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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Plan to launch region-wise national immunization days in 129 townships of nine Regions, States

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The leading committee for organizing the region-wise national immunization days (2011) of the extended vaccination project of Health Department under the Ministry of Health held the coordination meeting at the Ministry of Health, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin, in his address, said that according to the statistics of the World Health Organization up to 13 April 2011, a total of 1292 persons suffered from polio in 2010 in the whole world. Up to 3 April, 88 patients from Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan were victims of polio disease.

He continued to say that Myanmar gave polio vaccine to children under one year old at least three times a year. (See page 8)

Meeting of leading committee for organizing the region-wise national immunization days (2011) of the extended vaccination project in progress.

MNA



Scientific agricultural method introduced in Thanlyin

YANGON, 4 May — In order to provide local farmers with the knowledge of using scientific agricultural method that can save seed consumption and increase per acre yield, a seed-sowing ceremony was held at the farmland of Farmer U Kyaw Khin in Phayakon village-tract in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, yesterday.

It was attended by Region Minister for Agriculture/Commerce and Labour U Soe Min.—MNA

Rescue underway for 13 Mexican miners



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Beckham still wants to play at 2012 London Games



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Hailing 65th Anniversary Myanmar Fire Brigade

Myanmar Fire Brigade ready to prevent danger of fire

According to the records, the Fire Brigade was formed in the time of King Bagan in 1044 AD. As the fire brigades had been formed in the successive eras, the Myanmar Fire Brigade was systematically reformed in 1946. Therefore, the 65th birthday of the Fire Brigade will fall on 5 May 2011.

We, the news crew of Myanmar Alin Daily visited Myanmar Fire Brigade recently.

With regard to the motto of the Myanmar Fire Brigade “Quickly know, quickly go and quickly put out the fire”, all the brigade members are actively carrying out their tasks without delay. Telephones and communication devices are being kept open for taking information about breakouts of fire round the clock. All the fire stations are always ready to group fire fighters, to run fire engines, to use fuel and to pump out water. All fire fighters have been trained with the use of modern equipment and technology,” Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department.

We have learnt that fire stations in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay will be installed with GPS and vehicle tracking system for improvement of fire fighting capability.

Nowadays, many countries across the world are facing impacts of climate change. They all are taking awareness of dangers of natural disasters. (See page 7)

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Fire brigade members seen in rescue works at high-rise building.

PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain Inlay Lake and its environments

All the countries throughout the world are facing climate change. Global warming causes deterioration to the environment. All the living things need proper environment.

As deforestation of trees and bamboo groves can change climate, many countries are trying their best for conservation of forests and environment. So also, Myanmar is giving priority to systematic conservation of water, land and forest resources. Due to collaborative efforts, the Ministry of Forestry and relevant ministries have remarkable achievement in establishment of watershed forests and sanctuaries.

Inlay Lake is located on the hilly area of Nyaungshwe Township. The fresh water natural lake is one of the heritages of forefathers. The government is placing emphasis on maintenance of Inlay Lake not to be silted up and its durability which is home to various species of bio-diversities. Therefore, departments and local people are to join hands in maintenance of the lake.

Greening of the environs of Inlay Lake and its watershed areas has started. Departments and organizations are participating in reforestation works in watershed areas. Thus, the local farmers are to carry out mixed cropping between forests and crops, conservation of bank erosion and use of correct cultivation methods.

Especially, it is necessary to conduct training courses on environmental conservation and technology at villages around Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township. Local farmers are to constantly grow crops at the terraces of the hills, reduction of nitrogen in the air, substitute-use of natural pesticides instead of chemical ones and distribution of natural fertilizers.

Accelerating the greening tasks at Inlay Lake and its environs contributes a lot to environmental conservation. Due to favourable weather, local farmers can grow crops and perennial crops to be able to increase their incomes. Use of natural fertilizers and pesticides can help reduce water pollution as well as ensure perpetuity of Inlay Lake.



Peoples' 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

Union A&I Minister calls for development of agriculture sector

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met faculty members of University of Agriculture (Yezin) and researchers and agriculturists of Yezin Agricultural Research Department and Hmawby Myanmar Paddy Research Department at Agricultural Mechanization Model Farm (500 acres) in Nyaungbingyisu Village, Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District today.

The Union Minister and Deputy Minister U Ohn Than called for development of agriculture sector.

Next, the teachers and agriculturists made a field trip to observe nursery farms and thriving B-Line paddy strain keeping a record of high yield paddy strains. They held discussions on future plans for long-term development of farmers' living standards.—MNA

Plantations, nurseries in Shan State (South) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun inspected Hlinetat raft jetty in Thazi Township and condition of natural forest and plantations in Kalaw and Aungban Townships on 1 May.

Next, the Union Minister gave instructions on ongoing tasks for 2011-12 in the state in meeting with officials of Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise and entrepreneurs at the office of timber production in Taunggyi.

Yesterday, the Union Minister looked into nurturing saplings for establishment of watershed area in Inlay Lake at Taunglaylon Nursery in Taunggyi

Township and Innpyin Nursery in Kalaw Township and called for special attentions on growing of plants to be grown well. He then visited Yinmarbin No (59) Sawmill. — MNA

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun inspects No. 59 Yinmarbin sawmill.

MNA



Sagaing Region Chief Minister visits Traditional Medicine Hospital in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye together with medical superintendent U Nay Aung and medical staff of

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye comforts a patient in Traditional Medicine Hospital in Monywa.—MNA

Monywa Traditional Medicine Hospital yesterday morning looked around the site chosen for extending patient's ward of the hospital, and comforted the patients receiving medical treatment.

He viewed progress of reconstruction of the office of the Region Advocate-General, Region High Court and the office of the Region Auditor-General.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Myat Maw Managing Director Myanma Economic Bank Ministry of Finance and Revenue	Director-General Internal Revenue Department Ministry of Finance and Revenue
(b) U San Thauang Director-General Customs Department Ministry of Finance and Revenue	Managing Director Myanma Economic Bank Ministry of Finance and Revenue

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) Daw Nandar Hmon	Director-General Historical Research Department Ministry of Culture
(b) Dr Tin Ngwe	Rector University of Veterinary Science Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
(c) Professor Dr Daw San San Myint Aung	Rector University of Community Health (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 4 May—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 4 May reached 705700 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1278188, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705700
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1278188

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 4 May—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33831 Afghan people were killed and 41283 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 4 May.

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Internet



A woman and her granddaughter watch over a boy who was wounded in a bomb attack, at a hospital in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 13 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Plane overshoots runway in northeast India

MIZORAM, INDIA, 4 May—A plane with 11 people on board Wednesday overshoot the runway at Lengpui Airport in Mizoram, northeast India.

The passengers and two pilots have all been hospitalized but their injuries are not reported to be very serious. The plane, which belonged to a company named Northeast Shuttle Services, has been severely damaged.

The nine-seater plane Wednesday flew from Imphal to Aizawi, where the pilot overshoot the runway but managed to brake before the plane dropped off the runway altogether.

The incident occurred due to a combination of bad weather as well as pilot error. Airport officials, however, said that the weather conditions were within acceptable limits.

The accident evokes comparisons to the Mangalore crash in May last year, when 158 people on a Boeing were killed after the pilot overshoot the runway. The runway at the Lengpui Airport is similar—built on top of a hill and is surrounded by mountains. It makes for tricky landings and take-offs because if a pilot lands too far down the runway, a crash is likely.—MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb kills nine, wounds 30 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 May—At least nine people were killed and 30 others injured in Iraq when a car bomb exploded Tuesday evening in Baghdad's southern Doura District, a police source said.

"Our latest report is nine killed and 30 wounded," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Several cars and nearby shops were damaged in the blast, he said, adding that the police has cordoned off the area.

Violence and sporadic high-profile bomb attacks continue in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease of violence over the last three years. The attacks underscore the challenges the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about eight months before the departure of all American forces.—Xinhua



Iraqis gather around the scene of a blast at a small eatery on 2 May, in the Sadr City district of Baghdad. Violence in Baghdad and northern Iraq on Tuesday killed 12 people, including nine who died when a car bomb exploded near a popular market, security officials said.—INTERNET

Helicopter crash site located in northeast India

GAUHATI, 4 May—Rescue teams have located the wreckage of a helicopter that could be the one that disappeared over the weekend while carrying the chief minister of a northeastern Indian State, a government minister said Wednesday.

Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said parts of the helicopter and at least three bodies had been spotted in a mountainous and densely forested area of Arunachal Pradesh State.

"The team has sighted the remains of the aircraft. An army team should be reaching the crash site on foot within a short while," Chidambaram told reporters in New Delhi.

The single-engine helicopter carrying Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu, two pilots and two other passengers lost radio contact Saturday around 20 minutes after taking off from the Buddhist mountain retreat of Tawang en route to the state capital, Itanagar.

