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Chinese Premier to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—At the invitation of U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, will pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister back from 18th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here via Bangkok yesterday after attending the 18th ASEAN-European Union (EU) Ministerial Meeting held in Madrid, Spain on 25 and 26 May.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Affairs Ministers from ASEAN member countries, Secretary General of ASEAN, Foreign Affairs Ministers from 27 EU member countries and representatives from European Commission. The meeting was co-chaired

by Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain and His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bolkiah, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam.

At the first plenary session, the foreign ministers held discussions on recent developments in ASEAN and EU, achievements and future direction of ASEAN-EU enhanced partnership, and EU's accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation of ASEAN.

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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

Positive changes in Mahlaing Township

We media crew of Myanma Alin daily recently visited Mahlaing, a town famous for cotton.

also grow well. The Township Peace and Development Council is also working to provide ad-

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Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**



Mahlaing is going well on development track.

Mahlaing cotton is popular among farmers across the country for its high yield.

Mahlaing is composed of four urban wards, 52 village-tracts and 247 villages. The agriculture of Mahlaing is also successful, especially pigeon pea cultivation is a big success. Paddy, cotton, pepper, beans and pulses

equate potable water for urban dwellers in cooperation with departments concerned. The township PDC is also making preparations to dig a tube well in No.2 extended ward in coordination with the district PDC.

Priority is being given to two villages and one urban ward in supplying potable water. The town-

ship Development Affairs Committee is also making arrangements to supply water to Kywekyan, Kyaukgwe, Bhinhla and Yagyugon villages.

Recently, the Township PDC has built 430 feet long wooden bridge linking Kaukkikwak Village and Pyaukseikgon (See Page 8)

Photo shows award won by Mahlaing Township for pigeon pea cultivation for twelve consecutive years.



Children of Labour Ministry get cash assistance for education

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PERSPECTIVES

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Lend your hand to ensuring every school age child goes to school

Today's education sector is improving. Myanmar is speeding up literacy campaigns in accord with the goal of "Education for All". With the education promotion plans being carried out in all regions, modern education societies have emerged with qualified human resources.

The 2010-2011 academic year is coming soon, and school enrollment day is being marked in states and divisions. The last week of May has been designated as School Enrollment Week. Measures are being taken to increase the school enrollment rate of basic education primary level and to enable every school age child to complete the basic education level.

Township-wise school enrollment activities are carried out yearly. In 1999-2000 academic year, 91 percent of children aged five and above joined kindergarten, and the school enrollment rate of kindergarten reached more than 98 percent in 2009-2010. So, greater effort is to be made to keep the increasing school enrollment rate, to ensure that all children regularly go to school and to improve the rate of pursuing all education levels.

Moreover, efforts need to be made to ensure that all school age children go to school and that school age children who dropped out before completing primary education return to school. And to do so, cooperation is necessary among education staff, regional authorities and well-wishers.

For the improvement of school enrollment rate, township-wise grant aid is necessary. Basic school expenses, school uniforms, exercise books and stationery must be provided on a constant basis.

Literacy can broaden people's horizons. It can help decide what is right and what is wrong. Now is the time when school enrollment activities are being carried out. So, regional bodies, the public and well-wishers are urged to provide assistance such as cash, exercise books and stationery in order that every school age child can pursue education.

Toshiba e-Studio copiers launched by Lucky Bird Group of Companies



Director of Lucky Bird Group of Companies Daw May Phyu Thwe delivering address at the opening ceremony.—MNA

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

Basic Computerized Course No. 2/2010 concludes



Labour Minister U Aung Kyi addresses conclusion of Basic Computerized Course No. 2/2010—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—The concluding ceremony of Basic Computerized Course No. 2/2010 (from 5 to 28 May) launched by Ministry of Labour was held at the ministry here yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister U Tin Tun Aung, departmental heads and trainees.

The minister conferred completion certificates on 40 trainees and gifts to outstanding ones.

Ministry of Labour conducted such Basic Computerized Course with a view to turning out skillful service personnel, carrying out works smoothly and upgrading the e-Government tasks.

MNA

Dy Health Minister inspects YTMH

YANGON, 29 May — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe visited Yangon Traditional Medicine Hospital this afternoon.

During the visit, the deputy minister met with the medical superintendent, medical practitioners, nurses and staff of the hospital and fulfilled the requirements of the hospital.

He inspected the wards and comforted the patients receiving



treatment at the hospital.

MNA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe comforts patients at Yangon Traditional Medicine Hospital —NLM

YANGON, 29 May—The ceremony to open 2010 first half-year lucky-draw programme of Lucky Bird Group of Companies and to introduce Toshiba e-Studio copier took place at Sedona Hotel here on 27 May with the address of Director of Lucky Bird Group of Companies Daw May Phyu Thwe.

On the occasion Toshiba MFP Specialist U Thein Soe introduced Toshiba e-Studio 181/211 and e-Studio 182/212/242 Toshiba multipurpose copiers and its modern techniques.

The modernized multipurpose copiers will be distributed by Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd starting 2010 first

half-year. Those wishing to buy may contact Lucky Bird Group of Companies Yangon No 355 on Theinbyu road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here, (Ph: 248167, 379875, 399011), No 5, 26th Street between 27th and 28th Streets (Ph: 02-21572) in Mandalay, for Nay Pyi Taw Ph: 067-414113.—MNA



US missiles in Poland violate Russia-NATO agreement

Mosco, 29 May— Permanent deployment of the US Patriot missile in Poland will mean the violation of the basic agreement between Russia and NATO signed in 1997, said Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko on Friday.

“There are no reasons that could justify the deployment of the missiles near Russian borders,” said the Russian diplomat. He reminded that the Russia-NATO agreement implied that both parties were not to station permanent armed forces in the border regions.

Earlier, Mosco demanded articulate explanations from the United States and Poland of the deployment of Patriot missiles near the Russian border.

US Patriot missiles arrived in Poland on Monday. They were deployed in the town of Morag, close to the Russian border, where six training-mode Patriot missiles had been deployed. After 2012, they will be supplemented with the standard SM-3 combat missiles.

Xinhua



An area near Jalalabad air base in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, where a vehicle filled with explosives was found on 27 May, 2010.

INTERNET



Dozens of people have been killed and wounded in a series of bomb blasts across Iraq.

INTERNET

Militants attack Afghan police convoy, killing five

KABUL, 29 May— Militants ambushed an Afghan police convoy with a roadside bomb and gunfire in eastern Afghanistan, killing five officers before fleeing NATO aerial bombardment, an official said on Saturday.

Two militants were killed and up to six wounded in the battle Friday in Paktia Province, said Ghulam Dastagir, the

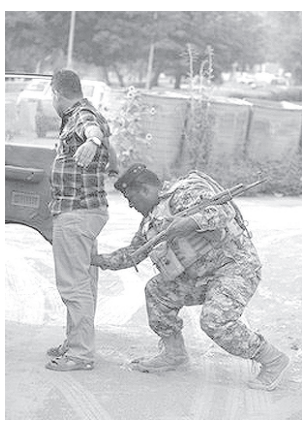
deputy provincial police chief.

He said the convoy was headed toward the Dandi Pathan District when one vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb blast, killing five officers and wounding the district police chief. Militants opened fire after the blast, triggering a gunbattle that lasted several hours before NATO aircraft were

called in.

Farther north, officials in Nuristan province were still trying to confirm reports that a senior Pakistani Taliban leader was killed in several days of fighting between security forces and militants who have been trying to seize control of the Barge-Matal District on the Pakistan border.

Xinhua



An Iraqi man raises his hands as an Iraqi soldier does a body search at a check point in central Baghdad, Iraq, , 15 May, 2010.

INTERNET

Blast wounds 4 in E Afghan province

KHOST, 29 May— A bomb blast in Khost city the capital of the Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan injured four civilians on Saturday morning, police said.

“An explosive device was detonated in an ice cream shop in Sargardan square in Khost city this morning at 8:45 am local time injuring four civilians including a 14 years old

boy,” deputy to provincial police chief Guldad told Xinhua.

Guldad who like many Afghans uses one name also added that all the injured people had been taken to hospital by police for medical treatment.

The Khost Province in country’s eastern region bordering Pakistan has experienced series of roadside bombings and

suicide attacks over the past couple of months as two separate explosions, one in the same square and the other in a high school earlier this month in Khost wounded 16 peoples including six students and four teachers.

Taliban militants have vowed to speed up their attacks this year in the post-Taliban Afghanistan. —Xinhua



An Israeli policewoman is seen beside Route 443 near the West Bank village Beit Sira on 28 May, 2010.

XINHUA

Israel opens Route 443 across West Bank to Palestinians

JERUSALEM, 29 May—Israel opened on Friday a key highway across the West Bank to Palestinians, which had been closed off to Palestinian traffic in 2002 following a series of shooting attacks on Israeli vehicles.

Israel Defence Forces (IDF) opened the Route 443 to Palestinian vehicles at 8 a.m. (0500 GMT) Friday morning, an IDF spokesman told

Xinhua.



Policemen inspect the damaged left by a gunfight at the police headquarters of the municipality of Escobedo, neighbouring Monterrey on 28 May, 2010. Drug hitmen tried to kill retired army general and secretary of public security of Escobedo Hermelindo Lara outside the police headquarters, according to local media.

