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Rural production and economic growth engine of national economic development Data of UNDP and relevant department, shows poverty falling in Myanmar



President U Thein Sein making speech at the opening of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The following is a translation of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein at the opening of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.

Union ministers, deputy ministers, Region/State ministers, departmental officials, economists, and representatives of social organizations, I would like to extend my warmest greetings, wishing you all in physical and spiritual wellbeing.

The workshop is aimed at improving the living conditions for rural people and alleviating poverty by creating economic opportunities for them. In this case, we have to seek ways and approaches through talks.

At the core of our new government's drive for building a modern and developed nation lies economic growth of the nation. For improve-

regulations and procedures in the interest of the nation and the people. Soon, we will have to hold talks with economic experts, departmental officials and organizations for advice.

This workshop is an important part of the attempt to achieve economic development. In a country, the population of working people is the working force, productivity and economic force of the nation. In Myanmar, rural people who make up about 70% of the population are the main working force, and the majority of them engage in agricultural and livestock farming. Therefore, boosting production of goods and eco-



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ment of the economic infrastructure, we plan to carry out an in-depth analysis of the monetary policy, financial policy, trade policy and investment policy sector-wise to make amendments to the laws,

economic development of rural areas is the engine of national economic development. Only with economic development of rural areas, will there be alleviation of poverty.

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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Seek pragmatic ways to promote rural economy

National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was opened at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, on 20 May with an address by President U Thein Sein.

The aim of holding the workshop is to improve the living conditions for rural people and alleviate poverty by creating economic opportunities for them.

"In Myanmar, the rural people who make up about 70% of the population are the main working force, and the majority of them engage in agricultural and livestock farming. Therefore, boosting production of goods and economic development of rural areas are a vehicle for national economic growth. Only with economic development of the rural areas, can poverty be alleviated," said the President in his speech.

The workshop will discuss development of the agricultural sector, development of the livestock breeding sector, development of rural products and cottage industries and income generation activities, development of micro finance and development of rural cooperative societies.

In addition, economic experts, departmental officials and organizations will discuss how the task of developing the rural areas and alleviating poverty should be implemented and what work plans should be adopted by seeking practical ways.

The ongoing workshop will create more economic opportunities for the rural areas and improve the living conditions of the working class, thereby promoting the dignity of the State.

Relief supplies for Tahlay quake victims

YANGON, 20 May—A ceremony to provide supplies to Tahlay quake victims by Red Cross Society of Thailand in Tachilek District took place at No-2 Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge yesterday.

Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi presented 48,432 cans of canned fish, 8,640 packets of instant noodle, 500 pairs of slippers and 2,000 bags of rice weighing 2 kilos each to Shan State Minister for Transport and Communication.—MNA

ABC Billiards & Snooker Challenge Cup commences

YANGON, 20 May—The ABC Billiards & Snooker Challenge Cup 2011 was opened at Apex Billiards & Snooker Center in Kamayut Township here this morning.

President of Myanmar Billiards and Snooker Federation U Tin Maung Win and U Win Zaw Tun of Myanmar Brewery Ltd

formally opened the challenge cup.

A total of 16 players are taking part in the billiards event, 20 in the snooker senior event and 60 in the snooker junior event.

The challenge cup was jointly organized by MBSF and Myanmar Brewery Ltd.

MNA

Peoples' Dharma

- * 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

Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone CEC Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The Central Executive Committee Meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone Association took place at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here today.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan stressed the needs for collaborative efforts on improvement of hotels and having qualified hotel staff in Nay Pyi Taw for

ensuring convenience of the public.

Deputy Minister U Htay Aung said there are 54 hotels constituted with 7700 rooms to set up a model hotel zone, and work procedures.

Officials reported on conducting hotel courses, hotel License standardizing and effort to open the office of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

MNA



Union Minister U Tint Hsan addresses Central Executive Committee Meeting of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA

Union Education Minister visits YU, UFL (Yangon)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye held discussions with the Rector and professors on extended conducting of researches for the interest of the nation, the region and the subject and promotion of educational standards at Yangon University this evening.

Next, the Union Minister took part in a workshop

on capacity building for students in higher education sector held at University of Foreign Languages (Yangon) and stressed the need to turn out highly qualified teachers and students for human resources development, to fulfill teaching aids and to draw curriculums and syllabuses of international standard.—MNA

Weather forecast

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Meteorology and Hydrology Department has announced that rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Regions and States due to the clouds moving from South China Sea and cool winds moving from northern India. Such incidents are a process of climate change before southwest monsoon enters Myanmar.

Due to cloudy weather, squalls and heavy rains are isolated in various parts of Myanmar. According to present weather conditions, southwest monsoon is likely to advance into southern parts and delta regions of Myanmar within the third ten days of May, 2011.

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Literary talks held in Pyay District

YANGON, 20 May—Literary talks were held at Pyay Education College on 15 May and in Htanlaybin and Yenatha villages in Kanma Township of Pyay District on 16 May.

Writers Chit Naing (Psychology), Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk) and Nwan Ja Thaing gave talks on literary affairs.—MNA

Myanmar Brewery donates 30 computers, Hepatitis B vaccines

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Gayuna Shayshu Myanmar Hmu Programme of Myanmar Brewery Ltd donated 30 sets of computer to Taninthayi Region Government and vaccination of Hepatitis B to blood donors at the city hall in Dawei this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Nay Win (Rtd) presented 30 sets of computer to Chief Minister U Khin Zaw of

Taninthayi Region and Hepatitis B vaccine to the head of Region Health Department.

The Chief Minister and party viewed vaccination to blood donors against Hepatitis B vaccine.

Gayuna Shayshu Myanmar Hmu Programme vaccinated 60 blood donors against Hepatitis B at the city hall. At Dawei Hospital, Hepatitis vaccine were given to 540 blood donors.—MNA

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

Historic US flooding turns deadly



Flooded railroad tracks run near the Mississippi River in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Historic flooding along the Mississippi River turned deadly Thursday when an elderly man died despite being pulled from floodwaters and resuscitated by firefighters.—INTERNET

BUTTE LA ROSE (Louisiana), 20 May—Historic flooding along the Mississippi River turned deadly Thursday when an elderly man died despite being pulled from floodwaters and resuscitated by firefighters.

The worst floods to hit the central United States in more than 70 years have swallowed up thousands of homes,

farms and roads from Illinois southward to Louisiana.

Officials have erected temporary levees and opened spillways to protect towns and cities from the slow-moving floods but warn that the mighty river will remain above flood stage for weeks to come.

"This is a marathon, this is not a sprint," said

Major General William Grisoli of the US Army Corps of Engineers, which manages the flood protection system.

"We continue to operate this system, the Mississippi River and tributary system, deliberately and safely to protect lives and reduce risks to property," he said in a conference call.—*Internet*

Two boats collide in the Gulf of Mexico, three missing

GULFPORT, 20 May—The Coast Guard said Thursday it may put divers into the Mississippi Sound to search for three people missing after two boats collided in the Gulf of Mexico off the Mississippi coast. Capt Don Rose with the US Coast Guard and state Department of Marine Resources chief of law enforcement Walter Chataginer said six divers were on their way to the scene of the sinking of the fishing vessel Sandy Point to help with search and rescue efforts.

