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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

Cultural heritage buildings inspected in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May— Accompanied by Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs U Than Soe Myint and officials, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan looked into preservation of ancient cultural works at Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace and Cultural Museum, the Mingala Gate and Laythein Gate, 19 Thudhamma wayside rest houses, Shwenandaw Monastery and Maha Atulawaiyan (Atumashi) Monastery in Mandalay, and the number of local and foreign visitors.

During his inspection tour, the Union Minister stressed the

need to make display of artifacts in Mandalay Archaeological Region more attractive, prevent damage due to natural elements, systematically preserve the ancient works with the use of modern chemicals, renovate Thudhamma wayside rest houses with contributions of the ministry and collaborative efforts of wellwishers and give priority to security measures.

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*Union Minister for
Information and for Culture
U Kyaw Hsan
visits Myanan Sankyaw
Golden Palace.*

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Staff should commit themselves to clean governance



Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun inspects Setsan jetty in Pazundaung Township.

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YANGON, 8 May— Staff should strive to meet the target of export of forest products, earn more foreign exchange than target and ensure a clean governance said Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun while inspecting lots at Setsan raft jetty in Pazundaung Township, here, yesterday.

The Union Minister visited container yard (sawn timber) in Ahlon Township, inland container inspection yard in Botahtaung Township and loading log at No.4 wharf of Sule port.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Humanitarian projects picking up momentum

Inspired by a strong sense of altruistic spirit, Myanmar people by nature are willing to contribute volunteer service for welfare of others, provide assistance to needy people, and encourage those who are getting into troubles.

Every now and then, the world sees natural disasters due to climate changes and human activities. The Myanmar Red Cross Society is aimed at rescuing and rehabilitating victims of disasters. With the objective: to alleviate suffering, the social organization is in pursuit of humanitarian tasks for providing health care, control and prevent diseases and rehabilitate those in troubles.

Red Cross members are taking part in community-based health care projects, collecting safe blood, prevent HIV/AIDS, and providing artificial limbs. The association in cooperation with UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and congenial organizations is working closely for those vulnerable to diseases and those who have only little chance to receive medical treatment.

Preparedness against natural disasters and rehabilitation is one of the major tasks of the Myanmar Red Cross Society. To expedite the tasks, first aid course and community-based first aid course are being conducted on a wide scale across the nation.

Now, the number of township Red Cross societies is 325. With the total number of Red Cross members of over 200,000, humanitarian projects are gathering momentum.

Kachin State INRD to accelerate works

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Kachin State Immigration and National Registration Department has committed to step up works of the department in the state.

At the work coordination meeting for the 2011-2012 of Kachin State INRD at its office in Myitkyina on 6 May and yesterday, U Kyi Lin, Head of Kachin State INRD called for accelerating the efforts of the department and for carrying out the tasks of the department in coordination with each others. He also discussed the reports of district, township INRDs during the meeting. — MNA

Kobin-Thagara Yoma-crossing road under construction

YANGON, 8 May—Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspected road works of Kobin-Thagara Yoma-crossing road and Kobin-Aunglan-Pyay road. In the evening, he met with staff from district and township, at Pyay District Office of Public Works.—MNA

People's Desire

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

EP-2 Minister receives Chinese guests

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives Mr Shen Ai Hua of Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received Vice-President Mr Shen Ai Hua and party of

Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation of the People's Republic of China at his office, here, on 6 May morning.—MNA

Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) to be renovated



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung addresses the coordination meeting for all-round renovation of Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon).—MNA

YANGON, 8 May — Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung attended coordination meeting for full scale renovation of Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) at the meeting hall of Pagoda Board of Trustees office in Mayangon Township here this morning.

The chairman of leading committee for renovation of pagoda and officials of working committees submitted reports. The minister attended to the needs.

The minister paid homage to the pagoda after the meeting.

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Personnel urged to undertake development tasks in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May— Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat yesterday afternoon gave instructions on beautifying of town, systematically carrying out of development tasks at the office of Shan State Development Affairs Committee in Kengtung.

Director of Shan State DAC U Sai Tun Tun reported on tasks of DACs.

The Chief Minister left necessary instructions.

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Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat meets staff of Shan State DAC in Kengtung. MNA

Four injured in blast in Peshawar, Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 May—At least four people were injured in a blast that took place Sunday morning in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar, reported local English TV channel Express.

According to the report, the explosion took place at about 11:30 am local time outside the house of a political party's leader on the GT road of the city.

The house attacked belongs to Arbab Ayub, a provincial minister of ANP (Awami National Party), a major political party in Pakistan. Arbab Ayub was not hurt in the blast, but one of his relatives was injured, said the report.

All the four people injured have been shifted to hospital. Conditions of them are not known at this point. Police said that the blast took place inside a car parking near the house of Arbab Ayub and it was a remote controlled blast. In another development, at least two security personnel were killed and another was injured in a remote control blast that occurred Sunday morning in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan.—Xinhua

Five dead as storm slams into Philippines

MANILA, 8 May—Tropical storm Aere slammed into the eastern Philippine seaboard on Sunday, bringing heavy rains and landslides that have so far killed five people and left over a thousand stranded, officials said.

The Philippines' state weather bureau said Aere made landfall over the island of Catanduanes before noon, and was expected to take a north-easterly path for the rest of the day.

Five people were killed when heavy rains triggered a landslide in the Province of Camarines Sur in the

eastern Bicol region, where local officials scrambled to launch rescue and relief missions.

"The provincial road going to the area is not passable due to flooding," said Inspector Ayn Natuel, a spokesman at the Bicol regional police headquarters.

Aere, the first major weather disturbance of the year, hit Catanduanes, an island of about 250,000 people, with maximum winds of 85 kilometres (52.8 miles) per hour at its centre and gusts of up to 100 kilometres

(62.13 miles) per hour.

Storm alert warnings had been raised over at least 12 provinces in the main island of Luzon and the eastern Bicol, the civil defence office in Manila

said.

People living in these areas were warned of possible flash floods and landslides, while those in coastal areas were told to brace for storm surges.—Internet



Houses are submerged in flood waters in the southern island of Mindanao.—INTERNET

Four dead as Taliban hold out in Afghan City

KANDAHAR, 8 May—The death toll from a wave of Taliban attacks on government buildings in the key Afghan City of Kandahar has risen to four as militants held out into a second day, officials said Sunday.

Violence in the city, seen as the Taliban's birthplace, broke out on Saturday at around 1:00 pm (0830 GMT) when militants with guns and rocket-propelled grenades attacked the governor's office from nearby buildings.

It spread to sites including the local offices of the intelligence service

and several police offices as a total of ten explosions including six suicide blasts rocked the city.

Nearly 50 people have been wounded in the standoff, the first major incident since the Taliban announced the start of its annual spring offensive just over a week ago.

Although the attacks died down overnight, Taliban fighters were on Sunday still occupying one traffic police building, firing shots and rockets.

"It is a complicated building, that is why it has taken a while to clear up but soon we will clear the

building of the enemy," said Kandahar border police commander General Abdul Razeq, in charge of the operation.

The building is also close to the local office of the Afghan intelligence service, the National Directorate of Security (NDS).

Internet



The ruins of the Darul Aman palace, the former house of Afghan King Amanullah (1920-1929), in Kabul.

The death toll from a string of Taliban attacks on government buildings in the Afghan City of Kandahar has risen to four as militants held out into a second day Sunday, officials said.

INTERNET

Crash of UN observation flight kills six Bolivians

LA PAZ, 8 May—The Bolivian air force has found the wreckage of a plane and the bodies of the two crew members and four UN workers who were monitoring the cultivation of coca.

Defence Minister Maria Cecilia Chacon says the airplane was found Saturday and there are no survivors. The plane was reported missing after failing to return Thursday to the capital of La Paz.

Everyone on board was Bolivian and included two members of Bolivia's air force and four employees of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

The plane was found in a remote region of Inquisivi province about 75 miles (120 kilometres) from La Paz. An investigation into the cause of accident is expected to take about 10 days.—Internet

Two killed in small plane crash in Texas

CONROE, 8 May—Two people — a man and a woman — died Saturday when a small plane crashed shortly after takeoff from an airport north of Houston, officials said. The two are thought to be a father and adult daughter, but neither could be positively identified without an autopsy, said Trooper Erick Burse of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The fiery crash happened about 9 am a half-mile north of the Lone Star Executive Airport in Conroe, from which the single-engine, kit-built Raven 500 had just taken off on a planned 125-mile flight to Temple, Burse said. Conroe is about 40 miles north of Houston.

The pilot reported smoke in the cockpit and declared an emergency just before the crash of the experimental aircraft owned by Loyd Woodward of Girard, Burse said. Woodward was not thought to be among the dead, he said. Woodward did not immediately return a phone message Saturday. The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board sent investigators to the scene.—Internet

An injured Iraqi man waiting for treatment outside a hospital in Hillah, about 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, 5 May, 2011. A suicide car bomber crashed his vehicle into a barrier outside a police building in central Iraq on Thursday morning, killing and wounding dozens of policemen, a local councilman said.—INTERNET

23 suicide attackers killed, four detained in Afghan Kandahar Province



Fourteen-year-old Afghan boy Noor Mohammad, who was a would-be suicide bomber, speaks during a news conference by Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) in Kabul on 7 May, 2011.—INTERNET

KABUL, 8 May—Afghan security forces had killed 23 suicide attackers and detained four others in fighting against Taliban militants in southern Kandahar Province on Saturday, Interior Ministry spokesman Zamarai Bashari said Sunday.

