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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

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Vice-Chairman of Chinese Central Military Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thura U Shwe Mann received delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall of the Hluttaw Building here at 8.20 am yesterday.

Also present at the call together with Pyithu

Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swar, Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives U Thein Zaw, U Soe Tha, U Maung Maung Thein, Thura U Aye Myint, U Thein Swe, U Soe Naing, U Thurein Zaw, U Win Sein, Col Htay Naing and Col Tint Hsan, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Military Attaché to the People's Republic

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.

of China Col Tint Swe and the deputy director-general of Pyithu Hluttaw Office. General Xu Caihou was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei.—MNA



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Chubu Electric Power president Akihisa Mizuno. The operator of Japan's ageing Hamaoka nuclear power plant, located near a tectonic faultline southwest of Tokyo, suspended its operations Saturday, officials said.

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Rooney penalty clinchies 19th English title for Man United



Rooney celebrates together with his teammates after scoring equalizer.

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Publications donated for Amyinthit Library in Myeik Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Staff Officer of Information and Public Relations Department of Myeik District Daw Ni Ni Cho on 12 May morning donated publications for Amyinthit Library of Ingamaw Village through Librarian U Kyaw Naing.

The staff officer met officials concerned of the village and held discussions on perpetual existence of the library and cultivating of reading habit.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce marketable crops

Agriculture is the main business of the majority of the people in Myanmar. Efforts are being made to improve the socioeconomy of the rural people including farmers. Continued encouragement is necessary to boost agricultural produce while requirements are being fulfilled for improvement of the agricultural sector.

More than 200 dams and reservoirs have been built to supply irrigation water and prevent farmlands from being flooded. Now, over 56 million acres of land have been put under various crops.

Apart from irrigation water supply, other requirements have to be fulfilled for per-acre high yield of paddy and other crops. In addition, it is necessary to consider other important points such as use of quality strains, correct cultivation methods and inputs, proportionate use of pesticides and minimizing loss and wastage from cultivation time to harvesting.

The State is encouraging extended reclamation of land and establishment of agricultural special zones and providing farm equipment. As a result, some model agricultural zones are thriving. With the use of hybrid paddy strains, some special zones have been able to produce over 100 baskets of paddy per acre. It is required to use such hybrid paddy strains extensively.

The amount of paddy production has exceeded domestic demand. More efforts are to be made to compete with other leading rice-exporters. Moreover, responsible people are to coordinate matters to have access to stable markets and to meet local and international demands.

With agricultural research centres trying to produce more high-yield quality strains and national entrepreneurs and farmers working hard to produce more marketable crops, the socioeconomy of the rural people will improve more.

Selected athletes inspected in training

YANGON, 14 May—Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu viewed training session of Myanmar selected rowers in canoeing and kayak, western style and traditional rowing events at Inya Lake at Myanmar Rowing Federation, here, this morning.

He looked into Myanmar selected athletes undergoing training in Myanmar Sailing Federation and Myanmar Track & Field Federation to be able to take part in the XXVI SEA Games. The deputy minister had a meeting with officials of the sports federations for hosting the XXVII SEA Games by Myanmar.—MNA

Dy Industry-1 Minister visits factories in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung made an inspection tour of Textile & Dyeing Plant (Yamethin) and Soap

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

Entrepreneurs urged to levy prescribed rates of toll gate charges



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint meets entrepreneurs from 155 groups cooperating with Construction Ministry through BOT and auction systems.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on 12 May met entrepreneurs from 155 groups who are engaging in toll gate businesses through BOT system and auction at the hall of the ministry.

The minister stressed the need for collection of prescribed rates of toll gate charges from the

vehicles and systematically levying charges on overloaded vehicles.

Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin gave instructions on putting up the signboards bearing rates of charge for use of roads and bridges.

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Strategic plans adopted to fight polio, to vaccinate 2.9 million under-fives against polio in 126 townships



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin addresses opening ceremony of Regionwide National Vaccination Days-2011.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Since 1988, it had been taking all approaches to eradication of polio from the world. As a result, daily infected persons of 1000 in the year 1988 dropped down up to 10 in 2000. In the year 2000, WHO announced that three out of six regions designated by the organization emerged as polio-free regions, and that although there were 350,000 infected persons in 125 countries at the initial state, just 1292 infected persons in 2010.

Factory (Yamethin) in Yamethin Township, Win Thuza Shop, pre-monsoon Ngwechi-6 cotton plantation and Cotton Ginning Factory in Pyawbwe Township and Wundwin Textile Factory in Wundwin yesterday.

He also inspected Myanma Textile Factory (Myittha), Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) and Myanma Enamel and Steel Ware Factory (Minsu) in the afternoon.

MNA

In Myanmar, laying down strategic plans in the fight against polio, Ministry of Health had regularly vaccinated under-one-year kids against preventable diseases since 1978.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin at the ceremony to mark Regionwide National Vaccination Days-2011 at the ministry here today said in her address that Regionwide National Vaccination Days will be held on 14 and 15 May for first time and on 11 and 12 June for second time in 126 townships of Nay Pyi Taw and nine regions and states covering 2.9 million kids aged under five years.

It was also attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council member Dr Paing Soe, officials of ministries concerned, WHO and UNICEF, and social organization members.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister and guests viewed commemorative booths and immunized the kids against polio.—MNA



Pakistani security officials gather at the site of a bombing outside a paramilitary training centre in Shabqadar near Peshawar, Pakistan, 13 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Russia still waits for NATO's response on anti-missile defence initiative

MOSCOW, 14 May—Russia so far has not received any official response concerning President Dmitry Medvedev's initiative about creating the European anti-missile defence system, Deputy Defence Minister Anatoly Antonov said Friday.

"We continue uneasy, sticky talks with our US and NATO partners and are ready to take into account their concerns, but we'd

like the same attitude to us from the US and NATO. We want them not only listen to us, but to hear us," Antonov said at a news conference.

Antonov said that Russia was not going to hold joint anti-missile exercises with NATO unless the system's joint architecture would be considered, because "drills for the sake of drills" would be senseless.

Xinhua

Worker at Japan's tsunami-hit nuclear plant dies

TOKYO, 14 May—The operator of Japan's tsunami-wrecked nuclear power plant says a contract worker in his 60s has died after collapsing at the facility's waste disposal building.

Tokyo Electric Power Co spokesman Naoyuki Matsumoto says the man was carrying equipment at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant when he collapsed Saturday.

Matsumoto says they do not know the cause of the worker's death. He says no radioactivity at harmful levels was detected in his body. He says the worker was fully covered with a mask, gloves and radiation protection suit.

The building stores radioactive-contaminated water that has leaked from the plant's reactors.

The Fukushima Daiichi plant was severely damaged by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami and is still leaking radiation.—INTERNET



A remote-controlled robot called "Packbot", which is capable of manoeuvring through buildings, taking images and measuring radiation levels, is pictured by another "Packbot" near the instrument hatch of a reactor containment vessel inside Tokyo Electric Power (TEPCO) Co's crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant No 3 reactor building in Fukushima Prefecture on 10 May, 2011.—INTERNET

La spillway to open, flooding Cajun country

LAKE PROVIDENCE, 14 May—In an agonizing trade-off, Army engineers said they will open a key spillway along the bulging Mississippi River as early as Saturday and inundate thousands of homes and farms in parts of Louisiana's Cajun country to avert a potentially bigger disaster in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

About 25,000 people and 11,000 structures could be in harm's way when the gates on the Morganza spillway are unlocked for the first time in 38 years.

"Protecting lives is the No 1 priority," Army Corps of Engineers Maj Gen Michael Walsh said aboard a boat from the river at Vicksburg, Miss, hours before the decision was made to open the spillway.

The opening will release a torrent that could submerge about 3,000 square miles under as much as 25 feet of water in some areas but take the



Backwater from the swelling Mississippi River engulfs a storage facility at the Port of Vicksburg in Vicksburg, Mississippi 13 May, 2011.—INTERNET

pressure off the downstream levees protecting New Orleans, Baton Rouge and the numerous oil refineries and chemical plants along the lower reaches of the Mississippi.

Engineers feared that weeks of pressure on the levees could cause them to fail, swamping New Orleans under as much as 20 feet of water in a disaster that would have been much worse than Hurricane Katrina in 2005.—INTERNET

Knifeman decapitates British woman in Spain

MADRID, 14 May—A deranged knifeman decapitated a British woman in a shop on the Spanish resort island of Tenerife and fled with her head, police said.

The man, 28-year-old Bulgarian, identified by police as Deyan Valentinov D with only an initial instead of his surname, launched his knife attack on the victim in a Chinese general goods store, they said.

"The attack cul-

minated with the decapitation of the victim," Canary Islands police said in a statement. "The attacker left the establishment with the head in his hand and then threw it to the pavement."

The victim was a 60-year-old British woman shopping in the market in the tourist spot of Los Cristianos beach in Arona on the southern side of Tenerife, part of the Canary Islands, police said.

She had no connection to the attacker, they said.

Police said they arrested the man as he was struggling with a security guard and trying to escape.

