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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

General Min Aung Hlaing welcomes Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of People's Republic of China General Xu Caihou taking salute of Guard of Honour.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—A ceremony to welcome Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China General Xu Caihou by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing was held in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 4 pm today.

As Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China arrived to attend the welcoming ceremony from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to Zeyathiri Beikman by car, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing cordially welcomed and greeted him.

Next, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Meanwhile the State Band played national anthems of the two countries.

Next, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou inspected the Guard of Honour.

Then, Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou presented his entourage to General Min Aung Hlaing.

Likewise, General Min Aung Hlaing introduced Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defences to Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 13 May, 2011

Keep areas clean and green

Sanitation is to be high in the list of priorities for populous and commercial cities because keeping the areas clean makes residents get relaxed and refreshed.

Roads in commercially strategic cities are being upgraded with traffic islands, beds of flowers and landscaping plants. In addition, more and more parks and lakes are being built to spruce up urban areas for the people to visit for recreation and relaxation.

Drainage systems are yet to be improved. Recently, it rained heavily in many parts of the country, and roads in some townships were flooded for few hours.

So, sanitation and disease control measures are to be carried out with all seriousness in both urban and rural areas. Development affairs committees of the townships concerned are to work together with related departments in supply of clean water, keeping areas clean and repairing damaged roads.

Everyone is under a responsibility for keeping their communities clean and tidy. The people on their part have to carry out sanitation in their houses, streets and markets regularly. They also have to show self-discipline by abstaining from throwing away rubbish into drains and onto roads, as well as from dropping rubbish and spitting betel spittle onto roads while on ridding cars or buses.

Today, plans are well underway to upgrade urban areas to international ones. If the people extend a helping hand to relevant departments in keeping urban and rural areas clean and pleasant, sanitation and community-based health care with a sense of duty, all areas will become clean and pleasant.

Men's Hockey Tournament continues

YANGON, 12 May—Jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Hockey Federation, Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Men's Hockey Tournament continued at Theinbyu artificial pitch here yesterday.

In first event, Nay Pyi Taw Command beat Myanmar Police Force 2-1. Defence Ministry routed Smart Youth 7-0.

Defence Services (Navy) meets Inntaing Youth at 2 pm and Defence Services (Air), Sky Wing at 4 pm today.—*Kyemon*



Peoples' Desire

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

Union A&I Minister receives EU Commission guests



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Director Mr Dirk Meganck and party of European Commission Development and Cooperation Europe Aid.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—A delegation led by Director Mr Dirk Meganck of European Commission Development and Cooperation Europe Aid called on Union Minister for Agriculture and

Irrigation U Myint Hlaing at the minister's office here this morning. At the meeting, they discussed development of agriculture sector and mutual cooperation in agriculture sector.—MNA

Chief Minister U Myint Swe of Yangon Region and wife being welcomed by Israeli Ambassador Mr Yaron Mayer at a reception to mark 63rd Anniversary Independence Day of Israel at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon on 12 May.—MNA



Sagaing Region Chief Minister attends opening of Sangha Hospital in Homalin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye attended the opening of Sangha Hospital (100-bed) in Homalin, Khamti District on 10 May.

After opening the new patient ward, the Chief Minister presented cash to the Sangha undergoing treatment.

Next, the Chief Minister visited Myatharaphu advanced rubber farm. A total of 3424 rubber acres have been put into cultivation in Homalin in 2010-2011.

He later inspected retaining works against

erosion at Uru River-Crossing suspension bridge, construction of Namtalon Dam and self-reliant small-scale hydropower project in Nanpoang Village, and then encouraged the patients at Nanpoang Station Hospital.

The Chief Minister then met villagers at Dhammayon of Yadanamuni Pagoda.—MNA

Thakayta Bridge on Pazundaung Creek to be suspended

YANGON, 12 May — Thakayta Bridge linking Dawbon and Mingala Taungnyunt townships across Pazundaung Creek will be shut down from 14 to 16 May for maintenance of the machinery functions of the bridge.

People are urged to use Maha Bandola Bridge and Thuwunna Bridge on those days to go to Dawbon and Thakayta townships. — MNA

Ministry of Defence defeats Smart Youth 7-0 at MOC Chairman's Cup Hockey Tournament.—KYEMON

Ten people killed in Spain earthquake

MOSCOW, 12 May—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale hit southeast Spain Wednesday evening, killing at least 10 people, regional media reported.

The epicentre of the quake was in the Tercia mountain range near the town of Lorca, with a population of some 90,000.

Several buildings were destroyed, included a medieval church bell tower.

"Unfortunately people have died as a result of cave-ins and falling debris. We're trying to find out if people have been trapped inside the collapsed houses," Lorca mayor Francisco Jodar said.—*Internet*



Damaged vehicles and debris are seen on the street after an earthquake in Lorca Spain in this image taken from TV on 11 May, 2011.—INTERNET



An Afghan border police keeps watch from a building which was used by the Taliban forces to attack the Kandahar governor's office in Kandahar city recently.
INTERNET

NATO and Afghan raid kills girl, policeman

KABUL, 12 May—NATO says its troops and Afghan forces mistakenly killed a young girl and a man who turned out to be a police officer during an overnight raid in eastern Afghanistan.

A NATO statement Thursday says a combined NATO-Afghan force was pursuing a Taliban

leader in Nangarhar Province's Surkh Rod District on Wednesday, when a man came out of the targeted house threatening them with a gun.

It says the troops killed the man and then discovered he was a police officer. The troops also shot at someone running out

of the back of the compound who they believed had a weapon. The soldiers later realized there was no weapon and that they had killed "an unarmed Afghan female adolescent."

A neighbour, who goes by the name of Ayatullah, says the girl was 12 years old.

Internet

Explosion at Singapore shipyard kills at least two

SINGAPORE, 12 May—An explosion at a shipyard in Singapore occurred on Thursday afternoon, killing at least two people, authorities said.

The Civil Defence Force said it received a call about the incident at about 1:20 pm in the afternoon, adding that the incident involved a barge undergoing

maintenance work at the shipyard.

No further details were available at the moment.

Local broadcaster Channel NewsAsia quoted witnesses as saying that glass panels were broken at her office across the road. It also caused a ceiling panel to collapse but no one was injured.

The witness, who is identified only as Mandy, said the ground shook when the explosion occurred.

Another eye witness, Adrian Lee, said he saw people running out after the blast caused a roof to collapse. Lee was at a meeting about four factories away from the explosion site.

Xinhua

188 bodies found so far in Durango, Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 12 May—Security forces searching mass graves in the northern Mexican State of Durango have unearthed eight more bodies, authorities said Wednesday, bringing the total to 188 and making it the largest discovery yet of corpses secretly buried in regions plagued by drug-gang fighting.

The toll surpasses the 183 bodies found in pits last month in Tamaulipas, a state bordering Texas. Soldiers recovered the latest eight bodies Tuesday, and digging continued at five graves discovered last month in the state capital, Durango City, state Public Safety Department spokesman Fernando Rios told *The Associated Press*.—*Internet*



Iraqi firemen rush to the scene of an attack in the northern oil hub of Kirkuk after a suicide attacker in a car set off a bomb outside a government building, wounding nine people recently.
INTERNET

German court finds Demjanjuk guilty of Nazi crimes

MUNICH, 12 May—A German court found John Demjanjuk guilty Thursday of helping to kill 27,900 Jews at the Nazi death camp Sobibor during the Holocaust.

The Munich court sentenced the 91-year-old to five years in prison as an accessory to mass murder as a guard at the Polish camp during World War Two. Defence attorneys had said during the 18-month trial they would appeal any guilty verdict.

Reuters

Accused Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk arrives at a courtroom in Munich for his verdict on 12 May, 2011.
INTERNET



Bomb Blast kills one civilian, injures seven in eastern Afghan city

KHOST, 12 May—A civilian was killed and seven others injured Thursday morning when a bomb went off in Khost, the capital of eastern Afghanistan's Khost Province, a health official said.

