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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

President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Israeli President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 10 May 2011.—*MNA*

True patriotism

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

President U Thein Sein receives red carpet treatment in Jakarta

***Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono welcomes President U Thein Sein.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left here for Jakarta of Indonesia by MAI special flight on 5 May to pay a goodwill visit at the invitation of President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and to attend the 18th ASEAN Summit to be held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia.

The President was accompanied by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers and high-ranking departmental officials. Myanmar delegation arrived at Halim Perdanakusuma International Airport in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The President was welcomed onboard by Myanmar Ambassador U Nyan Lin and Head of the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Mr Lutfi Rauf, and at the foot of the boarding bridge, by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Dr Marty M. Natalegawa at the Airport.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Take preparedness measures against natural disasters

Now, the rainy season is going to set in. Sometimes in the pre-monsoon period, it rains untimely due to rain clouds.

According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the southwest monsoon may enter the southern part of Myanmar in the second 10 days. And a low pressure area is likely to form in the Bay of Bengal, and it is likely to intensify into a moderate storm.

Myanmar faces storms two times a year: in the pre-monsoon period (from mid-April to mid-May) and in the post-monsoon period (in October and November). Accordingly, residents in costal areas should listen to weather reports regularly. They have to know the safest and shortest ways to the storm shelters in case there is a strong wind.

The Inland Water Transport has formed a storm watch team, which has to timely present weather reports and unusual conditions on weather to related departments, especially to storm-prone areas.

Vessels running in the pre-monsoon period should take care if and when they notice dark rain clouds with thunders and lightening fleshes. In those conditions, strong winds are likely to take place in the evenings. A vehicle covered with tarpaulin sheets or a vehicle overloaded while running may capsize if it is blown by a strong wind. Educative talks are to be given for public knowledge and preparedness measures to be taken for safety of vehicles and passengers.

According to the observations recorded on 8 May, under the influence of the low pressure area, squalls are likely at times in the Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon and Taninthayi Coasts, and off coasts. Water levels of the Ayeyawady River and the Chindwin River are likely to be exceptionally high in some townships. Therefore, the Civil Aviation Department, the Inland Water Transport, local organizations and residents are to take preparedness measures in collaboration against natural disasters.

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**

New PyinOoLwin-Mogok motor road under construction

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected roadworks along new PyinOoLwin-Mogok motor road yesterday.

The Union minister called groups undertaking the road construction for excellent quality of the work. The new motor road is being constructed by three special construction groups, three district construction groups, and 10 private companies, totaling 16 groups.—*MNA*

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Israeli counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Avigdor Lieberman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 10 May 2011.—*MNA*

Union Energy Minister calls for using mixture of inland and offshore gas

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay meets staff of MOGE at Shwepyitha Oilfield.

MNA

YANGON, 9 May—As Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy is exploring oil and natural gas for domestic consumption, it has found oil and gas in Well No. 66 in Shwepyitha Oilfield in Ayeyawady Region.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay during his visit to the oilfield yesterday, called for efforts for further satisfying domestic energy demand, promising that his ministry would provide new technologies if needed. The natural gas from the Well No. 66 will be sent to Myanaung Natural Gas-fired Power Plant, which will be run with combined input of natural gas from offshore and inland oilfields, according to the Union minister.

The Union minister inspected construction of self-reliant bridge across Talinechan Creek on inter-rural roads linking Daungkya Village-tract and Kanyinngu Village-tract in Myanaung Township and made contribution.

MNA

Dy L&F Minister receives Thai guest

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye received Professor Dr. Roongroje Thanawongnuwech from Department of Veterinary Pathology at Chulalongkorn University at the ministry yesterday.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye receives Professor Dr Roongroje Thanawongnuwech of Veterinary Pathology Department of Chulalongkorn University of Thailand.

MNA

Man injured in KNU mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — U Win Naing, 42, of Lapat Village, Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Region, lost his right foot and sustained injuries in the left calf when he stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents, in the forest, about five miles southeast of the village, at about noon yesterday.

He is now in Kyaukkyi General Hospital.—*MNA*

Quake shifted Japan; towns now flood at high tide

ISHINOMAKI, 9 May— When water begins to trickle down the streets of her coastal neighbourhood, Yoshiko Takahashi knows it is time to hurry home.

Twice a day, the flow steadily increases until it is knee-deep, carrying fish and debris by her front door and trapping people in their homes. Those still on the streets slosh through the sea water in rubber boots or on bicycle. "I look out the window, and it's like our houses are in the middle of the ocean," says Takahashi, who moved in three years ago. The 11 March earthquake that hit eastern Japan was so powerful it pulled the entire country out and down into the sea. The mostly devastated coastal communities now face regular flooding, because of their lower elevation and damage to sea walls from the massive tsunamis triggered by the quake.

In port cities such as Onagawa and Kesennuma, the tide flows in and out among crumpled homes and warehouses along now uninhabited streets. A cluster of neighbourhoods in Ishinomaki City is rare in that it escaped tsunami damage through fortuitous geography. So, many residents still live in their homes, and they now face a daily trial: The area floods at high tide, and the normally sleepy streets turn frantic as residents rush home before the water rises too high.—*Internet*

In this 3 May, 2011 photo, residents stroll in a flooded street in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan. The area in this part of the city sunk nearly 2 feet 7 inches (0.8 meter) following the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.
INTERNET

Suicide bombing wounds two in eastern Afghan province

MEHTERLAM, 9 May— A suicide bombing rocked Laghman Province 90 km east of Capital Kabul on Monday, wounding at least two policemen, an official said.

"The incident happened in Qarghai District at around 11:10 am local time and according to preliminary reports two policemen were injured," spokesman of provincial administration Faizanullah Patang told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

Five people killed in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 May— Five people, including a suspected al-Qaeda militant, were killed and three wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq on Sunday, the police said.

In Baghdad, a roadside bomb went off in the afternoon and killed two civilians in Baghdad's northwestern district of Shula, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Near Baghdad, a police officer was killed and two policemen wounded when a roadside bomb struck their patrol on a main road in al-Saqlawiyah area, near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a local police source said.—*Xinhua*

La Nina brings flood risks and drought to the West

A fire burns on 7 March, 2011 just north of Tyrone, NM New Mexico officials say winds were picking up Tuesday afternoon, renewing concerns about a wildfire that has destroyed 12 homes and several other structures and forced the evacuations of 100 people.—INTERNET

SALT LAKE CITY, 9 May—The winter and early spring have been extreme across the West, with record snowpacks bringing joy to skiers and urban water managers but severe flood risks to northern Utah, Wyoming and Montana.

And despite all the wet weather in the Rockies and Sierra Nevada, parts of eastern Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona are in severe drought and gearing up for what is forecast as a bad fire season. In New Mexico, some 400 fires, driven by relentless winds, have already raced across 315,000 acres.

Credit — or blame — for the extreme weather goes mostly to a strong La Nina, which is associated with cooler than normal water temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean and an atmospheric flow that's causing drier than normal conditions in the Southwest and wetter than normal in the Northwest.

"This winter has been fairly unusual," said Laura Edwards, a research climatologist at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, Nev, in what can only be considered an understatement.

Internet

The scene on Sunday near the Kandahar's governor's office following the Taleban's attack on the building. Taleban militants who staged a wave of attacks on a major Afghan City, killing four people, were holding out for a second day Sunday as sporadic firefights kept residents on lockdown.—INTERNET

Homes abandoned as Mississippi River keeps rising

MEMPHIS, 9 May— Getting the word out through TV and online isn't enough for Memphis officials who were going door-to-door warning a couple hundred people that they should abandon their homes before they are swamped by waters from the rising Mississippi River.

