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Little Tiddim in north-western Myanmar

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I was given the circumstances to make a trip to Chin State for the second time on 20 January 2010. Along the route from Haka to Tiddim Township, I noticed Public Works upgrading road sections.

Member of Tiddim Township Peace and Development Council Po-

and 108 villages. It has a population of over 90,000."

We went sightseeing around the township. The border township was bustling with trade activities. The most crowded area in the township is around the clock tower.

Little Tiddim is located on the highlands,

whose height ranges from 4000 to 9000 feet. Lathar and Inthok are famous mountain ranges in the township. The highest mountain in the township is Thiri Ottama (a) Htwan-woun, 8871 feet, in Laibon Village-tract.

We also visited Sharlom Fortress, the glory of Tiddim Town-

ship, about one mile from Wawlat Village, Bwinmam Village-tract. The fortress was used to repulse the attacks of British colonialists. Today, the Ministry of Culture preserves the historic building.

Pointing to the paddy fields on the slope (See page 8)



Mansaung Bridge in Tiddim Township, Chin State, helps ensure smooth transport of the region.

lice Captain Nay Win told The Kyemon, "Our township is in Falam District, northern Chin State. It stands at an altitude of 5667 feet. It is bounded by Kale Township and Tamu Township in Sagaing Division in the east; Mizoram State of India in the west; Falam Township in the south; and Tonzang Township in the north. It has an area of 946.69 square miles."

Deputy Head of Tiddim Township General Administration Department U Kyon Hlyan Htan said, "Our township is constituted with four wards, 55 village-tracts,



A general hospital in Tiddim Township, Chin State.

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

Myanmar delegation leaves for Shanghai Expo 2010



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PERSPECTIVES

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Enjoy a happy, healthy family life by avoiding smoking

The 31st of May (today) is World No Tobacco Day. Nowadays, speedy measures are being taken to fight against tobacco across the globe.

Myanmar was presented World No Tobacco Day 2004 Commemorative Award by World Health Organization for her achievement in tobacco and tobacco product control.

According to WHO, more than five million people die of tobacco-related diseases a year. Smoking and tobacco use may become the main cause of deaths of many people and outbreak of diseases in 2020.

Smoking cheroots, cigars and cigarettes can cause diseases such as cancer, heart disease, cardiovascular diseases, lung disease, respiratory problems and several other problems related to kidneys, liver and pancreas.

To be free from the danger of tobacco, only health education only is not enough and health experts, government departments and non-governmental organizations need to make concerted efforts to combat tobacco.

Moreover, parents, teachers and the entire people are required to work together to wipe out the danger of tobacco that is permeating among the mass of students who will have to shoulder the duties of the future nation.

Overall, all people need to avoid and combat smoking so that they can become healthy, enjoy happy life and become good citizens.

Myanmar WWW Institute to conduct IT course in June

YANGON, 29 May — Myanmar WWW Institute will conduct Certified Java Programmer (J2SE) Course and System Essentials Course in the first week of June.

J2SE course is scheduled to open from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and will last three months and two weeks.

The contents of the System Essentials course are computer maintenance skills, system installation, trouble shooting, repair, virus cleaning, data recovery, network security, wide area network (WAN/Internet), and the two-and-half month course will open at the weekend.

Those wishing to enroll on the courses may contact Myanmar WWW Institute at Building 5, Room 4, in Myanmar Infotech in Hline University Campus, Yangon, Ph: 652320, 652288, 521125.

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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

Ministry of Culture holds coord meeting



Minister U Khin Aung Myint delivers an address at the coordination meeting of the ministry.

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NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Ministry of Culture held coordination meeting at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for Culture U Khin Aung Myint.

Directors-general reported on accomplishment of minutes of last meeting, ongoing tasks and future plans,

rectors of National Culture and Fine Arts Universities (Yangon & Mandalay) on personal affairs and academic matters, in-charge officials of state and division museums and libraries, heads of division and sub-divisions on ongoing tasks. The minister then made concluding remarks.—MNA

Energy Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi received Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and party at the Ministry of

Energy here on 28 May.

They frankly hold discussion about energy sectors of the two nations.—MNA

Taikkyi Township gets new library

TAIKKYI, 30 May—Sarpay Beikman Library in Tabuwa village in Taikkyi township of Yangon North District opened to public starting from 22 May.

Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Swe Myint, Staff Officer of Township Information and Public Relation Department and a townselder formally the library in the opening ceremony held that day.

Rural Library Foundation donated publications to the library which also got the cash donations by wellwishers.

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The opening ceremony of Sarpay Beikman Library in progress.—MNA

School Enrollment Day marked in Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—A ceremony to observe School Enrollment Day for

2010-2011 academic year was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School of Thaton Township on 26 May.

Mon State Education Officer U Myo Swe presented prescribed text books to primary schools in the township

and social organization donated cash and assistances for disabled students through officials. Headmasters of the schools accepted cash donation presented by wellwishers.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.



Russia to discuss US missile in Poland during START ratification

Moscow, 30 May—The Russian State Duma will address the deployment of US *Patriot* missiles in Poland during the ratification of the new Russian-US Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, the chairman of State Duma Boris Gрызlov said on Saturday.

The theme would surely be discussed in the debates, Gрызlov said in an analytical programme on Rossiya television channel.

Gрызlov said he hopes the US will not beef up its weapons in Europe.

"We wouldn't like the situation to develop this way. I view this just as a trial balloon," Gрызlov said, quoted by the *Interfax* news agency.

The speaker expressed the hope that tensions between Russia and the West will not increase over the deployment of *Patriot* missiles in Poland. "I think negotiations and meetings at various levels, including the parliamentary level, will help avoid such a scenario," Gрызlov said.

Russia's State Duma would closely study and analyze several aspects of the new START treaty, submitted by President Dmitry Medvedev for ratification on Friday, said the head of the International Committee of the State Duma Konstantin Kosachyov one day earlier.

Xinhua



Tungurahua volcano erupts ashes and small stones during an explosion in Cotalo, some 170km south west from Ecuador's capital Quito, on 29 May, 2010. Ecuadorian authorities ordered evacuation for thousands of residents near the slopes of the volcano. —XINHUA

Armed men kill five civilians in E Afghanistan

KHOST, 30 May—Unknown armed men killed five non-combatants in Afghanistan's eastern Khost Province, a local official Mohammad Nawab said on Sunday.

"The gruesome incident occurred in Lakan village outside

Khost provincial capital the Khost city Saturday night," Nawab told *Xinhua*. All the victims were daily wagers, the official further said.

He blamed the enemies of peace, a term used against Taliban militants for

the bloody incident but the militants have yet to make comment.

Meantime, locals said that all the victims were members of same family.

Conflicts and Taliban-related violent incidents have been on the rise since the spring onset in the war-torn Afghanistan.

Taliban militants announced early this month to launch their spring offensive dubbed as "Al-Faath" or victory and the operation, according to the outfit's statement would be launched mostly in the shape of suicide attacks and roadside bombings.

Xinhua

Egypt welcomes NPT review conference final document

CAIRO, 30 May—Egypt welcomed on Saturday the final document reached by participants in the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) review conference which wrapped up in New York on Friday.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit expressed in a Press release that his country's satisfaction with what he described as "its success including an action plan (in the final document) to render the Middle East free of nuclear weapons and calls on Israel to

sign the NPT."

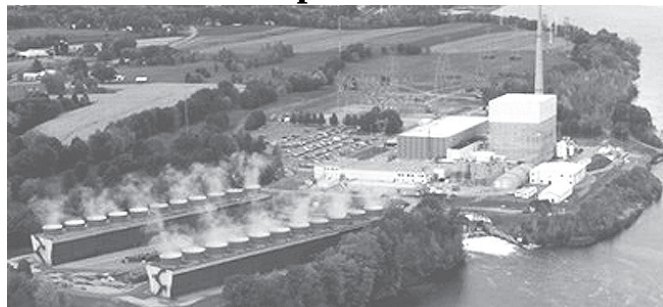
He also termed the final document as a balanced deal and a step toward a nuclear weapons-free world.

The 25-day-long NPT Review Conference concluded at the UN headquarters in New York on Friday with a final document, in which 189 UN member states agreed on measures toward disarmament and the establishment of a zone free of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Middle East.

Xinhua



Radioactive leak found, fixed at Vt nuke plant



This is an undated file photo shows aerial view of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vt. A new leak of radioactive material has been found and fixed at the troubled Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, officials said on 29 May, 2010.—INTERNET

MONTPELIER, 30 May—Another leak of radioactive material has been found and fixed at the troubled Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant.

Plant spokesman Larry Smith said late Saturday that radioactive water and vapor leaked from a pipe in a pit that workers dug to find the

source of an earlier leak. The latest leak involved 13 different radioactive isotopes.

Smith said the leak was stopped. Plant and federal regulatory officials said it poses no threat to public health or safety.

The 38-year-old plant in southeast Vermont previously leaked

radioactive tritium. That leak was repaired. But in the cleanup work last week, Vermont Yankee officials announced they had found soil contaminated with strontium-90, a more potent radioactive isotope.

