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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

Government grants amnesty for prisoners

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—*The President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar today issued Order No. 28/2011 dated 16 May 2011. The following is a translation of the order:—*

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
President Office
Order No. 28/2011
14 Waxing of Kason, 1373 ME
(16 May 2011)

Amnesty granted

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has emerged as a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the constitution approved by the vast majority of the people. The government had to take action in accordance with the law against those who had violated existing laws. However, it is planning to turn prisoners into citizens who will in one way or another contribute towards the process of building a new nation. On the grounds of humanitarian and out of consideration for the families of the inmates, the President granted an amnesty in accordance with Section 204 (b) of the State Constitution for those who are serving prison terms for the crimes they committed before 17 May 2011, as follows:-

(a) Death sentences are commuted to life sentences.

(b) Other prison terms are commuted by one year exclusive of remission days.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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.

Union Defence Minister leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 16 May — At the invitation of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia, a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min this morning left for Indonesia by air to attend the 5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting to be held in Jakarta of the Republic of Indonesia.

MNA

Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project to complete in 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay yesterday called for making efforts for completion of the Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline project across Myitnge River to complete in 2013.

The Union Minister set the deadline during his visit to the pipeline bridge project which is under construction by CNPC, South East Asia Pipeline Company, and a part of the project for transporting crude oil and natural gas from Myanmar to China. Over 64. 5 per cent of the construction of the bridge has been finished.

During the inspection tour of the project, the Union Minister heard reports on the project presented by Vice-President of CNPC Mr. Cui Xin Hua and urged responsible personnel of the project to help employees of the ministry improve their pipeline construction technology, to use domestically produced materials if their quality is the same to the imported ones, to use land as little as possible and to help fertilization of the lands which are temporarily used for the project upon completion.

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***Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay inspects Myanmar-China crude oil and natural gas pipeline project across Myitnge River.*—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

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Kason Water Pouring Festival

Myanmar people designate Fullmoon Day of the Myanmar month Kason, which falls today (17 May), as a day of religious significance. In Kason, which marks Taurus, the second sign of the Zodiac in Myanmar tradition, the flower magnolia is bloom and Kason Water Pouring Festival is celebrated nationwide.

On this very day aeons ago, Lord Buddha Dipankara prophesized that Hermit Sumedha would become a Buddha one day. On Fullmoon Day of Kason in 68 Buddhist Era, the would-be Buddha was born of Queen Siri Maha Maya Devi. Born at the same moment with the would-be Buddha were Kaludayi Minister, Yasodhaya, Prince Ananda, Çhanda Minister, royal horse Kandana, four large gold pots filled with jewellery, and Bo Tree.

Prince Siddhattha, the would-be Buddha, realized the Four Noble Truths and became enlightened on Fullmoon Day of Kason in 103 Buddhist Era. At the age of 80, Vassa of 45 on Fullmoon Day of Kason 148 Buddhist Era, the Buddha attained Nirvana in Ingyin (Pentacma suavis) Forest in Kusinaron, Nemala.

Myanmar pour water onto Bayan trees to mark the Buddha's attaining enlightenment under a Bayan tree. On this occasion, Buddhists pour water onto Bo trees and perform meritorious deeds individually or in groups in pagodas.

Kason Water Pouring Festival is a testament to the fact that Myanmar Buddhists have preserved cultural heritage and religious traditions for a very long time.

People's Desire

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

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives German delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a German Delegation led by Member of Parliament of Federal Democratic Party (FDP) Mr Michael Glos and Chairman of Hanns Seidel Foundation Dr H. C. Mult Hans Zehetmair at his office here at 12:30 pm today.

The meeting focused on strengthening of bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Germany.

MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives MP Mr Michael Glos and Hanns Seidel Foundation Chairman Dr H. C. Mult Hans Zehetmair from Germany.

MNA

Union Minister for H&T and for Sports receives Korean guests

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan received Chairman Mr Lee Yong Soo of Korea-Myanmar Development Cooperation (KMDC) and Chairman Mr Nam Gung Gyeon and party of Korea Tourism Service (Onlintour) at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe and officials.

A ceremony to sign an MoU on Korea-Myanmar tourism cooperation for traveling of about 1000 Korean tourists to Myanmar monthly followed at the ministry, attended by the Union Minister.

Chairman of Myanmar Travels Syndicate U Zay Thiha and Chairman Mr Gyoun Nam Goong of Onnuri Travel Co Ltd of ROK signed the MoU.—*MNA*

***Union Minister U Tint Hsan receives KMDC Chairman Mr Lee Yong Soo and Chairman Mr Nam Gung Gyeon and party of Korea Tourism Service (Onlintour).—*MNA**

Cash donated to basic education schools in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — A ceremony to donate cash for basic education schools in Phakant Township of Kachin State was held at Kachin State Government Office this morning.

Well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein explained purpose of donation. The donor family donated K 20 million for all-round development of basic education schools in Phakant through Kachin State Education, Social, Religious Affairs and Culture Minister Daw Bauk Ja.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai returned certificate of honour to well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein and wife Daw Kyin Kin Kyein (a) Daw Ma Khine and spoke words of thanks.

MNA

***Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai presents certificate of honour to well-wisher U Law Lu (a) U Tun Sein and wife Daw Kyin Kin Kyein (a) Daw Ma Khine.—*MNA**

MTF President's Cup Tennis Tournament 2011 kicks off

YANGON, 16 May—Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Cup Tennis Tournament 2011 started at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning. The tournament includes 12 kinds of event. Myanmar Tennis Federation will train promising athletes for XXVII SEA Games to be held in Myanmar in 2013. It was attended by MTF President U Aung Maw Thein and executives and fun.

MNA

Snow storm delays start of Tour of California

LOS ANGELES, 16 May—An unseasonal snow storm forced the cancellation of the opening stage of the Tour of California Sunday.

The race organizers delayed the original start time by almost three hours and agreed to shorten the 118.7 miles stage in the hope of getting underway if the severe weather conditions cleared up.

The 18 teams and 144 riders even made it to the starting line and were a minute away from beginning the race when the stage was officially abandoned.

"We were monitoring weather conditions up until start time, and we just couldn't safely put the riders out on the course with the current forecast," said Andrew Messick, president of AEG Sports, the race owners. The eight-day event will now be held over seven days, starting Monday with a 133 mile (214km) ride from Squaw Valley ski resort to Sacramento.

***Race sponsors clear snow from their cars. Snowy conditions delay the Amgen Tour of California in South Lake Tahoe.—*INTERNET**

"We, the riders, are disappointed about not racing for the fans," said American Levi Leipheimer, a three-time winner of the race. "But we agreed it was too risky in the ever-changing weather."

Reuters

***People inspect damage after a mortar landed in Baghdad's central Tahrir Square, Iraq, on 15 May, 2011. Two mortar rounds slammed into the street at about 1:00 pm, killing two pedestrians and injuring eight others, a police officer said. He said the mortar rounds were aimed at Baghdad's Green Zone, which houses Iraqi government headquarters and the US and British embassies. Two other mortar rounds landed in the Green Zone, but there was no immediate word on casualties.—*INTERNET**

Seven people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 16 May—Seven people were killed and 17 wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Baghdad and the Iraqi Province of Salahudin on Sunday, the police said.

In Salahudin Province, director of Iraqi tax office and a female employee were killed when a sticky bomb attached to their government vehicle detonated in the afternoon in al-Qadsiyah District in northern the city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In northern the province, the police found a body of a beheaded woman in the town of al-Shirqat, some 250 km north of Baghdad, the source said. In a separate incident, an explosives expert was wounded while defusing a roadside bomb near Tikrit University, in northern Tikrit, the source added.

Xinhua

NATO chopper makes hard landing in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May—A helicopter, belonging to the NATO- led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) had a hard landing in southern Afghan Province Kandahar on Monday, a Press release from ISAF said.

The landing site, in Panjwa'i District of Kandahar Province, some 450 km south of Afghan Capital Kabul, "has been secured and all personnel are accounted for," according to the Press release.

There are no casualties reported, and "the cause of the incident is under investigation," read the Press release. The Kandahar Province is the main battle field where the Afghan security forces and ISAF have been chasing Taleban. However, " there are no reports of enemy fire in the area," said the ISAF Press release.—*Xinhua*

One NATO soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 May—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast on Sunday in Afghanistan's restive southern region, the military alliance confirmed in a statement.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device attack in southern Afghanistan today," said the statement release by ISAF here.