Memphis residents have been abandoning low-lying homes for days as the dangerously surging river threatened to crest at 48 feet (14.63 meters) on Tuesday, just shy of the 48.7-foot (14.84-metre) record, set by a devastating 1937 flood.

A barge travels up the Mississippi River on 8 May, 2011 in Memphis, Tenn as flood waters continue to rise. —INTERNET

Still others like Shirley Woods are watching the river just feet from her single-story home but still continuing her life as normal, including a backyard barbecue Sunday.

When she woke up at first light, she was prepared to leave if the Mississippi had gotten high enough, but she decided she had time to at least celebrate Mother's Day with relatives.

"I'll give it another day, and if it comes up much higher, we're getting out of here," Woods said.

Internet

Taleban release video of Canadian hostage

KABUL, 9 May— The Taleban have released a video of a Canadian national kidnapped in Afghanistan and said he could face trial in one of their courts.

The militant say they captured Colin Rutherford in the central Province of Ghazni and accuse him of being a spy.

It is not clear when he went missing but Canada confirmed the situation in February and said that the 26-year-old travelled to Afghanistan as a tourist.

It is also unknown when the two-and-half minute video was shot but it showed a clean-shaven Rutherford answering questions posed by an unseen interrogator.

A screengrab from a video released by the Afghan Taleban shows Canadian hostage Colin McKenzie Rutherford.
INTERNET

"I was treated humanely," he said flatly, in response to a question about his treatment in captivity.

Asked why he visited war-torn Afghanistan, he said: "History, historical sites, old buildings, shrines." He denied working for the Canadian government. In a statement emailed to media Sunday along with the video, Taleban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahed said the militants"once again call on the Canadian government to take immediate action to solve this issue or the hostage could face trial."

The Canadian foreign affairs department said in a statement that it was "aware the Taleban issued a Press release, including a link to a video".

Internet

Science

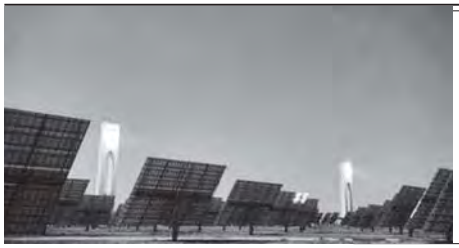
Social Beasts: 35 ancient marsupials found in Grave

BRUSSELS, 9 May—A large trove of bones found in Bolivia is giving researchers a new look at the social lives of ancient marsupials. These ratlike animals lived in large packs, a very uncommon scenario in modern marsupials.

"We found a large number of complete skeletons from marsupial mammals. It's very exceptional," said study researcher Sandrine Ladevèze, of the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences. "We can have access to how they lived and to their ecology."

The 35 partial skeletons are of the ancient marsupial Pucadelphys andinus, a ratlike member of the marsupial mammals, which included the extinct marsupial lion. It's the most complete collection of fossilized South American marsupials found; researchers don't even have access to this many samples of many currently living marsupials. Of the bones found, the researchers were able to identify 12 of the animals as fully grown females, because they had smaller frames. Six more were full-grown males, with larger heads and bodies and pronounced canine teeth. The other five were juveniles

Marsupials carry their young in pouches and are found mostly in the Southern Hemisphere, like the kangaroo in Australia. They diverged from other mammals, such as the placental mammals we know — humans, dogs and cats — during the Cretaceous Period, which lasted from about 144 million to 65 million years ago. The oldest marsupial skeleton is 125 million years old.—*Internet*



Solar power towers are seen here in Sanlucar La Mayor, in Spain. Renewable power from the Sun, wind, water and biomass can and should generate a major portion of the planet's energy supply by 2050.
INTERNET

Researchers have succeeded in switching individual genes off and on in zebrafish, then observing embryonic and juvenile development.
INTERNET

Probes to Mars, Titan and a Comet Compete for NASA Discovery Funding

WASHINGTON, 9 May—NASA has announced there are three finalists, culled from 28 proposals, for the next *Discovery* class robotic space mission to take place in 2016. The *Discovery* mission is capped at $425 million, not including launch costs.

A new *Mars* lander called "Geophysical Monitoring Station (GEMS) would study the structure and composition of the interior of Mars and advance understanding of the formation and evolution of terrestrial planets."

The *Mars* lander would have three instruments. "A seismometer for measuring Mars quakes would yield knowledge about interior materials from the crust to the core. A thermal probe beneath the surface would monitor heat flow from the planet's interior. Radio capability for Doppler tracking of tiny variations in the planet's wobble would provide information about the size and nature of the core." A probe that would float on one of Titan's methane oceans. "*Titan Mare Explorer (TiME)* would provide the first direct exploration of an ocean environment beyond Earth by landing in, and floating on, a large methane-ethane sea on Saturn's moon Titan.

NASA's *Discovery* missions have included MESSENGER, which is currently orbiting the planet Mercury, Lunar Prospector, which analyzed the lunar surface for materials and resources, Mars Pathfinder, which was the first rover to land on *Mars* in the 1990s, Deep Impact, which smashed into a comet and then measured the results, Dawn, which is approaching the asteroid Vesta, and GRAIL, which is designed to measure the variations in gravity on the Moon.—*Internet*

Technology

Amazon cloud player now works with iPhone, iPad, iPod touch

NEW YORK, 9 May—Amazon's Cloud Player music streaming service launched only with Android compatibility, but an update rolled out this weekend quietly introduced basic support for Apple's iOS. If you have an Amazon Cloud Drive account (5GB free, plus a free 20GB upgrade if you purchase an album via Amazon MP3), you can now stream music on iOS devices too.

There's no native iOS app for Amazon's Cloud Player, such as the one for Android smartphone owners, but instead, you can listen to your songs stored online via Safari, the built-in browser on iOS. And as TechCrunch and Engadget note, it works like a charm. To get it working, you just have to point Safari on an iPhone or iPad to the Amazon Cloud Player site. A warning page will tell you that your browser is not supported, but you'll just have to ignore that. Once you're past the warning screen, you're in: you can see all your songs stored on Amazon's servers.

You then just have to select the song or playlist you want to play, and music will start streaming to your iOS device. It even works with the iOS multitasking and volume controls (play/pause/skip songs), so you can listen in the background while playing your favourite game. If a call or push notification comes through, music will pause, just like you would be listening from the native iPod app.

Using the Amazon Cloud Player Web interface from iOS has its caveats though: you can't do drag and drop to rearrange songs in playlists, and you can't upload files because it requires Flash. The latter shouldn't be a big problem, as probably most users of Amazon Cloud Player upload their songs via a regular computer. But this basic iOS compatibility should be enough for iPhone and iPad owners until Apple unveils its own cloud music service.—*Internet*

Potentially life saving medical images (x-ray, CT, MRI, etc) can now be on-call anywhere and anytime with 3G or EDGE telephone and WiFi technology—with the revolutionary EXAM-PAD(TM) PC tablet
INTERNET

Facebook is driving an increasing amount of traffic to news sites but Google remains the top referring service, according to a study published on Monday.
INTERNET

Cisco and Xerox partner on cloud computing, print services

NEW YORK, 9 May—Cisco (CSCO.O) and Xerox (XRX.N) are partnering to provide cloud computing and print products in a bid to bolster the amount of services and hardware they can each offer to their corporate clients. Cisco, the networking equipment maker, will now offer Xerox's printing services on its network equipment, which will help it compete with its rivals, such as Juniper Networks (JNPR.N) and HewlettPackard (HPQ.N).

Companies that opt to use the print services will buy ink, toner and printers from Xerox, which could boost revenue, said Rick Dastin, president of Xerox's Enterprise Business Group in an interview. Cisco's Cius business tablets as well as its virtual desktops will also carry Xerox software that allows users to print from mobile devices. Xerox said it would make money from selling this software to Cisco's clients. Cisco said the deal will help it offer more services to its clients, such as telecommunications providers and other large organizations. "Our clients used to look elsewhere for printing services and now they don't have to," said Marie Hattar, Cisco's vice president of Borderless Networks marketing.