INTERNET

Over 40 militants killed separately in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 29 May— Over 40 militants were killed in different incidents in northwest Pakistan’s tribal area on Friday, local media reported.

At least 10 militants were killed and five others injured when missiles hit a location in Pakistan’s South Waziristan tribal area.

According to a private TV channel, a suspected US drone fired missiles against a target in Barmal sub-division of south Waziristan, adjacent to Afghan border and a hometown of Tehrek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) leadership.

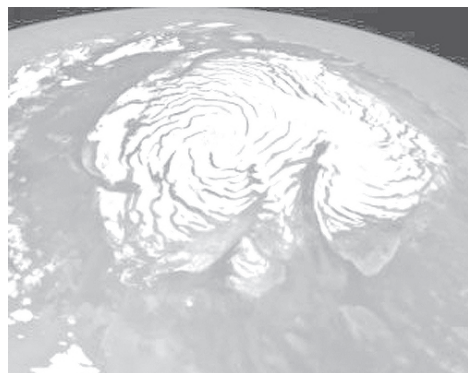
Meanwhile, more than 30 militants were killed and several

others injured when Pakistani jet fighters attacked militants’ hideouts in Pakistan’s Orakzai Agency.

More than 800 militants have been killed in Orakzai since Pakistani security forces started operation in the area from late March.—Xinhua



Planetary scientists solve 40-year-old mysteries of Mars' northern ice cap



This is a view of the north polar region of Mars from orbit. The ice-rich polar cap (quasi-circular white area at center) is about 1,000 km across. It is bisected by a large canyon, Chasma Boreale, on the right side. Dark, spiral-shaped bands are troughs. —INTERNET

AUSTIN, 29 May—Scientists have reconstructed the formation of two curious features in the northern ice cap of Mars — a chasm larger than the Grand Canyon and a series of spiral troughs — solving a pair of mysteries dating back four decades while finding

new evidence of climate change on Mars.

In a pair of papers to be published in the journal *Nature* on 27 May, Jack Holt and Isaac Smith of The University of Texas at Austin's Institute for Geophysics and their colleagues describe how they used radar data collected by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter to reveal the subsurface geology of the red planet's northern ice cap.

On Earth, large ice sheets are shaped mainly by ice flow. But on Mars, according to this latest research, other forces have shaped, and continue to shape, the polar ice caps.

The northern ice cap is a stack of ice and dust layers up to two miles (three kilometres) deep covering an area slightly larger than Texas. Analyzing radar data on a computer, scientists can peel back the layers like an onion to reveal how the ice cap evolved over time.

Internet

Electric ash found in Eyjafjallajökull's plume, say UK researchers

LONDON, 29 May—In the first peer-reviewed scientific paper to be published about the Icelandic volcano since its eruption in April 2010, UK researchers write that the ash plume which hovered over Scotland carried a significant and self-renewing electric charge.

The volcano-chasing researchers argue this adds a further dimension to understanding the detailed nature of volcanic plumes and their effects on air travel.

The paper, to be published on 27 May in IOP Publishing's *Environmental Research Letters*, is published as the UK continues to face the



Eruption of the volcano Eyjafjallajökull in South Iceland. —INTERNET

possibility of further flight disruption from future volcanic activity.

Shortly after the volcano's active eruption phase began in mid-April, the Met Office contacted Joseph Ulanowski from the Science and Technology Research Institute at the University

of Hertfordshire, who last year, together with Giles Harrison from the Department of Meteorology at the University of Reading, had developed a specialist weather balloon which could assess the location and composition of the volcanic ash clouds.

Internet



A staff member with Entourage Systems displays a kind of double-screen digital book at the BOOKEXPLO AMERICA in New York on 27 May, 2010. —INTERNET

Scientists build case for undersea plumes

NEW YORK, 29 May—As it blazed, a dense column of black smoke rose toward the sky. Oily water, the colour of strong tea, slopped up the sides of boats. The breeze carried an acrid smell, like gasoline fumes.

Aboard the research vessel F.G. Walton Smith, anxiety was growing.

Five scientists and six students had come to study the oil leak and its effect on the sea. They brought flasks and gloves,



University of Georgia researchers prepare samples drawn from the deep under the gulf. —INTERNET

refrigerators and freezers, tiny tools and huge cylinders of gas.

They were not looking for oil on the surface, where it was so thick in places that it was being burned off, but for plumes of fine oil droplets far beneath the waves.

The stakes were high.

Two weeks earlier, when some of these scientists had disclosed evidence of undersea oil plumes, their claim had been greeted skeptically by the government. The scientists' credibility was on the line.

Internet

Science

China's oceanic research ship returns home after 315 day mission

BEIJING, 29 May—China's state-of-the-art research ship used to explore for oceanic mineral resources, Dayang Yihao, or Ocean One, berthed at Qingdao port Friday morning after completing its 21st expedition.

The mission discovered five new hot liquid sulfides areas — two in the Atlantic Ocean, two in the Pacific Ocean and one in the Indian Ocean — chief scientist for maritime exploration Tao Chunhui said.

Scientists call hot liquid sulfides "black chimneys," according to Tao, and they are an important oceanic mineral resources that provide clues for the study of the origins of life.

Internet

Huge NASA science balloon crashes in Australian outback



File photo shows a giant NASA science balloon being inflated at the launch site near Alice Springs in Australia. The same balloon crashed during take-off, smashing its multi-million dollar payload. —INTERNET

Sydney, 29 May—A huge NASA balloon loaded with a telescope painstakingly built to scan the sky at wavelengths invisible to the human eye crashed

in the Australian outback Thursday, destroying the \$2 million astronomy experiment and just missing nearby onlookers, according to Australian media reports.

In dramatic video released by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), the giant 400-foot (121-metre) balloon is seen just beginning to lift its payload, then the telescope gondola appears to unexpectedly come loose from its carriage. The telescope crashes through a fence and overturns a nearby parked sport utility vehicle before finally stopping.

No one was injured.

A mishap investigation board is being convened," NASA officials said in a statement released late Thursday.

The attempted balloon telescope launch took place at the Alice Springs Balloon Launching Centre, near the town of Alice Springs, in the northern territory of Australia.

The wayward balloon overturned one car, but missed another parked nearby with local Alice Springs couple Stan and Betty Davies, who had come to watch the launch, still inside.

Internet



China's research ship Dayang Yihao, or Ocean One, prepares to berth at Qingdao port of east China's Shandong Province, on 28 May, 2010. —XINHUA



Prescription heroin helps addicts off street drugs



Supplies including syringes, band-aids and antiseptic pads waits to be used by a drug addict inside a safe injection site on Vancouver, British Columbia's eastside on 23 August, 2006.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 May—Prescribing heroin to addicts who can't kick their habit helps them stay off street drugs, British researchers said on Friday.

So far, doctors have had little hope of treating

the 10 percent or more of heroin users who don't respond to methadone, the standard anti-addiction medication. Fueled by drug cravings, those users often spiral downward into crime and diseases spread by dirty needles and unhealthy

living.

Short of actually getting addicts off the drug, "heroin clinics" can at least get them off the streets.

"What we are dealing with here is a very severe group of heroin addicts, where all of the treatments have been tried and have failed," said Dr. John Strang, an addiction expert at King's College London, who led the new study.

"They are like oil tankers heading for disaster," he added. "The question we were asking was, 'Can we change the trajectory of these tankers?' And the answer was, 'Yes we can.'"

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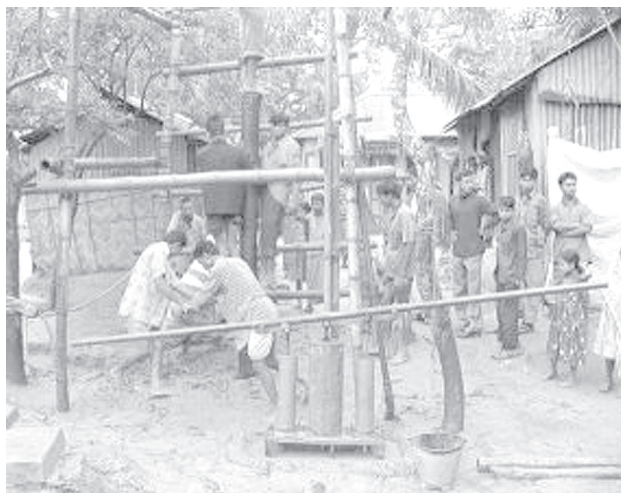
Scientists offer solutions to arsenic groundwater poisoning in Southern Asia

DAKHA, 29 May—An estimated 60 million people in Bangladesh are exposed to unsafe levels of arsenic in their drinking water, dramatically raising their risk for cancer and other serious diseases, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Because most of the contaminated water is near the surface, many people in Bangladesh have installed deep wells to tap into groundwater that's relatively free of arsenic.

In recent years, farmers have begun using the deep, uncontaminated aquifers for irrigation—a practice that could compromise access to clean drinking water across the country, according to a report in the 27 May issue of journal *Science*.