"A man came running up with something full of blood in his hand and a private security guard behind him, and he threw it on the ground and it almost hit me," a witness named only as Bernardo told Cadena Ser radio.

Internet

Policemen secure the area where a man deposit the head of a British woman after he decapitated her in a supermarket in Los Cristianos, on the Spanish resort island of Tenerife.—INTERNET



Taliban attack kills one NATO soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 May—Taliban fighters attacked and killed a soldier with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Friday, a Press release of the alliance released here said.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an militant attack in southern Afghanistan today," the Press release added. However, it did not identify the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops, mostly from the United States, Britain, Canada and Australia, have been stationed in the southern region. More than 170 NATO soldiers, with majority of them Americans, have been killed since the beginning of this year in the militancy-hit Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Afghan police shoot dead two NATO soldiers

KABUL, 14 May—An Afghan police shot dead two NATO soldiers, the alliance said Friday.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members died following a shooting incident at an Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP) compound in Helmand Province Thursday," the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) admitted in a statement released here.

The ISAF service members were part of a mentoring team who arrived at the compound to provide mentoring support

for the 5th ANCOP brigade, the statement said.

According to the alliance statement, the mentoring team was preparing to eat lunch with the ANCOP when a uniformed Afghan National Civil Order Policeman began shooting at ISAF service members, resulting in the deaths of two ISAF service members.

It also added that the shooter was seriously injured in the incident and is currently in a medical treatment facility.

Xinhua



NASA counting down again for next-to-last launch



The astronauts of space shuttle Endeavour, from left, commander Mark Kelly, Greg Chamitoff, Drew Feustel, Roberto Vittori, of Italy, Mike Fincke and British bornpilot Greg Johnson, gather for a photo after arriving at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, on 12 May, 2011.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 14 May—Countdown clocks began ticking again Friday for the next-to-last space shuttle launch, delayed two weeks ago by an electrical problem aboard *Endeavour*. Forecasters put the odds of good weather for Monday morning's launch at 70 percent: the main concerns are stiff crosswind and low clouds.

NASA test director Jeff Spaulding said everything was on track

this time around, and that the most likely culprit for last month's failed launch attempt was an exposed conductor on a thermostat.

The thermostat was replaced last week, along with a switch box containing a blown fuse. Commander Mark Kelly and his five crewmates returned to Kennedy Space Centre on Thursday.

A smaller crowd is anticipated for Monday's 8:56 am try, possibly around the

500,000-mark, Spaulding said. That would still be larger than the 400,000 who turned out for *Discovery's* final voyage in February. Only one other shuttle flight remains, by *Atlantis* in July.

Endeavour making its 25th and final journey will fly to the International Space Station and deliver a \$2 billion science experiment. Four spacewalks are planned during the 16-day mission.

Internet

Northwest power surplus may halt wind energy

PORTLAND, 14 May—The manager of most of the electricity in the Pacific Northwest is running such a surplus of power from hydroelectric dams that it put wind farms on notice Friday that they may be shut down as early as this weekend. The Bonneville Power Administration has more than enough electricity during a cold, wet spring that has created a big surge in river flows

where hydroelectric dams are located. The agency responded by announcing its intentions to curtail wind power until the grid has more capacity, in a move likely to cost the industry millions of dollars.

The decision reflects an overlooked issue amid the push to add wind farms around the country: The capacity of power grids has not kept pace.

How soon and low



In this photo taken on 12 May, 2011, shows wind turbines along the Columbia River Gorge near Goldendale, Wash.

INTERNET

long wind farms might be shut down depends on how quickly the region warms up and the water shoots downriver to the Pacific Ocean, said Steven Wright, administrator of the BPA.

Internet

US astronomers start looking for alien life

WASHINGTON, 14 May—A massive radio telescope in rural West Virginia has begun listening for signs of alien life on 86 possible Earth-like planets, US astronomers said Friday. The giant dish began this week pointing toward each of the 86 planets — culled from a list of 1,235 possible planets identified by NASA's Kepler space telescope — and will gather 24 hours of data on each one.

"It's not absolutely certain that all of these stars have habitable planetary systems, but they're very good places to

look for ET," said University of California at Berkeley graduate student Andrew Siemion. The mission is part of the SETI project, which stands for Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence, launched in the mid 1980s.

Last month the SETI Institute announced it was shuttering a major part of its efforts — a 50 million dollar project with 42 telescope dishes known as the Allen Telescope Array (ATA) — due to a five million dollar budget shortfall.

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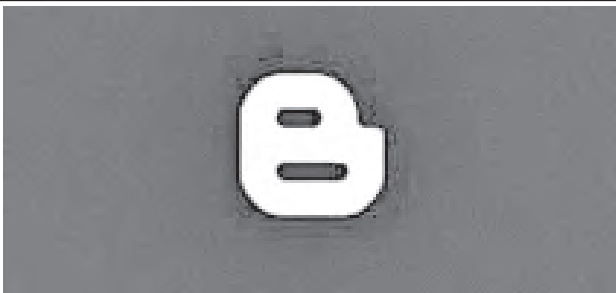


Twitter saving lives in wake of Japan disaster

TOKYO, 14 May—According to a report by the BBC, Japanese doctors are applauding the social networking and microblogging site Twitter, calling it "an excellent system" that allows them to communicate with patients to let them know where they can obtain vital medication. The doctors' appreciation of the service came to light on Friday after letters were published in *The Lancet*, one of the world's leading medical journals.

While the 11 March quake knocked out most phone services, Internet access remained largely unaffected, allowing doctors to utilize Twitter's service. In one of the letters published in *The Lancet*, Dr Yuichi Tamura and Dr Keiichi Kukuda of Keio University School Of Medicine in Tokyo, said initially their main challenge following the disaster was how to get vital pulmonary hypertension drugs to those who needed them.

"Forming a supply chain for such drugs in the earliest stages of the disaster was difficult; however we found that social networking services could have a useful role," they said. The re-tweet facility meant that important information could be communicated quickly.—Internet



Blogger logo. Google's Blogger was back up Friday after suffering an outage that knocked the blogging platform used by millions offline for over 20 hours.

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Google's Blogger back after 20-hour outage

WASHINGTON, 14 May—Google's Blogger was back up Friday after suffering an outage that knocked the blogging platform used by millions offline for over 20 hours. "We're very sorry that you've been unable to publish to Blogger for the past 20.5 hours," Blogger manager Eddie Kessler said in a post on the Blogger Buzz blog. "We use Blogger for our own blogs, so we've also felt your pain."

"We're nearly back to normal you can publish again, and in the coming hours posts and comments that were temporarily removed should be restored," Kessler said. The outage was due to data corruption during scheduled maintenance work Wednesday night, he said. "We try hard to ensure Blogger is always available for you to share your thoughts and opinions with the world, and we'll do our best to prevent this from happening again," Kessler said.

Internet

Deutsche Telekom confirms AT&T break-up fee worth \$6 billion

FRANKFURT, 14 May—AT&T (T.N) will give Deutsche Telekom (DTGn.DE) a break-up fee and benefits worth about \$6 billion if regulators reject the proposed takeover of the German company's US business, Deutsche Telekom said on Friday. In March, when the \$39 billion deal was disclosed, the companies said AT&T would pay the German group a record break-up fee of \$3 billion, but they did not put a value on other parts of the agreement. "\$3 billion would flow directly in cash, but Deutsche Telekom would also receive spectrum and a national roaming agreement," a Deutsche Telekom spokesman said.

"The company did not put a value on that, but according to analysts' estimates the spectrum and roaming agreement would amount to \$3 billion," he added.

Sources familiar with the matter had told Reuters on Thursday that the agreement included about \$2 billion worth of spectrum and a roaming agreement valued at roughly \$1 billion.

Deutsche Telekom CEO Rene Obermann said on Thursday that he was confident the transaction would be completed in the first half of next year. The deal needs approval from the US telecommunications regulator, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Department of Justice, which examines antitrust issues around mergers.—Reuters



Health



Health tip: Boost your immune system

The immune system helps your body fight off germs, protecting you from getting sick. The ADAM Encyclopedia suggests these ways to help support your immune system:

- * Avoid exposure to secondhand smoke.
- * Don't take antibiotics when they aren't necessary. The more you use these medicines, the more likely they won't protect you from a future bug. Remember that antibiotics fight bacteria, not viruses.
- * Drink plenty of water.
- * Eat yogurt with "active cultures," in other words, beneficial bacteria.
- * Get plenty of sleep. Insufficient rest means you're more likely to become sick.—Internet

BPA linked to infant abnormalities

SEATTLE, 14 May—High bisphenol A levels in mothers is linked with neurobehavioral abnormalities in infants, US researchers suggest.

Dr. Sheela Sathyanarayana of Seattle Children's Research Institute says food may be the single largest source of exposure to BPA — a synthetic chemical used in can linings, hard polycarbonate plastics such as baby bottles, and reusable cups and dental sealants. "Pregnant women are often exposed to BPA in their daily lives," Sathyanarayana says in a statement.—Internet



The debate over menthol cigarettes intensified, with a study finding their elimination could save 237,000 lives.