Cisco had been shutting down some of its underperforming units, such as the Flip camera, and has put a renewed focus on its core businesses that offer networking and routing equipment. Xerox will also sell Cisco's cloud computing technology to its clients, which helps companies store their data at remote data centres that can be accessed over the Web.—*Reuters*

Health

Health Tip: Cut back on preschoolers' fat

Babies and young toddlers need a good dose of fat and calories to help them grow and develop properly. But by the time they are ready for preschool, it's time to start watching what youngsters eat.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these recommendations to limit fat in your preschooler's diet:

* Instead of whole milk, offer your child skim or 2 percent milk.
* Make sure your child's meats are lean cuts, and are grilled or broiled.
* Serve your child modest portions of cheese.
* Cut back on your child's consumption of fruit juice; instead offer whole fruits.
* Offer low-fat snacks, such as fat-free yogurt, fresh fruit, air-popped popcorn and pretzels.
* Prepare food with lower-fat cooking methods, such as roasting, broiling or steaming with non- fat cooking spray, or a bit of olive oil.

Internet

Vet recommends glucose monitor for pets

FRIDLEY, (Minn), 9 May— A Medtronic glucose monitor developed for people has been found to work well on people's cats and dogs, as well, a US veterinary researcher says.

The Fridley, Minn, company's Guardian Real-Time System continuous glucose monitoring device was approved for humans with diabetes in 2007.

But Dr Charles Wiedmeyer, an assistant professor of veterinary clinical pathology at the University of Missouri, is a proponent of using it for pets, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported Sat-urday.

"It was something that was new. It's hard to adapt to new things," Wiedmeyer said. "Plus, at the time, the monitor was big as a pager, so it was cumbersome." However, now the device is a small patch with a tube that is inserted into a small area of shaved fur on the animal's back where it cannot easily scratch.

Previously, pets had to be brought to a veterinarian hospital for diabetes detection and treatment. With the use of the Guardian Real-Time System, the results are downloaded to a computer for analysis. A Medtronic spokes-woman declined to comment on use of the company's device on animals, *the Star Tribune* said.—*Internet*

Chance Linder embraces his mother Mary Linder, a 14-year breast cancer survivor, at the survivor ceremony at the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure event at the Mall of America, in Bloomington, Minn, on 8 May, 2011. Chance wears his hair pink year-round in honour of his mother.

INTERNET

A woman dies every 90 sec from childbirth

NEW YORK, 9 May— An advocacy group says 90 percent of the 350,000 deaths of women during childbirth worldwide each year could be prevented.

Every Mother Counts notes $15 billion is spent on Mother's Day gifts in the United States annually and is trying to raise 1 percent of that amount to help save mothers' lives.

Christy Turlington Burns' group says it is trying to raise awareness and money via its Facebook page "Moms4MomsDay" at www.facebook.com/HaveMomentum.

The group says:

— 15 percent of all pregnancies result in a potentially fatal complication during labor or delivery.
— Pregnancy is the biggest killer of girls ages 15-19 in the developing world.
— For every woman who dies in childbirth, 20 more suffer from debilitating complications.—*Internet*

A sign outside Genentech headquarters in San Francisco in 2008. Genentech's anti-cancer drug Avastine is as effective in fighting macular degeneration as Lucentis, which, however is 40 times more expensive than the cancer fighting medicine, according to results of clinical trials published in the United States.— INTERNET

Business

Australian business conditions worsen in April

SYDNEY, 9 May— Business conditions in Australia worsened in April following a sharp fall in trading conditions and profitability, as the strong Australian dollar hurt sentiment, a monthly business survey by National Australia Bank (NAB) showed on Monday.

The NAB Business Survey for April showed that business conditions fell four index points to plus five points, staying above the zero level that separates expansion from contraction.

"Business conditions slipped back in April, unwinding some of the strong surge in March. This was driven by a sharp fall in trading conditions and a drop in profitability, although employment edged higher," NAB said in a statement accompanying the survey on Monday.

"By industry, further fundamental falls in conditions were evident in manufacturing, construction and personal and recreational services," the bank said.

"Mining, while volatile, also reported much weaker conditions. Against that, wholesaling showed both better confidence and activity levels."

NAB also said national business confidence slipped in April, but stayed in positive territory.

The business confidence index fell two points to plus seven points.

The bank said business confidence remained positive, although the survey's report added it appeared the high Australian dollar was beginning to erode sentiment. The report said business confidence fell significantly in manufacturing and mining, which was consistent with declines in conditions, but strengthened in transport and utilities and construction.—*Xinhua*

Shipping containers are seen at a container port in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province. The United States has been a strident critic of China's exchange rate policy, which it claims keeps the yuan grossly undervalued against the greenback and artificially cheapens Chinese exports at the cost of US jobs.

INTERNET

Barclays bank sets up £1.0 bln compensation fund

LONDON, 9 May— Barclays is to set aside £1.0 billion (1.14 billion euros, $1.64 billion) to compensate clients who were mis-sold payment protection insurance, the British bank said on Monday.

British banks had in April lost a high court appeal against tighter regulation of payment protection insurance (PPI), which can cover repayments on credit products for consumers who for example lose their jobs.

Barclays' announcement came as Britain's entire banking industry said on Monday that it had abandoned its legal fight over the mis-selling of PPI, paving the way for compensation for thousands of customers.

The British Bankers' Association (BBA) said it would not appeal after it lost its high court challenge last month.

Barclays added in a separate statement: "While important aspects of the handling of PPI complaints, and therefore the cost of doing so, are not yet certain, Barclays is taking a provision to cover the cost of future redress and administration of Â£1 billion in the second quarter 2011."

The move comes after British rival Lloyds Banking Group had last week said it was setting aside £3.2 billion to compensate customers, effectively pre-empting Monday's announ-cement by the BBA.

PPI became controversial after it was revealed that numerous consumers had been sold the insurance without understanding that the cost was being added to their loan repayments. Britain's Competition Commission has since banned simultaneous sales of PPI and credit products, such as personal loans or mortgages.—*Internet*

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President U Thein Sein receives red carpet treatment in Jakarta

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The President was garlanded by students. After that, the president was welcomed by Minister for Administrative Reforms Mr EE Mangindaan, Governor of Jakarta Hon Dr Ing Fauzi Bowo, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsona and officials and Myanmar Military Attache Col Aye Thaw and staff and family of Myanmar Embassy and Office of Military Attache.

The President and party arrived at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Jakarta where they stayed.

The President attended a welcoming ceremony of the Indonesian President at Istana Merdeka Palace. Both presidents took salute of the Guard of Honour.

The State band played the National Anthems of the two countries.

They welcomed President U Thein Sein with a 21-gun salute.

President U Thein Sein presented Myanmar delegation members to the Indonesian President and so did the Indonesian President.

Both presidents posed for documentary photo at Credential Room in Istana Merdeka Palace. President U Thein Sein signed the visitor's book.

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, the deputy ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador, the Military Attache and high-ranking departmental officials also attended the ceremony.

Together with the Indonesian President, present at the ceremony were senior military officers, the Indonesian Ambassador and high-ranking officials.

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Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and President U Thein Sein pose for documentary photo at Credential Room in Istana Merdeka Palace. **MNA**

***Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono introduces officials to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein.*—MNA**

***President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Indonesian President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono taking salute of the Guard of Honour.*—MNA**

Indonesian President hosts dinner to Myanmar President

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May— President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono hosted a dinner in honour of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at Istana Negara Palace in Jakarta of Indonesia on 5 May.