"Twenty three suicide bombers had been killed and four others made captive by security forces after militants' attacks in Kandahar on Saturday," Bashari told newsmen at

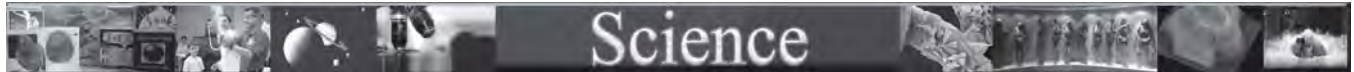
a Press Conference.

He also added that 15 civilians, 12 policemen, two Afghan soldiers and 11 militants

were injured in the gun battle which lasted for a few hours, he further added.

Xinhua





Science



A blanket of haze hangs over the Hong Kong skyline early on 3 April this year. The Hong Kong government has been told to hammer out a timetable for new air quality rules amid increasingly vocal criticism of pollution in the global financial hub, a green group says.—INTERNET

Rocket blasts off with missile-warning satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, 8 May—An unmanned Atlas 5 rocket blasted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Saturday to put the first satellite of the Defence Department's new missile-warning system into orbit.

After a day's delay due to poor weather, the United Launch Alliance Atlas 5 booster lifted off at 2:10 am EDT, soaring through clear blue skies over the Atlantic Ocean.

Tucked inside the rocket's nosecone was the \$1.3 billion Space-Based Infrared Systems (SBIRS) Geo-1 space-craft, built by

Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman.

The satellite, the first of four scheduled for launch over the next five years, is intended to provide the US military with early notice of missile launches and other reconnaissance services.

The \$17.6 billion SBIRS constellation, which includes sensors on host satellites, will augment and eventually replace the military's Defence Support Programme satellites, which have been operating since 1970. The satellites scour the planet for heat

trails produced by flying rockets and missiles.

"Geo-1 will bring the dawn of a new era in persistent overhead surveillance," Roger Teague, head of the US Air Force's Infrared Space Systems Directorate, told reporters.

"These systems are so much more sensitive. We can see much more, much earlier, much sooner (and) many dimmer targets." Over the next nine days, Geo-1's position will be tweaked so that it ends up in an orbit about 22,000 miles above the planet.

Internet

Mother's Day in Space: Astronaut mom connects with son from orbit

WASHINGTON, 8 May—Cady Coleman won't be the only mom spending this year's Mother's Day away from her child and family, but she will be higher up than any other.

Coleman is a NASA astronaut who's been living 220 miles (350 km) above the planet on the *International Space Station* since December 2010. And, she's the only mom in space for Mother's Day. Coleman and her husband Josh have a 10-year-old son. "I miss them so much and I appreciate them," Coleman told the CBS television show *The Talk*, speaking recently from space.

"It's a lot of work for them for me to be gone. I'm just hoping that while

I'm up here the things that I'll be doing end up being worth it, and I really think they will be."

While Cady Coleman is the only mother in space at the moment, she isn't the first.

Many spaceflyers are parents; the first mom to fly to orbit was NASA astronaut Anna Fisher, who flew on the space shuttle *Discovery* bringing Hobbes with me to do experiments and I take pictures and send them down to the ground so he understands what I'm doing every day," Coleman said on *The Talk*.

Coleman is one of six astronauts living on the space station right now.

Internet



Children watch a model rocket blasting off during a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into space at a school in St Petersburg, Russia, 12 April, 2011.
INTERNET



Technology

Skype to fix wormable bug in Mac Software

NEW YORK, 8 May—Skype plans to push out an important update to its Skype for Mac software next week that will fix a big that could be leveraged by hackers looking to build a self-copying worm programme.

Details of the flaw haven't been made public, so it's unlikely that anyone is going to write a worm any time soon. But the bug is serious, according to Gordon Maddern, the Australian security researcher who reported the issue to Skype.

"The long and the short of it is that an attacker needs only to send a victim a message and they can gain remote control of the victims Mac," Maddern wrote in a blog post. "It is extremely wormable and dangerous."

According to Skype, any attack that exploited it would involve sending

a maliciously crafted message to someone on the attacker's Skype Contact List. The flaw does not affect Windows or Linux users, Skype Chief Information Security Officer Adrian Asher wrote in a blog post on the issue.

Skype will push out an update to its Skype for Mac software early next week, which means that all Mac OS users should be offered the fix within days.

But security-conscious people can already download a "hotfix" that Skype released on April 14. However, to date, Skype hasn't pushed this patch out to its users. Because "there were no reports of this vulnerability being exploited in the wild, we did not prompt our users to install this update," Asher said.—Internet



The Lenovo IdeaPad U1 Hybrid device, which combines LePad, a 10-inch Android-powered tablet (L) with a Windows-powered base station.
INTERNET

Flipboard iPad app doubles users, triples Traffic in two months

WASHINGTON, 8 May—Traffic on Flipboard, which turns your social and media feeds into a sleek digital magazine, has increased 300 percent since early March, to between 8 and 9 million flips, CEO Mike McCue told Liz Gannes of AllThingsD. A flip on the touchscreen app is roughly equivalent to a page view.

The social news app also doubled its user base in two months, and I was one of them. Flipboard was the third app I installed on my new iPad last month, after Evernote (for productivity) and Angry Birds (for unproductivity).

For those of us trying to make a living in the new media landscape, Flipboard gives a preview of what our work might look like in a few years: Digital, clickable, multimedia, interactive, instantly updated, streamlined and personalized.

The app picks up Facebook, Twitter, Google Reader, Flickr and other social media feeds and arranges them into a magazine-like layout. Instead of wandering aimless like a cloud through my browser, mailbox, and desktop to see my RSS feeds, friends' updates, Tweets, and favorite

New York Times stories, I get them, neatly assembled, usually with a lovely photo of somebody else's vacation on the cover.

Users can add curated topical feeds and Flipboard versions of a growing stable of publications, ranging from *Lonely Planet* to *Business Insider*.

It bypasses advertising, which scares me as a writer. As a reader, I like it a lot.

It's been a good couple of weeks for Flipboard, which picked up Webby and People's Voice Awards for tablet news and social apps, and signed the Oprah Winfrey media empire in mid-April and Forbes this week, according to Folio.

Flipboard for iPhone will launch this summer, McCue told Gannes. "I mentioned to McCue that Flipboard might now be part of my weekend routine but it's too lightweight for my weekday thirst to tap into real-time news and conversation," Gannes writes. "McCue responded that the new iPhone app is designed to be a weekday tool for people like me." A MacOS version has been rumored but not announced.—Internet



Health



Health Tip: After you run a marathon

Running 25 miles or more can take a major toll on your body, so it's important to take it easy after you've finished a marathon.

The Cleveland Clinic suggests what to do after you cross the finish line:

- * Continue drinking plenty of water.
- * Eat or drink carbohydrates to replenish what you've used. But don't overdo it, or you may get an upset stomach.
- * Stretch gently and walk for about an hour after the race to help minimize stiffness.
- * Ice any sore areas in 15-minute intervals throughout the rest of the day.
- * Treat yourself to a post-race massage.
- * The week after the marathon, don't run. Walk, bike or swim if you want to exercise.
- * Ease back into running, gradually increasing your distance and speed over time. Don't focus on speed for the first month or strength training for the first two weeks after the race.
- * Take time to rest, recover and heal.—Internet

Most leukemia patients recover from 'chemo brain' after transplant

SEATTLE, 8 May—A decline in memory and fine-motor skills is common among patients who undergo a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to treat leukemia or lymphoma, but most patients return to normal within five years, according to a new study.

Previous research has shown that the chemotherapy drugs these patients take before transplantation and medicines they take to prevent rejection of the transplanted cells can

affect memory and motor skills. This study looked at how long it takes them to recover from those problems, often referred to as "chemo brain."

The study included 92 patients with chronic myeloid leukemia, acute leukemia, lymphoma or myelodysplastic syndrome, in which the bone marrow does not function normally. The patients had received an allogeneic (cells donated by another person) bone marrow or stem cell transplant.

After treatment, the patients' memory and motor skills were assessed. Most patients showed substantial improvement in neurocognitive function between one and five years after their transplant. But deficits, described as mostly mild,

persisted for five years in nearly 42 percent of the patients, a finding that surprised the researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle.

"We really thought the rates would be lower," study leader Karen Syrjala, director of Biobehavioral Sciences, said in a Hutchinson news release. "We were thrilled to see that people recovered substantially, but we also were surprised that so many people did continue to have measurable deficits in some areas even after five years."

Further research is needed to identify the reasons for these persistent deficits, she added. The study was published 2 May online in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.—Internet



A drawing adorns the surgical mask worn by a man to help prevent being infected with the swine flu on 28 April, 2009 in Mexico City, Mexico. Reports indicate that most people confirmed with the new swine flu were infected in Mexico, where the number of deaths blamed on the virus has surpassed 150, and confirmed cases in the United States has passed 60 people.

INTERNET



File picture shows a surgeon during an operation. Surgery appears to be a better treatment option for early prostate cancer than "watchful waiting," particularly for younger patients, according to a Swedish study.

INTERNET



Business



LVMH-backed fund hunts for emerging Asian brands

NEW YORK, 8 May—A \$650-million private equity fund backed by the world's top luxury retailer LVMH is on the prowl for emerging Asian brands in the hope of transforming them into global names.