New Orleans-based Entergy Corp owns the plant.—*Internet*



File photo shows An Atleo Air Cessna 185 takes off, bringing back passengers from Hotsprings Cove, near Ahousat BC. A float plane carrying three young adults and a pilot nose-dived into waters off Vancouver Island and sank, taking all aboard with it. The Tofino-based news website Westcoaster.ca reported the plane was owned by Atleo River Air Service based in Tofino.—INTERNET

Local Afghan residents come out to watch a burning oil tanker carrying fuel supplies for NATO forces after it was allegedly attacked by Taliban on Jalalabad highway, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, 28 May, 2010.
INTERNET

US drone crew blamed for Afghan civilian deaths

KABUL, 30 May—US military investigators found that "inaccurate and unprofessional" reporting by US operators of a Predator drone was responsible for a missile strike that killed 23 Afghan civilians in February, according to a report released Saturday.

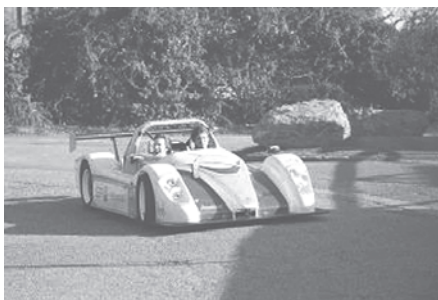
Release of the scathing report is part of a US effort to counter rising public anger over civilian deaths, which threatens to undermine the campaign against the Taliban at a critical juncture in the nearly

nine-year war. Twelve other civilians including a woman and three children were wounded in the missile strike, the report said.

Four American officers — two described as senior — received career-damaging reprimands, the US command said in a statement. The top US and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, called on the Air Force to investigate the actions of the Predator crew.

Xinhua

Electric supercar team aims for UK first in lead-up to world record attempt across the Americas



Racing Green Endurance Vehicle
INTERNET

LONDON, 30 May—Students driving an electric supercar are attempting to be the first to drive an all-electric vehicle around the M25 twice on one battery charge, in the lead up to the team's attempt to

cross the Americas in July this year and break a world record.

The Racing Green Endurance (RGE) team, from Imperial College London, aim to drive two laps around the M25 in their specially modified

electric Radical SRZERO supercar. This would break the current record held by a team in a Tesla electric car, which did one lap around the M25 on one battery charge.

The M25 attempt forms part of a long-term strategy by the RGE team to test the performance of SRZERO before they embark on a trip across North and South America in July. The team plan to be the first in the world to drive an electric vehicle the entire length of the Pan American Highway, which is the longest road on Earth.

Internet

New horned dinosaur: two-ton plant-eater lived 78 million years ago in Montana



Artist's rendering of Medusaceratops.
INTERNET

Paleontology at the Museum, published his findings on the new genus in the book, "New Perspectives on Horned Dinosaurs: The Royal Tyrrell Museum Ceratopsian Symposium," available from Indiana University Press. Ryan was the book's lead editor.

Medusaceratops belongs to the Chasmosaurinae subfamily of the horned

dinosaur family Ceratopsidae. The other subfamily is Centrosaurinae. The specimen is the first Campanian-aged chasmosaurine ceratopsid found in Montana. It is also the oldest known Chasmosaurine ceratopsid.

The new dinosaur was discovered in a bonebed on private land located along the Milk River in North Central Montana. Fossilized bones from the site were acquired by Canada Fossil, Inc., of Calgary, Alberta, in the mid-1990s. The company consulted with Ryan and his colleagues to identify material from the site. At first, the scientists could not make a positive identification.

Internet



Hypersonic X-51A "Waverider" aircraft produced by the Boeing Company makes a successful test flight on 26 May, 2010. The vehicle flew at five times the speed of sound for about three minutes. Powered by a scramjet engine, X-51A is designed to ride on its own shockwave, furnishing the US Air Force with a long-sought Prompt Global Strike capability.
INTERNET

Cosmic bullet fired by exploding star

BEIJING, 30 May—A bullet-shaped object can be seen rocketing out of the huge explosion from a dying star in a new image taken by a powerful X-ray space telescope.

The new image from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory shows N49, the aftermath of a supernova explosion in the Large Magellanic Cloud, a dwarf galaxy that neighbours our own

Milky Way.

The cosmic bullet in the scene was caught when astronomers used Chandra for over 30 hours to get a long exposure.

The bullet, which suggests a highly asymmetric explosion, is traveling at a high speed of about 5 million mph (8 million kph) away from a bright point source in the upper left part of N49. This bright source may be a so-called soft gamma-ray repeater (SGR), a source that emits bursts of gamma-rays and X-rays.

Internet

Newfound frog species threatened by deadly fungus

WASHINGTON, 30 May—Newfound Frog Species Threatened by Deadly FTwo previously unknown frog species have been identified from two sites in Panama, and they are already under threat from the deadly fungus that has wiped out many amphibian species and is poised to threaten many more.

Researchers recognized that frogs (and other amphibians) around the world were

dying off in large numbers in 1989. The cause: a deadly fungus called chytridiomycosis that is thought to kill its victims by clogging their skin, essentially suffocating them.

The fungus has rolled across Central America in a seemingly unstoppable wave, killing countless frogs and wiping out an estimated 100 species. Many of the areas affected are virtually pristine habitats little visited by humans with untold numbers of species not known to science, many of which have or will die off before ever being identified.

Researchers make trips to areas that have not yet been hit by the fungal epidemic to study the healthy ecosystems and document the species before they are gone.—Internet



Two gray seals swim in a pool in their enclosure in the zoo of Hanover, northern Germany, in 2009.
INTERNET

MONTREAL, 30 May—The government is studying a plan to either kill 220,000 gray

seals off its Atlantic coast or sterilize 16,000 female seals to save declining cod and other fish stocks.

The study obtained by AFP said options include a five-year effort to reduce the seal population either by killing the animals or injecting females with contraceptives in the area around Sable Island, off the coast of Nova Scotia.

The report prepared for Fisheries and Oceans Canada and first obtained by the Halifax newspaper The Coast estimates the gray seal

population is around 300,000 strong.

But Mark Butler of the Ecology Action Center in Halifax criticized the options.

"If we start to kill seals to save cod, we would have to continue for centuries since fishing has been decimated by natural predators" such as sharks, he said. "It's a vicious cycle."

Environment Minister Jim Prentice recently announced plans to create a national park on the island, which also has wild horses and 300 species of birds.

Internet



Memories formed by snails under the influence of meth are harder to forget and could help us understand human addiction, new research shows.
INTERNET

Science



Dive safely or risk spinal cord damage

LANSING, 30 May — About 6,000 Americans under the age of 14 are hospitalized each year because of a diving injury, and 20 percent of diving accidents result in a severe spinal cord injury, researchers says.

To encourage diver safety, University of Michigan (U-M) researchers urge bathers to use caution near any body of water and to jump feet first in shallow water or if the depth is unknown.

"Our neurosurgery team here at U-M knows how heartbreaking spinal cord injuries can be," Karin Muraszko, chair of

the department of neurosurgery and chief of pediatric neurosurgery, said in a news release. "We can provide these patients with top-notch, state-of-the-art care, but we'd much rather they are not hurt to begin with. We can't put the spinal cord back together. So the best thing we can do is prevent these injuries."

You don't have to hit bottom to get injured, the team pointed out. "The surface tension on the water can be enough to injure the spinal cord," cautioned Dr. Shawn Hervey-Jumper, a neurosurgery resident,

in the same news release.

The spinal cord transmits signals from the brain to a muscle.

The spinal cord transmits signals from the brain to a muscle. When the spinal cord gets injured, the brain's signal is blocked, Hervey-Jumper explained.

To drive home the message, the department of neurosurgery has launched a series of public service announcements and videos that will air at movie theaters in Michigan this summer.

Internet

How to determine your heart attack risk

NEW YORK, 30 May—How do you know whether your arteries are smooth and free of plaque or clogged and interfering with your heart function? Unless you've been diagnosed with heart disease, you probably don't know whether your blood is flowing freely or is on the verge of becoming blocked, triggering a heart attack or stroke.

There are, though, several things you can do to assess your risk. A study released last week found that simplified risk guidelines adopted in 2007 by the American Heart Association really

can determine the likelihood of a woman suffering a heart attack or dying from heart disease within the next 10 years.

The study, which used data from the Women's Health Initiative trial, found that

nearly 13 percent of the women deemed to be at "high risk" did have a heart attack or died from heart disease within 10 years; those deemed to be "at risk" had a 3 percent chance, and those at "optimal risk" had just a 1 percent chance.

Internet

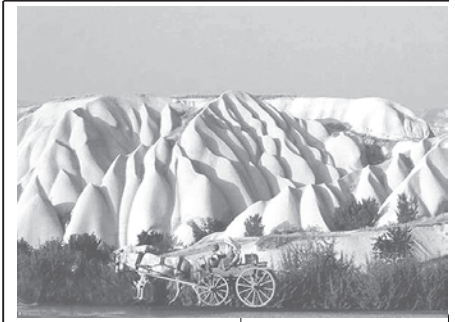


Photo shows the grotesque landscape of Cappadocia, a region in central Turkey.