The report is co-



Drilling a deep well in rural Bangladesh to tap into arsenic-free water.—INTERNET

authored by groundwater experts Scott Fendorf (Stanford University), Holly A. Michael

(University of Delaware) and Alexander van Geen (Columbia University).

Internet

Caring for diabetic pets helps humans get healthier

NEW YORK, 29 May—Daniela Trnka had been living with type 1 diabetes for almost 20 years when she noticed telltale signs of the disease in her Siberian Husky, Cooper. He was thirsty, urinating often and at times, lethargic.

So she took out her blood sugar test kit, opened a fresh lancet and took a drop of his blood. Cooper's blood glucose levels were too high. A veterinarian confirmed it: Cooper had diabetes.

Now, the two are coping with the condition together. Trnka monitors Cooper's blood sugar levels and gives him insulin injections. Caring for her pet, Trnka says, has helped her pay better attention to her own health.

"Every time I think to check his sugar, I'm checking mine," Trnka said. "I think I'm more on top of managing my diabetes since I started taking care of him."

Trnka recently participated in a new Canadian study focused on pets with diabetes, which found that caring for a sick pet may improve the pet owner's health as well.

Internet



A Bangladeshi woman smokes a cigarette in Dhaka in April 2010. World health officials on Friday blasted the tobacco industry for going around enticing women in poor countries to smoke cigarettes with the same stereotypes used decades ago in rich nations.—INTERNET

Overweight younger adults as healthy as normal-weight peers?

COLUMBUS, 29 May—There's good news for fat people who are nearing middle age: A new study finds that judged by medication use alone, 25-to-39-year-olds who are classified as obese aren't more likely to suffer illness than people of normal weight.

So, should you put on the extra pounds with no worries? Not exactly, since being obese at a young age can still raise the risk of health problems later in life.

The researchers examined data on medication usage from a national survey from 1988-1994, 2003-2004 and 2005-2006. A total of 9,071 women and 8,880 men aged 25 to 70 were included.

The research team ruled out drugs used to

treat mental illnesses or medications not associated with physical illnesses.

The study examined statistics about body-mass index, a number that measures whether a person's weight and height are proportional.

"For college-age adults, this should help them realize that they don't have to worry so much if they have a BMI

of 27 or 28. Some young people with these BMIs feel like, 'I'm going to have all these problems, I need to try 50 different diets.' And what is all that stress and dieting doing to your body? Probably more damage than the extra 15 pounds is," study author Brant Jarrett, a doctoral student in neuroscience at Ohio State University, said in a news release from the school.—Internet

Potential new source of stem cells for heart repair

TOKYO, 29 May — Stem cells from the amniotic sac that surrounds a fetus may someday be used to repair damage caused by a heart attack, Japanese researchers report.

The work, so far only conducted in animals, raises the possibility of a non-controversial source of stem cells to treat not only heart disease but also many other conditions, said Dr. Shunichiro Miyoshi, an assistant professor in the cardiology

department at the Keio University School of Medicine, and co-author of a report in the 28 May online issue of *Circulation Research*.

"I believe these cells may be utilized in the treatment of autoimmune diseases such as SLA [systemic lupus erythematosus] and rheumatoid arthritis," Miyoshi said. The amniotic sac is typically discarded after childbirth.

Internet

A nurse injects a shot of the A(H1N1) vaccine at Pellegrin hospital in France in October 2009. Swiss authorities have defended their decision to buy about twice as many doses of vaccines as the country's population at the beginning of the swine flu pandemic, most of which remained unused.

INTERNET



Health



Students from Hongqi primary school of quake-hit Yushu Prefecture of China's Qinghai Province visit the South Africa Pavilion in Shanghai, east China, on 28 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Sweden's GDP up 3.0 percent in first quarter

STOCKHOLM, 29 May—Sweden's gross domestic product (GDP) rose 3.0 percent in the first quarter from a year earlier, boosted mainly by household consumption and foreign trade, Statistics Sweden said Friday.

Seasonally adjusted, GDP climbed 1.4 percent compared to the fourth quarter of 2009.

The household consumption expenditures increased by 3.1 percent and amounted to a positive GDP change of 1.5 percentage points, the national statistics

agency said in a statement.

The exports and imports increased respectively by 4.2 percent and 4.4 percent. Foreign trade turned up for first time since the third quarter of 2008. It is the first time that the foreign trade increased since the third quarter of 2008.

The agency also revised the GDP growth for 2009 upwards by 0.1 percentage points as the first and second quarter figures have been revised upwards, the agency added.—Xinhua

GM seeks 50% rise in sales to 3m autos

BEIJING, 29 May—General Motors Corp targets to increase sales by 50 percent to 3 million vehicles in China by 2015 despite a recent slowdown in the industry.

GM, which makes vehicles with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp in China, sold 1 million units in the country in the first five months, half of its 2 million sales target this year, according to Kevin Wale, president

and managing director of GM China.

Growth in the industry has slowed since March after vehicle sales peaked in the fourth quarter of last year. Market demand also became flat after the central government reduced incentives for car buyers.

Xinhua

Business

Vietnam hold seminar on sustainable development for coffee industry

HANOI, 29 May—Vietnam held a seminar on Friday to map out measures for sustainable development of the country's coffee industry in central highland province of Lam Dong, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

The seminar drew participation of many experts and scientists together with nearly 200 coffee growers.

Participants agreed that Vietnam should adopt environmentally-friendly production methods with the usage of organic fertilizers, avoid harvesting unripe coffee beans, and use new technology to process

coffee to increase its quality.

Xinhua

Customers wait in line to purchase the Apple iPad during an iPad launch event at the Apple retail store in Hamburg on 28 May, 2010.

INTERNET



A girl of "hospital emergency treatment" team wears the nurse cap in Haocheng community of Nantong City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 May, 2010.

XINHUA

Chinese firms told to invest more in Africa

BEIJING, 29 May—Chinese companies have been told to shift their investment focus from infrastructure and energy resources to Africa's agricultural and manufacturing sectors.

"Chinese companies can explore more opportunities in sectors like agriculture and manufacturing, apart from the current focus on infrastructure and energy resources," Saturday's China Daily quoted Lu Shaye, director-general of the African affairs department with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as saying.

Lu made the statement at a China-Africa forum held in Beijing Friday.

He said that Africa's investment environment has greatly improved in recent years, and many nations have introduced preferential policies including lower tax rates to attract foreign capital.

Wei Jianguo, former vice-minister of commerce, echoed Lu's view, saying "Now is the best time for Chinese firms to invest in the continent as Africa needs to upgrade its economic structure."—Xinhua

Europe crisis to affect Brazilian export

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 May—The current debt crisis in Europe will hit Brazil's exports in the near future, as the eurozone is a main destination for its products, the president of the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) said Friday.

The debt crisis in Europe will delay Europe's recovery for about two years. "Europe will go through a rather difficult period," said BNDES president Luciano Coutinho. He added that global economic growth still depends on the emerging economies, such as China, India, and Brazil.

Coutinho said Europe's economic woes will leave a negative impact on Brazil

export, as trade with Europe accounts for 22 percent of Brazil's foreign trade. But he noted that Brazil has been diversifying its trade ties and its surplus exports may well be absorbed by other markets, especially those in Asia.

Xinhua

A performer dances at the food festival in Bluefields, Nicaragua, on 28 May, 2010. A food festival were held in Bluefields which locates in east of Nicaragua and is also a popular tourist destination. The food festival features traditional Caribbean food and local Tulu dances.

XINHUA





Australian navy stops Somali pirates

CANBERRA, 29 May— An Australian naval vessel said on Friday that it had stopped a boatload of pirates believed to have been plotting attacks on merchant ships off the east coast of Africa.

The HMAS Parramatta was patrolling a shipping lane in the Gulf of Aden, off Somalia, on 25 May when it intercepted a skiff carrying a group of suspected pirates.

The area is well known for attacks by Somali pirates, defence

officials said.

When first sighted, the suspected pirates were throwing items overboard, including some weapons.

“Given their location and that their behavior was typical of pirates in this region, it appeared that they were loitering with the intent to carry out an attack,” Parramatta’s operating officer Lieutenant Tony Nagle said in a statement.

Australian crew has boarded the boat, but found no additional weapons.—Xinhua



Rescuers engage in life-saving mission during an emergency rescue drill in the sea area near Weihai City, east China’s Shandong Province, on 28 May, 2010. A joint emergency drill was held by Shandong Provincial Oceanic and Fishery Department, Beihai Rescue Bureau and Beihai No.1 Rescue Flying Squad at sea near Weihai on Friday to test the departments’ ability to deal with emergencies and joint life-saving missions.

XINHUA

Rare tiger gives birth at China plateau zoo

XINING, 29 May— A Siberian tiger has given birth to two cubs in northwest China zoo, bringing hope for the endangered species, zoo officials said Friday.

The tiger gave birth to the cubs two weeks ago, said zoo worker Yang Weiguo in Xining capital of China’s Qinghai Province

“It was natural breeding, a real miracle in the plateau region,” said Yang, who looks after the tigers at the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Safari Park in Xining. He said the tiger and her cubs were all in good condition. “The cubs have not yet opened their eyes, but have a very good appetite.”

Zoo workers were unable to approach the cubs for a closer look under their mother’s watchful eyes, Yang said.

