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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

Facilities for power supply in Yangon Region inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe visited Thakayta Gas Power Plant and the township General Administration Department in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region, on 2 May.

The minister inspected the land plot for construction of warehouse and two-storey office

building in Ahlon Power Plant compound, and progress in construction of tension towers for 230 KV Hlinethaya-Ahlon Power Grid (across Hline River).

The Union Minister on 3 May saw over construction of 17 outdoor switch bays in the switch yard of 230 KV Hlawga Power Station in Yangon South District.—MNA



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe inspects construction of 17 33KV outdoor switch bays in compound of 230KV Hlawga power station switch yard in Yangon South District.

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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.

Rail-cum-road facility in Malun to stretch across Ayeyawady River

Article: *Kayan Soe Myint*; Photos: *Kyaw Moe Lwin*

Recently, we started a highway trip by car along Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Taungnyo-

Ch a u n g n e t - Taungdwingyi Road, which is one of seven Yoma crossing roads.

Beyond Taungdwingyi, we headed for Magway. Between mile posts No 11/4 and No 11/

5 on Migyaungye-Pahtanago Road in Magway District, we arrived at Ayeyawady

Bridge (Malun) construction project.

We have learnt that the construction of the

project commenced on 22-11-2009.

The main bridge will be 3215 feet and 5 inches long and it will be rail-cum-road facility.

Both approach bridges (motor road) on Migyaungye bank and Malun bank will be 1312 feet long each.

The approach bridge (railroad) on Migyaungye bank will be 1922 feet and eight inches long and on Malun bank, 2008 feet long.

The bridge will have 28 feet wide motor way, 14 feet wide railroad and three feet wide pedestrian way on either side.

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Concrete works being placed on approach road (motor road) of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) on Migyaungye bank.

PERSPECTIVES

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Fight against narcotic drugs on a collaborative basis

Myanmar is carrying out poppy-substitute cultivation and livestock breeding tasks in order to reduce and eliminate drug production, drug trafficking and drug abuse.

Educative campaigns are being launched so that young people who are leaders of the future can know the consequences of narcotic drugs and will not lead to the wrong way because of drug abuse.

The youth must be active and dynamic as well as healthy and intelligent. So, organizational measures are to be taken for them in order not to fall prey to drugs.

Western nations with science and technological superiority intentionally spread drug production techniques and equipment to developing countries.

When it comes to the cooperation with the international community, Myanmar is implementing drug eradication tasks by signing agreements with the regional countries and the neighbouring nations in the sub-region.

Aside from drug eradication and preventive tasks, other necessary measures are also being taken for treatment, rehabilitation, education as it is important to eliminate drug abuse.

Since narcotic drugs pose a grave threat to the entire mankind, all the people are urged to take part in the efforts for drug prevention and elimination.

Tahlay earthquake victims provided with cash and clothes



Peoples' Festival

- * 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

SWRR Union Minister meets officials of UNOCHA, UN-Habitat

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi received Head of Office Ms. Barbara Manzi of UNOCHA and party and Head of Agency Mr. Srinivasa B Papuri of UN-Habitat at his office here at 1 pm and 2 pm separately.

They held discussions on social welfare works and rescue and rehabilitation tasks to be carried out at disaster-hit regions. — MNA



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi receives Head of Office Ms. Barbara Manzi of UNOCHA and party. — MNA



Annual plans assigned in Yangon Region

YANGON, 6 May — At the ceremony to assign annual plans for 2011-2012 of Yangon Region held this afternoon, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe stressed the need for all staff from various sectors to discharge duties and administrative bodies, departments and enterprises to strive for exceeding the targets.

Head of Yangon Region Planning Department U Khin Swe reported on plans for respective sectors.

The Chief Minister assigned respective plans to four deputy commissioners of General Administration Department of four districts. — MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe assigns duties to deputy commissioners of GAD. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — A donation ceremony to earthquake victims of Tahlay Region, Tachilek District, Shan State took place at Shan State Hluttaw Meeting Hall on 4 May.

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat accepted K 40 million donated by Mongla Township residents, 16 million by Laukkai District residents, 15.1 million by Muse District residents and K 13,149,730 by wellwishers and the public.

The Shan State hluttaw speaker, the Shan State chief Justice, the Shan State hluttaw vice-speaker, and the state ministers accepted donation made by locals and private companies of Shan State. The donation amounts K 133,339,730, of which K 9,224,500 in terms of clothes and 70 Bhats.

MNA

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat accepts donation made by a wellwisher.

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Myanmar, Thai businessmen to hold talks on 11 May

YANGON, 6 May — As part of efforts for boosting the bilateral cooperation in business sector, Myanmar and Thai entrepreneurs will hold talks at the International Business Centre here on 11 May.

The 29-member business delegation from Thailand called on Dr. Myo Thet, Secretary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the RUMFCCI here on 3 May, and during the meeting, they discussed holding the meeting and win-win cooperation in producing foodstuff and manufacturing autos and spare parts and household goods.

Those wishing to attend the meeting may enroll at the RUMFCCI or office of the Thai commercial attaché Ph: 558556, not later than 9 May. — MNA

25 killed, 75 wounded in Iraq's suicide car bombing

BAGHDAD, 6 May—A suicide car bomb attack on the Iraqi police in south of Baghdad on Thursday killed 25 and wounded another 75, a local police source told *Xinhua*. "Our latest reports put the toll from the suicide car bombing in the city of Hillah at 25 and 75 wounded," the source from Hillah police told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The attack occurred in the centre of Hillah, the capital city of Babil Province some 90

kilometres south of Baghdad, when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into the entrance of a police headquarters during a shift change as many policemen were gathering outside the building, the source said. The powerful blast badly damaged the facade of the headquarters and a large part of the building, the source added.

Most of the killed and wounded were policemen and several cars, nearby shops and buildings were damaged in the blast, he

said, adding that the police force has cordoned off the area for investigation.

MNA/Xinhua



A picture taken by a mobile phone shows a destroyed car sitting over rubble in the mainly Shiite City of Hillah.

INTERNET

Susilo says to work toward a more equitable ASEAN

JAKARTA, 6 May—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Thursday one of the country's priorities as ASEAN Chair is to make the regional body more equitable and inclusive.

Speaking at the first ASEAN-EU business summit, the Indonesian President said the nation has a vision for ASEAN, that is to ensure "we narrow the development gap between ASEAN economies." Economic disparity between member countries has been regarded as one of the biggest hurdles for the body's effort to integrate.

Yudhoyono noted that building infrastructure and connectivity within ASEAN countries would help reduce disparities. "I believe infrastructure building and connectivity is not just about efficiency but also about reducing disparities," he said, adding that it will also offer opportunities for investment.

Aside from narrowing development gap, Yudhoyono said Indonesia will also work to strengthen ASEAN coordination for macro-economic policy and address issues such as food and energy security challenges, climate change and consolidation of various trade agreements.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills NATO soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 May—NATO says a roadside bomb has killed a service member in southern Afghanistan. A statement from the alliance on Friday said the attack occurred on Thursday. NATO provided no further details about the attack, and did not give the nationality of the service member.

Two coalition service members have been killed in action this month, while 114 have died since the start of the year.—*Internet*

A boy, injured in a bomb blast, receives medical treatment at a hospital in Jalalabad City on 5 May, 2011. Six civilians, including the boy, were wounded when a bomb hidden in a bag exploded in Jalalabad City, the capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, late on Wednesday, the provincial governor's spokesman Ahmadzia Abdulzai said.—INTERNET



Mississippi Delta sees flooding from mighty river



A walkway to the Lighthouse Point Casino lies underwater as the waters in Lake Ferguson begin to rise as does its feeder source, the Mississippi River, on 5 May, 2011 in Greenville, Miss.

INTERNET

MEMPHIS, 6 May—Parts of the Mississippi Delta are beginning to flood, sending white-tail deer and wild pigs swimming to dry land, submerging yacht clubs and closing casino boats, and compelling residents to flee from their homes.

The sliver of land in northwest Mississippi, home to hardship and bluesman Muddy Waters, is in the crosshairs of the slowly surging river,

just like many other areas along the banks of the big river.

To points much farther north, thousands face the decision of whether to stay or go as high water kept on rolling down the Mississippi and its tributaries, threatening to soak communities over the next week or two. The flooding is already breaking high-water records that have stood since the 1930s.—*Internet*



An Afghan youth crosses a road covered with flood water after rain in Kabul, Afghanistan on 5 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Forest fire put out by 5,000 firefighters in northeast China



A firefighter tries to extinguish a forest fire in Jiayin County of Yichun, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 5 May, 2011.

