is much higher than its previous estimate of 4.8 percent.

Despite recent cuts in expenditures and a tightening of monetary policy, investment in infrastructure will help Brazil grow in 2010, said the OECD.In 2011, the Brazilian economy will grow 4.5 percent, up from 3.7 percent in the previous projection, it said.Last year, due to the effects of the international financial crisis, the Brazilian economy contracted 0.2 percent.The OECD was not the only institution to predict a high growth rate for Brazil in 2010. In the most recent Focus market survey, the Brazilian financial sector projected a growth of 6.46 percent for this year. The Brazilian government's most recent estimate is a growth of 5.5 percent.

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the time when our two countries became independent and sovereign states. The mutual support that existed between us stands as the most significant milestone in the history of our bilateral relations. Nowadays, with the changing scenario of the era, the cooperation in the regional framework of ASEAN, GMS and ACMECS have complimented our bilateral relations to move further to a higher ground.

The recent visit of Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to Myanmar had added a strong impetus to further consolidate the existing friendship, understanding and cooperation between our two countries and peoples.

Taking this opportunity, I have the honour to convey my best wishes for the personal well-being and further success of Your Excellency and for the continued progress and prosperity of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message from Mr Nguyen Minh Triet, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar.

On the auspicious occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2010), on behalf of the State, the people of Vietnam, and in on my own name, I have the great honour to convey to Your Excellency and the people of the Union of Myanmar the warmest congratulations.

The Day of 28th May, 1975 marked an important milestone, ushering a new chapter in the Vietnam-Myanmar relations. I am delighted to see that during the past 35 years the relations of traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries have continuously been consolidated and developed in all bilateral, regional, and international frameworks; trade, investment and economic cooperation between our two countries have recorded new progress, and expanded with grater effectiveness for the development and prosperity of the two peoples.

The State and people of Vietnam always attach much importance to the consolidation and development of the relations friendship and multifaceted cooperation with the State and people of Myanmar. I am fully confident that with great achievements over the past 35 years, these excellent relations will be further consolidated and effectively deepened in the time to come, responding to the aspiration and the interests of our two peoples and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity in the South East Asia and the world over.

May Your Excellency ever stay in the best of health. Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message from U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, to Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

On the auspicious occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, it gives me great pleasure to extend my sincere best wishes to the government and people of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to offer my warmest support to the government of Vietnam as the current chairman of the ASEAN. I would like to express my most sincere congratulations to you and, through you, to the people of Vietnam, for your efforts and able leadership in accomplishing the 16th ASEAN summit in April 2010 successfully.

The recent visit of Your Excellency to Myanmar opened a new chapter in our bilateral relations and cooperation. During the visit, tangible results in the economic cooperation sector were achieved, such as the issuance of the joint statement on cooperation between the two countries and the signings of a number of agreements and MOUs.

In this regard, I am fully confident that our joint efforts will enhance the bilateral relations between us and promote the interests of our two peoples. And beyond that, I hope it will also contribute to peace, stability and prosperity of the region with our consolidated efforts.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message from Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar.

On the occasion for the 35th Anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2010), on behalf of the Government and the people of Vietnam, and in my own name, I wish to convey to Your Excellency, the Government and the people of Myanmar the most heartfelt congratulations.

I am pleased to see that during the past 35 years, the relations of traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries have been continuously consolidated and promoted. Economic, trade and investment cooperation between our two countries have gained important progresses and have been expanding with greater effectiveness. The Government and the people of Vietnam will work closely with the Government and the people of Myanmar to effectively implement our high-level agreements especially the Joint Statement that Your Excellency and I adopted during my Working Visit to Myanmar from 2 to 4 April, 2010.

I strongly believe that with the joint efforts of our two Governments and peoples, the fine relations of friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries will be further promoted and become more comprehensive and effective in the years to come, for the interests of the two peoples and for the sake of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and the world over.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message from U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar to Mr Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

I would like to extend to Your Excellency my warmest felicitations and best wishes on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Looking back to the past 35 years, our two countries have been collaborative in every aspect to uphold and further develop the existing ties of friendship and cooperation to a higher level.

In this light, I would like to reaffirm that we are committed to promote the existing amicable ties of friendship and to enhance our cooperation for the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples in the years ahead.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Message from Mr Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar.

On the auspicious occasion of 35th Anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Union of Myanmar (28/5/1975-28/5/2010), I would like to convey to Excellency and the people of Myanmar my sentiments of friendship and the warmest felicitations.

I am pleased to witness that over the past 35 years the relations of traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar in general and between our two Ministers of Foreign Affairs in particular have been being unceasingly consolidated and enhanced.

I am firmly confident that with achievements recorded during past 35 years and a strong determination of the leaders and peoples of both countries, the relations of traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation between our two countries will be further developed and become more effective for the benefits of our two peoples and for the interests of peace, stability, cooperation and development in the region and elsewhere.

I wish Excellency good health, happiness and greater successes in your noble role.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.—*MNA*

Myeik University: an auspicious ground for human resources development

(from page 1)

on uplift of education standard, the government opened a four-storey main building for Myeik University in Myeik on 3 March, 2008.

Apart from its efforts for gaining development momentum in Taninthayi Division designating Dawei and Myeik regions as special development regions, the government is striving for uplift of education standard creating sound educational opportunities in the region for enhancing the reasoning power, and the sense of nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

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Minister calls for completion of border areas development tasks on schedule

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department and the Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held a coordination meeting to coordinate works at the ministry here this morning.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt in his speech said that the government is implementing programmes to sharpen the abilities of the youth of border areas, and the number of students in the far-flung areas has jumped significantly from only over 1000 to more than 180,000. Besides, local people have access to better health care, he said.