"This morning at around 8 am a dead civilian and seven injured people have been admitted to the provincial capital hospital," head of provincial health department, Karokhil told *Xinhua*.

He said the injured people sustained wounds in a bomb blast in Khost city. Special Report: Afghanistan Situation.—*Xinhua*

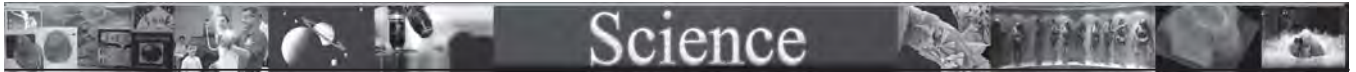
Five killed in US drone strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 12 May—At least five people were killed in a US drone strike launched Thursday morning in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa.

Xinhua



An unmanned US aircraft.
INTERNET



Science



Engineers of the National Astronomical Observatory of China debug facilities at the astronomical observation station in Yangbajain, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 7 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Superflare from Crab Nebula has astronomers mystified

WASHINGTON, 12 May—The Crab Nebula, the dusty remains of an exploded star, has unleashed a surprisingly massive flare that is five times more powerful than any eruption previously seen from the celestial object, leaving scientists struggling to explain the event, NASA says. The so-called "superflare" was detected on 12 April by NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, which is continuously mapping the sky in gamma ray wavelengths in search of gamma-ray bursts, the brightest explosions in the universe. The Crab Nebula's strong outburst lasted six days, and its exact cause has scientists scratching their heads, especially since the superflare followed an earlier gamma-ray flare from the nebula in January.

"These superflares are the most

intense outbursts we've seen to date, and they are all extremely puzzling events," said Alice Harding at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, in a statement. "We think they are caused by sudden rearrangements of the magnetic field not far from the neutron star, but exactly where that's happening remains a mystery." The outburst observed by Fermi was likely triggered by electrons with energies 100 times greater than can be achieved in any particle accelerator on Earth, scientists said. This makes them the highest-energy electrons known to be associated with any galactic source.

Based on the rise and fall of gamma rays during the April outbursts, scientists estimate that the size of the emitting region must be comparable to our entire solar system.—Internet

Earth study to offer clues to alien life

BLOOMINGTON, 12 May—US scientists say they'll study methane production by cold-weather microbes on Earth to help NASA search for evidence of similar microbes elsewhere.

In a 3-year, \$2.4 million project funded by NASA's Astrobiology Science and Technology for Exploring Planets programme, Indiana University Bloomington scientists will study methane release near the

receding edge of Arctic ice sheets for clues of how life might exist at the edge of extraterrestrial ice sheets, an IUB release reported Wednesday.

"In order to be prepared for robotic or human exploration of other habitable worlds, scientists and engineers need to thoroughly test instruments and exploration concepts in extreme environments on Earth," IUB biogeochemist Lisa Pratt said. "These environments

mimic, in some ways, the places we expect to explore for evidence of extraterrestrial life."

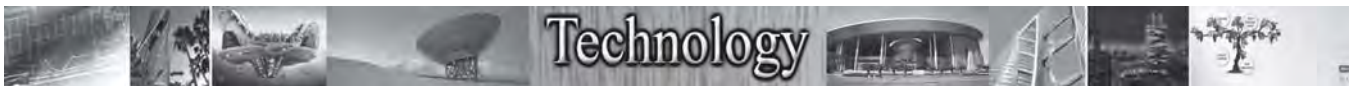
Conditions that support life on Earth are the only point of reference for what's possible on Mars, Jupiter's moon Europa, and Saturn's moon Enceladus, the three bodies currently deemed most likely to harbour, or to have once harboured, life, the researchers said.

Internet



A handout document released by Nature shows a retrograde hot Jupiter: the transiting giant planet orbits very close to the star and in a direction opposite to the stellar rotation. This peculiar configuration results from gravitational perturbations by another much more distant planet.

INTERNET



Technology

Google to launch Chrome notebooks in June

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—Google on Wednesday introduced a series of notebook computers based on its Chrome operating system, stepping up its competition against Microsoft.

Google unveiled the "Chromebook" at its annual developers conference in San Francisco, saying that the new devices, made by Acer and Samsung Electronics, will go on sale on 15 June in the United States and six European countries.

Google said Chromebooks can boot in 8 seconds and its security system makes it require no virus protection.

Applications, documents and setting will be stored in "the cloud," which enables users to have same experience after logging into another Chromebook. The system will get updated automatically with no update prompts.

Acer's Chromebook will start at 349 US dollars and Samsung's product will be priced at 429 dollars



Sundar Pichai, vice president of product management for Google, holds a netbook that runs the company's Chrome OS during the company's event in San Francisco 7 Dec, 2010.—INTERNET

for its WiFi model and 499 dollars for 3G connectivity. The devices will be available online in the United States through Amazon.com and Best Buy's online store.

Google on Wednesday also announced Chromebooks for Business and Education, a subscription service including Chromebooks and a cloud management console to remotely administer and manage users, devices applications and policies.

Xinhua

Jiayuan shares down on Wall Street debut

NEW YORK, 12 May—Shares in Jiayuan.com fell more than four percent as China's top online dating site began trading on Wall Street on Wednesday.

Trading under the symbol "DATE," Jiayuan shares lost 4.36 percent, or 48 cents, to close at \$10.52. They hit a high during the day's trading of \$11.62 and a low of \$9.76. Jiayuan raised nearly \$78 million with an initial public offering of 7.1 million shares priced at between \$10 and \$12 each. Jiayuan is the latest Chinese Internet company to look to the US capital market, where investors have been keen to snap up stakes in technology firms based in the world's fastest-growing major economy. China also has the world's biggest Internet population with at least 457 million users. Last week, Renren, a social network seen as China's answer to Facebook, made its debut on Wall Street trading under the symbol "RENN."

Jiayuan describes itself as an online dating pioneer "committed to addressing the dating and marriage needs of China's rapidly growing urban singles population by providing a trusted, effective platform."

The Beijing-based company claims a total of 40.2 million registered user accounts and 4.7 million active users.—Internet

Yahoo! shares drop as Alibaba service spins off

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—Yahoo! stock sank on news that Alibaba has spun its online payment business out of reach of the US Internet pioneer, which owns a large stake in China's leading online search service.

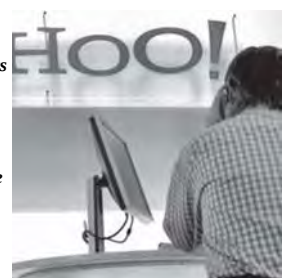
Shares dropped more than seven percent to \$17.18 a share in trading on the NASDAQ exchange through the day in the wake of the news.

California-based Yahoo! filed paperwork on Tuesday notifying the US Securities and Exchange Commission that ownership of the Alipay service was shifted to a Chinese company owned mostly by Alibaba chief executive Jack Ma.

The restructuring was done "to expedite obtaining an essential regulatory license," Yahoo! said in the filing. The license purportedly at issue was one required by the People's Bank of China to offer financial services in that country, according to an investors note from Citi analyst Mark Mahaney.—Internet

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INTERNET





Health



Coffee reduces type of breast cancer risk

STOCKHOLM, 12 May—Drinking coffee specifically reduces the risk of anti-estrogen-resistant estrogen-receptor-negative breast cancer, researchers in Sweden say.

Researchers Jingmei Li, Petra Seibold, Jenny Chang-Claude, Dieter Flesch-Janys, Jian-jun Liu, Kamila Czene, Keith Humphreys and Per Hall of the Karolinska Institutet compared lifestyle factors and coffee consumption in women with breast cancer and an age-matched control group.

The study, published

in the journal *Breast Cancer Research*, found coffee drinkers had a lower incidence of breast cancer than women who rarely drank coffee.

However, they also found that several lifestyle factors such as age at menopause, exercise, weight, education and a family history of breast cancer affected breast cancer rates, and once these factors were accounted for, the protective effect of coffee on breast cancer was only measurable for ER-negative breast cancer.