XINHUA

HARBIN, 6 May—A forest fire in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province was extinguished early Friday morning after an all-day effort by 5,000 firefighters, local authorities said Friday.

The fire, which occurred in Jiayin County in the city of Yichun, was put out by the firefighters despite obstacles such as the area's strong winds, said an official with the city's forest fire control headquarters.

The firefighters are still keeping a close eye on the burned area to rule out any possible fire hazards, he said. The fire, which stretched about 500 metres into the forest, ignited Thursday morning. Police are still investigating the cause of the fire.—*Xinhua*

US drone attack kills 15 in Pakistan tribal area

PESHAWAR, 6 May—The US carried out its first drone attack in Pakistan since Osama bin Laden's death in an American raid this week, killing 15 people in a hail of missiles near the Afghan border Friday, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The strike targeted a vehicle suspected of

carrying foreign militants in the North Waziristan tribal area, an al-Qaeda and Taliban stronghold that has been subject to frequent missile attacks, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

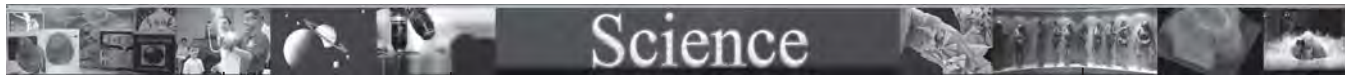
The aircraft fired eight missiles at the vehicle as it drove near a roadside restaurant, killing at least 15 people, including foreign militants, said the officials. At least one civilian died when the missiles damaged the restaurant and a nearby home, they said.

It was unclear whether intelligence gleaned from

the US commando raid that killed bin Laden on Monday played a part in the drone strike. Drone attacks are extremely unpopular in Pakistan, and the most recent attack could further increase tensions between the US and Pakistan that have spiked in the wake of bin Laden's death.

Many US officials have expressed skepticism of claims by Pakistani officials that they didn't know where bin Laden was hiding even though he was found in a compound in the army town of Abbottabad, only about a two hours' drive from the capital.

Internet



Science

Cosmic snake star pattern now slithering across night sky

LONDON, 6 May—A giant celestial snake is slithering into view in our current night sky this spring.

We can look to the south to trace it during the early evening hours. In fact, the snake is one of the most extensive of all star patterns: the long and mostly faint constellation of Hydra, the female water snake.

Interestingly, there is also a much shorter, male snake bearing the name Hydrus that is visible only in Southern Hemisphere skies.

This sky map of the Hydra constellation shows where to look in the southern sky to spot the cosmic snake.

Internet



File photo of a polar bear as it walks along the ice flow in Baffin Bay above the Arctic circle as seen from the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Louis St-Laurent. Global mercury emissions could grow by 25 percent by 2020, if no action is taken to control them, posing a threat to polar bears, whales and seals and the Arctic communities who hunt them for food, an authoritative international study says.

INTERNET

Arctic warming could raise oceans 5 feet

OSLO, 6 May—Arctic warming, occurring twice as fast as the global average, could raise sea levels more than 5 feet in 90 years, an official multinational study forecast.

The Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme forecast — for the international Arctic Council of eight arctic rim countries, including the United States — predicted sea levels would rise 2.75 times more than the top figure of the landmark 2007 UN. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which forecast of 7 to 23 inches by the end of the century.

“Global sea level is projected to rise 0.9 to 1.6 metres [3 feet to 5 feet 3 inches] by 2100, and the loss from arctic glaciers, ice caps and the Greenland Ice Sheet will make a substantial contribution to this,” the AMAP report said ahead of a 12 May meeting in Greenland of Arctic Council nations Canada,



Scientists on the sea ice in the Chukchi Sea, off the north coast of Alaska, disperse equipment on 4 July, 2010, as they prepare to collect data on and below the ice.

INTERNET

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States.

AMAP is a council working group.

The Greenland Ice Sheet is the second-largest body of ice after the Antarctic Ice Sheet covering more than 660,000 square miles, or roughly 80 percent of Greenland. If it were to melt totally, its frozen water would push up global sea levels 24 feet, a 2001 study indicated.

The reason for the accelerated melting and seal-level rise is a phenomenon, or mechanism, called “feedbacks,” the study said.—Internet

Scientists unlock genetic secret to happiness

LONDON, 6 May — Scientists have identified the 5-HTT strand of DNA as the “happiness gene”. The gene helps nerve cells recycle the chemical serotonin, which is known to be linked to mood and depression. It comes in “long” and “short” versions. Individuals who inherit two copies of the “long” variant, one from each parent, tend to be more content than those with other combinations, the study showed. The least happy were people born with two versions of the “short” gene.

Behavioural economist Jan-Emmanuel De Neve, from the London School of Economics and Political Science, who led the research, said: “It has long been suspected that this gene plays a role in mental health but this is the first study to show that it is instrumental in shaping our individual happiness levels.

Internet



Technology

Sony lets loose pair of Xperia Mini smartphones

TOKYO, 6 May—Sony’s gaming division may be working tirelessly to sew up the loose ends of its PlayStation Network, but Sony Ericsson, the company’s smartphone branch, is having no such woes. Today they unveiled a pair of brand new Android smartphones to join the company’s Xperia handset line. The Xperia Mini and Xperia Mini Pro bring a decidedly diminutive touch to Sony’s handset offerings — much like the Veer has done for HP.

Both the standard Mini and Mini Pro will run Android 2.3 Gingerbread right out of the gate, a notable feature considering much of the Android market is still using version 2.2 Froyo. The phones sport 3” touch displays, 720p HD video recording capability, integrated Facebook features, and Sony’s DLNA connection technology that allows users to toss media from the phone to compatible Bravia TVs.

The Pro model ups the ante and adds slide-out “Smart Keyboard” which automatically predicts what you want to use it for. For example, if you’re surfing the web and slide open the keyboard the cursor automatically jumps to the search or address bar. No word on a specific launch date was given, but Sony expects to release the new pair in the fall.—Internet



The AQUA2 underwater robot is an autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) that is extremely lightweight and portable. It provides researchers an ideal platform for projects ranging from reef monitoring to aquaculture inspection.—INTERNET

Pandora adds comedy to Internet radio line-up

OAKLAND, 6 May—US Internet radio darling Pandora has added comedy to its line-up of stations that listeners can personalize to their tastes. “We’re excited to say that we are officially in the business of telling jokes,” Pandora founder Tim Westergren said in a blog post online Wednesday. “As with music, we hope that the Comedy Genome Project will let people enjoy comedy they know as well as discover new talent that they love.”

Pandora comedy stations can be customized by genre or comedian, with the service using feedback on what prompts guffaws or gags to fine tune offerings to individual preferences. A team of professional comedians divided thousands of routines by hundreds of comics into categories such as “odd juxtaposition” shticks with openings like “A horse walks into a bar...” Another category was “extensive vamping.” “Adding comedians to the mix has been one of the top requests from our listeners,” Westergren said.—Internet

Global 3D TV market to grow 5-fold in 2011

SEOUL, 6 May—The global 3D television market will grow more than 5-fold to account for 11 percent of flat-screen TV sales this year, as prices fall sharply and manufacturers add the function as an add-on feature, research firm IHS iSuppli predicted on Friday.

It projected 3D TV shipments would rise to 23.4 million units this year from last year’s 4.2 million units, gaining further to 159 million units in 2015. By that time, iSuppli said, 3D TVs would account for more than half of global flat-panel shipments.

TV manufacturers, led by South Korea’s Samsung Electronics, LG Electronics Inc and Japan’s Sony Corp are hoping high-end models such as 3D help them arrest razor-thin margins amid intensifying competition with low-cost producers in the commoditized flat-screen TV market.

Another research firm, DisplaySearch, also forecast last week that 3D TVs will rise to more than 50 percent of revenues and hit the 100-million unit sales mark by 2014.

By technology, active shutter-glass (SG) type sets, the current industry standard, will gradually give way to passive film patterned retarder (FPR) types and fall below 50 percent of the overall 3D market by 2015, iSuppli said.

The shift can be a big threat to top TV maker Samsung, which is aggressively pushing for SG technology and has been embroiled in a growing war of words this year with hometown rival LG Electronics and its panel supplier LG Display.

LG Group is making a big bet on FPR technology to stake out a bigger claim in the global 3D market, currently dominated by SG-type sets made by first such as Samsung and Sony.—Reuters



Health



Surgery better for younger prostate patients



WASHINGTON, 6 May —Surgery appears to be a better treatment option for early prostate cancer than “watchful waiting,” particularly for younger patients, according to a Swedish study published Thursday.