In conclusion, the minister called for completion of tasks for development of border areas on schedule.

Deputy Minister U Tin Ngwe also gave an address.

Officials made further clarifications on ongoing tasks.

The minister gave conclusion remarks.

MNA

***PBANRDA Minister U Thein Nyunt addresses work coordination meeting of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department and the Education and Training Department.*—MNA**

Religious Affairs Minister receives Thai Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi at the ministry here this morning.

Also present were Deputy Minister Thura U Aung Ko and departmental heads.—*MNA*

***Religious Affairs Minister Thura U Myint Maung receives Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Apirath Vienravi.* —MNA**

Coord meeting on Myanmar workers in Thailand

YANGON, 27 May — The coordination meeting on the National Project on employment of Myanmar workers in Thailand and recruitment of fresh Myanmar workers and legally dispatching to Thailand, which covers the process of verification of Myanmar nationality, issuing of temporary Myanmar passports and dispatching fresh Myanmar workers to Thailand was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials overviewed the whole project and discussed the matters in details on the latest development of then process of verification of Myanmar nationality, issuing of temporary Myanmar passports at the centres of Kawthoung, Tachilek and Myawady, receiving demand letters for fresh Myanmar workers forwarded by Thai companies, applying Myanmar temporary passports by fresh Myanmar workers, dispatching fresh Myanmar workers to Thailand, transferring the Myanmar temporary passport issuing centre from Kawthoung to Ranong to speed up the process of issuing passport during the monsoon season. As of 26th May 2010, a total of 90,918 temporary Myanmar passports have been issued to the Myanmar workers at three centres. — *MNA*

***Deputy Minister U Maung Myint holds discussions with officials at coordination meeting on Myanmar workers in Thailand.*—MNA**

Applications for formation, registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting applications describing the names of their parties to the Union Election Commission. The National Democratic Force submitted the application today.

The following parties among 31 that have been allowed to form political parties submitted applications for registration as political parties to the commission today. They are as follows:-

(1) Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
(2) National Democratic Party for Development

Among parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties, the commission has found the following parties to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules, and thus the commission granted permission to them to register as political parties today. They are as follows:-

(1) National Political Alliances League
(2) Myanmar New Society Democratic Party
(3) Chin National Party
(4) Wunthanu NLD (the Union of Myanmar)

Up to date, there were 42 parties that submitted applications to form and to continue existence as political parties. Twenty-two of 31 parties that submitted applications for registration as political parties have been granted permission to register as political parties, and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.—*MNA*

Nay Pyi Taw Concordia to conduct surveillance courses

YANGON, 27 May—Concordia Int'l Co Ltd will conduct certified advanced surveillance course (8/2010) from 1 to 14 June and GPS & Google Earth Software course from 15 to 17 June at the training hall of the company in Nay Pyi Taw.

The surveillance course may feature total station surveillance and practical surveillance with handheld GPS. Software course may include the lectures for downloading and processing the application.

Starting from 1 June, those with high school education may enroll for Google Earth software course. For further details, anyone may contact No. 144, Thiri Yadana Market, Nay Pyi Taw, (Ph: 067-420819, 067-421362, 09-49200947, 09-49200948 and Fax: 067-420819).

MNA

Chin National Party granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 60/ 2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 60/2010
Fullmoon Day of Nayon, 1372 ME
27 May 2010

Chin National Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Chin National Party with its headquarters at No. (277) on BPI Road in West Gyogon Ward in Insein Township, Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 27 May 2010.

The registration number of the Chin National Party is (21).

By order

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

Wunthanu NLD (Union of Myanmar) granted permission to register as political party

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Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 61/2010
Fullmoon Day of Nayon, 1372 ME
27 May 2010

Wunthanu NLD (the Union of Myanmar) is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Wunthanu NLD (the Union of Myanmar) with its headquarters at NannU Lwin Village-tract in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 27 May 2010. The registration number of the Wunthanu NLD (the Union of Myanmar) is (22).

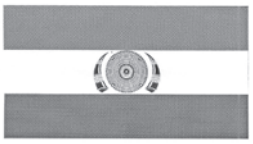
By order

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

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party headquartered near Moekal Monastery on Htonainggyi Road in Ward-7 of Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, on 27-5-2010, 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 Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party

Seal of the Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party

Union Election Commission

Public announcement for remonstration

1. The National Democratic Party for Development headquartered at No. (202/206) (4th floor-left) on Bo Sun Pak Road in Pabedan Township, Yangon Division, on 27-5-2010, submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

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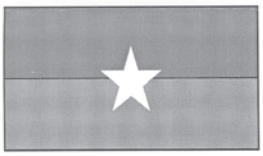


Flag of the National Democratic Party for Development

Seal of the National Democratic Party for Development

Union Election Commission

Hotels and Tourism Minister U Soe Naing receives Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi.

MNA

Myanmar and Thailand to promote tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing received Thai Ambassador Mr Apirath Vienravi at his office here this morning.

Both sides frankly discussed matters on hotels and tourism industry of the two countries, and boosting the tourism sector according to ASEAN and Mekong sub-region frames.

MNA

Nay Pyi Taw district/township subcommissions takes electoral process course

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The electoral process course for members of Nay Pyi Taw District/Township subcommissions was conducted at Yadanamon hall of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Basic Education High School No (1) on 22 May with an address by member of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing.

First, Chairman of Mandalay Division subcommission U Aung Htut and members U Kyaw Win and U Kyaw Than Tun reported on election matters.