INTERNET

Three bans on menthol cigarettes urged

BOSTON, 14 May—A ban on menthol cigarettes could save the lives of 237,000 US African-Americans by 2050, a study says. Menthol cigarettes have been at the center of controversy since it was revealed they were given away free to black children in a tobacco industry marketing campaign in the 1960s.

About 83 percent of African-American smokers say they choose menthols compared with 24 percent of white smokers, *The Boston Globe* reported Friday. "Menthol numbs the throat

and allows smoke to go in more deeply, making it easier to get addicted to," said Dr. Jonathan Winickoff, a pediatrician at Mass-General Hospital for Children who led a study that surveyed more than 2,000 people to measure support for a menthol ban.

Around 68 percent of blacks said they would support banning the flavoring from cigarettes, in addition to 53 percent of whites. "Even over half of the African-American smokers we surveyed said they wanted a ban of their own product of choice," says Winickoff.—Internet

Gene variant linked to sudden cardiac death risk in blacks

WASHINGTON, 14 May—A common gene variant among black people may be linked to the development of life-threatening heart arrhythmias (when the heart beats too fast, too slow or irregularly), according to a new study.

In pinpointing this gene, Duke University Medical Centre researchers hope to one day help doctors determine which patients are likely to benefit most from an implantable cardio-defibrillator (ICD) a device that automatically detects and corrects potentially deadly heart rhythms by delivering a jolt of electricity.

Blacks are disproportionately affected by heart failure, arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death, "but are vastly underrepresented in the majority of clinical trials conducted to date," the study's lead author, Dr. Albert Y. Sun, said in a university news release.

"Much debate surrounds the identification of patients for ICD implantation, which takes into account efficacy, cost and complication rates."

The study, published in the current issue of the journal *Circulation: Cardiovascular Genetics*, included 112 black patients who received ICDs for primary prevention of sudden cardiac death.

Over a follow-up period that averaged about two years, ICDs were effectively activated in 23 of the patients.—Internet



Business



Hong Kong's foreign assets up 27.5 bln HKD in April

HONG KONG, 14 May—The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) said on Friday that the city's foreign assets increased 27.5 billion HK dollars (3.54 billion US dollars) to 2,114.4 billion HK dollars by the end of April. The monetary base, comprising certificates of indebtedness, government issued currency notes and coins in circulation, the aggregate balance and exchange fund bills and notes issued, amounted to 1,055.1 billion HK dollars, the HKMA said.

Meanwhile, claims on the private sector in Hong Kong amounted to 134.9 billion HK dollars and foreign liabilities, representing mainly obligations under repurchase agreements, amounted to 0.5 billion HK dollars. (1 US dollar is equivalent to 7.77 HK dollars)—Xinhua

Germany powers eurozone economic surge



In a 22 Sept 2005 file photo a steel worker measures steel coils of 6ThyssenKrupp steel company in Duisburg, western Germany.

INTERNET

LONDON, 14 May—Forecast-busting economic growth in Germany and a surprise rebound in Greece helped the 17-nation eurozone start the new year with a bang, with the region growing twice as fast as the US despite constant fears about debt. The eurozone's economy expanded by a quarterly

UJ Trading recalls toy helicopters

WASHINGTON, 14 May—UJ Trading of Houston is recalling 18,500 toy remote-control helicopters due to a fire hazard, a federal watchdog agency said. The toy helicopters were imported from China and sold nationwide from April 2010 through April 2011 for about \$36. The battery housing under the helicopter canopy can overheat while charging, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

rate of 0.8 percent in the first three months of the year, according to Eurostat, the EU's statistics office on Friday. That was more than double the 0.3 percent growth posted in the previous three-month period, ahead of analysts' expectations for a 0.6 percent increase and twice US growth. "The eurozone is therefore significantly outperform-

The recall involves Danbar Toys Knight Hawk remote-control helicopters, model number 006047. The model number is marked on the back of the controller. The body of the helicopter includes the markings "AH-64" and "helicopter." Consumers were advised to take the toy helicopters away from children and contact UJ Trading for a full refund. Consumers can call 800-536-2691 for information.—Internet

ming all other major developed economies at the moment," said Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit.

The figures have cemented expectations that the European Central Bank will follow up April's interest rate increase the first in nearly three years with another, possibly in July, despite some countries' debt troubles.—Internet

Telefonica reports profit slip in first quarter

MADRID, 14 May—Spanish telecoms giant Telefonica reported on Friday a 1.9-percent slip in net quarterly profit to 1.624 billion euros (\$2.3 billion), but gave no explanation.

The outcome was below the average figure of 1.72 billion euros expected by analysts as polled by Dow Jones Newswires. Data from the company indicated that the setback reflected an increased tax charge, increased financial charges and a negative contribution from holdings in other companies.

Telefonica is the second-biggest company in the European telecoms sector in terms of capitalisation. Sales rose by 10.8 percent from the equivalent figure for the first quarter of last year to 15.435 billion euros. Operating income before amortisations rose by 9.0 percent to 5.574 billion euros and the operating outcome by 4.3 percent to 3.057 billion euros. Company president Cesar Alierta said that the trend of the results in the first quarter supported the group's targets for the whole year.—Internet



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TOKYO, 14 May—The operator of Japan's ageing Hamaoka nuclear power plant, located near a tectonic faultline southwest of Tokyo, suspended its operations Saturday, officials said.

The plant's number-five reactor stopped generating power at

10:15 am (0115 GMT) and was due to be shut down a few hours later with workers inserting control rods, Chubu Electric Power Cop spokesman Atsuo Sawaki said. Prime Minister Nao-to Kan earlier this month called for the closure of the plant, eight weeks after a

massive quake and tsunami damaged the Fukushima nuclear plant northeast of Tokyo, sparking the world's worst atomic crisis in 25 years. The plant, located 200 kilometres (125 miles) from Tokyo, has five reactor units, but only two have been running recently numbers four and five. Reactor number four was suspended on Friday.

Reactors one and two, built in the 1970s, were stopped in 2009, and three is undergoing maintenance.

Seismologists have long warned that a major quake is overdue in the Tokai region southwest of Tokyo where the Hamaoka plant is located.

Internet



Solar-powered airplane, the Solar Impulse, is pictured after landing at Brussels Airport in Zaventem. The plane, operating fully on solar energy, completed its first international flight, which departed at 6 am this morning from the Payerne airfield in Switzerland.—INTERNET

Swiss solar-powered aircraft lands in Brussels

BRUSSELS, 14 May—Pioneering Swiss solar-powered aircraft Solar Impulse landed in Brussels on Friday after completing its first international flight, 13 hours after it took off from Switzerland.

"I captured more energy than I used," said pilot Andre Borschberg as he descended from the plane amid the applause of hundreds of people including Belgium's Crown Prince Philippe, who had followed Solar Impulse's long descent from a helicopter.

"I flew with the power of a scooter," Borschberg added.

"This is wonderful," said Bertrand Piccard, joint founder and president of the Solar Impulse project.

The single-seater had lifted off gently in clear blue skies from Payerne airbase at 8:40 am (0640 GMT) after being delayed by early morning mist.

It covered the roughly 480 kilometres (300 miles) from western Switzerland to Brussels airport, flying over France and Luxembourg at 3,600 metres (11,880 feet). "With this flight, we would like to encourage politicians to opt for more ambitious energy policies," Piccard told AFP before the aircraft landed.—*Internet*

Credit Agricole bank reports doubled profits

PARIS, 14 May—French bank Credit Agricole, one of the biggest European banks by capitalisation, reported a doubling of net profit to 1.0 billion euros (\$1.42 billion) in the first quarter, on Friday.

The price of shares in the bank showed a gain of 1.40 percent to 11.23 euros in a market up 0.57 percent overall.

The outcome, marking an increase of 112 percent from the result 12 months ago, was in line with average estimates of analysts as polled by Dow Jones Newswires.

At CM-CIC Secur-

ities, analyst Pierre Chedeville commented: "The group is showing its main characteristics again: operating efficiency and an excellent control of charges, very cautious policy for provisioning, and financing and investment activities steady."

Bank chief executive Jean-Paul Chifflet said that Credit Agricole's direct exposure to Greek debt was 631 million euros at the end of March. Credit Agricole is one of the few foreign banks to control a Greek bank, in the form of Emporiki bank.

Internet

Bike commuters travel down along a street, 12 May, 2011, in Portland, Ore. With a gallon of gas topping \$4 in many parts of the country, there are signs that Americans are cutting back on driving.—INTERNET



Moderate quake strikes off Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 14 May—A shallow earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 jolted Java island of Indonesia on Saturday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 04: 43 am Jakarta Time Saturday (2143 GMT) with epicenter at 290 km southwest Cilacap of Central Java and with the depth of 10 km, the agency said.—*Xinhua*

6.2-magnitude quake hits east coast of Honshu, Japan — USGS

TOKYO, 14 May—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale jolted near the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 23:35: 53 GMT (07:35:53 Beijing Time) on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 37.60 km, was initially determined to be at 37.38 degrees north latitude and 141.41 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

6.0-magnitude quake hits Costa Rica

BEIJING, 14 May—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted Costa Rica at 6:47 a.m Beijing Time on Saturday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicenter, with a depth of 70 km, was monitored at 10.1 degrees north latitude and 84.3 degrees west longitude, the center said in a statement.—*Xinhua*

Crew finds body of man stuck in snow for months

PORTLAND, 14 May—The body of a man was found in his pickup truck on a mountain road, along with a calendar he kept of his ordeal for nearly 70 days, authorities said Friday. The Linn County sheriff's office said the log kept by Jerry McDonald showed he became stranded on 14 Feb. The entry read: "Heavy snow. Snowed in."