Zoo workers fed the mother tiger mutton, live chickens, milk and eggs to ensure adequate lactation, he said.

Xinhua

Vietnam reports blue ear disease in one more province

HANOI, 29 May— Blue ear disease has spread to one more northern Son La province of Vietnam, raising the country’s total number of municipalities and provinces hit by the disease to 16, said a report of the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Friday. The disease struck one commune of the province, killing nearly 50 pigs out of 116 infected pigs, according to the provincial animal health bureau.

Provincial health official and local authority are currently taking appropriate measures to prevent the spread of the disease, said the report.

Blue ear disease is currently developing in 16 municipalities and provinces of Vietnam including Hai Duong, Thai Binh, Thai Nguyen, Hung Yen, Bac Ninh, Hai Phong, Hanoi, Nam Dinh, Ha Nam, Lang Son, Nghe An, Quang Ninh, Bac Giang, Hoa Binh, Cao Bang and newly reported Son La.

Xinhua



Children experience how to set a hairstyle in Kubeiland Youth Social Experience Theme City in Changsha, central China’s Hunan Province, 27 May, 2010. The theme city has 60 experiencing pavilions which offer more than 70 careers for children to experience.—XINHUA

Serbia leads world in television watching

BELGRADE, 29 May— Serbia has become the world record holder in the category of television watching. According to research released by the AGB Nielsen company, Serbs spend more than five hours a day before their televisions and have overtaken Americans for first place, reported the Belgrade daily “Blic” on Friday.

According to Darko Brodic, director of Nielsen, the upswing in television watching has been attributed to the phenomenon of reality shows and the fact that television is more often viewed during the day in Serbia than in most Western countries.

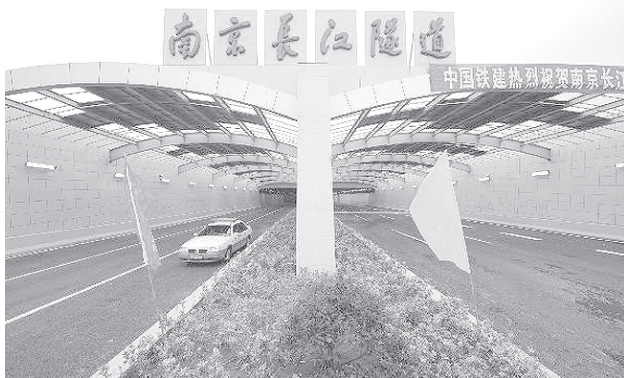
Psychologist Zarko Trebjesanin said this result is a consequence of the fact that people

lack clear goals and are simply “killing time.”

“There are a lot of unemployed people who have surplus of free time,” said Trebjesanin. They could use that time on something more intelligent, such as education. But, because we don’t value knowledge, this is the path of least resistance.”

Sociologist Ratko Bozovic attributed the steep incline in television watching to the various crises, political and economic, that have befallen the Balkan country. “People in crisis are apathetic,” said Bozovic, adding that they become “voyeurs” of the lives of others when they cannot easily face the reality of their own lives.

Xinhua



A car gets through the six-lane traffic tunnel under the Yangtze River in Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, May 28, 2010. The tunnel, connecting the city of Nanjing on both sides of the river, is the third traffic tunnel built under the Yangtze River, China’s longest river. The tunnel opened to traffic on Friday.

Xinhua

Death toll in Indian train collision rises to 95

NEW DELHI, 29 May— The death toll from Friday’s train collision in eastern India has risen to 95 as rescue workers continued to extricate bodies from mangled coaches of the train Saturday, according to the Indo-Asian News Service.

The news service quoted police as reporting 167 people have “varied degrees of injuries” from the train collision which took place early Friday after a derailed passenger train was hit by a goods train in West Bengal, allegedly due to sabotage by extreme left-wing Naxal rebels.

Police said the toll is likely to cross 110 as more bodies are expected to be found in the smashed coaches.

Xinhua

An aerial view of the area where BP’s Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded last month and sank in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana on 27 May, 2010. More than 24 hours into its crucial “top kill” plan, London-based BP Plc said on Thursday it was still too early to assess the success or failure of its best short-term hope of plugging a blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico.—XINHUA



Foreign Affairs Minister back...

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Minister U Nyan Win then attended ASEAN-EU Working Lunch where they exchanged views on regional and international issues. During the working lunch Minister U Nyan Win gave a briefing on recent political developments in Myanmar including the progress of the preparations for the forthcoming general elections, national reconsolidation efforts and the developments on Myanmar's en-

gagement with the international community.

At the second plenary session, the ministers exchanged views on the issues of traditional and non-traditional security challenges, climate change and the environment, and economic crisis and its aftermath. At the meeting, Minister U Nyan Win participated in the discussion on the topic of "the Economic Crisis and its Aftermath", giving a brief account of its impact on Asian region and

ASEAN's efforts towards sustained recovery and development through deepening regional integration and community building.

On 26 May, Minister U Nyan Win attended the dinner hosted by Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain at his official residence in Madrid.

While in Madrid, Minister U Nyan Win met Vice President Lady Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative of the Union of Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Eu-



ropean Commission on the same day and exchanged views on enhancing relations between Myanmar and EU.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win attends 18th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting held in Madrid, Spain.

MOFA

Renovated Junction-8 City Mart reopens

YANGON, 29 May—City Mart Supermarket Junction-8 branch reopened with new and better services starting from 25 May.

The branch may provide one-stop service to the customers who want to buy high-quality foodstuffs, Kitchenwares, fresh vegetables, seasonal

fruits, packed meats, cleaning accessories, juices, coffees and various brands of cosmetics.

City Medic Pharmacy of the branch will provide reliable services to those looking for family medicines.

A variety of CD, VCD, DVD, books and journals are displayed at City Music Center.

There have seen intentions of City Mart Holding Co Ltd shows to give its customers the deep satisfaction of doing the shopping.—MNA



City Mart Supermarket Junction-8 branch reopens with new and better services.—NLM

Vietnam, Myanmar to jointly breed Sturgeon

YANGON, 29 May—Under the economic coalition programme to mark 35th Anniversary of Myanmar-Vietnam diplomatic relation, a ceremony to open a joint office of Pearl Nady Co Ltd of Myanmar and Vinashin Vung Tau JSC Co Ltd of Vietnam and to present Sturgeon breeding and culturing licenses was held at Myanmar Fishery Federation office in Insein Township here yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung, Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, officials from MFF, Vietnamese VIDB bank, Viettel Corporation, Vietnam Airlines, Pearl Nady Co

Ltd and Vinashin Vung Tau JSC Co Ltd and guests.

The ambassador, Director-General U Khin Ko Lay and MFF Senior Vice-President U Hla Maung Shwe extended greetings and formally opened the office. Executive Vice-President U Han Tun on behalf of MFF President U Htay Myint presented bouquet of flowers to Vietnamese side. Director-General U Khin Ko Lay presented licenses to Managing Director U Than Win Aung of Pearl Nady Co Ltd. The merged companies will culture and breed Sturgeon in Moebye Dam and Bilu Creek and will produce the fish egg at the price between 500 and 1000 US dollars per kilo.

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Positive changes in Mahlaing...

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Village. The bridge can cope with vehicles under two tons and it is built for jeeps, trailers and carts. Children of the two villages now can go to Basic Education Middle School in Yecho Village. The bridge contributes much to smooth transportation among nearby villages. The bridge is the result of joint effort of the township PDC and wellwishers.

Summer paddy, monsoon paddy, cotton and other crops are grown in the township. Especially, pigeon pea is the major agricultural produce of the township Mahlaing Township won the most successful



"We are trying for harmonious development of urban and rural areas."

U Than Shwe Mahlaing Township Peace and Development Council

township of pigeon pea cultivation award, the most outstanding farmer award, and the high yield award presented by WFO for twelve consecutive

years. Mahlaing Township also stands top in pigeon pea output in the whole country. The total sown acreage of pigeon pea of the whole township was 94,100 acres last year and acre per yield was also the most in the whole country.

Mahlaing Township covers an area of 428.702 square miles and the town has an area of 3.35 miles. The township is situated by Meiktila-Myingyan motor way. It is 22 miles from Meiktila and 36 miles from Myingyan. The township shares border with Wundwin Township in the east, Meiktila Township in the south, Natogyi Township in the north and Kyaukpadaung Township and Taungtha Township in the west.

We also saw neat and clean town hall and



Hlaingthaya Garden at the town centre of Mahlaing.

Hlinethaya Garden in the town centre. Transportation is smooth and convenient as Meiktila-Myingyan motor way passes through the town. Meiktila,

Taungtha and Myingyan and Mandalay are accessible from Mahlaing any time.

Mahlaing Township will doubtlessly soon experience rapid progress

due to the concerted efforts of the township PDC and DAC.

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Children of Labour Ministry get cash assistance for education

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May — Ministry of Labour provided cash assistance for school children of employees of the ministry yesterday.

At the ceremony to provide cash assistance at the ministry here, Labour Minister U Aung Kyi presented cash amounted to K 6,688,500 to officials

concerned for school children from primary to tertiary education level for the 2010-11 academic year.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister U Tin Tun Aung, the directors-general, officials and employees of the ministry.