Next, member of district subcommission district law officer U Pe Khin and Head of district Immigration and National Registration Department U Khin Soe explained election law and rules and answered the queries. Then they demonstrated how to build ballot station and cast vote.

The course was opened on 22 and 23 May.

MNA

A student of Waseda University watches photos featuring the World Expo 2010 during a photo exhibition sponsored by Chinese Students Association at Waseda University in Tokyo, on 26 May, 2010.— XINHUA

Mongolian airline grounds Boeing 737-800 for security reasons

ULAN BATOR, 27 May—Mongolian airline MIAT had grounded its Boeing 737-800s due to security reasons, affecting flights from Ulan Bator to Seoul and Beijing, local media reported Wednesday.

The security check on Tuesday disrupted the journeys of more than 1,100 passengers.

Prime Minister Sukhbaataryn Batbold has raised the issue in parliament, and ordered the State Property Committee to punish those responsible and change MIAT's board of directors.

Transport Minister Haltmaa Battulga said "the government is working to return MIAT to normal flight function."

"But we have to pay special attention to this because it is a very important sector related to human's lives and safety," the minister said in a statement.

The parliament has decided to rent planes from foreign companies.

Xinhua

S Korean artist exhibits paintings showing travel experiences

KATHMANDU, 27 May—South Korean artist Maia Ruth Lee has lighted up Nepal's Siddhartha Art Gallery with her paintings depicting several identities of a human being.

Her collection entitled "The Traveller" is hung on the walls of the Siddhartha Art Gallery in Babar Mahal, Kathmandu from 16 May .

Ambassador of South Korea to Nepal Hong Sung Mog had inaugurated the exhibition on 16 May.

There are 57 paintings hung in the art gallery, of which 11 paintings have already been booked for sale.

"It took me some three months to recollect my experiences as a traveller to depict the feelings in the form of art," Maia Ruth Lee, 27, told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

Lee has spent most of her childhood in Nepal with her parents. She came here when she was five years old and left for South Korea after completing school.

In South Korea, she completed her degree in fine arts, and then spent nine years travelling around the world.

Lee said she wrote poetry for the first time and the poetry itself inspired her for art.

Xinhua

Bird rescue experts clean a nearly three-year-old brown pelican in the Mexico Gulf wildlife rehabilitation center at Fort Jackson, south Louisiana, the United States, on 25 May, 2010. BP started a so-called "top kill" operation Wednesday afternoon in an attempt to plug a undersea gusher in the Gulf of Mexico.
XINHUA

Best juvenile painters honoured in Czech village

PRAGUE, 27 May—An exhibition of more than 1,000 children's paintings opened Wednesday in the Czech village of Lidice.

The exhibited pictures won medals and certificates of merit after being chosen from more than 25,000 paintings from 61 countries.

The Rose of Lidice competition is probably the oldest and largest of its kind in the world, director Ivona Kasalicka said at the opening ceremony.

The contest, which began more than fifty years ago, is to remember the victims of Nazi Germany during World War II. The whole village of Lidice was destroyed, and almost all its inhabitants were murdered by German occupation forces in 1942.

Deputy Culture Minister Frantisek Mikes handed out the awards to the gifted young painters at the ceremony. Five prizes were awarded to young Chinese painters.

Xinhua

Volcano in Ecuador spews ash plume

QUITO, 27 May—A volcano spewed a 7-km-long ash plume, spreading the ash cloud in some towns near the volcano, the Ecuadorian Geophysics Institute (IG) said on Wednesday.

The eruption occurred at 6:12 a.m. local time (1112 GMT), and "the sound of the eruption was heard in the towns near the volcano, even in Banos and Guadalupe, 14 km from the volcano," the IG said.

The 5,016-metre-high Tungurahua Volcano is located 135 km south of the capital Quito. It began its eruption process in 1999.

The ash cloud travelled in south-west direction and thick ash fell at 06:31 am local time (1131 GMT) in towns of Mapayacu and Manzano.

One and a half hours later the ash also fell over Guano and Riobamba.

The volcano also spewed small flows of lava at the north, northwest, west and southwest of its crater, which went down between 800 and 1,000 meters without affecting the inhabited areas, the IG said.

According to the IG, an increasing number of earthquakes were registered on 17 May in the "biggest" eruption in 2010.

Xinhua

Investigators sift through the wreckage of a small airplane that crashed in Guatemala City on 26 May, 2010. Two passengers and the pilot were killed as well as one person on the ground.
XINHUA

Afghan workers take a rest from their duties in the front of Police Substation 3 in Kandahar City on 26 May, 2010.
INTERNET

Rescuers revise number of missing down to 13 in NE China bus crash

HARBIN, 27 May—Rescuers have revised the number of people missing in a bus accident in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province from 14 to 13 after a passenger was found to have got off the bus before the accident, local authorities said Wednesday.

The bus was actually carrying 22 people, not 23 as previously thought, when it plunged into the Hulan River in Qing'an County at 3 p.m. Sunday, a local publicity official said. The accident happened when the bus was being driven onto a ferry.

Six people, including a 5-year-old girl, were killed in the accident, while the bus driver and two passengers were saved.

Fang Yilin, a 60-year-old passenger and local villager who was thought to be aboard the vehicle, had actually got off the bus before the accident, the official said.

Fang said he went to another city of Hegang to visit relatives from the Qing'an county seat by train that night and returned home Wednesday morning, the official said.

Xinhua

India to induct Agni 5 missile by 2011

NEW DELHI, 27 May—India will induct its 5,000 km range nuclear-capable *Agni 5* missile by 2011 to allow it to join the group of nations possessing Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) said Tuesday.