Khandu, 56, is a former army intelligence official elected in 2007 as Arunachal Pradesh's top official.

About 4,000 Indian police, army, paramilitary and villagers took part in an extensive ground search, with air force helicopters searching the region from the air.

Internet

Two people killed in gunfire, mortar attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 May—A policeman and a government employee were gunned down by silenced weapons, while two mortar barrages hit military bases in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

Gunmen using silenced pistols shot dead a policeman near his house in al-Qahira district in northern Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, gunmen using weapons fitted with silencers shot dead an employee of the Iraqi Ministry of Transportation and Communications in Baghdad's northeastern district of al-Shaab, the source said.

The attacks are part of a wave of assassinations by insurgent groups and

gangs against Iraqi security members and civilians. The groups' tactics include suicide bombings, gunfire by silenced weapons and sticky bombs attached to vehicles.

Also in the day, three mortar rounds landed on a joint US and Iraqi army base in Baladiyat district in eastern Baghdad, the source said.

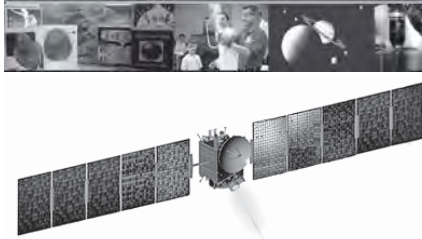
Separately, three mortar rounds struck al-Taji military camp, just north of Baghdad, the source added without giving further details about the two mortar attacks.

Violence in the country underscore the challenges that the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about eight months before the departure of all US forces by the end of 2011.—Xinhua



Civil defence personnel inspect the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad recently. A car bomb killed one person and wounded 16 others, including three policemen, two women and three children, when it went off in southern Kirkuk, Kirkuk police operations room said.

INTERNET



This NASA handout image shows a graphic image of Discovery Mission-Dawn's space probe. The Dawn space probe is closing in on its first target, the massive asteroid Vesta, almost four years after its journey began in September 2007, NASA said Tuesday.—INTERNET

NASA's Dawn probe closes in on giant asteroid

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The Dawn space probe is closing in on its first target, the massive asteroid Vesta, almost four years after its journey began in September 2007, NASA said Tuesday.

Dawn is on a long-haul mission to unlock the secrets of the solar system by studying the two largest asteroids orbiting the sun, Vesta

and Ceres — a trip that will carry it three billion miles by the time it is over.

It will be about three more months before the spacecraft gets close enough to begin orbiting the huge proto-planet, but NASA said it is eager to get to work.

"We feel a little like Columbus approaching the shores of the New World," said Christopher

'Monstrously big ant' fossil found in Wyoming

WASHINGTON, 4 May—Almost 50 million years ago, ants the size of hummingbirds roamed what is now Wyoming, a new fossil discovery reveals. These giant bugs may have crossed an Arctic land bridge between Europe and North America during a particularly warm period in Earth's history.

At about 2 inches (5 cm) long, the specimen is a "monstrously big ant," said Bruce Archibald, a paleontologist at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia who reported the discovery today (May 3) in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. Though fossils of loose giant ant wings have been found before in the United States, this is the first known full-body specimen.

The fossil ant is from a well-known fossil site in Wyoming called the Green River Formation, but it had been sitting in a drawer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Archibald said. When a curator showed him the fossil, Archibald said, he knew he was looking at something exciting. "I immediately recognized it and said, 'Oh my god, this is a giant ant and it looks like it's related to giant ants that are known from about this time in Germany.'" One living ant species, *Dorylus wilverthi*, has queens that reach the size of this ancient ant, though *Titanomyrma* was big all over while *D. wilverthi* gets its size from an abnormally swollen abdomen, Archibald said.—Internet

photographic and science instruments to study the surface of the asteroids and analyze their gravitational pull.

Dawn's mission is to learn about the first moments of the solar system's creation 4.6 billion years ago by gathering information about Ceres and Vesta, including what kinds of elements form such terrestrial planets, among them Earth, Mars and Mercury.—Internet



In this 19 July, 2007 file photo an iceberg is seen off Ammassalik Island in Eastern Greenland. A new assessment of climate change in the Arctic shows the ice in the region is melting faster than previously thought and sharply raises projections of global sea level rise this century.—INTERNET



In this product image provided by Apple Inc., the upgraded line of iMac desktop computers with faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port, are displayed.

INTERNET

Apple upgrades iMacs with quad-core processors

NEW YORK, 4 May—Apple Inc. on Tuesday released an upgraded line of iMac desktop computers with faster processors, higher-resolution cameras and a new type of data port.

The new iMacs all have Intel quad-core processors, which had been available as an upgrade to the standard dual-core processors of the previous generation. Apple said the new models are up to 70 percent faster. The new 21.5-inch iMac has a single Thunderbolt port, which can carry data at speeds 20 times faster than most current USB ports. It can also connect to additional monitors. The 27-inch iMac has two Thunderbolt ports.

Apple introduced Thunderbolt on MacBook Pro laptops in February. The port was developed by Intel Corp. The 21-inch iMac starts at \$1,199, the larger model at \$1,699. Apple last revamped its iMacs in July 2010.—Internet

RIM using Microsoft's Bing on new BlackBerrys

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 May—Research In Motion will use Microsoft's Bing services on new BlackBerry smartphones.

Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer made the announcement Tuesday at RIM's annual BlackBerry World conference in Orlando, Fla. Bing director Matt Dahlin outlined the plans on the Bing Search Blog. Dahlin says BlackBerry's shipped to wireless carriers will use Bing as its default search and map services. Bing will be the BlackBerry browser's preferred search engine. RIM's BlackBerry PlayBook tablet already uses Bing for search and maps. According to com Score Inc, Microsoft had about 14 percent of the US search market in March, while Google had about 66 percent.—Internet

DOJ probe of AT&T, T-Mobile deal deepens

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The Justice Department has decided to pursue an in-depth investigation of AT&T's plan to buy of T-Mobile USA, according to a source familiar with the deal.

The decision was widely expected as antitrust enforcers typically give close scrutiny to big deals that involve large market shares.

Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona declined to confirm that the antitrust division had deepened its probe. "Our investigation is ongoing," she added.

AT&T's \$39 billion bid to buy Deutsche Telekom AG's T-Mobile USA would concentrate 80 percent of US wireless contract customers in just two companies: AT&T/T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless, a joint venture

of Verizon Communications and Vodafone Group Plc.

AT&T is currently the No 2 US mobile carrier behind Verizon.

In assessing whether mergers are legal, the US Justice Department can take a quick look at a deal and approve it within 30 days, a process called an early termination.

Or it can issue a so-called second request, indicating that the antitrust investigation is likely to be prolonged.

Because of the size of the AT&T/T-Mobile deal, and because the companies are major players, it was always expected that the Justice Department would take months before signing off on the deal or deciding to challenge it.

The Federal Communications Commission must also approve the deal before it can go forward.

AT&T Inc rivals like Sprint Nextel Corp — in hopes of derailing the purchase — have asked US regulators to combine a review of AT&T's proposed purchase of T-Mobile USA with their examination of its plan to buy wireless airwaves from Qualcomm Inc.

AT&T agreed in December to pay Qualcomm \$1.93 billion for airwaves. Reuters



A view shows the AT&T store sign in Broomfield, Colorado on 20 April, 2011.—INTERNET



Health



Doctors at an emergency ward of a hospital take care of a patient in 2008. Male doctors are four times more likely to be disciplined for misconduct than female medics, according to a new Australian study which found the biggest cause of complaint was sexual misbehaviour.

INTERNET

US mothers feed infants variety of herbal products

CHICAGO, 4 May—New research suggests many US babies are fed herbal supplements or teas.

Food and Drug Administration researchers led the study. It was released Monday in the journal *Pediatrics* and is billed as the first to examine broad use of such products in American infants.

About 9 percent studied had been fed supplements at least once. The 2005-2007 study oversampled whites

mothers, so authors say the true national prevalence is likely between 3 percent and 10 percent. About 2,600 mothers were questioned.

Gripe water for colic and chamomile tea were the most common products, but many others were used for reasons including fussiness and digestive problems. Side effects weren't examined.—*Internet*

Health Tip: Taking a home pregnancy test

Home pregnancy tests are designed to detect a certain hormone that's present in a woman's blood and urine when she's pregnant.

The test must be administered carefully, following all of the product's written instructions.

The Womenshealth.gov web site offers these general guidelines for home pregnancy tests:

- * Make sure the product is not past its expiration date.
- * Follow the label instructions carefully.
- * Wait 10 minutes before checking the results.
- * Take the test first thing in the morning.
- * Wait at least a week after missing your period before taking the test.