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Minister U Aung Kyi presents education allowance to children of staff of the ministry.—MNA

UEC member meets members of Thaton District/Township Subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May — A coordination meeting between Member of the Union Election Commission (in-charge of Mon State) U Nyunt Tin and members of Thaton District Subcommission and Subcommissions of four townships of the district took place at the meeting hall of Thaton District Peace and Development Council on 24 May morning.

At the meeting,

member of the Union Election Commission (in-charge of Mon State) U Nyunt Tin instructed the members on electoral work, election law and rules, and quoted the queries raised by those present. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of Member of the Union Election Commission (in-charge of Mon State) U Nyunt Tin.

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Crown Electronic show room staged at Electronic & Living 2010 Exhibition

YANGON, 29 May — Crown Electronic is exhibiting various kinds of electronic equipment at Electronic & Living 2010 Exhibition at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here.

Crown Electronic has been selling not only TV, EVD, amplifier and

portable speaker using Japanese technology at special discount which are given two and three years grantee but also dat brand speakers made in Indonesia.

Crown Electronic is selling the equipment at City Centre from 25 May to 15 June, from 10 to 50 percent off, as

monsoon market festival.

For further information, one may contact head office of Crown Electronic, No 407 near

Kandawgalay Post Office on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, (Tel: 299732 and 386508).

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Consumer electronics on display at Crown Electronic showroom at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road.

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Mechanized farming enables cultivation of...

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Nyaungwaing Village is located by Thanlyin-Kyauktan motor way. We saw paddy fields that stretched to the horizon, swaying in the breeze and so profuse that really encouraging.

It was the first time in Kyauktan Township to demonstrate reaping summer paddy with harvesters. So the place was crowded with observer farmers. They wanted to learn cultivation method, yield per acre, function and operation method

of harvesters and also benefits of working with harvesters. Over 200 farmers from nearby villages attended the ceremony.

Kyauktan Township is composed of 31 village-tracts, 61 villages and nine wards. The total sown acreage of monsoon paddy of the whole township is 107,251 acres.

Seeing is believing



Farmers observing how harvesters work.

and farmers there to observe how harvesters work knew that machine power was more effective and time-saving than human labour. After the demonstration, we saw some observer farmers exchanging their views on cultivation method, some trying to understand more about the harvesters and some enquiring staff of Agriculture

Mechanization Department about the price of harvesters.

We then interviewed the manager of the township Myanma Agriculture Service who said, "Local farmers show interest in summer paddy harvest demonstration. They now know well the benefits of summer paddy. What's more, they also know the advantages of

harvesters. So, I would say, the demonstration did produce the good results."

I believed that the demonstration would encourage local farmers to grow summer paddy and transform into mechanized farming as well.

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Model summer paddy fields stretching to the horizon.

Broadcast legend Art Linkletter dies at 97



Art Linkletter.

BEIJING, 29 May—The US broadcast legend Art Linkletter died at his home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles on Wednesday at the age of 97.

Over his decades as an entertainer, the Canadian-born celebrity had many roles — radio host, TV host, celebrity endorser, comic, anti-drug crusader, among which he was best-known for his funny interviews with children and ordinary folks in NBC's "People Are Funny" in the 1950s and '60s.

"He lived a long, full, pure life, and the Lord had need for him," said his son-in-law, Art Hershey, the husband of Sharon Linkletter.

Linkletter had been ill "in the last few weeks

time, but bear in mind he was 97 years old. He wasn't eating well, and the aging process took him," Hershey said.

"An amazing fellow, a terrific broadcast talent, a brilliant businessman. An all-around good guy," CNN's Larry King said about his longtime friend and frequent guest.

Former US First Lady Nancy Reagan paid tribute to the man she called "a good friend for a long, long time."

He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Lois, and daughters Dawn and Sharon.—Xinhua



A worker of Chinese electronics manufacturer Hanvon, also known as Hanwang Technology, displays their new product N618 E-book Reader during the BookExpo America in New York, the United States, on 27 May, 2010. Distinguished from other e-book brands with its handwriting recognition technology, N618 also features Wi-Fi connectivity, 3.5mm headphone jack, 320MB onboard storage, 4GB SD card and up to 16GB extendable memory.—Xinhua

Japanese shares close sharply higher in morning trade

TOKYO, 29 May—Japanese shares close sharply on Friday morning as an overnight surge on Wall Street and a weaker yen against the euro.

The benchmark Nikkei-225 index climbed 165.74 points, or 1.72 percent, from Thursday to 9,805.46.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was up 14.33 points, or 1.65 percent, to 884.22.

Xinhua

Sandra Bullock to receive MTV generation award



Sandra Bullock.

LOS ANGELES, 29 May—Sandra Bullock is coming to the MTV Movie Awards.

The network says the 45-year-old actress will attend the 6 June ceremony to accept the MTV Generation Award, its highest honour.

The Oscar winner, who has kept a low profile since her public split from husband Jesse

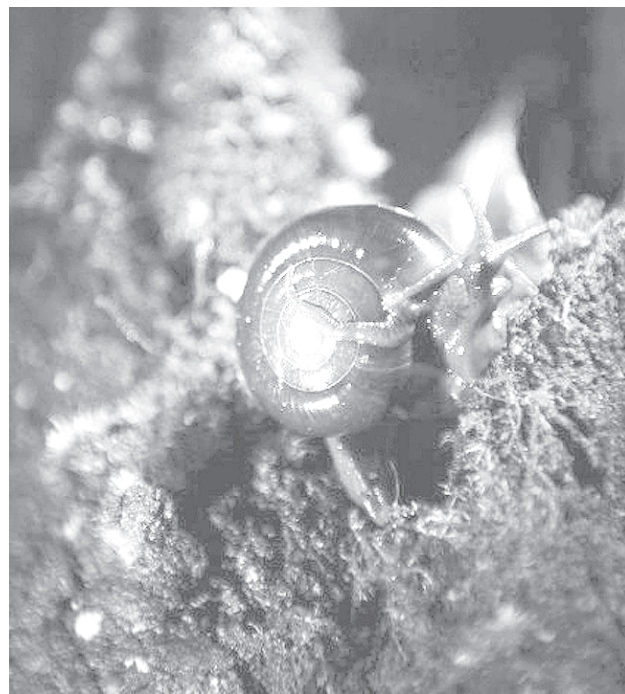
James, is the first woman to receive the award. Past recipients include Tom Cruise, Ben Stiller, Adam Sandler, Mike Myers and Jim Carrey.

MTV General Manager Stephen Friedman says Bullock is "adored by our audience as both an actress and a role

model."

Hosted by Aziz Ansari, the MTV Movie Awards will be broadcast live from the Gibson Amphitheatre. Presenters include Sandler, Cruise, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Chris Rock, Steve Carell and Cameron Diaz.

Internet



The photo shows a snail searching for food in Gaoligong Mountain, southwest China's Yunnan Province. Located on the west bank of Nujiang River in the west of Yunnan Province, Gaoligong Mountain is a renowned deep fracture longitudinal valley. Gaoligong Mountain National Nature Reserve covers a total area of 120,000 hectares with forest coverage of 85 percent. The reserve is about 9 kilometers from the east to the west, and 135 kilometres long. It is characterized by its natural landscape of biological and climate vertical belts, various types of vegetation, and a great variety of plants and animals.—XINHUA

Pakistani troops kill 40 militants near Afghan border

KALAYA, 29 May—Pakistani warplanes bombed militant hideouts in the Orakzai region on Thursday, killing 15 fighters and bringing the militants' death toll from attacks to 40 in the past 24 hours, officials said.

Government forces have stepped up attacks in the northwestern Orakzai and Khyber regions on the Afghan border in recent weeks after largely clearing

Taliban strongholds in other areas.

"Fighter jets bombed and deouts early in the day, killing 15 militants and wounding 25," said government official Nauman Khan.

Pakistani troops also used artillery to target militants' positions over-night in the same region. Security officials said 25 militants were killed in the barrage.

Xinhua

UK's Prudential confirms talks with AIG over AIA sale

HONG KONG, 29 May—UK's insurer Prudential PLC confirmed on Friday it was in talks with the American International Group (AIG) over a possible takeover of AIG's Asian unit American International Assurance (AIA).

In a statement filed to the Hong Kong stock exchange after the morning session,

Prudential said discussions with AIG are continuing and "may or may not lead to a change in the terms of the combination of AIA Group Limited and Prudential".

Prudential shares started trading in both Hong Kong's and Singapore's stock exchanges by way of introduction on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Inflation continues to rise in Spain

MADRID, 29 May—The advanced data for the rate of inflation in Spain for the month of May shows that prices in the country rose for the seventh successive month.

The Index of Harmonized Consumer Prices (IPCA) published by the Spanish National Institute of Statistics (INE) on Friday shows that prices rose by 0.2 percent in May to leave inflation at a rate of 1.8 percent.

It is the seventh successive rise in the country after eight months of continually falling prices.

The Consumer Price Index (IPC) will be published on 11 June and is expected to confirm these figures.