The L Capital Asia fund has so far spent a total of \$90 million on minority stakes in two Singaporean fashion companies and a Hong Kong-listed watch and jewellery company.

It is in advanced talks with a fashion-related firm from China and another from India and hopes to make an announcement about the investments in the next few months, said Ravi Thakran, the fund's managing partner.

Unlike its parent group LVMH, which concentrates on the top tier of the luxury sector, he said the fund focuses exclusively on promising Asian labels looking for a big breakthrough, particularly in the Chinese and Indian markets.

"The primary engine not only for Asia-Pacific, but for the whole world today, is this twin propeller of China and India," Thakran said.

"So we are looking for those smart entrepreneurs who have a great product, very differentiated DNA, something very different in their category."

He said the fund will look at China, India and Southeast Asia, where promising labels would benefit from an extra push from a partner such as LVMH.

Paris-listed LVMH is one of the world's most successful luxury retailers, with a portfolio of brands



A Louis Vuitton luxury handbag displayed in Singapore. The L Capital Asia fund has so far spent a total of \$90 million on minority stakes in two Singaporean fashion companies and a Hong Kong-listed watch and jewellery company.

INTERNET

that includes Louis Vuitton, Parfums Christian Dior and Guerlain perfumes alongside Moët and Chandon and Dom Pérignon champagnes.

In 2010 it posted record sales of 20.3 billion euros (\$30 billion) and a profit of 3.03 billion euros, as demand for its high-end products rose among Asia's growing ranks of affluent and brand-conscious consumers.

Xinhua

Australia's 2011-12 budget to create more jobs

CANBERRA, 8 May—Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan on Sunday said the 2011-12 federal budget, to be released next week, will get more Australians into jobs and spreading the opportunity of the mining boom.

Swan is due to release the budget on Tuesday, and some economists are predicting that it will include a deficit of about 56 billion US dollars, compared with the 45.6 billion US dollars predicted at the time of the mid-year budget review last November.

Swan said the federal budget is too often treated like a magic act, judged on the number of surprises, clever one-liners and rabbit-out-of-the-hat-style tricks.

Instead, he said next Tuesday's budget is not a one-night show, and it will show a return to surplus in 2012-13, getting more Australians into jobs and spreading the opportunity of the mining boom.

"It will get us back into the black in 2012-13, that's the responsible course of action, well ahead of just about any other developed economy in the world," Swan said in his final Sunday economic note before handing down his fourth budget.

Swan has said the budget would be at least a 7.1 billion US dollars hit to revenues in the short term caused by this summer's natural disasters, both at home and in Japan, as well as the hangover of the global financial crisis. However, he said longer term there would be economic strength and strong job creation. Swan said small business is to the forefront of the government's focus, because not everybody is going to be in the fast lane of the economy.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 May, 2011 shows boats anchor in the water of the Nanjing reach along the Yangtze River in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province. Due to the drought, the highest and lowest water levels of the Nanjing reach along the Yangtze River this year are both one meter less than the normal.—INTERNET

Three dead, one injured in shooting at California home

FAIRFIELD, 8 May—A shooting inside a home Saturday left three people dead, including the suspected shooter, after what investigators believe was a dispute among roommates, a police spokesman said.

Fairfield police received a call from a man inside the home shortly after noon reporting that he had been shot and that the shooter was firing at other people, said Officer Cleo Mayoral. Officers surrounded the house, and when they entered, they found a man and a woman dead.

A third man, believed to be the shooter, was critically injured with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Mayoral said. He was taken to a local

trauma centre, where he later died.

The man who phoned police was shot in the foot and was being treated at a hospital, Mayoral said.

Police believe the four victims were roommates. Mayoral said Saturday's shooting was not the first time police had been called to the residence in Fairfield, about 40 miles northeast of San Francisco. "Officers have been there several times in the past involving disturbances," he said.

Investigators were trying to determine the exact relationships between the victims and what may have caused the deadly altercation.

Police did not release the victims' names.—*Internet*

Air NZ passenger plane makes emergency landing in North Island's Hamilton

WELLINGTON, 8 May—An Air New Zealand Boeing 737 plane made an emergency landing at an airport in New Zealand North Island City of Hamilton on Sunday morning after one of its engines shut down mid-flight.

A spokesman for Air New Zealand said the plane landed normally and safely. He said early indications showed the problem was most likely caused by low oil pressure. The engineers would look at the cause later Sunday. A spokesman for the Fire Service said there were 101 people on board the Boeing 737, which was on its way from Auckland to Wellington.—*Xinhua*



Steve Scheer looks at floodwater on 7 May, 2011, in Memphis, Tenn. Communities all along the banks of the Mississippi are keeping a close eye on the river's rise with the crest in Memphis not expected until Wednesday.

INTERNET



Staff are seen here standing guard at the entrance of an Apple store in Beijing's chic Sanlitun commercial district, on 7 May. Four people were hospitalised and a glass door smashed as a near riot broke out at Beijing's top Apple store as crowds rushed to snap up the popular iPad 2 tablet computer.

INTERNET

Italian police save 400 migrants off Lampedusa

ROME, 8 May—Italian police and coast guard officials on Sunday rescued some 400 illegal migrants coming from Libya whose boat was tossed against rocks near port in southern Italy after the steering malfunctioned, officials said.

Images of the rescue showed panicked migrants jumping or falling into the choppy waters as their boat heaved in the waves off the tiny island of Lampedusa.

Some managed to make their way to shore holding on to ropes that had been attached to the boat's stern; others were hauled up on shore by rescue crews in the water.

Financial police official Fabrizio Pisanelli said the boat's steering

had stopped working as the boat was nearing Lampedusa's port shortly after 4 am Sunday.

reached the migrants immediately, saving them all.

Pisanelli said they included women and



File picture shows a boat carrying Tunisian migrants entering the port of Lampedusa in April.—INTERNET

Strong winds had pushed the boat against rocks, throwing migrants overboard.

Three police officials who had boarded the boat in open seas helped control the situation, and rescuers

children, and were from sub-Saharan Africa.

Tens of thousands of migrants have fled unrest in northern Africa since January, most arriving at Lampedusa, the nearest Italian port to Africa.—*Internet*

Violence in Venezuelan prison leaves eight dead

CARACAS, 8 May—Authorities at a Venezuelan prison have found the bodies of eight inmates killed in what officials say is a conflict between rival gangs fighting for control of their cellblocks.

National Guard Col Juan Ramon Rivas said Saturday the bodies were discovered in an administrative area of the prison in western Tachira state. Authorities think the dead were moved there after being killed elsewhere in the prison.

The slain men found Friday all had stab wounds and belonged to the same gang. Violence is common in Venezuela's severely crowded prisons, where inmates can obtain firearms and other weapons with the help of corrupt guards.

Internet

Four injured in iPad fight at Beijing Apple store

BEIJING, 8 May—Four people were taken to hospital and a glass door smashed as a near-riot broke out at Beijing's top Apple store among crowds rushing to snap up the popular iPad 2 tablet computer, according to state press.

Angry consumers began rushing the store on Saturday afternoon after a "foreign" Apple employee allegedly stepped into the crowd to push and beat people suspected of queue jumping, the *Beijing News* said.

After the employee retreated back into the store, a crowd of consumers smashed the glass front door and shoved security guards as they surged forward in anger over the alleged beatings, the report said.

Consumers have lined up for hours at Apple stores in Beijing and Shanghai since the iPad 2, the updated version of the tablet computer, went on sale in the world's biggest Internet market on Friday.

The store in Beijing's chic Sanlitun commercial district closed early Saturday because of the altercation, but according to a voice recording on the store's phone was open for business Sunday.

Apple officials were not immediately available for comment when telephoned by *AFP*.

Police were investigating the incident and have interviewed four people hospitalised with injuries, the *Beijing News* said.

Lines for the popular iPad 2 have grown so long that people have begun selling their places in the queue, while a secondary market has also developed with consumers reselling their tablet computers for profit after leaving the store, the report said.

Late Saturday, the store posted a notice saying that queue jumping and the unauthorised sales of Apple products would not be tolerated, the paper said.

Internet

Step up post-literary programme

Min Than Hlaing

The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association in cooperation with the Information and Public Relations Department carried out the post-literary programme and tasks for sustainable development of the school libraries in Dagon Myothit (North) and Thakayta townships from December 2010 to January 2011.

The programme covered essay contests, extempore talks contests and poem-reciting contests at the high, middle and primary school levels. The topics for the contests were "The Book I have Read", "Our School Library", and "Knowledge is Power".

The awarding ceremony for the contests were held on a grand scale, attended by the then Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan.

The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and well-wishers donated periodicals to the school libraries.

The Information and Public Relations Department has been opening libraries in both urban and rural areas as part of the post-literary programme. So far, it has established over 50,000 libraries in rural areas alone.

A growing number of libraries across the nation help broaden the horizons of the public and enable them to distinguish between good and bad and make remarkable contribution towards the shaping of the future of the nation.

I would like to present aphorisms of some doyen literati.

Mind controls body. Wisdom controls mind. Knowledge controls wisdom. So read as many publications of various genres as you can to acquire knowledge.

(P. Moe Nin)

Reading is 'keeping doors open'. Reading no books is 'keeping doors closed'.