Internet

Structured exercise programmes help lower blood Sugar, study finds

WASHINGTON, 4 May—A structured exercise programme helped people with type 2 diabetes lower their blood sugar level more effectively than just receiving advice about getting more physical activity, according to a new review of data. After analyzing the results of 47 randomized clinical trials, the researchers also found that exercising for longer periods of time was better at bringing blood sugar levels down than exercising more intensively.

"People with type 2 diabetes should engage in regular exercise training, preferentially supervised exercise training," said the study's senior author, Dr Beatriz Schaan, a medical school professor at the Hospital de Clinicas de Porto Alegre in Brazil. "If these patients can perform training for more than 150 minutes per week, this would be more beneficial concerning their glucose control. However, if they cannot reach this amount of weekly exercise, lower

exercise amounts are also beneficial." Results of the study are published in the May 4 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The clinical trials included in the current analysis included more than 8,500 participants. The studies used a measure known as hemoglobin A1C (HbA1C) to assess a particular treatment's effectiveness. HbA1C, sometimes just called A1C, is a measure of long-term blood sugar control. It provides an average of blood sugar levels over a two- to three- month time period. The results of this test are expressed in terms of a percentage. Generally, less than 6 percent is considered normal. People with diabetes usually have levels higher than this. The American Diabetes Association recommends that people with diabetes strive to lower their HbA1C levels to less than 7 percent.

Internet



Business



Visitors walk past the Emirates pavillion at the annual Arabian Travel Market exhibition in the Gulf emirate of Dubai. Dubai Airports said Tuesday it expected to more-than-double its passenger traffic to 98.5 million in a decade, but travellers will have to wait for another year to go through its second airport.

INTERNET

Wall Street Journal circulation tops 2.11 million

WASHINGTON, 4 May—The *Wall Street Journal* is the top daily newspaper in the United States with average print and digital circulation of 2.11 million, according to figures released on Tuesday.

The *New York Times* takes the Sunday honors with total average circulation of 1.33 million.

The Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) released total average circulation figures for the six-month period ending on 31 March but said that

because of changes in its reporting methods they could not be compared to previous years.

The next largest daily US newspaper in average circulation terms after *The Wall Street Journal* was *USA Today*, with 1.82 million, followed by *The New York Times* with 916,911 and the *Los Angeles Times* with 605,234, the ABC said.

The *San Jose Mercury* news was next with total average circulation of 577,665 followed by *The Washington Post* with 550,821, the *New York Daily News* with 530,924, the *New York Post* with 522,874 and the *Chicago Tribune* with 437,205.

On Sundays, the *Los Angeles Times* trailed *The New York Times* with average circulation of 948,889, followed by *The*

Washington Post with 852,861, the *Chicago Tribune* with 780,601 and the *San Jose Mercury News* with 636,999.

The News Corp.-owned *Wall Street Journal* also came out on top when the last figures were released in October with daily circulation of 2.06 million.

US newspapers have been grappling with a steep drop in print advertising revenue, steadily declining circulation and the migration of readers to free news online.

The New York Times, in a bid to boost online revenue, recently began charging readers for full access to the newspaper's website.

The Wall Street Journal already charges for online access to *WSJ.com*.—*Internet*

Glencore IPO price range values company at \$60 billion



The company's logo is seen in front of the headquarters of Swiss commodities trader Glencore in Baar near Zurich on 13 April, 2011.—INTERNET

LONDON, 4 May—Commodities trading house Glencore has priced its long-awaited public offering at between 480 and 580 pence per share, valuing the company at \$60 billion at the mid-point of the price range.

Glencore said it would raise gross proceeds of approximately \$10 billion from the IPO, confirming an earlier *Reuters* report.

Glencore, the world's largest diversified commodities trader, is expected to release its prospectus

later on Wednesday.

That will provide sought-after details including the cornerstone investors and the size of top management's stakes.

The long-awaited listing, which could be London's largest to date, will push Glencore into the public eye after 37 years, and will turn publicity-shy executives including chief executive Ivan Glasenberg, a former coal trader, into paper billionaires.—*Reuters*





Photo taken on 30 April, 2011 shows beautiful ice floating on Sayram Lake in Bortala Mongol Autonomous Prefecture, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. XINHUA

Chile sets up new commission to develop energy sector

SANTIAGO, 4 May—Chile's Energy and Mining Minister Laurence Golborne on Tuesday announced the creation of a presidential commission to analyze and establish the basis of a long term energy policy for the country.

"President Sebastian Pinera has requested us to form a work commission with a transversal and representative character, formed by experts in the fields of energy, the environment and regulatory issues," Golborne said. "The main mission will be to start the debate about the national electricity

system."

Golborne said the commission will discuss the accessibility, distribution, transmission and competitiveness of the electricity system as well as concessions and service of transmission systems and competition in the field.

The commission will be set up by a number of former ministers, experts, businessmen and intellectuals and the focus will be on topics such as the environmental sustainability, the security of the technologies used in the electricity system and the electricity operations

in other countries.

Chile has in recent years started to diversify its energy sources as the South American country is facing a growing energy shortage.

In February, the government issued an electricity rationing decree that reduced by 10 percent the voltage of the power operation, a campaign aimed at teaching people how they can save on the electricity use as well as for the official and public use in the centralized administration of hydro-power dams.

Xinhua

Slovakia puts off new Jaslovské nuclear unit till 2025

BRATISLAVA, 4 May—Slovakia's nuclear watchdog said Tuesday a new reactor unit at one of the country's nuclear power plants won't come on line before 2025 after construction was put off by five years or more.

"The new power source will be online in 2025 at the earliest," Marta Ziaková, head of the Nuclear Regulatory Authority in Slovakia, told journalists at the Jaslovské Bohunice nuclear power plant in western Slovakia.

Slovakia's previous government expected Czech energy giant CEZ to start building the new unit in 2014, but increased emphasis on nuclear

security in the EU and longer feasibility and environmental studies will slow the project.

Slovakia, where nuclear energy covers 55 percent of demand for power, closed two out of four Soviet-type nuclear units at Jaslovské Bohunice under commitments to Brussels which paved the way for its EU entry in 2004.

The dominant Slovak power producer Slovenske Elektrarne (SE), controlled by Italian power giant Enel, expects to launch two new units at the country's other nuclear power plant in Mochovce, western Slovakia, in 2012 and 2013.—Internet



Photo taken on 2 May, 2011 shows the Aizhai suspension bridge under construction in western Hunan Province, central China. The steel truss girder structure has the country's longest suspension bridge main span of 1,176 meters.—XINHUA



Children watch the military parade rehearsal for Victory Day on the Red square in Moscow, Russia, on 3 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Australia expects to have first delivery of commercial geothermal power in 2012

CANBERRA, 4 May—Australia can expect its first delivery of commercial geothermal power by the end of 2012 from Petrathem's Paralana project in northern South Australia, local media reported on Wednesday. In January, Petrathem successfully

completed an initial test at its Paralana-2 well, where an injection of a small volume of water detected micro-seismic event as far as 300 metres out from the well hole.

A more major test is now scheduled for June, using higher volumes of water at higher pressure.

The test will be critical, and by achieving it will help determine the company's ability to get a commercial flow rate going between the injector

and the eventual Paralana-3 production well.

According to the company's managing director Terry Kallis, the June test was achievable provided it continued to meet its targets.

"This is not a race and the sector has had its detractors but we are now within a very real and measurable 18-month horizon of achieving maiden production," Kallis told Australia Associated Press during the the South

Australian Resources and Energy Investment Conference in Adelaide. Petrathem plans to drill the deep Paralana-3 production well in the second half of 2011 and complete the final tests during the first half of 2012.

It said this would allow the commercial commissioning of the power plant by the end of 2012. If so, the company will commission a 3.75 megawatt power plant.

Xinhua

WFP to provide rice to displaced families in S Philippines

COTABATO CITY, 4 May—The UN World Food Programme (WFP) is launching Wednesday a food assistance project for families displaced by conflict between government security forces and Muslim separatist rebels in southern Philippines.

Zoharayda Taha, regional social welfare director, said as part of ongoing efforts to address the early recovery needs of internally displaced people, her agency is committing to provide WFP with some 18,800 tonnes of iron-fortified rice.

The programme will benefit at

least 106,000 families in the Provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, and Sultan Kudarat.

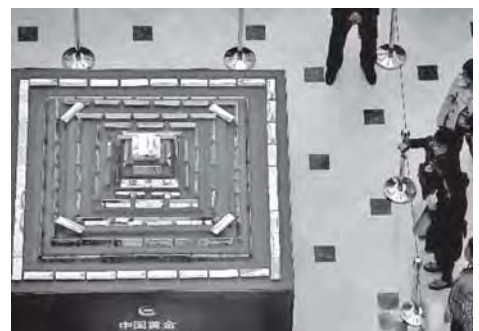
WFP in the Philippines has been using food assistance and hot meals to boost school enrolment and attendance especially in Mindanao.