"There is often conflicting information

about the beneficial effects of coffee when we compared our results to that of a German study we discovered that their data showed the same trend, but the relationship was much weaker," the researchers said in a statement.

"We suggest that this may have something to do with the way the coffee was prepared, or the type of bean preferred. It is unlikely that the protective effect is due to phytoestrogens present in coffee since there was no reduction in the incidence of ER-positive cancer in this study."—*Internet*



A baby's head is shaved so it can be given an intravenous needle in the head as she is being treated for cholera at the Samaritan's Purse International Relief medical centre in Port-au-Prince, on 16 March, 2011.
INTERNET

Observation before CT good for kids with head injury

BEIJING, 12 May—Observation on children after head injury may help find which ones need a computed tomography (CT) scan, enabling many to avoid the radiation of an unnecessary test, according to a US study published in the journal *Pediatrics* Monday.

The study, led by researchers from Boston Children's Hospital Boston and UC Davis, found that if children can be watched for a few hours when they come to the emergency department, they may not need a CT scan, thus avoiding the exposure to ionizing radiation.

Co-lead author Lise Nigrovic, of Children's Hospital Boston, stressed that CT isn't bad if people really need it, but

it shouldn't be used on children who are at low risk as x-rays slightly increases the risk of developing diseases like cancer.

For the study, Nigrovic and her colleagues examined a subset of data from a large prospective study by the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network.

They looked at outcomes of over 40,000 children with head trauma seen at 25 different emergency departments, of which 14 percent were observed before a decision about whether to send them for CT scan was made. About 5,400, or 1 in 7, were observed. In both groups, fewer than 1 percent had a serious head injury.—*Xinhua*



A microscopic view shows human embryonic stem cells in various stages of differentiation into liver cells in this photo taken at Stanford University and released by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, on 9 March, 2009.
XINHUA



Business



Retailers open stores on Facebook



The Facebook homepage of Mark Zuckerberg is displayed on the Internet on 15 December, 2010. Zuckerberg, 26, has been named *Time* magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2010. Zuckerberg is the CEO and co-founder of Facebook.—INTERNET

MENLO PARK, 12 May—The massive number of Facebook members is proving too tempting for many US retailers to resist, experts said.

Facebook now has 500 million members, about half of whom visit the Web site daily, USA Today reported

Wednesday. On a typical month, members spend 700 billion minutes logged into the popular social Web site.

While Internet users can make a few clicks and find many online retailers, a growing number of companies are opening stores on Facebook, which allows

users to shop without leaving the Web site. "Expecting people to come to your Web site is expecting them to make an extra effort. They're already on Facebook," Janet Fouts, a social media coach, told the newspaper.

"It's social networks like Facebook that are the centre of people's lives. It's where their friends are. It's where they play games. And it's increasingly becoming where they shop," she said. Among retailers opening up online outlets on Facebook are clothing seller Express, JC Penny, and 1-800-Flowers. Delta Airlines has been selling plane tickets from its Facebook page since August last year. Electronic game retailer Game-Stop has also opened up a Facebook store, USA Today said.

Internet



In this 9 May, 2011 photo, the exterior of Cisco headquarters is shown in San Jose, Calif. Cisco Systems Inc. reports quarterly financial results on 11 May, after the market close.
INTERNET

Cisco to cut costs and jobs as profits stall

NEW YORK, 12 May—Cisco Systems Inc, the world's largest maker of computer networking gear, said Wednesday that it's set to eliminate thousands of jobs as part of cost-cutting moves to get profits growing again.

Cisco's sales rebounded from the recession, but then started stalling in the middle of last year. In the past few months, CEO John Chambers has signaled that he's accepting long-standing criticism that the company is trying to compete in too many markets. He has vowed to radically simplify the company.

The company is still troubled: On Wednesday, it gave a financial forecast for the current quarter that was well below analyst expectations. Chambers now wants to cut annual expenses by \$1 billion, or about 6 percent. He didn't say how many jobs he's aiming to eliminate, mainly through an early retirement programme. If the percentage is similar to the cut in expenses, it could amount to 4,000 to 5,000 of the company's 73,400 employees.—*Internet*

Japan to unveil nuclear operator Tepco compensation scheme

TOKYO, 12 May—Japan is expected to unveil a scheme on Thursday that includes a \$62 billion fund injection to help Tokyo Electric Power (9501.T) compensate victims of the crisis at its tsunami-crippled nuclear plant and save Asia's largest utility from financial ruin.

The scheme, likely to be approved by Prime Minister Naoto Kan's cabinet later in the day, is designed to protect bond-holders and will keep Tokyo Electric (Tepco) shares listed, although the utility will have to forgo dividend payments for several years, ruling party lawmakers briefed on the plan said.

Reuters



Photo taken on 11 May, 2011, shows the bed full of cracks due to a severe drought under a bridge in the Dongting Lake in Yueyang City, central China's Hunan Province.—XINHUA

Indonesia to send black boxes of plane crash to China

JAKARTA, 12 May—The Indonesian government was to send data recorder and voice recorder of the black boxes of the Merpati airline's plane that crashed in West Papua on Saturday and killed all the 25 people on board to China for reading on Wednesday, officials said here on Wednesday.

Franswenas, investigator at the Indonesian transport safety committee said that the result of the reading would really help the investigation of the accident in Kaimana gulf. "Both data recorder

and voice recorder will be sent to China today (Wednesday)," he told Xinhua by phone.

But, he said that it could not be ensured whether both recorders

could be read. "Should the recorders can be read, it would be really helpful for the investigation," said Franswenas.

Indonesian authorities have decided to

sent the boxes to China as they could not be read in Indonesia, according to Tatang Kurniadi, had of the committee.

Franswenas said that eight experts from China were heading to the scene to help the investigation over the accident.

"We will also hear the result of their investigation," he said.

Rescuers have evacuated all the bodies of 25 people on board, comprising 21 passengers and 4 crews, Bambang Ervan spokesman of the transport ministry told Xinhua.

Xinhua



Indonesian police continue to search after a Merpati Nusantara passenger plane crash in Kaimana.—INTERNET

Malaysia police hunt attackers of over 20 women

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 May—Police say they are hunting two suspects who have attacked numerous women with an acid-like liquid while roaming Malaysia's largest city on a motorcycle.

Kuala Lumpur police official Ku Chin Wah says authorities have stepped up street patrols after receiving reports of 22 such incidents in less than three months. He says in a statement seen Tuesday that the

men typically splash a corrosive chemical liquid on women who are walking alone to public transport stations.

Authorities have not determined a motive. Media reports say the latest victim was hospitalized this past weekend for damaged eyesight and minor face burns. Other victims included young female students and a mother carrying her baby. Most of them suffered skin irritation.—Internet



Israeli aircrafts perform aerobatic flights above the Mediterranean Sea near Tel Aviv during a celebration for Israel's Independence Day, on 10 May, 2011. XINHUA

Brazil to expand scholarship programme for studying abroad

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May—President Dilma Rousseff Monday reaffirmed her commitment to provide scholarships enough for 75,000 Brazilian students to study abroad, up from 5,000 at present.

It will be difficult but possible, the president said during her weekly radio address "Breakfast with the President". "Today, 5,000 Brazilians study abroad with government-funded scholarships, most of them are in France, Germany and United States. We want to grant 75,000 scholarships until 2014," she said.

Rousseff also said her administration will increase the

number of scholarships in technical courses through national professional education programme Pronatec.

"We will offer qualification courses for those who are already in the job market and for high school students," she said, "the youngster who want to learn a profession will be granted a scholarship and will finish high school in one shift and the technical course in another."

The president added that the beneficiaries of welfare programme Bolsa Familia will also be allowed to take training courses so that they can find better jobs.