The three missing men were aboard the Sandy Point and were among 16 who went overboard when a container ship and the fishing vessel collided Wednesday night near Ship Island. The 163-foot Sandy Point sank in about 25 feet of murky water after colliding with the 660-foot container vessel, the Eurus London, about eight miles south of Gulfport between Cat and Ship islands shortly before 9 pm.—*Internet*



A wounded man is brought to a hospital after a suicide attack in Jalalabad on 18 May, 2011. INTERNET

Hundreds evacuated from Nicaraguan volcano area

MANAGUA, 20 May—Nicaraguan authorities have evacuated hundreds of people from the foothills of a volcano because of heightened seismic activity.

The Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies says 600 workers have been moved from a factory near the Telica volcano in western Nicaragua. Women and children who live nearby have also been evacuated. Institute official Angelica Munoz said Thursday that tremors of up to 3.3-magnitude have shaken the 3,480-foot (1,061-metre) volcano. It has been spewing gas, ash, vapour and water since April.—*Internet*

Blast in Pakistan targets US consulate convoy

PESHAWAR, 20 May—A car bomb in the Pakistani City of Peshawar on Friday targeted a US consulate convoy but caused no American deaths or serious injuries, said US embassy spokesman Alberto Rodriguez.

One passerby was killed and 10 Pakistanis were wounded, said a hospital official. One American was slightly wounded in the attack in the northwestern city.

The two consulate vehicles were heading to the consulate when one of the vehicles was hit by the blast, the

latest in an upsurge of violence since Osama bin Laden was killed this month.

The attack took place on a main road in the northwestern city. The car used in the attack was parked on a road when the bomb exploded, forcing the consulate vehicle to slam into an electricity pole, said the police official.

"There was an attack on a two-car convoy from the consulate in Peshawar. One car was hit. We are still investigating what actually happened," said Rodriguez.

Reuters



Pakistani security personnel stand at a damaged police checkpoint in Peshawar on 18 May. One person was killed and 11 wounded, including two foreigners, when a bomb apparently targeting a bulletproof car exploded in the Pakistani City of Peshawar on Friday, police said. INTERNET

Earthquake hits western Turkey; three dead

ANKARA, 20 May—A 5.9-magnitude earthquake partly collapsed some buildings and one mosque in western Turkey, killing at least three people and injuring nearly 100 people, authorities said Friday.

The quake that struck at 11:15 pm (2015

GMT) on Thursday, sent terrified residents running from their homes before midnight. It was centered in the town of Simav, the Istanbul-based Kandilli Observatory said.

Two people, including one who jumped out of a window in panic, were killed in Simav, Environment Minister Veysel Eroglu told reporters. An elderly woman died of a heart attack in another town, Inegol, authorities said. Eroglu said 79

people, including some who suffered injuries after jumping from balconies and windows and those who suffered from heart attacks or panic-related shock, were taken to hospitals in Simav. He said only one of the injured was in serious condition.

Fifteen others were treated at hospitals in the neighbouring province of Usak, said Seracettin Com, a senior health official.

Internet

Afghan militants kill 35 workers in rural east

KABUL, 20 May—Militants firing heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles killed 35 workers and guards in an attack on a NATO-funded road construction site in a remote area of eastern Afghanistan, authorities said Thursday. More than 100 fighters carried out the assault in Wazei Zadran in a mountainous region of Paktia Province near neighbouring Pakistan's lawless tribal areas, said Galaxy Sky construction company owner Noorullah Bidar. He described the assailants as Taliban fighters, though there was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack late Wednesday.

The region is thought to be controlled largely by the Haqqani network, a fiercely independent branch of the Afghan Taliban and a major enemy of US and NATO forces. The al-Qaeda-affiliated network, led by ailing Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, is based in neighbouring Pakistan's tribal belt. US officials say that Pakistan has not done enough to go after militants safe havens in the restive area, especially in North Waziristan where the Haqqanis are thought to be based.

Internet



Bloodstains are seen on the ground near damaged vehicles at the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 19 May, 2011. Two bombs exploded near a bus station in the northern Iraqi City of Kirkuk on Thursday, killing at least 15 people, security sources said.—INTERNET



Ice Age camel fossil found in Colorado



ASPEN, 20 May—US paleontologists say they've added the Ice Age camel to the growing list of animals that roamed parts of Colorado some 50,000 to 150,000 years ago. The latest find was announced as crews returned to a fossil site at Snowmass Village near Aspen, KMGH-TV, Denver, reported Wednesday.

The 2-inch lower molar of a *Camelops* was discovered in a pile of peat as excavation work got under way after a six-month hiatus due to winter weather. "We've added a camel to the mix, and we're just getting started," said Kirk Johnson, vice president of research and collections and chief curator for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

"This just keeps getting better." Excavation began at the site last year after a bulldozer operator uncovered a bone while working on expansion of a reservoir. Scientists working the site have discovered American mastodons, Columbian mammoths, Ice Age deer, Ice Age bison, ground

sloth, the Ice Age camel, many tiger sala-manders as well as evidence of ancient beaver, insects, snails and microscopic crustaceans.

The dig is the Denver museum's largest fossil excavation project ever, involving 36 scientists, 107 trained volunteers, 35 staff members and nine interns, KMGH-TV reported.—Internet



Two Large Hadron Collider (LHC) magnets are seen before they are connected together. The LHC simulates mini-Big Bangs allowing scientists to study theories of the dawn of time.—INTERNET

Plans unveiled for Einstein observatory to study gravity ripples from Black Holes

PISA, 20 May—Scientists in Europe will unveil plans today for an ambitious new observatory to seek out gravitational waves — tiny ripples in the fabric of space-time — and potentially uncover secrets of the earliest moments of the universe.

After three years of study, designs for the proposed Einstein Telescope (ET) will be presented at the European Gravitational Observatory site in Pisa, Italy during their 19 May meeting. The multi-year design study involved more than 200 scientists in Europe and around the world, and the advanced observatory is pegged as a next-generation gravitational wave detector that will be 100 times more sensitive than existing instruments.

During today's unveiling, project scientists will outline the Einstein Telescope's scientific goals, as well as the detector's layout and technology, timescale and estimated costs. The current estimated price tag of the observatory is \$1.42 billion (slightly less than 1 billion Euros).—Internet

Scientists assemble chromosomes in lab

UNIVERSITY PARK, 20 May—US scientists say they've achieved a major milestone in the attempt to assemble, in a test tube, entire chromosomes from their component parts. Researchers at Penn State University say discovering the process a cell uses to package the basic building blocks of an organism's entire genetic code is expected to help hasten the search for remedies to many human diseases, a university release reported Thursday.

"Our procedure starts with an entire genome of DNA from yeast cells that we propagate through bacteria, then purify," molecular biologist B Franklin Pugh said. "Next, we add equal parts of pure histones, the protein building blocks of chromosomes. Then we allow the assembly process to begin." The technique will allow scientists to probe experimentally the structure and function of chromosomes and their component genes in ways that were not possible before, the researchers said.—Internet



China Telecom in touch with Apple on CDMA iPhone

HONG KONG, 20 May—China Telecom Corp Ltd (0728.HK), the smallest of the country's three wireless carriers, is in touch with Apple Inc (AAPL.O) on introducing iPhones based on CDMA technology, Chairman Wang Xiaochu said on Friday.

Wang, speaking to reporters after a shareholders' meeting, also said China Telecom would consider Hong Kong as first priority if issuing overseas bonds.

China Telecom, a relative newcomer to China's mobile market, operates the country's largest fixed-line network and is aggressively promoting broadband over that channel.