WFP's Food for Education programme in the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao and adjacent areas uses food support as an incentive to promote school attendance and reduce dropouts in conflict-affected areas.

Xinhua

Citizens view gold bricks in a shopping mall in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 2 May, 2011. Some 148 gold bricks with total weight of 1,850 kilograms are exhibited here.

XINHUA



Only when people keep abreast of knowledge-based society in international community will nation have prosperous future

Myanmar will see more freedom of press to be bestowed in line with constitution

YANGON, 4 May—The Media Corner Supervisory Committee of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA) inaugurated the Media Corner at the facility in front of the City Hall in Kyauktada Township, here, on 2 May.

Yangon Region Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs Daw San San Nwe, Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and the secretary of MWJA formally opened the Media Corner.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe observed the

displays of newspapers, publications and stationery in the Media Corner. They also visited the Media Corner at the corner of Pansodan Street and Maha Bandoola Street in Kyauktada Township and the Media Corner of Yangon General Hospital on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Latha Township.

A ceremony to open the media corners took place at the hall of MWJA in Sarpay Beikman Building. Minister U Kyaw Hsan in his speech said that the opening of the media corners is the launch of a media service that will bring great benefits to the nation, the people and literary professionals. Media

corners inspire the people to read more and broaden their horizons.

At the Age of Knowledge today, only when Myanmar people keep abreast of international community in knowledge will the nation have a prosperous future.

Opening of media corners under the leadership of MWJA is a landmark in the history of the media.

He urged proprietors, supervisors and customers to extend a helping hand for cleanliness, systematization and all-round development of the corners.

He spoke of the need to open similar



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe enjoy books, journals, magazines and stationery on show at Media Corner in Kyauktada Township.—MNA

facilities in other Regions and States. In that regard, the Ministry of Information will deal

with governments of Regions and States. All are to try not only for rural residents but also for rural folks, who make up the majority of the people, to have easy access to publications.

World's democracies are handling the print media in their national interests. In Myanmar there will be more freedom of press to be bestowed in line with constitution. Professionals in the print media will have a sense of responsibility. The most important in this case is to put national interest in the fore, he said.

Chairman of the Supervisory Commit-

tee U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tekkatho) explained the functions of the corners.

U Maung Myo and Daw Li Li Hla (Two Cats Bookstore Family) donated 5000 copies of publications worth K 6 million, and film stars Yan Kyaw and May Khalar, K 1 million to the Myanmar Libraries Foundation.

There is a plan to open 29 media corners in Yangon : 7 each in Pazundaung Township and Botahtaung Township; 5 in Kyauktada Township; 2 in Pabedan Township; 3 in Latha Township; and 5 in Lanmadaw Township.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attend opening of Media Corner in Kyauktada Township.—MNA

Myanmar Fire Brigade...

(from page 1)

Myanmar Fire Brigade is discharging duties not only for fire fighting but also for carrying rescue and relief works whenever the nation faces natural disasters. Therefore, the search and rescue teams have been formed at the fire brigades in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Region, Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region, Mon State and Taninthayi Region as the auxiliary forces.

Moreover, the fire brigade has ambulances for saving lives in time. With regard to extended works of fire brigade members, the director-general said, "Call us on telephone if it is necessary to send patients from anywhere. We will come to you for providing assistance."

Fire brigade members trained as a first-aid attendants will take care of patients on ambulance on

the way to hospital.

Next, we met Director U Kyaw Thura of FSD. He explained, "FSD (Head Office in Yangon) is extend one section named Research and Development Section with the aim of studying international fire fighting technology and building the fire brigade to meet international standard."

Deputy Director U Thein Tun Oo said that an educative tele-play on fire fighting has been created by director Maung Myo

Min (Yindwinphyit) and it will soon be screened through MRTV, Myawady and MRTV-4.

All the people can

enjoy the tele-play that will depict loyalty of Myanmar Fire Brigade to the people with loving-kindness in commemoration of the

65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:

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Fire brigade members participate in a fire-drill as they use ordinary fire extinguishers to put out a hut fire.

Plan to launch region-wise national immunization...

(from page 1)

As a result, Myanmar was free from polio from 2000 to early 2006. However, polio virus was found in PyinOoLwin Township in May 2006, Kayan, Hpa-an and Pyu Townships in May 2007 and Chaungzon Township in December 2007. In addition, wild virus of polio was found in Maungtau Township due to weak coverage of polio vaccination. Therefore, polio vaccination resumed in 180 related townships, he said.

After polio free period from December 2007 to

November 2010, polio virus was found by Pyasi rural health centre in Yamethin District on 6 December 2010. Immediately, over 10,000 children from Pyasi village and its surrounding villages were fed polio vaccine.

Therefore, a plan was adopted to hold region-wise national immunization days in May and June 2011 for giving polio vaccine to 2.9 million children under five from 126 townships of nine Regions and States sharing border with Mandalay Region.

Region-wise national immunization days (2011) will be launched through two steps. The first step will be held from 14 to 16 May 2011 and the second step from 11 to 13 June 2011.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

JICA joins Forestry to conserve mangrove forests, dry zone



Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun receives Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr. Hideo MIYAMOTO.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun received Mr. Hideo MIYAMOTO, Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) at the ministry here this morning. They held discussion on JICA's cooperation in conservation of mangrove forests and dry zone conservation and present and future tasks.—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives President of Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd Mr. Yuan Xi Zhong and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received President Mr. Yuan Xi Zhong of Central China Power Grid International Economic & Trade Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China and party at his office here yesterday evening. Both sides discussed matters related to construction of Power Grids and sub power stations, and cooperation in technology. MNA

All economic forces to harmoniously realize market economic system

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The Ministry of Cooperatives is to render assistance for improvement of socio-economic life of peasants and workers, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint said in the meeting

with staff at the ministry, here, this morning.

He stressed the need for all economic forces namely State, the regional organizations, cooperatives and private entrepreneurs to harmoniously make collabora-

tive efforts for gaining achievements in the market economic system.

The minister called on all the staff of the ministry to actively participate in their respective sectors.

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Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint meets staff at meeting hall of the ministry.—MNA

Third-day session of MMCWA's 21st AGM concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Third-day session of 21st annual general meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued at MMCWA building in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning, chaired by Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha.

After the sugges-

tion and submission were discussed, the session passed four resolutions and 17 future tasks.

Wife of Union Minister for Health Dr Daw Mon Mon Aung and Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha presented K 1 million to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees of regions

and states, K 1 million to be spent on referring pregnancy to decline maternal death rate, and K 0.1 million each to outstanding volunteers, provided by MMCWA (central).

The session successfully concluded with remarks by the vice-president.

MNA

No polythene bags and ropes in Yangon municipal area

YANGON, 4 May—Yangon City Development Committee has informed polythene bag and rope manufacturers that the committee does not allow the manufactures producing, storing and selling the polythene bags and ropes in the municipal area of Yangon Region any longer, and those who turn a blind eye to the instruction will be punished

with existing rules and regulations.

Township administrators concerned are now placing their eyes on the manufacturers in respective townships whether they follow the instructions.

Nevertheless, the committee does allow manufacturing recyclable plastic bags that can easily decay.—MNA

A&I Union Minister receives foreign guests

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Chairman Mr GD Shah and party of India-based Nipha Export (P) Ltd at the ministry yesterday

morning. They discussed matters related to improvement project for edible oil crops. MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Chairman Mr GD Shah and party of India-based Nipha Export (P) Ltd.—MNA



Universities under Science & Tech Ministry to chase sustainable research development



Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint meets faculty members of universities in Yangon Region under the ministry.—MNA

YANGON, 4 May — Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint asked the strive for sustainable research development in meeting with rectors, principles, professors/deans and lecturers of universities, schools and training centres under the ministry at Auditorium of Yangon Technological University on 1 May.

He also inspected lecturer rooms, practical lab, libraries and

workshop at the university.

The Minister visited training being conducted jointly with India and Japan at Yangon Technological University and Information and Communication Technology Training Centre (Hline).

The Union Minister inspected Technological University (Hmawby), Yangon University of Computer Studies and Technological University (Thanlyin) on 2 May.—MNA

Log trucks not to be overloaded to avoid road damages stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — A work coordination meeting for meeting targets of timber production in Magway Region for 2011-12 fiscal year was held at Government Office of Magway Region yesterday, with an address by Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe.

The deputy general manager of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and the superintending engineer of Public Works reported to the Chief Minister on their respective works.

Next, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin stressed the need for and called for

constant maintenance of roads.

After hearing reports on timber production and transportation of logs by responsible persons of companies, the Chief Minister called on them to use systematic ways and means in logging and transportation.

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Work coordination meeting for meeting targets of timber production in Magway Region for 2011-12 fiscal year in progress.