(U Bagyi Ngo)

Keep off reading and your future will remain dim.

(Dagon U San Ngwe)

Reading makes you get relaxed and refreshed, expands your horizons, keeps depressing away, suppresses conceit, guides you

A doyen writer once said that reading enriched knowledge and got rid of wrong concepts. By reading, a person can not only broaden his horizons but also removes imprudent ideas. Suppose a person has applied a method for a long time, and it is deep in his heart. And reading books, he gains a better method, then it is safe to say that he has improved his knowledge.

to enlightenment, and enriches your life in mundane and supramundane affairs.

(Mann Tin)

Book is the best friend. If you want to read books, then go to a library where a wide range of books are kept. A library is the best university.

(U Thaw Kaung)

In my opinion, once a village gets a library, it provides a starting point for vast knowledge of the villagers. It is because knowledge can change from bad to good.

Actually, book is the best mass medium for knowledge, entertainment and information. A place where books can be stored systematically for a long time is a library.

Today competition for prosperity is intense. If one does not read books to acquire knowledge, one will not know as much as it should be and surely one will lag behind others in prosperity.

A doyen writer once said that reading enriched knowledge and got rid of wrong concepts. By reading, a person can not only broaden his horizons but also removes imprudent ideas. Suppose a person has applied a method for a long time, and it is deep in his heart. And reading books, he gains a better method, then it is safe to say that he has improved his knowledge.

Book is a source of knowledge. So, one cannot improve one's reasoning power if one keeps off reading. If so, one's intellectual power remains normal. To read books is to gain knowledge, not to know how to read. Sayings such as "Book is the best friend", and "Knowledge is power" reflect the benefits of literacy.

With our experiences only, we cannot know everything. Only when we read books in which writers present their experiences and lessons will it be possible for us to gain knowledge.

If we are going to read a book, we should know the life of the writer to some extent and we should judge whether we can gain knowledge from the book or not. If a book "How to be rich" is written by a poor man, it is out of the question for readers to become rich by applying the points featured in the book.

If an illiterate becomes rich, his richness will not last long. The progress of a lifelong learner will come to an end only when he is dead.

Now, the people have easy access to libraries where they can make choices of books they like. The people can visit libraries and take time to read.

It is heartening to note that the Myanmar Libraries Foundation has been established. So, the number of libraries will keep growing. Well-wishers are donating cash and publications with good volition. The most encouraging news for book lovers is that the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association has launched a test run of media corners in Yangon.

A marked increase in the number of libraries and media corners gives further impetus for dealing with the challenge of the Age of Knowledge. In conclusion, I am very pleased the people can now expand their horizons due to the literary institutions that can provide intellectual nourishment.

Translation: MS

Japan won't abandon nukes despite crisis

TOKYO, 8 May— A top Japanese official said Sunday that Japan would maintain atomic power as a major part of its energy policy despite the country's ongoing nuclear crisis.

Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshito Sengoku also said the government has no plans to halt nuclear reactors other than three at the Hamaoka power plant in central Japan. The plant was asked last week to halt the units until a seawall is built and backup systems are improved.

"Our energy policy is to stick to nuclear power," Sengoku said on a weekly talk show on public broadcaster NHK.

He said Hamaoka was an exception and that the government's closure request Friday did not mean a departure from its nuclear-reliant policy.

Chubu Electric Power Co, which runs the three Hamaoka reactors, postponed its decision Saturday on the government's shutdown request.

The main concern is that shutting down the reactors would likely worsen power shortages expected this summer.

The government has been reviewing the safety of the country's 54 atomic reactors since a 11 March earthquake and tsunami crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant in the north. The disaster left more than 25,000 people dead or missing on the northeast coast and triggered the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl in 1986.

Internet



Workers are seen in the Reactor Building of Unit 1 at Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) Co's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Fukushima prefecture on 6 May, 2011.

INTERNET

“Work harmoniously and dutifully and be proud of yourselves” Union Minister urges staff in Mandalay



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meets staff of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met with officials and staff of the Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch) and Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Mandalay) at the National Theatre (Mandalay) on 6 May and staff of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) on 7 May.

In meeting with the staff, the Union minister said knowing the fact that the culture ministry is an important one for the nation, every staff member is to carry out their tasks dutifully and efficiently. The Archaeology Department and Fine Arts Department are not only to work in accord with their aims and objectives but also to expose, maintain and promote ancient cultural heritages and fine arts. To do so, cooperation is needed in the interests of the nation and the people. Only then, will the people including the youth respect and value Myanmar's cultural standard and national prestige and integrity. And it will help them promote the spirit of cherishing their country and people and treasuring their language, culture and character.

Moreover, with those from foreign countries knowing the value of Myanmar cultural heritages and willing to visit Myanmar to study them, more foreign exchange will be earned and the people will enjoy more job opportunities.

The Union Minister continued that the personnel are to work in accord with the 14 objectives the ministry has laid down. Only if the nation improves its standard, the service personnel will be proud of their nation. At a time when the government is striving its utmost for development of the nation and the people, the departmental staff are to be proud of themselves

by working harmoniously and dutifully, added the Union minister.

The ministry will provide assistance for the staff to enjoy a pleasant working environment and development in line with the rules and regulations, he concluded. Later, the Union minister cordially greeted the personnel.

MNA



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan greets staff of Fine Arts Department (Mandalay Branch) and Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department (Mandalay).

MNA

Panhlaing Hospital gets ISO 9001:2008 Certificate



Operation Director Dr Tin Lat of GIC hands over ISO certificate to the medical superintendent Dr Ye Moe Myint.

MNA

YANGON, 8 May—A ceremony to present ISO 9001:2008 Certificate by GIC

Independent Certification) of England to Panhlaing Hospital, was held at Sedona Hotel on

Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

It was attended by Chief Minister of Yangon

Region U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and authority concerned from Yangon Region and officials from Ministry of Health. At the ceremony, the medical superintendent of Panhlaing Hospital Dr Ye Moe Myint extended greeting and explained the reason of getting ISO certificate. Operation Director Dr Tin Lat of GIC handed over the certificate to the medical superintendent. After that, Chairman of SPA/FMI Co U Thein Wai spoke words of honour and hosted a

Seminar on franchise business organized

YANGON, 8 May — Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Department of Export Promotion, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, jointly organized Seminar on “Business Opportunity for Franchise Business” on 2 and 3 May.

Thai scholars gave talks on franchise business at the seminar which was attended by directors and staff of RUMFCCI-member companies and member companies of brother associations and faculty members from universities, accounting for 120 attendance.

MNA

dinner. Panhlaing Hospital, established last six year, got the ISO certificate for quality management system for provision of health care.

It is the first hospital that gets the ISO certificate in Myanmar. It is providing quality health care to the patients.

MNA

Union F&R Minister attends 14th ASEAN + 3 Finance Ministers' Meeting



Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun at 14th ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun attended the 14th ASEAN + 3 Finance Ministers' Meeting held on 4 May and the 44th Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting and related meetings held on 5 and 6 May in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Union minister touched upon further development of ADB

member countries and ASEAN members and financial assistance.

On 4 May afternoon, the Union minister attended signed the fifth agreement on freedom of ASEAN financial service. At the 14th ASEAN + 3 Finance Ministers' Meeting, ADB Chairman Mr Haruhiko Kuroda dealt with economic prospect and challenges on policies in Asian, for which Korean, Japanese, Chinese and ASEAN

finance ministers compared notes.

Deputy governors of ASEAN + 3 finance and central banks and co-chairmen of the meeting presented progress of Asian Bond Market Initiative-ABMI, Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization-CMIM and ASEAN + 3 Research Group being carried out under ASEAN + 3 Financial Cooperation.

In the evening, the

joint press release of ASEAN + 3 Finance Ministers was issued, followed by a press conference.

At the 44th Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting on 5 May morning, Governor of the Central Bank of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Van Giau delivered an introductory speech. Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and the ADB chairman extended greetings.

MNA

Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe awards an outstanding Red Cross member.—MNA

World Red Cross Day marked in Yangon Region



YANGON, 8 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe said that the government has encouraged the Myanmar Red Cross Society to be upgraded into a national level force, at the ceremony to mark the World Red Cross Day (2011) at the University of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning.

He called for cooperation and more contribution to humanitarian tasks

in compliance with the theme of this year's World Red Cross Day "Volunteerism".

President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe read the Red Cross Day message. The Yangon Region Chief Minister and ministers and officials awarded outstanding Red Cross member. After the ceremony the chief minister and party viewed commemorative exhibits.—MNA

NanthaU Village gets new health centre and library building



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint at NanthaU Library.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—Mandalay Region, regarding the health sector, has so far seen one 800-bed hospital, one 700-bed hospital, one 550-bed hospital, four 300-bed hospitals, six 200-bed hospitals, one 150-bed hospital, four 100-bed hospitals, 10 50-bed hospitals, 15 25-bed hospitals, three 16-bed hospitals, 41 16-bed

station hospitals, 12 school healthcare centres, 37 maternal and child healthcare centres, 127 rural health centres, 672 sub rural health centres, nine sub local health centres, and 23 traditional health centres.

The government as well as the public is contributing to those healthcare facilities. On 5 May, new rural health

centre building in Shwenantha Village, Madaya Township,

PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Region was opened along with handing over of NanthaU Library building, attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

Donor of the health centre U Tine Win and donor of the library building Daw Win Hlaing also donated K 7 million to the medical fund of the village for needy patients. Mandalay Region Minister for Education and Health Dr Win Hlaing and Minister for Social Affairs U Than Soe Myint presented certificates in honour to the donors.