"Work is progressing satisfactorily in the development of *Agni 5*, which is expected to become a reality next year. With this, DRDO would have given India a comprehensive indigenous strategic capability," DRDO chief VK Saraswat said.

The *Agni 5* will be the first canisterized, road-mobile missile in India's arsenal. It will be able to carry multiple warheads and will have counter-measures against anti-ballistic missile systems.

The *Agni 5* is a three stage solid fueled missile with composite motor casing in the third stage. Two stages of this missile will be made of composite material.

The missile will utilize a canister and will be launched from it. Sixty percent of the missile will be similar to the *Agni III* missile. Advanced technologies like ring laser gyroscope and accelerometer will be used in the new missile.

Xinhua

US, Indonesia sign ocean exploration agreement

JAKARTA, 27 May—Indonesia and the United States signed here Wednesday an "Indonesia-US Ocean Exploration Partnership" which will focus on ocean exploration in Indonesian waters and the Indonesian Exclusive Economic Zone.

The partnership programme aimed at assisting Indonesian scientists and marine resource managers to explore and preserve Indonesian ocean ecosystem, provide knowledge and nurture better understanding on oceanic issue to the public so as to realize them on the ocean's vital role to their livelihood, a statement released by the US Embassy said here.

The partnership is also expected to be able to manage sustainable fisheries exploitation, conserve marine ecosystem and fragile coral reefs.

US Commerce Secretary Gary Locke, who attended the signing ceremony, called the pact an "important step in a broader US- Indonesia collaboration in science and technology, and an important demonstration of the approach voiced by President Barack Obama in his June 2009 speech in Cairo University, Egypt."

Xinhua

Four killed, 24 injured in Afghan road accident

LASHKAR GAH, 27 May—Four persons were killed and 24 others including eight women sustained injuries as a passenger bus and a car collided in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province on Thursday, police said.

"The traffic accident occurred in Gereshk district at 01:00 pm local time due to reckless driving as a result four aboard the car were killed on the spot while 24 commuters on the bus including eight women were injured," Abdul Rahman Azizi the chief of police traffic in provincial capital Lashkargah told *Xinhua*.

He also added that the driver of the bus had made his good escape.—*Xinhua*

British singer and composer Elton John performs during the Rock in Rio music festival on Saturday, 22 May, 2010 in Lisbon, Portugal.

INTERNET

Hero catches escalator fall boy in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 27 May—A four-year-old boy has narrowly escaped injury after falling from an escalator after climbing up the side of it. He was caught by a local shopkeeper, who ran to catch him.

The incident happened at a shopping centre in Istanbul.

Quick-thinking shopkeeper Ali Apari said he saw the boy, who was visiting the centre with his father, playing near the escalator.

Internet

Flood of frogs shuts down major Greek highway

Tiny frogs swarm on the side of the Egnatia highway in northern Greece, on 26 May 2010. Officials closed the key northern highway for two hours near the town of Langadas after what police called 'a carpet of frogs' covered the road. Three cars skidded off the highway but no human injuries were reported.Police said the amphibians probably left a nearby lake to look for food.

Greek officials say a horde of frogs has forced the closure of a key northern highway for two hours.

Thessaloniki traffic police chief Giorgos Thanoglou says "millions" of the amphibians covered the tarmac Wednesday near the town of Langadas, some 12 miles east of Thessaloniki.

"There was a carpet of frogs," he said.

Authorities closed the highway after three car drivers skidded off the road trying to dodge the frogs.

No human injuries were reported.

Thanoglou said the amphibians probably left a nearby lake to look for food.

Australian baby lives after stroller hit by train

A 15-month-old boy escaped with just a few cuts and bruises on Wednesday after a train struck his stroller, which rolled onto the tracks when his grandmother looked away for just a moment.

The dramatic escape came just seven months after another baby in the southern city of Melbourne survived a train striking his stroller, which also had rolled onto the tracks.

Security camera footage of the latest incident shows the stroller rolling over the edge of the platform just as the train pulls into the station. The stroller is pushed a short distance down the tracks before the train comes to a halt in front of horrified people.

Playing his way to jail

An 18-year-old thief's passion for online games was his downfall on 9 May in Baihe, Zhejiang Province.

Identified only as Lin, the youth broke into a home to rob it, but instead of lifting a computer noticed it was on and logged into his favourite game. He sat down and began playing, but ignored an instant message sent to the computer's real owner by a friend who wondered why there was no reply. The owner, Wang, was having dinner at a relative's house when his friend called to ask why he didn't answer and why his computer was still on.

Wang went home immediately to see a man at his room through the door gap, and called police.

Lin came back to reality when he saw police standing behind him and was taken into criminal custody.

Sleeping woman left on plane in Philly for 4 hours

Airline officials are trying to figure out how a sleeping passenger was left aboard a flight for four hours after it landed in Philadelphia.

According to police and the Transportation Security Administration, the passenger didn't wake up when her United Express flight from Dulles Airport outside Washington landed shortly after midnight Tuesday. At about 4 am a cleaning crew found her.

United Airlines says they're working with a regional partner carrier to determine why the plane wasn't cleared upon landing.

News Album

Cooks put red caviar on sandwich in 2005. Armed robbers hijacked a lorry carrying 13 tonnes of red caviar in Russia's second city of Saint Petersburg, local police said.