INTERNET



An NGO in Malaysia has opened the country's first "baby hatch" for rescuing unwanted newborns, reports said on Sunday, as authorities battle increasing cases of abandoned babies.

INTERNET

Bursts of vigorous activity appear to be a 'stress-buffer'

NEW YORK, 30 May — Short bouts of exercise can go a long way to reduce the impact stress has on cell aging, new research reveals.

Vigorous physical activity amounting to as little as 14 minutes daily, three day per week would suffice for the protective effect to kick in, according to findings published online in the

May 26 issue of *PLoS ONE*.

The apparent benefit reflects exercise's effect on the length of tiny pieces of DNA known as telomeres. These telomeres operate, in effect, like molecular shoelace tips that hold everything together to keep genes and chromosomes stable.

Researchers believe that telomeres tend to shorten over time in reaction to stress, leading to a rising risk for heart disease, diabetes and even death. However, exercise, it seems, might slow down or even halt this shortening process.

"Telomere length is increasingly considered a biological marker of the accumulated wear-and-tear of living, integrating genetic influences, lifestyle behaviors and stress," study co-author Elissa Epel, an associate professor in the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) department of psychiatry, said in a news release. "Even a moderate amount of vigorous exercise appears to provide a critical amount of protection for the telomeres."

Internet

Male hormones vital to female fertility

ROCHESTER, 30 May—A study in mice found male sex hormones might be key to optimal ovarian functioning, US researchers said.

Researchers at New York's University of Rochester Medical Center found male sex hormones — androgens — influenced ovulation in female mice.

The study, published in *Molecular Endocrinology*, found signaling by androgens in the ovaries of female mice regulated follicle growth — in particular the development and preservation of follicles containing growing eggs.

Lead author Aritro Sen and Dr. Stephen Hammes linked female infertility to signaling abnormalities due to irregular male hormone levels in the ovaries.

"Previously, we assumed that androgen signaling in the brain — the hypothalamus and the pituitary — was at the root of the problem, but we found that is not the case," Sen said in a statement.—Internet

Indoor tanning ups skin cancer risk

MINNEAPOLIS, 30 May—In a study of 2,268 people in Minnesota, researchers said indoor tanning devices increased the risk of melanoma.

Researchers at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health and Masonic Cancer Center said people, who use any type of tanning bed for any amount of time, are 74 percent more likely to develop melanoma — the most dangerous type of skin cancer.

Principal investigator DeAnn Lazovich, University of Minnesota's School of

Public Health and co-leader of the Masonic Cancer Center's Prevention and Etiology Research Programme, said frequent users of indoor tanning beds — used indoor tanning for 50 plus hours, more than 100 sessions, or for 10-plus years — are 2.5 to 3 times more likely to develop melanoma than those who never used indoor tanning.

"We found that it didn't matter the type of tanning device used; there was no safe

tanning device," Lazovich said in a statement. "We also found — and this is new data — that the risk of getting melanoma is associated more with how much a person tans and not the age at which a person starts using tanning devices."

The findings are published online in *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*.

Internet



Abortion remains an institutional and social taboo in Morocco, with some critics saying there are now an estimated 800 illegal terminations carried out every day.

INTERNET

Health

Japan corporate investment to bounce back



A worker (centre) walks between newly assembled Toyota vehicles at its plant in Aichi Prefecture. Capital spending by big Japanese companies is set to rise for the first time in three years as auto and electronics makers invest more abroad, a survey has said.—INTERNET

Tokyo, 30 May—Capital spending by big Japanese companies is set to rise for the first time in three years as auto and electronics makers invest

more abroad, a survey said Sunday. According to the poll of 1,472 leading firms by business daily *Nikkei*, the companies plan to invest a total of 23.35 trillion yen (257 billion dollars) in plant and equipment in the business year to March 2011.

The annual total would be up 11 percent from the year to March 2010 when their combined capital spending plunged 23.7 percent, the steepest fall since the survey began in 1973, *Nikkei* said.

Internet

Regulators shut 5 banks as 2010 tally hits 78

WASHINGTON, 30 May—US regulators seized five more troubled banks on Friday, including three banks owned by Bank of Florida Corp, bringing the tally of banks closed so far this year to 78.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said Bank of Florida - Southeast; Bank of Florida - Southwest; and Bank of Florida - Tampa Bay had a combined \$1.48 billion in assets and 13 branches between them.

EverBank of Jacksonville, Florida, has agreed to acquire the banking operations, including a combined \$1.32 billion in deposits, the FDIC said.

In addition, regulators shut Las Vegas-based Sun West Bank. The bank had \$360.7 million in assets and \$353.9 million in deposits. All its deposits will be taken over by *City National Bank of Los Angeles*.

The FDIC also announced regulators closed Granite Community Bank of Granite Bay, California, which had \$102.9 million in assets and \$94.2 million in deposits. *Tri Counties Bank of Chico, California*, assumed all the deposits.

The FDIC expects bank failures to peak this year following the worst financial crisis since the 1930s. Closures in 2010 are anticipated to exceed the 140 institutions that were shut last year.

Despite the rapid pace of failures, the banking industry is showing signs of hope.—*Internet*

UAE economic growth to quicken with no major debt hit seen

DUBAI, 30 May—The United Arab Emirates' economic growth is expected to accelerate to up to 3.2 percent this year and no further major restructuring of Dubai debt is seen, the Gulf country's economy minister said on Saturday.

The UAE economy is expected to lag its Gulf peers this year as banks in the world's third-largest oil exporter remain reluctant to lend due to a \$23.5 billion debt restructuring by conglomerate Dubai World (DBWLD.UL).

"We have heard different numbers (about 2009 gross domestic product growth)," Economy Minister Sultan bin Saeed al-Mansouri told a news conference. "The good news is that it was positive 1.3 percent and we expect GDP growth for 2010 to be around 3 percent," he said.

Mansouri said UAE's open economy was likely to be affected by the euro zone debt crisis but the impact was hard to quantify at the moment.

Internet



A girl sells her toy at a barter fair held in a kindergarten in Wuxi City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 29 May, 2010. As the International Children's Day draws near, a total of 460 children took part in the barter fair with their parents on Saturday. By exchanging the used toys and books, children learnt more about low-carbon life style.

XINHUA

China steel makers gain profit, but immediate outlook bleak

SHANGHAI, 30 May—China's 77 large and medium-sized steel makers scored a profit of 33.9 billion yuan (4.97 billion U.S. dollars) in the first four months, compared with a 4.1 billion yuan loss during the same period last year.

Luo Bingsheng, vice chairman of the *China Iron and Steel Association (CISA)*, said on Saturday the overall profit margin for China's steel industry in the first four months was just 3.6 percent, lower than the average profit margin of the country's industrial sector. Cost of steel production would continue to rise from that of the first quarter given increased iron ore prices and depleted inventories, he told the seventh "Shanghai Derivative Market Forum" held by the Shanghai Futures Exchange. The average CIF (cost, insurance and freight) price of iron ore in the Jan-April period has increased 26.1 percent year on year.

Meanwhile, the domestic steel prices have begun to drop from the mid-April. Price of deformed steel bars slid 10 percent to 4,000 yuan per tonne, Luo said.

Xinhua

Luxury market slowly emerges from global recession

WASHINGTON, 30 May—The luxury goods market is rebounding from the slump caused by the global recession, but analysts say upscale sellers will be facing a hard slog due to changing demographics and lingering consumer caution. Global luxury goods industry sales are expected to grow four percent in 2010 to 158 billion euros (195 billion dollars) after a painful 8.0 percent decline in 2009, according to the consulting firm Bain & Company.

Much of that growth is expected in the first half of the year, with more sluggish trends returning in the second half,

according to Bain's *Luxury Goods Worldwide Market Study*.

In the United States, retail sales in the luxury segment in April jumped 15.5 percent year-over-year in April after a 22.7 percent surge in March, helped by comparison with weak sales a year earlier, according to MasterCard SpendingPulse.

Upscale retailer Saks swung to a record profit in the past quarter after a loss a year earlier, with sales up 6.1 percent. At rival Tiffany, it was a similar story with global sales up 17 percent in the most recent quarter and profit up nearly fourfold.

Internet



Rings are seen for sale in the window of a jewelry store in New York. The luxury goods market is rebounding from the slump caused by the global recession, but analysts say upscale sellers will be facing a hard slog due to changing demographics and lingering consumer caution.—INTERNET

Business

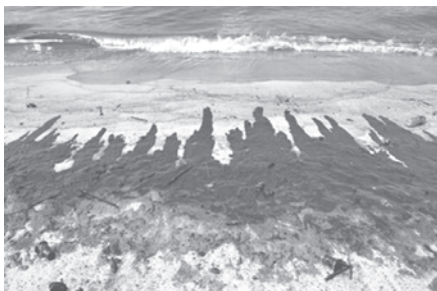


People visit the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 29 May, 2010. Some 463,300 people visited the 2010 Shanghai World Expo on Saturday as of 3:00 pm, setting a new record of the daily number of visitors since the Expo opened on 1 May, according to official statistics.