However, the brief statement did not reveal the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mainly from US, Britain, Canada and Australia have been stationed in the southern region within the framework of ISAF to fight Taleban militants there. Over 160 NATO soldiers, most of them Americans, have been killed in Afghanistan since beginning this year.—*Xinhua*

Calm and prayers help steer stricken plane back to Singapore

SINGAPORE, 16 May— Terrified passengers aboard a Cathay Pacific plane prayed together as their aircraft, one of its engines on fire, made its way back to Singapore on Monday, and their calm response earned praise from the captain.

Cathay Pacific said the *Airbus 330*, bound for Jakarta with 136 passengers on board, landed back in Singapore "without incident" just before 2 am. It said the crew shut down the engine after receiving a "stall warning." *Reuters* photographer Beawiharta was aboard the plane with his wife, two sons and daughter. About 20 minutes after take-off, there were two sharp bangs, sending cabin staff scurrying to retrieve the meals they had only just begun serving. The plane began shaking violently, he said, and the lights went out. He could smell something burning. His son, Pradipta, 15, said he saw nothing as he peered out the window.

Passengers on Cathay Pacific flight CX715 disembark from the aeroplane after it landed safely at Changi Airport in Singapore.

INTERNET

"But I asked him to cup his hands to get a better view," Beawiharta said. "He shouted: 'I see fire! I see fire!" Panicked, he then asked: 'Will we die? Will we die?' I took his hand and told him firmly: 'No, we are going to live.' "Behind us, passengers were praying: 'God, save our flight! Give us your protection!'" The prayers got louder and louder, pierced by only the occasional cry of panic.—*Reuters*

Danish crew free Somali pirate hostages

COPENHAGEN, 16 May—A Danish warship attacked a pirate boat off Somalia, killing four pirates and freeing 16 Iranian hostages on board, Denmark's navy said Sunday.

Ten other pirates were also wounded during gun battles between the Danish vessel *Esbern Snare* and the pirate "mother-ship" off Somalia on Thursday morning.

"The 16 hostages are waiting to see their families," the navy said in statement. "None of them and no one among the crew of the *Esbern Snare* was wounded," it said.

"All the hostages are doing well given the circumstances," Kenneth Nielsen, the navy's chief of staff spokesman, told TV2 News. The 24 captured pirates are still on board the warship as Danish authorities consider criminal proceedings.

"During a patrol along the Somali coast on the morning of Thursday 12 May, the *Esbern Snare* was approached by a pirate mother ship," the navy said in its account.

***Crew members of the Danish navy board a zodiac in 2010. A Danish military ship has attacked a pirate boat in Somalian waters, killing four pirates and freeing 16 Iranian hostages on board, Denmark's navy said Sunday.—*INTERNET**

"When the Esbern Snare tried to stop the boat using loudspeaker, it opened fire, which was immediately returned. "Shortly after the exchange of fire, several weapons were thrown overboard and there were signs of surrender. "*The Esbern Snare* then took control of the boat."

Pirates continue to take boat crews hostage and demand ransoms off the Somali coast despite an international military presence in the waters.

Internet

Science

This image provided by NASA shows a colour-enhanced image of the Gale Crater proposed landing site on Mars. The Gale Crater is one of four proposed sites for the landing of the next Mars rover. After years of poring through images from space to decide where to send the next Mars rover, it comes down to four choices. Scientists in the Mars research community will get one last chance to suggest a landing site to NASA, the ultimate decider.—INTERNET

Ancient rock carvings found in Sudan

KHARTOUM, 16 May—Archaeologists say they've found 5,000-year-old rock carvings in northern Sudan depicting scenes they can't explain.

Researchers discovered rock art in 15 sites in an arid valley known as Wadi Abu Dom in the Bayuda Desert, about 18 miles from the Nile River, LiveScience.com reported Friday. The drawings are carved into the rock faces of small stream beds known as "khors" that flow into the valley.

Some sites contain just a single drawing while others have as many as 30, Tim Karberg of the Westfalische Wilhelms-Universitat Munster in Germany said.

"We asked the local people about the rock art and they said that it would be very old, before their grandfathers," Karberg said.

A number of the images depict crosses and a church, suggesting they date back about 1,500 years to a period when Christianity was spreading in Sudan, the researchers said. One of the carvings may be of a nearby ancient monastery called al-Ghazali.

Another mysterious set of rock art appears to be at least 5,000 years old and shows a mix of geometric designs. The "oldest rock art we found are the spiral motifs," Karberg said.

Some researchers have linked spiral motifs to some astronomical or astrological forms, Karberg said, but he thinks it might have more to do with math.

"The regularity of the spiral might be one of the earliest mathematical ideas the people developed," he said.—*Internet*

Squidward, it's you! An octopus knows who's who

ROME, 16 May—When one octopus meets another octopus, the leggy animal remembers the acquaintance for at least a day, a new study indicates.

A study that paired 48 octopuses has shown they are capable of a less-specific form of individual recognition. They know if another octopus is familiar or unfamiliar. To figure if the animals actually recognize the other individual, scientists would first need to know what cues, such as colour or scent, the octopuses are using, and those remain unknown, according to Elena Tricarico, the lead researcher and a postdoctoral researcher at the Universita' degli Studi di Firenze in Italy.

One thing is clear: Octopuses are smart. They can learn tricks, like opening a jar, by observing other octopuses, and they have individual personalities.

Tricarico's octopuses became so familiar with their feeding schedule that when she arrives in the morning, they "ask" for food by stretching arms up to the surface of the water toward her.

Most octopuses are considered asocial, solitary animals; however, there are some clues indicating they may be capable of individual recognition: They communicate with one another using colour patterns on their bodies, and, even though they are territorial, octopuses occupying neighbouring dens co-exist relatively peacefully, suggesting they can recognize their neighbours and do not see them as threats.

When octopuses first encounter one another, they touch each other with their suction-cup covered arms. But after getting acquainted, they prefer to stay away; the researchers used these behaviors to tell if the animals recognized each other.

Internet

Technology

People view a game promotional video in the Square ENIX exhibit at the annual Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) at the Los Angles Convention Centre in 2010. Japanese game developer Square Enix Holdings said email addresses of 25,000 customers as well as resumes of 250 job applicants were leaked after a hacker attack against its European subsidiary.—INTERNET

RIM recalls 1,000 Playbook tablets

WASHINGTON, 16 May—Research In Motion Ltd has recalled about 1,000 of its Playbook tablets which were shipped with a flawed operating system build that could pose problems during the initial set-up, technology blog Engadget and several other media channels reported.

In a statement to CrackBerry.com, the Blackberry maker said the majority of the affected devices were still in the distribution channel and had not reached customers.

The company is working to replace the affected tablets, it said.

The Engadget blog reported on Saturday that the faulty batch was shipped to office supply chain Staples Inc.

RIM had hoped to turn around its fortunes with the launch of the PlayBook tablet, but the product won poor reviews and complaints it was rushed out before it was ready.

In April, RIM cut its first-quarter earnings outlook citing fewer BlackBerry smartphone shipments in the period.

Research In Motion and Staples could not immediately be reached by *Reuters* for comment.—*Reuters*

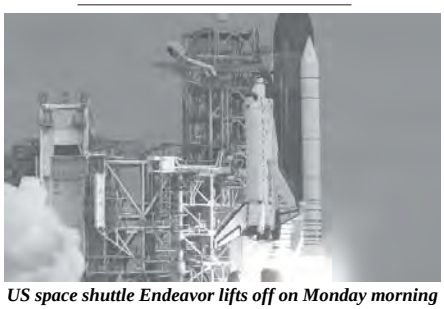
Shuttle Endeavor lifts off for final voyage

WASHINGTON, 16 May—US space shuttle Endeavor lifts off on Monday morning from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, to deliver to the International Space Station a 2-billion-dollar, multinational particle detector known as the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS).

It is the 25th and final scheduled flight for the spaceship, a 20-year-old space exploration veteran. According to NASA TV, the shuttle blasted off at about 8:56 a.m. EDT (1256 GMT) on a tower of flame. The climb to orbit takes about eight and half minutes. AMS, a particle physics detector, is designed to search for various types of unusual matter by measuring cosmic rays. Its experiments are designed to help researchers study the formation of the universe and search for evidence of dark matter, strange matter and antimatter.

Endeavor also will fly a platform that carries spare parts, including two S-band communications antennas, a high-pressure gas tank and additional spare parts for Canadian Dextre robotic arm. These spare parts will sustain space station operations once the shuttles are retired from service. The 16-day mission will feature four spacewalks to do maintenance work and install new components.

These are the last scheduled spacewalks by shuttle crew members. NASA's 30-year-old shuttle programme is ending due to high operating costs. When the US space shuttle program officially ends later this year, the Russian space programme's Soyuz capsule will be the only method for transporting astronauts to and from the station.—*MNA/Xinhua*



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Health

Heavy smoking tied to advanced kidney cancer

WASHINGTON, 16 May—Smoking increases the risk of advanced kidney cancer, researchers report.