MNA

Teachers urged to educate children to become good citizen with patriotic spirit

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe urged trainees of teacher training course at training basic education middle school (Magway) and Education College (Magway) to educate the children to become a good citizen with patriotic spirit when they discharge their duties as teachers.

At the meeting with trainees for teachers on 6 May, Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe also called on the trainees to participate in regional development tasks.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone MawShwe meets trainees attending teacher training course.

MNA



True patriotism

- * It is very important for every-one 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.



Canadian survives seven weeks lost in US wilderness

WASHINGTON, 8 May—A Canadian tourist reported missing since mid-March has been found alive in a remote wilderness area of the western United States and is recovering, police told AFP on Saturday.

Rita Chretien, 56, "is safe and has been able to talk with her family, she is now treated in a hospital at Twin Falls, Idaho," said Sergeant Josh Bryant with the Baker City, Oregon police who coordinated the search.

Rescuers are still searching for Chretien's husband Albert, Bryant said by telephone. The couple's van got stuck on a logging road while they were traveling in the remote region en route to the gambling city of Las Vegas, Nevada, police said.—Internet

A forest is pictured in 2003. A Canadian tourist reported missing since mid-March has been found alive in a remote wilderness area of the western United States and is recovering, police told AFP on Saturday.—INTERNET

Europe faces up to boomerang Greek debt chaos

BRUSSELS, 8 May—Europe faced the spectre of Greek calls for new financial aid Saturday as Athens' "catastrophic" finances returned to haunt stressed eurozone states.

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou urged "the EU in particular, to leave Greece in peace to do its job", but Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou later warned that Athens may need more hard cash support.

"We need to plan our next steps for 2012 and 2013 so that Greece can either access markets or use the European council's recent decision that enables the European (rescue) fund to buy Greek bonds," Papaconstantinou said, after G20-eurozone talks overnight in Luxembourg.

National and specialist financial media each reported that Athens may yet come calling for fresh funds from European Union bailout mechanisms, over and above the 110 billion euros (\$160 billion) agreed a year ago.

Internet

Vale opens new coal mine in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 8 May—Brazilian mining giant Vale opens a new \$1.7-billion coal mine in Mozambique, tapping the southern African country's thermal and coking coal reserves of around 23 billion tonnes.

Mozambican President Armando Guebuza and outgoing

Vale chief Roger Agnelli were to attend the opening ceremony in Moatize outside the city of Tete in northwest Mozambique on Sunday, to mark the largest single investment to date in one of the world's poorest countries, according to a note sent to journalists.

Vale plans to export one million tonnes of coal from the \$1.7-billion (1.2-billion-euro) project this year, ramping up production to 11 million tonnes in a few years — and, local officials hope, boosting Mozambique's current economic growth of 6.5 percent.

Mozambique's coal reserves have lain relatively untapped since independence from Portugal in 1975. A civil war from 1977 to 1992 crippled the country's economy and decimated its infrastructure.

Two decades later, Mozambique is welcoming foreign investors to its mineral wealth and licking its lips at the prospect of a boom.—Internet



Brazilian mining giant's Vale coal mine is seen here on the outskirts of Tete in the Moatize coal basin in Mozambique.—INTERNET

One hurt in explosion in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May—At least one person was hurt in the explosion occurred in a luxury residence building in downtown Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia at around 19:45 pm local time on Sunday, local police said.

The police told Xinhua that the person was a westerner who was severely hurt and has been sent to hospital.

Located about half kilometre northwest of the Kuala Lumpur's landmark Twin Tower, the building, called Hampshire Park, contains many locals and westerners. Severe fire was also seen in the building. The reason for the explosion was still unknown.—MNA/Xinhua



A paraglider flies over the suburban area during a training session in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province on 7 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Dozens injured after train crashes into platform in New Jersey

NEW YORK, 8 May—A passenger train crashed into a platform in Hoboken, New Jersey, on Sunday morning, injuring at least 50 people, ABC News reported. The accident occurred at the Eerie Lackawanna terminal at around 9:00 am local time (1300 GMT). Fourteen of the injured have been rushed to Hoboken University Medical Centre and other local hospitals. Train service into and out of Hoboken has been suspended and emergency officials are on the scene.

An accident investigation team sent by the Port Authority is now on its way to the scene. So far no official statement has been made.—MNA/Xinhua

US-bred criminal accused in Mexico mass killings

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 May—When he was deported from the US to Mexico for the third time, Martin Estrada Luna was a high school dropout with a rap sheet of petty crimes like burglary. Less than two years later, Mexican authorities say, he has transformed himself into a drug baron known as El Kilo, the leader of a ruthless cell of the Zetas gang who masterminded the mass killings of more than 250 people. He is now under arrest in Mexico City. Mexican prosecutors have not presented any evidence publicly to support their claim that he was responsible for the deaths of 72 migrants in August and 183 people months later. The Mexican government often announces big arrests immediately after high-profile crimes, but according to its own statistics, three-quarters of those initially accused as drug traffickers or assassins are let go without charges.—Internet



Visitors choose handicrafts at a bamboo product shop in Damyang, South Korea, 7 May, 2011. The 13th Damyang Bamboo Festival was held here recently, attracting lots of visitors.

XINHUA

Turkey hosts forum on poorest nations

ISTANBUL, 8 May—Turkey is hosting a UN-backed conference this week in an effort to promote development in the world's poorest countries.

The conference will address the problems of 48 countries, most of them in Africa, that are particularly vulnerable to unrest, disease, economic turbulence and natural disasters.

Those attending include UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The five-day conference starts Monday. The last such conference was hosted by the European Union in Brussels in 2001.

Internet

S Korea president starts Europe trip

SEOUL, 8 May—South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak departed Sunday for a week-long visit to Germany, Denmark and France aimed at cementing ties before a sweeping free trade pact with the European Union takes effect.

Lee will meet German Chancellor Angela Merkel and President Christian Wulff to discuss expanding trade and investment with the continent's largest economy in areas including renewable energy, Seoul's presidential office said.

In Copenhagen, Lee will sign a joint strategic partnership with Denmark and deals to launch more joint projects on renewable energy, before meeting with French President Nicolas Sarkozy on the last leg of a trip ending Saturday.

"The tour has an added significance as it comes on the eve of... the Korea-EU FTA, tentatively set for 1 July," the



South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak, seen here, departed Sunday for a week-long visit to Germany, Denmark and France aimed at cementing ties before a sweeping free trade pact with the European Union takes effect.—INTERNET

presidential office said earlier.

Seoul lawmakers last week ratified a free trade agreement with the EU in a deal South Korea said would allow its companies to tap deeper into the world's largest market.—Internet

Mittal's fortune falls but still Britain's biggest



The chief executive of the world's biggest steelmaker, ArcelorMittal, Lakshmi Mittal, speaks on February 2011 at the company headquarters. INTERNET

LONDON, 8 May—Indian-born steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal saw about £5 billion (\$8 billion, 5.7

billion euros) wiped off his fortune in the past year but remains the wealthiest person in Britain, it was revealed Sunday.

The fortune of the London-based head of ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steel maker, fell by around 22 percent to £17.5 billion in the past 12 months, according to an annual rich list compiled by *The Sunday Times* newspaper.

The huge drop in the 60-year-old's wealth was driven by a fall in the share price of ArcelorMittal as the global

steel industry struggled to cope with costly raw materials and slow demand.

He was the biggest faller on this year's list — but remains in first place for the seventh consecutive year and is more than £5 billion ahead of the second-placed Alisher Usmanov, a fellow steel magnate.

The fortunes of Mittal, who is chairman and chief executive of ArcelorMittal, were markedly different from the rest of Britain's super rich.—Internet

China, EU economic, social committees eye on expanding ties

BEIJING, 8 May—The China Economic and Social Council (CESC) would expand cooperation with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), a senior Chinese official said here Sunday.

Wang Gang, president of the CESC and vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, made the remarks during a meeting with EESC

president Staffan Nisson.

Wang spoke highly of the growth of China-EU relations, noting that current China-EU relations were maintaining good development momentum.

Wang expressed his hope that the current mechanism and platform

for cooperation between the two sides can be better utilized to promote the growth of China and the EU's comprehensive and strategic partnership.

Echoing Wang's views, Nisson vowed to step up bilateral cooperation to a higher level.—Xinhua

Citizens are seen purchase gold jewelries in the Caishikou Department Store in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 May, 2011. In spite of gold and silver price fall-offs recently, gold trade is robust here as many investors reckon a good investment opportunity.

XINHUA

Billionaires gather in Arizona to discuss giving

TUCSON, (Ariz), 8 May—What do dozens of American billionaires talk about when they get together? Their topic this week was of course money; not how to make it, but how to give it away.

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett said Friday that a private gathering was a great chance for the billionaires who have pledged to give away at least half their wealth to meet each other, compare notes, eat and laugh.

The media was banned from Thursday's first meeting of the group that has accepted the giving challenge by Buffett and

his friend Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates. Since last June, 69 individuals or couples have made the giving pledge.

Buffett knew only about 12 of the 61 people at the dinner at the Miraval Resort in Tucson before the famously gregarious Berkshire Hathaway CEO worked the room and made 40 new friends.