Xinhua



Shopping carts are seen outside a Wal-Mart Supercenter in Coolidge, Arizona in this 6 December, 2010 file photograph. Wal-Mart's acquisition of South Africa's Massmart, valued at \$2.3 billion for 51 percent of the South African retailer, could lead to thousands of job losses and worsening labour conditions, the South African government will argue at a hearing that starts on 9 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Sandstorms to abate in north China, rain to continue in south

BEIJING, 12 May—China's meteorological authority said on Thursday that sandstorms sweeping across parts of north China would abate over the next few days, but rain would continue to pelt the country's south.

The sandstorms, which are moving eastward, would come to an end in north China over the next two days. But temperatures in parts of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and northeast China would drop a further 8 to 10 degrees Celsius, the National

Meteorological Centre said in a statement posted on its website.

The storms that hit north China had reduced visibility in some parts of Inner Mongolia to 100 to 300 metres.

Meanwhile, rain in the south of the country showed no signs of easing. Light to moderate rain is forecast for parts of southwest China and areas south to the Yangtze River over the next 24 hours. While, heavy rain is expected to hit parts of south China as well as Guizhou and Hunan Provinces, the statement said.—Xinhua

Man admits driving 51 miles with wife on van hood

STOCKTON, 12 May—A Northern California man who drove 51 miles with his wife clinging to the hood of his minivan has pleaded guilty and agreed to be sentenced to five years in prison.

Christopher Carroll entered the plea to attempted murder and spousal abuse charges on Wednesday as part of a deal with prosecutors, who downgraded the murder charge to say Carroll's actions were not premeditated.

The 26-year-old Manteca resident was arrested after the February incident, which authorities say stemmed from an argument. Carroll's 25-year-old wife, Rebecca, stood in front of the van as he tried to drive away. The Stockton Record reports that she recounted in court on Wednesday that her husband turned up the music to drown out her screams and swerved through freeway traffic to throw her off the van.—Internet

Myanmar, Norway to enhance bilateral ties, cooperation



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Espen Barth Eide of Norway and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a Norwegian delegation led

by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Espen Barth Eide of Norway at his office here this afternoon.

The meeting focused on boosting of bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Norway. — MNA

Industrial zones to place emphasis on implementation of light industry, import-substitute industry, export oriented industry, labour intensive industry

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — The Industrial Development Committee held a meeting with the Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee at the Ministry of Industry-2, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Union Minister

Supervisory Committee is playing an important role for improvement of private sector. With the aim of developing the industries, the industrial zones are to place emphasis on implementation of the light industry that manufactures personal goods, the import-substitute industry, the

industrial zones to be clean and green tech factories in undertaking energy conservation, energy saving and environmental conservation.

He said that the industrial zones are to give priority for manufacturing food-stuff, chemicals,



In progress of meeting between the Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and Industrial Development Committee.—MNA

for Industry-2 U Soe Thein said that the government and the private sector are to join hands for development of Myanmar industries while carrying out their respective sectors.

The Industrial Zone

export oriented industry and the labour intensive industry so as to contribute much to economic development of the State.

He stressed the need to supervise factories of

personal goods and import-substitute goods to be able to satisfy the market demand instead of running the automobile industry relying on foreign countries to get profit

Union Commerce Minister receives ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Mr Robert Chua at 10 am, and Philippines Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Maria Hellen M Barber at noon today at his office here.—MNA



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua.—MNA

Union Transport Minister meets Vietnamese, Singaporean Ambassadors



Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung receives Singaporean Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung met Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua at his office here at 9 am and 11 am today separately.

They held dis-

cussions on cooperation in transport sector and enhancing aviation sector between Myanmar and Vietnam and signing of MoU on aviation sector for boosting cooperation in transport sector between Myanmar and Singapore and investment matters.

MNA

without gaining technology transfer. Special priority is to be given to manufacturing quality automobile at industrial zones.

Secretary of the Industrial Development

Committee Deputy Minister U Myo Aung and member Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin explained tasks for development of industries in the industrial zones.

The Region/State

Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee submitted the reports on future plans.

Before concluding the meeting, the Union Minister reviewed the reports.

MNA

General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of PRC



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing holds discussion with Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beikman, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing held discussions with a delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Hla Htay

Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and senior military officers. The delegation was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua and embassy staff.

At the meeting, General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou exchanged

views on China-Myanmar bilateral ties, international and regional issues and political, economic and social affairs of the two countries.

Next, a ceremony to sign an agreement between the two armed forces followed. The General and the Central Military Commission Vice-Chairman signed the agreement and exchanged emblems of Armed Forces.

MNA

Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of China arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China General Xu Caihou and party arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by air this afternoon.

The Chinese delegation was

welcomed there by Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of the Ministry of Defence, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, senior military officers, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military, Naval & Air Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.—MNA

Myanmar, China to cooperate in electric power sector



Union EP-2 Minister U Khin Maung Soe receives Vice-President Mr Wang Bo and party of China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd of the PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe received Vice-President Mr Wang

Bo and party of China CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd from the People's Republic of China, at the minister's office here on

10 May.

At the call, both sides discussed mutual co-operation in electric power sector.—MNA

Union H&T Minister meets entrepreneurs of Muse, Tachilek



Union Hotels & Tourism Minister U Tint San meets entrepreneurs in Muse and Tachilek.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan stressed the need for development of tourism industry in meeting with

tourism entrepreneurs of Muse and Tachilek regions at the ministry, here, this morning.

The entrepreneurs of Star Travels Company of

Muse, Golden Triangle Zone and Allure Hotel of Tachilek reported on their respective sectors. The Union Minister attended to the needs.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister makes inspection of Phakant region development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai on 6 May inspected dredging works in Uru Creek near Lonkhin Village and Nammaphit Village in Phakant Township.

He later comforted the patients at Phakant Township People's Hospital. He then oversaw works for conservation of creeks.

On 7 May, he met staff, social organization members, locals and gems

entrepreneurs at Township General Administration Department and inspected dredging works in Uru Creek. He later called on entrepreneurs to work gems mining in compliance with the laws.

MNA

**Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan receives
Ambassador of the Democratic People's
Republic of Korea to Myanmar
Mr Kim Sok Chol.—MNA**



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Singaporean

Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Robert Chua Hian Kong at the Ministry of Information

here at 9 am today.

Similarly, the Union Minister met Ambassador of the Republic of the

Philippines to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms. Maria Hellen M. Barber and Ambassador of the

Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Sok Chol at 10.30 am

and 11.30 am separately.

The meetings focused on bilateral cooperation in information and media and cultural matters and signing of MoUs to develop information sector.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win and Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin, departmental heads and officials of the two ministries.

MNA

Workshop on reduction of carbon emission from deforestation held

Union Minister U Win Tun addresses opening of workshop on reduction of carbon emission from deforestation.

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The Ministry of Forestry and the Forestry Department of the Republic of Korea co-organized workshop on reduction of carbon emission from deforestation at the Forest Department here this morning.

Chairman of the Environmental Conservation

Committee Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun in his speech said Myanmar signed agreements on international environmental conservation and is cooperating actively with the international community.

It inked United Nations Framework Convention

on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 2 June 1992, and Kyoto Protocol in 2003.

Nine papers are read at the workshop that continues tomorrow with representatives from ASEAN countries, departments and organizations.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik sat down with entrepreneurs and officials in charge from mining companies at the Ministry of Mines here 10 May.

He said that the ministry will encourage early start of joint-venture projects, and entrepreneurs have to meet the targets, pay taxes to the State, and learn manufacturing methods.

The managing director of No (1) Mining Enterprise reported on mining processes. The Union minister assessed the reports by the entrepreneurs.

MNA

**Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik
holds discussion with officials in charge
from mining companies.—MNA**



Mines Ministry, companies to venture mining

UN S-G's Special Adviser calls on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 12 May—UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser (UN Under-Secretary-General) Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party met Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at her residence on University Avenue in Bahan Township, here, at 4.45 pm today.

MNA

Union Health Minister receives UNAIDS, UNOPS officials

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin met Country Coordinator Dr Sun Gang of UNAIDS, Chair of the 3DF Mr Ulrich Sorensen

of UNOPS, First Secretary Mr. Shaanti Sekhon from Embassy of Commonwealth of Australia in Myanmar, and a delegation led by Director and Resident

Representative Mr Sanjay Mathur of UNOPS (Myanmar) and party, at minister's office here yesterday separately.