On arrival at the palace, the Myanmar President was welcomed by the Chief of Protocol Department of the Presidential Residence. At the palace, the Indonesian President greeted the Myanmar President and the two posed for documentary photos.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein at dinner hosted by President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono enjoy performance of Indonesian Traditional Cultural Troupe at Culture Hall.—MNA

The Indonesian President then hosted a dinner to Myanmar goodwill delegation. Present at the dinner together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers, departmental high-ranking officials and the Indonesian president was accompanied by speakers of the two houses, ministers and high-ranking officials. Indonesian modern music band entertained with modern songs and Myanmar songs before and during the dinner. The two presidents toasted further strengthening of friendship and bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

After the dinner, the two presidents and parties enjoyed the performance of Indonesian Traditional Cultural Troupe at the Culture Hall of the palace. The Myanmar President presented bouquet to the Indonesian Traditional Cultural Troupe and the two presidents posed for documentary photos with the troupe. The Myanmar President then left the palace for Ritz Carlton Hotel.—*MNA*

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and President of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono pose for documentary photo with Indonesian Traditional Cultural Troupe.—MNA

U Ko Ko Latt presents credentials to Kuwaiti Amir

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—U Ko Ko Latt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Kuwait, presented his Credentials to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, on 3 May 2011 in Kuwait City.

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Myanmar Ambassador presents credentials to Pakistani President

NAY PYI TAW, 10 May—U San Myint Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 2 May 2011 in Islamabad.

MNA

Myanmar, Indonesia to continue cooperation in various sectors as trade partners in pursuit of Myanmar's economic development

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of the Republic of Indonesia at Jepara Room of Istana Merdeka Palace in Jakarta at 3.45 pm on 5 May.

Together with President U Thein Sein, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia U Nyan Lin and Acting Director-General U Hauk Do Swam of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the meeting. The Indonesian President was accompanied by Cabinet Secretary Mr. Sudi Silalahi, Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Marty M Natalegawa, Minister for Administrative Reforms Mr.E.E Mangindaan and Indonesian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono.

At the meeting, the two Presidents held comprehensive discussions on strengthening and promotion of existing bilateval friendship and cooperation, close relations with ASEAN countries and active participation in international and regional organizations including the United Nations, continued participation in world affairs based on five principals of peaceful co-existence and continued cooperation in various sectors as trade partners in pursuit of Myanmar's economic development.— *MNA*

***President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets President Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of the Republic of Indonesia at Jepara Room of Istana Merdeka Palace.*—MNA**

President U Thein Sein receives Laotian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May – Prime Minister of Laos People's Democratic Republic Mr Thongsing Thammavong called on President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, who was in Jakarta of the Republic of Indonesia, at Ritz Carlton Hotel at 3.30 pm on 6 May.

Together with President U Thein Sein at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia U Nyan Lin, Director-General of the Union Government Office U Tin Myo Kyi and senior officials. Together with the Laotian Prime Minister were high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of LPDR Embassy in Jakarta.

Both sides discussed matters related to implementation of the resolutions of the bilateral cooperation joint commission meeting, cooperation in watercourse safety measures in Mekong River, border region stability, security and trade affairs.— *MNA*

***President U Thein Sein meets Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Jakarta.* MNA**

Union Commerce Minister calls for probity and capacity enhancement

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint called for collaborative efforts of the staff for emergence of good governance and clean government, and accomplishment of the objectives of the ministry, systematic procedures in undertaking works of the ministry, probity and greater capacity, at the meeting of his ministry here this morning.

Departments submitted reports on respective works and the Union minister assessed the discussions.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint meeting with staff of his ministry.*—MNA**

Dy Health Minister calls for systematic development of traditional medicines

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Deputy Health Minister Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin urged staff to develop traditional medicines systematically, to improve proficiency of traditional practitioners and to upgrade Herbal Park in meeting with staff of Traditional Medicines Department at the National Herbal Park meeting hall here this morning.

She also called for the penetration of traditional medicines into international market.

The deputy minister viewed research museum and booths in the park.—*MNA*

Relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Indonesia will contribute not only to bilateral interests but also to regional peace and development

President U Thein Sein

Myanmar, Indonesia to cooperate in the agricultural sector with the aim of boosting rice production in Myanmar, benefiting the ASEAN countries

Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with Indonesian delegation led by Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at Istana Merdeka Palace in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 5 May.

Members of the Myanmar delegation were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr. Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr. Win Myint, Ambassador of Myanmar to Indonesia U Nyan Lin and senior officials while Indonesian side includes Minister for Politics, Law and Security Mr. Marsekal TNI (Purn) Djoko, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Mr. Ir. Hatta Rajasa, Minister for Administrative Reforms Mr. E E Mangindaan, Coordinating Minister and State Secretary Mr. Sudi Silalahi, Foreign Minister Dr. Marty M. Natalegawa, Transport Minister Dr. Mari E. Pangestu, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Mr. Darwin Zahedy Saleh, Minister for Agriculture Mr. H Suswono, Minister for Forestry Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, Transport Minister Mr. Laksamana Madya (Purn) Freddy Numberi, Minister for Legal and Human Rights Mr. Patrialis Akbar, Secretary of Indonesian government Mr. Dipo Alam, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and senior officials.

During the meeting, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said the visit of Myanmar President U Thein Sein would pave ways for creating opportunities to strengthen bilateral relations and to boost bilateral cooperation and the visit would help deepen the bilateral cooperation. Meanwhile, the new government led by President U Thein Sein would make efforts for more development and in the interest of the people, he added.

President U Thein Sein said he took pride and delight in his visit to Indonesia, chair of ASEAN, as it is his first foreign visit since he made affirmation as President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

He believed that his visit would strengthen the friendship between the two countries and bilateral cooperations, he added.

Afterwards, Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono suggested to promote exchange of visits between head of state level, minister level and senior official level as part of efforts for maintaining bilateral friendship.

Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono also expressed his firmly support for democratization process in Myanmar as part of efforts for political and security cooperation.

He continued to say that the democratization process in Myanmar would meet with success under the leadership of President U Thein Sein.

The Indonesian President also hailed efforts for national unity and perpetuation of the national sovereignty. He also said that the two countries had aimed a trade volume of US$500 million in 2015 and expressed Indonesia's desire to invest in development projects as the country has possessed economic prospects.

Indonesia companies were willing to invest in mining, oil and gas exploration, infrastructure and other sectors in Myanmar, Yudhoyono said.

He also suggested to cooperate in the agricultural sector with the aim of boosting rice production in Myanmar, benefiting the ASEAN countries, he added.

He also suggested to pomote the bilateral cultural and tourism sector and relations of the people of the two countries.

For his part, President U Thein Sein said he believes that the relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Indonesia will contribute not only to bilateral interests but also to regional peace and development.

For the last 60 years, the two countries could have strengthened the existing relations while promoting mutual cooperation and understanding.

According to data of January 2011 in the foreign investment area, the amount of investment twelve companies of Indonesia have made in Myanmar takes tenth place among another other investors. Means and ways have to be sought to promote bilateral cooperation and investments both in the state-owned and private-owned sectors.

When it comes to tourism cooperation, it is hoped that bilateral cooperation will be further promoted as both countries have historic cultural buildings, beautiful sceneries and beaches added the President.

Plans are under way to launch Yangon-Singapore-Indonesia flights. It is hoped that detailed facts about multisectoral cooperation can be discussed by the foreign ministries of the two countries and representatives of other related ministries at the second meeting of the bilateral cooperation joint commission, scheduled to be held in Myanmar at the year-end. With the system change in Myanmar, its economic system will see more changes and transparency. As there are lots of investments opportunities, Indonesian investments are invited in various sectors such as agriculture, mining, oil and gas, said the President.

Next, he also explained Myanmar's political developments, economic policy, activities to be carried out for human rights in accord with the provisions of the constitution, environmental conservation measures and foreign policy.