In a new study, a team from Duke University Medical Centre reviewed the cases of 845 patients who had had surgery for kidney cancer — or renal cell carcinoma — between 2000 and 2009. They found that current and former smokers were 1.5 to 1.6 times more likely to have advanced cancer than nonsmokers.

Heavy smoking (smoking for a longer period of time and smoking more) was associated with advanced renal cell carcinoma. Kicking the habit reduced the risk of advanced disease by 9 percent for every 10 years that a former smoker was smoke-free, the investigators found.

The findings were slated for presentation Sunday at a special Press Conference at the American Urological Association's annual meeting, in Washington, DC. Another study scheduled for presentation at the same briefing found that rates of bladder cancer did not fall along with lower rates of smoking in the United States. The researchers examined a national database and found that lung cancer rates declined along with decreasing per capita consumption of cigarettes between 1973 and 2007, but the same type of consistent decline was not seen in bladder cancer rates. There may have been a decrease in bladder cancer due to smoking, but that decrease may have been offset by other factors contributing to a rise in bladder cancer over the last few decades, the researchers at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in Syracuse said in a news release from the American Urological Association. "These two studies shed new insight into the role that smoking might have for two important urologic cancers," news conference moderator Dr Toby Kohler said in the news release.

"For kidney cancer, it is true that kidney tumours are more often being detected these days when they are smaller. However, smoking seems to confer a much greater risk that the cancer may be more aggressive. Cessation of smoking seems to lower the risk," Kohler said.

Internet

Participates take off at the start of 'The Race,' a one-mile race to benefit two cancer fighting groups, the Susan G. Komen for the CureNortheast Ohio and The Gathering Place, at Legacy Village in Lyndhurst, Ohio, on 8 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Scientists find "master switch" gene for obesity

LONDON, 16 May—Scientists have found that a gene linked to diabetes and cholesterol is a "master switch" that controls other genes found in fat in the body, and say it should help in the search for treatments for obesity-related diseases.

In a study published in the journal *Nature Genetics*, the British researchers said that since fat plays an important role in peoples' susceptibility to metabolic diseases like obesity, heart disease and diabetes, the regulating gene could be target for drugs to treat such illnesses.

"This is the first major study that shows how small changes in one master regulator gene can cause a cascade of other metabolic effects in other genes," said Tim Spector of King's College London, who led the study.—*Reuters*

Unknown disease kills 16 in eastern Indian state Orissa

NEW DELHI, 16 May—An unknown disease has struck some villages in eastern Indian state Orissa's Malkangiri district killing at least 16 persons, including 14 children, over the last 10 days, reported *the Press Trust of India* on Monday. The report quoted medical officers as saying a medical team has rushed to the area to take stock of the situation.

As the victims are afflicted with lumps on mouth and other parts of the body, the symptoms indicated that the disease could be Anthrax or malnutrition, according to the report. The area is inaccessible and only link to the place is motor-launch across the Balimela reservoir. In the absence of medical care in the area, people mostly depend upon quacks and herbal treatment of diseases, according to the report.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Business

Japan core machinery orders up 2.9% in March

TOKYO, 16 May—Japan's core machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, posted a surprise rise in March despite the devastating earthquake and tsunami, data showed Monday.

The core private-sector machinery orders grew 2.9 percent from February, beating market expectations of a fall of more than nine percent due to the severity of the 11 March disaster.

The positive core data, which exclude volatile demand from power companies and for ships, reversed a drop of a revised 1.9 percent in February, the Cabinet Office said.

Even as the 11 March earthquake and tsunami disrupted supply chains nationwide and lowered consumer sentiment, solid demand from the non-manufacturing sector helped lift overall machinery orders.

Orders from manufacturing companies in March fell 0.4 percent but orders from non-manufacturers surged 7.1 percent.

Core machinery orders for the three months to March rose 3.5 percent from the previous quarter and are expected to rise a further 10.0 percent in the April-June term, according to the Cabinet Office.

The March disaster is expected to have a severe impact on the overall economy but it is also expected to produce a spike in orders for the massive reconstruction work that will be necessary.

Internet

Nissan sports utility vehicles are lined up for export in the port city of Yokosuka. Japan's core machinery orders, a leading indicator of corporate capital spending, posted a surprise rise in March despite the devastating earthquake and tsunami, data showed Monday.

INTERNET

China needs to raise rates to tame inflation

BEIJING, 16 May— China needs to raise interest rates further to rein in inflation, which is likely to stay high in coming years due to rising global commodity prices, Li Daokui, an adviser to the People's Bank of China said on Monday.

But Li, an academic member of the central bank's monetary policy committee, cautioned against raising interest rates too quickly as that could lure more hot money into the country.

"China is a unique and huge economy and too much attention is upon our economy, so the interest rate has to be carefully managed. If the interest rates are too high, there will be much hot money inflows," he said at an economic forum.

The world's second-largest is likely to grow 9.3-9.4 percent in 2011 despite policy tightening, and will retain an average 9 percent growth over the next five years, said Li, "China has entered a new stage of reasonably fast growth, and I think the economy will maintain fast growth in the coming five years," he said. A survey of economists showed they broadly expect the world's second-largest economy to expand 9.5 percent in 2011, slowing slightly from 10.3 percent last year.

China has lifted bank reserve requirements eight times and raised interest rates four times since October in a bid to put a lid on rising prices even after signs that the economy was slowing down. Li also said China's narrowing trade surplus could help ease foreign pressures on the country to let the yuan rise at a faster clip. China posted a trade surplus of $11.4 billion in April as exports hit a record while imports eased more than expected, swinging back from a trade deficit in the first quarter.—*Reuters*

File photo shows a woman counting a handfull of hundred-yuan notes in Beijing. Hong Kong aims to introduce an offshore spot yuan fixing rate this year, in a move aimed at boosting growth as well as the use of the Chinese currency in one of Asia's hottest financial markets.—INTERNET

Firefighters battle blaze near Las Vegas casino

***Firefighters douse an electrical transformer station behind several Las Vegas Strip casinos early on 15 May, 2011.—*INTERNET**

LAS VEGAS, 16 May—An electrical transformer exploded early Sunday behind a row of Las Vegas Strip casinos, knocking out power to parts of some resorts and touching off a smoky blaze that snarled freeway traffic and send flames 80 to 90 feet in the air. A transformer on a street behind the Monte Carlo resort blew up about 12:30 am, police spokesman Lt William Scott said.

There were no reports of any injuries and no one at the resort was affected, but power was temporarily cut to parts of the building, Scott told *The Associated Press*.

The exterior lights of the nearby Aria Resort & Casino and Vdara hotel at CityCentre also went out, apparently because of the fire.

Fire crews established a perimeter and let the fire, fueled by oil from the transformer, burn for about 30 minutes to help alleviate a large oil spill in the area, said Stacey Welling, a spokeswoman for Clark County fire."Crews put out residual fire quickly after most of the fire had burned itself out," Welling said.

More than an hour after the explosion, a reporter positioned about 500 yards away said there were no visible flames and firefighters were dousing an area where smoke was emanating.

The northbound lanes of nearby Interstate 15 were shut down for a time because of debris from the explosion and poor visibility caused by the smoke, but was reopened. Scott said the transformer was likely connected to a power pole. Several people posted links to photos and videos of the blaze on Twitter, drawing widespread attention to the fire.—*Internet*

Three people killed in El Salvador small plane crash

SAN SALVADOR, 16 May—The pilot and two Chinese nationals were killed on Sunday in El Salvador when the plane they were travelling in crashed in the region of Changallo close to the capital of the tiny Central American country, the fire department said. The Pilot Yaron Degani, a Salvadoran national of Israeli origin, was owner of the local company the Pulsar Group. The two Chinese nationals are Lee Yen and Yu Wen Kao, the National Civil Police said. Degani had lived in San Salvador for over 20 years where he launched the Pulsar Group, a company specialized in the manufacture of airplanes. Shortly after the accident, personal from the Salvadoran fire department closed of the zone of the accident and started investigating the accident. The plane had a test flight before taking off at the air base of Ilopango, which is located about 10 kilometers east of the capital San Salvador.

Xinhua

***Rescuers work at the site of the plane crash in Changallo region close to San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, 15 May, 2011.* XINHUA**

Israel to transfer cash to Palestinian government

JERUSALEM, 16 May—Israel has agreed to transfer to the Palestinians cash it withheld after the rival Palestinian factions signed a unity pact. Israel collects tax funds and customs fees from Palestinians who work in Israel on the Palestinians' behalf. It is supposed to transfer the money to the Western-backed Palestinian Authority.