At the calls, they discussed fight against

AIDS, research and surveillance, fight against three major diseases, providing more support for child specialists, rebuilding of rural health care centre for newborns and child health care and more support for child immunization.—MNA

Modern version of "Romeo and Juliet" to be showed

BEIJING, 12 May— We are all familiar with Shakespeare's tragic love story "Romeo and Juliet." But today the new generation in Britain has modernized this 17th-century play with a few novel ideas.

Audiences are dazzled upon seeing the old-fashion Romeo turned into a handsome black young man, and Juliet surprises you in her gorgeous chic dress. This adaptation has transformed the classical Elizabethan play into a modern musical. According to the Youth Artist League, they are thrilled to have the opportunity to perform this new version of "Romeo and Juliet" for the Queen in Buckingham Palace.

Xinhua



Pakistani policemen attend a training session during 25th passing out parade in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 11 May, 2011. XINHUA

Hamas, Fatah delegates to meet in Cairo

GAZA, 12 May— Delegations from Palestinian rivals will visit Cairo Saturday to start discussions on forming a unity government, a Hamas official said Wednesday. The delegations will represent Hamas and President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah party, said Salah Al-Bardawil, a Hamas official in Gaza.

Last week, the two movements signed a reconciliation agreement brokered by Egypt. The pact is sought to end political split between the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip and the West Bank, where Fatah holds sway.

Al-Bardawil said that the delegates will talk about the technocratic government that they agreed to form to prepare for holding elections in a year. He also revealed that Arab committees comprising Egypt and Qatar were formed to follow up the implementation of the reconciliation agreement.

In 2007, Hamas routed pro-Abbas forces and took over Gaza, setting up its own government and security services. The Fatah-led Palestinian National Authority remained confined to the West Bank. According to Al-Bardawil, security services in the West Bank and Gaza will remain unchanged until after elections.—Xinhua

Russia voices concern over US court's indulgence over children abusers

Moscow, 12 May — Russia was surprised and concerned with the indulgent attitude of a US court toward a married couple who are accused of abuse over three children of Russian descent, Russia's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

"Information about possible release on probation as a result of a plea bargain of Leshchinskys who are accused of abuse over three adopted children from Russia causes serious concern," Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement published on its official website.

It said that such a forgiveness of a court in Colorado was considered "strange", especially because the crimes against children usually are punished quite severely in the US. The ministry's spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said that the Russian Foreign Ministry and the Russian Embassy in Washington would assist the three underage girls in securing their rights and decent living conditions. The court's hearing has been scheduled for 23 May, *Interfax* news agency reported. Edelwina and Steven Leschinsky have been arrested in March 2010 for regular physical abuses over their three adopted daughters. Russia and the US have been in lengthy talks over an agreement on child adoption.—Xinhua



Diarrhea patients receive treatment at the International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research of Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) in Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, on 11 May, 2011. —XINHUA



Palestinians stand by a symbolic huge key during an activity marking al-Nakba Day in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, on 11 May, 2011.

XINHUA



File photo taken on 20 Feb, 2011 shows two staff members carry a giant panda cub to receive training for release to the wild in China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province. After three years of reconstruction, Wolong Nature Reserve and China Conservation and Research Centre for the Giant Panda in Wolong, which were badly damaged by the quake, has recovered. Local residents were moved to valley region for better living conditions while giant pandas enjoy more territory, advanced new center are under construction and will be put into use the next year, and a series of research programmes such as training of giant pandas for release to the wild are carrying on.

XINHUA

Italian police arrest mafia head, seize assets

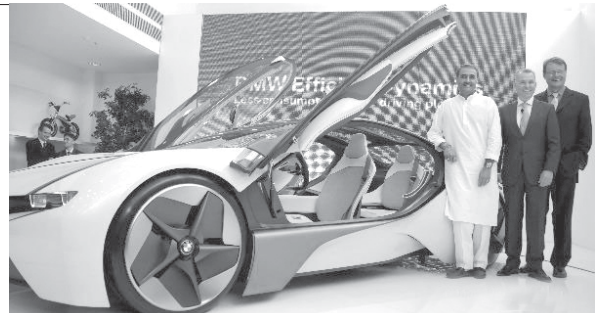
ROME, 12 May— Italian police on Tuesday arrested a suspected top boss in the Neapolitan Camorra mafia, local news agency ANSA reported.

Police, meanwhile, also seized 600 million euros of mafia assets including 300 apartments in Rome.

Feliciano Mallardo, the suspected clan leader, was arrested with six others after a police operation, said Justice Minister Angelino Alfano. The operation has "annihilated" the Mallardo clan, which was based in the sprawling Naples hinterland town of Giugliano, Alfano said. Meanwhile, Interior Minister Roberto Maroni said the "extraordinary" operation was proof that the government's strategy of focusing on asset seizures was "striking the mafia in the heart." Investigators said the Mallardo clan had shifted much of its interest to the Rome area and invested "enormous sums" in the capital. The gang had also started speculating in the construction business around Rome, where several of its building sites and more than 200 pieces of real estate were impounded. In all, 900 apartments and 23 firms were impounded while 200 bank accounts and scores of company stakeholdings were frozen. Dozens of luxury cars and motorbikes also were seized, police said.—Xinhua

India's Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Minister Praful Patel (L), German Ambassador to India Thomas Matussek (R) and Andreas Schaaf (C), President of BMW India pose in the unveiling ceremony of the company's vision efficient dynamics concept car in New Delhi, India, on 10 May, 2011.

XINHUA





An Air Photo Service shows TEPCO's Fukushima quake-hit nuclear power plant. The operator of the stricken power facility has reported new problems Thursday, including a water leak from a reactor vessel and another spill of contaminated water into the ocean.—INTERNET

Flying robot to track security threats

LONDON, 12 May—A deadly new flying robot, named Aeryon Scout, promises to replace the CCTV camera and track down criminals and security threats with greater effectiveness.

Users simply point to a place on Google Maps on its touch-screen controller and the robot flies there at 30 mph to record high quality video that can be beamed to an iPhone in real-time.

The robot, manufactured by Canada-based Aeryon Labs Inc, is touted as the world's most sophisticated intelligence system. It can go up to 500 ft above the ground and can zoom in to a close-up from a 300 metres away, meaning it may not even be seen while on a mission. The four rotor blades also ensure it is practically silent when

British parliament could become wedding venue

LONDON, 12 May—The buildings housing the British parliament could host wedding receptions and open their restaurants to the public under plans unveiled on Tuesday to cut the annual catering bill.

A cross-party committee of lawmakers even suggested that the historic Westminster Hall, where king Charles

I was tried and Winston Churchill was laid in state, could be hired out for private functions at £25,000 (28,400 euros, \$41,000).

The dining terrace alongside the River Thames may also be opened to the public. The catering operation at the Palace of Westminster—as the complex of buildings is officially

known — makes an annual loss of £5.7 million.

The proposals are aimed at cutting the costs by half.

The lawmakers said the catering operation's losses were growing because of lawmakers' changing habits.

Healthier lifestyles and stricter working

practices have reduced the number of formal lunches and left parliament's four main dining rooms under-occupied.

The House of Lords, the upper house of parliament, and Queen Elizabeth II would have approve any proposals to open up the facilities to the public.—Internet

hovering. It beams its pictures to any electronic device, be it a remote computer or even an iPhone, the Daily Mail reported. The Scout and its laptop-style control panel fits into a suitcase so it can be deployed easily over any crowd and carried away covertly.

One of the most ingenious features is that the camera is self-correcting, so even if you are flying along at speed, it will stay locked on the target.

In a video posted on the Aeryon website, the USD 50,000 robot hovers at a great distance from a car thief who is being caught in the act. When the camera zooms in, the suspect's face can be clearly seen, a great help for the police.