Colombian beauty queen arrested on drug charges

BUENOS AIRES, 27 May — A Colombian beauty queen has been arrested in Argentina on charges of leading a drug trafficking ring. Angie Sanclemente Valencia, 31, is accused of persuading young women to smuggle cocaine from Argentina to Europe via Mexico. Argentine police had been looking for her for more than five months before they found her in a youth hostel in Buenos Aires. She has denied the charges. Her lawyer said she feared violence in jail.

Ms Sanclemente won the popular title of Coffee Queen in 2000, but had to return it when it was discovered she was married, in breach of the beauty pageant's rules. Prosecutors say she recruited other young models to travel, often as first class passengers, from Argentina to the Mexican city of Cancun and on to Europe carrying cocaine.

Internet

The world's most tattooed woman flaunts her body art

NEW YORK, 27 May—What began as a bid to cover up a nasty skin condition has resulted into a Guiness World Record for an American who has been named the most tattooed woman in the world. Julia Gnuse — nicknamed the 'illustrated lady' — has 95 per cent of her body covered in ink, ranging from jungle scenes and cartoons to her favourite actors. Miss Gnuse, from California, started getting tattoos on her legs after developing a skin condition called porphyria, which causes the skin to blister when exposed to sunlight.

She then turned her attention to her stomach, arms and back and before long was addicted to body art. In an interview, Miss Gnuse said although the ink did not stop her skin from blistering, it covered up the scars and allowed her to be exposed to the sun. 'I did this for the reason of covering scarring from the blisters. They get as deep as three degree burn,' she said.

Internet

Miss Gnuse features in the 2011 Guiness World Records book . INTERNET

Emergency workers are seen clearing a crude oil slick washed up to the beach next to the East Coast Park in Singapore, on 27 May . Public beaches stained by an oil slick from a tanker damaged in a collision off Singapore have been declared off-limits ahead of the island's summer school holidays, officials said.—INTERNET

Apple passes Microsoft to be biggest tech company

WASHINGTON, 27 May —Apple has pushed past arch-rival Microsoft to become the world's biggest technology company. Changes in the share price values of the two in Wednesday's choppy trading left the total value of Apple at $222bn (£154bn). Microsoft is now valued by investors at $219bn. The worth, known as market capitalisation, is calculated by multiplying the number of shares in a company by the current share price.

Although Apple shares closed down 0.4%, Microsoft fell by 4%. Apple, which makes computers, iPods, iPhones and now iPads, almost went out of business in the 1990s. Its growth is partly owing to the launch of the stylish iPod in 2001. Its compatibility with existing - but not mass-selling —Apple computers lead customers to engage with them, just as Microsoft's products looked set for long-term dominance.

Apple computer logo. Apple, maker of the Macintosh computer, the iPod, iPhone and iPad, dethroned software giant Microsoft on Wednesday as the largest US technology company in terms of market value.— INTERNET

Apple has to look back to late 1989 to see the last time it was ahead of Microsoft. Microsoft, whose operating system runs on more than 90% of the world's personal computers, has not been able to match growth rates from its hey-day of the 1990s, although its last sales figures were still higher than Apple's. —*Internet*

Grandmother died of blood clot 'after sat nav sent ambulance to wrong village'

STAICROSS, 27 May — A grandmother died after she was forced to wait 42 minutes for an ambulance which was taken to the wrong address by its satnav, her family has claimed. Nora Jaques, 69, lost her fight for life just minutes before the paramedics arrived — after touring three neighbouring villages looking for the address. Her son, Martin Benson, 49, claimed that the apparent blunder cost his mother her life.

'Wherever the ambulance came from it doesn't excuse taking 42 minutes to arrive. It was a 999 call,' he said. 'I spoke to the ambulance service the next day and they said it was the satnav system which had sent them to the wrong place. 'Why don't they use maps or turn out local paramedics? My mum was alive up to five minutes before the crew arrived.

The family of Nora Jaques, 69, claim she might have survived if an ambulance had not taken 42 minutes to get to her.—INTERNET

'All that time they lost was crucial. If they had got her to the hospital, I believe the doctors could have done something. When the ambulance eventually arrived there was nothing they could do. She never made it to hospital.' Mr Benson is considering legal action against the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, which has an eight-minute response time target for life-threatening calls. Mrs Jaques, who leaves ten children and 17 grandchildren, fell ill at the home she shared with her other son, Leonard Jaques, in Staincross, Barnsley.— *Internet*

2,000-calorie milkshake has as much saturated fat as 25 rashers of bacon

NEW YORK, 27 May — A 2,000-calorie milkshake that contains as much fat as 25 rashers of bacon has been named as the worst drink in America. Just one serving equals the recommended daily calorie intake for women and falls just short of the total for men. Made with chocolate ice cream, milk and peanut butter, the shake packs a whopping 131 grams of fat – 68g of which is saturated – and 153g of sugar.

Called the Cold Stone PB & C, the drink left Jamie Oliver speechless. The TV chef, who recently waged war on obesity in a US version of his Food Revolution show, spotted a magazine article about the gut-busting beverage and tweeted: 'There are no words.' It beat McDonald's Triple Thick Chocolate Milk-shake – at 1,160 calories, the equivalent of 13 McDonald's apple pies – to top the list of the Men's Health magazine's 20 Worst Drinks in America. 'Health experts recommend capping your saturated fat intake at about 20g per day, yet this beverage packs more than three times that into a cup,' the magazine said. Other fattening drinks on the list include the worst smoothie, at number two, which boasts 1,498 calories with 44g of fat and 214g of sugar. In Britain, a large McDonald's strawberry milkshake contains 582 calories and Caffe Nero's Strawberry Frappe provides 475 calories per serving.—*Internet*

The Cold Stone PB&C packs a whopping 2,010 calories and has been dubbed the worst drink in the US.—INTERNET

German trader robbed, killed in S Philippines

DAVO CITY, 27 May—A German national was found dead inside his home in a southern Philippine town on Wednesday, police on Thursday said.