The main reason for continued rising prices appears to be fuel costs. Twelve months ago a barrel of Brent crude oil cost 58.59 US dollars, whereas now the price is 77.20 dollars, which maintained food and drink prices stable.—Xinhua



Australia's state of NSW braces for severe weather

SYDNEY, 29 May— Australian authorities issued a warning on Saturday that torrential rain and gale-force winds could turn dangerous for people on the south coast of New South Wales in south eastern Australia this weekend.

A low pressure system was expected to affect the south coast Sunday morning, then track northwards during the day, possibly affecting Sydney and the central coast late in the day or overnight into Monday.

The Bureau of Meteorology issued on Saturday what it calls a “heads up” for possible future flooding in the

Bega, Moruya, Tuross and Shoalhaven Rivers, and for local flash flooding at Wollongong and nearby areas.

It said there was a “greater than 70 percent chance of flooding” in the listed areas, and urged people living or working along rivers and streams to monitor forecasts and be ready to move to higher ground. Police were urging drivers to slow down and warnings were also being issued for people preparing to bushwalk and camp in the state's parks.

The Bureau of Meteorology said the worst of the weather was expected to ease by Monday afternoon.

Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao visits the China Culture Center in Seoul, on 29 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Former US child TV star Gary Coleman dies in Utah

LOS ANGELES, 29 May— Former US child television star Gary Coleman died at the age of 42 in Utah on Friday, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

Coleman died at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo after suffering an intracranial hemorrhage earlier this week, according to a statement

from hospital spokeswoman Janet Frank.

Coleman was lucid and conscious Thursday morning but that he was on life support by Thursday afternoon, according to a statement released by his management team. The statement continued to say, “Family members and close friends were

at his side when life support was terminated”.

A resident of Santaquin, Utah, Coleman had been hospitalized on Wednesday and lost consciousness the next day. He was taken off life support Friday afternoon with his family at his side, the hospital said.—Xinhua



Xinhua News Agency President Li Congjun (R) shakes hands with Ken Jautz, executive vice president of CNN Worldwide, in New York, on 28 May, 2010.

XINHUA

Too-big egg kills mother duck



An enormous duck egg weighing 250 grams is seen next to an average one on 20 May at a duck farm in Jingzhou, Hubei Province on 20 May. The egg, however, killed the bird that laid it due to its huge size.

It is three times as heavy as an average egg and the farm owner said it's the largest one he's seen in his 20 years of raising ducks.

Sweet! Mainers make 'rocket car' with Mentos, soda

The guys from Maine who became online celebrities by creating geysers from Mentos candies and Diet Coke say they have harnessed that power to create a “rocket car.”

The contraption created by Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz of Buckfield features a utility trailer on the back and a modified girl's bike at the front.

They're offering a teaser of their invention on their website. The full video directed by Rob Cohen of “The Fast and the Furious” will debut online Tuesday.

News Album

Toddler mauled to death by family dog in Southern California

A 2-year-old boy in San Bernardino, California, died on Friday morning after he was mauled by a family pit dog overnight, local television channel KTLA 5 reported on its website.

In what investigators call “an unfortunate and tragic accident,” the boy was in the backyard when the dog attacked

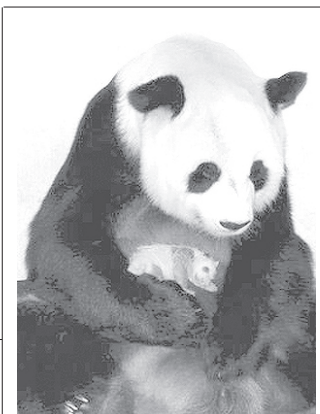
him for unknown reason around 7:20 pm (0220 GMT) Thursday at his family's home, the San Bernardino Police Department said.

He was taken to Loma Linda University Medical Center with major head trauma, KTLA 5 reported.

The family owned two dogs. Both were removed from the home by Animal Control

officials pending an investigation by local police department after the incident, KTLA 5 said.

A vender sells lizards for cuisine at a market in Managua, capital of Nicaragua, on 28 May, 2010.



A handout photo taken on 13 June, 2009 and released by the Chiang Mai Zoo on 16 June shows a female giant panda holding her cub at the Chiang Mai Zoo. Riot-stricken Thailand had something to smile about on Thursday as the nation's only panda cub, who enjoys a cult-like following across the kingdom, celebrated her first birthday in style.

Teenager survives six days after pushed into well

A 16-year-old senior school student who survived six days without food or water after being severely beaten and pushed into a well by four teenagers in Zhouzhi county, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province has regained consciousness and is in intensive care at the No.1 Affiliated Hospital of Xi'an Jiaotong University.

Identified as “Cai,” she was beaten with fists and bricks by her assailants and suffered a broken foot, arm and backbone before being dumped into the 30-metre deep well.

Cai said she didn't know the three girls who attacked her and only slightly knew the boy.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINA BIMA VOY NO (063)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINA BIMA VOY NO (063) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Jane Hugo and her sister Barnett Zabet stand near the acts which their father Frank took from Libya during World War II.—INTERNET

British families return ancient artefacts taken from Libya during World War II

TRIPOLI, 29 May — A British woman has returned a collection of ancient artefacts which her father took from Libya when it was administered by Britain after World War II. The artefacts were part of a consignment — including a Hellenic ram, Roman terracotta oil lamps, the head of a Statue of Bacchus and wall decorations — returned by relatives of Britons who took them from the north African country decades ago.

Jean Hugo, from Wales, said her family found a box of antiquities under her father's bed after he died in 1996 and she felt compelled to bring back the items he collected. She lived in the Libyan city of Khoms, not far from the ancient Roman city of Leptis Magna, from 1953 to 1959 where her father — an amateur archaeologist — was headmaster of the British Army school.

Internet



Organic food has no health, taste or nutritional advantages over conventionally manufactured or harvested food, according to a new study.

INTERNET

Good Beach Guide: More ranked 'excellent' for water

LONDON, 29 May — More UK bathing beaches have excellent water quality than last year, but pollution has worsened since 2006, the Marine Conservation Society says.

It rated 421 of 769 beaches as excellent — 33 more than 2009, but below the 505 rated highly in 2006.

It blamed heavy rainfall during the past three summers for overloading sewage systems and washing fertilizer and pollutants onto beaches.

It also warned that sev-

eral popular beaches would fail EU rules from 2015. The annual *Good Beach Guide* is published on Friday and lists results of water quality tests conducted from May to September 2009.

It has four grades: "MCS recommended" for the highest water quality and good sewage treatment; "guideline" for good water quality only; "basic pass" means the water passed the European Commission statutory minimum; and "fail".

Internet

Mystery fossil is ancestor of squid

LONDON, 29 May — The ancestors of modern squid may have existed half a billion years ago — a lot



The ancient squid hunted using its two long tentacles.

INTERNET

earlier than previously thought. In a new study, Canadian researchers identified a previously un-classifiable fossil that was long believed to belong perhaps to the shrimp family. They called it *Nectocaris pteryx* — a small soft-bodied cephalopod with two tentacles rather than the eight or 10 seen in today's octopuses.

The new survey's re-

sults were presented in the journal *Nature*. The findings make the ancestors of modern squid and octopuses at least 30 million years older. Evolutionary biologist Martin Smith, the main author of the study, told *PA* news agency that the findings bring cephalopods much closer to the first appearance of complex animals.

Internet



Water quality was tested at 769 beaches in the UK.—INTERNET

Sea otter that survived 89 spill dies in Seattle

SEATTLE, 29 May — A 21-year-old northern sea otter who survived the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska died on Thursday at the Seattle Aquarium. Nuka had lived at the aquarium since 2001 after spending the earlier part of her life at a Chicago aquarium.

Aquarium officials say Nuka was considered geriatric and her health had been declining over the past several months.

Aquarium staff and mammal biologists and her veterinarian decided the time had come to euthanize her. Nuka was the oldest of the aquarium's sea otters.

Internet

Bear called 'Yogi' comes back to earth with a bump after getting stuck up a tree

LOS ANGELES, 29 May — A bear came back to earth with a bump after it got stuck up a pine tree while foraging for food.

Police used a tranquilizer gun to stun the two-year-old California black bear, which tumbled more than 15ft into the front garden of a house outside Los Angeles.

But the fall was softened by a tarpaulin that caught the bewildered 100lb cub —

nicknamed 'Yogi' by on-lookers — and it was bundled back into the wild before the effects of the knock-out drug wore off.

The three-hour drama began in Porter Ranch, California, when Barabara Erickson, 71, spotted muddy paws on her patio carpet before seeing a bear staring at her from the pine tree outside her front window. Within minutes, there were about 40 firefighters,

police and animal control experts gathered in the garden trying to work out how to bring down the clearly distressed animal.

After eventually coming up with a plan to fire a tranquilizer dart, two officers from the Fish and Game Department stood by with shotguns in case the bear tried to bolt and a half-dozen firemen held a big yellow tarp directly under the tree. —*Internet*



An emergency worker eyes up the bear in its perch high up in a suburban tree.—INTERNET



A boy takes photo of the painting at the third Hangzhou Art Expo in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, 28 May, 2010. The third Hangzhou Art Expo kicked off in Peace International Convention and Exhibition Center of Hangzhou on Friday, in which the works of over 150 artists were exhibited.—XINHUA

Ecuador evacuates thousands of people, closes airports due to volcanic eruption

QUITO, 29 May—Ecuadorian authorities on Friday closed the airport in the country's largest and most populated city Guayaquil and ordered the evacuation of thousands of residents due to a volcanic eruption in the South American country. Earlier, the General Direction of Civil Aviation (DAC) halted the domestic flight between Quito and

Cuenca and the international flight between Lima and Quito due to the ash emission of the Tungurahua Volcano.