"They all more than fulfilled my expectations," Buffett told *The Associated Press* in a telephone interview.

Melinda Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said she was delighted by the

openness of the virtual strangers. At one point, conversation at her table drifted toward the biggest mistakes people had ever made as philanthropists.

"One of the things about being a philanthropist, in many ways it's rather a lonely job," said Tashia Morgridge, a retired special education teacher.

She works with her husband, Cisco Systems chairman John Morgridge, to give money to improve US education through the Denver-based Morgridge Family Foundation.

Internet

In this photo provided by the Giving Pledge Gathering, philanthropists Gerry Lenfest, left, and Warren Buffett take part in a discussion, on 6 May, 2011, in Tucson, Ariz. INTERNET



US ranks 17 as clean tech producer, China is No 2

AMSTERDAM, 8 May—Denmark earns the biggest share of its national revenue from producing windmills and other clean technologies, the United States is rapidly expanding its clean-tech sector, but no country can match China's pace of growth, according to a new report obtained by *The Associated Press*.

China's production of green technologies has grown by a remarkable 77 per cent a year,

according to the report, which was commissioned by the World Wildlife Fund for Nature and which will be unveiled on Monday at an industry conference in Amsterdam.

"The Chinese have made, on the political level, a conscious decision to capture this market and to develop this market aggressively," said Donald Pols, an economist with the WWF. Denmark, a longtime

leader in wind energy, derives 3.1 percent of its gross domestic product from renewable energy technology and energy efficiency, or about euro6.5 billion (\$9.4 billion), the report said.

China is the largest producer in money terms, earning more than euro44 billion (\$64 billion), or 1.4 percent of its gross domestic product.

The US ranks 17 in the production of clean technologies with 0.3 percent of GDP, or euro31.5 billion (\$45 billion), but those industries have been expanding at a rate of 28 percent per year since 2008.

"The US is growing substantially, so it seems the policy of (President Barack) Obama is working," Pols said. But the US cannot compare with China, he said.

Internet



Lightning hits plane at Manila airport

MANILA, 8 May—Baggage handlers and other ground crew were injured on Saturday when a Philippine Airlines jetliner was hit by lightning while at Manila's airport.

The Airbus 320 had recently arrived from Bangkok and was parked at Terminal 2 of Ninoy Aquino International Airport at the time of the lightning strike, *ABS-CBN News* reported. The plane was taken out of service and its turnaround flight to Bangkok was delayed for about 45 minutes.

Most of the injured were baggage handlers and equipment operators, officials said. Six were taken to a hospital. No passengers were hurt.— *Internet*



Visitors board onto *Accelerera 98*, an exhibited yacht in 2011 Gold Coast Yacht Country Club (GCYCC) in Hong Kong, south China, on 7 May, 2011. The annual GCYCC opened here on Saturday, with over 80 exhibitors from some 60 countries and regions bringing their yachts on show, including the first made-in-mainland one, *Accelerera 98*, showcasing in Hong Kong.— XINHUA

Mozambican navy, police ensure safety against Somali pirates

MAPUTO, 8 May—A joint force from the Mozambican navy and police is working to ensure safety for the northern coastal district of Moma, against possible attacks by Somali pirates, the Maputo daily paper *Noticias* said on Sunday.

The Moma locality of Topuito is the site of the dredge mine where the Irish company Kenmare Resources extracts titanium ores from heavy mineral sands. The joint force has a boat that patrols the Topuito coast.

The minerals extracted from the mine (ilmenite, rutile and zircon) are taken on a conveyor belt to a jetty where they are loaded onto tugs. Further out to sea, the tugs transfer the ores onto the larger ships that take them to the importing countries.

The authorities fear that the entire loading and transfer of the minerals could be vulnerable to attacks by Somali pirates who have occasionally ventured as far south as the Mozambique Channel.

—Xinhua



Visitors and participants attend Qatar's first International Kite Festival held at Katara in Doha, the capital of Qatar on 7 May, 2011. XINHUA

China launches rocket to monitor space environment

BEIJING, 8 May—China successfully launched a space environment-monitoring rocket on Saturday morning from the southern island Province of Hainan as part of the nation's key "Meridian Project." The rocket was sent into space at 7 am from a launch site in Hainan, said a statement from the Centre for Space Science and Applied Research of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

"The successful launch test will play an important role in the country's research on the independent monitoring of the space environment and safeguarding the security of space activities," it said.

The rocket is the first of its kind for the "Meridian Project," which is a ground-based network programme to monitor the solar-terrestrial space environment and has been supported by the Chinese government.

The project consists of a chain of ground-based observatories with multiple instruments, including magnetometers and various radar. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 May, 2011 shows the "Tower of Babel", a creation made by Argentine artist Marta Minujin with thousands of books in languages from all over the world, at San Martin square in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The artwork was created to celebrate that the UNESCO nominated Buenos Aires as the World Book Capital 2011.—XINHUA

Liquid invented to restore ancient bronzeware in north China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 8 May—Experts in north China's Hebei Province said they had invented a special

kind of liquid that can restore heavily-corroded bronzeware dating back over 2,000 years.

The liquid could eliminate bronze rust on bronzeware surfaces and convert it into a firm coating to prevent further corrosion, said researchers with the Hebei Provincial Relics Protection Center. Traditional rust-removal methods often corrode the bronzeware and change its color. The new liquid, a kind of organic salt, is bronze-friendly.

As most of the bronzeware unearthed are heavily corroded, re-

searchers believe the new invention is significant in the archaeological field to restore the original look of ancient bronzeware. The centre has experimented by using the liquid on scraps of bronzeware such as grain receptacles, hooks, and cooking vessels, which were believed to be from the Warring States Period (475-221 B.C.), and the restored effect was satisfactory, they said.

—Xinhua



Students participate in a robot contest in Tianjin Municipality, north China, on 7 May, 2011. A robot contest was held for students here on Saturday, attracting over 500 participants.—XINHUA

Volunteers flood tornado-tossed Tuscaloosa, Ala

TUSCALOOSA, 8 May—Thousands of volunteers flooded the hard-hit home of the University of Alabama with chainsaws, wrecking bars and food Saturday, offering help and hugs to tornado victims and causing traffic tie-ups reminiscent of a fall football weekend.

A long line of vehicles piled into a volunteer registration center where officials waived plans to make workers register because they couldn't keep up with the large number of people showing up to work.

Groups have had time since the storms struck 27 April to organize trips, and the turnout appeared far heavier than the first weekend after the twisters. With sunny weather and light winds, the governor's office asked volunteers to be patient with the heavy traffic. Many volunteers

wore Crimson Tide football gear, but Debra Wilson came more than 80 miles to help in an orange T-shirt, celebrating the national championship won by 'Bama archrival Auburn University. Wilson said team allegiances don't matter at a time like this. "I live in Alabama," said Wilson, of Dixon's Mills in southwest Alabama. "We just saw

the destruction and felt the need and we wanted to be here to help."

Christian organizations including the Salvation Army and Samaritan's Purse set up operations to coordinate volunteers, along with numerous churches, but many people simply drove through hard-hit neighborhoods and got out where they saw a need.—*Internet*



Heavy traffic rolls slowly down McFarland Blvd. past tornado damage in Tuscaloosa, Ala, on 7 May, 2011. INTERNET

London terror attack victims 'unlawfully killed'

LONDON, 8 May—The 52 victims of the 7 July, 2005, terrorist attacks on London were unlawfully killed, a coroner ruled on Friday. At the Royal Courts of Justice in London, Ms Justice Heather Hallett said the evidence "does not justify the conclusion that any failings of any organization or individual caused or contributed to the deaths".

She spoke to a courtroom packed with bereaved families and survivors who have waited nearly six years for answers to their questions about how four suicide bombers were able to carry out the attacks.

She also warned that London was "woefully" unprepared for a terrorist attack on the 2012 Olympics because of a chronic shortage of air ambulance crews and other fast response teams.—*Internet*



Picture taken on May 6, 2011 shows a panoramic view of a smiling face comprised of 768 participants at a square in Croatian capital Zagreb, on 6 May, 2011. The Guinness World Records organization has approved it as the largest human smiley.

91-year-old NZ crimefighter told to stay home

A 91-year-old New Zealand war veteran says he has been forced to put his new career as a modern-day Batman on hold because he is not allowed to be out fighting crime alone at night.

John Bray considers he is more than qualified to deal with the evildoers in the North Island town of Waipawa, having served with the Long Range Desert Group, a reconnaissance and raiding unit in north Africa in World War II.

So he enlisted as a member of the local community patrol, an organisation which acts as "the eyes and ears" of the police, cruising the streets at night, reporting any suspicious activity.

Like Batman, he started out with a partner but decided to go solo when his Robin equivalent, a man in his late 80s, kept falling asleep on duty.

Baby born at California bus stop

A woman gave birth without a doctor at a South Lake Tahoe, Calif., bus stop while waiting for help to arrive, South Lake Tahoe police say.

Maria Ortiz-Corado was about 10 days from her due date and enjoying a quiet evening at home Tuesday when she went into labor, The

Sacramento Bee reported.

Her husband, Jonathan, called a taxi to take them to a hospital and while they waited at a bus stop for the cab to arrive, Ortiz-Corado went into labor.

Jonathan called South Lake Tahoe police around 12:38 am PDT Wednesday. Dispatchers Jill Broadfoot and Linda Clark sent police and fire department medical personnel to the scene and coached Jonathan through the birthing process, the Bee said.