For his part, the Indonesian President said he welcomes the suggestions and ideas as well as national reconsolidation efforts of President U Thein Sein.

He continued that a proposal will be submitted to the ASEAN leaders at ASEAN Summit to be held in Bali in November in order to hold an ASEAN Exhibition with the participating of all ASEAN families. Myanmar is invited to take part in the show. ASEAN is working not only for regional security but also for close contacts between the peoples of member nations. He added he would like to let them know about the effort for promoting of ASEAN community relations by portraying it in the show. It is hoped that there will be continued relations and cooperation.

The discussions ended at 5.10 pm. —*MNA*

Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein holds discussion with Indonesian delegation led by Indonesian President Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at Istana Merdeka Palace.—MNA

President U Thein Sein lays wreath at heroes cemetery in Jakarta

President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein lays a wreath at Kalibata National Heroes Cemetery.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein visited Kalibata National Heroes Cemetery in Jakarta of the Republic of Indonesia on 6 May.

The President, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, deputy ministers and departmental officials, was welcomed by Commader of Indonesian Presidential Guard Force Brig-Gen Agus Sutomo and Jakarta Military Commander Maj-Gen Waris.

The President paid tribute and laid a wreath at the heroes cemetery.

He signed the visitors' book of the cemetery and viewed historic photos of heroes.

The President later left for Ritz Carlton Hotel where they stayed.

MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein viewed historic photos of heroes at the heroes cemetery.

MNA

Propagation of genuine Theravada Buddha Sasana stressed

YANGON, 9 May — Myanmar Border Area and Mountain Area Theravada Buddha Sasana Nuggaha Association is to work harmoniously for propagation of genuine Theravada Buddha Sasana, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung said at the meeting of working committees of the association held at the Zabuthiri Beikman of the association this morning.

Chairman of the association Dr. Khin Shwe delivered a speech at the meeting in which officials submitted reports.

The minister and chairman donated exercise books to monastic schools in Yangon Region.

Donors U Than Win and Daw Mya Win and son U Myo Sat donated US$ 1000 to the association.

The minister's concluding remarks brought the meeting to an end.—*MNA*

The opening of Laminein Library in progress at Myinethaya village, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State.

TOWNSHIP IPRD

Harmonious cooperation of economic forces for greater national interests: F & R Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun called for sustainable development of financial and monetary systems, and harmonious coordination of departmental organizations, cooperatives, and private institutions for greater national interests, at the coordination meeting on development of financial and monetary sector, of the ministry here this morning.

Vice Governor U Nay Aye of the Central Bank of Myanmar explained contributive role of the financial and monetary sectors to development of the regions and follow-up plans, followed by discussions of experienced economists and personnel.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than and CBM Governor U Than Nyein discussed progress of the finance and monetary sector and the Union Minister made concluding remarks.—*MNA*

Peinnaetaung TV relay station in Rakhine State starts retransmission

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Peinnaetaung TV Retransmission Station in Yanbye Township in Rakhine State started its operation on 1 May. Yanbye Township, Kyaukpyu Township, Manaung Township and Lahu and Maei Sub-Townships have now received the television programmes with sharp sound and picture.

MNA

Nearly 200,000 vehicles run in Macao by March

MACAO, 9 May— Nearly 200,000 vehicles clogged in Macao's streets at the end of the first quarter, according to the report from *the Macao Post Daily.*

The number of licensed motor vehicles reached 197,800 at the end of March this year, a year-on-year increase of four per cent, the report said. Motorcycles and scooters accounted for 54 per cent of all motor vehicles.

Xinhua

Germany posts record exports in March

FRANKFURT, 9 May— A pick up in global trade saw Germany post record exports and imports in March, official data showed Monday, while its trade surplus climbed more than 11 percent on a yearly basis to 18.9 billion euros ($27 billion).

Germany recorded exports worth 98.3 billion euros ($142 billion), a monthly increase of 7.3 percent, and also received a record amount of imports, worth 79.4 billion euros, for a monthly increase of 3.1 percent, the figures showed. "That was the highest monthly figure recorded for both exports and imports since the collection of foreign trade statistics had started in the Federal Republic of Germany in 1950," the national statistics service said. When adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, the country's trade surplus came to 15.2 billion euros in March, the Destatis office said.

Citing data provided by the German central bank, it added that the current account of the balance of payments, a broad measure of a nation's trade with partners, came to 19.5 billion euros in March, up from 18.8 billion a year ago.—*Internet*

Container ships moor in the harbour in the northern German City of Hamburg.

INTERNET

Police chief, son killed in western Venezuela

CARACAS, 9 May— Authorities in Venezuela say the director of a municipal police force and his son have been slain in the western part of the country.

Police in Zulia State say the police chief for a municipality near the city of Maracaibo and his son were shot by several attackers while in Maracaibo on Sunday.

Investigators believe the criminals began shooting during an attempt to steal the officer's vehicle.

Violent crime is one of Venezuela's most pressing problems. Police officers are occasionally among the victims.

Internet

Tour bus kills New York pedestrian, driver charged

NEW YORK, 9 May— A tour bus driver who struck a pedestrian on a midtown Manhattan street was charged on Sunday with drunk driving and vehicular manslaughter, police said.

Steve Drappel, 57, of West Palm Beach, Florida, hit the pedestrian as he turned a corner near Times Square shortly before 10 pm on Saturday, police said. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital, police said.

The luxury tour bus was operated by Travelynx, a Florida-based charter service. A Travelynx representative could not be reached immediately for comment. A bus carrying passengers home to New York City from a Connecticut casino crashed in mid-March on a local highway, killing 15 people and injuring the rest of the 32 passengers on board. The cause of that crash remains under investigation.—*Reuters*

Princess Diana dresses sell for $276,000 at auction

LOS ANGELES, 9 May—A pair of dresses worn by Princess Diana sold at a pop culture auction in Beverly Hills for a total of $276,000 a spokesman for the auction house said on Sunday.

The two dresses, which have been held in climate-controlled storage since her death in August 1997, were auctioned to a prominent museum for $144,000 and $132,000, respectively, said Darren Julien, president and CEO of Julien's Auctions.

"We did have bidders from all over the world participating, and it's great to have them go to a museum where they are going to be on display and appreciated by the public," Julien said.

Julien said he could not name the museum without permission from officials there.

The dress that sold for $144,000 was described by the auction house as a black crepe evening gown that Diana wore during a state visit in 1992.

The princess wore the second dress, which is silk chiffon and strapless, to the Cannes Film Festival in 1987 as well as in a portrait sitting that year and to a 1989 performance of "Miss Saigon" at Theater Royal in London.—*Reuters*

***Girls wearing bikini compose the word "happy" at a bikini contest in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 8 May, 2011.*—XINHUA**

A nuclear power plant in Qinshan on the outskirts of Hangzhou.

INTERNET

China to boost nuclear safety standards

BEIJING, 9 May— China will improve emergency procedures and construction standards at its nuclear power plants, state media said Monday, two months after a quake and tsunami in Japan triggered an atomic crisis. "We have to raise our standards to deal with complicated situations, like what happened in Japan," Liu Hua, a nuclear safety official at the environmental protection ministry, was quoted by *the China Daily* saying.

"The lesson of Fukushima is that we need to improve emergency procedures, especially coordination among government departments."

Authorities are also considering installing power generators inside nuclear power plants and setting higher standards for flood control measures and for the construction of exterior walls of reactors, Liu said. China ordered safety inspections of its nuclear plants and suspended approval of new projects after the 11 March disasters in northeast Japan sparked the world's worst atomic crisis since Chernobyl 25 years ago.—*Internet*

Samoa to go Back to the Future, shifting date line

APIA, 9 May—Samoa plans to leap 24 hours into the future, erasing a day and putting a new kink in the Pacific's jagged international date line so that it can be on the same weekday as Australia, New Zealand and eastern Asia.