The DAC said in a statement that the airports were closed for operational security, but there are alternative routes for the planes to take off or land without problem. Ecuador's National Geophysics Institute said ash plumes soared 10 kilometres above the volcano.

Xinhua



Volcanic ash blanket Guayaquil, Ecuador, on 28 May, 2010. Ecuador's Secretariat of Risk Management (SNGR) ordered on Friday the evacuation of thousands of people living at the bottom of Tungurahua Volcano, central of the country, which earlier registered a new eruption and ash emission.

XINHUA

Radiation-contaminated French workers under clinical examination

PARIS, 29 May—Clinical examination for six French workers exposed to radiation during a mission was underway, so was the inquiry into the accident, the French Nuclear Security Authority (ASN) confirmed to Xinhua on Friday.

The incident occurred Wednesday when the six workers were repairing a machine containing radioactive cobalt but unfortunately encountered a radiation leak during their operation at Feursmetal, a forge at the western French town of Feurs.

"Clinical examination is currently conducted in order to record and evaluate the threats to their health. Furthermore, the 'Procureur de la Republique' (public prosecutor) is conducting an inquiry into this incident that will provide further information," ASN told Xinhua in an email statement. The nuclear safety authority also said the accident "had no impact on the environment."

Xinhua

Mexico offers rewards for 33 drug gang suspects

MEXICO, 29 May — Mexico's government unveiled a list of 33 wanted drug suspects Friday, including three men allegedly tied to a cartel responsible for much of the bloodshed in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez.

The Attorney General's Office did not specify the criminal bands affiliated with each suspect. However, a security official in the northern state of Chihuahua, where Ciudad Juarez is located, said the three at the top of the list

Guatemala closes airport for volcanic eruption

GUATEMALA, 29 May—The international airport of La Aurora in Guatemala City was closed due to the increase of the Pacaya Volcano's eruption, the Civil Aviation Direction said on Friday.

The volcanic ash totally covered the roads, the ramps and the hangars, with a thickness of two centimetres.

Civil Aviation Direction's spokesman Monica Monge said plane's taking off or landing should stop until the ash was cleaned.

According to Monge, the international airport El Mundo Maya in Peten, north of the country, is operating normally and it is an alternative for the planes' landing.

Meanwhile in La Aurora, the flights suspension could last about 48 hours.

The Pacaya Volcano, 2,500 metres high over the sea, is located in San Vicente Pacaya town, some 45 kilometres south to Guatemala City.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 May, 2010 in Hong Kong shows Edouard Manet's work *Portrait de Manet par lui-même, en buste (Manet à la palette)* which will be auctioned by Sotheby's London.

INTERNET

Brazilian police seize half ton of cocaine

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 May—Police said Friday they had seized a half ton of cocaine from Bolivia and detained two people in an operation in western Brazil. The operation was carried out in the early hours of Friday on a federal highway in the town of Tres Lagoas in Mato Grosso do Sul state.

Due to its proximity to the Bolivian and Paraguayan borders, Mato Grosso do Sul state is one of the main routes used by drug dealers to reach the main markets in Brazil's Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

Police said the drug was found inside a truck. Two men, aged 64 and 41 years old, were arrested in the operation.

Xinhua



An injured turtle is seen in a clinic for turtles in Tortufauna in La Garita de Alajuela on 27 May, 2010. According to Castillo, Tortufauna is the first clinic in Central and Latin America to specialize in providing treatment for injured tortoises and freshwater turtles. Castillo receives an average of 80 turtles per month for treatment.

XINHUA

Two Somali gov't ministers among Mogadishu roadside bomb blast survivors

MOGADISHU, 29 May—Three senior Somali government officials including two ministers escaped an overnight assassination attempt after roadside explosion in Mogadishu targeted a convoy, killing three people and wounding several others, a government official confirmed Friday. The remotely controlled roadside bomb attack took place in Makka Al Mukarama road in the

heart of the Somali government-controlled part of the capital as the officials were returning from a meeting at the Presidential Palace. The convoy was carrying Abdurahman Abdishakur, Minister for Planning and International Cooperation, Mohamoud Abdi Ibrahim, Minister for Humanitarian Affairs and the State Minister for Defence, Sheikh Yusuf Siyad Indha Adde.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Eto'o threatens to pull out



Samuel Eto'o

MILAN, 29 May—Samuel Eto'o has hinted that he could leave the Cameroon squad following criticism from Roger Milla. Former favourite Milla, who shone at the 1990 World Cup in Italy, has claimed that Eto'o offers less for his country than he does for his club.

He told *AFP* that Eto'o had "brought lots to Barcelona and Inter Milan but never anything to the Cameroon team."

"It's also a question of discipline. Cameroon is waiting for him to react." Eto'o is unquestionably the star turn in the Cameroon squad and is his country's all-time leading goalscorer, notching 44 times in 94 appearances. He believes he is being unfairly singled out for criticism and has labelled Milla as 'bitter'.

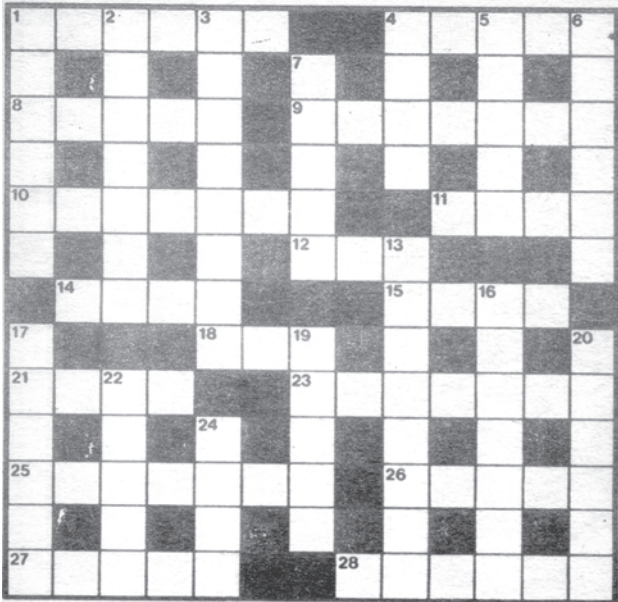
Internet

Lionel Messi tips England for success at World Cup

LONDON, 29 May—Argentina forward Lionel Messi believes England are among the leading contenders to win the World Cup in South Africa this summer. Spain and Brazil are the most fancied sides to lift the trophy but the Barcelona star believes England should be considered as one of the favourites.

"I think that right now, the strongest sides going into the World Cup are Spain, England and Brazil," he said. —*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Village land
- 4 Remain
- 8 Get up
- 9 Motor cycle seat
- 10 Twinkling shine
- 11 Hand over
- 12 Tow-boat
- 14 Culture-jelly
- 15 Chess piece
- 18 Poor horse
- 21 Haystack
- 23 Flying guests
- 25 Hero's lover
- 26 Avoid
- 27 Milk fat
- 28 Standing

DOWN

- 1 Launch attack
- 2 Injuring
- 3 Upset
- 4 Ring bell
- 5 German river
- 6 Over there
- 7 Small gush
- 13 Incline
- 16 Play role excessively
- 17 Gambol
- 19 Dazzling light
- 20 Estimate
- 22 Fret
- 24 Dutch cheese

FIFA rejects Lord Triesman's 2018 World Cup bid claims

LONDON, 29 May—FIFA has dismissed claims by former FA chairman Lord Triesman that Spain and Russia's 2018 bid teams were planning to bribe referees at the World Cup. Triesman stepped down as England's 2018 World Cup bid chairman after his comments were published in a newspaper. After a short investigation, FIFA "found no indication that there is any basis to the allegations reported".

FIFA also reminded the bid teams of their responsibility to the "highest standards of ethical behaviour". England's bid to host the tournament for the first time



Former FA chairman Lord Triesman (L).—INTERNET

since 1966 was thrown into crisis after Triesman was caught up in a tabloid sting suggesting Spain could drop its bid if rival bidder Russia helped bribe referees at this summer's World Cup.—*Internet*

Andy Murray beats Marcos Baghdatis at French Open



Murray wins despite blip.—INTERNET

PARIS, 29 May—Andy Murray recovered from a dreadful third set to beat 25th seed Marcos Baghdatis on Court Suzanne Lenglen and secure a place in the last 16 at the French Open. The 23-

year-old Briton returned to the scene of his epic four-hour first-round win over Richard Gasquet and this time came through 6-2, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2 in two hours 33 minutes.