Ronald Barsh Buhler suffered injuries from a blunt object when his Filipina wife found him inside their home in Talakag town, Bukidnon province, a report from the Bukidnon police office revealed.

The 59-year old German and his wife Venus owned a grocery store in the Lower Barangay (village) 3, Talakag, Senior Superintendent Nerio Bermudo, provincial police chief, said.

Bermudo said the victim's wife found him slumped, his hands bound and mouth gagged by a cloth inside the couple's house at around 8 am when she arrived from a trip in the regional capital of Cagayan de Oro City.

The victim's head was also bleeding, indicating the assailants may have hit him with a blunt object to the head, police investigators said.

Police said robbery was possiblely the motive for the killing as an undetermined amount of cash and valuables were said to have been lost. Bermudo said an investigation into the incident was underway. —*Xinhua*

Soldiers take part in a flood-fighting drill in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Provinice, on 26 May, 2010. —XINHUA

Saudi diplomats in Sudan receive death threats

RIYADH, 27 May—Saudi diplomats in Khartoum received death threats from unidentified SMS senders, the Saudi Gazette newspaper reported Thursday.

According to the paper, several personnel working at the kingdom's mission in Sudan, including Vine Consul Wajih Massoud, received text messages carrying death threats.

"I received a text message on my mobile phone saying 'we will assassinate you before you leave Khartoum'," Massoud was quoted by the Saudi paper as saying.

"I contacted the Sudanese government once I received the message and they have given me protection at home, but not on my way to the embassy," Massoud said.

The diplomat added that the embassy's staffs have become concerned at the repeated threats.

"There were similar threats against the consul a year ago and against the cultural attache two months ago," he said.

Media affairs director at the Saudi Foreign Ministry Osama al- Nuqali said the kingdom took the threats seriously.

"All threats of this nature are taken seriously, and the authorities in the host country are immediately informed in order to investigate and take the necessary security measures," he said.

The paper said the embassy's staff have been told to remain vigilant.

Xinhua

Men load a trailer with carcasses of dead Saiga antelopes in a field, some 600 km (373 miles) south-west from Uralsk town, in western Kazakhstan in this on 22 May, 2010 photo. —XINHUA

Singapore shares end 1.62% higher

SINGAPORE, 27 May—The shares prices in Singapore rose 43.68 points or 1.62 percent on Thursday with the benchmark Straits Times Index (STI) closing at 2,739.7 points.

The overall volume stood at 1.50 billion shares worth 1.78 billion Singapore dollars (about 1.27 billion U.S. dollars).

Gainers led losers by 355 to 131 with another 798 unchanged.

On Wednesday, the STI rose 45.41 points or 1.71 percent to end at 2,696.02 points.

Xinhua

Girls perform folk dance at the opening ceremony of the grassland sports meet held in Lucaogou Township of Yili Prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, May 26, 2010.—INTERNET

Cambodia reports 27 deaths by lightning

PHNOM PENH, 27 May—The Cambodian Government claimed Wednesday that 27 people, mostly in rural areas, have died by lightning.

Keo Vy, communication officer of the National Committee of Disaster Management said as of Tuesday, there were 27 people who have died by lightning.

However, he said, the fatal figure is still less than that within the same period last year. Cambodia blamed the early rainy season as the main cause to lightning.

Last month, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen called on Cambodian people across the nation to be cautious about lightning, saying lightning seems fiercer in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

Biofuel flight coming up

BEIJING, 27 May—China will launch its first flight using aviation biofuel this year after signing an agreement with U.S. aviation giant Boeing in Beijing Wednesday.

Boeing agreed to collaborate on the launch with carrier Air China and PetroChina, which will provide the fuel feedstock for the project.

Xinhua

6.4-Magnitude quake hits off Ryukyu Islands

HONG KOUNG, 27 May—An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale jolted off the Ryukyu Islands at 0853 GMT on Wednesday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with the depth of 10 kilometres under the sea surface, was monitored at 25.851 degrees north latitude and 129.90 degrees east longitude. It was about 226 kilometres east of Naha on the Okinawa Island.

So far, there have no reports of casualties or property damage.

Xinhua

A woman of the Dai ethnic group process potteries in Mengfeilong Village of Menglong Town, Jinghong City of Xishuangbanna, in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 26 May, 2010. Many Dai villages in Xishuangbanna preserve the traditional method of pottery-marking which is originated in remote antiquity and all the potteries are manufactured by women.

XINHUA

Don't Smoke

SPORTS

France squeeze past Costa Rica in World Cup warm-up

French forward Mathieu Valbuena (R) celebrates next to Patrice Evra at the end of the friendly football match France vs. Costa-Rica at the Bollaert Stadium.—INTERNET

FRANCE, 27 May — Newcomer Mathieu Valbuena enjoyed a dream first run out for his country when bagging the decisive goal in France's 2-1 World Cup warm-up win over Costa Rica here on Wednesday.

The 1998 world champions and 2006 beaten finalists enjoyed large chunks of possession but sterile finishing cost them dear until Valbuena produced the late winner.

Coach Raymond Domenech elected to start Arsenal central defender William Gallas and Chelsea striker Nicolas Anelka, at the expense of Thierry Henry, with Steve Mandanda replacing number one keeper Hugo Lloris in goal.