XINHUA



Oil slick patches spotted in Malaysian waters



Patches of crude oil stain the sand along a beach in Singapore after oil spilled from a tanker damaged in a collision in the Singapore Strait. The slick that prompted the closure of the city state's beaches has largely been contained but patches have now drifted into Malaysian waters, officials have said.—INTERNET

SINGAPORE, 30 May—An oil slick that had closed public beaches on Singapore's eastern coastline has been mostly contained but patches have drifted into Malaysian waters, officials said.

Malaysian waters, officials said.

"The isolated patches of oil that were close to East Coast Park have been largely contained," the Maritime and Port

Authority of Singapore (MPA) said in a statement late Saturday.

But it added: "An oil slick was observed this morning in Malaysian waters off Tanjong Pengelih.

"MPA and the National Environment Agency informed our Malaysian counterparts of the observation and have offered our assistance," the agency said, without detailing the size of the slick in Malaysia.

Tanjong Pengelih in southern Malaysia is located east of Singapore's Changi Beach. No "significant patches" have been observed off Changi itself or within Singapore's port waters, the MPA said.

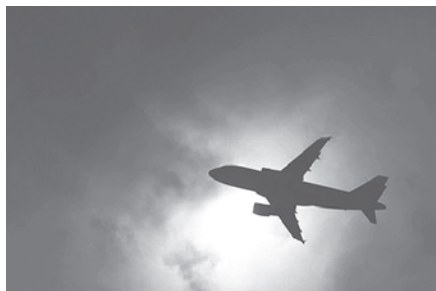
Internet

Concern over growing number of aircraft near-collisions

WASHINGTON, 30 May—The growing number of aircraft near-misses in US skies is making civilian aviation authorities increasingly concerned and has prompted them to reexamine air traffic control procedures.

"Over the last weeks there have been a number of instances where separation was lost between aircraft and in some cases there was a bit of a delay of notification that obviously caused some concern," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Lynn Lunsford said.

He said that all these incidents, the latest of which occurred just on 21 May, remain under investigation.



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"Anytime you lose the required separation between aircraft, it's unacceptable, and we work to figure out what happen and what we can do to prevent similar ones," Lunsford pointed out.

More than half a dozen extreme near-misses have been reported by the FAA over the past two months, prompting the National Transportation Safety Board to launch an inquiry.—Internet

Moscow, EU to focus on practical cooperation at summit

MOSCOW, 30 May—The Russia-European Union (EU) summit will launch substantial cooperation on the platform of the Partnership for Modernization, which could lead to joint projects in several areas, an EU official said.

"The summit agenda includes...Russia's WTO accession, Partnership for Modernization, lifting of visa regime, negotiations for a new framework agreement, as well as international issues such as Iran, climate change

and the financial crisis," Denis Daniilidis, chief press officer at the EU Delegation to Russia, told Xinhua.

At last year's summit in Sweden, Russia and the EU agreed to establish the joint Partnership for Modernization, which could help Moscow use European experience in diversifying its economy and overcoming its technological backwardness.

Both sides were due to report progress on this issue at the summit slated for Monday and Tuesday

in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don.

"Rostov summit's substantial agenda shows the depth of EU-Russian relations," Daniilidis said.

He also voiced the hope that "progress on visa dialogue will be examined, as well as proposals to fully use the possibilities of the visa simplification agreement."

Xinhua

Tropical storm kills 12 in Guatemala, 11 missing

GUATEMALA, 30 May—Tropical storm Agatha has left 12 people dead and 11 missing in Guatemala, and forced the evacuation of about 3,000, officials said Saturday. Two adults and two children were killed when a boulder dislodged by the rains crushed their home in Alomolonga, in Quetzaltenango prov-ince, about 200 km west of the capital, emergency



Pedestrians try to avoid being splashed by a passing car in the rain caused by Tropical Storm Agatha in Guatemala City on 29 May, 2010. Guatemala declared a state of emergency on Saturday as heavy rain from Tropical Storm Agatha lashed the Central American nation.

XINHUA

Seagulls rest on a rock on Hailu Island, Weihai City of east China's Shandong Province, on 29 May, 2010. Hailu Island, only 2 sea miles away from the land, is an uninhabited island and paradise for the seagulls. Thousands of seagulls live and breed their babies here.—XINHUA



At least 30 killed in road accident in southern India

NEW DELHI, 30 May—Thirty passengers were burnt to death early Sunday when a bus fell into a ditch and its diesel tanker exploded in the southern Indian state of Karnataka, local TV channel CNN-IBN said.

The deadly incident took place at Chitradurga District of the Karnataka state when the bus was on its way from Surpur to Bangalore, with 64 people

on board, including 10 children.

Twenty-eight others were injured and all of them have been rushed to a hospital. Police blamed the driver for "negligence" in causing the accident.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world with at least 100,000 people killed each year on average.

Xinhua

officials said.

An additional 11 people were reported missing as Agatha, the first storm of the current Pacific hurricane season, picked up momentum and heavy rains flooded three rivers in the west part of the country.

Guatemala has declared a state of emergency as the storm moved closer with a maximum sustained wind speed of 75 km per hour. President Alvaro Colom said the government would seek 85 million dollars in

loan for relief to storm victims and those affected by the ongoing eruption of volcano Pacaya.

"The worst will come around 9 am (Sunday) and we are extending the state of emergency to the entire country," Colom said. Agatha is expected to arrive in Guatemala Sunday and gradually weaken as it moves inland, but the rains would continue to fall through Tuesday, said Eddy Sanchez, head of the Meteorological and Seismology Institute.

Xinhua

Coord meeting of Ministry of Industry-2 held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May— A coordination meeting of Ministry of Industry-2 took place at its office yesterday afternoon. It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Deputy ministers, Directors-general, Managing directors, departmental heads, Secretary generals from industries, de-

partments and Industrial Training Schools under the ministry and officials concerned.

The minister made an opening speech and those present at the meeting respectively presented progresses of tasks carried out and ongoing tasks for implementation.

The minister in-

structed them to improve quality of products, efforts of staff, and produce new products and the meeting came to an end.—MNA

Rural libraries in Nay Pyi Taw receive books

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Rural Library Foundation presented books to rural libraries here on 27 May.

Two rural libraries in Nay Pyi Taw—Myat Su Mon Library founded by U Tint Hsan and Dr. Daw Htay Htay Nyein of ACE Company and Alinyaung

Library founded by So San Training Camp owners Col Maung Latt (Retd.) and Daw Nan Yin Nyunt—have got 300 publications worth 115,000 Ks each.

The donation ceremonies were held at the respective libraries along with literary talks.—MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Shanghai Expo 2010

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May— A delegation of Union of Myanmar Fed-

eration of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here for China

by air today to visit Shanghai Expo 2010.

The 27-member

delegation was led by members of the central executive committee of UMFCCI U Aung Than Oo, U Thein Han, U Nyein Aung, U Myo Thant, U Tin Ko Ko, U Sein Than and executive U San Lin.

The ceremony to open Myanmar expo at Shanghai's Expo 2010 will be held on 1 June, and a 10-member delegation of UMFCCI went to the expo on 28 May to arrange the ceremony.—MNA



A 10-member delegation of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry is seen at airport before departure for China. — MNA

Electoral course launched in Hpa-an

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May— Organized by Kayin State Election Commission, the electoral process course for members of District/Township Sub-commissions was held at Zwekabin Hall of Hpa-an on 18 May, 2010 with an

address of member of the Union Election Commission U Saw Ba Hlaing.

The members of the State Election Commission conducted trainers on electoral law and rules in the course lasting for two days.

MNA

Little Tiddim in north...

(from page 1)
of a mountain, U Kyon Hlyan Htan said, "Our township has sown

monsoon crops and cold season crops."

Now, the township has got one 100-bed

ers.

According to U Kyon Hlyan Htan, many bus-lines ply on 57-mile Tiddim-Kalay Road Section, 32-mile Tiddim-

ning the river Manipura near Laitwee Village, eight miles and four furlongs from Tiddim, was witnessed boisterous with buses, passengers, and restaurants.

Daw Khaw Nu Kyin, a local Chin national, said that she was in her late fifties; that such a fine bridge was just in the dream world in the past; that the river was a natural barrier between the areas on the two sides; that she was amazed that the large bridge was con-

structed in a short time; and that she was grateful to the government for ensuring smooth transport.

On the whole, Tiddim Township has developed a lot thanks to the earnest efforts the government has been making in various sectors day in, day out for equitable development urban and rural areas of the nation.



Local Chin national Daw Khaw Nu Kyin.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 30-5-2010



The Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has established a tower and post office each in the townships in border areas.

acreage of 38,133. We grow 5380 acres of monsoon paddy and 8220 acres of hill-side paddy fields annually. But, we don't grow summer paddy much. Farmers also grow

general hospital, two 16-bed hospitals, 10 dispensaries and 34 sub-health centres.