But it held up the transfer this month, saying it feared money would reach militants in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. Earlier this month, the Palestinian Authority signed a unity deal with the Hamas.

Internet

Walls at Vicksburg strain as Mississippi River tops record

VICKSBURG, 16 May—The temporary walls erected at Vicksburg to hold back floodwaters were under fresh strain on Sunday as Mississippi River water levels set new records.

One day after officials opened a floodway downriver to speed the flow through the lower Mississippi Valley and spare two of Louisiana's largest cities, the water at Vicksburg hit 56.48 feet on Sunday, more than an inch above the record 56.2 feet set in 1927, according to the US Army Corps of Engineers. Experts say the river will rise another foot still in Vicksburg before 19 May, when it is expected to crest at 57.5 feet — 14.5 feet above flood level. The atmosphere in Vicksburg on Sunday remained remarkably calm with the police station closed, although the 911 emergency dispatch line remained open.

The Mississippi, swollen by a rainy spring and melt from an especially snowy winter, continues to rise as it moves south. Up to 5,000 Mississippi residents have evacuated or will evacuate as the flooding spreads. J'Wan Casey, 37, of Jackson, Mississippi lived in Vicksburg when he was young and returned to survey the damage. He found his grandfather's old home among those claimed by the flood. "I can remember going over to my grandfathers house when I was a kid and helping him out with chores on the weekend," he said. "Now it's completely under water."

Reuters

***Kurt Trahan uses his boat to haul a stove from his camp which expects to be flooded soon by the Atchafalaya River near Butte LaRose, Louisiana.—*INTERNET**

Mexican forces unearth 17 more bodies; toll at 218

MEXICO CITY, 16 May—Mexican security forces said Saturday they have discovered another 17 bodies in mass graves found last month in the northern state of Durango. The discovery brings the number of bodies recently unearthed in Durango to 218. That total eclipses the 183 bodies found in pits last month in Tamaulipas.

Durango's security agency said on Saturday that the excavation also turned up a bag of bones.

State investigators have not speculated on a motive for the killings, but drug cartels have been blamed for mass graves found in other states. Durango authorities say some of the victims have been dead for up to four years while others were buried as recently as three months ago. Separately, Durango state security authorities said Sunday they found nine bodies dead on the street in the state capital, Durango. The Sinaloa, Zetas and Beltran Leyva cartels have been fighting for control in Durango.

Also Saturday, a clash between gunmen and police in the popular Pacific coast beach town of Zihuatenejo left at least 13 people dead, including four members of the security forces and nine gunmen. The state security agency said the gunmen attacked a caravan of state security forces.—*Internet*

Building gas blast kills two, injures 12 in NE China

***The site of a residential building explosion is seen in Dalian City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 May, 2011.* XINHUA**

DALIAN, 16 May—Two people were killed and 12 others injured after a gas explosion occurred Monday morning in an apartment building in northeast China's Liaoning Province, police said.

Several windows of a six-floor apartment building were shattered and a balcony on the third floor was destroyed when the explosion occurred at 6:58 am in the coastal city of Dalian, according to police. All of the victims were living in the building, police said. The 12 injured just suffered slight injuries, according to police. Police have evacuated the building to run safety checks and an investigation is underway.—*Xinhua*

The Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason

***Ba Sein* (Religious Affairs)**

The Buddha's day, the fullmoon of the month of Kason falls on 17th May 2011.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason because over 2550 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Fullmoon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrated the Buddha's Day, the Fullmoon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world heartily comprehend that our Omniscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Budhagaya in India early in the morning on the Fullmoon Day of Kason (Vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on this own efforts, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)

All the Buddhist people know that sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus, the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribhoga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist people across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha's day or Vesakha Festival

It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagoda, shrines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha's Day, Fullmoon of the month of Kason to pour clean water on the sacred Bodhi Tree existed there.

Training school for the disabled children gets new assembly hall

***Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of SWD and Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong formally open new assembly hall at training school for the disabled children.*—MNA**

YANGON, 16 May—The opening of new assembly hall at training school for the disabled children under Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, was held at Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township here this morning. At the ceremony, Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department cut the ribbon to open it.

The new building was donated by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) and Man Fut Tong Welfare Society.

MNA

Talks on mother-to-child HIV infection prevention project given

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Health Department and UNICEF, educative talks on township-based mother-to-child HIV infection prevention project (central level) and a central level teachership course were opened at the office of MMCWA here this morning.

MMCWA Vice-President Dr Wai Wai Tha gave an opening speech and Secretary Daw Thazin Nwe handed over medical equipment for maternity wards provided by the association to representatives of project townships.

Next, resource personnel gave talks. The course is being attended by 44 trainees from States, Regions, Nay Pyi Taw and MMCWA and it will last up to 21 May.—*MNA*

Inland Water Transport services inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein inspected township manager offices of Inland Water Transport, jetties and watercrafts owned by IWT with passengers and goods onboard in Maubin, Mawlamyinegyun, Bogale, Kyaiklat and Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region and in Twantay Township in Yangon Region on 14 and 15 May.

In meeting with the staff of the manager offices, the deputy minister left instructions on timely arrivals and departures of watercrafts, their safety, providing services for the convenience of passengers, keeping watercrafts and jetties clean and durable, equipping the watercrafts with marine equipment and life vests, constantly collecting data of weather news and efforts for earning correct income.

In 2010-2011, IWT's watercrafts based in the delta transported 175,195 tons of goods and 5,711,893 passengers for arrivals and 178,850 tons of goods and 707,626 passengers for departures.

MNA

FIH Youth Challenge held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Myanmar Hockey Federtion organized the FIH Youth Challenge "Age Fit" at its Theinbyu Turf Court in Yangon yesterday.

About 300 youths aged 3 to 16 from Mingala Taungnyunt, North Okkalapa, Thakayta and Hlegu townships took part in the challenge.

The federation gave the constants with potential for success a hockey stick each.

FIH held Age Fit programme in world countries on 14 and 15 May.

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Vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and party present hockey sticks to new generation hockey players.

NLM

Union A & I Minister receives IRC Country Director

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Country Director Ms. Catherine Elisabeth Breen Kamkong of International Rescue Committee (IRC).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Country Director Ms. Catherine Elisabeth Breen Kamkong of International Rescue Committee (IRC) at his office here this morning.

They held discussions on development of agriculture sector and plans for development of rural regions.—*MNA*

Banks to assist economic development of customers

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Banks are to help develop the economic status of clients, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said at Myanma Economic Bank (Head Office) and Nay Pyi Taw Branch in Nay Pyi Taw Banks Zone here this morning.

The minister inspected banking services at Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw), and Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw. — *MNA*

Referees to be equipped with physical and intellectual calibers, good moral conducts

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan held discussion with President of Myanmar Football Federation and officials on preparation for XXVI and XXVII SEA Games. The minister urged them to impose discipline on footballers, put discipline first and success second, turn out referees who are able to take charge of international matches and to improve physical and intellectual and calibers and morality of referees.

MFF President U Zaw Zaw and Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu reported on arrangements for development of Myanmar football sports and follow-up tasks.—*MNA*

***Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan meets MFF President U Zaw Zaw and officials.*—MNA**

Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Cup Football Tourney-2011 ends

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—The final match between Myittha Township and Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-township U-19 Men's Football Tournament-2011 took place in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay on 12 May.

Myittha Township beat Amarapura Township 2-1. At the prize presentation ceremony, the Mandalay Region ministers and the Mandalay Mayor presented individual awards, and President of Mandalay Region Football Federation cash awards to the two teams.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint presented Championship Cup to Myittha Township team.

MNA

***Chief Minister U Ye Myint awards first prize winning Myittha Township team in U-19 Men's Football Tournament.*—MNA**

Sagaing Region development task inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, together with Minister for Education U Tin Win and Minister for Forestry U Saw Myint Oo of Sagaing Region, met with departmental personnel, townselders and local people at Raza Muni Pariyatti Monastery in Phaungbyin on 13 May morning and presented stationery and sport gear. Next, they inspected maintenance tasks for the river bank in Phaungbyin.

The chief minister then looked into construction of Kanhtoochaung village high school and met with the local people. Well-wishers donated K 4.7 million for school construction. The chief minister and party visited Mawlaik District People's Hospital where they comforted the patients and presented gifts to them. The chief minister also presented stationery and sport equipment in meeting with the local people at the gymnasium of Mawlaik.

MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from LPDR

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May— A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the 6th Bilateral Consultations between Myanmar and Laos held on 11-14 May 2011 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic at the invitation of Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the LPDR.