For Gallas this warm-up represented a searching test of his recovery from a calf injury that has kept him sidelined since March.

In Henry's absence the captain's armband was worn by Manchester United defender Patrice Evra.—*Internet*

International friendly 2010 results and 29 fixtures reported

YANGON, 27 May—The results of international friendly 2010 played on 26 May and fixtures for 29 May were reported to the following.

May 26	Home	Score	Away
	Azerbaijan	1-1	Moldova
	Turkey	2-0	Northern Ireland
	Holland	2-1	Mexico
	Estonia	0-0	Croatia
	France	2-1	Costa Rica

May 29 Fixtures

Time	Home	Away	Venue
13:00 UK	Slovakia	Cameroon	Wortherseestadion
15:00 UK	Norway	Montenegro	Ullevaal Stadium
16:00 UK	Azerbaijan	Macedonia	Tofik Bakhramov, Baku
16:00 UK	Poland	Finland	Slaski Stadium
16:15 UK	New Zealand	Serbia	Wörthersee Stadion
17:00 UK	Spain	Saudi Arabia	Tivoli Neuvo
18:00 UK	Sweden	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Nya Ullevi Stadion
19:00 UK	United States	Turkey	Lincoln Financial Field
19:00 UK	Hungary	Germany	Ferenc Puskas Stadion
00:30 UK	Venezulea	Canada	Jose Encarnacion 'Pachencho' Romero
20:00 UK	Iceland	Andorra	Laugardalsvollur Stadium
18:30 UK	Ukraine	Romania	Olympic Stadium

Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho holds up the trophy surrounded by his team after winning the Champions League final soccer match between Bayern Munich and Inter Milan at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET

Real Madrid to sign Jose Mourinho as coach

MADRID, 27 May—Real Madrid fired Manuel Pellegrini and plans to hire Jose Mourinho as its new coach once he negotiates an end to his contract with Inter Milan.

Madrid president Florentino Perez said during a news conference Wednesday at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium that the coaching change was a difficult decision, but that "we are at the right moment to give the club new impetus and to go for one of the best coaches in the world."

The announcement comes four days after Mourinho led Inter Milan to the Champions League title with a victory over Bayern Munich. His team also completed an Italian treble following victories in Serie A and the Italian Cup.—*Internet*

Gold medal teammates Toews, Richards go for Cup

CHICAGO, 27 May – Jonathan Toews and Mike Richards skated on the same line, sported the same jersey and shared a purpose during Canada's pressure-filled run to a gold medal at the Vancouver Olympics.

Philadelphia Flyers' Mike Richards skates during practice at the team's NHL hockey training facility in Voorhees.—INTERNET

Playing in their own country where hockey is king, the expectations immense, made the reward even more gratifying for two young stars.

Internet

Netherlands beats Mexico 2-1 in friendly

FREIBURG, 27 May – Robin van Persie celebrated his first international match in six months by scoring two first-half goals, and an under-strength Netherlands squad beat Mexico 2-1 in a World Cup warmup match on Wednesday.

Manchester United-bound forward Javier Hernandez scored after the break, but a resurgent Mexico could not force an equalizer in the final match before Netherlands coach Bert van Marwijk planned to announce his final 23-man World Cup squad.

Netherland's Joris Mathijsen, front right, and Mexico's Giovani dos Sanstos, left, vie for the ball during their friendly soccer match in Freiburg, Germany.—INTERNET

"At times, we played beautifully tonight," said Van Persie, who was playing his first match for the Netherlands since a serious ankle injury against Italy in November.

Van Marwijk left key players Wesley Sneijder of Inter Milan and Arjen Robben and Mark van Bommel from Bayern Munich out of the lineup to give them more time to recover from Saturday's Champions League final. Mexico coach Javier Aguirre also was resting key players.—Internet

Federer shines, Kuznetsova in great escape at French Open tennis

PARIS, 27 March—Roger Federer reached the French Open third round on Wednesday as defending women's champion Svetlana Kuznetsova saved four match points to stay afloat at a rain-drenched, controversial Roland Garros.

Federer, chasing a 17th Grand Slam title, overcame a sloppy first set, where he was plagued by 21 unforced errors, and had to save five break points, before defeating Colombian left-hander Alejandro Falla 7-6 (7/4), 6-2, 6-4.

Internet

Switzerland's Roger Federer returns a forehand.—INTERNET

Lula sees Brazil side before World Cup trip

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva(L) greets Brazilian football player Kaka at Alvorada Palace in Brazilia.

INTERNET

BRAZILIA, 27 May– President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva greeted Brazil's football squad Wednesday just before it flew to South Africa to compete in next month's World Cup with hopes of becoming six-time champions.

The garrulous leader held coach Dunga in a long hug before going into a closed-door session with the side, along with wife Marisa Leticia who wore the green-and-gold jersey of Brazil's Selecao.

Internet

Birmingham seal deal for Serbia striker Zigic

BIRMINGHAM, 27 May – Birmingham completed the signing of Serbia striker Nikola Zigic from Valencia for a fee of around six million pounds (8.6 million dollars) on Wednesday.

Zigic agreed a four-year contract with the Premier League club after passing a medical and will return to St Andrew's after playing for his country at the World Cup.

"Blues have pulled off a major transfer coup by signing towering Serbia international Nikola Zigic on a four-year deal," a statement on the club's website confirmed.

The 29-year-old, who is 6 feet and 8 inches 8ins tall, had a disappointing spell at Valencia after making his name with prolific stints at Red Star Belgrade and Racing Santander.