In the first clinical trial examining the impact of surgically removing the prostate gland, the team followed 347 randomly chosen patients for the procedure, and closely watched 348 others, according to the study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The assessment of the nearly 700 men, who averaged 65 years when diagnosed, found that

after 15 years, 48 percent of the men in the surgical group died, compared with 58 percent in the closely watched group. For the surgical group, 16 percent died of the prostate cancer, compared to 23 percent for those being watched.

The risk of cancer spreading “beyond the prostate gland was 12 percent lower for those who received surgery.”

The study found that the younger men in the study, those aged around

65 — benefited most from surgery, while going under the knife presented fewer benefits for older patients. “Not everybody benefits from surgery, so individual risks and potential gains have to be assessed on the basis of age, other illnesses, tumour type and patient preferences,” cautioned Anna Bill-Axelsson, chief physician at the Department of Surgical Sciences at Sweden’s Uppsala University.—*Internet*



A grocery store clerk restocks food at a shop in Manila in 2009. Swiss food giant Nestle has pulled a popular brand of noodles from Philippine grocery shelves after routine tests found salmonella traces in some samples, the company and health officials said.

INTERNET

Family eating together helps kids’ weight control

BEIJING, 6 May—Children who regularly have meals with their families tend to enjoy better health and have a considerably lower risk of obesity, an article in Monday’s issue of *Pediatrics* said.

The article said researchers have examined the findings of 17 studies on child nutrition and eating patterns involving over 182,000 kids, including teenagers.

The results show children and adolescents who share at least three family meals per week are more likely to be a healthy weight and less likely to have disordered eating than those who shared mealtimes less frequently.

The children are also 20 percent less likely to eat junk food, 35 percent less likely to have eating problems like skipping meals or bingeing, and 24 percent more likely to eat vegetables and other healthy food.

Child obesity has become a more and more serious health problem around the world, and the researchers encourage parents to share meals with their children more frequently.

“It’s important for parents to know what they can do, especially with obesity and eating habits,” said study lead author Amber Hammons, a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.—*Xinhua*

Health Tip: Could your child be constipated?

Children may become constipated from a practice experts call “stool withholding” — deliberately not going to the bathroom because of embarrassment, fear of an unpleasant experience, or the desire not to interrupt playtime. The National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse says parents should be aware of these warning signs that a child may be constipated:

- * Having infrequent bowel movements.
- * Displaying posture indicating the child is holding in a stool, including squeezing the buttocks or rocking back and forth.
- * Complaining of pain or cramping in the belly.
- * Having difficulty passing stools.
- * Passing stools that are large, dry or hard.
- * Finding stool in your child’s underwear.—*Internet*



Business



ThyssenKrupp announces 10 bln euro divestment plan

BERLIN, 6 May — The biggest German steelmaker, ThyssenKrupp, has announced a 10 billion euro (\$14.5 billion) divestment programme which will notably lead to retrenchment in Brazil and in the United States. The main selloff concerns its Stainless Global division, worth some 5.9 billion euros, for which “all options (for) continuation of the business activities outside the group are to be investigated,” the company said in a statement overnight.



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The decision to recentre the firm’s activities was taken at a special executive board meeting on Thursday, the company said. “Current and prospective divestments within the context of portfolio alignment agreed upon by the executive board approximate 10 billion and 35,000 employees,” the company added. ThyssenKrupp said it would also be selling its Waupaca group, specializing in iron casting in the United States, along with its Brazilian Automotive Systems business and other automotive activities.—*Internet*



Visa credit cards are displayed in Washington on 27 October, 2009

Visa Inc’s (V.N) quarterly profit rose more than expected as increasingly confident consumers spent more, but doubts remain about the payments network’s ability to grow under looming regulation. Shares fell in after-hours trading, as Visa failed to beat expectations by the wide margins investors were once used to.—INTERNET

Oil plummets on large scale sell-off

NEW YORK, 6 May—US crude oil price plummeted below 100 dollars a barrel on Thursday as investors revaluated risks and chose to take profits and exit the crude market

amid a rising dollar, less demand and more supply potential.

Light, sweet crude for June delivery plunged 9.17 dollars, or 8.39 percent, to settle at 99.80 dollars a barrel on

the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude for June delivery also sharply fell by nearly 9 percent and last traded around 110 dollars a barrel.—*Xinhua*

Sony chief executive Howard Stringer, pictured in Berlin last September, has apologized to the millions of users of the company’s hacked online networks, as it unveiled a free \$1 million insurance policy for those in the US.—INTERNET



Gold, silver lose luster

NEW YORK, 6 May — Gold and silver prices plunged Thursday as the lead US metals exchange announced additional increases in trading requirements for silver. Silver for July delivery dropped \$3.15, or 8 percent, to \$36.24 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, the largest one-day percentage drop since 1 Dec, 2008.

Gold for June delivery plunged \$33.90, or 2.2 percent, to \$1,481.40 an ounce, the biggest one-day percentage loss since mid-March.

CME Group Inc, owner of Comex and the exchange,

said Wednesday it was adding two margin-requirement increases, effective at the end of close Thursday and Monday, MarketWatch.com reported.

The exchange has employed margin increases four times since 26 April. The euro was \$1.454, down from Wednesday’s \$1.483. Against the yen, the dollar was 80.05, compared with Wednesday’s 80.61 yen.

The dollar rose to 44.76 from 44.763 Indian rupees. Against the Hong Kong dollar, the US dollar rose to 7.7713 from 7.7703. The Australian dollar was \$1.0565, down from Wednesday’s \$1.0725.—*Internet*

Hijacked Panamanian vessel resumes sailing



Chinese navy warship, the DDG-171 Haikou destroyer, is seen from French Frigate "Le Floreal", as it patrols the waters of the Gulf of Aden.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 6 May—A Panama-registered bulk cargo ship that was hijacked by seven pirates in the Arabian Sea on Thursday resumed sailing at 4:25 am (Beijing time) Friday, according to the China Sea Rescue Centre.

The vessel, named "Full City", was rescued at 11:25 pm Thursday by a rescue team made up of

US and Turkish marines.

The vessel is now heading for its destination port, India's city of Tuticorin, under the escort of Indian naval vessels. It is expected to arrive at the port at 8 am Monday, according to the rescue centre. Pirates attacked the vessel on Thursday about 450 nautical miles off the coast of India's city of Mumbai. A Chinese Navy convoy fleet was assembled about 750 nautical miles east of the area, the centre said.

Xinhua



The public get their first view at the opening of the new miniature model Knuffingen Airport at Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany. The model airport, the world's largest, goes into operation following 6 years of development and construction and an investment of \$5 million. The airport is a reproduction of Hamburg's international airport and includes 40 aircraft that take off and land and 90 vehicles that autonomously move around the runways.—INTERNET



A worker packs an ingot of 99.99 percent pure silver, which weighs 30 kilos (66 lbs), at the Krastsvetmet nonferrous metals plant in Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, on 28 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Indonesia to pay 120 million USD in ASEAN infrastructure funds

JAKARTA, 6 May—Indonesia would pay 120 million US dollar for ASEAN infrastructure funds within five years, Indonesian Finance Minister Agus Martowardojo said here on Friday.

Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Economy Hatta Rajasa told a Press conference on Friday that ASEAN countries had agreed to raise 480.2 million US dollar for the infrastructure funds.

"Our obligation is to pay 120 million US dollar within five years," Martowardojo said at the sideline of the 18th ASEAN Summit in Jakarta.

He said that the funds would be very useful amid the plan to establish ASEAN connectivity. Minister Rajasa said that the 480.2 million US dollar investment was still small and it should be extended.

Xinhua

Ex-Kilpatrick aide testifies to grand jury

DETROIT, 6 May—Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's top aide testified before a federal grand jury this week but her lawyer said she is not a target of the investigation.

Christine Beatty, who served as Kilpatrick's chief of staff, had an affair with him while he was mayor

and was accused with him of perjury. She appeared before the grand jury Wednesday, *The Detroit News* reported. Neither Beatty nor her lawyer, Jeffrey Morganroth, would comment on what she said. "I can confirm she was subpoenaed to appear, not as a target or as a subject, but as a witness,"

Morganroth said. "She answered all their questions and cooperated fully." Beatty's appearance suggests a federal investigation of Kilpatrick's administration is still being conducted. The mayor has already been indicted on federal corruption charges.

Internet

Coleman guilty of killing family

WATERLOO, 6 May—The former head of security for Joyce Meyer Ministries was convicted in Illinois of killing his wife and sons Thursday, the second anniversary of their deaths.

Chris Coleman hung his head as the three verdicts of first-degree murder were read, the *Belleville News-Democrat* reported. As he was led out of the courthouse, about 200 people gathered there cheered the guilty finding.

Coleman said he was working out at a gym when someone broke into his house in Columbia, strangled his wife, Sheri, and their sons, Gavin and Garrett. The killer also left messages on the walls.