The meeting held at 2 pm on 12 May at the conference room of Champasak Grand Hotel in Pakse, LPDR, which was co-chaired by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR Mr.Bounkeut Sangsomsak, focused on boosting existing bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries as well as two Ministries and on recent political development in Myanmar and current issues in ASEAN and regional contexts.

In the evening, the Myanmar delegation attended a working dinner hosted by Mr Bounkeut Sangsomsak, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of LPDR, in the evening of 12 May 2011 at the Pakse Hotel.

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Myanmar-China crude oil pipeline...

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The Union Minister also visited the site chosen for construction of the transportation and maintenance station for the China-Myanmar Oil and Gas pipeline.

He visited the main storage and distribution centre of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the ministry in Mandalay and inspected distribution of oil and fire preventive measures.

MNA

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Sagainn-Tagundaing section) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected concrete paving, and construction of bridge, box culverts and underpasses on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Sagainn-Tagundaing section) on 14 May.

The union minister left necessary instructions and then inspected Taguntaing Roundabout and roadwork.—*MNA*

Communication sector, a vital role in shaping modern developed nation

***Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun addresses opening of basic mobile network system planning and installation course No 1/2011.*—MNA**

YANGON, 16 May— Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre today launched a basic mobile network system planning and installation course No 1/2011 with an address of Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that communication sector plays a crucial role to shape a modern developed nation. Besides, development of communication sector would help improve socio-economic status of the people.

The opening ceremony of the course was attended by Deputy Minister for CPT U Tint Lwin, Minister for Transport and for Communications, Posts and Telegraph U Aung Khin of Yangon Region and officials concerned from Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. The three-week course is being taken by a total of 106 trainees.

MNA

Union EP-1 Minister meets Chinese guests

***Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min receives Vice-President Mdm. Zhang Xiaolu of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) and party.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May — Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min received Vice-President Mdm. Zhang Xiaolu of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) from the people's Republic of China and party at his office here this morning.

They discussed matters related to ongoing Maykha, Malikha and Ayeyawady Basin Hydro-power Project and works to be done for electricity supply and installation of power grid.

MNA

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister visits General Hospital in Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung visited General Hospital in Pathein this morning. The Chief Minister comforted patients who are undergoing treatment at the hospital, and met with officials concerned at the office of the medical superintendent.—*MNA*

Magway Region Chief Minister receives US Charge d'Affaires ai

***Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe receives Charge d'Affaires ai Mr Larry M. Dinger from Embassy of the United States of America.*—MNA**

YANGON, 16 May —Charge d'Affaires ai Mr Larry M. Dinger from Embassy of the United States of America called on Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, at the Chief Minister's Office on 10 May.—*MNA*

Industry-1 Dy Minister visits Kyaukse Industrial Region, Meiktila Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung inspected Chocolate Factory, Vest Factory, Slipper Factory, Sewing Machine Factory, Bicycle Factory, Fire Brick Factory, Plastic Factory, Cement Plant and Glass Factory (Project) in industrial region in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region on 14 May.

He called for manufacturing quality and marketable products and discharging duties with good governance system, in meeting with heads and factory managers.

Yesterday morning, he inspected production of soap at Soap Factory (Mandalay) and No.3 Soap Factory. At the Meiktila Industrial Zone, he met with officials from industrial zones and incharges. Owner U Myint Soe of Tiger Myanmar Car Making Industry donated K 1,628,000 for No.237 Basic Education Primary School in the Industrial Zone through Chairman of Industrial Zone Management Committee.

After that, the deputy minister inspected Meiktila Win Thuza shop.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Firefighters try to put out the forest fire in Cancun, the State of Quinatana Roo, south Mexico, on 15 May, 2011. XINHUA

Canadian drug dealers exploit tiny Mich airports

SANDUSKY, 16 May—A Cessna airplane touched down about midnight, dropped a load of drugs and was back in the air in 90 seconds. Suddenly, the pilot of a US border patrol helicopter hovering nearby turned on a powerful spotlight and tracked an SUV fleeing with hockey bags stuffed with 175 pounds of marijuana and 400,000 Ecstasy-type pills.

The bust by federal agents didn't happen on the southwestern border. It was in Michigan's rural Thumb region next to a soybean field. The remote airport here in Sandusky offers a smooth runway at any hour to anyone who needs it, a perfect landing for brazen drug smugglers who can cross the Great Lakes from Canada in minutes.

This 11 April, 2011 photo shows a sign to the Sandusky Municipal Airport in Sandusky, Mich. INTERNET

Beefed-up enforcement along the Mexican border has made smuggling more challenging for criminal cartels using the major southern routes, but drugs continue to flow across the porous northern border through airstrips like this one as officials look for new ways to fight back. Tracking rogue planes at low altitude with their transponders off is "like trying to pick a needle out of a haystack," said John Beutlich of US Customs and Border Protection, who oversees air and marine operations from Washington state to Maine.—*Internet*

Fire kills two, injures two at mobile phone plant in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 16 May—Two workers were killed and another two injured in a Monday fire at a mobile phone plant in suburban Shanghai, local authorities said.

The fire broke out around 9:20 am at a plant operated by Shanghai Hehong Huajin Nanotechnology Co, a Japanese-funded company based in Jinshan District which mainly produces mobile phone parts.

The fire was put out shortly after breaking out and police are investigating the cause of the fire, according to local authorities.

Xinhua

Six people killed, dozen injured in US apartment fire

CHICAGO, 16 May—Six people, including three young boys, were killed and at least a dozen others were injured after an apartment in Aurora, a city in the west of Chicago, caught fire on Sunday.

The 3-floor apartment caught fire in the morning. A 10-year-old boy and two women in their 30s were also pronounced dead at the scene. Two other boys and a man were pronounced dead on arrival at hospitals, *Chicago Tribune* quoted Aurora Public Information official as saying.

At least 12 people were injured, two of them critically, said Aurora Public Information officer Dan Ferrelli.

The local police said that the fire started on the first floor and moved swiftly through the hallways and trapped people in the second and third floor.

The detail of the accident is still under investigation.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 14 May, 2011, shows a young female South China tiger in a breeding base in Suzhou City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 May, 2011. The young female South China tiger, an endangered tiger species, which was born on 6 Sept, 2010, was the second viable baby South China tiger in the past five years at the Suzhou base. —XINHUA

Russia to support shipbuilding industry in Far East

VLADIVOSTOK, 16 May — Russia will prepare a law to support shipbuilding industry in Far East by next week, Vice Prime Minister Sergey Ivanov said Sunday while inspecting the construction of maritime terminal on Kunashir Island.

According to the *RIA Novosti* report, the document will include a number of measures aimed at economical support of the sector, among them interest rate subsidies and other financial measures.

Besides, the law will make provisions for measures aimed at ship owner's advantages in building ships at domestic shipyards.

Meanwhile, Ivanov also said geothermal energy development is necessary for the region.

"We need to develop geothermal stations. New stations have to be built here," Invanov said at a conference on the islands on "Social and Economic Development of the Kuril Islands 2007-2015" under Russia's Federal Target Programme.

Ivanov noted that the main purpose of his visit to the Islands is to check the progress on the federal target programme for Russia's Far East, with an aim to tackle three major problems of the region — transport infrastructure, energy and social services.

The financing for the programme will amount to 15 billion rubles (0.54 billion US dollars) till 2015, which will not be affected despite the financial crisis.—*Internet*

Kenya's Olympic Champion dies after falling from balcony

NYAHURURU, 16 May — Olympic marathon champion Samuel Kamau Wanjiru died on Sunday night after reportedly falling from his balcony and later succumbing to his injuries.

Area police chief, Jasper Ombati said Wanjiru returned to his Milimani home in Nyahururu, 195km from Kenya's capital Nairobi at 11 pms local time (2000GMT) in the company of an unnamed woman, prompting a bitter quarrel with his spouse, Triza Njeri.

The wife then ran away from their master bedroom and with her husband in pursuit. She locked the stair-case door prompting Wanjiru to look for an alternative way out, according to police.

Wanjiru proceeded to the balcony and jumped f rom the balcony about six meters down to the first floor of his palatial home in an attem-pt to catch up with his fleeing wife.—*Xinhua*

File photo of Olympic Champion Sammy Wanjiru of Kenya, who died overnight after falling from the second floor of his home in the town of Nyahururu, police said Monday. INTERNET

Iran launches first natural gas reservoir

TEHERAN, 16 May—Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Javad Owji said Sunday that Iran launched the country's first underground natural gas storage facility in the central Province of Qom, the English language satellite Press TV reported.