In the township, over 20,000 local youths are pursuing basic education under over 600 teach-

Reed Road Section, and 20-mile Tiddim-Twechtan Road Section for ensuring smooth transport of the region.

The entrance to steel suspension type Mansaung Bridge span-



A road section in Tiddim Township, Chin State, is upgraded to a fine transport facility.



Summer singing and playing musical instruments courses concluded in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW Pyinmana Township Music Asiayon, the concluding ceremony of the summer singing and playing musical instruments courses took place at the office of the township Music Asiayon in Yauktwainn Ward here this morning.

On the occasion Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Tint gave an opening speech, Patron of Township Music Asiayon U Aung Than (Myoma Sandaya) reported on the purpose of the courses and the Township Music Asiayon accepted K100,000 presented by Laser Computer of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

After the entertainment of the trainees, the ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks of the chairman of TMA. The six-week course was attended by eight trainees.

MNA

Dy Construction Minister coordinates with private companies

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe met responsible persons from 64 groups which are road and bridge companies at the ministry here on 28 May.

Deputy Minister U Myint Thein explained matters on progress of roads and bridges in states and divisions, cooperative arrangements between the Construction Ministry and private

companies for construction of roads and bridges making smooth transportation linking one region and another.

Officer on Special Duty Thura U Sein Thauung reported on inspected data on transport facilities.

Next, officials concerned presented reports on works of the private companies and responsible persons of the companies on their undertakings.

MNA



Vermicompost widely in use

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Today, fertilizers and chemical pesticides are widely used to boost yield of vegetables and crops. But, on the other hand, chemicals can badly harm human health.

So, agriculturalists have focused on organic farming. According to findings of agricultural scientists, use of worm-cast is the best way in practising organic farming.

As people of world's developed countries have become aware of the side-effects of excessive use of chemical fertilizer and pesticides, they begin to switch over to chemical-free foods. It

makes farmers recognize the need of organic farming.

Our media crew of Myanmar Alin daily recently observed wide use of worm-cast and liquid fertilizer in

Pyawbwe Township Myanmar Agriculture Service told us that departments concerned and private farmers had built worm breeding tanks and were using worm-cast and liquid

beginning of May; that it was found that more and more local farmers became interested in use of worm-cast for its production cost was relatively low.

He continued saying that worm-cast and liquid fertilizer were used in paddy, cotton, sesame farms and vegetable gardens; that the township used 12,000 kilos of worm-casting and 2,195 litres of liquid fertilizer; that use of worm-cast would benefit farmers in the long-run at the time when the farming industry is experiencing price rises in chemical fertilizers.

We later visited Vegetables and Fruit Research and Development Centre (VERDC) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division to observe production of worm-cast.

Assistant Supervisor Daw Aye Aye Nwe of the centre explained us, saying that "We first build 10'x4'x3' feet brick tank and roof over it. We then have to lay gravel or broken bricks at the base of the tank so that liquid can drain out. On it, we lay cow dung or humus about six inches



Personnel of VERDC explaining use of worm-cast to local farmers.

Daw Aye Aye Nwe, Assistant Supervisor

Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay Division.

The manager of

fertilizer in farming; that there had been 24 worm breeding tanks up to



Worm-breeding tanks at VERFC.



"We are encouraging farmers to switch over to worm-cast production."

U Myo Min

Manager of Township Myanmar Agriculture Service

in thickness. We then lay compost (mostly mixture chopped piths of banana stems, corncoobs, skins of melons) over it. In this way, we have to fill up the tank alternately with these things. We then put worms into tanks and cover them with sacks."

Worms can be divided into two species, species of frigid zone and of tropics zone species. Species of frigid zone is of Europe and tropics zone is of India and Africa. About 250 to 1000 of worms of a particular species can be breed in a tank. Farmers can get worms at the manager's office of Myanmar Agriculture Service of townships. A tank can produce one ton (about three carts) of worm-cast and 12 gallons of liquid fertilizer monthly after

three months of breeding.

It is usual of Myanmar farmers to dig holes in compounds of their houses to throw away dung of cows and buffaloes and other rubbish into them. When monsoon season comes, they use them as natural fertilizers in their farms. It is not much different from production and use of worm-casting fertilizer. The only difference is just systematic breeding of worms.

So, I would like to urge farmers to breed worms and use worm-cast fertilizer instead of chemical fertilizers so that they can gain much more benefit.

Translation:TKK
(Myanmar Alin
29-5-2010)

Tropical storm Agatha's torrential rains unleash floods, slides in Central America

GUATEMALA CITY, 30 May—Torrential rains brought by the first tropical storm of the 2010 season pounded Central America and southern Mexico, triggering deadly landslides. The death toll stood at 15 on Sunday

but authorities said the number could rise.

Tropical Storm Agatha made landfall near the border of Guatemala and Mexico on Saturday with wind speeds of up to 45 mph (75 kph), then weakened into a tropical

depression before dissipating over the mountains of western Guatemala.

Although no longer even a tropical depression, Agatha still posed trouble for the region.

Internet



German singer Lena Meyer-Landrut is surrounded by media as she waves to fans following her arrival at Hanover airport, on 30 May, 2010.

INTERNET



File photo shows a vineyard worker dumping a bucket of zinfandel grapes into a bin while harvesting grapes at Tres Sabores Winery in St Helena, California. Bidders around the world are vying online for tastes of Napa Valley wine country.—INTERNET

One killed, 54 injured in bus accident in W Nepal

KATHMANDU, 30 May—At least a woman was killed and 54 others were injured when a bus with Indian tourists met with an accident Saturday morning in Nawalparasi District in western Nepal.

According to eKantipur.com report, all the 54 were injured after the brake of the bus failed. Of them, 20 are serious, said the Nawalparasi police, some 160 km west of Kathmandu.—Xinhua

Four killed in glacier breakdown in North Pakistan's Skardu

ISLAMABADA, 30 May—At least four people were killed and several others were injured as a glacier breakdown ran over a vehicle Saturday in the northern area of Pakistan, local sources said.

The 22 ill-fated people, mostly government workers were traveling from Hussaini Top to Gul Tari area, according to local residents. The local administration said that the rescue work is in progress to dig the people out who were buried in the snow near Hussaini Top in Skardu, a main city in Gilgit-Baltistan province.

The frequency of glacier breakdown and avalanches has increased many folds in the recent years in the scenic mountainous northern areas of Pakistan due to climate change and global warming.

Xinhua

Seven killed as Kurdish rebels step up attacks in Turkey

DIYARBAKIR, 30 May—Five members of Turkey's security forces, a civilian and a Kurdish militant were killed in a string of Kurdish separatist

attacks Saturday, officials and media reports said.

The clashes came as jailed Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan reportedly decided to abandon efforts to seek dialogue with the Turkish government.

Two soldiers and a member of the "village guard"—a government-armed militia of local Kurds backing up the army against Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK)—died in clashes in Sirnak Province, the military said in an online statement. Two other soldiers were wounded in the fighting, which erupted in a mountainous

area close to the Iraqi border when the security forces came upon a group of PKK rebels, it said. The operation to hunt down the militants was continuing, army sources said. In a separate incident, two village guardsmen were killed when PKK militants opened fire on a military patrol in a rural area in Siirt province, Anatolia news agency reported. Late in the evening, another group of rebels attacked a chrome mine in the province of Antakya, killing a private security guard at the facility and wounding another, Anatolia reported.

Internet

Gunmen kidnap Customs officer in southeast Nigeria

LAGOS, 30 May—Gunmen on Saturday kidnapped a senior Customs officer in southeast Nigeria's Port Harcourt, local media reported.

The officer, named Comfort Enujeko, was attacked and kidnapped around the Oginigba waterside by eight gunmen, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported.

Rivers State Police Spokesman Rita Abbey said the gunmen, who allegedly came to the waterside on a speed boat, engaged a team of policemen who arrived in the area in a gun battle.

The police killed two of the kidnappers

suspects in the encounter and arrested four others, said Abbey.

"Others who escaped arrest and the bullets of the police fled to the creeks with the victim," she was quoted as saying.

She said the command had given an order to policemen under its control to ensure that the officer is rescued.

At the same day, three kidnapped Chinese technicians working for a Nigerian steel company were freed in Abia State, an official from the Chinese Consulate General in Lagos said.

Xinhua

An actress from northeast China's Liaoning Province dances during a performance in Shanghai, east China, 29 May, 2010. The Liaoning Week of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo kicked off here on Saturday. —XINHUA



Aerial photo taken on 29 May, 2010 shows the man-made island Pearl-Qatar in Doha, capital of Qatar.—XINHUA



An ambulance is pictured outside a hospital in Athens. Greece's debt-plagued state hospitals faced a supply embargo after providers rejected a government compromise plan to repay billions of euros owed for equipment and medicine purchases.—INTERNET

Debt-hit Greece threatened with health supply freeze

ATHENS, 30 May—Greece's debt-plagued state hospitals faced a supply embargo after providers rejected Saturday a government compromise plan to repay billions of euros owed for equipment and medicine purchases.