It'll be Back to the Future for the island nation, offsetting a decision it made 119 years ago to stay behind a day and align itself with US traders based in California. That has meant that when it's dawn Sunday in Samoa, it's already dawn Monday in adjacent Tonga and shortly before dawn Monday in nearby New Zealand, Australia and increasingly prominent eastern Asia trade partners such as China.

Samoa has found its interests lying more with the Asia-Pacific region and now wants to switch back to the west side of the line, which separates one calendar day from the next and runs roughly north-to-south through the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

***In this undated image provided by the Samoa Tourist Authority a couple relax on a beach in the South Pacific island nation of Samoa.*—INTERNET**

"In doing business with New Zealand and Australia we're losing out on two working days a week," Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi said in a statement.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (397)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (397) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MV NEW LEGEND FORTUNE VOY NO (24)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NEW LEGEND FORTUNE VOY NO (24) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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HAPPY 35TH BIRTHDAY FOR SAYARMA MAYFLORA
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Crowds wait for the opening of the MGM Grand in Macau. The firm has started pre-marketing of an initial public offering for its Macau unit with plans to raise as much as $1.5 billion ahead of a Hong Kong listing next month. INTERNET

***Zhongguancun-based companies garnered business revenues of 380 million yuan ($69 million) in the first quarter of this year, up 12 percent on a year-on-year basis.*— XINHUA**

"China's Silicon Valley" gets big boost

BEIJING, 9 May—Zhongguancun may be hailed as China's most famous village by foreigners. Dubbed as "China's Silicon Valley", the country's biggest high-tech park in west Beijing is not only home to Chinese high-tech companies such as Lenovo, Baidu and Sohu.com, it is also the China headquarters of world-renowned technology companies such as Google, Microsoft and Intel.

As part of China's efforts to build an innovative economy, the State Council, China's Cabinet, recently approved a development plan called the Zhongguancun National Innovation Demonstration Zone (2011-2020) that allows companies in the area to try out new measures and pilot projects.

The plan, which includes a drive to boost the total revenues of companies in Zhongguancun to 10 trillion yuan ($1.8 trillion) in 2020 from 1.55 trillion yuan last year, is designed to help the area become one of the world's most famous technology hubs. The predicted income increase will come from increased sales on the back of tax incentives for companies moving there and research and development subsidies.

Zhongguancun's history can be traced back to a crowded electronic avenue in the 1980s.

Xinhua

Making moms happy, a blossoming business in China

BEIJING, 9 May—Daughters and sons chose to send flowers, gifts and touching text messages to their mothers on Sunday to express their feelings on Mother's Day. Carnations, which are a symbol of motherhood, not surprisingly proved the most popular flower."I preordered a bouquet of carnations online for my mother a week ago as my Mother's Day gift," Zeng Ru, a 25-year-old female white-collar worker from Hunan Province, was quoted as saying by Monday's *China Daily*.

Zeng added that although her mother always blames her for spending too much money on the flowers, which she has sent every year since she started working three years ago, her mother is obviously pleased with the gifts because she always shows them off to her friends and neighbors. Some florists were so busy they had to stop taking orders days before Mother's Day.—*Xinhua*

Students from Nanma No 2 Primary School show the card they make for their mothers in Yiyuan county, east China's Shandong Province, on 6 May, 2011. — XINHUA

China's rural hydropower capacity to hit 74 mln kw by 2015

CHONGQING, 9 May—China's capacity of rural hydropower is expected to hit 74 million kilowatts by 2015, said the country's Water Resources Minister Chen Lei on Saturday. The newly-installed capacity of rural hydropower in China would reach 15 million kilowatts in the next five years, said Chen, while attending a rural hydropower construction conference held in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

Chen said rural hydropower would play a more important role in improving the energy structure, developing a low-carbon economy and securing the well-being of the people. Rural hydropower refers to the small hydropower stations each with installed capacity of 50,000 kilowatts or less.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 7 May, 2011 shows the astronomical observation station equipped with the millimetre telescope, in Yangbajain, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. Installed at an altitude of 4300 metres, the KOSMA millimetre telescope, a project cooperated by China and Germany, enter the phase of debug recently. It is one of the most advanced astronomical observation facilities to observe the outer space.— XINHUA

World's longest cross-sea bridge to open to traffic in June

JINAN, 9 May—Qingdao Bay Bridge in east China's Shandong Province, the world's longest cross-sea bridge, is expected to open to automobiles in June, sources with the bridge's construction headquarters said Monday. The road over the bridge is scheduled to be completed in 10 days, according to an engineer with the headquarters. The construction of the bridge has so far cost nearly 9 billion yuan (1.39 billion US dollars), accounting for 94 percent of the budget, he said.

The bridge, linking the urban district of the port city Qingdao to its Huangdao District, is 41.58 kilometres long.

The bridge will shorten the route between the two centers by 30 kilometres, cutting travel time down to around 20 minutes. China started research and planning work for the project eight years ago, with construction work beginning in 2007. Currently, the longest cross-sea bridge in use in the world is the Lake Ponchartrain Causeway Bridge in New Orleans, the United States, which is around 38.4 km long. Prior to the Qingdao Bay Bridge, the longest sea bridge in China was the 36 km long Hangzhou Bay Cross-sea Bridge that connects the cities of Jiaxing and Ningbo in Zhejiang Province.

Xinhua

Israeli researcher develops nano-scale gyroscope

JERUSALEM, 9 May—Israeli researcher Jacob (Koby) Scheuer, from the Tel Aviv University (TAU) School of Electrical Engineering, has developed a nano-scale gyroscope, the *Ha'aretz* daily reported on Sunday. Scheuer developed a new optic-fiber nano-sensor four years ago, along with an optic gyroscope that works in conjunction with the sensor. As he developed the devices, it occurred to him that his discovery could be harnessed to surgical needs, virtual reality, or communications, said the report.

"What we developed here is an optic gyroscope," Scheuer told *Xinhua* in a recent interview on Sunday, "like the others, but the breakthrough is that we found a way to measure rotation in a very, very small device using the optic sensor."Optic gyroscopes emit light when they rotate, and change its wavelength when there is any change in the speed of rotation, making it possible to measure velocity and position by the differences in light.—*Xinhua*

Ukrainian motorcyclists drive their motorcycle during a gathering in Uman, central Ukraine, on 8 May, 2011.

Robots to battle for World Cup in New Zealand

Robots from around the globe will compete in the first ever Robotics World Cup, to be held during the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, later this year.

University teams from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Mexico and Columbia have already confirmed their participation in the event to be held from 11 to 13 Oct in Auckland. The event is being organized by the New Zealand Information and Technologies Group and Kiwibots New Zealand, which runs Vex Robotics competitions in schools. Based on the Vex Robotics World Championship, which was held in the US State of Florida last month, the Robotics World Cup will involve designing, building and maintaining robots that compete in a game of speed, strategy and skill.

The Florida event drew more than 10,000 intermediate, high school and university participants representing 16 countries. Vex Robotics was launched in New Zealand in 2008 in response to a worldwide shortage of engineers as a platform for high school students with an interest in science, technology, engineering and math to participate in games requiring teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

South Korea's "kiss apple" for better breath, dating pleasure

In South Korea, home of kimchi and other pungent, garlicky food, having fresh breath for life's big moments — such as a kiss — is a major concern.

But researchers may soon have a natural, portable answer — a "Kiss Apple" tiny enough to be stashed in a pocket or purse for quick eating prior to locking lips.

"We want young people to eat many apples and came up with the idea of portable apples for your bags," said Hwang Hye-sung, a researcher at South Korea's Rural Development Administration, who called it a "do-it-yourself bad breath treatment." Apples help freshen breath naturally and remove pieces of food stuck in the teeth, but the ping-pong ball-sized apple would be easier to carry around, and far less filling to gulp at a critical moment.