The Qom reservoir, which is located in the Sarajeh region, has the capacity to store 3.3 billion cubic meters of natural gas a year, the report said.—*Xinhua*

Indonesian Army's helicopter makes emergency landing

JAKARTA, 16 May—A helicopter belongs to Indonesia's army made an emergency landing in Timika region of Papua Province on Monday, a private television reported here.

TVOne television station reported that the helicopter was flying in foggy mountainous area of the region and carrying 13 passengers, consisting of 10 military personnel and three civilians. Nobody was killed in the accident but four of them were badly injured.

Xinhua

German hairdresser lifts 'best beard' trophy

A German man scooped the title of world's best beard on Sunday after impressing competition hosts in Norway with his facial hair featuring a moose and a Norwegian flag.

Hairdresser Elmar Weisser, 47, beat 160 hopefuls from 15 countries to take first prize in the World Beard and Moustache Championship, held this year in Trondheim.

Weisser is a veteran of the competition, held every two years, having won several times before.

He said his sister helped him with the creation, starting work at 7:00 am. "When my beard isn't styled, it goes down to my waist. It is sort of folded up," he told *AFP*. Weisser took the title in

Overall winner, Elmar Weisser of Germany reacts after winning first place of the Full Beards Freestyle category during The Beards and Moustaches World Championship 2011 in the northern city of Trondheim.

2005 in Berlin with his beard in the form of the landmark Brandenburg Gate, and two years later won in England for his recreation of the Tower Bridge.

He did not compete in the 2009 competition in Alaska. Germany and the United States traditionally dominate the eccentric contest which began in 1990 and has been running regularly since 1995.

Moustaches are judged in six categories: natural, English, Dali, Hungarian, imperial and freestyle. Contestants with what is deemed a "partial beard" compete for honours in the natural, Chinese, Imperial, Musketeer, sideburns, and freestyle categories.

While those with full beards are divided into the groups natural, natural with styled Moustache, Verdi, Garibaldi and freestyle.

Lolo, a black jaguar, plays with Ward, her 14-month-old spotted cub, inside their enclosure at the zoo in Amman on 12 May, 2011.

Italian David Murray emerges from the water after successfully breaking the Guiness World Record for underwater breath holding in Baofeng Lake, Zhangjiajie City, central China's Hunan Province, on 14 May, 2011. Murray refreshed the Guiness World Record set by Danish Severinsen in 2011 with 20 minutes and 55 seconds.

Near-sighted burglar drops glasses

Seattle police said a nervous and near-sighted burglar was foiled when he dropped his glasses.

The 36-year-old man was trying to open a window at a home in the Magnolia neighbourhood early Friday morning, Seattlepi.com reported. After he lost his glasses, a dog began barking and he took off.

The residents called 911. The burglar came back, ringing the doorbell, asking for his glasses and again leaving empty-handed.

A suspect was arrested nearby, hiding in the bushes.

News Album

First of twins arrives early, in car

A woman on her way to a Pennsylvania hospital to deliver twins didn't quite make it — the first baby was born in the car, officials said.

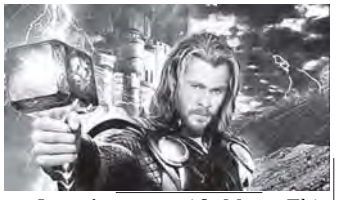
Danielle Bowers, 27, and her fiance called 911 about 1:55 am Sunday as they travelled to West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield, and about a minute later a 6-pound, 8-ounce baby girl they named Sasha arrived, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* reported.

Medics responding to the emergency call then transported Bowers and her newborn the rest of the way to West Penn.

A second daughter, 5-pound, 8-ounce Sevira, was delivered about a half hour later, hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Davis said.

"Everyone is doing well," she told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.*

"Thor" holds on to top place for 2nd weekend



LOS ANGELES, 16 May—This weekend tunes out to be a time when the superhero from "Thor" held on to his crown with a big hammer, grossing a total of 100 million dollars in sales in North America, the box office authority reported on Sunday.

Helped by its word of mouth and big family turnout during daytime Saturday, the Paramount superhero drama is on track to fetch 34.5 million dollars in movie theaters across the United States and Canada, bringing its 10 day total to 119.3 million dollars. The weekend's showing represents a mere 48 percent decrease from the previous week, which is well within the expectations by the executives.

Elsewhere in the international market, the Norse god also fares well. It has grossed a total of 225 million dollars in ticket stub sales across 60 territories.

Sitting in the second place is "Bridesmaids," an R-rated comedy targeting female audiences which stars a batch of newcomers. The Universal release is estimated to garner 24.4 million dollars from 2,918 locations, a feat "well above projections," industry analysts Paul Degerabedian said.

Xinhua

Silent film is all the talk at Cannes

CANNES, 16 May—A French director's clever silent movie about a fallen Hollywood silent-movie star came out of nowhere on Sunday to become a strong contender for the Palme d'Or at Cannes.

"The Artist" by Michel Hazanavicius won strong applause — and more than a few laughs — from festival goers who'd been wondering if Cannes this year was ever going to be about more than dysfunctional families and sexual deviancy.

French actress Berenice Bejo kisses French actor Jean Dujardin during the photocall of "The Artist" at the 64th Cannes Film Festival.—INTERNET

Shot in Hollywood in black and white, it stars Jean Dujardin as George Valentin, a vain silent-movie hero in 1927 who becomes a zero two years later with the advent of the talkies.

Berenice Bejo is Peppy Miller, a talking-picture siren who fondly remembers how Valentin gave her a leg-up in show biz. Veteran funnyman John Goodman rounds out the cast as studio boss Al Zimmer.

Hollywood's heavy-hitting Weinstein brothers, riding high on the success of "The King's Speech," are planning to release "The Artist" later this year. Winning top honours at Cannes would give the film a huge publicity boost.

Internet

'Grumpy' Bieber draws tiny Hong Kong welcome

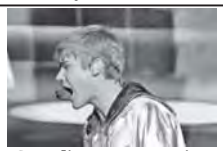
HONG KONG, 16 May— Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber usually draws legions of screaming girls at his sold-out concerts, but the mop-haired teen idol got a hugely disappointing greeting when he arrived in Hong Kong.

Just seven fans showed up at the city's airport to greet Bieber, *the Sunday Morning Post* reported, calling it an "embarrassingly low-key reception".

In contrast to the tiny turn-out, footage of his arrival posted on YouTube — where the star made his name — had been viewed nearly 135,000 times by Sunday, four days after he jetted in to the muted reception.

The paper said there were "three times" more bodyguards than female fans at the airport with the 17-year-old pop sensation "looking grumpy and walking straight past the small group of fans as they yelled out his name".

But some fans defended the heartthrob, saying his gloomy demeanour was due to him falling ill before arriving in the southern Chinese city.—*Internet*



Canadian pop sensation Justin Bieber, seen here, usually draws legions of screaming girls at his sold-out concerts, but the mop-haired teen idol got a hugely disappointing greeting when he arrived in Hong Kong.—INTERNET

Israeli director at Cannes turns camera inward

CANNES, 16 May—Israeli director Joseph Cedar, whose film about the army withdrawal from southern Lebanon garnered an Oscar nomination, said Sunday he was looking inward with his current Cannes entry.

"Footnote", one of 20 features vying for the Palme d'Or at the world's biggest film festival, tells the story of a father-son pair of Talmudic scholars locked in a decades-long rivalry. Set in the rarefied world of academia, the film is a far cry from the gritty realism of "Beaufort", his 2007 soldier movie which captured the best director prize at the Berlin film festival and was shortlisted for an Academy Award.—*Internet*

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Mandalay
Kyaw Swa Win LCCI Training Centre
Win Myanmar Accountancy Training Centre

Scholarship Winners

Yangon
Tin Zar Aung
Wai Wai Phyo
Ei Mon Kyaw
Aye Su Paing Oo
Myat Myat Khine
Myat Lay Phyu
Thet Thet Aung
Thant Zin Mar Oo
Heain Htun Oo
Tin Tin Lin
Su Zin Nyunt
Thiri Thinzar
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Saw Htet Kyaw
Wai Wai Khine
Tin Tin Maw
Maw Maw
Ohmar Win
Su Myat Min