Reuters



Members of the media are given a demonstration of the Kindle electronic reader in New York City in 2009. Online retail giant Amazon said Thursday that sales of digital books for the Kindle have surpassed sales of print books.

INTERNET

Amazon selling more Kindle books than print books

WASHINGTON, 20 May—Online retail giant Amazon said Thursday that sales of digital books for the Kindle electronic reader have surpassed sales of print books.

"Customers are now choosing Kindle books more often than print books," Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos said in a statement.

"We had high hopes that this would happen eventually, but we never imagined it would happen this quickly," Bezos said. "We've been selling print books for 15 years and Kindle books for less than four years." The Seattle, Washington-based

Amazon said that since 1 April, it was selling 105 Kindle e-books for every 100 print books, hardcover and paperback combined. The company said it had sold more than three times as many Kindle books so far in 2011 as it did during the same period last year.

Amazon began selling print books in July 1995 and introduced the Kindle in November 2007. The US Kindle store offers more than 950,000 books including 109 of the 111 *New York Times* best sellers. Amazon does not release sales figures for the Kindle e-reader.—Internet

Google fixing Android WiFi security hole

BEIJING, 20 May—Google on Wednesday began fixing a security hole in some 97 percent of Android phones that could let hackers snatch important credentials at public WiFi hotspots.

The fix, which addresses a hole allowing hackers to access the contacts, calendars and photos on an Android phone connected to an open WiFi network, will

take a few days to cover every phone, a Google spokesman said.

Unlike a traditional software update, the problem exists on Google's servers, so Android users won't need to manually take action. The newest versions of Android, including the new wave of tablets running its Honeycomb software, are not affected by the bug, according to

the researchers at Germany's University of Ulm who initially reported the issue. The vulnerability could also cause devices synchronizing with Google Picasa web albums to transmit sensitive data through unencrypted channels, the researchers added. The Google spokesman said the company's security team is still investigating those claims.—Xinhua



An employee of Samsung Electronics explains as a monitor shows the company's main factory at its showroom in Asan, south of Seoul, on 13 May, 2011.

INTERNET



FAO acts to cut foot-and-mouth disease in S America

SANTIAGO, 20 May—The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said Thursday it has launched a programme aimed at eradicating foot-and-mouth disease in South America by 2020.

Under the initiative, owners of about 70 percent of all the livestock vulnerable to



the disease in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, would receive support from the organization, it said.

The programme include information campaigns, which will

be followed up by veterinarian services to sustain actions if required. FAO's regional representative Tito Diaz said without the participation of the small farmers who account for the majority of livestock breeders in South America, it will not be possible to eradicate the disease there.—Xinhua

Health Tip: Remind children and teens of pedestrian safety

Children and teens may feel like they are invincible, and that they can take care of themselves. But whether they're walking to school, or hustling to a nearby friend's house, it's important to remind your children about pedestrian safety. Safe Kids USA offers these suggestions:

- * Always look left, right then left again before you cross the street, and pay attention while crossing.
- * Walk across an intersection, don't run.
- * Follow all traffic signs and signals.
- * Walk in the direction against traffic, or on a path or sidewalk.
- * Whenever sunlight is dim, carry a flashlight and wear something reflective.
- * Never play in a driveway, parking lot or street.
- * Always take the same (safest) route to regular destinations. Make sure the route has the fewest.—Internet

Arthritis, obesity make each other worse

ATLANTA, 20 May—When arthritis and obesity occur together they can create a barrier to physical activity, each condition helping make the other worse, US officials say.

A report by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, released Thursday, used data from 2007 to 2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System that found the prevalence of arthritis among obese

US adults was 36 percent. "Obese adults with arthritis were 44 percent more likely to be physically inactive compared with obese adults without arthritis," the report says. "In

every state, the prevalence of physical inactivity among adults with obesity was at least 5 percentage points higher among those with arthritis than those without arthritis."

CDC health officials say low impact activities such as walking, swimming and biking are appropriate for obese adults with arthritis and can result in both weight and pain reduction.

"In addition, evidence-based physical activity arthritis programmes are offered in many communities," CDC officials advise.

Internet



File photo shows a monitor in the control room displays data in the cardiac catheterization area of a hospital in New Orleans on 14 February, 2006. INTERNET



Swiss luxury group Richemont posts earnings jump



Swiss luxury products group Richemont said on Thursday that its full-year net profit soared 79 percent.—INTERNET

ZURICH, 20 May—Swiss luxury products group Richemont said on Thursday that its full-year net profit

soared 79 percent to 1.1 billion euros (\$1.6 billion), boosted by an 102 million euro accounting gain from its acquisition of website net-a-porter.com.

Overall sales were up 33 percent, with Asia-Pacific leading growth, the group said in a statement detailing earnings for the year ending 31 March, 2011.

Revenues in Asia-Pacific were up 48 percent at 2.57 billion euros, fast catching up with Europe, the region which traditionally posts the biggest revenues in absolute numbers.

Internet

Business

Japan's central bank keeps key rate at near zero

TOKYO, 20 May—Japan's central bank kept its key interest rate unchanged at virtually zero Friday to shore up a quake-battered economy.

The Bank of Japan's nine-member policy board voted unanimously at a meeting to keep the overnight call rate target at zero to 0.1 percent. The decision was widely expected.

The move came a

day after Japan's government said the world's No 3 economy shrank in the January-March quarter, veering back into recession as factory production and consumer spending wilted in the aftermath of 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

Japan's economy contracted at an annualized rate of 3.7 percent in the quarter. Exports also went south

in March for the first time in 16 months. Companies are reporting lower earnings and diminished outlooks for the rest of the fiscal year.

The central bank warned Friday that Japan's economy would face "strong downward pressure" for the time being due to tumbling production and falling exports in the wake of the March twin disasters.

Internet



A shopper browses the Apple storefront displays for the newly released multi-coloured Apple iPad 2 at the Apple retail store at the Flatirons Crossings mall in Broomfield, Colorado on 13 March, 2011.—INTERNET

US jobless claims down 29,000 last week

WASHINGTON, 20 May—The number of Americans initially applying for unemployment aid continued to drop last week, the US Labour Department reported Thursday.

The Labour Department said that the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims for jobless benefits was 409,000 in the week ending May 14, dropping sharply by 29,000 from the prior week's revised figure.

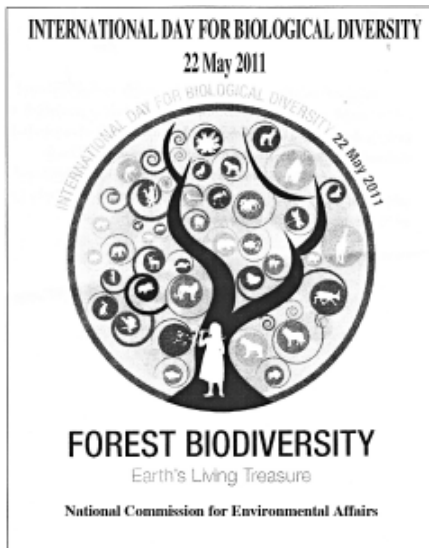
It was the second consecutive week decline after new claims hit eight-month high. But the fresh figure still remained above the 400,000 threshold.

Fewer than 425,000 people applying for aid is

consistent with modest job growth, but the number of jobless claims will have to fall to 375,000 or below to signal a sustained drop in the unemployment rate.