Internet

Valencia's Serbian forward Nikola Zigic celebrates after scoring against Espanyol during a Spanish League football match.—INTERNET

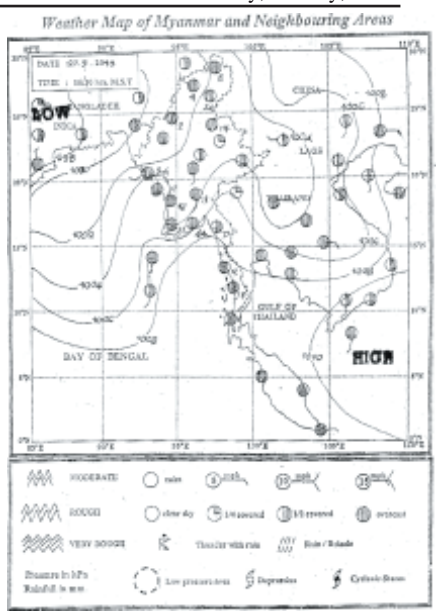
Jordan Romero, 13-year-old American boy who becomes the youngest climber to reach the summit of Mt Qomolangma, speaks during a news conference in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, on 27 May, 2010. Romero conquered Mt. Qomolangma on 22 May, 2010.— XINHUA

Car bomb hits outside NATO base in Kandahar city

KANDAHAR, 27 May — A car bomb exploded Wednesday outside a small NATO military base in southern Afghanistan's largest city, wounding two Afghans and destroying several cars, police said.

It was the latest in a string of bold attacks on high-profile NATO targets in the past two weeks, following a Taleban announcement of a spring offensive against alliance and Afghan forces — their response to the Obama administration's vow to squeeze the militants out of Kandahar province strongholds.

Xinhua



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(28-5-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (28-5-10 09:30 am ~ 29-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* A Visit To Kayah State
* News
* Amazing Sculptural Works of Poe-win Hill
* Music Gallery
* News
* Current Affairs "Youth and Music (Being Young)"
* News
* The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
* Floral Lovers' Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)

OverseaTransmission
* Opening
* News
* A Visit To Kayah State
* News
* Amazing Sculptural Works of Poe-win Hill
* Music Gallery
* Be A Typical Myanmar Lady (Fashionable Myanmar Traditional Wedding Dresses)
* News
* Current Affairs "Youth and Music (Being Young)"
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* Documentary "Bagan; The Land of Pagoda"
* News
* Blue Sea
* Music Gallery
* The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
* News
* Virtuous Women
* A Wonderful Trip to Chaung Tha Beach
* News
* Milestones of Comtemporary Music
* Myanmar Movies "Night Walker"
* Floral Lovers'Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)

Myanmar TV

Friday, 28 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်-ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပွါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:30 am
2. Morning News
7:40 am
3. အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလဲ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေားရေး-ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:15 am
6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies
8:25 am
7. မီးမီးရဲဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်
8:40 am
8. International News
8:45 am
9. ကဒပွနရေထိန်းတံခါး
8:50 am
10. Musical Programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
4:20 pm
3. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:30 pm
4. Song Of National Races
4:40 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
4:55 pm
6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit
5:00 pm
7. Songs Of Yester Years
5:15 pm
8. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
5:30 pm
9. ရိုးသားဖြူစင်ကလေးတို့အသွင်
6:00 pm
10. Evening News
6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
6:20 pm
12. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်
7:00 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၅)
8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
18. သီချင်းချစ်သူ(စုမီ)

WEATHER

Thursday, 27th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours , Weather has been partly coludy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy fall in upper Sagaing Division. Day temperatures were (4°C) above May average temperatures in Shan and Mon States, (3°C) to (5°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Thaninthayi Divisions, about May avearge temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The notworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (3.43) inches, Pathein (2.96) inches, Kawthoung (2.76) inches, An (2.64) inches, Pyapon (2.12) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-5-2010 was 80°F. Minimum temperature on 27-5-2010 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-5-2010 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 26-5-2010 was (0.0) hours.

Rainfall on 27-5-2010 was (1.94) inches, at Mingaladon, (1.73) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.06) inches at Mingaladon, (10.59) inches at Kaba-Aye and (6.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Westat (14:30) hours MST on 26-5-2010.

Bay Inference: Moonsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bangal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 28thMay 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States and Thaninthayi Division. 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: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rainor thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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★ 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

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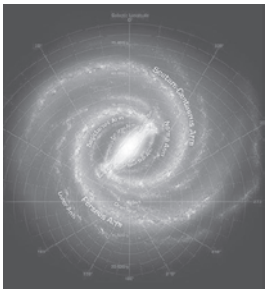
Astronomers discover new star-forming regions in Milky Way

SCIENCEDAILY, 27 May — Astronomers studying the Milky Way have discovered a large number of previously-unknown regions where massive stars are being formed. Their discovery provides important new information about the structure of our home Galaxy and promises to yield new clues about the chemical composition of the Galaxy. We can clearly relate the locations of these star-forming sites to the overall structure of the Galaxy. Further studies will allow us to better understand the process of star formation and to compare the chemical composition of such sites at widely different distances from the Galaxy's center," said Thomas Bania, of Boston University.

Bania worked with Loren Anderson of the Astrophysical Laboratory of Marseille in France, Dana Balser of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), and Robert Rood of the University of Virginia. The scientists presented their findings to the American Astronomical Society's meeting in Miami, Florida.

Internet



Artist's conception of the Milky Way. Our sun lies near a small, partial arm called the Orion Arm, or Orion Spur, located between the Sagittarius and Perseus arms. (Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/R. Hurt (SSC-Caltech))
Internet