"This proposal forces our companies to shut down altogether," Panagiotis Stravolaimos, head of the association of

science and health providers (SEP) told Mega channel on Saturday.

"I do not think there is any possibility of agreement on this," he said.

The finance ministry on Friday said it would issue bonds to pay back most of the 5.6 billion euros (6.9 billion dollars)

of accumulated state hospital debt.

In a joint statement with the health ministry, it said the state would pay back 230 million euros in cash for debts dating back to 2005 and 2006 and the rest through bond issues, the last of which will be on 1 January, 2011.

Internet

LeBron leaving Ohio — not the Cavalier, the jaguar

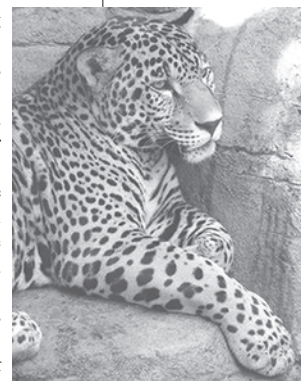
AKRON, 30 May—A LeBron is leaving northeast Ohio, but it's a cat, not a Cavalier.

Whether NBA superstar LeBron James is staying with the Cleveland Cavaliers is still a big question, but the Akron Zoo said Thursday it will say goodbye to another LeBron, a jaguar born there last year.

By mid-June, the cat is going to the Brevard (breh-VAHRD') Zoo in Melbourne, Fla, in hopes he'll produce offspring with a female jaguar named Masaya.

Zoo spokesman David Barnhardt says the jaguar LeBron got his name in a contest.

Internet



In this undated photo released by the Akron Zoo, a jaguar named LeBron relaxes at the Akron Zoo in Akron, Ohio. Whether NBA superstar LeBron James is staying with the Cleveland Cavaliers is still a big question, but the Akron Zoo said Thursday, 27 May, 2010.

INTERNET

Afghan, NATO forces kill 11 militants in N Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHOMRI, 30 May—Afghan forces backed by NATO-led troops during overnight operation in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan Province eliminated 11 Taliban militants including their commander, deputy to provincial police chief Sayed Jamaludin said Saturday. "Afghan troops backed by Special Forces with NATO-led troops raided last night a compound in Baba Saqa area after intelligence information indicated insurgent activity there killing 11 enemies including their commander Mullah Jabbar Gujar," Jamaludin told Xinhua.

He said that the combined forces called on militants to surrender but the individuals refused to lay down their arms and engaged the security forces.

No civilians were harmed in the operation, he said.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan government and NATO-led troops have yet to make comments.—Xinhua

Many Calif English learners still struggle with the language

Nearly 60 percent of English-language learners in California's high schools have failed to become proficient in English despite more than six years of a US education, the *Los Angeles Times* reported on Friday.

The majority of long-term English-language learners are US

natives who prefer English and are orally bilingual, and in some districts, these learners make up 75 percent of all English students, *The Times* reported, quoting a survey of 40 school districts which was published on Thursday.

However, they develop major deficits in reading and writing, fail to achieve the academic English needed for educational success and disproportionately drop out of high school. The offspring of immigrants make up 55 percent of Los Angeles County's child population, the report said.

"The situation is alarming and urgent," said Laurie Olsen, the study's author. "These kids are a large part of our future. But if we don't have programmes that powerfully bring them into English, we're going to end up increasingly with a state of kids who are undereducated."

The flaws in California's English-language programmes have placed hundreds of thousands of children in academic jeopardy, dashing their dreams for college and imperiling the state's economic future, the study found.



One of the baby twin girls born to a sixty-year-old Chinese woman, only referred to by her pseudonym Cheng Lin, undergoes treatment at a hospital in Hefei, east China's Anhui province on 25 May. Lin has become the oldest woman in China to give birth, bearing twins after becoming pregnant via in-vitro fertilisation.

News Album

Kitten survives wash and spin in a washing machine

A Persian kitten gave her owners the shock of their lives when she emerged from the washing machine, dizzy and bedraggled after surviving a full cycle.

Brendon Rogers, from Manly Vale, Sydney, said four-month-old Kimba, a white, fluffy kitten, must have climbed into the front-loader machine when the door was open and curled up on the dirty clothes — unbeknownst to his father Lyndsay who turned the machine on for a cold wash.

They were both amazed when the cycle — including a high level spin — finished and they opened the door to pull out the clothes to find Kimba in the machine.



Rare, old camera auctioned for 732,000 euros in Austria



One of the world's first commercially produced cameras, a "Giroux Daguerreotype" designed and produced in Paris in

1839, was sold in Vienna on Saturday for 732,000 euros, according to the Austrian auction house Westlicht Photographica Auction.

Inline skate world champion Frenchman Taig Khris launches himself from 40m at the base of the Eiffel Tower, in Paris. Extreme in-line skating champion Khris set a new world freefall record of 12.5 metres (41 feet) in France on Saturday when he launched himself off the Eiffel Tower onto a ramp.

It is one of the only cameras by Daguerreotype that still exists and is described as being in excellent original condition, including the lens, the black velvet interior, and the ground-glass screen. There is also a 24-page instruction manual attached to the camera.

US man charged with beheading neighbour

LOS ANGELES, 30 May — A stage actor shot, beheaded and dismembered his neighbour in a military base theatre, then killed the victim's friend after using the dead man's cell phone to lure her to his apartment, police said. Daniel Wozniak, 26, was charged with two counts of murder on Friday, the same day he was supposed to get married to fiancée Rachel Buffet in a Long Beach park, said Detective Sgt Ed Everett.

Wozniak's father, Daryl Wozniak, said his son was in a coma after trying to commit suicide. Everett said the younger Wozniak was being treated at a hospital but he did not describe his condition.

Daniel Wozniak, who recently starred in the lead role as Guido Contini in the musical *Nine* at a theater company, is accused of dismembering the body of Samuel Herr, 26, on 21 May, leaving his torso at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base and scattering the limbs and head in a park. — *Internet*



Butterfly pose :
A girl poses for photographers with a pair of butterflies, during a photocall at Kew Gardens in London. INTERNET

TV reporter killed after rocks spew from volcano

GUATEMALA CITY, 30 May — Rocks spewing from a volcano overlooking the Guatemalan capital killed a television reporter, authorities said yesterday. Three children were also reported missing. The Pacaya volcano started erupting lava and rocks on Thursday, blanketing Guatemala City with ash and forcing the closure of the airport. President Alvaro Colom declared a "state of calamity".

Reporter Anibal Archila was hit by a shower of rocks when he got too close to the volcano, about 15 miles south of Guatemala City, said David de Leon, a spokesman for the national disaster committee. He said three children between the ages of seven and 12 were missing. At least 1,600 people from villages closest to the volcano have been evacuated to shelters.

Two to three inches of

ash accumulated on streets, and officials imposed limits on trucks and motorcycles to help speed up traffic slowed by the ash. The government urged residents not to leave their homes unless there was an urgent need. The most active of Guatemala's 32 volcanoes, Pacaya has been intermittently erupting since 1966.

— *Internet*



A model wears a design from the Totem collection at the Fashion Rio Summer 2010/2011 event in Rio de Janeiro, on 28 May, 2010. INTERNET



Bookmakers have made Safura from Azerbaijan favourite to win .— INTERNET

Countdown to Eurovision 2010 begins

OSLO, 30 May—Acts from 25 countries are preparing to take part in the grand final of this year's Eurovision Song Contest, taking place later in Norway's capital Oslo. British hopes rest on 19-year-old Josh Dubovie, who will perform a Mike Stock and Pete Waterman song called *That Sounds*

Good To Me.

The UK has not won Eurovision since 1997, when Katrina and the Waves triumphed with *Love Shine a Light*. Bookmakers have made Azerbaijan favourite to win the contest. Their chosen act, Safura, will open Saturday's show with her song *Drip Drop*. Because the phone vote that decides the winner opens at the beginning of the show, it is thought the 17-year-old may have an advantage over her fellow contestants.

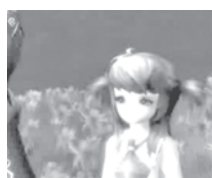
More than 125 million watched last year's competition in Moscow, when Norwegian violinist Alexander Rybak took home the trophy with a record 387 points. The economic downturn has hit this year hard, though, with several countries having to pull out of the event because they could not afford to take part. — *Internet*

Internet-addicted couple let baby starve

SEOUL, 30 May—A South Korean couple who left their baby to starve while raising a "virtual child" on the Internet were given prison sentences on Friday. The 41-year-old husband and his wife, 25, were arrested in March for leaving their daughter to die while they spent hours at Internet cafes.

A district court at Suwon, south of Seoul, sentenced the husband to two years in jail, but suspended the wife's two-year jail term since she is

pregnant with a second child. "The defendants' prematurely born daughter needed constant care, but they did not feed the baby and even beat her, while



In the Second Life-style game called PRIUS, players can raise a baby. — INTERNET

indulging in online games," the court said in a ruling.