In addition, the four-week moving average, which more closely watched claims figure, continued to rise moderately to 439,000, an increase of 1,250 from the previous week's revised average.

The advance figure for seasonally adjusted insured unemployment during the week ending May 7 was 3.711 million, a sharp decrease of 81,000 from the previous week. The weekly figures of jobless benefits application reflect the level of layoffs and indicate real-time condition of American job market.—Internet



Uruguay, Brazil make advances in energy co-op agreement

MONTEVIDEO, 20 May—Uruguay and Brazil are making progress in negotiations on an agreement that will set up a viable bilateral exchange of electricity, Uruguay's national director of energy Ramon Mendez said on Thursday.

"The fine print is still missing and needs to be defined," Mendez said in a statement published on the website of the presidency.

The two countries are seeking to sign the agreement on 30 May during a summit between Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and her Uruguayan counterpart Jose Mujica, he added.

The new agreement will create the legal framework for the energy exchange between the two sides, which will allow Uruguay to buy electricity from Brazil when the price is convenient.

The electricity interconnection will connect the stations of San Carlos in eastern Uruguay and Presidente Medici in southern Brazil.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 19 May, 2011 shows three pieces of blue and white porcelain from Qing Dynasty (1636 AD-1911 AD) in Beijing, capital of China. The preview of the spring auction of International Auction Co of China was held at Beijing Liangmahe Conference Centre Thursday.—XINHUA

Vietnam to launch army TV channel

HANOI, 20 May—The Vietnam People's Army will launch its independent television channel on 22 December, 2011, which coincides with the 67th anniversary of the Army's founding.

Vietnam News Agency on Friday reported the announcement made by the Vietnamese Ministry of Defence (MoD) headquarters in Hanoi on the establishment of the Vietnam people's army radio-television centre on Thursday.

Under the decision, the centre

will work as an information bridge between leaders and the entire army, disseminating information about the ongoing military and national security affairs in units and locations nationwide and the building of national defence involving the entire population. It also covers news on the activities of the party and state leaders and ministry of defence leadership.

Efforts are underway to launch an army TV channel on 22 December, according to MoD.

Xinhua

Six women from India's Andhra among eight killed in mishap

ALLAHABAD, 20 May—Eight persons, including six women pilgrims from Andhra Pradesh, were killed and four others seriously injured when the cab they had hired here collided head-on with an oil tanker coming from the opposite direction in a remote part of the district.

The incident took place in Mauaima police station area under Soraon circle of the district's trans-Ganga region, 45 kilometres from the

city where the collision between the tanker and the cab killed seven persons on the spot, DSP and Circle Officer Pawan Kumar Singh said.

He said among those killed on the spot were the driver of the Tata Sumo car, in which the pilgrims were coming from Allahabad, five women from Andhra and another man who appeared to have been accompanying them on their tour of Uttar Pradesh.

MNA/PTI



Tibetan singers perform during the "Tibetan Culture Week" in Rome, capital of Italy, on 19 May, 2011. As a part of the activities of the "Chinese Culture Year", the "Tibetan Culture Week" opened here Thursday offering Italians a glimpse into the mysterious Tibetan culture.—XINHUA

WikiLeaks says PAF airmen been radicalized

NEW DELHI, 20 May—A section of the airmen of the Pakistan Air Force are being radicalized who are sabotaging aircraft to prevent them from being used in operations on the Afghan border, a latest US diplomatic cable leaked by WikiLeaks has said.

The cable quotes a commander of the Pakistan Air Force saying that a section of the airmen are being radicalized.

"You cannot imagine what a hard time we are having trying to get them to trim their beards," the cable quoting the official said. The leaked cables, accessed by NDTV, said the airmen—most of whom come from rural background—have been including in acts of "petty sabotage" to prevent deployment of aircraft in support of security operations along the Afghan border where Pakistani forces are fighting the Taleban.—MNA/PTI

Brazil judge convicts controller in plane crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 May—A Brazilian federal judge has convicted an air traffic controller of endangering air safety in connection with a 2006 mid-air collision that killed 154 people. On Thursday Judge Murilo Mendes sentenced Lucivando de Alencar to three years and four months of community service and revoked Alencar's professional license.

A court statement says another controller on duty during the accident has been cleared of the same charge. A Boeing 737 run by Gol Linhas Aereas Inteligentes SA of Brazil collided with a business jet operated by two US pilots.—Internet

12 die as gale sweeps parts of Bihar, India

PATNA, 20 May —At least 12 persons died as thunderstorm swept parts of Bihar since last evening, a senior official said today. Four persons died in Saharsa District as the gale lashed the district flattening houses and uprooting trees, Principal Secretary (Disaster Management) Vyasji said.

Three persons were killed in Sheikhpura and Jamui districts each during the period, he said. Two persons died in Madhepura District for similar reasons, he said. The state government will provide a compensation of one lakh rupees each to the families of those having perished in the calamity while 50,000 rupees will be given to them separately from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Vyasji said. The damage caused to the standing crops and other properties due to gale and incessant rains since yesterday was being assessed.—MNA/PTI

French director Jean-Paul Wenzel (R) participants in performing his drama "Loin d'Hagondange" in the studio theatre of the newly-built National Theatre of China (NTC) in Beijing, on 19 May, 2011. The NTC's studio theatre had its debut performances on Thursday.—XINHUA



President U Thein Sein attends opening of...

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Scholar Dr U Myint presided over the workshop at which six scholars submitted six papers.

Scholar Dr U Myint discussed the blueprint paper on poverty alleviation in Myanmar, scholar U Hset Aung on opinion differences in rural region development and economic growth and facts to be repaired, retired ambassador U Hla Maung on agricultural sector development and improvement of micro-credit service, agriculturalists Dr Sein Hla Bo on integrated agriculture and livestock breeding and recycling of wastage, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung on uplifting of life of rural people by effectively trading agricultural produce and Chairman of Myanmar Central Cooperative Union U Khin Maung Aye on work programmes to be adopted in accord with rural development and papers of cooperative sector.

Those present participated in the discussions on the papers.

The workshop continues tomorrow.—MNA



President U Thein Sein, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and guests view documents, photos and publications of ministries on rural development tasks.—MNA



Chairman of Myanmar Central Cooperative Union U Khin Maung Aye reads paper on work programmes to be adopted in accord with rural development and papers of cooperative sector.

MNA

Retired ambassador U Hla Maung reads paper on agricultural sector development and improvement of micro-credit service.

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Locals in Myitson Hydropower Project areas relocated to Aungmyintha, Maliyan new villages

YANGON, 20 May — Locals of five villages — Tanphe, Kyeinkhayam, Myitson, Khapar/Aungjaryan and Daungpan villages — situated in the areas of Myitson Hydropower Project in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State have been relocated systematically to Aungmyintha new model village and Maliyan new village.

According to the size of the land plots and image of the houses they lived, houses were built on the areas of 60x80 feet, 100x120 feet and 80 square feet and 100 square feet and cash assistance, aids and compensations for agricultural produce were provided to relocated households. A 16-bed hospital, a dispensary, a Basic Education High School and a Basic Education Primary School, a Pagoda and a monastery, a church, a market, a post-office and a police station were built in the villages. A responsible person of Asia World Co who is taking part in the project said that arrangements have been made for local villagers to have access to drinking water and electricity and concrete roads that link to Myitkyina were built in the villages.—MNA

Electricity supply temporarily cut off to clear trees, branches catching power lines

YANGON, 20 May—Yangon City Electricity Supply Board of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is making efforts to ensure electricity supply in full, to prevent electric shocks in the early monsoon, and to reduce blackout time. In that regard, in order to avoid accidents while clearing branches and trees catching power lines, YESB will stop supplying electricity.