Prosecutors said Coleman prepared for the killings for months by sending threatening messages purporting to be from someone wanting to close down the Joyce Meyer Ministry. They said

Coleman had been having an affair with his wife's close friend and wanted to be able to marry her without a divorce, which might have cost him his job with the televangelist. The penalty phase was scheduled to begin Friday. Illinois recently abolished the death penalty so it is likely to be a symbolic exercise.

"If there was ever a case the death penalty, it would be for a father who killed his wife and two young sons," Ed Parkinson, the prosecutor, said.

Sheri Coleman's family refiled a lawsuit Wednesday seeking damages from Joyce Meyer Ministry. Relatives claim in court papers the ministry should have known Coleman was behind the campaign of threats and warned Sheri she was at risk, the *St Louis Post-Dispatch* reported.—Internet

People stand near the scene after an explosion rocked the Argana cafe in Marrakesh's Jamaa el-Fnaa square on 28 April, 2011.

INTERNET



Morocco arrests three Marrakesh cafe bomb suspects

RABAT, 6 May—Morocco arrested three people over a bomb attack on a cafe in the tourist city of Marrakesh last week that killed 16 people, and said the chief suspect showed "loyalty" to al Qaeda.

The three suspects were all Moroccans, the official news agency quoted the Interior Ministry as saying. Most of the bomb victims were foreign holiday-makers, including eight French people.

The ministry said the chief suspect, who was "well-versed in jihadi

ideology and shows loyalty to al Qaeda," had built and planted two bombs in the cafe, not one as previously believed.

The 28 April blasts were the first such attack in Morocco since coordinated suicide bombings in the commercial capital, Casablanca, in 2003, and added to the challenges facing King Mohammed at a time when he is trying to prevent uprisings breaking out in Morocco similar to those elsewhere in the Arab world.

The Interior Ministry said the chief suspect had previously tried to fight alongside militants in Russia's turbulent Chechnya republic and in Iraq.

It said he built two remotely detonated bombs using instructions downloaded from the Internet, then dressed like a tourist and planted them in a cafe overlooking Marrakesh's Jamaa el-Fna square.

The bombs ripped through the cafe, which is often packed with tourists.

Reuters

Chrysler to close refinancing deal by 24 May

MILAN, 6 May— US carmaker Chrysler is planning to close a deal to refinance \$7.5 billion of government debt by 24 May, according to details of Chrysler's offering memorandum to the banks published on Thursday by newspaper *Il Sole 24 Ore*.

The restructuring of debt Chrysler owns to the US and Canadian governments will let it save \$200 million a year, chief executive Sergio Marchionne told a gathering of bankers in New York, according to several Italian newspapers.

Last year Chrysler paid \$1.2 billion in interest on bailout money received from the governments in 2009. The deal will comprise a credit line for \$1.5 billion, eight- and 10-year bonds worth \$2.5 billion and \$3.5 billion of guaranteed six-year notes aimed at institutional investors, *Il Sole 24 Ore* said, citing the Chrysler document.

The Big Three US automaker plans to close the deal by 24 May, according to the document. The debt repayment paves the way for Italian group Fiat to hike its 30 percent stake in Chrysler by another 16 percent. Fiat, Italy's biggest carmaker and part of the country's top industrial group, aims to add another 5 percent before the end of 2011 to acquire full control of Chrysler.

Chrysler Group is in no rush to go public, Marchionne, who is also chief executive of Fiat, said on Wednesday, adding the US automaker "technically" did not need to raise equity. Fiat shares were up 1.1 percent at 7.255 euros at 0732 GMT, twice the rise in the STOXX Europe 600 autos index.—Reuters

US teen charged with British tourists' murder



A handout picture from Sarasota Police Department of Shawn Tyson, 16.
INTERNET

SARASOTA, 6 May— The US teenager who allegedly killed two British tourists last month as they wandered near a government-subsidized housing development, has been indicted on two counts of first-degree murder and will be tried as an adult.

Sarasota Police chief Mikel Hollaway said in a statement that if convicted, Shawn Tyson faces life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Tyson, 16, was arrested on 17 April for allegedly shooting and

killing two British tourists, James Cooper, 25, and James Thomas Kouzaris, 24.

The two men were killed at 3 am (0700 GMT) on 16 April in the city of Sarasota, a resort town on the west coast of Florida.

Tyson had been arrested just nine days before allegedly killing Cooper and Kouzaris for aggravated assault with a handgun.

At a Press Conference announcing Tyson's arrest, Hollaway did not address how Tyson was back on the streets so quickly after being arrested on the handgun assault charge.—Internet

SARASOTA, 6 May— A squadron of the Russian Pacific Fleet had left this port city in Russia's Far East to visit Singapore and Indonesia, local media reported. Among the ships are the Admiral Panteleev



Ubisoft presents "Assassin's Creed Brotherhood" at the 2010 E3 in Los Angeles. Ubisoft on Thursday revealed that the latest installment of its beloved series of "Assassin's Creed" videogames will be released in November.
INTERNET

Malaysia exports hit new high of 21 bln USD in March

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 May— Malaysia's exports hit a new high of 64.06 billion ringgit (21.35 billion US dollars) in March 2011, up 7.8 percent year on year, said its trade ministry here on Friday.

The Malaysian International Trade and Industry Ministry said in an announcement that the exports growth was mainly attributed by higher exports of electrical and electronic products, refined petroleum products, palm oil, crude rubber and chemicals and chemical products.

Imports rose by 12.1 percent year on year to 50.53 billion ringgit (16.8 billion US dollars), bringing the total trade volume in March to 114.59 billion ringgit (38.2 billion US dollars), up 9.6 percent.

On a month-on-month basis, exports in March grew by 23.7 percent while imports rose by 28.9 percent, with the total trade surging by 25.9 percent.
Xinhua

Minimum driving age raised to 16 in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 6 May— The minimum driving age in New Zealand will be raised to 16 in August after the transport legislation aimed to improve the safety of young drivers and crack down on high-risk drivers was passed in Parliament on Thursday.

New Zealand Tran-

sport Minister Steven Joyce said the legislation is a major step forward in the government's efforts to improve road safety and, ultimately, bring down the road toll.

The Land Transport Amendment Bill introduces a zero-alcohol limit for people aged under 20 and toughens re-

AIG posts ongoing loss on debt, quake charges

NEW YORK, 6 May—Bailed-out insurer American International Group lost more than \$1 billion from its ongoing operations in the first quarter, as the company took a huge charge for the termination of its credit facility with the Federal Reserve.

AIG's Chartis unit also racked up \$864 million in catastrophe losses related to the 11 March earthquake in Japan. The company, one of the top foreign insurers in Japan, had previously warned of substantial quake charges.

AIG shares, which have lost more than 30 percent of their value since late January, fell about 1 percent in after-hours trade to \$30.50.

AIG reported a loss from continuing operations of \$1.18 billion, or \$1.41 per share, compared with a profit on the same basis a year earlier of \$2.09 billion, or \$2.16 per share.



The American International Group (AIG) building in New York's financial district, on 16 March, 2009.
INTERNET

AIG, in a statement, focused on the net income figure attributable to AIG, which it said came in at \$269 million, down from \$1.8 billion last year.

The Fed charge came to some \$3.3 billion, and was related to the recapitalization deal that closed in January. That arrangement paid off the Fed and left the US Treasury with a 92 percent stake in the company.—Internet

Healthcare workers prepare medicine at the Cancer Centre and Institute of Oncology in Warsaw in this 8 February, 2007 file photo. The clinical trials business has gone global as drugmakers seek cheaper venues for studies and cast their net further afield for big pools of "treatment-naïve" patients who are not already taking other drugs that could make them unsuitable subjects for testing new ones.—INTERNET

Russian navy ships leave for visit to Singapore, Indonesia

VLADIVOSTOK, 6 May— A squadron of the Russian Pacific Fleet had left this port city in Russia's Far East to visit Singapore and Indonesia, local media reported. Among the ships are the Admiral Panteleev

destroyer and the Fotiy Krylov salvage tug, a spokesman from the Pacific Fleet said.

The ships are scheduled to reach Singapore on 16 May to take part in the international maritime

defence exhibition IM-DEX-2011.

They will head for the Indonesian port of Makasa on 20 May to take part in a joint anti-piracy drill with the Indonesian Navy.

Xinhua



Sales of Myanmar gems and jewellery hit record



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik greets members of MGEA at Myanmar Gems Museum.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Thanks to the co-operation between the Ministry of Mines and Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association, sales of Myanmar gems and jewellery hit the record and a big gem market emerged, said Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik in meeting

with the members of MGEA at Myanmar Gems Museum(Nay Pyi Taw) here this morning.