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Dekkhinathiri Tsp gears up for achieving targeted rice acres

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung assisted farmers in Dekkhinathiri Township in making efforts for achieving the targeted acres of rice on irrigated field on 28 April.

At the meeting with the farmers in Ywama Village-tract in the township, U Than Aung discussed with them planting of rice on irrigated fields in

summer, land preparation, irrigation, planting quality paddy strains and applying right cultivation method.

After the meeting, he visited Kyarku dam which is under construction by the Irrigation Department and the DY-2 canal of Ngaleik Dam irrigating rice field in Ywama Village-tract and Gyaing Village-tract in Dekkhinathiri Township. During the

visit, he called for the maintenance of the canal and effective use of irrigation water from the canal. He also visited the rice field in Gyaing Village-tract.

Dekkhinathiri Township sets its target of 905 acres of rice in summer, and so far, 644 acres of irrigated field have been put under rice. Efforts are being made to meet the target of the township.

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Chin State Chief Minister inspects regional development undertakings

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai inspected cultivation of summer paddy in Kaikan Village, Tiddim Township and land to

be reclaimed in Shahtawzan Village, Tunzan Township on 2 May.

In meeting with community elders, and villagers at the village Post Primary School,

the chief minister explained guidance of the President and future tasks and called for concerted efforts in undertaking regional development tasks.

MNA

Art Sky Star for art lovers

YANGON, 4 May—Seven artists will show off 125 masterpieces depicting Myanmar scenic beauties at the Art Sky Star through oil

colour, water colour and acrylic methods.

The gallery will be kept open at the fine arts hall of the Ministry of Culture at No. 8 on

Komin Kochin Road in Bahan Township from 9 am to 5 pm daily. The show will last from 10 to 15 May.

MNA

BBC has entertained fabricated news blatantly again

Aung Shin

To my dismay, recently, BBC which manufactures varieties of fabrications that Myanmar people are embarrassed to hear, aired distorted news about the Tatmadaw.

For an ordinary public member, once he listens to what BBC airs, he understands that there is no grain of truth in the broadcasts. As usual, the radio station is making up stories, claiming BC numbers of army officers as though they got the news from reliable sources. I have to mention it with all seriousness lest the people will be misled into believing what it is saying.

Everyone who has learnt knows well that the news stories from BBC correspondent U Than from Sangkhla Buri have no ground. So many times, BBC has entertained the news stories U Than sends to it, without inquiring whether the stories he sends are true or not. The stories BBC airs flagrantly are such big jokes that what news listeners get are nothing more than upset feelings.

Again in the run-up to the Myanmar New Year, BBC airs several news stories both on radio and online repeatedly. The news so-called army officers sent to BBC was baseless and so was that by BBC correspondent U Than. The news stories are designed to sow hatred among Tatmadaw members and to deceive the people. They are also intended to spark public panic through rumours.

On 14 April evening, BBC said both on radio and online that according to a sergeant from LIR (709), at about 8 pm on Tuesday, Yangon Region special squads raided a combined force of troops from LIR (709) and LIR (710) in Taikkyi under the command of No (4) Operations Control Headquarters in Hmawby, Yangon Region, leaving 3 seriously injured.

The news was totally groundless. Indeed, LIR (709) and LIR (710) are in serial order, but are based in different regions: LIR (709) in Hlegu Township and LIR (710) in Taikkyi. Families of the soldiers of both regiments enjoyed themselves celebrating the Water Festival with charity programmes daily, let alone exchanges of gunfire between them.

Families of the two regiments neither listened to nor knew BBC news. Only when responsible officers at internal meeting made further clarification to the news aimed at breaking up the Tatmadaw did families come to know that. So, BBC's made-up news really irritates families of servicemen.

The station also aired a news story on LIR (91) based in Hmawby on 29 and 31 March and 15 April. The name of the commanding officer it mentioned was not correct. It aired brazenly as if that were a true story. In the news provided by U

Than, it often says "according to a sergeant speaking on condition of anonymity"

On 15 April evening, BBC aired a news story from U Than that according to a private, Company Commander Captain Aung Myo Min from LIR (91) was killed in the gunfire of security forces from outside the regiment. He said that after a 15-minute walk from the regiment, he heard gunfire; that then the commanding officer commanded other ranks on duty to inspect the scene; and that they found Captain Aung Myo Min dead with his pistol in his hand about 150 yards from the rear fence of the regiment with the intention of building up to a tragic climax.

Ordinary people might believe the news as it mentioned the army officer by name. In reality, there is no captain named Aung Myo Min in LIR (91), thus indicating that BBC is completely unreliable for news.

Then, anti-government websites echoed BBC made-up story to drive a wedge among the troops in Yangon Command Headquarters.

The people and servicemen do not trust such fabricated news stories, and their intention "to undermine internal unity of regiments" was never successful. Once a person knows that the news story he has heard is merely a made-up story, he is disgusted with it.

Today, the nation is shaping the Tatmadaw into a strong, modern patriotic one. Only then, will the Tatmadaw born of the people continue to win trust and reliance from the people and admiration from the international community. And it will be able to guard the nation and the people against dangers on a self-reliant basis in times of emergency.

Under a bounden duty, the Tatmadaw protects the nation and is smoothly transforming the nation from old to new system with the sound foundations it has laid in various sectors. Due to its internal unity, the Tatmadaw has shouldered political duties successfully apart from its three major duties.

In accordance with the motto "We will remain united whoever divides us", the Tatmadaw maintains its consolidated unity among its members under the leadership of new generation leaders. Tatmadaw members uphold Our Three Main National Causes, risking life and limb for stability and peace of the nation and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Moreover, the Tatmadaw is the driving force behind the building of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in collaboration to strengthen the Tatmadaw and ward off attempts to break up the Tatmadaw. Nevertheless, anti-government elements who hate to see that are

using the media as a tool. The people are capable enough of distinguishing between good and bad. Tatmadaw members have taken an oath to sacrifice their lives for the country and the people, and are well-trained in code of conduct and self-discipline. So, they cannot be deceived by such news stories.

Certain foreign radio stations repeatedly air anti-government news stories without inquiring whether they are from reliable sources. In particular, they organize those who have deserted the Tatmadaw for various reasons as informers and air baseless stories to paralyze the Tatmadaw.

An article by Myo Chit Maung featured in the 2010 December 6 issues of daily newspapers disclosed the acts of the National Endowment for Democracy that provides dollars for anti-government groups. Many media centres issue such news stories again and again to the liking of dollar providers.

Deserters in foreign countries formed Patriotic War Veterans of Burma (PWVB), dealing with NED. Traitor deserters are active in sowing discords among Tatmadaw members to destroy internal unity of the Tatmadaw. In addition, they issue hypothetical news stories on air and online.

The majority of the PWVB members have to stay hiding as refugees or dissidents in the countries where they are. Dancing to the tunes of their masters, the members commit acts to collect local news from online and persuade Tatmadaw members to defect from the Tatmadaw. Furthermore, at the border of the other country they are organizing deserters who left the Tatmadaw because of their weakness in observing discipline and in conviction and ordering them to commit terrorist acts including bomb blasts.

In fact, most of the PWVB members are deserters who left Myanmar Tatmadaw out of misbehaviours following their punishments and stay abroad. They have to make a mountain out of a molehill and distort what they have experienced in the hope of getting dollars if they present any forms of anti-government news stories. They even exploit one another for dollars, selling news about fellow members to the authorities concerned.

The reason why they make up news stories is to lead an easy life and stay as political refugees in the foreign countries they are staying. Yet, dollar-earning BBC staff members are entertaining the distorted news though they know the provided news stories are fake ones.

Therefore, I would say that Tatmadaw members do not place any trust in such news stories, and for the people there is no point getting into a panic due to BBC news.

Translation: MS

Rescue underway for 13 Mexican miners



Rescue workers prepare to enter a coal mine in the town of San Juan de las Sabinas, Coahuila, northwest Mexico, on 3 May, 2011. At least 13 Mexican miners were trapped on Tuesday after an explosion in the coal mine caused partial collapse of the structure.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 4 May—Mexico's President Felipe Calderon has announced the federal and state governments are doing "everything possible" to rescue 13 miners. The miners were trapped in a coal mine in the northern state of Coahuila. Calderon says his government is working closely with state authorities in Coahuila. The

accident took place in Coahuila's Sabinas municipality, after an explosion in the coal mine operated by the Spanish company BIMSA. The explosion caused a partial collapse of the mining structure. The cause of the explosion remains unclear. The exact number of miners hurt by the explosion is also unknown.—Xinhua



A truck drives through floodwaters in an area intentionally flooded by the US Army Corp of Engineers in Charleston, Missouri, on 3 May, 2011.