So, during working hours to clear branches, electricity supply will be cut off temporarily for 33 KV Thida-Pathein Nyunt power line in some places in Mingala Taungnyunt and Tamway townships, Waybagi and Khaymathi roads in Shwepaukkan, Tabinshwehtee Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Minyekyawswa Road in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, U Chaint and Strand roads in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Hlawga Road in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Minnanda Road in Dawbon Township, Anawrahta Road in Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships; and for 66 KV Thakayta-Kyaikkasan power line in some

places in Thingangyun, Tamway and Yankin townships from 10 am to 12 noon on 21 May; in some places on Makkhaya Minthagyi Road in Shwepaukkan, Khaymathi Road in North Okkalapa Township, Pinlon Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Kyansittha Road in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Kanaung Minthagyi Road in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Pyidaungsu Road in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Shukhintha Road in Thakayta Township, Yamonna Road in Dawbon Township, Thomson Road and 56th Street in Pazundaung and Botahtaung townships, Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Laydaungkan Road in Thingangyun Township, Thumingala Road in South Okkalapa Township, Pyinnyawady Road in Yankin Township from 10 am to 12 noon on 22 May; and some places on Bayintnaung, Parami, Mindamma and Baho roads in Mayangon, Hline and Kamayut townships from 9 am to 12 noon on 22 May.—MNA

Rural production and economic growth...

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The world is facing many challenges such as financial crisis, climate change, food security and rise in demand for energy. For Myanmar, an agro-based country, development of the agricultural and livestock breeding sector of rural areas, climate change, food security, higher incomes of rural people and poverty alleviation are the issues we have to address with all seriousness.

We also have to keep in touch with the pros and cons and challenges in the agricultural and livestock breeding sector and work harder for sustainable development. The sound foundations the State Peace and Development Council has laid are a stepping stone on what we will work today. It constructed a large number of dams, roads, bridges, designated 24 regions for special development and adopted the five rural development programmes, which are fundamental for rural development and alleviation of poverty.

As a result, peasants can boost production of not only rice but also cash crops such as beans and pulses are enjoying higher incomes. According to the data and statistics about Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

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realized by the UNDP and relevant department, the indexes of poverty were declining in Myanmar.

However, in terms of the social status of peasants, production costs are still unnecessarily high; profits remain unsatisfactory due to low productivity and poor quality; the population is growing; and living costs are going up. So, we have yet to overcome these hindrances to poverty alleviation of rural people.

Accordingly, we need to hold talks with economic experts, organizations and departments to find out how we should deal with this demanding task and what programmes we should lay down. Here, we have not only to read papers, hold talks and make suggestions but to adopt prudent approaches.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, rural areas enjoyed development thanks to the projects for improvement in the agricultural and livestock breeding sector and the five rural development programmes. However, many of rural people still live in

poverty. I would like to present some work programmes which are likely to be more effective than previous ones.

- (1) To widely encourage choice of better strains as vertical extension is more effective than horizontal extension,
- (2) To encourage all farmers to use marketable and high-yield strains of paddy as they can get handsome profits if they can double their outputs and their produce is highly saleable,
- (3) To seek means for cost reduction to remedy the issue of low profits due to

True patriotism

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- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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- (4) high cost of production, For departments and villages to work together for the practice of collective purchase and ploughing fields alternately as many farmers do not get prices as high as it should be due to the fact that after reaping paddy, they pile it on the embankments of the fields and then pay attention to ploughing fields to grow peas, which has adverse effect on paddy quality and causes more loss and wastage. And they need to use more combine harvesters and farm machines to remedy delay of thrashing paddy and ploughing fields,
- (5) To distribute agricultural inputs such as seeds of crops, fertilizers, pesticides, ploughing equipment and farm subsidies to every farmer, and to work with the team system to improve quality and reduce costs,
- (6) To make micro finance more effective for those programmes,
- (7) To form teams to give educative talks on agricultural methods to crowds of farmers, rather than to individuals,
- (8) To reduce cost of production in the livestock breeding sector, to raise the incomes by improving quality; to encourage working collectively for greater market share; and to encourage manageable-scale breeding of poultry, pigs and cattle for secondary incomes, and integrated farming if under

favourable conditions, as farmers can get primary incomes by exercising double- and triple-cropping patterns to grow rice, beans and pulses, and seasonal crops,

- (9) To transform from individual into commercial production, then into One Village One Product system for alternative means of secondary income,
- (10) In the exercise of OVOP system, to encourage not only production of agricultural produce but also other products such as handicrafts, arts items, household utensils, and cottage industries such as lacquerware, glazed pots, silkwares, silverware, bronze works, looming, tailoring, and micro industries.

In relation to the 10 programmes, previous governments encouraged agricultural and livestock farming, but could not integrate individuals, investments, methods and produce for sales in markets. So, we plan to encourage establishment of rural level cooperative societies. In the international community, cooperative system is successful, but that system did not win public trust in Myanmar because in the past, under the cooperative system, all the residents in villages and wards were forced to participate in activities and corruption was rampant. Learning lessons from those events, we should encourage formation of cooperative societies with congenial people.

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In that regard, success will be achieved only if economic experts and departmental officials work hard with strong belief and so do responsible persons at State and Region level, township level and village level. Therefore, I would like to highlight cooperation and coordination as confidence building is an important process.

In connection with micro finance, the majority of the poor are rural people. It is because they do not have capitals, not because they are lazy.

Therefore, micro finance is an important function of the government. Poverty means no food security, lack of sheltering, no access to health care, and no enough money for children's school education. Micro finance is a tool to alleviate poverty.

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Micro finance is to be carried out down to the rural level. We have to form legal organizations in accordance with laws for sustainable development of micro finance plans. Now, an organization will have to standardize norms and supervise tasks to legalize national entrepreneurs and NGOs who are working under our arrangements.

We have five topics for you to hold discussions. They are:

- (1) Development of the agricultural sector
- (2) Development of the livestock breeding sector

- (3) Development of rural product and cottage industries and income generation activities
- (4) Development of micro finance
- (5) Development of rural cooperative societies

I invited not only Union ministers but also State and Region ministers, representatives of merchants and farmers who will work at the grassroots level. I also invited economic experts, and representatives of those in other related fields. **We have to hold discussions and make suggestions, and in-depth analysis of the strong and weak points of the resolutions of the meeting. Maybe, some of the resolutions will be fruitful, whereas some will not be realistic. And we should decide which resolutions are to be implemented in the short-term and which resolutions are to be implemented in the long-term. We will adopt the most suitable programmes through the discussions and make further clarification to the programmes at the grassroots level.**

In conclusion, I would say that workers and peasants are people of the ordinary class. **Only if they enjoy better living status, will the image of the nation be more positive.** Therefore, we will form the central committee and work committees and carry out tasks systematically.

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7th Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2011 kicks off

YANGON, 20 May— Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended a ceremony to open the 7th Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2011 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the exhibition

U Thauang Tin reported on purpose of the exhibition.

Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association U Ye Yint Win and Chairman of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association U Min Zeyar Hlaing formally opened the exhibition.