There will be more profits if not only raw gems but also valuable, finished gem products are sold. So it is necessary to set the aim to do so. Another point to be

considered is environmental conservation and there should be no harm to the local people due to the mining, added the minister.

Then, the chairman of MGEA explained the functions of the association and its organizational set-up. —MNA

Chinese company keen to invest in hotel sector

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—President of Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co. Ltd Mr. Liu Jianye called on Union

Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan at the ministry here today.

At the meeting,

Mr. Liu Jianye discussed investment in hotel business in Yangon Region, Mandalay Region and Bagan.—MNA



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan receives President of Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co. Ltd Mr. Liu Jianye.—MNA

MFF delegation leaves for India

YANGON, 6 May—Vice-President U Soe Tun of Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF), Advisor to Myanmar Fish

Breeding Entrepreneurs Association Dr Tun Lwin and Advisor to Myanmar Trawlers Association U Hla Win yesterday left for

India to attend a workshop in Chennai, Tamilnadu Province of India on 6 and 7 May.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of MFF.—MNA

Rail-cum-road facility ...

(from page 1)

The facility is of bored pile type at the foundation, of RC type at the lower structure and of RC type at the upper structure for both motor road and railroad.

The clearance of the bridge will be 230 feet wide and 57 feet high. The facility can withstand 60-ton loads.

The estimated cost for the bridge will be K33,668 million.

Special Project Construction Group (4) of Public Works is making concerted efforts for construction of the bridge for linking railroad and motor road networks between western and eastern banks of Ayeyawady River and for facilitating transport of local people and swift flow of commodities in the region.

We took photos on progress of bridge construction tasks. After that, we

had an interview with Superintending Engineer U Soe Min (Civil) of the project.

He said, "The bridge is being built at the 2900 feet wide defile of Ayeyawady River, so the water course will be safety for watercrafts. At present, the construction tasks of approach piles for railroad on Migyaungye bank have been completed by 87 per cent, and PC girders are being installed. The approach piles for motor road have completed by cent per cent, and then con-



Photo shows approach bridge of Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) on Malun bank.



Workers building Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).

struction of the floor of the facility continues. Approach piles for the railroad on Malun bank have completed over 75 per cent. At present, RC Girders are being installed for the motor road."

He continued, "The approach motor road on Migyaungye bank will link Thityagauk-Pahtanago road at mile post No. 11/3 and Pyay-Aunglan-

Magway road at mile post No. 301/1. The approach railroad on Malun bank will be 5.5 miles far from Malun. After that, a plan will be implemented to build 25-mile Malun-Minhla-TaungU-Kantok Road to link Patheinhonywa Road."

Due to construction of the bridge at the place of strong current, ship will have easier drive on their

water course and flow of commodities will be swift. As Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) will be strategic for transporting commodities not only to local regions but also to foreign countries. As such, construction of the bridge will enable the region to facilitate greater and speedier development.

Translation: TTA Kyemon: 30-4-2011

Japanese delegation calls on Union Minister for Commerce

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Japanese business delegation led by Mr. Surnitaka Fujita of Itochu Corporation at the minister's office here yesterday. Itochu Corporation is based in Yangon. **MNA**



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives President Mr. Liu Jianye of Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co., Ltd.—MNA



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Mr Surnitaka Fujita of Itochu Corporation.—MNA

Myanmar to cooperate with China in river conservation, shipbuilding

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received Mr. Liu Jianye, President of Shandong Puli Construction Engineering Co., Ltd. and party at his office here this afternoon. They discussed matters related to river conservation and providing assistance in shipbuilding by the People's Republic of China. — **MNA**

Mon State Chief Minister calls for bribery-, corruption-free justice system

YANGON, 5 May — Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint called on officials and staff of the Mon State Law Office to avoid bribery and corruptions as part of efforts passing sentences in legal cases correctly. At the ceremony to unveil the signboard of the office in Mawlamyine on 3 May, he also urged them to assist in legal cases correctly and lawfully and to digest the constitution and the law. — **MNA**



Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint making address at signboard unveiling ceremony of Mon State Law Office.

MNA

Officials of H & T Ministry receive English proficiency skills

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Course on English proficiency skills for officials of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism was concluded at the ministry here today.

A total of 20 officials attended the two-week course.

At the ceremony to conclude the Course No.1/2001, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung stressed the need for importance of English proficiency skills for employees of the ministry.

MNA

Field trips made for right maps and right sown areas in Myitkyina Township

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Staff of Settlement and Land Records Department are carrying out collection of data for right maps and right sown areas in 34 village-tracts of Myitkyina Township from 19 April to 18 May. Director U Myint Swe of SLRD (Head Office) and officials inspected tasks for collection of right maps and right sown areas in Shweset Ward and Arlam Village-tract on 29 April and Mawphaung, Akye and Hokat village-tract on 30 April.—**MNA**

Kachin, Kayah, Magway and Shan mark 65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — In commemoration of 65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day, ceremonies were observed in Myitkyina of Kachin State, Loikaw of Kayah State, Gangaw of Magway Region and Taunggyi of Shan State yesterday.

Firefighters showed off fire fighting and rescue drill demonstrations, and outstanding firefighters were awarded at the ceremonies of those region and states.—**MNA**

Donate blood

Dimawhso Township of Kayah State marks completion of literacy campaigns

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — According to the census, Dimawhso Township of Kayah State had 66,799 literates out of 67,035 people aged 15 and above. So, there were still 236 illiterates. Yet, literacy campaigns have launched for the remaining illiterate people for 59 days, and

the township held a ceremony to mark the completion of literacy campaigns at Ohkhuyi Village primary school on 28 April.

At the ceremony, officials explained the campaigns and the trainees demonstrated their writing and reading skills.—**MNA**

World Red Cross Day

8th May, 2011

"VOLUNTEERISM"

Myanmar Red Cross Society

Kraft tempers outlook on Starbucks loss

NEW YORK, 6 May—Kraft Foods Inc (KFT.N) reported a better-than-expected first-quarter profit on Thursday, helped by price increases, and said it likely will raise some prices even more this year.

The maker of Cadbury chocolate bars, Oreo cookies and Velveeta cheese also lowered its full-year forecast to reflect the loss of its contract to distribute Starbucks (SBUX.O) coffee in US supermarkets.

Excluding the Starbucks loss and costs related selling Gevalia coffee in its place, Kraft said its outlook for the rest of the year was unchanged.

The first-quarter results included a benefit from commodity hedges, which somewhat insulated Kraft from recent price volatility. The benefit should reverse in coming quarters, Kraft said, as the hedges roll off — a situation that could pressure margins.



Customers are seen at a Starbucks coffee store which displays their old logo in Paris on 8 March, 2011.—INTERNET

"Costs continue to go up, and so those pressures aren't abating," said Morningstar analyst Erin Lash. "(Kraft) operated through the first quarter relatively well, but there's still several impending headwinds that could offset this trajectory."

Rival food maker Sara Lee Corp (SLE.N) cut its full-year forecast earlier on Thursday after price increases hurt sales volume.

"We are optimistic about the ability of our brands to withstand the increased prices given the investments we've made in them, but we are somewhat cautious given the challenging economic environment," Kraft Chief Executive Irene Rosenfeld told *Reuters*.

Reuters

Second mine accident reported in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 6 May—Three unauthorized miners have been killed in an abandoned opal mine in western Mexico, the Secretariat of Economy reported late Thursday. The illegal miners were trapped after a wall in the mine collapsed, the secretariat said via its twitter account. Rescue work was unsuccessful at the mine, located in the town of Hostotipaquillo, west of Guadalajara. "The municipal authorities are doing an excellent job in rescuing the trapped people. Unfortunately, there is no good news," the secretariat said. Secretary of Economy Bruno Ferrari is expected to travel to the mine Friday. The accident came two days after a gas explosion Tuesday at a coal mine in northern Mexico trapped 14 miners. Six of the miners have been found dead and rescue efforts have been temporarily suspended.—Xinhua



Shawn Gaskin, 4, plays drums in front of a display at the 'Art In The Streets' exhibit at the Geffen Contemporary at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, California on 5 May, 2011. The exhibit is the first major historical exhibition of graffiti and street art to be organized by an American museum.—INTERNET

Hepatitis C linked to more drug use

ATLANTA, 6 May—Increased US drug use may account for an increase in hepatitis C virus among adolescents and young adults in Massachusetts, federal health officials say.

Public health officials from Massachusetts and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention did an analysis of the state's data that finds although overall declines in HCV infection occurred nationwide and in Massachusetts since the early 1990s, an increase among those ages 15-24 was observed in the state from 2002 to 2009.