The Scout also has potential uses for the military and general surveillance missions. The company is currently seeking permits to fly the Scout in the US and has already spoken to a number of law enforcement and security agencies.—Internet



The Palace of Westminster is silhouetted on the skyline in London. The buildings housing the British parliament could host wedding receptions and open their restaurants to the public under plans unveiled on Tuesday to cut the annual catering bill.

INTERNET



Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Musical Ride performs at the RCMP stables in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on 10 May, 2011. Held for the first time in 1887 in Regina, Saskatchewan, the event showcases the equestrian skills performed by thirty-two cavalry who are regular members of the RCMP.

XINHUA

Former US house speaker announces 2012 presidential bid

WASHINGTON, 12 May—Former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Wednesday formally announced that he will seek the Republican nomination to run for presidency in 2012. "I believe we can return America to hope and opportunity," he said in a YouTube video. "We've done it before, we can do it again."

As a co-author of the 1994 Contract with America, Gingrich was in the forefront of the Republican Party's dramatic success in that year's mid-term elections

and subsequently was elected Speaker of the House.

However, following Republican losses in the 1998 mid-term elections, Gingrich resigned both his Speakership and his congressional seat.

Gingrich is the first major 2012 candidate to enter the race, though there are other potential bidders who also indicated intention to run. Republican House Representative Ron Paul, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, former Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty,

former Louisiana Governor Buddy Roemer and former Godfather Pizza CEO Herman Cain have all established exploratory committees, a move that might lead to a formal bid.

Xinhua

Tourists appreciate blooming Chinese roses in a park of Xiangcheng District, Suzhou City, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 10 May, 2011.

XINHUA



Russian PM test drives Europe's cheapest car

MOSCOW, 12 May—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin test drove on Wednesday a new concept car called Lada Granta, which is intended to be marketed as the cheapest car in Europe. Putin, who paid a working visit to the Autovaz car plant in Samara Region, was able to start the engine of the budget sedan from the fifth attempt only and he tried twice to open the hood, according to reports by the state-run Itar-Tass news agency.

Upon completion of the 1,400-metre test drive, Putin said that Lada Granta was "good to carry potatoes," referring to the car's large luggage compartment. Lada Granta is scheduled for mass production in December 2011. Autovaz says it will be the cheapest car in the European market, with its price ranging from 190,000 to 300,000 rubles (6,800-10,800 US dollars).

Autovaz, Russia's largest car plant, finished

2010 in black for the first time in nearly three years, according to its annual financial report published on Tuesday. The company's report said that its earnings went up 57.5 percent compared to 2009, when it suffered losses of 49.2 billion rubles (about 1.77 billion dollars).

However, local experts say that Autovaz achieved net profit only due to the state's financial support, according to Moscow's business daily Kommersant.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV MOROTAI VOY NO (154)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (154) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (015)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (015) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2011 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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In this photo provided by Breitling, Swiss adventurer Yves Rossy is seen before his flight over the Grand Canyon in Arizona on 7 May, 2011, in his custom-built jet suit. The 51-year-old Rossy was airborne for more than eight minutes, soaring 200 feet above the canyon rim on the Hualapai Reservation. Rossy's sponsor, Swiss watchmaker Breitling, announced the successful flight on 10 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 17th May (Tuesday) Full Moon of Kason 2011, being Public holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar

Archaeologists hunt for Mona Lisa model

BEIJING, 12 May—Italian archaeologists are digging the remains of Lisa Gherardini, a 16th-century woman who is widely believed to be the

model for the famous portrait Mona Lisa, AFP reported on Wednesday. The team of historians say they will try to find the remains using geo-radar

equipment and then try to re-create a likeness of what the woman, Lisa Gherardini, would have looked like to compare her to Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa.

Gherardini (1479-1542), also known by her married name as Lisa del Giocondo, was the wife of a Florentine silk merchant and is widely believed to have been the model for the portrait that now hangs in the Louvre in Paris. But the issue has never been settled definitively and mystery still shrouds the model's enigmatic expression and other details of the portrait.—Xinhua

Archaeologists supervise a dig inside the halls of the Sant'Orsola convent in the heart of Florence for the remains of a 16th-century woman believed to be the model for Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa in a bid to unlock an art world mystery.

XINHUA



Largest US film studio outside Hollywood opens in Chicago

CHICAGO, 12 May—What do "Batman: The Dark Knight," and the upcoming movies "Transformers 3" and "Superman: Man of Steel" have in common? They all have Chicago as a filming location. On Tuesday,

Chicago was touted anew as "a world class film destination" with the opening of a state-of-the-art film and television studio, said to be the largest facility in the United States outside Hollywood.

Joined by Emmy

Award-winning actor Kelsey Grammer and the producers of the new Chicago-inspired TV series "Boss," Illinois Governor Pat Quinn announced that the state is investing five million US dollars into the new privately-owned Cinespace Chicago Film Studios. "We want to make sure that Chicago, Illinois, is a place where when you come to make a TV show or a movie, you get a great studio space," Quinn said following a stop at the southwest side facility, which was originally a steel mill.

Internet

Diagnosis positive: Male nursing satisfies

BEIJING, 12 May—Liu Lijun won't be surprised if he is overlooked today on International Nurses Day. "Many people think I'm a doctor," said the 24-year-

old Shanghai native, whose smile beams through his mask. "I wish I were." Of more than 1,300 nurses at the Shanghai Xinhua Hospital, only 14 are male.

"People always returned a compliment when my parents said their son was studying at a prestigious medical school. But their expression of approval soon turned to astonishment after my parents added that I was specializing in nursing," said Liu, laughing at the stereotype people usually hold toward the nursing profession. "Many people think that nursing is an occupation for females, and this holds many young men back from what could be a very satisfying career," Liu continued, referring to his two years of practice as a nurse.—Internet



Liu Lijun, a male nurse in Shanghai Xinhua Hospital, prepares equipment for an operation on Tuesday morning.—XINHUA

Honduran police kill 6 suspected drug traffickers

TEGUCIGALPA, 12 May — Police says six alleged drug traffickers were killed and two police officers and a teenager injured in a three-hour gunbattle in a rural province in eastern Honduras.

Security Minister Oscar Alvarez says a group of criminals shot at officers when they were patrolling in the city of Catacamas, 62 miles east of the capital and near the border with Nicaragua.

After the Tuesday night clash, police arrested seven suspected criminals and confiscated an arsenal that included 19 high-powered rifles.

Internet

This 2 Feb, 2011 photo shows pork medallions with blueberry-balsamic ketchup in Concord, NH Besides being a delicious addition to your diet, blueberries have been linked to numerous health benefits.

INTERNET



Suspect of Palace Museum theft caught by police

BEIJING, 12 May—Beijing police said Wednesday night that they have apprehended a person who is suspected of stealing several art pieces from the Palace Museum in Beijing's heavily-guarded Forbidden City. The suspect, named Shi Baikui, male, 28, from east China's Shandong Province, was caught by police at 7:40 pm Wednesday in Fengtai District in Beijing, 58 hours after the relics were stolen, police said.

Internet



This undated aerial photo shows trees forming a guitar- shape at a farm in La Pampa Province of Argentina. Farmer Pedro Martin Ureta planted roughly 7000 cypress and eucalyptus trees into this magnificent shape just in commemoration of his late wife.

News Album



A model clad in lingerie maker Triumph International's "Support Japan Bra", featuring handwritten messages from around the world, poses during an unveiling in Tokyo on 11 May, 2011.

Tenacious dog escapes Oregon veterinarian office

After three late-night escape attempts from an Oregon veterinarian's office, a German shepherd named Jack finally made it.

The Medford Mail Tribune reports the crafty canine managed to pull open his kennel, trip the dead bolt on the clinic's back door and pull down the handle to get outside. He set off three motion-detector

alarms on the way and managed to rip open four bags of food.

The dog roamed seven miles from the vet's office, but only made it home when animal control officers took him to a shelter where he was reunited with his worried family.

A veterinarian calls the dog's recovery from flulike symptoms "impressive."