His first log entry was 7 Feb, indicating he had been in the area for a week before he became stuck. The last entry was on 15 April, about 60 days later.

A US Forest Service survey crew found his body Thursday in a sleeping bag in the back of his 1997 GMC pickup truck on a one-lane dirt road about four miles

from Marion Forks. The forest service road is in the remote foothills of the Cascade Range, about 70 miles east of Salem. By late February, McDonald was detailing the weather and repeating his location, "Horn Rd," daily.

"The road Mr McDonald was on is in a mountainous area of east Linn County and the way in or out would have been impassable once it snowed," said Sheriff Tim Mueller. "There were no indications that he had attempted to walk out of the area." McDonald was carrying \$5,000 in cash. There were no signs of foul play and he had not been reported missing. Deputies said McDonald had warm clothing and water but no food or cell phone. —*Internet*



French bank Credit Agricole, one of the biggest European banks by capitalisation, reported a doubling of net profit to 1.0 billion euros (\$1.42 billion) in the first quarter.—INTERNET



People spend the night outside their homes in Lorca, Spain, in the early hours of 12 May, 2011. Two earthquakes shook southeastern Spain in quick succession Wednesday, killing people, injuring dozens and causing extensive damage to buildings.
INTERNET

Cellphone effects on body studied

BERNE, 14 May—Cellphone radiation can affect biological processes but there's no evidence linking everyday exposure to health problems, Swiss researchers say.

The question of whether cellphones are bad for human health and the environment has long been debated, and a Swiss research programme examined the issue, Swissinfo.ch reported Wednesday.

"The concern of the population is quite substantial concerning non-ionizing radiation so it was thought a good idea to launch a research programme," Alexander Borbely, who headed the study, said.

However, there were "no easy answers to these simple questions," the four-year programme from the Swiss National Science Foundation concluded.

An iPhone, which according to a new study will not give you cancer.—INTERNET



The Swiss Federal Environment Office said the radiation issue was complex.

"Those who had hoped that the [study] would provide the final word on the harmfulness or not of this radiation will be disappointed because the programme couldn't give a definitive answer," a statement issued by the office said.—Internet

Teen discovers promising cystic fibrosis treatment



Marshall Zhang, 16, has found a promising treatment for cystic fibrosis.
INTERNET

RICHMOND HILL, 14 May—A 16-year-old from the Toronto area used a supercomputer system to find a new drug combination that shows potential in treating the genetic disorder cystic fibrosis, and won top honors for his work. Marshall Zhang, an 11th-grade student at Richmond Hill's Bayview Secondary School, received first place Tuesday (10 May) in the 2011 Sanofi-Aventis BioTalent Challenge, a contest in which students conduct their own research projects with the help of mentors.

Cystic fibrosis is a potentially fatal condition caused by a genetic mutation, or error. It causes thick, sticky mucus to build up in the lungs and elsewhere. Cystic fibrosis occurs most among white people of northern European ancestry, in about 1 out of 3,000 live births. In the past, most people with cystic fibrosis died in their teens, according to the Mayo Clinic. It has no cure.

Internet

Arizona man arrested on chemical weapon charges

TUCSON, 14 May—An Arizona man was arrested on Friday on charges he made chemical weapons and used them to release a cloud of poisonous chlorine gas outside the home of a Tucson couple, authorities said. FBI agents arrested Tucson resident Todd Russell Fries, 48, on a two count indictment alleging he made and used a chemical weapon, the US Attorney's office said. The indictment alleged that on 2 August, 2009, Fries, who also goes by the alias Todd Burns, placed chemical devices in the front and back yard of a northwest Tucson couple's home.

When ignited, the devices produced a football-field-sized cloud of chlorine gas that hovered over the neighbourhood and resulted in the evacuation of numerous families in the area.

The yellow-green gas causes acute lung damage, and was used as a choking agent during World War One, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.—Reuters

Police reopen Madeleine investigation

LONDON, 14 May—London's Metropolitan Police will reopen the investigation into the disappearance of Madeleine McCann, who vanished in Portugal in 2007, officials said Friday.

The force, popularly known as Scotland Yard, has been given 3.5 million pounds (more than \$5 million) for the investigation, the *Daily Mirror* reported. A source inside the police called the job "enormous."

Madeleine's parents, Kate and Gerry McCann, left their children asleep in their holiday apartment at a

Portuguese resort while they ate dinner with friends at an outdoor restaurant within view of the windows. Madeleine, then 3, disappeared that evening.

A police task force with a detective in charge is expected to travel to Portugal to question witnesses and investigators and to examine the files assembled by Leicestershire Police, who handled the British end of the investigation.

Much of the money will go for translation.

Internet

Borders Group in talks for deal

SAN DIEGO, 14 May—Bankrupt bookseller Borders Group Inc (BGPIQ.PK) said it has received indications of third-party interest for its business that could keep it running as a going concern, a source close to the matter told *Reuters*. The source declined to provide further details.

Borders Group Inc, after years of shriveling sales and carrying a heavy debt load, filed for bankruptcy in February and has been soliciting offers for a sale of the company ever since.

The *Wall Street Journal*, citing people familiar with the matter, on Friday said a possible bidder expressed interest in more than 225 of the bookseller's remaining superstores.

No bidder has expressed interest in purchasing all of its outlets, which total about 400, the paper said. Bloomberg reported that larger rival

Barnes & Noble Inc (BKS.N) offered to buy about 10 stores, while other parties have also bid for parts of the business.—Reuters



People talk outside a Borders bookstore in San Diego, California on 16 February, 2011.

INTERNET

US storms have no bearing on hurricane season

MIAMI, 14 May—Natural disasters and a record number of tornadoes in the southeastern United States should not have any bearing on the severity of the upcoming hurricane season, the director of the National Hurricane Centre said Friday.

Bill Read, the centre's director, said it was understandable that people might connect the deadly tornadoes and massive flooding of April and May with an unusually severe hurricane season, but said, "I really don't think there's any way you can correlate" them. Hurricane season officially begins on 1 June and lasts until 30 November. But Read said that if people believe the upcoming hurricane season is going to be especially bad, they will at least take steps to reduce any potential damage.—Internet



A room is exposed in a destroyed house in the devastated town of Pleasant Grove, Alabama, on 1 May.—INTERNET

Chinese delegation arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 14 May—A Chinese delegation led by Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China arrived at Yangon International Airport from Nay Pyi Taw by Chinese Army special flight at 9.30 am this morning. They were welcomed by Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, senior military officers and staff of Chinese Embassy in Yangon.

The commander conducted the delegation

Vice-Chairman General Xu Caihou of Central Military Commission of the PRC and party pay homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

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around the local battalion. The Chinese delegation members paid homage to Shwedagon

Pagoda in the evening and offered flowers, water and light.

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Union Mines Minister receives foreign guests



Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik receives Chairman Mr Feng Jiangong of Kunming Henglong Building Construction Co Ltd of PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Chairman Mr Feng Jiangong and party of Kunming

Henglong Building Construction Co Ltd of Kunming of the People's Republic of China at the ministry 10 am yesterday.

They discussed investment in mining sector between the two countries and its production.

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RUMFCCI President receives Korean Commercial Attaché

YANGON, 14 May—Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation

of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U

Win Aung received Korean Commercial Attaché to Myanmar Mr

RUMFCCI President U Win Aung receives Korean Commercial Attaché to Myanmar Mr Park Chulho.

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Thongwa Township equipped with development facilities

YANGON, 14 May—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung attended the opening ceremony of Pyinnya Alinyaung Library, Pyinmagan (Win Win) Bridge and Agga Maha Saddhammaranthi Sasana Beikman at Pyinmagan model Village of Thongwa Township this morning.

The library is of concrete floor and corrugated iron sheets.

It has 2232 books and 200 copies of magazines and journals.

The Union Minister donated 355 books, the Myanmar Library Foundation, 300 books, Yangon Region Government one TV set and wellwishers books to the library.

The Union Minister and party formally opened the 35 feet long and 14 feet wide bridge that can withstand 15-ton loads.

He attended the opening of Sasana Beikman which 129 feet long, 46 feet wide and 18 feet high.

The Union Minister and wellwishers donated cash and books to Daw Meingale People's Library in Thongwa.

Later, the Union Minister and party inspected progress of Maha Atula Waiyan Sasana Beikman in Thongwa.