The Chief Minister unveiled the signboard of the exhibition.

They together with guests visited the exhibition where 59 companies put 156 booths on display from 20 to 22 May.—MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister inspects new school building

YANGON, 20 May—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win inspected construction of school building for Oktha Myothit Basic Education Primary School No (5) in Bago on 18 May.

The Chief Minister attended the opening of Basic Education High School (branch) in Zigon and unveiled the signboard

of the school yesterday. He called for constant maintenance for durability of the school and nurturing of outstanding students.

Next, the Chief Minister and wife presented exercise books to students, and the Chief Minister donated K 1 million.

On his arrival at

People's Hospital in Zigon, the Chief Minister urged the medical staff to make field trips once or twice a month, to give medical treatment to patients who are not able to go to the hospital and to prepare anti-malaria vaccine and anti-venom injection for patients. He provided the patients with cash assistance. —MNA

Victorious pennant handed over to Shan State football team

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat inspected progress in construction of the corridor of Aye Chan Shwepyi Shopping Mall in Taunggyi on 18 May.

In the afternoon, the chief minister attended a ceremony held

at Taunggyi City Hall to handover the victorious pennant to Shan State under-19 men's football team (novice), which will take part in the 12th Sports Minister's Trophy soccer tournament.

Yesterday, the chief minister visited Shwephonepwin

Mountain in Taunggyi and met with the director of the State Forest Department and officials. Later, he inspected the site chosen for forest plantation of Sutaungpyae Koenawin and nurseries for greening of Inlay Lake.

MNA

New lab & laboratory apparatuses for IDTC (Upper Myanmar)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May— With the aim of ensuring quality control and technological development for ongoing projects of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a ceremony to hand over a laboratory and laboratory apparatuses to Irrigation Development Training Center (Upper Myanmar) by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

was held at the center yesterday.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Win and KOICA Resident Representative Ms. Kim Tae-Eum spoke on the occasion.

Next, the Resident Representative handed over documents related to the laboratory apparatuses to Director U Min Aung Than of Design and Fabrication Division of the department.—MNA

Power plants vulnerable to hackers

SAN FRANCISCO, 20 May—US computer security research firm NSS Labs warned that it uncovered new ways that hackers could sabotage power plants, oil refineries or manufacturing operations.

"This is a global problem," NSS chief executive Rick Moy told AFP.

"There are no fixes to this right now," he continued. "Bad guys would be able to cause real environmental and physical problems and possibly loss of life."

NSS said that it shared its findings with the US Computer Emergency Readiness Team and was

briefing legitimate industrial facilities that are at risk but was revealing little publicly for the sake of safety.

NSS researcher Dillon Beresford reported finding "multiple vulnerabilities" in Siemens programmable logic controllers (PLCs) used in plants worldwide to automatically regulate temperatures, pressures, turbine speeds, robot arms and more. Those are the same devices targeted by a Stuxnet virus evidently crafted to disable an Iranian nuclear facility.

While the Stuxnet virus struck at PLCs through a plant's operat-

ing system software, Beresford discovered ways to reprogramme the devices directly if they can be reached on a network, according to Moy.

"The security of these systems is not what it should be," Moy said.

Internet



Photo illustration of a nuclear power plant in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. US computer security research firm NSS Labs warned that it uncovered new ways that hackers could sabotage power plants, oil refineries or manufacturing operations.

INTERNET

Probe into deadly plane crash in Argentina to take 3 months

BUENOS AIRES, 20 May—An investigation into a small plane crash in southern Argentina which killed 22 people will take up to three months, an official of the Argentine Aviators Union of Air Lines, said Thursday. "It could take three months to get accurate information" about the cause of the accident, said Claudio Somoza, director of the association of Argentine pilots. Transportation Minister Juan Schiavi described the crash of Saab 340 plane as a "very rare accident."

Gustavo Brea, general secretary of the Investigation Board of Civil Aviation Accidents said it would be "reckless to determine any cause at this moment," adding that aviation authorities will analyze all possibilities such as pilot errors, technical failure and aerial transit problems. He said "an adviser accredited by Saab" will be part of the investigation which "will gather declarations from witnesses of the accident," including local people in Prahuanieyu who saw "a fireball in the sky" just moments before the crash.—Xinhua

Nurse guilty of 1994 murder of wife

GLASGOW, 20 May—A nurse was convicted Thursday of killing his first wife in a 1994 faked Scottish car crash and trying to kill his second wife five years later in New Zealand.

A jury in Glasgow also found Malcolm Webster guilty of insurance fraud and of trying to con another woman, becoming engaged to her while still legally married and claiming to have leukemia to get money from her, *The Scotsman* reported. The trial began 1 Feb and included witnesses from as far away as Australia and Yemen.

Prosecutors said Webster drugged his first wife, Claire, staged the crash and then set the car on fire near Aberdeen in 1994. Years later, forensic scientists were able to find proof of the

drugging in a tiny piece of her liver.

Peter Morris, Claire Webster's brother, called Webster a "wicked murderer" who was guilty of "psychological sadism" as well as violence. "I now feel that Claire, who has waited 17 years for this, after her death, will now be able to rest in peace," he said. "Today is a good day. There is now justice for Claire."

Five years later, Webster tried to kill his second wife, Felicity Drumm, in a New Zealand crash. While still married to Drumm, he returned to Scotland and became engaged to Simone Banerjee, meeting her while working at a hospital in Oban. The trial followed the largest investigation in the history of the Grampian Police.—Internet



File photo of the Bank of Japan (BOJ) building in Tokyo. The BOJ on Friday left its key rate unchanged at between zero and 0.1 percent as it continues to assess measures to soothe an economy pushed into recession by the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.—INTERNET

Australian funeral held for last WWI combat vet

FREMANTLE, 20 May—The last known combat veteran of World War I has been laid to rest at a funeral in Australia.

Claude Stanley Choules died two weeks ago at age 110. During a funeral held Friday in the Western Australia City of Fremantle, his loved ones remembered him as a remarkable man.

Choules' son Adrian urged mourners not to be sad as his father had lived "a very long and very wonderful life."

Choules began training with the British Royal Navy at age 14. In 1917, he joined the battleship *HMS Revenge*, from which he watched the 1918 surrender of the German High Seas Fleet, the main battle fleet of the German Navy during the war. He later joined the Royal Australian Navy.

Choules published his autobiography at age 108.—Internet



The Nurzhol Boulevard is seen by night in Kazakhstan's capital Astana. Once a sleepy Soviet town notorious for its freezing winter temperatures and ferocious steppe winds, the Kazakh authorities have sought to turn Astana into a metropolis boasting world class architecture.—INTERNET



Swiss cheese maker Stefan Rentsch checks the curdling process during the production of Emmentaler cheese at the Kaeserei Zaeswil cheese dairy in Zaeswil, east of Bern on 19 May, 2011.

INTERNET

China arrests 89 for armed trafficking of drugs

CHANGCHUN, 20 May—Police have busted an armed trafficking ring in the northeastern Chinese Province of Jilin, arresting 89 suspects as part of a campaign to clamp down on illegal drugs. Police nabbed the ring's leader, whose pseudonym is Liang Si, and his subordinates after they traced the ring's activities across the country from northern Heilongjiang Province to Sichuan Province in southwestern China. Nearly 2 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as "ice," were seized during the police raid, said officials with the provincial public security department. Two handguns, eight vehicles and 400,000 yuan (about 61,538 US dollars) were also confiscated. Officials declined to disclose the details of the case, saying the investigation is still underway.