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A Mon Soe	Cost Accounting
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Aeint Thet Ngon	Cost Accounting
Aung Kyaw Myint	Management Accounting
Chaw Su Han	Advanced Business Calculations
Hay Mar Lwin Oo	Cost Accounting
Hay Nwe Oo	Business Administration
Hnin Hnin Khine	Management Accounting
Hnin Mu Lwin	Cost Accounting
Hnin Nu Win	Cost Accounting
Honey Po Po Hmwe	Cost Accounting
Htein Thilar Hein	Computerised Accounting
Htoo Htet Htet Kyaw	Advanced Business Calculations
Htwe Htwe Aung	Accounting
Khin Zar Zar Kyaw	Computerised Accounting
May Thu	Business Statistics
Mya Kay Khaing Lwin	Computerised Accounting
Myintzu May	Computerised Accounting
Nandar Yee Lwin	Computerised Accounting
Nann Hay Mun Cho	Book-keeping and Accounts
Nwe Ni Lin	Computerised Accounting
Nyo Me Lai Maung Maung	Advanced Business Calculations
Phyu Thin Wai	Management Accounting
Pwint Phyu Thant	Accounting
Pwint Phyu Thant	Computerised Accounting
Shanny Khin	Cost Accounting
Shwe Sin Myint Hlaing	Cost Accounting
Su Yee Mon	Cost Accounting
Swe Zin Thein	Computerised Accounting
Thaw Dar Wit Yee	Cost Accounting
Thet Hnin Aye	Accounting (IAS)
Thin Thin Hlaing	Advanced Business Calculations
Thin Thin Oo	Advanced Business Calculations
Thin Thin Oo	Cost Accounting
Thu Thu Han	Book-keeping and Accounts
Tun Lin Zaw	Advanced Business Calculations
Wint Wah Hlaing	Computerised Accounting
Yin Myat Mon	Cost Accounting

Silver Medallion Winners

Cho Zin Wai	Accounting
Ei Tar Yar Lwin	Advanced Business Calculations
Han Ni Tun	Business Statistics
Khin Aye Thant	Advanced Business Calculations
Khin Sandar	Management Accounting
Khin Wai Yan Soe	Management Accounting
Khine Mar Win	Accounting (IAS)
May May Hlaing	Computerised Accounting
May Myat Khine	Advanced Business Calculations
May Phyu Kyaw	Management Accounting
May Thwe Tun	Computerised Accounting
May Zin Thant	Advanced Business Calculations
Moe Shwe Syn Naing	Advanced Business Calculations
Myo Myint San	Management Accounting
Naing Aung Min	Advanced Business Calculations
Nann Ei Mon San Lwin	Business Statistics
Phoo Theint Theint Zaw	Computerised Accounting
Phyu Thin Wai	Accounting
Poh Poh Aye	Cost Accounting
Sai Aung Phyo	Accounting
Soe Naing	Book-keeping and Accounts
Su Lat Tin	Business Statistics
Su Phoo Ei	Management Accounting
Thant Zin Mar Oo	Computerised Accounting
Thet Htar Swe	Accounting
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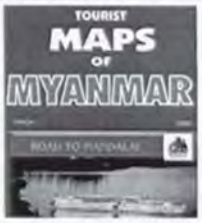

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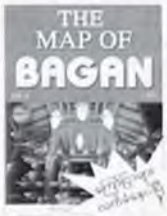

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MYANMAR RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION (MRA) LOGO Contest

Myanmar Restaurant Association (MRA) is holding a contest to design a unique Logo and would like to invite anyone interested to participate.

- Once all submissions have been received, the Board will examine each of them critically and the Board will then select what is (in its opinion) the best, and move a formal motion that this be adopted as the MRA logo.
- Only the first prize will be given and the winner will receive 300,000 kyats as a reward.
- The logo must be original, unique and be able to represent the restaurant industry as a whole.
- Copyright of the chosen logo must be assigned to MRA.
- All of the submissions are not returnable.
- The logo must be supplied in both hard and soft copies.
- For hard copy, participant must include name, NRC or Passport no., Address and contact phone no, along with 5"x5" logo on A4 paper.
- For soft copy, a CD or DVD which contains a high quality Photoshop file from which it is possible to re-create the logo exactly and to generate the logo at any size from 72px (smaller dimension) upwards without significant degradation in quality even if it is used in Billboards, is required. The logo should work well both in colour and in monochrome (black-and-white or greyscsale, max; 8 bits)
- Submissions should be sent to No.101, Shwe Than Lwin Condo, New University Avenue Road, Saya San Quarter, Bahan Township, Yangon between office hour and before 2:00 pm on 26.5.2011.
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***An excavator piles up salt at a mine with one of the biggest reserves of lithium in the world in Bolivia where a number of overseas firms have invested in the facility.—*INTERNET**

Japan's Sumitomo to invest in Chilean copper mine

TOKYO, 16 May—Japan's Sumitomo group companies said Monday they would invest a combined $1.2 billion in a Chilean copper mine as they bid to secure supplies of the metal amid escalating global competition.

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co and trading house Sumitomo Corp agreed with Canada's Quadra FNX Mining Ltd to develop the Sierra Gorda facility to mine copper and molybdenum, they said in a joint statement.

Demand for copper, which is used in infrastructure projects, is growing in emerging countries. Molybdenum is used in high-strength steel sheets.

The Sierra Gorda mine has around 1.3 billion tonnes of recoverable reserves. Production from the project is expected to commence in 2014.

Chile is the world's largest copper producing country, providing more than one third of global supply.—*Internet*

China seeks world heritage status for world's oldest wooden pagoda

TAIYUAN, 16 May—Authorities in north China's Shanxi Province said Sunday that they would finish the application for the Sakyamuni Pagoda, the oldest wooden structures in the world, by July for it to be included on the UNESCO list of cultural relics by 2013.

The Sakyamuni Pagoda, also known as the Yingxian Pagoda as it was housed in the Fogong Temple of Yingxian County, is the oldest full-wooden pagoda still standing in China and believed to be the oldest of its kind in the world. Standing 67.31 metres tall, the octagonal pagoda was built in 1,056 AD during the Khitan-led Liao Dynasty.

The government has allocated over 30 million yuan (about 4.59 million US dollars) to improve the environment surrounding the state-protected pagoda, said Zhao Chang, head of the county's cultural relics department.—*Xinhua*

***The Yingxian Wooden Pagoda, also named Sakyamuni Pagoda of Fogong Temple, is to apply for the world cultural heritage site. The Pagoda is regarded as the highest and oldest wooden structure in the world. —*XINHUA**

AA flight makes emergency landing

LITTLE ROCK, 16 May — An American Airlines jetliner was diverted safely to Little Rock, Ark., on Sunday afternoon after a reported engine fire, officials said. Flight 1720, an *MD 80*, had been making its way to Washington Dulles International Airport from Dallas-Fort Worth with 136 passengers and five crew members, when the emergency incident occurred at 3:54 pm.

Internet

Ronaldo equals Spanish record with 38th goal

Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo

MADRID, 16 May—Portuguese goal machine Cristiano Ronaldo equalled the all-time league record of 38 goals with a brace in Real Madrid's 3-1 victory at Villarreal on Sunday. Ronaldo made it nine goals in his last three games with a 22nd minute free-kick and a last minute strike to stay on course to pick up the Pichichi trophy for the league's top-scorer.

Barcelona's Lionel Messi, his nearest rival, has 31 La Liga goals. Ronaldo's 38-goal tally equals the all-time best record set by Athletic Bilbao's Telmo Zarra in 1951 and matched by Real's iconic Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez in 1990. And he has the final game of the season to set a new record.

Internet

Ancelotti waits to discover Chelsea future

LONDON, 16 May—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti admits he still doesn't know if he will be in charge at Stamford Bridge next season. Ancelotti joined his players on the traditional lap of honour that followed the final home game of the season after his side's 2-2 draw with Newcastle on Sunday.

But with doubts surrounding Ancelotti's future, the Italian conceded he was unsure whether he was signalling a final farewell to the club's supporters after two seasons in charge. Chelsea's failure to win silverware this season and the team's alarming dip in mid-season has thrown the focus on Ancelotti's position despite his success in guiding the club to its first ever league and FA Cup double last season.

Internet

Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti

Arsene Wenger: no complaints over Arsenal boos

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger

LONDON, 16 May—Arsene Wenger admits he could have no complaints about the angry reaction from Arsenal fans who booed their team during and after the 2-1 defeat against Aston Villa at the Emirates Stadium.

Wenger's team were jeered at half-time and then again at the final whistle, while some fans voiced their disapproval during the players' lap of appreciation following Arsenal's latest defeat of a miserable second half of the season.

The Gunners were two goals down in the first 15 minutes as Darren Bent struck twice for Villa and Robin Van Persie's late goal wasn't enough to rescue a point.

Arsenal have now gone six seasons without a trophy and, with ticket prices set to rise next season, the Emirates faithful have clearly had enough of paying through the nose to see their team of underachievers.

Internet

Matt Kenseth pulls away late, wins at Dover

DOVER, 16 May—Matt Kenseth's first idea was to skip pit road, take a chance he could start first on a restart and hang on for a victory. Then, he had another thought. Why not just take two tires on pit road instead of four? With his No 17 Ford on the jack, Kenseth called the audible and told crew chief Jimmy Fennig he wanted two.