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Deputy Health Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin giving Polio vaccine to children. (News on page 2)

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Summer paddy thriving in Natogyi Township

NATOGYI, 14 May—Natogyi Township has put 200 acres of farmlands under summer paddy and 50 acres under pre-monsoon Ngwechi-6 cotton with the use of irrigation

water from Khetlan Dam.

Summer paddy are thriving on 670 acres of farmlands the whole township with the use of irrigation waters.

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National Culture and Fine Arts...

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university reported on facts about the university.

In meeting with faculty members, staff and students, the Union Minister said that the country and the people are high in national prestige and

integrity. The National Culture and Fine Arts Universities having sound foundations for training and academic experiences are to preserve cultural heritage and take new creation for flourishing of national culture. He noted that faculty members are to nurture their students, and the students on their part are to set the aims to gain public recognition for their fine and masterpiece works.

The Union Minister stressed the need for the NCFA Universities to preserve and expose the cultural fine arts, turn out outstanding artistes, modernize cultural fine arts with best presentation. In conclusion, he urged officials, faculty members and students to harmoniously meet the aim.

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Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meeting with teachers and students of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon).—MNA

National vaccination days commence in Mandalay Region



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint and wife administer polio vaccinations to the children under five.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 May —Mandalay Region held a ceremony to open region-wise national vaccination days (2011) at the hall of Mandalay City Development Committee this morning. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister of the Region U Ye Myint said region-wise national vaccination days for 2011 will be held 14 and 15 May for the first time and on 11 and 12 June for the second time. Health staff, departmental personnel and non-governmental organizations are to work together to create a polio-free region and then a polio-free nation. Next, the Chief Minister and wife, ministers and officials

administered polio vaccinations to the children under five and gave presents to them. A total of 686188 kids will be administered polio vaccinations.—MNA

Disaster risk reduction discussed in Tahlay

TACHILEK, 14 May—A seminar on disaster risk reduction, jointly organized by Mingala Myanmar Group and local organizations, was held for the local quake victims in Tahlay Township of Tachilek District on 6 May.

Responsible persons explained dangers of earthquake, landslide and drought to teachers and nurses.

Kyemon

Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects communication systems in Rakhine State



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin inspects Sittway MRTV retransmission station.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin on 12 May inspected telegraphy of State Manager Office and State Posts and Telecommunications under Myanmar Posts and

Telecommunications, as well as telephone lines and communication tower. He then inspected Sittway Post Office and Sittway MRTV retransmission station.

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Bago Region Chief Minister calls for applying modern teaching methods

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May — Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win called for applying modern teaching methods and uplifting the morality of the students while meeting with education staff at City Hall in Bago on 12 May.

Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Kyaw Oo presented CI sheets

donated by the Region government for schools in Bago, Thawady and Pyay Districts through officials.

The chief minister also visited Bago Degree College and called on faculty members for long-term existence of library and efforts for development of the college.

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Drains dredged in Yangon to prevent flood

YANGON, 14 May — Yangon Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint assisted in dredging drains here today to prevent floods in rainy season.

The mayor visited work sites of dredging of drains in Sangyoung, Mayangon, South Okkalapa and Tamway townships today.

During his tour of inspection, the mayor also visited plantation of

51,000 saplings of shady trees at Hanthawady Garden in Kamayut Township and 124,037 saplings at Myakantha Garden in Hline Township.

Besides, the mayor also inspected upgrading of roads in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Dagon Myothit (South) and Dagon Myothit (North) townships.

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TomTom sees fleet management services growth

AMSTERDAM, 14 May—TomTom, which provides fleet management systems to trucking firms, expects smaller rivals to go out of business in the fragmented sector in the next three to five years, an executive said on Friday.

TomTom, the Dutch company better-known for personal navigation devices (PND) used by car and truck drivers, has been forced to move into new but related businesses because of competition from the likes of Google, which offers similar navigation products for free.

TomTom's fleet management system enables customers such as compressor and machinery maker Atlas Copco and Dutch telecoms company KPN to track fleets of trucks or other vehicles, and to monitor their fuel consumption, speed, and driving patterns.

The TomTom unit only accounted for about 4 percent of group sales last year, but it ranks second in Europe with a 10 percent market share after Masternaut, which is headquartered in England and which merged with French firm Cybit earlier this year.

"The fleet management sector is extremely fragmented, we have different competitors in every country and we intend to take a leading role in consolidating this market over the coming years," said Thomas Schmidt, TomTom's business



Trucks are parked at the headquarters of German industrial group MAN in Munich, 18 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

solutions managing director.

"One can benefit from takeovers only if you get the synergies and since there are so many players, literally hundreds sometimes in one region, it would take too long, years sometimes, to consolidate the technology platforms, which is why we prefer to grow organically," Schmidt said.

There are too many local companies for these small players to survive in this market," said Fagerberg adding, "I don't think TomTom would benefit from acquisitions because the platforms are very different and migrating clients to new platforms can be quite complex."

TomTom has the fastest growing fleet management business in Europe, Fagerberg said, and in a few years it has grown from a very low level to become the number two player in Europe.

Reuters

Illinois high school student arrested for facebook bullying

OAK PARK, 14 May—A teenage male in Illinois was arrested and charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct for creating and circulating an offensive list on the internet which ranked female students at his high school. The 17-year-old was a student at Oak Park and River Forest High School, though his name hasn't been released due to his age. Oak Park police told the *Chicago Tribune* that the list contained 50 female students, all rated on their body parts and detailing their alleged sexual activity. The list also used racial slurs to describe those students. The teenage male is accused of circulating hard copies of the list on 14 Jan during the school's lunch period. The list was posted online as well, circulating among his social group on Facebook. The teenager was arrested at his home on 9 May and charged with disorderly conduct. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office and Oak Park law enforcement stated there will be no further charges, saying, "After the conclusion of the investigation, this case is closed."

School officials haven't released any details about disciplinary actions, but the student does not attend the Oak Park and River Forest High School any longer. The student may have been expelled as punishment for cyber bullying and inappropriate use of technology, which go against the school's code of conduct. A similar case happened in 2009 at the same school where a student e-mailed a list of female students to his friends.—Internet

Chinese, Russian foreign ministers meet

BEIJING, 14 May—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi (R) meets with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the meeting of Foreign Ministers' Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Almaty, Kazakhstan, 13 May, 2011. Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met in Almaty Friday with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov on the sidelines of the meeting of Foreign Ministers' Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

During the bilateral meeting, they exchanged views over issues including the official visit of Chinese President Hu Jintao to Russia and the



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks after the meeting of Foreign Ministers' Council of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Almaty, on 14 May, 2011. INTERNET

SCO Astana Summit to be held in June, 2011.

The two ministers pledged to make joint efforts to ensure the success of the above two events so as to further promote their bilateral strategic partnership.—Internet

Top drug lord captured in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 May—The Mexican military detained accused leader of the Pacific Cartel Martin Beltran, the presumed successor to Ignacio Coronel, who previously oversaw a criminal empire in western Mexico that sent tons of synthetic drugs such as methamphetamines to the United States, the Defence Ministry said in a Friday statement.

Soldiers detained Beltran in the Guadalajara suburb of Zapopan, the same municipality as Coronel, better known as "Nacho," was killed during police raids last July.

Guadalajara had turned violent after the death of "Nacho" Coronel, as rival gangs fought for control of territory he previously controlled. The city, Mexico's second-largest, has been calm in recent months.



Martin Beltran Coronel, alias "El Aguila," centre, and 4 other people are presented to the media in Mexico City, on 13 May, 2011. INTERNET

Beltran was captured in an upscale subdivision by soldiers, who also seized weapons, six vehicles, jewelry and more than 400,000 US dollars in cash.

Xinhua



A businessman walks past a share prices board in Tokyo on March 2011, showing a drop in the markets following the first full day of trading after the deadly earthquake and tsunami. The United States deployed \$1.0 billion as part of a G7 intervention in foreign-exchange markets to tame the soaring yen after Japan's earthquake disaster, the Federal Reserve said Friday. INTERNET

For some women, knowing about heart failure spurs worry

COLUMBUS, 14 May— Being well-informed about their disease may lead to depression in women with heart failure who repress their anger and other emotions about their condition, according to new research.

The study included 35 women with heart failure who were taking medication to manage the disease, and had symptoms such as shortness of breath and swelling in the legs and abdomen.

The women's coping styles affected their levels of depression or anxiety. The less they discussed or expressed their emotions, the more likely they were to have depression and anxiety symptoms, the Ohio State University researchers said.

The investigators also found that some of the women felt worse emotionally when they had more information about heart disease. For women who tend to deny their emotions, less knowledge about their disease may be better, according to the researchers. The findings suggest that health care professionals should consider individual patients' coping styles when educating them about their condition.—Internet



Casey Anthony appears in the courtroom at the Pinellas County Criminal Justice Centre, Friday 13 May, 2011 in Clearwater, Fla. Anthony is charged with the murder of her daughter Caylee in 2008.—INTERNET



Hong Kong telecoms giant PCCW has been renting prime publicly-owned real estate to house a staff recreation club for just \$13 a year, a report has said, amid rising public anger over soaring property prices.