XINHUA

Mexico City struggles to combat environmental problems

MEXICO CITY, 4 May—Government efforts over the past 20 years have improved air quality in this Mexican Capital but much remains to be done, local environment chief Martha Delgado said on Tuesday. In an interview with *Xinhua*, Delgado said in mid-1980s, air quality in rapidly growing Mexico City was so poor that it was almost impossible to spot the mountain peaks surrounding the metropolitan area.

During the days between 1986 and 1991, dark shades stained the skies all year-round, but with accelerated government efforts, much has been changed since then, she said. The national capital has not registered even a single day with extremely bad air quality these days, she added.

"The environment is under other pressures such as urban expansion, illegal logging and improper disposal of construction waste," she said.

To cope with the problems, Mexico City has formulated a "Green Plan," which involves efforts from at least 20 departments of the federal and capital governments.—Xinhua

Autistic children have bigger brains

BEIJING, 4 May—Children with autism have slightly bigger brains than children without the condition, a study suggests. The research published in the May issue of *Archives of General Psychiatry* noted the difference in the brain size appears related to increased rates of brain growth before age 2.

The researchers from the University of North Carolina also pointed out that though the enlargement continues, the increased growth does not.

In 2005, the researchers studied a group of 2-year-old children, and found out the ones with autism had brains that were 5% to 10% larger than children without it. Now the researchers assessed the same group of children at age 5, the psychiatrists re-scanned the brains of 38 children with autism and 21 without the condition. The autistic children still had slightly larger brains, but they had grown at the same rate as the comparison group.

This finding could lead to a better understanding of the genes that drive autism, which, in turn, could lead to earlier identification and treatment of the disorder, said study researcher Joseph Piven, MD, according to media report.

Xinhua



A car is damaged during a tornado in Albany, North Auckland, New Zealand, on 3 May, 2011. At least two people have died and more than 20 people were injured after a freak tornado ripped through a shopping mall in the north of New Zealand's largest city of Auckland Tuesday.—XINHUA

Grape tomatoes recalled in US over salmonella scare

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—A US food company announced on Tuesday that it is voluntarily recalling grape tomatoes after a sample tested positive for salmonella.

The tomatoes were distributed to the US State of California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Georgia, as well as Canada, according to the Six L's Packing Company Inc, based in Immokalee, Florida.

But the company said it has received no report of illness in relation

with the product.

The recalled tomatoes were traced to a farm in Estero, Florida, the company said in a statement.

The US Department of Agriculture alerted the company after an inspector found the contamination at a New York distributor, according to the statement.

The recalled product was packed on 11 April under the Cherry Berry lot code DW-H in clam shells or 20-pound cardboard containers, said the statement.

Xinhua

Fewer American families own TV set

LOS ANGELES, 4 May—Fewer American households own a television set in 2010, representing the first reduction in 20 years, Nielsen Co said on Tuesday. The overall estimates of American homes which own a TV set totaled 114.7 million, down from 115.9 million from previous year, or a decline to 96.7 percent from 98.9 percent, Nielsen said, basing its estimates on the 2010 US Census.

This is the first time since 1992 when a decline was first registered, which has since been followed by a significant growth, the company said.

Driving the downward trend are several potential factors, the global marketing and advertising research company said. These

include a shift from analog to digital broadcasting in 2009, a dismal economy which has seen consumers, especially those with lower incomes or living in rural areas, had to give up their television-watching habits.

Watching television on a computer or tablet device is getting more

popular, the company said.

In addition, more and more people, with urban consumers in particular, have access to video content across a variety of platforms including mobile devices and online, and many chose to stop subscribing to paid TV programmes, according to Nielsen.

Xinhua



An advertising van is on fire in Tsim Sha Tsui of Hong Kong, south China, on 2 May, 2011. The fire was put out by fire fighters. No casualty was reported.—XINHUA

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Before anti-osteoporosis drug, change diet

URBANA, 4 May — Before a doctor prescribes bone-building medication as a result of a bone density scan, US researchers suggest diet changes and supplements. Karen Chapman-Novakofski, a professor of nutrition at University of Illinois, says prescription bone-building medications are expensive and many have side effects, including an increase in hip fractures and jaw necrosis, and should be used as a last resort.

The review, published in the journal *Nutrients*, reported adults who increase their intake of calcium and vitamin D usually increase bone mineral density and reduce the risk for hip fracture significantly — often via supplements, but food is also a good source of these nutrients. "I suspect that many doctors reach for their prescription pads because they believe it's unlikely that people will change their diets," Chapman-Novakofski says

in a statement.

Lead author Karen Plawewski, director of the University of Illinois dietetics programme, says menopausal women should consume 1,200 milligrams of calcium a day. "Three glasses of 1 percent to skim milk will get you up to 900 milligrams," Plawewski says. "The rest can easily be obtained through calcium-rich and calcium-fortified foods." Examples of foods fortified with calcium and vitamin D are soy milk, orange juice, yogurt, crackers, cereal, bread, breakfast bars and even pancakes, Plawewski suggests.

Internet

Swiss climber sets new Eiger speed record

GRINDEL WALD, 4 May — A Swiss climber says he set a speed record by scaling the north face of the Eiger in 2 hours and 28 minutes, beating the previous record by nearly 20 minutes. Dani Arnold, 27, said he scaled the 13,025-foot Bernese Alps mountain's north face, which involves a 5,905-foot vertical ascent, April 20 and beat the speed record set in 2008 by Ueli Steck, Swissinfo reported on Monday.

"Before I started climbing I was afraid, but once I set off, those thoughts were gone," the climber said. "I really didn't do any special training at all," Arnold said.

Internet



Walking on water : A man walks on water with a plastic ball on the surface of the lake in front of the Schweriner Palace in the eastern German city of Schwerin.— INTERNET

Some stress said to improve learning

BRISTOL, 4 May — Studying for tests at the last minute in a stressed-out state might be the best way to learn it helps the brain form stronger memories, British researchers say. Scientists at the University of Bristol say hormones pro-

duced during periods of stress cause changes in brain cells that increase the efficiency with which memories are stored, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Sunday.

Stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenalin amplify a mechanism that "reprograms" DNA in the brain, triggering changes in the way the genes inside neurons function and so enhances their learning, Bristol neuroscientist Hans Reul said. The change in the brain in response to stress may cause nerve cells to grow larger and develop larger communication networks, he said.—Internet



A woman looks at her bankbook close to a row of the National Agricultural Cooperative Federation ATMs in Seoul on 3 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Retinal implants give patient independence

FORT LAUDERDALE, 4 May — Sub-retinal implants restored useful visual function and enabled study participants to improve performance in daily activities, a German researcher says.

Dr Eberhart Zrenner, director and chairman of the Institute for Ophthalmic Research at the Center for

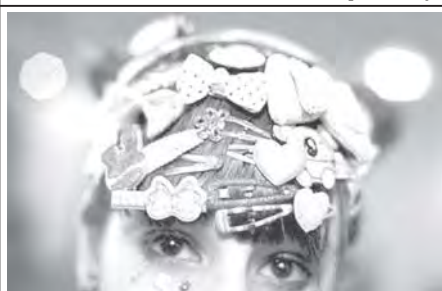
Ophthalmology of the University of Tuebingen, Germany, is one of six Retina Implant-related presenters at the Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology annual meeting convening in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Officials at Retina Implant AG, a developer of sub-retinal implants, says

preliminary results of the company's second clinical trial involved seven patients who received a permanent sub-retinal implant in one eye with the power supply implanted beneath the skin.

The participating patients achieved statistically significant or highly significant vision performance when identifying geometrical shapes and common table placement items. The benefit of permanent implantation enables them to move more freely when participating in activities of daily living outside a laboratory in real-life settings, the researchers say.

"The results presented today provide continued encouragement in the fight to restore useful vision to retinitis pigmentosa patients," Zrenner says in a statement.—Internet



Clip collector : A fan of Manga comics poses with her manga character costume during the 6th edition of the "Polymanga" show, the major Swiss convention on manga, video games and Japanese culture, in Lausanne.— INTERNET

Side effects if two depression drugs used

DALLAS, 4 May — Doctors should not prescribe combinations of antidepressant medications for patients with major depressive disorder, US researchers say. Principal investigator Dr Madhukar H Trivedi, professor of psychiatry of the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, says researchers at 15 sites nationwide studied 665 patients ages 18-75 with major depressive disorder. Three treatment groups were formed and prescribed antidepressant medications already approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

One group received escitalopram — a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor and a placebo. The second group received the same selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor paired with bupropion, a non-tricyclic antidepressant, and a third group took different antidepressants — venlafaxine and mirtazapine.—Internet

College teacher, family killed in home

NORTHAMPTON, 4 May — Investigators believe a couple and their two daughters found stabbed to death in their home were targeted by their killers, British police said on Monday. The bodies were discovered in the house in Wootton outside Northampton at about 6 pm Sunday, *The Independent* reported. Neighbors became worried about the family and called police.