"We can mass produce the species with stronger functions that control food odours in as few as two years," Hwang added. But potential consumers were sceptical, noting that sudden chomping down on an apple might not do much for romance. "I'm afraid this could damage the mood, unless you are sure you will kiss," said Kim Min-jung, a 28-year-old office worker.

Kuwaiti lover's heroic plan lands him in jail

A Kuwaiti man who depleted a young woman's car tyres to get her attention ended up behind bars for harassment and for vandalism.

According to *Al Rai daily*, the young man was after the young woman to start a relationship with her, but he was completely ignored by the latter. To woe the woman, he deflated the tyres of her car that was parked outside her home and patiently waited for her to come out and ask for his help, reports *The Gulf News*. However, his plan backfired when the young woman called the police who arrested the man after suspecting a foul play.

Monkey test for Man U player Rooney

England striker Wayne Rooney, off the field, had a game to play - this time the opposition didn't include a 11-men side but a troop of baboons that took a ride on his car and broke a windscreen wiper.

Manchester United ace player Rooney, 25, and wife Coleen took their 18-month-old son Kai to Knowsley Safari Park on Merseyside while the incident took place.

A source said the couple burst into fits of laughter after the monkeys jumped on to their 80,000-pounds Audi RS6 quattro estate.

Despite the mishap, they later told how Kai, their son, loved seeing the animals.

"Just been to Knowsley Safari Park with Coleen and Kai. Monkeys all over my car. Kai loved it" *the Daily Star* quoted Rooney as tweeting after the day out.

News Album

An antique Benz car is seen during a rally to celebrate the 125th birthday of the automobile in the southern German city of Stuttgart, on 8 May, 2011. The event showcasing selected cars of Mercedes-Benz, Porsche and Audi was the highlight of the Automobile Summer 2011.

Nicole Kidman voted the most influential mum in Oz

LONDON, 9 May — Hollywood actress Nicole Kidman has topped the list of the 10 most influential celebrity mothers in Australia.

The study of more than 2000 people was carried out by brand, media and communications researchers Millward Brown. According to *the Daily Telegraph*, Kidman had a score of 65 percent and Rebecca Gibney and Olivia Newton John both at 63 percent at the second place.

"This is a list of mothers who could most influence buyer-behaviour," company account director Hannah McHard, was quoted as saying. "Nicole Kidman tops the list because she is seen as clever and sensible; she has been through a lot and her strength of character is something that many mothers would identify with," she added.

The Top 10 Most Powerful Celebrity Mums by Cebra score are:

***Nicole Kidman, left, and Keith Urban.—*INTERNET**

(1) Nicole Kidman
(2) Rebecca Gibney
(3) Olivia Newton John
(4) Dannii Minogue
(5) Elle MacPherson
(6) Kerri Anne Kennerly
(7) Natalie Bassingthwaighte
(8) Julie Goodwin
(9) Rachel Griffiths
(10) Sarah Murdoch.—*Internet*

Jennifer Aniston launches new signature fragrance

WASHINGTON, 9 May— Jennifer Aniston has launched her new signature fragrance 'Jennifer Aniston' range at New York's Sephora Lexington Avenue store.

The former 'Friends' star showed off her toned figure in a bright orange short mini dress by Vivienne Westwood, reports Contactmusic. According to *The Mirror*, "there wasn't a single guy in the store not looking in her direction," one shopper was quoted as saying.

The actress was seen greeting fans at the event and later autographed the perfume bottles for them.—*Internet*

Jennifer Aniston.

Dana Wynter.

'Body Snatchers' star Dana Wynter dies at 79

LOS ANGELES, 9 May—Dana Wynter, who ran from the Pod People in the 1956 science-fiction classic "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," has died in Southern California. She was 79.

Her son, Mark Bautzer, told *the Los Angeles Times* the actress died Thursday in Ojai of congestive heart failure.

Wynter, who starred in a number of television dramas in the 1960s, was best known for her role as Becky Driscoll in director Don Siegel's paranoid film about townspeople being replaced by emotionless duplicates grown from plant-like pods.

Born in Germany, Wynter grew up in England and studied to be a doctor before turning to acting. She appeared with Robert Lansing in the ABC series "The Man Who Never Was," and starred in "Wagon Train," "Cannon" and "The Rockford Files."—*Internet*

***Actress Eva Longoria poses with Disney character Mickey Mouse at the premiere of "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" at Disneyland in Anaheim, California on 7 May, 2011.* XINHUA**

Messi eyes beating Ronaldo to top scorer title

BARCELONA, 9 May—Barcelona coach Josep Guardiola on Sunday backed magical Lionel Messi to beat Real Madrid rival Cristiano Ronaldo to the Spanish League top scorer's prize. Ronaldo grabbed four in the 6-2 demolition of Sevilla on Saturday to take his season's tally to 31, two more than Messi with two games left.

Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (C) vies with Espanyol's midfielder Javi Lopez (R) and Espanyol's midfielder Joan Verdu during their Spanish league football match at the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona.— INTERNET

"Messi is always looking to score because he is a born striker and it's in his blood," said Guardiola, whose Argentine superstar failed to hit the target in Sunday's 2-0 win over local rivals Espanyol. "In the first half he was fantastic. It was one of his best performances this season where he created a number of goal scoring chances. He is here to win titles and is clearly our most dangerous player."— *Internet*

Wenger makes case for defensive signings

STOKE, 9 May—Arsene Wenger appeared to hint at a U-turn on his transfer policy after Arsenal's Premier League title challenge finally came to an end with a woeful 3-1 defeat at Stoke. Wenger is considering whether to splash the cash on defenders during the close-season as he reflects on six years without a trophy.

Arsenal have conceded the most goals from set plays this season and once again their frailties were laid bare at the Britannia Stadium on Sunday. And Wenger seems intent on curing the malaise and lifting his self-imposed caution on transfer spending after another wasted campaign. "We conceded 21 goals from set plays and only 17 from open play, less than anybody else," Wenger said.— *Internet*

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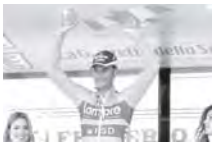
INTERNET

Petacchi wins Giro sprint but Cavendish in pink

PARMA, 9 May—Italian sprint ace Alessandro Petacchi of the Lampre team won the second stage of the Tour of Italy here on Sunday amid protests from British star Mark Cavendish who took the leader's pink jersey. Petacchi just edged HTC rider Cavendish in a battle for the finish line, in a victory which was only confirmed by the jury after viewing video footage.

The 37-year-old Petacchi had launched his sprint 225 metres from the line. His British rival tried to overtake on the right before being forced to try on the left after the Italian slightly changed his direction. Italy's Manuel Belletti finished third after the longest stage, raced under blazing sunshine over 244km. *Internet*



Italian sprint ace Alessandro Petacchi of the Lampre team

Future starts now in new Milan era

ROME, 9 May—His hair and suit were still soaked with celebratory champagne but AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri was already looking forward to next season. Milan secured the point they needed in a 0-0 draw at Roma on Saturday night to land an 18th Serie A crown with two games to spare.

This campaign has not even come to a conclusion and quite apart from Milan's two remaining meaningless league games, they also have a Cup semi-final, second leg and maybe even final to come.But it is the one bitter experience of the season that seems already to be dominating the thoughts of those with the power within the San Siro's fabled halls.And that is the Champions League.— *Internet*

AC Milan's Brazilian coach Massimiliano Allegri celebrates after his team's Italian Serie A football match against AS Roma in Rome's Olympic Stadium on 7 May. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Barcelona one point from title after Espanyol win

BARCELONA, 9 May— Mighty Barcelona moved to within a point of a third successive Spanish league title on Sunday with a 2-0 win over Espanyol in the Catalan derby. Goals from Andres Iniesta and Gerard Pique took Barcelona to 91 points, eight ahead of Real Madrid, who stayed alive in the title race with a 6-2 win over Sevilla on Saturday.