INTERNET

Philippine police tag Abu Sayyaf in abduction of Malaysian trader

COTABATO CITY, 14 May—Philippine police have tagged Abu Sayyaf militants in the abduction of a Malaysian trader in the restive southern Philippines.

Chief Superintendent Bienvenido Latag, head of police in the region, said Saturday that Nasaruddin Bensaidin, 38, is being held by Abu Sayyaf militants in the township of Indanan in Sulu Province.

There is “an ongoing operation now” to rescue Bensaidin, who was snatched by at least 10 gunmen in Indanan town on 7 May, said Latag.

Bensaidin, who is engaged in lizard trading business, is a resident of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and had been in Sulu for over a week before the abduction, officials have said.

Sulu is a known bailiwick of the Abu Sayyaf group, which has perpetrated a number of high-profile attacks, including kidnapping, bombing and beheading. The Philippine military estimates the Abu Sayyaf, which has links with external terrorist organizations such as Al-Qaeda, currently has about 400 members.—Xinhua

Puerto Rico militant to face trial in Connecticut

SAN JUAN, 14 May—A judge has ordered a 65-year-old Puerto Rican man sent to Connecticut to face charges in the theft of \$7 million from an armored car depot in 1983. Judge Bruce McGiverin ordered Norberto Gonzalez Claudio held without bond Friday for his alleged role in one of the largest cash heists in US history. He said Gonzalez was an “overwhelming” risk of flight given his more than 25 years as a fugitive. The FBI says Gonzalez was part of a radical group that stole the money to aid their struggle for Puerto Rican independence. He was captured Tuesday while out for a morning jog. Inside his apartment agents found three loaded weapons near his bed. His lawyer said he poses no threat.—Internet

Two terror suspects killed in Indonesia raid

JAKARTA, 14 May—Indonesian police killed two terror suspects during a raid early Saturday, following an arrest of four suspected terrorists a day earlier over a series of recent terror incidents.

“The two men on a motorcycle tried to escape and opened fire on police personnel,” national police deputy spokesman I Ketut Untung Yoga Ana told AFP, adding that the suspects were killed on the spot.

The incident took place in Sukoharjo in Central Java Province at 01:15 am (1815GMT). During the exchange of fire, one of the suspected terrorists shot dead a food seller on the street, the police said.

Police have arrested dozens of suspects allegedly part of a new militant cell believed to have been behind a series of recent incidents, including book bombs which were sent to Muslim moderates and counter-terrorism officials.

The cell was also linked to a suicide bomb attack last month in a prayer room at a police compound in Cirebon of West Java.

Police also foiled a bid to set off a massive bomb near a church on the outskirts of Jakarta at Easter. No one was killed



Indonesian anti-terror police commandos. Indonesian police killed two terror suspects during a raid early Saturday, following an arrest of four suspected terrorists a day earlier over a series of recent terror incidents.—INTERNET

in those incidents.

Indonesia has been rocked by a series of attacks staged by regional terror network Jemaah Islamiyah in recent years, including the 2002 Bali bombings which killed 202 people.

Internet



The Kruger paper mill on 7 Oct, 2008 in Trois Rivieres Que. Forest product companies Kruger and Industries Perron announced Friday the formation of partnership that will invest \$21 million and recall 300 workers at two idled Quebec lumber mills this summer.

INTERNET

California closes dozens of state parks due to budget shortfall

LOS ANGELES, 14 May—California Governor Jerry Brown on Friday announced the closure of up to 70 California state parks due to budget cuts.

The parks to be closed comprise a quarter of California’s 278 state parks, the governor said in a statement.

“Closing state parks is not a task that gives anyone joy, but we are experiencing turbulent times that necessitate deep — almost unthinkable — cuts to public services. I will work hard in the coming weeks to reach an agreement that will allow us to avoid deeper and more disruptive reductions.”

The park system will cut services this summer and begin shutting parks in September, with all 70 closings completed by July 2012, said California State Parks Director Ruth Coleman.

“We regret closing any park,” Coleman said in a prepared statement, “but with the proposed budget reductions over the next two years, we can no longer afford to operate all parks within the system.”

The state will start seeking partnerships with local governments and nonprofits that could keep some of the parks open, she said.

Xinhua

Beijing sees nine pct more overseas tourist arrivals in April

BEIJING, 14 May—Beijing received 488,000 overseas tourists in April, up 9 percent from a year earlier, the municipal bureau of statistics said Saturday.

In breakdown, foreign nationals made up 415,000 of the total tourist arrivals, a rise of 9.3 percent from the same period of last year, while tourists from Hong Kong, Macao and Taipei numbered 73,000, up 7.2 percent, it said in a statement.

The United States, the Republic of Korea and Japan were the top

three sources of the overseas tourists to China.

The number of American tourists soared 24.7 percent to 75,000. But the number of tourists from the Republic of Korea and Japan fell 7.4 percent and 26.4 percent to 47,000 and 37,000, respectively.

According to the bureau, Beijing received 1.43 million overseas tourists in the first four months of the year, an increase of 2.4 percent from a year ago.

Internet

Photo taken on 13 May, 2011 shows part of a quilt laying on Mikhaylovskaya Square in Kiev. Created by HIV positive people, these quilts covering the area of some 300 square metres of the square were on display here on Friday to commemorate AIDS victims in Ukraine.

INTERNET



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (011)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANSEDUO VOY NO (011) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.5.2011 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.

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Why some planets spin backward



This false-color composite image, released by NASA September 23, 2010, is constructed from data obtained by NASA's Cassini spacecraft, shows the glow of auroras streaking out about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) from the cloud tops of Saturn's south polar region.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 14 May—Some planets are just flipping backward.

Of the more than 500 planets detected around stars besides our Sun, the vast majority appear to spin the same way the star does, scientists reported on

Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. But some of these extrasolar planets spin in the opposite direction of the stars they orbit, astronomers found. These strange, backward-spinning planets are usually gassy giants called hot Jupiters, not rocky orbs like Earth.

Besides their backwards twirling, which the astronomers call flipped orbits, these big planets huddle close to their stars, unlike Jupiter, which is about 483 million miles (778 million km) from the Sun, more than five times as distant from the Sun as Earth. "That's really weird, and it's even weirder because the planet is so close to the star," Frederic Rasio of Northwestern University said in a statement.

Reuters

Dwarf planet carries shiny coat of ice

MADRID, 14 May—The solar system's fifth dwarf planet, Haumea, and at least two of its satellites are covered in crystalline water-ice, European astronomers say. The tiny planet, shaped more or less like a rugby ball and about 1,200 miles long, moves beyond the orbit of Neptune.

It rotates on its axis every 4 hours, giving it one of the fastest rotation speeds in the solar system, a release from the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology said on Thursday.

The frozen water that covers Haumea and its two satellites, Hi'iaka and Namaka, makes them shine in the darkness of space, astronomers say.

Internet



A man who sailed around the world - using his school atlas to cross the Atlantic has returned to the UK.—INTERNET



A visitor passes by a tree root carving during Wuyi International Investment Fair, held in Wuyi City, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 13 May, 2011. —XINHUA

Briton kidnapped by gunmen in Nigeria

BIRNIN-KEBBI, 14 May—Gunmen kidnapped a Briton and an Italian from their lodge in Nigeria's north-western town of Birnin-Kebbi, shooting and wounding one person who tried to prevent the attack, police said on Friday.

The two men, who were working for a construction company, were seized from their accommodation late on Thursday in the capital of Kebbi state, which lies near Nigeria's borders with the countries of Niger and Benin.—Internet

School atlas world sailor returns

LONDON, 14 May — An amateur sailor who circumnavigated the globe using just his old school atlas to cross the Atlantic has arrived back in Cornwall. Paddy Macklin set off from his home town of Falmouth on 17 Dec, 2009, intending to make a non-stop trip around the world in his 27ft yacht Tessa at the age of 52.

Damage to the ship caused by storms and barnacles meant he had to make an unscheduled stop in New Zealand, but he has arrived back in the UK after sailing across the Atlantic from Cape Horn at the bottom of South America using the 1950s atlas.

"After about Cape Horn I had nothing. So it

was a choice of my diary, which had a small picture of South America, or my 1950s school atlas," he told the BBC. "Luckily there was nothing to hit."

During the course of what may be the slowest ever solo circumnavigation of the globe, Mr Macklin ran into difficulty several times.—Internet

Future of robotics: friend or foe?

SHANGHAI, 14 May — Scientists attending a recent high-level conference on robotics agreed that great progress has been made in the field, but strict rules for the safe usage of robots should be implemented. "Four years ago, if you went into a Chinese factory and said 'robots can help you work,' you would be kicked out.

But now, China has a large industrial robot market, along with Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States," says Li Zexiang, general chair of the 2011 International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2011), which concluded on Friday in Shanghai. Chinese robotics researchers have suggested to the government that rules and regulations for robot usage should be created.