The report, published in the CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, found increases in rates of newly reported HCV infection among youth in urban, suburban and rural communities across the state — occurring primarily among white non-Hispanics of both genders.

"Injection drug use was the most common risk factor for HCV transmission and this is consistent with other data suggesting drug use in this population has increased in the state, as well as in other parts of the country," the report said. "The findings underscore the need for enhanced surveillance of HCV infection and intensified prevention efforts targeting adolescents and young adults, particularly those who engage in injection drug use." Federal health officials said they are working with state and local health departments to determine whether similar trends are occurring in other parts of the country.—Internet

5.2 magnitude deep earthquake hit New Zealand's central North Island

WELLINGTON, 6 May—A deep earthquake hit New Zealand's central North Island on Friday, causing no damage and casualties.

The 5.2 magnitude tremor hit 20 km west of Rotorua at 3:59 pm (0359 GMT), New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science (GNS Science) said.

The quake, at a depth of 170 km, was probably felt in east-central North Island.—Xinhua

6.1 magnitude quake rocks Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 May—An earthquake with a magnitude of 6.1 jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Friday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 13:46 pm Jakarta Time (0646 GMT) with the epicenter at 75 km Gorontalo of North Sulawesi and with a depth of 35 km under sea bed, official of the agency Boko Nurdianto told *Xinhua* by phone.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 4 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) in Gorontalo and 3 MMI in Luwu of North Sulawesi, he said.

The US Geological Survey reported the earthquake at a magnitude of 5.8. The epicentre, with a depth of 85.90 km, was initially determined to be at 0.1328 degrees south latitude and 122.9065 degrees east longitude.—Xinhua



A captured short-finned pilot whale is measured by fishery workers including Fisheries Agency employees at Taiji Port in Japan's oldest whaling village of Taiji, 420 km.—INTERNET

Kenya police seize one ton of ivory

NAIROBI, 6 May—An official says Kenyan police have seized over one ton of illegal ivory destined for Nigeria at the country's main airport.

Joseph Ngisa, the officer in charge of criminal investigations in the country's airports, said they impounded 84 elephant tusks on concealed in metal containers on Thursday.

Residents are seen walking past a line of solar power panels in Shenyang, in northeast China's Liaoning Province. China has more than doubled its target for solar power capacity to 50 gigawatts by 2020, state media said, as the world's largest polluter steps up efforts to boost clean energy sources.

INTERNET

Ngisa said Friday sniffer dogs led the policemen to the containers at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport's cargo hold. He says no arrests have been made.

Officials believe Kenya is a transit point for illegal ivory smuggled to Asia from several African countries.

Last month Thailand confiscated two tons of ivory valued at \$3.3 million that had been shipped from Kenya.—Internet





A field is harvested for grain. World food prices remained almost stable in April, though tension surrounded cereal prices and climate conditions in coming months will be decisive, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Thursday.—INTERNET

\$80K motorbike stolen in US found in Philippines

MANILA, 6 May— An \$80,000 motorcycle stolen in Texas last year from Hollywood screenwriter Skip Woods has been recovered in the southern Philippines, officials said Thursday.

The custom-made chopper was found Tuesday by police in Cagayan de Oro City, said Jose Justo Yap, regional director for the National Bureau of Investigation. Woods, a collector of custom-made vehicles, wrote the screenplay for "Swordfish," "Hitman" and "X-Men Origins: Wolverine."

His chopper was among 14 motorcycles, three all-terrain vehicles, two SUVs, a sports car, a shotgun and ammunition for assault rifles recovered by police in raids in Cagayan de Oro and nearby Bukidnon Province, Misamis Oriental Provincial police Chief Graciano Mijares said. The US FBI sought assistance in the recovery of Woods' motorcycle, Yap said. An American private investigator representing Woods said the screenwriter was surprised that his motorcycle, which was stolen from the parking lot of his condominium in Houston, Texas, ended up half way around the world.—Internet

FBI: 20 suspicious letters mailed to DC schools

WASHINGTON, 6 May— The FBI now says it is investigating at least 20 suspicious letters with white powder that have been delivered to schools in Washington.

Christopher Combs, who oversees domestic terrorism investigations for the FBI's Washington field office, tells WRC-TV that more letters could still be found.

Authorities say there are no indications that the letters contained any hazardous material, and there are no reported injuries or illnesses. Combs says they are being taken to a lab where

the material inside will be examined.

He says the FBI has an open case related to similar letters in another jurisdiction, though he didn't say which one. He says none of those letters contained harmful material. The first letters in DC began popping up at schools Thursday.

Internet



A Qatar Airways plane is parked on the tarmac at Doha Airport. Qatar Airways is in advanced negotiations to place a giant order for 60 airliners built by the European firm Airbus.

INTERNET

US Ambassador to Mexico sets date to depart

MEXICO CITY, 6 May— US Ambassador Carlos Pascual will leave Mexico by 18 May as a result of his

resignation two months ago amid furor over leaked diplomatic cables that angered the Mexican government.

Pascual will take a job on that date as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's special envoy and coordinator for international energy affairs, US Embassy spokesman Alex Featherstone said Thursday night.

"One of his first tasks will be designing a new Bureau for Energy Resources that will integrate energy security with the conduct of US foreign policy," Featherstone wrote in a message announcing the plans.

Featherstone said

John D Feeley, the embassy's deputy chief of mission, will take over as the embassy's charge d'affaires until a new ambassador is nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the US Senate and accepted by the Mexican government, Featherstone said, describing that as "a long process."

Clinton announced Pascual's request to resign as ambassador in March. She did not cite a specific reason, but Mexican President Felipe Calderon had publicly criticized a cable written by Pascual and divulged by the WikiLeaks website.

Internet



Vietnamese women dressed in the traditional "ao dai" play traditional music at the National Convention Centre, the venue for the 44th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in Hanoi on 6 May, 2011. The meeting takes place in Hanoi from 3 to 6 May.—INTERNET

Africa loses \$12 bln a year to malaria

CAPE TOWN, 6 May— Malaria costs Africa \$12 billion (eight million euros) a year in lost productivity, an expense that businesses can reduce by investing in prevention schemes, said a study released on Thursday.

"Malaria is bad for business. The disease is responsible for decreased productivity, employee absenteeism and increased health care spending and can negatively impact a company's reputation," said the report by the Roll Back Malaria campaign.

"This heavy burden has serious impacts on businesses and economies, costing the African continent \$12 billion annually in lost

productivity," it said.

The report, presented at the World Economic Forum for Africa in Cape Town, analysed economic impact of malaria prevention and programmes at three companies, which cut overall medical spending in company clinics and reduced absenteeism.

"For these companies, investing in malaria prevention and control for workers and their dependants was cost effective, resulting in increasing their bottom line, producing an estimated rate of return of 28 percent under very conservative assumptions," the study said.

Malaria hurts local

economies by reducing workers' ability to save, while straining public health budgets and reducing tax revenues.

About 90 percent of malaria deaths each year occur in Africa and 92 percent of those are children aged under five.

Internet

Shareholders listen to Martin Blessing, CEO of Germany's Commerzbank as he delivers his speech during the bank's annual shareholder meeting in Frankfurt, 6 May, 2011.

Robust first-quarter results and a positive outlook could put Commerzbank in a stronger position as it asks shareholders to approve plans to repay state aid and swallow a dilution of their holdings at its AGM on Friday.

INTERNET



S Korea's oldest nuclear reactor to resume operation

SEOUL, 6 May— South Korea's oldest nuclear reactor will resume operation following an extensive safety checkup, the science ministry here said Friday.

The Kori reactor, which began operation in 1978 in South Korea's southeastern coastal town of Gori, was shut down in April due to malfunction of electric circuits and underwent an inspection amid safety concerns following Japan's nuclear debacle unleashed by an earthquake and tsunami in March.

With the government green light, the Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co, an operator of the 33-year-old Kori reactor, is expected to soon resume power generation, local reports said.

The government, meanwhile, also plans to spend some 1 trillion won (922 million US dollars) for the next five years on improving safety of all 21 atomic power reactors in the country.

Under the current government blueprint, South Korea will continue running the nation's oldest reactor through 2017.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SEA CORAL VOY NO (26)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA CORAL VOY NO (26) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-1 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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Photo taken on 5 May, 2011 shows dishes cooked with dried flowers at a flower dish banquet in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. Dozens of flower species like roses, chrysanthemums and lilies were cooked as ingredients by the chefs here on Thursday.—XINHUA

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Whatever ship follows the ATV, it will probably be asked to work towards future exploration beyond the ISS.—INTERNET



'Original Night Stalker' DNA links killings

SANTA BARBARA, 6 May—The 1981 slaying of a Goleta, Calif. couple has been linked to the DNA of an unidentified suspect in a slew of killings across the state, police said on Thursday. The DNA evidence corroborates a long-established theory that the killings of Cheri Domingo, 35, and Gregory Sanchez, 27, were the work of a serial killer and rapist active in Sacramento, Ventura and Orange counties in the mid-1980s, Santa Barbara County authorities told the *Los Angeles Times*.