Jilin started a three-month campaign to crack down on drug-related crimes on 1 May. Police have arrested 329 suspects, some of whom were allegedly involved in smuggling illegal drugs across China's border. More than 126 kilograms of illegal drugs have been seized so far.—Xinhua



Xinhua Vice President Zhou Xisheng (2nd R), Ambassador Li Baodong of the Chinese Mission to the United Nations (2nd L), Ambassador Peng Keyu of the Chinese Consulate-general in New York (1st L) and Xinhua Deputy Editor-in-Chief Wang Yao (1st R) cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the new office of the North America regional headquarters of China's Xinhua News Agency, in New York, on 19 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Xinhua inaugurates new office of North America headquarters

NEW YORK, 20 May—The North America regional headquarters of China's Xinhua News Agency formally launched its new office in Manhattan's Times Square on Thursday, taking a spectacular spot in this centre stage of world-class media.

"Today's opening of the new office of Xinhua North America is an important milestone on Xinhua's development path," said Zhou Xisheng, Xinhua vice president and executive deputy editor-in-chief, who headed a high-level delegation from Beijing for the opening ceremony.

Xinhua

Helicopter show in Moscow facilitates international cooperation

MOSCOW, 20 May—The fourth International Helicopter Industry Exhibition "HeliRussia 2011" opened Thursday with a number of sales already in the works.

The state-owned Russian Helicopters company revealed at the exhibition that it will deliver the first batch of 15 Mil Mi-17 helicopters to India by the end of 2011 as a part of its 80 helicopter deal with India.

"There is probably another contract on sale of 59 more helicopters," said Dmitry Petrov, general director of Russian Helicopters.

Petrov also said the first AgustaWestland helicopter will be assembled in Russia with an Italian license in 2011.

"A plant to assemble Agusta-Westland AW139 helicopters is under construction in Tomilino. We think we will start up the plant in August and assemble the first helicopter this year," he said. During the first day of the show, Russian Helicopters also signed a contract with the French Turbomeca company. More than 40 helicopter engines made by Turbomeca will be supplied to Russia's Ka-62 in coming years.

Some 161 companies from 16 countries have participated in the exhibition and displayed their helicopters, including the well-known Mi-38 and Ka-32. Swiss helicopter SKYe SH09 even made its European debut in Moscow.—Xinhua

Japan utility head resigns amid nuclear crisis

TOKYO, 20 May—The president of the utility behind the world's worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl said Friday he was stepping down in disgrace after reporting the biggest losses in company history.

Tokyo Electric Power Co President Masataka Shimizu apologized at his company's Tokyo headquarters and said he was taking responsibility for the nuclear crisis.

"I wanted to take

managerial responsibility and bring a symbolic close," he told reporters, bowing several times during the news conference. "We are doing our utmost to settle the crisis."

Three reactors at the company's Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant went into meltdown after a 11 March earthquake triggered a tsunami that destroyed the plant's cooling systems. Efforts to stop leaking radiation

and get the reactors under control have been a perilous struggle and are expected to continue into next year.

The move was widely expected as heads of major Japanese companies are expected to step down to take responsibility for even lesser scandals and problems.

TEPCO reported that its losses for the fiscal year ended March 2011 totaled 1.25 trillion yen (\$15 billion).—Internet



Tokyo Electric Power Co President Masataka Shimizu, front, listens to Namie villagers at an evacuation centre at Nihonmatsu in Fukushima Prefecture.

INTERNET

Rescue continues in Colombia after landslide in northeast

BOGOTA, 20 May—Emergency agencies and police units continued on Thursday searching for a dozen people reportedly missing after a landslide in the department of Santander, northeastern Colombia.

Coronel Carlos Camacho, deputy chief of regional police force, said "we have been dedicated to the search and rescue of these people."

The tragedy occurred in a neighbourhood known as "La Bomba" in the town of San Vicente de Chucuri when several tons of dirt and debris collapsed following rising waters in a river. Seven houses were razed and more than 12 vehicles were buried.

Xinhua



A private plane washed inshore by the tsunami sits in water and debris next to cars outside Sendai Airport in Natori, Miyagi Prefecture on 13 March, 2011 two days after a massive magnitude earthquake and tsunami hit Japan.

INTERNET

Global Travel and Tourism Summit held in Las Vegas

BEIJING, 20 May—The 3-day Global Travel & Tourism Summit held its opening ceremony on Tuesday this week in Las Vegas.

More than 1000 participants attended the opening ceremony. Some awards were handed out including one to Australia for the country's overall contribution to the travel and tourism industry.

On Wednesday, the summit focused on tourism development, traffic safety, environment, and culture. Zhu Shanzhong, Deputy Director of China National Tourism Administration, spoke at the summit.

Many participants agree China is a popular destination for tourists, both today as well as decades to come.—Xinhua

ASEAN mulls to send troops to Arab Sea to secure ships from piracy

JAKARTA, 20 May—Indonesian Defence Minister Purnomo Yudiantoro said on Friday that ASEAN countries considered to deploy forces to Arab Sea to secure the ships from the region during the journey at the sea.

The statement comes as many ships have been taken hostages by Somali pirates, including the ships from Indonesia and Singapore.

"We are considering now to send a combined-taskforces from several countries, but we must also review its effectiveness," the minister told Press Conference after meeting of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono with ASEAN defence ministers at the State Palace here.

Purnomo said that it had been suggested that navy officer to escort the ships passing through the sea.

"It has been mulled whether to place them in a separate ship or to station them inside the commercial ship," he said.

An Indonesian ship carrying nickel had been taken hostage by Somali pirates in Arab Sea, the pirate release all the 20 Indonesian crews after the owner of the ship PT Samudra Indonesia paid over 3.5 million US dollar ransom this month.

Days after the release, a ship with Singaporean flag has also been taken hostage by Somali pirates. Thirteen of the ship crews are Indonesians.

Xinhua

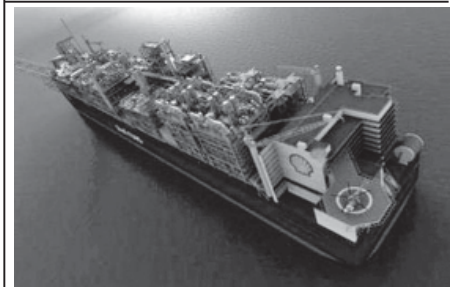
756 kilogrammes of cocaine seized in Panama

PANAMA CITY, 20 May—Panamanian police forces said on Thursday that they seized 756 kilogrammes of cocaine in three operations late Wednesday.

The raids were carried out in the country's Pacific and Atlantic coastal areas, Gustavo Perez, national police director, said.

The seizures bring the total drug seizures across the country to nearly 13 tons this year.

Panama has long been used by international drug cartels as a transit point to smuggle drug from South America to the United States.—Xinhua



A handout artist impression of Shell's floating LNG facility obtained by Reuters on 20 May, 2011. Royal Dutch Shell on Friday gave the go ahead to its Prelude liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Australia, set to be the world's first floating LNG project and targeted at soaring Asian demand.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (299)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MACHAN VOY NO (299) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Chinese police crack 1,000 severe food safety cases

BEIJING, 20 May—Chinese police nationwide have solved more than 1,000 cases that "severely" jeopardized food safety so far this year in the latest efforts to clean up the scandal-prone food industry.