Xinhua

Ships stranded as drought lowers mighty Yangtze river

SHANGHAI, 14 May — Shipping along Yangtze River, one of China's most vital waterways, has been stopped in places to prevent ships being grounded in low water during the worst drought

in a decade. Officials of the Yangtze River Waterway Bureau said yesterday they closed the section from the major inland port of Wuhan to Yueyang, 115 miles upriver.

It was unclear how many ships could be affected by the delays or how long they might last. Photographs in recent days have shown lines of barges and ships lined up along the river, waiting to move up or downstream. State media reported that more than 60 per cent of goods transported on inland rivers in China travel through the Yangtze, with shipping volume at 1.33 billion tonnes in 2009.—Internet

I saw dad put mum's body into boot, girl (9) tells judge

LONDON, 14 May — The daughter of a millionaire killed by her husband watched her father bundle her mother's body into the family car, a court heard on yesterday. The nine-year-old also said that she overheard her parents "hitting each other". The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said that she observed the scene with her 11-year-old brother from the playroom window of their mother's sprawling mock-Tudor home.

Internet



French Nao robots are seen at the 2011 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA 2011) in Shanghai, east China, on 9 May, 2011. The ICRA 2011 opened in Shanghai on Monday, attracting 1700 participants. The theme of the conference is "Better Robots, Better Life".—XINHUA



This file photo shows a highway outside La Paz, Bolivia. A 10-year-old Bolivian boy who hid on a truck in an effort to visit his mother who had just been released from prison ended up in Chile after an unexpected 500-kilometer (300-mile) trek through the Andes mountains, officials said.

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The boy, identified as Franklin Vilca, ended up Saturday in the Chilean city of Iquique, some 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) north of Santiago, after a three-day journey without food or water in the

compartment of a truck carrying minerals.

"I just wanted to see my mother," the boy told Chilean television TVN.

The boy got on the truck in the Bolivian town of Oruro thinking it would take him to Cochabamba, where his mother had been incarcerated.

He ended up going in the wrong direction, on a route over mountains 3,000 meters (10,000 feet) above level sea.

Franklin got off the truck and wandered the

streets of the Chilean town of Alto Hospicio, on the outskirts of Iquique, where a woman named Margarita Flores took him home.

"I am a mother, and maybe his mother is suffering," she told local media.

The child was turned over to police but a court in Iquique decided to allow him to stay with the woman's family until he can be returned to Bolivian authorities.

News Album

In the red: British govt to sell off fine wines

The British government wine cellar is set to get less corking after a minister announced plans Friday to sell the most expensive wines to help cut a record deficit. The total value of the wine stored for VIP functions is more than £864,000 (992,000 euros, \$1,410,000) and includes vintages such as Chateau Latour, Chateau Lafite, Chateau Margaux and Chateau Mouton Rothschild.

After a review as part of austerity measures by the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition, Foreign Office minister Henry Bellingham said there would be a "targeted sale of high-value stock" from the collection.

"I seriously considered abolishing the cellar, but all the evidence shows that we will save the taxpayer money by keeping the cellar and reforming it so that wine purchases are self-funded through sales," he said.



Bottles of wine are seen stored under the Foreign Office's Lancaster House mansion in central London in a picture released on 13 May, 2011.

Pa school gives kids sandwiches as punishment

School officials say the students at a Pennsylvania school are getting sandwiches for lunch for failing to appreciate the hot meals the district provides.

The Harrisburg Patriot-News reports the pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students at Camp Curtain School have received cold sandwiches this week as punishment for misbehavior, including failure to clean up after themselves.

An administrator tells the newspaper that behavior has improved. The official says the lunches still include fruit and vegetables.

Hot meal service will resume at the school on Monday.



French actress Sandrine Kiberlain (L), French actress Marina Fois (2L) and French director Maiwenn Le Besco (3L) pose for the photocall of "Polisse" at the 64th Cannes Film Festival. Unflinching films by an unprecedented number of women are leading the charge for the Palme d'Or this year and going for the jugular with hard looks at sex, violence and family life.

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Record female line-up takes aim at Cannes gold

CANNES, 14 May—Unflinching films by an unprecedented number of women are leading the charge for the Palme d'Or at Cannes this year and going for the jugular with hard looks at sex, violence and family life. French actress and director Maiwenn presented on Friday the third of four features by women in competition at the world's top film festival—a record number following last year's total shutout in the race for the top prize.

Her ensemble drama "Poliss" takes its script from the blotters of a Paris police Child Protection Unit (CPU), offering a grim glimpse at families from the moneyed bourgeoisie to homeless refugees.

Featuring French rapper Joey Starr, the picture observes a hard-bitten team of cops who share strong personal bonds forged in the trenches of the losing war against paedophilia and juvenile crime.

Internet



Amaury Vassili representing France performs during his first rehearsal of the Eurovision Song Contest in Duesseldorf, western Germany, on 7 May. INTERNET

Eurovision cheers down-in-the-dumps Europe

DUESSELDORF, 14 May—Europe has few reasons for cheer at the moment, but tens of millions of people across the continent and beyond will Saturday let their hair down for the pop extravaganza that is the Eurovision Song Contest.

Often cringeworthy but always watchable, Europeans have for decades been putting their feet up in front of the TV to watch the Eurovision, through thick and thin, good time and bad. The 56th edition in the German city of Duesseldorf is no exception.

"It's amazing. This competition brings Europe together and brings countries together. This is what I went into music for, bringing people together," said Lee Ryan, 27, a member of this year's British entry, newly reformed boy band Blue.

"It's a big holiday, a big holiday for everyone in Europe, with such great singers and beautiful songs. The Eurovision is unique," Ukraine's entry Mika Newton, 25, hoping for her country's second victory, told AFP.

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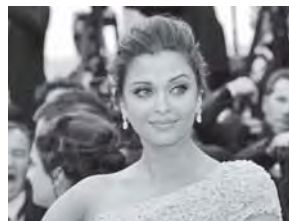
I'm not the heroine in 'Heroine', Indian star says

CANNES, 14 May—Indian actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's next movie sees her playing a Bollywood superstar, but on Friday she said it would not be a biopic of her own glamorous life.

Promoting "Heroine" at the Cannes film festival, the former Miss World—who has starred in more than 40 Indian movies—said she would be creatively at the mercy of director Madhur Bhandarkar.

"It's not a biography, it's not an autobiography for sure," said Rai, 37, with a laugh as she fidgeted with her hair. "You hear this today, at the very beginning, so know this until the very end."

When asked by AFP how much of the story she could identify with, she teasingly replied: "That's to tickle your fancy."—Internet



Indian Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan poses on the red carpet before the opening ceremony at the 64th Cannes Film Festival on 11 May.—INTERNET

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Rooney penalty clinches 19th English title for Man United



Rooney celebrates together with his teammates after scoring equalizer.—INTERNET

BLACKBURN, 14 May — Wayne Rooney's penalty clinched a record 19th English title for Manchester United on Saturday by salvaging a 1-1 draw at Blackburn.

Rooney drove home the spot kick in

the 73rd minute after Javier Hernandez was fouled, ensuring that United overhauls Liverpool as the most successful team in English league history.

Alex Ferguson's side required only a point to regain the Premier League trophy from Chelsea with

one game to spare, but the visitors fell behind after 20 minutes when Brett Emerton capitalized on poor defending and goalkeeping.

United's breakthrough came after a moment of controversy, when the striker Hernandez was tripped in the area by goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

Blackburn's players felt Hernandez went down too lightly, and the penalty was only



Rooney scores penalty, ensuring Red Devils to celebrate title win at Ewood Park. INTERNET

awarded by referee Phil Dowd after he consulted his assistant amid protests from both teams. Rooney kept his cool to score his 15th goal of the season.

The England forward, who grew up supporting Liverpool's local rival Everton, was only one when Ferguson took charge at United in 1986. Ferguson later promised to knock all-conquering Liverpool "off their perch." But by 1990 the

Anfield club had raised the bar to 18 titles. United kept its faith in Ferguson and in 1993 he ended the club's 26-year wait for another league crown.

Eleven more have followed since then, and in that time Liverpool has failed to top the standings once.

"Top of the perch," read a banner raised aloft by United fans at Ewood Park.

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Blackburn	1-1	Man Utd
Blackpool	4-3	Bolton
Sunderland	1-3	Wolves
West Brom	1-0	Everton

Nadal, Djokovic and Murray into Rome semis

ROME, 14 May—Rafael Nadal showed no signs of the fever that has been troubling him this week as he strolled into the Rome Masters semi-finals with a 6-1, 6-3 demolition of Marin Cilic on Friday. World number two Novak Djokovic beat fifth seed Robin Soderling 6-3, 6-0 to maintain his undefeated start to the year while Andy Murray became the first British man to reach

the Rome semis in the Open era after a 1-6, 6-1, 6-1 victory against Florian Mayer.