Murray will meet Tomas Berdych in the fourth round on Sunday after the Czech Republic 15th seed enjoyed a straight-sets win over American John Isner, ranked 17. After requiring a fairly tortuous rain-hit two days before seeing off Juan Ignacio Chela on Thursday evening, Murray was back on court 20 hours later to face Baghdatis. —*Internet*

Real Madrid to unveil Jose Mourinho as coach

MADRID, 29 May—Real Madrid will unveil Jose Mourinho as their new manager on Monday after agreeing compensation with Inter Milan. Club presidents Massimo Moratti and Florentino Perez met in Milan on Friday to thrash out a deal to allow Mourinho to quit the Champions League winners. Mourinho, 47, will replace Manuel Pellegrini in the Madrid hot seat after the Chilean was sacked on Wednesday.

Spanish and Italian media reported Inter would receive about 8m euros (£6.7m) under the terms of his deal. Inter had claimed they were due £13.5m in compensation for Mourinho, whose contract was due to run until 2012.—*Internet*



Mourinho is expected to arrive at Real Madrid on Monday.—INTERNET

Couples leads PGA Seniors

DENVER, 29 May—Fred Couples, a three-time winner since turning 50 last October, shot a 4-under 68 Friday that put him one shot in front at the Senior PGA Championship. Couples completed 36 holes at the Colorado Golf Club in -7 under 137. He is trying for his first major title on the Champions Tour after winning one major — The Masters — during his days on the regular circuit.—*Internet*

Sisters, Henin, Sharapova advance



Serena Williams won nine consecutive games and advanced to the third round by beating Julia Goerges 6-1, 6-1.—INTERNET

PARIS, 29 May—Serena Williams waited a day to play and then won before lunch on Friday at the French Open. With almost mistake-free tennis, the top-ranked Williams won nine consecutive

games and advanced to the third round by beating Julia Goerges 6-1, 6-1. Venus Williams had little trouble, too, reaching the fourth round of the French Open for the first time since 2006 with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over No. 26 Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia, who was a semifinalist at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament last year.

Defending champion Svetlana Kuznetsova was upset by 30th-seeded Maria Kirilenko. Kirilenko edged the sixth-seeded Kuznetsova 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in an all-Russian match to reach the fourth round at Roland Garros for the first time.

Internet

Manchester United not for sale, say Glazers

LONDON, 29 May—Manchester United has once again said the club is not for sale and that the Glazer family owners will "not entertain any offers". A consortium of rich businessmen dubbed the Red Knights emerged three months ago as possible buyers of the club. But the Old Trafford outfit says the Glazers "remain fully committed to their long-term ownership of the club".



A statement from the board said the club was not for sale.—INTERNET



The robot vehicle Forbot of the German company Roboterwerk are presented during the Robotik ELROB 2010 show in Hammelburg, southern Germany, on 18 May, 2010. More than 47 scientist teams present during the show their newest robotic systems, which are use in the army. INTERNET

Two killed in light plane crash in Mexico

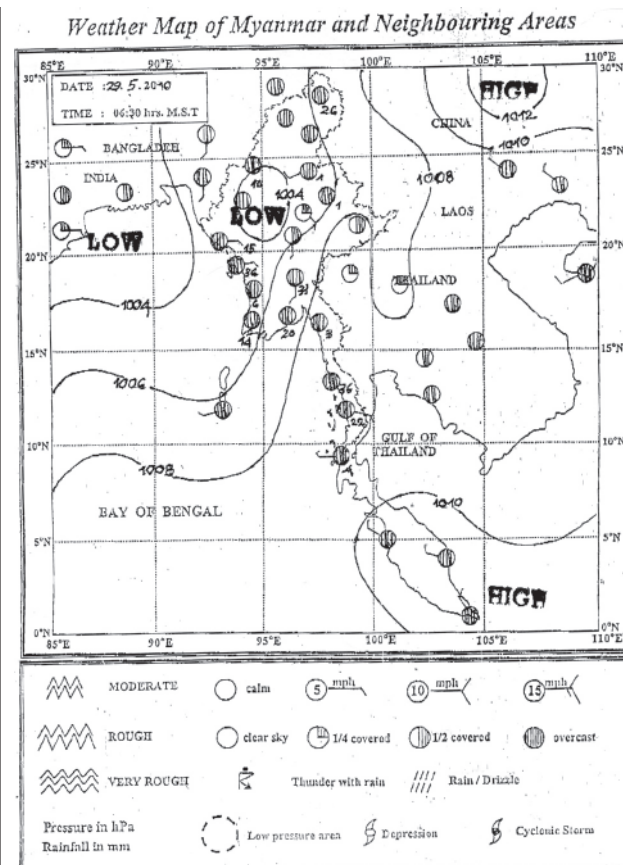
Mexico City, 28 May —Two people were killed on Friday when a light plane crashed in the mountain range of Xalatlaco municipality, in the State of Mexico, the Public Security Ministry said.

The Ministry said in a statement that it was a Cirrus plane with four seats.

The accident occurred at 70 km west to Mexico City. So far, rescuers have found the corpses of a man and a women, whose identities have not yet been identified.

The route of the private plane remains unknown.— Xinhua

Drive Safely



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (30-5-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (30-5-10 09:30 am ~ 31-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths
- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- * Lenovo in Myanmar
- * News
- * Documentary "Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)"
- * News
- * The Beautiful lake...where the natural biodiversity gathers
- * Mandalay Cultural Museum

OverseaTransmission

- * Opening
- * News
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- * News
- * VCD Centre
- * Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- * Treasure Trove of Myanmar Art and Handicrafts
- * News
- * Documentary "The Richly Blessed Gem Land"
- * News
- * The beautiful lake...where the natural biodiversity gathers
- * Mandalay Cultural Museum
- * News
- * The Melodious Tune of Myanmar Harp
- * News
- * National Herbal Park
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)"
- * News
- * Lenovo in Myanmar
- * Myanmar Movie "Great Expectation"

WEATHER

Saturday, 29th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in Yangon Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Eastern Shan and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, (6°C) above May average temperatures in Kayin State, (4°C) below May average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Central) (5.28) inches, Thandaungyi (2.52) inches, Ye (2.08) inches, KyopinKauk (1.93) inches and Coco Island (1.70) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-5-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 29-5-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-5-2010 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 28-5-2010 was (4.6) hours.

Rainfall on 29-5-2010 was (0.79) inch at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kaba-Aye and (5.28) inch Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.85) inches at Mingaladon, (11.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (11.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from South at (13:30) hours MST on 28-5-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and the South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 30th May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, and Mandalay and Magway Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Myanmar



Sunday, 30
May
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ် တရားတော်-- ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါဒ်သန္တိပဋိတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး)တေးရေး- မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. "လက်ဆေးပြီးပြီလား"

8:30 am

9. Musical Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:50 am

11. Dance Of National Races

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

4. Round Up Of The Week's International News

11:30 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း"

မန္တလေးသောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine(TV)

12:50 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "မိထော်ကြီးနှင့်ပြုံးစိမ" (ရန်အောင်ထွန်းလွင်အောင်၊ ဘုန်းနေခ၊ဆောင်းအိမ်ခြံထွန်း (သုံးကိုယ်ခွဲ)) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စောမျိုး (အဖွဲ့ပညာ)

2:50 pm

7. International News

2:55 pm

8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း နှင့် ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)

5:45 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

6:35 pm

6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "အတိတ်ခါး" (အပိုင်း-၁) (အံ့သစ်ကျော်၊ရှင်းရှင်း၊ ကောင်းစရာနံ့သစ်၊သိရီထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဘုန်းမျိုးကျော်)

6:50 pm

7. "နှစ်သက်ဖွယ်ရာပရိဘောဂ လုပ်တဲ့မြန်မာ့သစ်မာ"

7:00 pm

8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ် သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
14. ရုပ်သံကြွယ်ပွင့်များ



- ★ 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

Mechanized farming enables cultivation of summer paddy

Myanmar is an agro-based country and ways and means have been sought to boost yield of paddy that will lead to higher agricultural output of the nation. Now, farmers across the nation become more and more interested in growing summer paddy due to its higher yield than monsoon paddy.

At the invitation of Kyauktan Township Myanmar Agriculture Service, we on 7 April went to Nyaungwaing Village to hunt news about a demonstration of reaping summer paddy with harvester.

It was just before six in the morning when we left Yangon for Kyauktan. While our car was driving

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through Thanlyin Bridge, the scene brought back some memories of crossing Yangon River by Thida Vessel. In the past, we had experienced great difficulty going to Thanlyin from Yangon. But with Thanlyin Bridge, it is completely different now. We arrived Kyauktan after an hour-drive. (See page 9)



Reaping paddy with harvesters at model summer paddy fields in Nyaungwaing Village, Kyauktan Township.

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 29 May—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Southern Qinghai, China) about 1130 miles north of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 8 hrs 59 min 34 sec M.S.T on 29th May, 2010, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Tobacco industry targets women, youth in developing world: WHO



GENEVA, 29 May— The tobacco industry is increasingly targeting women and youth in the developing world in their marketing activities, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

In the lead up to World No Tobacco Day on May 31, WHO experts decried tobacco companies' marketing tactics.

"Forty percent of men smoke while only nine percent of women do, but that could change," Douglas Bettcher, director of the WHO's Tobacco-Free Initiative, said in a news briefing here.

The WHO's recent Global Youth Tobacco Surveys found that in half of the 151 countries questioned, the gender difference in smoking rates among youth has disappeared.—Internet