Police had not released the names of the victims late Monday. Neighbours identified them as Jifeng "Jeff" Ding, 46, Helen Chui, 47, Xing, who was usually known as Nancy 18, and Alice, 11. Ding was a lecturer in the department of chemistry and environmental science at Manchester Metropolitan University.—Internet



Visitors walk in the Long Ting scenic area in Kaifeng, central China's Henan Province, on 1 May, 2011. According to report of Henan Tourism Bureau Holiday Office, the province accepted a total of 17.749 million visitors during May Day holidays.

10-foot gator chomps on Fla deputy's cruiser

A 10-foot-long alligator has taken a bite out of a Florida deputy sheriff's cruiser.

Authorities say Alachua County Deputy Victor Borrero spotted the gator Saturday evening near the Gainesville Golf and Country Club. It attacked the patrol car while the deputy was waiting for an alligator trapper to show up.

Sheriff's spokesman Todd Kelly says the car's front bumper was heavily damaged.

A Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokeswoman said the alligator was put down under the state's nuisance gator policy. Under that policy, the trapper is allowed to keep meat and hide from the gator.



A trainer instructs a monkey to perform during a wistaria festival in a shrine in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 2 May, 2011.

News Album

Cleveland thieves return stolen Superman sign

Thieves have returned a historical marker that stood near the Cleveland house where two high school classmates created the Superman character in 1933.

The executive director of the Glenville neighbourhood's development corporation, Tracey Kirksey, tells *The Plain Dealer* newspaper the undamaged marker was left outside a fire station and found by police Monday morning.

The marker honors Superman creators Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. A saw was used to remove the aluminum plaque from atop a pole last month.

Kirksey suspects thieves thought it was bronze and planned to sell it as scrap metal. She says it'll be stored until it can be remounted.

The city installed the plaque eight years ago, on the 65th anniversary of the 1938 release of "Action Comics" No 1, in which Superman made his debut.

Cuban, breaking own record, rolls longest cigar



The world's longest cigar that stretched 268 feet 4 inches (81.8 metres), or most of the length of a football field, is seen in Havana on 3 May, 2011.

A Cuban cigar roller broke his own record on Tuesday by rolling the world's longest cigar, a monster smoke that stretched 268 feet 4 inches (81.8 metres), or most of the length of a football field. Resting on tables, it sprawled through El Morro, an old Spanish fort overlooking Havana

Bay, where Cuba is holding its annual International Tourism Fair.

The cigar, once it is officially accepted by Guinness World Records in London, will eclipse the previous record cigar of 148 feet 9 inches (45.38 metres), both rolled by Jose Castelar Cairo, better known as "Cueto. Cueto, 67, has set the record four previous times and feels it is a matter of national pride for Cuba, producer of the world's finest cigars, to keep it. "It has to be in Cuba always because Cuba is where the best tobacco in the world is," he said. Cueto, who learned cigar rolling when he was 5 years old, started work on the current cigar on 25 April and had help from several assistants. The length of the cigar was verified by Rhys Patrick of the British embassy in Havana, who said the information would be sent in a letter to Guinness requesting confirmation of the record.

Rosie Huntington-Whiteley named Maxim's 2011 hottest woman in world



Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, *CinemaCon* Female Star of Tomorrow, poses during *CinemaCon*, the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners, in Las Vegas, Nevada on 31 March, 2011.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 4 May—British Victoria's Secret model Rosie Huntington-Whiteley has been entitled new Maxim's hottest woman in the world, according to People.com.

Famous male magazine "Maxim" just released its annual Hot 100 list Tuesday, and Huntington-Whiteley was named as the hottest female celebrity in 2011.

Huntington-Whiteley co-stars with Shia LaBeouf in this summer's blockbuster "Transformers: Dark of the Moon." Her

predecessor Megan Fox came in at the 17th place on the list.

Huntington-Whiteley told Maxim, "It's a great title to have for a year, and you can have some

fun with it, I think."

New British princess Kate Middleton occupied the 26th place, while Harry Potter star Emma Watson ranked 69th, teen queen Miley Cyrus in slot 64, Glee stars Naya Rivera and Lea Michele at 43rd and 28th.

Other named stars included trouble-prone Lindsay Lohan (No 38), Scarlett Johansson (14th), January Jones (12th) and Cameron Diaz (No 4).—Xinhua



Greek comic hero Vengos.

Greek comic hero Vengos dies at 84

ATHENS, 4 May—Greece's leaders are paying tribute to Thanassis Vengos, a popular comic actor who died at age 84 following a series of strokes.

Officials at a state hospital in Athens say Vengos died early Tuesday.

President Karolos Papoulias described him as "a wonderful, charismatic person with a rare sense of kindness."

Vengos, once imprisoned for his left-wing sympathies, made his name in slapstick comedies in the 1960s but also earned respect from his peers while working under the country's leading directors. In 1995, he starred in Theo Angelopoulos' "Ulysses Gaze" along with US actor Harvey Keitel.—Internet

Jiang Wen meets De Niro in New York

BEIJING, 4 May—Director Jiang Wen's blockbuster "Let the Bullets Fly" was screened for the last time at the Tribeca Film Festival on 29 April. With a capacity crowd, the film succeeded in its first overseas screening.

Actor and director Robert De Niro, president of the film festival, invited Jiang to his home after the screening.

The two filmmaking heavyweights had a friendly chat during the event and discussed their future work schedules.

De Niro congratulated Jiang and said, "The Tribeca Film Festival makes artistic quality its selection criteria. I appreciate the wisdom and humor in the movie rather than the box office success."

Jiang also received a positive



Director Jiang Wen meets with actor and director Robert De Niro(L).—XINHUA

response from "The Godfather" superstar when he asked him to join his new film project.

Ma Ke, the producer of "Let the Bullets Fly," told the media that Jiang would meet several of his friends in the United States, including Martin Scorsese, because he was seeking an opportunity to work directly with Hollywood during his trip.

Xinhua



Actress Li Bingbing attends the launching ceremony of the official website of the film "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 May, 2011. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan", a film joined by Li Bingbing, Gianna Jun and Hugh Jackman, will debut this summer.

XINHUA

FIFA to test goal line tech by July 2012

ZURICH, 4 May—Football's lawmakers will re-evaluate controversial goal line technology in July 2012 after a fresh battery of tests on equipment, FIFA said on Tuesday.

World football's governing body invited equipment makers to take part



in a two-stage technical testing process between September 2011 and March 2012, which will be verified by an independent technical institute.

"The final results of this evaluation will be presented to the International Football Association Board (IFAB) at a special meeting in July 2012," FIFA said in a statement.

Internet

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Ronaldo vents fury at Barcelona favouritism

BARCELONA, 4 May—Real Madrid's Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo repeated coach Jose Mourinho's claims that bitter rivals Barcelona were favoured by referees here on Tuesday after a 1-1 draw in their Champions League semi-final second leg match saw Barca progress 3-1 on aggregate.

The former Manchester United player - who was outshone by Barcelona's two-time world player of the year Lionel Messi over the two legs - was especially incensed by the decision of Belgian referee Frank De Bleckere to rule out a Gonzalo Higuain goal early in the second-half.



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo

De Bleckere - one of several referees to be targeted by Mourinho's outburst following the first leg last week - decided that Ronaldo had fouled Javier Mascherano in the lead-up to the goal, though, it was harsh as Barca defender Gerard Pique had pushed Ronaldo initially.

Internet

Time is right for Van der Sar retirement

MANCHESTER, 4 May—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson backed Edwin van der Sar's decision to retire here Tuesday, saying the Dutch veteran had picked the perfect time to hang up his goalkeeping gloves.

Van der Sar will quit football at the end of the current campaign, bringing

the curtain down on a glittering career at club and international level.

The 40-year-old has enjoyed a superb swansong season with Manchester United, prompting calls from several team-mates for him to rethink his decision.—Internet

Internet

McIlroy moving on from Masters disappointment

CHARLOTTE, 4 May—The first time Rory McIlroy recalls watching the Masters on TV was in 1996. And like any other 6-year-old already smitten with the game, he no doubt dreamed of being on that stage himself one day.

Sure enough, he was. Only he didn't play the role of his golfing idol, Nick Faldo, who rallied from a six-shot deficit with a 67 to win a third green jacket.

He was more like Greg

Djokovic rolls to 28th straight win



Novak Djokovic.

MADRID, 4 May—Novak Djokovic extended his winning streak to 28 consecutive matches at the Madrid Masters on Wednesday, putting the Serb within striking distance of the

record for the all-time best season start in tennis.

The second seed now has a chance to draw level with Ivan Lendl, who went 29 matches without defeat at the start of the 1986 season, but Djokovic says he is only interested in replacing Rafael Nadal atop the ATP ranking.

"It's a great honour and flattering to be part of the elite, but it's not my priority," said Djokovic,

a 6-3, 6-4 winner against South Africa's Kevin Anderson.