"This constitutes an inhumane and anti-humanitarian crime which cannot be forgivable under any circumstances." The case shocked South Korea. The following month the government announced tougher rules to combat internet game addiction, including a "fatigue" system encouraging players to switch off.

— *Internet*

Five arrested in \$14m Aussie drug sting

SYDNEY, 30 May — Four men and one woman will face court in Sydney after police seized A\$11.5 million (\$14.4 million) worth of cocaine on its way to Australia from the United Kingdom disguised as tins of powdered nuts. The Australian Federal Police (AFP) said the two air cargo consignments, containing 33kg of cocaine, arrived in London from Mexico earlier this month and were addressed to a business premises in Sydney.

The UK police seized the drugs and replaced them with fake substitutes. A 41-year-old Marrickville man took delivery of the two packages at a storage facility in Sydney's west on Tuesday, the AFP said. On Thursday, a 47-year-old US man arrived in Sydney from Los Angeles and helped the Marrickville man transfer the boxes to a hotel in the Sydney CBD where they began to unpack them.

The next day, the AFP arrested the two men along with three US citizens, including a 25-year-old American woman. — *Internet*



Pedestrians protect themselves from the ash coming from the Tungurahua Volcano, in north Guayaquil, Ecuador, on 28 May, 2010. The Tungurahua Volcano, in the central Andes of Ecuador erupted Friday sending enormous quantities of ash into the air and causing the evacuation of nearby towns.

INTERNET

Second vast oil plume discovered in Gulf

BATON ROUGE, 30 May — A Louisiana scientist said on Friday he has discovered a second huge plume of oil in the Gulf of Mexico, 75 miles northwest of the leaking BP well. James R. Cowan Jr, a Louisiana State University professor, said his crew found globs of oil by sending a remotely controlled submarine about 400 feet below the surface, *The Washington Post* reported.

Cowan reported his discovery a day after other scientists said they had found another vast plume of oil that stretched for miles east of the source of the leak. The newly discovered plume contains oil

so thick, it covered the lights on the submarine, which resurfaced entirely black, Cowan said. "It almost looks like big wet snowflakes, but they're brown and black and oily," he said.

He said it became impossible to determine how wide the plume was because the submarine traveled for miles from side to side and never found an end to the oil. Scientists say they worry the oil could move under the surface instead of floating, making it more difficult to contain, but BP officials have played down the threat, the *Post* said.

— *Internet*



Models present designs from Maria Bonita during the 17th edition of Fashion Rio in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 29 May, 2010.—XINHUA

Silver mine in southern Mexico used to dump bodies

ACAPULCO, 30 May—Mexican police on Saturday found an abandoned silver mine scattered with bodies outside a colonial-era town popular with international tourists.

Five bodies were recovered from the mine at Taxco in southern Mexico in what appears to be a dumping ground for victims of organized crime, said Manuel Nava Garcia, a spokesman for Guerrero state government.

A state official who asked to remain anonymous because of safety concerns estimates there may be more than 20 bodies at the site. He said authorities were tipped off by an organized crime suspect arrested on Friday in the nearby city of Iguala.

The human remains appear to have accumulated over an undetermined time as bodies were tossed over a 300-foot (100-meter) precipice into the mine.

Police and military crews exploring the underground site since Saturday morning wore breathing equipment to guard against the possible noxious gases in the mine. The search was suspended after dark until Sunday morning.

The state of Guerrero is plagued by drug violence among rival gangs, and marked by brazen attacks on police and soldiers engaged in a crackdown on traffickers.

But Taxco is better known for its silver jewelry, winding streets and Holy Week processions.

It was unclear for how long the mine — just one of many abandoned mines in the area — had been used to dispose of bodies.

Internet

Locals wade through a waterlogged street in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 28 May, 2010. Rainstorm hit the city late Friday.—XINHUA



China to demarcate 9 privileged zones for Siberian tiger conservation

CHANGCHUN, 30 May—China will build nine zones in the northeastern provinces of Jilin and Heilongjiang for the conservation of Siberian tigers, according to the latest international meeting on habitat protection for the endangered species.

The nine zones will be Huichun-Wangqing-Dongning-Suiyang, Changbai Mountains, the southern area of Mount

Zhangguangcai, Muleng, Huadian, the northern area of Mount Zhangguangcai, Baishan-Tonghua-Ji'an, Lushuihe-Dongjiang and Jingyu-Jiangyuan.

The areas are all near the border of China and Russia and between China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and cover an area of 38,000 square kilometres.

In the areas there are vast forests and sufficient

prey for Siberian tigers, according to experts.

Although they used to be widely distributed throughout northeastern China, wild Siberian tigers only number 20 or so in the region now due to fragmentation of forests and illegal hunting. But in the neighbouring far east region of Russia, the population of wild Siberian tigers is 430 to 500.—Xinhua



Performers dance at the carnival in Bluefields, Nicaragua, on 29 May, 2010. A carnival was held in Bluefields which locates in east of Nicaragua and is also a popular tourist destination. The carnival features traditional Caribbean food and local Tuluu dances.

XINHUA



In this photo made on 21 May, 2010, Spanish matador Julio Aparicio is gored by a bull during a bullfight during the San Isidro Feria at the Las Ventas bullring in Madrid. Aparicio underwent surgery and is out of critical danger.

INTERNET

Gored Spanish bullfighter suffering infection

MADRID, 30 May—A Madrid hospital says Spanish bullfighter Julio Aparicio has returned to intensive care and is fighting an infection after a horrific goring in the throat by a bull.

Aparicio had left the unit and was recovering well on Monday following surgery to reconstruct his throat, mouth and palate, but outbreak of an infection forced a return to the unit where doctors placed him on mechanically assisted breathing, 12 October Hospital said.

In a statement released Saturday the hospital says Aparicio is now breathing normally and it describes his condition as "grave" but stable.

The matador slipped in a bullring, fell to the ground and a 1,168 pound (530-kilogram) bull drove his right horn through Aparicio's throat and out his mouth.—Xinhua

Three kidnapped Chinese freed in Niger Delta of Nigeria

LAGOS, 30 May—Three kidnapped Chinese technicians were freed on early Saturday morning in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria, an official from the Chinese Consulate General in Lagos said.

The three male technicians, who worked for a Nigerian steel company, were kidnapped at 11 am local time (1000 GMT) on 23 May in Aba City, Abia state in southeast Nigeria, by unknown armed people. Other nine Nigerians were also abducted in the incident.

They were freed at about 6 am local time (0500 GMT) on Saturday, the official said on condition of anonymity.

They are in good condition and are expected to return to China soon, he said.

The oil-rich Niger Delta of Nigeria has been restive for years with militants attacking both foreign oil facilities and workers.—Xinhua



A contestant performs during the 35th Miss Bikini International World final in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, May 29, 2010. A total of 64 contestants participated the 35th Miss Bikini International World final here on Saturday.

XINHUA

International friendly 2010 results and 1 June fixtures reported

YANGON, 30 May—The results of international friendly 2010 played on 29 May and fixtures for 1 June were reported to the following.

29 May	Home	Score	Away
	Slovakia	1-1	Cameroon
	Norway	2-1	Montenegro
	Azerbaijan	1-3	Macedonia
	Poland	0-0	Finland
	New Zealand	1-0	Serbia
	Spain	3-2	Saudi Arabia
	United States	2-1	Turkey
	Hungary	0-3	Germany
	Iceland	4-0	Andorra
	Ukraine	3-2	Romania

1 June fixtures

Time	Home	Away	Venue
12:00 GMT	Australia	V Demark	Roodeport Stadium
18:15 GMT	Switzerland	V Costa Rica	Stade Tourbillon
18:30 GMT	Netherlands	V Ghana	PSV Stadium
18:30 GMT	Portugal	V Cameroon	Dr Magalhaes Pessoa

S P O R T S

Players of the England's national football team take part in a training session.—INTERNET

England's stars set for final World Cup audition

AUSTRIA, 30 May—Some of England's biggest stars may feel on trial this weekend as Fabio Capello's team play their final World Cup warm-up match against Japan just 48 hours before the squad is cut to the final 23 who will go to South Africa.

The announcement of an England squad for a major tournament is always a nervous and emotional affair and the reaction of Paul Gascoigne, who famously let his anger get the better of him in then coach Glenn Hoddle's hotel room when told he would not travel to the 1998 World Cup, shows how much it means to the players.—Internet



Cameroon draw against W Cup debutants Slovakia

KLAGENFURT, 30 May—African giants Cameroon's unimpressive World Cup build-up continued on Saturday as they came from behind to draw 1-1 with finals debutants Slovakia in a friendly in Klagenfurt.

Enoh Eyong's goal seven minutes from time



Slovakia's Mamil Kopunek (top) celebrates his goal against Cameroon during their friendly football match in Klagenfurt.—INTERNET

saw the 'Indomitable Lions' escape with a draw after the Slovaks, who in a previous entity as Czechoslovakia reached the last eight in 1990 losing to eventual winners West Germany, had taken the lead through Kamil Kopunek in the sixth minute.