An exhibitor (R) displays her Spaniel to a judge during the National Dog Show in Stafford, north of Birmingham, Britain, on 8 May, 2011. The annual National Dog Show, organized by the Birmingham Dog Show Society since 1859, was held in Stafford from 5 to 8 May, judging over 15,000 dogs from around 200 breeds.

Japan bra carries messages of encouragement after disaster

A Japanese lingerie maker Wednesday unveiled a bra that carries messages of encouragement from overseas as the country struggles to recover from a devastating quake and tsunami that struck exactly two months ago.

The white, bustier-style garment and matching skirt by Triumph are covered with messages from 36 different countries received in the aftermath of the disaster, each accompanied by a tiny flag of the nation that sent it.

Messages ranged from simple good wishes,

such as "Japan, with you 100%" from France, to expressions of admiration for Japan's strength and dignity. Others were poignant.

"Those who have already left us let us know life is so fragile, and those who are alive let us know life is so strong," said one from China.

The company, known for its concept designs, said it came up with the bra after receiving messages of support from branch companies around the world, along with relief supplies. The bra is not for sale.



US actress Faye Dunaway (L) and US director Jerry Schatzberg pose for photos during a photocall at the 64th Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France, on 11 May, 2011.

XINHUA

GMA Summer Concert Series kicks off with Lady Gaga

NEW YORK, 12 May—"Good Morning America" is waking up its audience to Lady Gaga and a summer-full of other big acts.

Lady Gaga will kick off "GMA's Summer Concert Series" on 27 May, airing live from New York's Central Park during the ABC News morning programme.



Singer Lady Gaga

She will perform songs from her new album, the network said in its announcement on Wednesday.

Headliners booked for subsequent Friday concerts include Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say), Mary J Blige, Jennifer Hudson and Brad Paisley.

Debbie Gibson and Tiffany will appear on stage together for the first time. And nostalgia band The Go-Go's will make their final TV appearance, ABC said.

"Good Morning America" airs from 7 to 9 am Eastern weekdays on ABC.

Internet



Cast members Antonio Banderas (top L) and Salma Hayek pose during a beachfront photocall for the film "Puss In Boots" at the 64th Cannes Film Festival on 11 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Beyonce names new album "4"

NEW YORK, 12 May—Beyonce's upcoming fourth solo album will be called "4," a title she says was inspired by her fans.

"Everywhere I look, I see them calling it '4,' she told Billboard. "I had a whole other name and concept, but I keep seeing that the fans love the name '4,' and I think it would be a really nice thing to let them name the record."

The number four also holds personal significance for Beyonce.

"We all have special numbers in our lives, and 4 is that for me," she says. It's the day I was born. My mother's birthday, and a lot of my friends' birthdays, are on the fourth; 4 April is my wedding date."

Beyonce said her early inspiration for the album came from Afrobeat music pioneer Fela Kuti: "I recorded more than 60 songs: everything I ever wanted to try, I just did it. I started off being inspired by Fela Kuti. I actually worked with the band from "Fela!" (the hit Broadway musical based on his life) for a couple of days what I learned most from Fela was artistic freedom: he just felt the spirit." "4," due out in June, marks the follow-up to 2008's "I Am ... Sasha.—Reuters



Singer Beyonce

Medical examiner: NYC jazz musician was stabbed

NEW YORK, 12 May—The New York City medical examiner's office says a jazz musician was stabbed to death before his body was stuffed into a storage chest in his home. Stanley Wright had wounds in his torso and neck, and his death was ruled a homicide Wednesday. He was reported missing by his family a day earlier. Police checked his Brooklyn home and found his body.

Relatives say the 62-year-old Wright once taught music at a Brooklyn middle school and played at Lincoln Centre for the Performing Arts. Wright played the bass, piano and drums and gave lessons.

Wright was a widower and lived alone. Relatives say he was the father of three, including actress N'Bushe Wright, who co-starred in the 1998 Wesley Snipes action movie "Blade."

No arrests have been made.—Internet

Barcelona wins 3rd straight Spanish league title

BARCELONA, 12 May—Barcelona players sprayed each other with bubbly and fans celebrated by lighting flares. A title that had appeared inevitable for weeks finally was clinched with two games to spare when Barcelona tied 1-1 at Levante on Wednesday night to win Spain's La Liga for the third straight season.

"We have been very united this year. That has been very hard because we were up against a tough rival in Real Madrid," Barcelona star Lionel Messi said. "Now, it is time to enjoy it." Seydou Keita headed in Xavi Hernandez's pass to put Barcelona ahead in the 28th minute, but Felipe Caicedo tied the score in the 40th after Gerard Pique flubbed an attempted clearance.

Barcelona (29-2-5) won the league for the 21st time in its 111-year history and fifth time in seven seasons. The Blaugrana took a six-point lead and holds the tiebreaker over Real Madrid (27-4-5), which is assured of its third straight second-place finish. Real has



Barcelona player, Lionel Messi from Argentina, second right, celebrates next to teammates Gerard Pique, second left, Dani Alves, left and Pinto, right, after winning the Spanish La Liga league title at the end of the Spanish La Liga soccer match against Levante at the Ciutat de Valencia stadium in Valencia, Spain, on 11 May, 2011.—INTERNET

won a record 31 La Liga titles Barcelona, which no longer can become the first team in Spain to reach 100 points, also clinched the 2005 title at Ciutat de Valencia stadium. Messi, Xavi, Andres Iniesta, Carles Puyol and Victor Valdes remain from that team.—Internet

Puel on brink as Auxerre shatter Lyon's title hopes

PARIS, 12 May—Claude Puel's long term position as Lyon coach looked increasingly untenable on Wednesday as they slumped to their worst defeat since 2006 with a 4-0 drubbing by Auxerre to end both their outside hopes of winning the title and extend a three year trophy drought.

The title now rests between leaders Lille and defending champions Marseille, who trail by four points with three matches remaining after easing to a 3-

0 home win over struggling Brest.

Marseille coach Didier Deschamps was delighted that his side had reacted in the best possible manner after their 3-2 defeat by Lyon on Sunday as they took the three points with goals by Loic Remy, Jordan Ayew and veteran Gabriel Heinze. "I am very happy with our performance and the result," said Deschamps.—Internet



Auxerre's French defender Cedric Hengbart (C) celebrates after scoring a goal during the French L1 football match Auxerre vs Lyon, at the Abbe-Deschamp stadium in Auxerre. INTERNET

6,000 volunteers needed for Euro 2012

KIEV, 12 May—Ukraine and Poland need 6,000 volunteers for Euro 2012 soccer championship, the Tournament Director for Ukraine said Thursday. "The volunteer is a real co-organizer of the tournament. Therefore, he should do everything possible to help Ukraine and Poland to hold the championship on the high level," Markian Lukivsky said at the volunteer logo and volunteer programme presentation ceremony in Kiev. The Tournament Director for Ukraine stressed that the volunteers can apply on the UEFA official website from 14 June this year.—Xinhua

Inter beat Roma to set up Palermo Italian Cup final

ROME, 12 May—Inter Milan joined Palermo in the Italian Cup final after seeing off Roma 2-1 on aggregate following a 1-1 draw at the San Siro on



Inter Milan's Cameroonian forward Samuel Eto'o celebrates scoring during his team's Italian Cup second leg semifinal match against Roma at San Siro stadium in Milan.—INTERNET

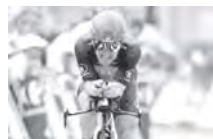
Wednesday. Inter's top scorer Samuel Eto'o bagged the opening goal of the night, taking his tally for the season in all competitions to 34, before Marco Borriello equalized for the visitors.

Palermo had booked their place in the 29 May final with a 4-3 aggregate success against AC Milan. And it was a double celebration for Inter as captain Javier Zanetti played his 1,000th match as a professional. In an uneventful first period, Roma had the better chances.—Internet

Leipheimer seeks fourth Tour of California title

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—Three-time champion Levi Leipheimer of the United States will lead a field of more than 140 riders from 18 teams in the sixth Tour of California cycling stage race that begins on Sunday. Leipheimer won the eight-day trek over nearly 1300km from 2007 through 2009 before surrendering the crown last year to Australian Michael Rogers, who will not defend his title because of a virus that reduced his training time.