Officers Angie Kallstrom and Chris Webber and Sgt. Brad Williams arrived as 6-pound, 3 ounce, David Corado was born — cold but healthy.

350 Indian couples wed in mass ceremony in Bolivia

About 350 couples in Bolivia have been married according to Indian customs and traditions in a colorful Andean mass wedding with President Evo Morales presiding as best man.

Saturday's ceremony was held at a colosseum in La Paz, the capital, that was adorned with large white flowers and indigenous banners. Several bands serenaded the couples.

Indian religious leaders presided over the wedding as did symbolically Pachamama — the earth deity of the Aymara and Quechua races of Bolivia's highlands Indians.

And Morales gave a speech to the couples, who crowded the arena's floor wearing multicoloured native ponchos and hats.



Bolivia's President Evo Morales, bottom left, delivers a speech during a traditional Andean Indigenous mass wedding in La Paz, Bolivia, on 7 May, 2011. Some 350 couples participated in this event, having the possibility to choose the wedding godfather, according to an ancient tradition, who this time was Morales.

Costumed man attempts bank robbery

A man in a monkey suit eluded police in a foot chase after he attempted to rob a bank in Gothenburg, Sweden, officials said. The armed man, dressed in either a monkey or bear costume, attempted to rob a branch office of Swedbank about 6 pm Friday, Swedish news agency IT reported Saturday.

"A man in a monkey outfit, or similar, may have been a bear, too, came running with security guards behind him," a witness said. "I thought it was a joke at first, a stunt, but then I walked past the bank and saw the shattered glass." Police described the man's attire as an "animal-like costume."

No shots were fired and no one was injured in the incident. Police said they think the man acted alone but declined to discuss how he was able to outrun law enforcement officials. Police were called to investigate a burning vehicle found near the crime scene about an hour later. Police said it is too soon to determine if the car was related to the robbery attempt.

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David Beckham in crash on LA freeway



English midfielder David Beckham, pictured in February 2011, was not injured in a two-crash crash in which he was driving a car that rear-ended another vehicle on a busy freeway near Los Angeles, police said Saturday.

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TORRANCE, 8 May—Authorities say David Beckham was behind the wheel of a car that rear-ended another vehicle on a Southern California freeway.

The California Highway Patrol said Saturday

the soccer great was not hurt in Friday morning's crash, but the other car's driver was hospitalized after complaining of neck pain.

The patrol says Beckham's Cadillac struck a Mitsubishi stalled in the carpool lane of the 405 Freeway in Torrance.

The other driver, a 40-year-old Los Angeles man, was taken to a hospital as a precautionary measure. His name was not released.

Beckham was not cited. The 35-year-old Beckham joined Major League Soccer club Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007.

Before that, he played in Europe for Manchester United and Real Madrid and was captain of England's national team from 2000 to 2006.

Internet

Charges to be dropped in Bieber NY mall frenzy

GARDEN CITY, 8 May—Justin Bieber has agreed to record a public service announcement on cyberbullying in order to resolve criminal charges filed against his manager and a record executive after a frenzy at a New York mall.

The case stemmed from an incident in 2009, when thousands of unruly girls turned up at a Long Island clothing store to see the teen pop star sign autographs. Police hadn't been expecting the crowd, and ordered the event cancelled.

Def Jam Records executive James Roppo was arrested after police said he refused to help disperse the crowd. Months later, police also pressed child

endangerment charges against Bieber's manager, Scott Braun.

Braun hadn't been at the mall, but police said that when reached by phone he initially refused an order to send out a Twitter message to Bieber's fans telling them the singer wouldn't appear.

Prosecutors told a judge Friday that they are dropping charges against both men. The record company and a management company pleaded guilty to fire code violations.

In an interview with *Newsday*, Nassau District Attorney Kathleen Rice said she was happy with the outcome of the case.

Internet



Pop star Justin Bieber gives a Press Conference in Singapore. Teen pop singer Justin Bieber has agreed to record a public service announcement on cyberbullying in order to resolve misdemeanor charges filed against one of his managers and a record executive after a frenzy at a Long Island mall.—INTERNET

Spanish tenor Domingo sings farewell to Washington

WASHINGTON, 8 May—At 70 years old, he climbs ladders, rolls on the ground and his voice shakes the room: Plácido Domingo is Oreste in "Iphigenie en Tauride," a performance-style farewell to the Washington National Opera, which the Spanish tenor has led for 15 years.

Visibly tired but delighted, Plácido Domingo earned a long ovation Friday night on the stage of the Washington National Opera (WNO). He steps down as general director on 30 June.

To mark the occasion, the tenor gives eight performances in the role of Oreste in Christoph Willibald Gluck's opera that premiered in Paris in 1779. It's the same role he performed in Madrid on his 70th birthday in January, at the Teatro Real opera



Visibly tired but delighted, Plácido Domingo, pictured here in March 2011, earned a long ovation Friday night on the stage of the Washington National Opera (WNO).—INTERNET

house. Alternately, he leads Donizetti's opera "Don Pasquale," as conductor until 27 May.—Internet

AC Milan claim 18th Serie A title



AC Milan's forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates in Rome's Olympic Stadium.—INTERNET

ROME, 8 May — AC Milan claimed an 18th Serie A title following a 0-0 draw at Roma on Saturday that gave them an unassailable lead at the top of the table with two games to go. Milan came into the game knowing they needed only a draw to be sure of winning the scudetto crown and they never looked in danger of failing to do so.

The draw pushed their lead over second-placed Inter Milan, who still have three to play, to nine points but with a better head-to-head record, the rossoneri cannot now be overtaken. And the title is all the sweeter for Milan who have put an end to their arch rivals Inter's run of five straight league crowns.

Coach Massimiliano Allegri was understandably delighted at having landed the title in his first season at the club and even claimed that club president and Italy Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi had promised him new signings in the summer.

—Internet

Roman revenge' on cards in Nadal-Djokovic battle

ROME, 8 May — Revenge is very likely to be on the cards when the Rome International begins on Sunday in the last big event ahead of the French Open later this month. Ahead of the Madrid semi-finals on Saturday, world number one Rafael Nadal was comfortably the man of the moment. He had won his last 36 matches on clay, five French Open titles in the last six years, seven Monte Carlo Masters titles in a row, six out of seven in Barcelona and five out of six at the Rome Masters.

And yet he has been overshadowed this year by the world number two, Serbia's Novak Djokovic. It is Djokovic who claimed the opening Grand Slam

of the year in Australia and he followed that up by defeating Nadal in the finals of both the Indian Wells and Miami Masters. What's more, in both he came back from a set down to upset the world number one. In fact, Djokovic has yet to taste the bitter pill of defeat this season, going 30 matches without loss. That puts him third on the all-time list of unbeaten starts to a season behind John McEnroe (44) and Bjorn Borg (33).

—Internet



Rafael Nadal

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Mancini backs City to seal Champions League spot

LIVERPOOL, 8 May — Roberto Mancini backed his Manchester City players to hold their nerve in the race to clinch a Champions League place after their hopes suffered a setback with a 2-1 defeat against Everton. Mancini's side showed a few signs of nerves as they surrendered a first-half lead at Goodison Park on Saturday to give Tottenham a chance to close the gap ahead of their crucial visit to Eastland in midweek.

After Yaya Toure's opener, City looked on course for a potentially decisive win before two goals in seven minutes from Sylvain Distin and Leon Osman left Mancini frustrated. But it wasn't all bad news for Mancini as Tottenham could only manage a 1-1 draw against Blackpool in Saturday's late game, leaving fourth placed City six points clear of Spurs.

—Internet

Pinotti in pink as HTC win Giro team time-trial

ROME, 8 May — Italian Marco Pinotti will wear the first pink jersey of the 2011 Giro d'Italia after his HTC-Highroad team won the opening stage team time-trial on Saturday.



Italian rider Marco Pinotti

HTC edged out Americans Team RadioShack by 10 seconds on the 19.3km course from Venaria Reale to Turin.

Omega Pharma-Lotto took a surprise third place, 22 seconds back, just ahead of the Liquigas team of one of the pre-race favourites, Vincenzo Nibali. "It's a huge honour to be wearing the pink jersey," said Pinotti, who was ninth last year.

—Internet

Kvitova beats Azarenka for Madrid Open title

MADRID, 8 May — Petra Kvitova won her third title of the season Sunday, beating Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the Madrid Open final.

The 18th-ranked Czech won the first set tiebreaker when Azarenka netted. The players exchanged breaks before Kvitova gained the momentum, helped by 40 winners. Kvitova secured her first Masters series trophy when her Belorussian opponent returned long on the first championship point. Azarenka only managed to convert three of nine break chances as Kvitova defended her serve well despite a shaky service game.

"I was very nervous and perhaps that was the problem," said Kvitova, who will be the sixth Czech player to reach the top-10 when she jumps to No 10

in the WTA rankings coming out Monday. "I think it's the best tennis that I've played. I was very offensive." Azarenka hit only 10 winners to go along with her 21 unforced errors. Perhaps sensing the missed opportunity, she broke down into tears after the loss.



Petra Kvitova serves during the final match against Victoria Azarenka in the Madrid Open tennis tournament in Madrid.

"She played great this week, (she) deserved it," said Azarenka, who will jump one spot to a career-high of fourth in the rankings despite coming up short in her bid for a third title this season.