Barcelona, who have a superior head-to-head record over Real, will be crowned champions if they avoid defeat against Levante on Wednesday. A Real failure to see off Getafe on Tuesday will also be enough for the championship celebrations to start. "The later that Barca win the title, the better," said Cristiano Ronaldo who scored four times in Real's demolition of Sevilla to take his season's league tally to 33, two better than Barca star Lionel Messi.—*Internet*

Pacquiao wins lopsided decision over Mosley

LAS VEGAS, 9 May—Manny Pacquiao caught Shane Mosley early, then chased him the rest of the night. Not much more he could do against an aging fighter who seemed only to want to survive.

Pacquiao won a lopsided 12-round decision on Saturday night, retaining his version of the welterweight title in a fight that was roundly booed over the late rounds because Mosley refused to trade punches.

Pacquiao won every round on two ringside scorecards in extending the remarkable run that has made him the most exciting fighter in the sport. He also won the ungrudging respect of a veteran fighter who has been in with some of the best in the world.—*Internet*

***Manny Pacquiao, left, throws a punch against Shane Mosley in the fourth round during a WBO welterweight title bout, on 7 May, 2011, in Las Vegas.*— INTERNET**

Liverpool manager unfazed by race for Europe

LONDON, 9 May— Kenny Dalglish insists Liverpool's bid to qualify for European football won't define whether his club's season has been a success or failure.

Dalglish's side travel to Fulham on Monday knowing a victory will keep them firmly in the race to finish fifth ahead of Tottenham and secure the dubious honour of competing in the Europa League.

After last weekend's win over Newcastle lifted the Reds into fifth place, the debate began to intensify about whether the Europa League would be a good thing for a club who will be more concerned with winning back their place in the Premier League's top four next season.—*Internet*

Kenny Dalglish

Udinese regain pole in Champions League fight

ROME, 9 May— Udinese moved back into fourth spot in Serie A and the final Champions League qualification place with a 2-1 victory over Lazio on Sunday. Serie A top scorer Antonio Di Natale was once again the hero as he scored both goals to give the northerners a two-point lead over Lazio and Roma in the race for fourth with two games to play.

Udinese coach Francesco Guidolin paid tribute to his young guns, in particular the returning Alexis Sanchez. "This is the youngest team ever to be in a fight for a Champions League place," said a jubilant Guidolin. "Apart from (Giampiero) Pinzi and Di Natale, look at their dates of birth. That's a great satisfaction for everyone."—*Internet*

Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal in the final of the Madrid Masters at the Caja Magic sports complex.
INTERNET

Djokovic puts Nadal's top tennis spot under threat

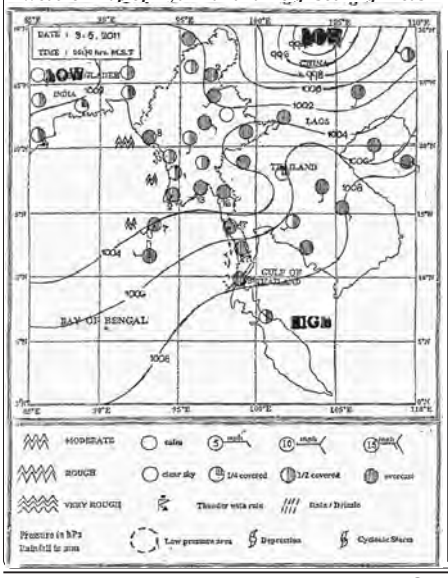
MADRID, 9 May—Rafael Nadal faces a fight to hold on to his world number one ranking after Novak Djokovic extended his victory streak to 34 matches with a 7-5, 6-4 win over the Spaniard at the Madrid Masters. Nadal had to swallow his first loss on clay in nearly two years, a run of 37 straight victories stretching back to the French Open fourth round in 2009 when he lost to Robin Soderling.

Now Nadal has this week's Rome Masters, Roland Garros and Wimbledon champion's points to defend. With Djokovic barely registering during the period a year ago (two quarter-finals and a Wimbledon semi-final), the Serb is well-placed to seize the top ranking and fulfill his lifetime tennis dream.—*Internet*

WEATHER

Monday, 9th 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 Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin State, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with Regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Region. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average trmperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Bago and Yangon Regions and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature in Chauk (41°C), The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (4.13) inches, Kawthaung (4.02) inches, Mogok and Dawei (3.07) inches each, Kyaikkhami (2.95) inches, Myaungmya (1.57) inches, Thaton (1.54) inches, Bilin (1.46) inches, Mawlamyine (1.26) inches and Paung (1.18) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 8-5-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 9-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 8-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-5-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 9-5-2011 was (Nil) .

Rainfall on 9-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.59) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.79) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (14.61) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from Northwest at (12:30) hours MST on 9-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 10th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be wicespread in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and Shan State and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and 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 Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Norway advances to quarterfinals at hockey worlds

KOSICE, 9 May—Marius Holtet scored four goals and Norway beat France 5-2 to clinch the final spot in the quarterfinals of the ice hockey world champion-ship on Monday.

Per-Age Skroder gave Norway a 1-0 lead and Holtet took over from there. Damien Fleury and Laurent Meunier scored for France.

Morten Ask, left, from Norway is airborne after being tripped by France's Vincent Bachet (R), during their qualification round group F hockey World Championships match in Kosice, on 9 May, 2011.

Norway joins Canada, Sweden and the United States in qualifying for the quarters from Group F. In Bratislava, host Slovakia beat Denmark 4-1 for a consolation victory after four straight losses. Both teams had earlier been eliminated in Group E. *Internet*

The pack of cyclists ride through the village of Salsomaggiore Terme.

Weylandt seriously injured in fall at Giro

RAPELLO, 9 May—Belgian cyclist Wouter Weylandt has been seriously hurt in a crash during the third stage of the Giro d'Italia.

The Leopard-Trek rider fell at high speed during a descent about 12.4-miles from the finish and lay motionless on the roadside before paramedics tried to resuscitate him. Monday's third stage is a 107-mile ride from Reggio Emilia to Rapello.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

Programme Schedule

(10-5-2011) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

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* News
* Myanmar Customs & Naming System
* Music Gallery
* News
* Treasure Trove for Knowledge Seekers
* News
* Pleaeant Taunggyi
* Folk Art of Pottery
* Myanmar Movie "Essence of Devotion"

Myanmar TV

Tuesday,

10 May

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. Health Programme

8:00 am
7. Song Of Yester Years

8:10 am
8. Dance Of National Races

8:20 am
9. 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) (Southern Myanmar FC & Zayar Shwe Myay FC)

5:00 pm
2. Musical Programme

5:10 pm
3.University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)- First Year (English)

5:25 pm
4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:30 pm
5. The Mirror Images Of the Musical Oldies

5:40 pm
6. Documentary

5:45 pm
7. Sweet Melody

6:00 pm
8. Evening News

6:15 pm
9. Weather Report

6:20 pm
10. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:35 pm
11. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. Just for Laughs
17. TV Drama Series
18. Metta Bavana by Mingun Sayadaw

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★ 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

President U Thein Sein arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw after paying State visit, attending ASEAN Summit in Indonesia

President U Thein Sein being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing at the airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived back here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 1.50 pm today after paying a State visit to the Republic of Indonesia and attending the 18th ASEAN Summit held in Jakarta of Indonesia.

The Myanmar delegation members led by the President were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental heads and officials of the Indonesian Embassy.

Delegation members Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers and senior departmental officials also arrived back on the same flight.

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