"Two tires! Two tires!" Fennig said. His crew made the switch before they dropped the car and that was the perfect strategy Kenseth needed to win the Sprint Cup race at Dover International Speedway on Sunday. Kenseth led the final 32 laps to win for the second time this season. He also won at Texas and became the third driver to win twice this season.

Internet

Matt Kenseth, second from right, hides from the spray as his crew celebrates in victory lane after Kenseth won the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race, on 15 May, 2011, in Dover, Del.— INTERNET

Choi outlasts Toms in a Players playoff

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 16 May—K J Choi did everything demanded of the winner at The Players Championship. Not only did he hit the island green on the 17th hole at the TPC Sawgrass, he did it three times in one day. With the tournament on the line, he got up-and-down for par from 80 feet on the final hole on Sunday. Despite everything Choi did to win, this Players Championship might be remembered as much for how it was lost.

David Toms, who hit 6-iron out of a divot and made an 18-foot birdie putt on the hardest hole to force a playoff, missed a 3 1/2-foot par putt on the 17th to hand Choi the biggest win of his career. "No excuses, no spike marks, no ball marks, no nothing," Toms said of his three-putt bogey on the first sudden-death playoff hole. — *Internet*

K J Choi

Blame me, says sacked West Ham manager Avram Grant

WIGAN, 16 May—Avram Grant shouldered responsibility for West Ham's relegation from the Premier League as he paid for the London club's demotion to the Championship with his job.

The Hammers had still to leave the DW Stadium when the club announced Grant had been sacked after his team squandered a 2-0 lead as Wigan, who could yet be relegated themselves, fought back to win 3-2.— *Internet*

West Ham United's Israeli manager Avram Grant

Redknapp reveals secret of Spurs' success

LIVERPOOL, 16 May—Harry Redknapp inspired Tottenham to a 2-0 win over Liverpool by warning his players they will have to return early from their holidays if they don't clinch a Europa League spot. Redknapp's side leapfrogged Liverpool into fifth place in the Premier League thanks to Rafael Van der Vaart's early goal and Luka Modric's second half penalty at Anfield on Sunday.

It means a win against Birmingham on the final day will secure Tottenham's place in Europe's second-tier competition next season. — *Internet*

Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp

Djokovic title run won't last forever, says Nadal

ROME, 16 May—Rafael Nadal has warned Novak Djokovic that his unbeaten start to 2011 won't last forever. Djokovic beat Nadal 6-4, 6-4 in the Rome Masters final to deny the Spaniard a sixth title here in seven years and take his winning streak to 37 matches this year.

It was the fourth time this season the Serbian has beaten the world number one in a Masters final and the second time on clay in the space of eight days after his Madrid triumph.

With the French Open beginning next Sunday, Nadal faces the prospect of not being the favourite, even though he has won there five times in six years.

Internet

Rafael Nadal has warned Djokovic that his unbeaten start to 2011 won't last forever.— INTERNET

Ward dominates Abraham to reach WBA Super 6 final

Andre Ward of the US celebrates after defeating Arthur Abraham of Germany during their WBA Super middleweight Championship bout at the Home Depot Center in Los Angeles, California. — INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 16 May—Andre Ward's speed and power proved too much for Arthur Abraham as Ward earned a unanimous 12-round decision over the German to retain his World Boxing Association super middleweight title.

Ward on Saturday also secured his place in the final of the Super Six tournament designed to unify the division's belts. He now awaits the winner of the other semi-final between Carl Froch and Glen Johnson on 4 June in Atlantic City.

"We're going to the finals, baby," Ward said. Ward, a 2004 Olympic gold medallist, improved to 24-0 with 13 knockouts. He displayed his trademark tactical style, methodically wearing down Abraham.

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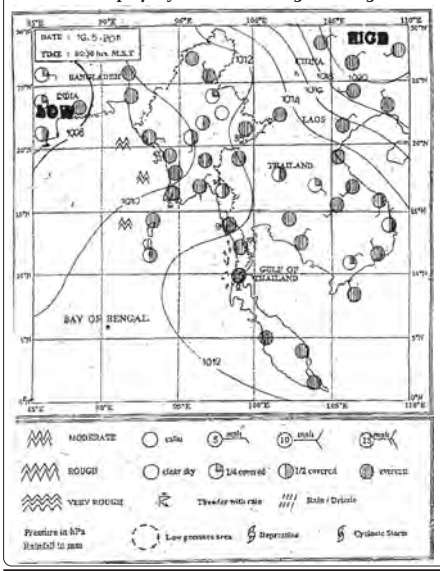
WEATHER

Monday, 16th 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 Ayeyawady Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in Mandalay Region, Kachin and Rakhine States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Rakhine State, (6°C) above May average temperatures in, Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chauk (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (1.38) inches, and Shwegyin (1.26) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 15-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 16-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 16-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 15-5-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 16-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-5-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 16-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 16-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.04) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye)and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.79) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (15.98) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Southeast at (9:30) hours MST on 16-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 17th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin, Chin, Kayin and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershower in the Lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17th May 2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (60%).

Busquets cleared for Champions League final

GENEVA, 16 May—Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets will be able to play in the Champions League final against Manchester United later this month after being cleared of racist abuse by UEFA on Monday. European football's governing body confirmed they have dismissed claims from Barca's Spanish rivals Real Madrid that Busquets racially insulted Brazilian full-back Marcelo during the controversial first leg of their European semi-final last month.

A UEFA statement read: "The chairman of the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body, acting as a judge sitting alone, has today decided to dismiss the report made by Real Madrid concerning racial abuse against its player Marcelo by FC Barcelona player Sergio Busquets due to a lack of strong and convincing evidence." A statement on Barca's website read: "UEFA has notified FC Barcelona they have dismissed the claims of Real Madrid. Sergio Busquets will play in the Champions League final." Barcelona will play Manchester United in the final at Wembley on 28 May.—*Internet*

Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets (L) challenges Real Madrid defender Marcelo during the Spanish Cup final at the Mestalla Stadium in Valencia on 20 April, 2011.

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Tuesday,

17 May

View on today

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

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Sermon on "Fullmoon Day of Kason, The Sacred Day" by Joint Secretary Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaca Committee Kayan, Kaingkon Kyaungtaik Sayadaw

8:00 am
5. Dhamma Puja Song

8:10 am
6. Dhamma Puja Song

8:40 am
7. Programme in honour of "Fullmoon Day of Kason"

8:50 am
8. International News

8:55 am
9. Dance Of National Races

3:15 pm
1. AFC President's Cup (2011) (Live) (Yadanarbon (MYA) & FC Istiklot (TJK)

5:15 pm
2. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)-Second Year (Zoology)

5:25 pm
3. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:30 pm
4. Dhamma Puja Song

5:40 pm
5. Songs in commemaration of Fullmoon Day of Kason

5:50 pm
6. Programme in honour of "Fullmoon Day of Kason"

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

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

6:35 pm
10. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
11.TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. Just for Laughs
16. TV Dramma Series
17. Four Sacred Places' by Sitagu Sayadaw
18. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw

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(17-5-2011) (Tuesday)

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Local Transmission
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* News
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* Myanmar Movie "The True Love"

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★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Hotels to improve services

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan holds discussions with hoteliers of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan met hoteliers of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here this afternoon and discussed matters to form Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, reinforce laws, conduct hotel courses and standardize hotels.

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung and Chairman of the Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Khin Shwe reported on requirements to be fulfilled to improve hotel services in the Hotel Zone Association and hotels, and follow-up programmes.

On behalf of the hoteliers, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone Association U Tha Htay held discussions about hotel services and announced the names of the executive members of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone Association.

General Manager U Aung Zaw Win of the Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services dealt with courses to be organized at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and Director U Htay Win of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, the issuing of hotel licences and standardizing hotels.

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Danish crew free Somali pirate hostages

Crew members of the Danish navy board a zodiac in 2010. A Danish military ship has attacked a pirate boat in Somalian waters, killing four pirates and freeing 16 Iranian hostages on board, Denmark's navy said on Sunday.

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Thuta Arman Library opened in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 16 May—The opening of Thuta Arman Library in Bagyishaung Village, Thamok Village-tract, Myeik Township, took place at the facility yesterday.

The heads of the township General Administration Department and the Information and Public Relations Department formally opened the library.

The Head of district IPRD touched upon programmes for sustainable development of the library, increasing the number of publications, and raising funds.

Departmental officials donated a 19-inch colour TV and a radio, and well-wishers, cash and periodicals to the library.

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