"I'm only taking it one match at a time and just hoping I can keep winning."

Djokovic worked for one hour and 40 minutes for his victory over Anderson, winner of his home title at Johannesburg in February and a clay quarter-finalist last week in Estoril.—Internet

S P O R T S

Celtic look to seize back title lead from Rangers



Celtic's Scott Brown (L) celebrates after scoring against Rangers with South Korean midfielder, Ki Sung Yuang in Glasgow.

GLASGOW, 4 May—Celtic have the chance to take the initiative in the title race if they can claim a win away to Inverness Caledonian Thistle on Wednesday.

Victory would take Celtic back to the top of the Scottish Premier League and two points clear of bitter rivals and defending champions Rangers.

Celtic know their destiny is in their own hands with four wins in their final four matches guaranteeing the championship returning to Parkhead for the first time in three years.

It is a long way from where the club found themselves this time last year as they finished a disappointing season under former boss Tony Mowbray trophyless.

Internet

World Cup final ref Webb gets United-Chelsea clash



Referee Howard Webb

LONDON, 4 May—World Cup final referee Howard Webb will be in charge for the potentially Premier League title-deciding clash between Manchester United and Chelsea at Old Trafford this weekend, it was announced on Tuesday.

Victory for Chelsea on Sunday would see

them go ahead of United on goal difference with just two games of the season left.

United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has resorted to a familiar tactic recently in complaining about the number of decisions that have gone against his side.

He was given a five-game touchline ban after criticising referee Martin Atkinson for his performance during the first league meeting this season between the two sides at Stamford Bridge in March.—Internet

Beckham still wants to play at 2012 London Games



England football star David Beckham.

LONDON, 4 May—David Beckham still wants a place on Britain's Olympic soccer team at next year's London Games. Even though he played the last of his 115 internationals for England in October 2009 and missed last year's World Cup because of injury, the former England captain believes he will be fit enough to play on Britain's first Olympic soccer team since 1960. But the midfielder will be 37 when the soccer tournament starts on July 25, 2012, and said Wednesday that his best chance to make the Olympics may be as part of the coaching team or backup staff.

"So far I've heard that I'm going to be managing, coaching, playing," Beckham said.

He instead accompanied his teammates to South Africa as a liaison between coach Fabio Capello and the players. "For a soccer team to go into the Olympics in England, it's a huge thing," Beckham said. "So yes, I would like to be part of it in some way and playing would be a bonus." Beckham appeared regularly with the London bidding team that secured the right to host the Olympics and was born in east London, where the games will be held.—Internet

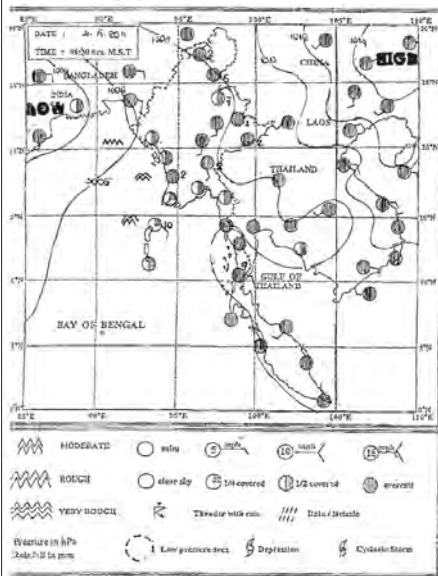


Manchester United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar kicks the ball during a training session at the Allianz Arena in Munich, 2010.—INTERNET

Bobcats F Cunningham faces drug-possession charge

RADNOR, 4 May—Police say Charlotte Bobcats forward Dante Cunningham faces a drug-possession charge after police found a small amount of marijuana in his pickup during a traffic stop in suburban Philadelphia. Radnor Township Police Superintendent William Colarulo says officers responding to a reckless driving complaint on Friday stopped the former Villanova star. Colarulo says officers smelled marijuana and recovered a suspicious substance after Cunningham consented to a search. That search also turned up a pellet gun in violation of a local ordinance. Cunningham was arraigned and released on bail. Messages left with the team were not immediately returned Tuesday.—Internet



WEATHER**Wednesday, 4th May, 2011****Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Magway and Ayeyarwady Regions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Yangon Region, Shan, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Regions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Yangon Region and Rakhine State, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Sagaing Region Shan and Kayah States, (7°C) below May average temperatures in Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin State and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chank (39°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Takaung (3.35) inches, Pyhuu (1.81) inches, Moekok (1.77) inches, Pinlaung (1.69) inches, Thabeikkyin (1.56) inches and Kanbalu (1.02) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2011 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 4-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall

since 1-1-2011 was (8.82) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (8.50) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (4.26) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from South-East at (06:30) hours MST on 4-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy in the Southwest and East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 5th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Magway, Bago and Ayeyarwady Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5th May: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

UCI takes legal action against cyclist Landis

GENEVA, 4 May – World cycling chief Pat McQuaid has taken legal action against disgraced former Tour de France winner Floyd Landis for libel, the governing body said on Wednesday.

McQuaid, the president of the International Cycling Union (UCI), and former president Hein Verbruggen, “have lodged a case in the Swiss courts against Mr Floyd Landis regarding repeated, serious attacks against their characters”.

“The UCI is seeking to defend the integrity of the cycling movement as a whole against the accusations of a rider who, by breaching the Anti-doping Rules, caused cycling serious harm,” the UCI said in a statement.

Landis announced his retirement from cycling in January, having been unable to find a team since being stripped of the 2006 Tour de France crown after a positive test for testosterone.

Landis vehemently denied doping for four years until



he confessed in 2010, alleging that former team-mate Lance Armstrong was involved in systematic doping during his spectacular Tour de France career. He also claimed that cycling chiefs “protected” some riders. “In the peloton, everyone knows that Pat McQuaid, Hein Verbruggen and other UCI officials have protected some riders, and not others, for the past 20 years,” Landis has said. “It was manipulation, and their way of creating stars.”—Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (5-5-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (4-5-11 09:30 am ~ 5-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Miss Eushido 2011
- * News
- * Creative Expert in Myanmar “The life of a Movie Director”
- * News
- * Fund Raising Event For The Disabled
- * News
- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-2)

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Off Shore Challenge
- * News
- * Creative Expert in Myanmar “The Life of a Movie Director”
- * News
- * Fund Raising Event For The Disabled
- * News
- * A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-2)
- * News
- * I Love Myanmar
- * News
- * A Fountain of Joy for Every Visitor (Hninzigon home for the aged) (Part-I)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities “ Myanmar Style or Western Style ”
- * News
- * Current Affairs “ Surprising Myanmar (Thanakha)
- * Myanmar Movies “Pure Love”



**Thursday,
5 May**

View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am**
3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am**
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
7. Dance of Variety
- 8:20 am**
8. Teleplay (Htar)
- 8:30 am**
9. Song Of National Races
- 8:40 am**
10. International News
- 8:45 am**
11. Musicial Programme
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial Song

- 4:10 pm**
2. Musicial Programme
- 4:20 pm**
3. Documentary
- 4:30 pm**
4. Cut Little Dancars
- 4:40 pm**
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Psychology)
- 4:55 pm**
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm**
7. Song Varieties
- 5:15 pm**
8. Science and Environment

- 5:30 pm**
9. Programme
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evenign News
- 6:15 pm**
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
12. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm**
14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 16. International News**
- 17. Weather Report**
- 18. Documentary**
- 19. TV Drama Series**
- 20. TV Drama Series**

- ★ 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



IRRIGATION FACILITY IN MAGWAY REGION: Aingma Diversion Weir was built on Mann Creek near Aingma Village of Minbu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region in 1891. The 580 feet long and 10 feet high concrete facility is supplying water to annual and perennial crops on irrigated areas.

New school building handed over in Hinthada

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May— A ceremony to open new building of No. 9 Basic Education Primary School was held at the school in Pabedan Ward of Hinthada Township on 30 April.

Hinthada Township Pyithu Hluttaw Repre-

sentative U Htay Oo unveiled the plaque of the building.

Responsible persons of Ayeya Hinthada Co handed over documents related to the new building to Ayeyawady Region Education Officer U Khun Kyaw Myint.

U Htay Oo presented school uniforms to teachers and set up trust funds for 20 BEPSs of Hinthada District.

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Talk on rabies held in Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Honouring World Veterinary Day, Educative talk on combating rabies was held at meeting hall of Magway Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Office on 28 April.

Magway District Administrator U Min Aye Lwin made an opening speech and Head of Magway Region Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr. Maung Hlaing gave talks on combating rabies.

Attendees then viewed the rabies vaccination.

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Deputy head of Bhamo Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Hsan Oo and head of Township Information and Public Relations Department and officials opened library in Naunglike village, Bhamo Township on 8 April.—District IPRD