"With recent advancements in DNA profiling methods, it was important for us to push forward and re-evaluate evidence in this case before it deteriorated and became useless," Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown told the newspaper.—Internet



A cameraman videotapes calligraphy works to be auctioned for Christie's spring auction in Hong Kong, on 5 May, 2011. A total of 13 Christie's auctions will be held between 27 May and 1 June in Hong Kong.—XINHUA

US and Europe plan new spaceship

WASHINGTON, 6 May — Europe and the US could be building a spaceship together later this decade. It is one of the ideas being considered as Europe ponders the next evolution of its ATV (The Automated Transfer Vehicle) orbital freighter. The sophisticated robotic vessel is used to

transport up to 7.5 tonnes of supplies to the space station, but only three more units are in production.

Europe is now looking to develop a derivative of the ship and a joint venture with the Americans on a future vessel is being discussed.

The European Space Agency's Director General, Jean-Jacques Dordain, said the new concept must leverage the capabilities of the existing vehicle, such as its automatic rendezvous and docking technology, but that its precise role was up for debate.—Internet

Three-legged Jack crowned top dog

LONDON, 6 May — A three-legged sheepdog has been crowned farm dog of the year. Ian and Ruth Rees from Mid Wales entered Jack into the canine competition after the National Farmers Union (NFU) challenged members to send in a picture and 150 words explaining why their dog should win the prize.

Three-legged Jack took the top accolade, throughout England and Wales, after his owners wrote about how he had suffered a serious leg injury last year. Despite having an amputation he made a miraculous recovery and continues to work on the couple's farm in Powys.

Internet



Three-legged sheepdog Jack has been crowned farm dog of the year.—INTERNET

Crashes top cause of groundworkers deaths

ATLANTA, 6 May—One in every 30 US occupational fatalities from traumatic injuries between 2003 and 2008 occurred in grounds maintenance workers, health officials say.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report says 1,142 grounds maintenance workers died from job-related injuries from 2003 to 2008.

"While fatalities

among Hispanics or Latinos were not disproportionately higher than deaths among non-Hispanics or Latinos, most of the deaths among Hispanics or Latinos — five out of every six — had been born outside the United States and Hispanic or Latino workers who died were nine years younger, on average, than non-Hispanic or Latino workers who died," the report said. "Transportation incidents and

tree work were leading causes for the fatalities yet many deaths resulted from falls, electrocutions and drownings."

Enforcement of regulations, outreach and training are vital for preventing such deaths, including culturally meaningful safety training for Hispanic or Latino workers who comprise much of the grounds maintenance workforce, federal officials say.

Internet



This handout picture taken in April 2011 shows actors rehearsing a scene of the "Aquaria Palaoa" underwater opera at the Stadtbad Neukoelln public swimming pool in Berlin.

Berlin swimming pool hosts underwater opera

A specially composed opera with a difference premiered in a Berlin swimming pool this week, with singers performing in and out and even under the water.

"Aquaria Palaoa" is the brainchild of Claudia Herr, a champion swimmer in her youth before turning to singing, who plays the lead role, diving into the Stadtbad Neukoelln pool in her green evening dress.

With the help of oxygen tanks strapped to her back, Herr sings underwater, with the whale-like sounds she produces transmitted onto speakers situated around the swimming pool with the help of special microphones.

Her voice and those of other singers — who also sing underwater but without oxygen tanks — are mixed with sounds recorded 100 metres (330 feet) under an ice shelf in Antarctica. The orchestra stays dry, seated around the pool. The opera tells the story of a young woman looking for the elixir of eternal youth.

Guinness Records: Smokey the cat is really loud

It's official: Smokey the cat has roared her way into Guinness World Records having achieved the loudest purr by a domestic cat.

Guinness said Thursday the gray-and-white tabby earned her place with record-setting 67.7 decibels. In a video on the cat's website, the 12-year-old, ordinary-size feline purrs with a sound akin to the cooing of an angry dove.

Smokey first rose to prominence in February, when her owner, Ruth Adams, ran a local competition for the most powerful purr. A community college recorded the purr and submitted it to Guinness.

Guinness says the loudest animal sounds are the low-frequency pulses made by blue whales and fin whales when they communicate with each other — sounds that reach 188 decibels. By comparison, a lawnmower is 90 decibels.



In this handout file photo released by Northampton College on 25 March, 2011, Smokey, a gray and white tabby cat prepares to receive a treat from owner Ruth Adams, in Northampton, England.

Brazil trafficker fingered thanks to birth defect

You could say his fingerprints — all 12 of them — were all over the crime. An accused drug-trafficker was nabbed by police in Brazil's southern state of Santa Catarina after they confirmed his identity through the betrayal of a rare birth defect: six fingers on each hand.

"We had indications that it was him, but because he presented his brother's papers as identification we had no proof," police commissioner Enio de Oliveira Matos told *Globo's* news website G1. "Given this peculiarity, we requested information from the Institute of Identification in the state of Parana, where he was born, and



This picture released by the Civil Police of Santa Catarina, south of Brazil, shows the hands of a drug-trafficker recently identified because of having six fingers in each hand.

with this feature, it was possible to confirm his identity."

G1 published photographs of the hands of the detained man, who had been wanted for drug trafficking in the state of Mato Grosso.

15-year-old headed for Harvard

A New Jersey 15-year-old who was accepted to six of the seven Ivy League schools said she has chosen Harvard University in Massachusetts.

Saheela Ibraheem of Piscataway said she applied to a total of 14 schools because she did not know how officials would react to applications from a 15-year-old high school senior. *The* (Newark, NJ) *Star-Ledger* reported Wednesday.

"It's the age thing. I wanted to make sure I had options," the senior at Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison said.

Ibraheem said her sole rejection letter came from Yale University and her parents believe her age was to blame. The student said she was told she won't be the youngest freshman at Harvard.

News Album

'Songs' raises \$5m for Japanese Red Cross

NEW YORK, 6 May—Sales of the compilation CD "Songs For Japan" have raised \$5 million for Japan earthquake and Pacific tsunami relief, Legacy Recordings said.

Proceeds from the album are being donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society, which is providing relief to those affected by March's devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

More than 500,000 digital and physical copies of "Songs For Japan" have been sold.

The album includes tracks by John Lennon, U2, Bob Dylan, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Bruno Mars, Katy Perry, Rihanna, Justin Timberlake, Madonna, David Guetta, Eminem, Bruce Springsteen,

Internet



Beyonce attends Press Conference and ribbon cutting at the Beyonce Cosmetology Centre at Phoenix House in Brooklyn, New York on 5 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Schwarzenegger might 'Cry Macho' as film return

LOS ANGELES, 6 May—Arnold Schwarzenegger has added another project on his to-do list as he returns to Hollywood after serving as California governor.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Alan Mendelsohn said Thursday that the actor plans to star in the drama "Cry Macho" for Academy Award-winning producer Albert Ruddy ("The Godfather," "Million Dollar Baby").

It's one of several projects Schwarzenegger has in the works, including a "Terminator" tale and the crime saga "The Last Stand."

Mendelsohn said the timing has not yet been worked out among the various projects, so it's not certain which might be Schwarzenegger's first big-screen film after leaving the governor's office in January.—Internet



In this 4 April, 2011 file photo, Austrian-American actor and former Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, poses for photographers during the International Television Programme Market (MIPTV) in Cannes, southern France.—INTERNET

'Home Alone' home priced at \$2.4m

CHICAGO, 6 May—The 14-room Illinois mansion featured in the 1990 Macaulay Culkin comedy "Home Alone" is being sold for \$2.4 million, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Thursday.

John and Cynthia Abendshien bought the house in 1988 for \$875,000. They told the newspaper they decided to sell it because their

children are grown and they don't need as much space.

"The \$2.4 million isn't just because of its cinematic history," the *Tribune* quoted the home's listing agent, Marissa Hopkins of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, as saying. "It really is a residential masterpiece."

The 4,250 square-foot, red-brick house in



Winnetka boasts four bedrooms, 3 baths and a large screened-in porch.

In "Home Alone," Culkin plays a boy whose harried family inadvertently leaves for vacation without him.

Internet

Australian charged over Justin Bieber egg throwing

SYDNEY, 6 May—An Australian teenager was charged with breaking into the roof of a concert arena so he could throw eggs at Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber.