—Internet

Four-goal Ronaldo keeps Real clinging on

BARCELONA, 8 May — Cristiano Ronaldo grabbed four goals to take his season's tally to 33 as Real Madrid crushed Sevilla 6-2 on Saturday to keep their slim hopes of beating Barcelona to the La Liga title alive. The gap at the top of the table is now down to five points but after Barcelona play Espanyol in the Catalan derby on Sunday, there will only be three games to play.

Real faced Sevilla on the back of tumultuous double header with Bar-

celona in the Champions League semi-final where they were beaten by their bitter rivals. Looking to restore pride, coach Jose Mourinho played a full strength side against a Sevilla team in the fight for a place in the Europa League.

—Internet



Real Madrid's forward Cristiano Ronaldo

Byrd is the word at Wells Fargo

CHARLOTTE, 8 May — The crowd was so big and boisterous on Saturday that it made Jonathan Byrd a little uncomfortable. Seeing his name atop the leaderboard? Byrd is getting used to that.

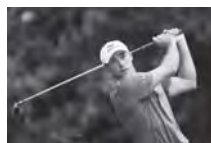
The guy who only last October was worried about keeping his PGA Tour card ran off a blister-

ing stretch of birdies in the Wells Fargo Championship for a 5-under 67, giving him a one-shot lead as he goes for his third win in seven months.

"Twelve months ago, I would never have thought that could happen," he said.

"But now, the way my game is, why couldn't it happen? I'm playing well. I feel like I have all the tools to play well. I'm just going to play, and then when it's all over, I'll enjoy whatever I've done."

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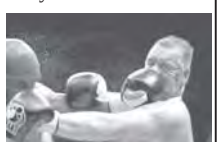
Jonathan Byrd

Holyfield beats Nielsen

COPENHAGEN, 8 May — Former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield stopped Denmark's Brian Nielsen on a technical knockout in the 10th round on Saturday night. In the 10th round, the 48-year-old Holyfield pressed Nielsen in the corner and the bout was halted after Holyfield landed several jabs in the corner and the Dane spat out some blood. Nielsen said after the bout he was hit by Holyfield's headbutts.

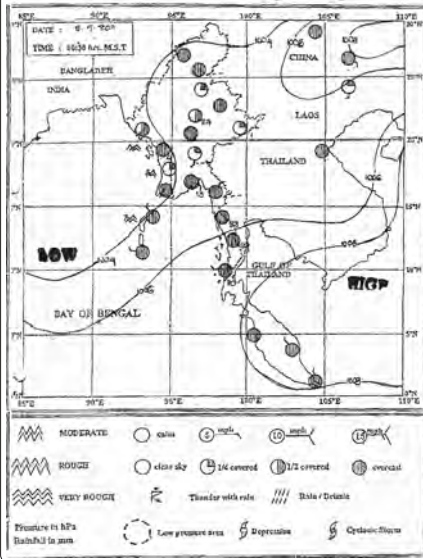
"My goal still is to be the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world," Holyfield said. "This fight showed other champions what I am able to do, but it also taught me I got to be better. The most

important is that I didn't quit. I am not quitter." Despite Nielsen being pressed and a swollen eye, Nielsen kept on clowning to provoke Holyfield throughout the bout, prompting his trainer, Paul Duvill, to beg him to stop fooling around and focus on Holyfield.



Denmark's Brian Nielsen, right, receives a punch from Evander Holyfield of the US during their heavyweight boxing match in DR Byen Koncerthuset in Copenhagen, on Saturday.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

WEATHER**Sunday, 8th 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 has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated Kachin State, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon State, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Region, (6°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay and Bago Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthaung (3.26) inches, Dawei (2.20) inches, Sagaing (1.85) inches, Kawkaireik (1.50) inches, Myeik (1.46) inches, Thaton (1.30) inches, and PyinOoLwin (1.26) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 7-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 8-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-5-2011 was (73%). Rainfall on 8-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 7-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 8-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-5-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 8-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 8-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (1.15) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.06) inches at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.79)

inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (14.02) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from North at (06:30) hours MST on 8-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 9th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered to isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Smith takes 1st Sprint Cup victory

DARLINGTON, 8 May—Regan Smith moved in front on a caution nine laps from the end and survived a green-white-checker finish to win the Southern 500 for

his first Sprint Cup victory on Saturday night.

Smith held off Carl Edwards the final two laps at Darlington Raceway in a race that turned ugly late when Kyle Busch tangled with Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer to set up the overtime finish.

After the race, Harvick tracked down Busch's car, stopped in front of Busch on pit road, then got out of his car and attempted to punch or grab Busch through his window. Busch then slammed into Harvick's driverless car, sending it crashing in the inside wall.

Harvick and Busch then stared down each other from their cars as they entered the garage before a standoff that looked as if it might



Ryan Newman, left, and Kasey Kahne, right take the green flag to start the, NASCAR Sprint Cup series Showtime Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway on Saturday. INTERNET

erupt further.

It finally ended when Busch bumped Harvick several times to make space to drive off. Both drivers were summoned to the NASCAR hauler. Brad Keselowski finished third, pole-sitter Kasey Kahne was fourth and Ryan Newman fifth.— Internet

**Daw Than Yee
(Sittway)
Aged 76**

Beloved wife of late U Ba Sein, residing at No. 48, Bandargone 6th Street, Kan/North Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, mother of Dr Kyaw Oo-Daw Khin Kyi Zan (USA), U Thein Hla-Daw Khin Mar Yee (SHS 4 Mingalar Taungnyunt), (Ko Aung Soe), (Ko Soe Win Kyaw), U Aung Moe-Daw Khin Phyu Lwin, beloved grandmother of Ko Zan Oo Kyaw, Ko Zan Lin Kyaw, Ko Zan Kyaw Kyaw, Ko Hla Myo Oo, Ko Myo Min Hein, Ko Zeyar Oo, Ma Thazin Thinn, Ma Ei Ei Zin, was passed away at 12:00 noon on 7.5.2011 (Saturday) at Shinparku Hospital. The remain will be buried at Yeway Cemetery, 4:00 pm on 11.5.2011 (Wednesday). The buses will leave for the house at 2:30 pm on 11.5.2011.

Bereaved Family
**Monday,
9 May**
View on today**7:00 am**
 1. Paritta By
Hilly Region
Missionary 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

8:05 am
 7. Song Of National
Races
8:10 am

8. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am
 9. Myanmar Traditional
Cultural Performing
Arts Competitions
8:30 am

10. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

11. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

3:30 pm
 1. Myanmar National
League MNL Grand
Royal Cup
2011(Delay)
(MagwayFC &
KBZFC)
5:00 pm

2. Musical Programme

5:10 pm

3. Dance Of Variety

5:20 pm
 4. Musical Programme
(The Radio)

 Myanmar Modern
Music Trupe)
5:30 pm

5. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

6. Evening News

6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

6:20 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

9. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

10. News

11. International News

12. Weather Report

13. World's Stars

14. 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

Public Works upgrading roads in Shan State (North)

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint meets officials of Public Works at Shan State Superintending Engineer's Office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—In meeting with officials of Public Works at Shan State Superintending Engineer's Office in Lashio yesterday, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint heard reports on road works along 48/4 miles long Hsipaw-Panglon-Namhsan Road, 37 miles long Mangton-Namhsan Road and 78 miles long Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monesi-Tarpa-18th-Mile Junction (Tashwehtan) Road presented by Shan State (North) Superintending Engineer U Sai Kyaw Moe.

The Union Minister inspected the offices of engineers and staff quarters.

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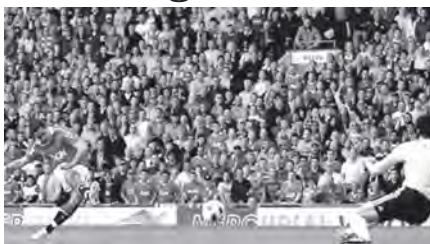


ManU move closer to winning title after beating Chelsea

MANCHESTER, 8 May—United need just one more point to seal the title after they claimed a 2-1 win over Chelsea in their huge showdown at Old Trafford.

Javier Hernandez took just 36 seconds to break the deadlock as he seized on a David Luiz error to net his 20th goal of the season.

Skipper Nemanja Vidic headed home a Ryan Giggs cross in the



Javier Hernandez scores the first goal for Manchester United.

23rd minute. Chelsea threatened an unlikely comeback after Frank Lampard's 68th-minute header restored visitors' hope.—Internet

Weather forecasts for second 10-day of May

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May— Southwest monsoon will enter southern parts of Myanmar in the second 10 days of May. A depression can occur at the Bay of Bengal and it will be stronger to be small storm. Weather is cloudy or partly cloudy at the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kachin, Chin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States from 4 to 6 days and the remaining regions and states in three days.

Lower Sagaing and Magway regions, Kayah and Kayin States will have more than average temperature in May and the remaining regions and states the average temperature of May.

Ayeyawady River will reach above the water level of 120 centimetres (about four feet) at Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha, above the water level of 90 centimetres (about three feet) at Mandalay and Sagaing, above the water level of 75 centimetres (about 2.5 feet) at Pakokku, NyaungU, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan, Pyay, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun.

Chindwin River will reach above the water level of 90 centimetres (about three feet) at Khamti and Homalin and 45 centimetres (about 1.5 feet) at Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa.—MNA