Kopunek scored with a great strike from 18 metres out after being set up by Chelsea midfielder Miroslav Stoch, giving no chance to Cameroon goalkeeper Hamidou Souleymanou.

Internet

Germany's striker Cacau runs with the ball during their international friendly football match against Hungary in the Hungarian capital Budapest.—INTERNET

Cacau shines as Germany down Hungary

BUDAPEST, 30 May—Striker Cacau scored his third goal in two games for his adopted country to seal Germany's 3-0 win over Hungary in a World Cup warm-up friendly here on Saturday.

Brazilian-born Cacau, who only qualified to play for Germany last year, came off the bench to add to the two goals he scored in the 3-0 win over Malta to strengthen his case for the starting line-up for the World Cup side.

Germany begin their World Cup campaign in Group D on 13 June



against Australia and fly to South Africa on 7 June after their final warm-up game against Bosnia-Herzegovina next Thursday.—Internet

Smeltz strike shocks Serbia

VIENNA, 30 May—A first-half strike from Shane Smeltz handed World Cup outsiders New Zealand a shock 1-0 victory over Serbia in a pre-tournament friendly here on Saturday.

Smeltz, an A-League striker with Gold Coast United, found the net for the All Whites after 21 minutes against a Serbian side who rarely threatened despite being ranked 63 places above their rivals.

The Serbs were sorely missing captain and Inter Milan striker Dejan Stankovic and defender Ivan Obradovic.



New Zealand's Shane Smeltz (L) is pushed by Serbia's Zoran Tosic (R) during their friendly match.—INTERNET

After the shock of falling behind, defender Neven Subotic missed Serbia's best chance of an equaliser after 38 minutes when he failed to finish off a header just two metres out from Mark Patson in the Kiwi goal.—Internet

Llorente to the rescue for Spain

INNSBRUCK, 30 May—The Saudis had taken the surprise lead over the European champions when Osama Hawsawi found the net with a header after 16 minutes.

Spain poured into attack with David Villa (30) and Xabi Alonso (58) putting Vicente Del Bosque's side back in control before an Mohammed Al-Sahlawi equaliser looked set to upset a team who are among the World Cup favourites.—Internet



Spain's Sergio Llorente (R) and Saudi's Saddik Al Mousa Kamil clash during a friendly match in the Tyrolian town of Innsbruck.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



USA rallies past Turkey for triumphant Cup sendoff

PHILADELPHIA, 30 May—Two weeks before they open the World Cup against England, United States players rallied from a woeful first half for a confidence-boosting 2-1 victory over Turkey on Saturday.

Clint Dempsey took a spot-on pass from Landon Donovan and scored the winning goal in the 75th minute to give the Americans a triumphant sendoff to South Africa after a first half of defensive lapses and spotty communication.—Internet

Clint Dempsey (L) of the US scores a goal past Turkish goalkeeper Volkan Demirel during an international friendly match in Philadelphia.—INTERNET



Bells sound in Liverpool to mark Heysel anniversary

LONDON, 30 May—Bells rang out in Liverpool on Saturday to mark the 25th anniversary of the Heysel stadium disaster in which 39 football fans were killed.

Thirty-nine chimes sounded out at the city's town hall in memory of the victims who died after gathering to watch Liverpool play Italian club Juventus in the 1985 European Cup final at the stadium in Brussels.—Internet



Wreaths and football scarves of Italian club Juventus and English club Liverpool lie in the stadium on the 25th anniversary of the Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels.

INTERNET



**[8] Years For Tearful Remembrance
Daw Myint Myint Yee (82) yrs
(31-5-2002 - 31-5-2010)**

We have been in tearfully remembrance for beloved mother who left us for her heavenly home (8)-years ago. We always remember for her honour.

Daw Khine Khine Hla, U Thein Tun, Daw Khin Soe Aung, Daw Khin Cho Aung (Japan), Daw Marlar Aung, Daw Ohn Mar Soe (USA) and family members.

Photo taken on 29 May, 2010 shows a pair of pandas picked as a gift for Macao by the Chinese mainland at Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding and Research Base in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Both born in 2008. —XINHUA

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(31-5-2010)(Monday)**

Transmissions

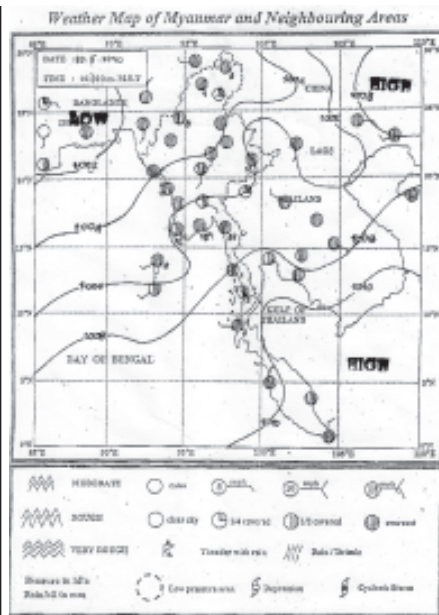
Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (31-5-10 09:30 am ~
1-6-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Unique Biodiversity of Indawgyi Lake
- * News
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- * News
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- * Documentary "Inside Myanmar's Music World"
- * News
- * The World of Mro Nationals
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Their Experiences & Impressions
- * News
- * Myanma Orchestra
- * Let's recreate..Enjoy movie or shopping
- * Myanmar Young Lady Golf Champion
- * News
- * Talk & Discussion
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Products made from Myanma Water Hyacinth
- * Myanmar Movies "That's Why were"
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar Dusit Inya Lake Hotel



WEATHER

Sunday, 30th 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, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Sagaing Division and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (3°C) below May average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thabyegon) (1.74) inches, Katha (3.85) inches, Yey (2.40) inches, Paung (1.77) inches, Kanbalu (1.50) inches, Mawlamyine (1.34) inches and Gangaw (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-5-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 30-5-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-5-2010 was 82%. Total sun shine hours on 29-5-2010 was (6.0) hours.

Rainfall on 23-5-2010 was (0.59) inch at Mingaladon and Kaba-Aye, (0.08) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (10.44) inches at Mingaladon, (11.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (11.50) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from West at (22:20) hours MST on 29-5-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 31st May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Monday, 31
May
View on today**

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်
တရားတော်
ယောဆရာတော်
တောကြားတော်မူသော
ဥပ္ပါဒ်သင်္ခါပိဋိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. အဝိဇ္ဇာမင်္ဂလံ
(ယဉ်ပေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-
ဝိတကဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:50 am

4. Nice & Sweet
Song

8:00 am

5. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ
အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ"

8:30 am

8. Dance Of National
Races

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:20 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ်
(ရသစာပေအရေးအသား
အထူးပြု)
(ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

4:45 pm

5. Songs for Uphold
National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. Musical Programme
(The Radio
Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

5:05 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာကား

5:25 pm

8. " မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်
ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ "

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:15 pm

10. Weather Report

6:20 pm

11. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"တို့အတူရှိရင်တုန်းက"
(အပိုင်း-၂၅)

8:00 pm

13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. လပတ်စီလေဝသနာနှင့်
လေပေခန့်မှန်းချက်
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မေတ္တာနုရီ"
(အပိုင်း-၁၉)
18. "သုခုမရင်ပြင်"



- ★ 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

Kangyi Bridge contributing to swift commodity flow of Ayeyawady Division

Article: Nu Nu Yi and Tin Mar Win

It is undeniable that swift and smooth transport is the main cause for regional development. Resulting from the better transport, swift commodity flow may enhance the socio-economic life of local people.

A road network becomes a reality as the State has built roads and bridges nationwide. Ayeyawady Division with many rivers and creeks saw new Kangyi Bridge opened on 15 November 2009.

The RC-type Kangyi Bridge in Myaungmya District lies on Eainme-Kangyi-Myaungmya Road. The bridge is 200 feet long and 24 feet wide. Each of its pedestrian's walkways has the width of three feet.

Newly opened Kangyi Bridge will contribute towards multi-sectoral development of the region for the division has been able to transport its commodities to every other parts of the nation.

Translation: HKA
Myanma Alin: 30-5-2010

For women, less sleep ups obesity risk

BEIJING, 30 May —Women who sleep five hours a night or less are more likely to pack on extra pounds, a recent American study shows.

The study led by Dr. Sanjay Patel, professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, is the largest to date to follow the effects of sleep on weight over an extended period of time. He and his colleagues tracked more than 68,000 middle-aged women from 1986 to 2002.

"This adds to growing evidence that it's important to allow yourself to get more sleep," said Patel, who presented the research Tuesday at the American Thoracic Society International Conference in San Diego.

At the start of the study, the women who slept five hours or less already weighed 5.4 pounds more than those who slept longer.—Internet



Kangyi Bridge in Ayeyawady Division that contributes to smooth and swift commodity flow.