Having been totally off colour on Wednesday in a laboured three-set victory



Spain's Rafael Nadal

over Italian qualifier Paolo Lorenzi, Nadal proved he was back to his best against Cilic. "I improved more than a little bit, I played better. First of all, to win a tournament you have to play well every day," said Nadal.—Internet

Cardiff shrug off Bellamy blow in stalemate

LONDON, 14 May — Cardiff City ground out a 0-0 draw at Reading on Friday, shrugging off the first-half loss of injured captain Craig Bellamy, in their Championship play-off semi-final first leg. The Welsh side will head into the return in Wales next week the favourites to make the final but look set to be without Bellamy as they fight to win a place in the Premier League.

The on-loan Manchester City striker lasted just 17 minutes before going off injured with a hamstring injury. "Craig is a quality player so he would make a big difference for us but we will have to wait and see how he is in the morning," said Cardiff boss Dave Jones.—Internet

Craig Bellamy of Wales (R)
INTERNET

Man City end trophy drought

LONDON, 14 May—Manchester City ended their long wait for silverware by beating Stoke City 1-0 in the FA Cup final.

Yaya Toure proved the matchwinner - just as he was in the semi-final against Manchester United - as he rammed home the only goal of the match 15 minutes from time to cap a memorable week in the Citizens' history.

On Tuesday night they beat Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at Eastlands to book a spot in the Champions League.

City had not won the cup since 1969 but



Man City end no trophy curse since 1969 and clinch long awaited FA Cup title at Wembley.—INTERNET

the Potters had not even been to a final and were the only surviving founder members of the Football League never to lift the trophy.

The 1-0 defeat was also a double-whammy for manager Tony Pulis, whose last Wembley

final saw his Gillingham side lose the 1999 Second Division play-offs to City. The managers each gambled on the fitness of key players as Carlos Tevez, Matthew Etherington and Robert Huth all started.—Internet

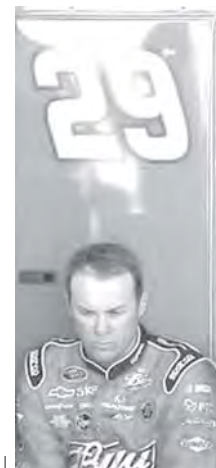
Busch, Harvick continue feud at Dover

DOVER, 14 May—Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch may have to play nice on the track now that they're on probation. Off the track? Well, boys, have at it. "It's kind of one lie after the other," Harvick said of Busch. "He'll talk to you to your face like you're best friends, but then behind closed doors ... he has the utmost disrespectful

thoughts," Busch said of Harvick.

The verbal smackdown that's been ignited between the NASCAR stars since their dustup last weekend at Darlington Raceway has turned Harvick-Busch into the feud of the week.

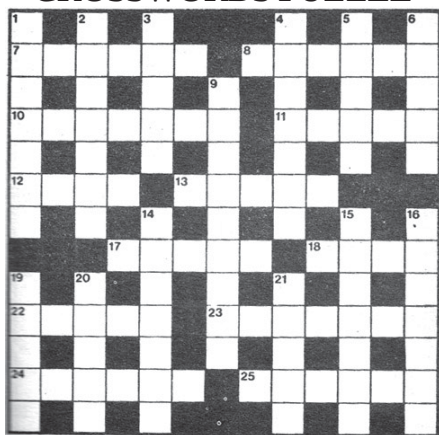
Harvick and Busch disagree about the incident that forced NASCAR to penalize them. And, they differ on NASCAR's interpretation of "Boys, have at it." They did agree on Friday at Dover International Speedway that they don't like each other.



Driver Kevin Harvick
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CROSSWORDS PUZZLE

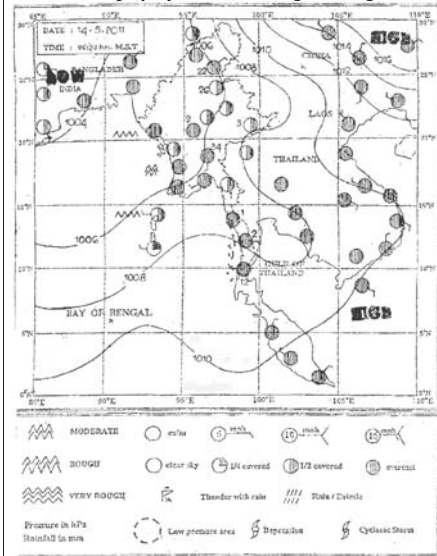


ACROSS

- 7 Opportunity
- 8 Vendor
- 10 Habit
- 11 Golf course
- 12 Smallest amount
- 13 An age
- 17 Daily record
- 18 Part of the foot
- 22 Ignite
- 23 Mohannedan fast
- 24 Wine
- 25 China clay

DOWN

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- 2 Aptitude
- 3 Pungent
- 4 Poisonous plant
- 5 Empty
- 6 Get up
- 9 Marty poet (anag.)
- 14 Immovable object
- 15 Carrier bag (4-3)
- 16 Flag
- 19 Explosion
- 20 Concur
- 21 Smudge

WEATHER**Saturday, 14th 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 and Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Mon State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin and Northern Shan States, (4°C) below May average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (43°C), NyaungU, Minbu and Pauk (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.50) inches, Paung (3.92) inches, Khayan (1.77) inches, Taunggup (1.34) inches, Kyeikkhame (1.30) inches, Kyauktaw (1.18) inches and Pyawbwe (1.61) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 13-5-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 14-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 14-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 13-5-2011 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 14-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-5-2011 was (79%).

Rainfall on 14-5-2011 was (0.94) inch.

Rainfall on 14-5-2011 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 (6) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 14-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 15th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Mon and Kayin States, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in 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) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15th May 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Messi and Barca feted by fans

BARCELONA, 14 May — Lionel Messi and his Barcelona teammates, who clinched a third straight Spanish league title on Wednesday, were treated to an enthusiastic reception by thousands of fans here on Friday. Supporters spilled out onto the streets of the Catalan capital to see the team paraded on an open top bus sporting a banner declaring "Champions 2010-2011". "It's a very special day with youngsters celebrating with their parents and their grandparents, a Catalan party," said Barcelona director Jordi Cardoner.

"This is a team made up of friends and when friends play well this is the result," he added. The bus also had a sign with the words "Lorca in our hearts" in homage to the victims of this week's earthquake in southeast-



A bus carries Barcelona's players through the streets of Barcelona in celebration after winning the Spanish League title.—INTERNET

ern Spain which left nine dead and 100 wounded. The celebrations were set to climax with a rock concert at Barca's Camp Nou stadium.— Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(15-5-2011) (Sunday)
Transmissions**Times**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (15-5-11 09:30 am ~ 16-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Rakhine Traditional Festivals in the Month of Kason
- * News
- * "Easily Cooked & Tasty Dishes" Sour Soup with Fish Head
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- * News
- * Youth of the Future "Hair Designer"
- * News
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- * Spotlight On the Star "Tin Tin Nyo, Her Life & Her Movies" (Part-II)
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Pavillion Painting
- * Traditional Banana Shrine Art
- * News
- * Coloured Glass Ball... Expert
- * Amazing Sculptural Works of Poe-win Hill
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mural Painting (Bagan)
- * Myanmar Movie "On Getting Six Lives"

**Sunday,****15 May****View on today**

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7:00 am

1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun 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. (38) Phyar Mingalars

8:15 am

8. Teleplay (Health)

8:30 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

12. Musical Programme

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical Programme

11:20 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's TV International News

11:30 am

4. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm

5. Golf Magazine (TV)

1:00 pm

6. Myanmar Video

2:40 pm

7. Musical Programme

2:50 pm

8. International News

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:25 pm

3. Dance Of National Races

4:35 pm

4. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:40 pm

5. Teleplay (Forest)

5:20 pm

6. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. AFC President's Cup (2011) (Live) (Jabal Al Mukaber Club (PAL)& Yadanarbon (MYA))

8:00 pm

9. News
10. International News
11. Weather Report
12. Cartoon Series
13. TV Drama Series

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

National Culture and Fine Arts Universities to preserve cultural heritage, make new creation for flourishing of national culture

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan views the playing of harps by students of the National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon).

MNA

YANGON, 14 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan yesterday afternoon viewed documentary photos on movements of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and visited the administration department, academic department, training department, fine arts showroom and library at the university, lecture and practical halls of music, drama and sculpture departments of the university, enjoyed the short plays of students to



be screened or performed at the graduation and looked into practical works

of students at the production studio. At the assembly hall,

Rector (In-charge) U Kyaw Oo of the (See page 9)



Kayin State marks World Red Cross Day 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—The summer basic computer course for faculty members and departmental personnel for 2011 concluded at University of Computer Studies in Hpakat model village in Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, with an address by Chief Minister of Kayin State Brig-Gen Zaw Min of Kayin State.

The Chief Minister attended the ceremony to mark the World Red Cross Day 2011 at the hall of Kayin State Health Department.

The Chief Minister, the ministers and departmental officials awarded the outstanding Red Cross members and donated K 500,000 to the funds of Kayin State Red Cross Supervisory Committee.

Later, the Chief Minister attended the skill demonstration of Chinlone players at the gymnasium.—MNA

Significant day temperatures (14-5-2011)

Chauk	(43°C)
NyaungU	(41°C)
Minbu	(41°C)
Pauk	(41°C)