The 17-year-old heartthrob, touring Australia, has been mobbed by screaming girls at sold-out shows, but had eggs thrown at him when performing his



An Australian teenager was charged with breaking into the roof of a concert arena so he could throw eggs at Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber.—INTERNET first single "One Time" at a concert in Sydney on Friday.—Internet

Braga set up all-Portuguese Europa final with Porto

PARIS, 6 May — Unheralded Sporting Braga edged domestic rivals Benfica 1-0 in a nerve-jangling semi-final second leg



Braga's defender Silvio (L) vies with Benfica's forward Nicolas Gaitan (R) during their UEFA Europa League football match at Braga Stadium in Braga.— INTERNET

on Thursday to set up an all-Portuguese Europa League final with league champions FC Porto. Braga's success saw the club from northern Portugal advance on away goals after a 2-2 aggregate draw and thwarted neutrals' hopes of a clash between traditional rivals Porto and Benfica in the final in Dublin on 18 May.

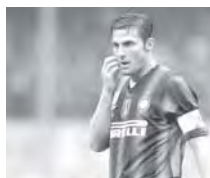
Domingos Paciencia's side, runners-up to Benfica in last season's Portuguese championship, will be appearing in their first ever European final. In stark contrast, two-time European champions Porto are bidding to complete a treble, having already sewn up the Portuguese league title and reached the final of the Portuguese Cup on 22 May.— *Internet*

Inter captain says United can win Champions League

ROME, 6 May — Manchester United are capable of beating Barcelona to win the Champions League, according to Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti. The Argentine lifted the trophy last season after his side, under Jose Mourinho, dethroned the then reigning champions Barca in the semi-finals. Barcelona beat United in the 2009 final in Rome, thus deposing the English champions who had beaten Chelsea in Moscow the year before.

"I think the Manchester side of this year could take revenge for the Champions League final lost in Rome," he told reporters. "But it's not an easy task given that Barcelona are certainly the team that plays

the best football in the world." Turning his attentions to his own team, Zanetti insisted this season has not been a complete write-off. Last year Inter won an unprecedented treble in Italian football but their Champions League defence came to and at the quarter-final stage in a humiliating 7-3 aggregate defeat to Schalke 04, themselves thrashed 6-1 by United in the semis. — *Internet*



Inter Milan captain Javier Zanetti

United target Varane in no hurry over Lens future



Lens' 18-year-old defender Raphael Varane

LENS, 6 May — Lens' 18-year-old defender Raphael Varane, a reported target for Manchester United, said on Thursday that he was yet to make a decision about his future. "I'm not worrying myself about this subject," said Varane, who will sit exams for his French baccalaureate this year. "I know that I'm being followed but, for the time being, I've made no decision. I've not even discussed this with the president (Gervais Martel) yet."

Manny Pacquiao camp stresses need for patience in Mosley bout

LAS VEGAS, 6 May — Manny Pacquiao's trainer Freddie Roach has one nagging concern ahead of the Filipino's WBO welterweight title defense against Shane Mosley on Saturday. While eight-times world champion Pacquiao has been installed as an odds-on favorite by Las Vegas bookmakers for the scheduled 12-round bout, Roach believes his fighter's strategy during the first five rounds will be decisive.

"If Manny makes the mistake of attacking Shane without setting it up first, he will walk into a counter-shot," Roach told reporters at the MGM Grand on Thursday. "That's my biggest concern. 'When Shane is on the ropes trying to set up the counter-shot, Manny knows the move to make. He does it

Boxer Manny Pacquiao (L) of the Philippines faces off with Shane Mosley of the US during a news conference at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.— INTERNET

to me every day." Asked what Pacquiao's response should be, Roach replied: "Get him off track, get him all mixed up."

"American Mosley, a four-times world champion in three weight divisions, is bigger and taller than Pacquiao. According to Roach, he also possesses the most lethal punch the Filipino has ever faced.— *Internet*



Haas gets off to a hot start at Quail Hollow

CHARLOTTE, 6 May — Of all the times Bill Haas has played Quail Hollow, he never had a round quite like this. Haas had stress-free birdies on all the par



Bill Haas

5s and did little wrong on the rest of the holes Thursday in the Wells Fargo Championship, matching the tournament record for lowest opening round with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot lead. "I've got good feelings around this place," Haas said.

It was his best score by four shots at Quail Hollow on the PGA Tour, and way better than two dozen rounds he played as a kid when he would tag along with his father, Jay Haas, on the special trips they made to the course. Haas had a two-shot lead over David Toms and Jonathan Byrd, who each had a 66 in the morning when it was barely above 40 degrees at the start of the tournament with a north wind that is uncommon for this tournament.— *Internet*

FIFA investigates match-fixing claims

LONDON, 6 May — Football's ruling body FIFA is investigating claims that over 300 matches on three continents were influenced by match-fixers, according to *The Daily Telegraph*. FIFA suspects match officials were paid as little as \$10,000 to help engineer specific results in international friendly matches and European club games, netting fixers hundreds of millions of dollars on Asian betting markets. "The threat from match-fixing to the integrity of the global game is significant," Chris Eaton, FIFA's head of security, confirmed to the British newspaper. — *Internet*

Djokovic equals Lendl mark, Murray, Wozniacki crash

MADRID, 6 May — Novak Djokovic equalled Ivan Lendl's 1986 record of a 29-0 winning start to a season when he reached the Madrid Masters quarter-finals. The Serb second seed on Thursday cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 thrashing of Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez which took less than an hour to extend his overall winning streak to 31, stretching



Novak Djokovic of Serbia

back to the two Davis Cup final singles he won in December. Top-seeded holder Rafael Nadal went through to the last eight without lifting a racquet as opponent Juan Martin Del Potro retired before their third round match with hip pain.

Thomaz Bellucci profited from his first meeting with Scot fourth seed Andy Murray, securing a 6-4, 6-2 win in 90 minutes. Murray's temper boiled over with the seed warned for audible obscenities from early on in the proceedings as Bellucci won the last four games to advance to the

last eight. But the British player wasn't too downhearted with his form.

In the women's event, world number one Caroline Wozniacki lost to Germany's Julia Goerges for the second time in little more than a week while French Open champion Francesca Schiavone and Roland Garros runner-up Samantha Stosur also went out. Goerges, who saw off Wozniacki in the Stuttgart final last week, enjoyed a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 win and next plays Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who upset Stosur 7-6 (7/4), 6-3.

— *Internet*

Del Piero signs Juve extension

ROME, 6 May — Veteran forward Alessandro Del Piero on Thursday signed a one-year contract extension with Juventus keeping him at the club next season. Del Piero, 36, has been at Juve since 1993, winning five Serie A



Veteran forward Alessandro Del Piero

titles, one Italian Cup and the Champions League in 1996. He also won the 2005 and 2006 titles with the club but they were stripped of those and relegated after being found guilty of match-fixing, allowing Del Piero to add the Serie B crown to his collection in 2007.

"I'm enjoying myself, I'm happy to be here today as it's what I wanted for next year," said Del Piero. "It wasn't difficult to reach an agreement because there wasn't much to discuss." He played 91 times for Italy, scoring 27 goals and was part of the squad that lifted the World Cup in 2006. — *Internet*

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- ★ 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

MHMF accomplishes Mt. Nat Ma mission



Members of MHMF on top of Mt. Nat Ma.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Members of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation had successfully scaled 10200 feet high Mt. Nat Ma in Kanpetlet Township in Chin State during the period from 11 to 19 April. They started hiking to the Mt. Nat Ma from Mindat.

The group was comprised of 354 members—201 men and 153 women—from MHMF, University of Medicine-1 (Yangon), University of Medicine (Mandalay), University of Dental Medicine (Yangon), University of Dental Medicine (Mandalay), University of Nursing (Yangon), Yangon University, Dagon University, Institute of Economics (Yangon), University of Foreign Languages

(Yangon), University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay), East University (Yangon), Hinthada University, Maubin University, Mawlamyine University, Myeik University, Yadanabon University, University of Distance Education (Mandalay), Kyaukse University, Taunggyi University, Monywa University, University of Distance Education (Monywa), Myanmar Maritime University (Yangon), Technological University (Mandalay), University of Veterinary Science, University of Forestry, University of Agriculture, Government Technological College (Yangon), Cooperative College (Yangon) and National Management College (Yangon).

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Kayah State marks concluding of summer paddy cultivation

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — A ceremony to mark the concluding of summer paddy cultivation (2010-2011) of Kayah State took place at the field of farmer U Bya Yal in Htayngthalya village in Loikaw on 30 April.

Kayah State ministers attended the ceremony and the state manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service explained 14 scientific agricultural techniques for high yields. Then, those present viewed the booths of MAS. — MNA

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