The preliminary com-



Three-time champion Levi Leipheimer of US.

petitors list released on Wednesday by organizer AEG Sports features top riders Norway's Thor Hushovd of Garmin-Cervelo, Australian Michael Matthews, Spaniard Oscar Freire and Dutchman Lars Boom of Rabobank and Aussie Matthew Goss of HTC-Highroad.—Internet

Gamba into Asia's last 16 with late show

SINGAPORE, 12 May—Japan's Gamba Osaka stunned Tianjin Teda with two late goals to supplant the Group E leaders and reach the AFC Champions League last 16 on Wednesday, as Mel-



Japan's Gamba Osaka forward Lee Kuen-Ho (R) of South Korea fights for the ball against China's Tianjin Teda forward Yu Dabao (L) during the Asian Champions League group E match in Osaka. —INTERNET

bourne Victory's charge fell just short. In a tense night at Expo 70 Stadium, Gamba were in danger of elimination until Yasuhito Endo's opener on 74th minutes, before Takashi Usami made it 2-0 in the dying seconds.

China's Tianjin were the only team already qualified from Group E, with Gamba, Victory and Jeju United all in the running for the second spot heading into the final round. Jeju and bottom-placed Victory fought to a 1-1 draw in South Korea, but the result was immaterial after Gamba's late double put the J-League side through alongside Tianjin.

Internet

Nadal survives scare as dominant Djokovic cruises in Rome tennis



Spanish Rafael Nadal.

ROME, 12 May—World number one and undisputed clay king Rafael Nadal survived a scare on Wednesday at the Rome Masters as he overcame a sloppy start to beat Italian qualifier Paolo Lorenzi 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 6-0. But there were no such difficulties for man of the moment Novak Djokovic who took his winning streak this year to 33 matches with an em-

barrassingly one-sided 6-0, 6-3 destruction of Pole Lukasz Kubot.

World number three Roger Federer was also largely untroubled as he saw off Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-2. Following his defeat to Djokovic in the Madrid final last week, the 24-year-old Nadal came close to losing a second successive match on clay for the first time in his career before eventually romping home in the deciding set. "It's difficult for me to talk about the match today," admitted Nadal.

Internet

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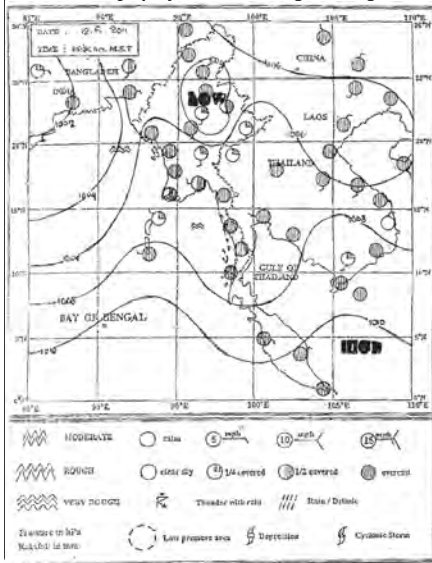
Foreman likes Hopkins's chance at boxing age mark

MONTREAL, 12 May —Bernard Hopkins will try to eclipse George Foreman as the oldest fighter to win a major world title bout when he faces Jean Pascal next week for the World Boxing Council light heavyweight crown. Hopkins will be 126 days beyond his 46th birthday when he meets Canada's Pascal on 21 May at Montreal's Bell Centre in a rematch of a controversial draw last December that allowed Pascal to keep his title.

Hopkins will try to bump heavyweight legend Foreman from a unique place in boxing history as the oldest recognized elite-level ring king in any division. "This is a bittersweet opportunity for me because of George's legacy," said Hopkins. "But it's in good hands, George." Foreman, now 62, says Hopkins will need a knockout of Pascal to win it but a triumph would give the sport a much-needed boost.—Internet



Bernard Hopkins (R) will try to eclipse George Foreman as the oldest fighter to win a major world title bout when the two face off again next week for the World Boxing Council light heavyweight crown.—INTERNET

WEATHER**Thursday, 12th 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, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Rakhine and Mon States, isolated in Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Northern Shan States, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (43°C), NyaungU, Minbu, Magway and Gangaw (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bawlahe and Sittway (0.79) inch each, Putao (0.75) inch, Kawthoung (0.51) inch Launglon (0.43) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2011 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 12-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-5-2011 was (70%). Rainfall on 12-5-2011 was (Tr).

Rainfall on 12-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since

1-1-2011 was (10.79) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (15.00) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (4) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 12-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 13th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States and scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery condition in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13th May 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

New contract for Spain international Martinez

MADRID, 12 May—Spain international midfielder Javi Martinez this Wednesday signed a new contract with Athletic Club Bilbao to keep him at the club until the end of June 2016.

The player confirmed the news on his Twitter account after the story appeared in the Spanish press during the afternoon.

The 22-year-old Martinez, who joined Athletic from Osasuna when he was just 17 years old, has signed a two year extension to his current deal which was due to expire in June 2014.

The contract sees Martinez's buyout clause increased to 40 million euros, meaning that adding on the corresponding taxes, any club wanting to buy him would have to pay over 60 million Euros. Martinez has made 33 league appearances for the club this season, after forming part of the Spanish World Cup winning squad last summer. He has scored five goals from midfield.

Overall Martinez has made 168 league appearances for Athletic, scoring a total of 19 goals. His performances had attracted attention of other clubs in both Spain and Europe, but the new deal means Athletic have assured the future of one of the key players.—Xinhua



Jung Young-sik (L) and Kim Min-seok of South Korea play against Kazuhiro Chan and Kenji Matsudaira of Japan during their men's doubles quarter final match at the World Table Tennis Championships in Rotterdam on 12 May, 2011.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
 (13-5-2011) (Friday)
Transmissions**Times**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
 Oversea Transmission - (13-5-11 09:30 am ~ 14-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
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- * Being Young (Youth and Fashion) (Wit Hmone Shwe Yee)
- * News
- * Ba Yint Naung Brokers Sales Centre
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Safari park Nay Pyi Taw's Fresh Appeal
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "Guilt Over Love"


Friday,
13 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. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:10 am

8. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:25 am

9. Musical Programme

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural performing Arts Competitions

3:30 pm

1. AFC President's Cup (2011) (Live) (Yadanarbon (MYA)& Yeedzin FC(BHU)

5:15 pm

2. Musical Programme

5:30 pm

3. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoethwin

6:00 pm

4. Evening News

6:15 pm

5. Weather Report

6:20 pm

6. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

7. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
12. TV Drama Series
13. Song Lover

- ★ 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

UNSG's Special Adviser calls on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Union Ministers



Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein receives UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser (UN Under-Secretary-General) Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — United Nations Secretary-General's Special Adviser (UN Under-Secretary-General) Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party, accompanied by UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Bishow B Parajuli, called on Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Mya Nyein at the hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building here this morning.

Next, Mr. Vijay Nambiar met Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi at the Ministry of SWRR at 9.30 am and Union Minister for

National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein at the Ministry of NPED at 10.30 am separately.

Then Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party called on the Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Party at the party's headquarters here at 11.30 am.

Mr. Vijay Nambiar and party left here for Yangon by air in the afternoon.

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Hlawga Park to be kept open on Fullmoon Day of Kason

YANGON, 12 May—Forestry Department opens Hlawga Park from 8 am to 5 pm daily. For public recreation, the Park will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 17 May (Fullmoon Day of Kason).—MNA

Myanmar Library Foundation invites cash and publications

The Myanmar Library Foundation is making encouragement to broaden the horizons of the people and ensure development of self-reliant libraries.

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Significant day temperatures (12-5-2011)

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Magway	(40°C)
Gangaw	(40°C)