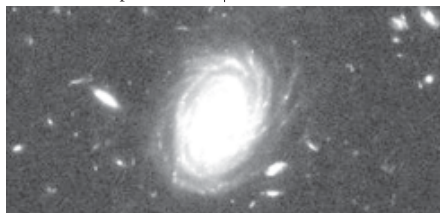
In a special crackdown on the use of clenbuterol, a fat-burning drug used by violators to feed pigs to prevent them from accumulating fat, police seized 135 suspects and destroyed eight workshops that illegally produced the chemical, according to a statement released on Thursday by the Ministry of Public Security.—Xinhua

New method 'confirms dark energy'

LONDON, 20 May—First results from a major astronomical survey have confirmed the existence of mysterious dark energy using a cutting-edge technique. Dark energy makes up some 74% of the Universe and its existence explains why the Universe appears to be expanding at an accelerating rate. The finding was based on studies of more than 200,000 galaxies. Scientists used two separate kinds of observation to provide an

independent check on previous dark energy results.

Two papers by an international team of researchers have been accepted for publication in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society journal*. One type of observation used by the astronomers involves measuring a pattern in how galaxies are distributed in space. This pattern is known by the term "baryon acoustic oscillations".—Internet



One type of observation measured a pattern in the distribution of galaxies.—INTERNET

Hundreds injured in train crash in Soweto, South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 20 May—More than 300 people have been injured in a train crash during the evening rush hour in the South African township of Soweto in Johannesburg. Witnesses said a commuter train hit a stationary train from behind and that the force threw some of the passengers through the windows.

At least two of the casualties were reported to be in critical condition. Officials said it was one of the biggest such incidents on the railways in South Africa for years.

Local television news pictures showed casualties being treated at the scene

by medics—some of them tended to by torchlight. "About 300 people have been injured, we have requested more ambulances to help transport people to hospitals," said Synock Matobako, a spokesman for the emergency services.

Internet



Some injured people were treated by torchlight at the scene of the crash.—INTERNET



Tourists pose for photos in front of a fall in the Jiuzhaigou scenery spot in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 18 May, 2011. After three years' remedy and recovery, Jiuzhaigou, a renowned resort once had been badly affected by a deadly earthquake, is booming in its tourism business, with the daily reception number reaching nearly 10,000 in May.—XINHUA

Scientific expedition discovers new species in south Pacific island chain

WELLINGTON, 20 May—New Zealand scientists believe they have discovered two previously unknown species of fish during an expedition to the remote Kermadec Islands in the south Pacific.

Although the finds were still to be officially confirmed, Auckland Museum marine curator Tom Trnski said in a statement on Friday that they were probably new to science.

"We have two species that I'm pretty confident are new to science—a little left-eye flounder and

a pipe fish," Trnski said in the statement. "We suspect the flounder doesn't grow very big as the largest one we have collected is just 10 cm long, but it's a pretty wee thing," said Trnski. "Probably the most exciting find is the

pipe fish—again it's small, just 10 cm long, and a white body with striking orange spots. Pipe fish are related to sea horses, and are really just like a sea horse that has been straightened out."

Internet

Paralyzed man can stand and move his legs again

NEW YORK, 20 May—A US man who was paralyzed from the chest down after being hit by a car is now able to stand with electrical stimulation of his spinal cord. Rob Summers, from Oregon, said standing on his own was "the most amazing feeling". He can voluntarily move his toes, hips, knees and ankles and also walk on a treadmill while being supported, according to research in the *Lancet*. However, a UK expert said this should not be interpreted as a cure.

Rob was a keen baseball player and in 2006 was part of the team which won the College World Series. But in that summer he was injured in a hit and run accident and his spinal cord was damaged. Messages from the brain, which used to travel down the spinal cord, were blocked and he was paralyzed. Doctors surgically implanted



Rob Summers is able to stand while his spinal cord is stimulated.—INTERNET

16 electrodes into his spine. Rob trained daily in trying to stand, walk and move his legs, while electrical pulses were sent to the spinal cord.—Internet

Woman removed from train after talking too loudly

A young woman who insisted on noisily chatting on her cell phone throughout a marathon 15-hour train ride was forcibly removed by police following numerous passenger complaints.

The woman was travelling on Amtrak's Coast Starlight, which runs between Los Angeles and Seattle, Washington, and was speaking loudly enough to annoy surrounding passengers, said Amtrak spokesman Vernay Graham.

"I guess she got into some sort of confrontation with others passengers that were sitting around her," said Graham, adding that the train had almost reached its destination when the conductor decided to call local police after the train pulled into the station at Salem, Oregon.



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Michigan woman dons wedding dress she wore in 1938

A West Michigan woman has strolled down the aisle in her wedding dress for a second time. The first time came 73 years ago.

Agnes Anderson wore the dress in 1938 when she married her college sweetheart, Delmar Anderson, in Youngstown, Ohio. The Andersons' marriage lasted more than 50 years until Delmar's death in 1989. Her second trip down the aisle came last week at a vintage bridal gown fashion show at a church in Muskegon.

The 98-year-old from Muskegon County's Laketon Township says the dress was in mint condition when she retrieved it from a storage box. Dick Anderson escorted his mother into the church sanctuary and to the altar.



In this 10 May, 2011 photo provided by Kristi Fulton, Agnes Anderson, 98, of Laketon Township is escorted by her son, Dick Anderson, down the aisle of Samuel Lutheran Church, in Muskegon, Mich., during a vintage bridal gown fashion show. Anderson wore the dress in 1938 when she married her college sweetheart, Delmar Anderson, a union that lasted more than 50 years until Delmar's death in 1989.

World to end on Saturday, say New York preachers



A group walks the streets of New York telling people that the world will end on 21 May.

It's raining in New York, and everyone tries to get out of the rain. Not Manny. Unflappable, he stands on a corner with his umbrella, warning people that on Saturday, 21 May, the world will

end. All over New York, preachers armed with T-shirts, brochures, books and posters are preaching the end of the world. Using a complex numerical calculation from the Bible, there are even advertisements on the New York City subway warning of the "great earthquake" that accompanies the advent of Judgement Day.

"According to the Bible, in the Book of Revelations there will be a worldwide earthquake," Manny said. "We're not sure if it will happen at the same time everywhere, because times are different. But it is supposed to happen simultaneously around the world," the 56-year old from the Dominican Republic told AFP.

The date of 21 May, 2011 may seem random, but it is based on a numerical analysis by Harold Camping, the president of Family Radio, a religious broadcaster based in California.

News Album

'Titanic' film set for 3D re-release

LONDON, 20 May—"Titanic" director James Cameron says a 3D version of his Hollywood classic will be re-released in theaters next 6 April.

The re-release of the 1997 Kate Winslet-Leonardo DiCaprio romance will come in time for the 100th anniversary of the real-life ship's doomed maiden voyage. More than 1,500 perished after the luxury liner hit an iceberg.

"There's a whole generation that's never seen 'Titanic' as it was meant to be seen, on the big screen," the BBC quoted Cameron as saying in a statement. "And this will be 'Titanic' as you've never seen it before, digitally re-mastered at 4K and painstakingly converted to 3D. With the emotional power intact and the images more powerful than ever, this will be an epic experience for fans and newcomers alike."—Internet



Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet are pictured in a scene from "Titanic" which was nominated on 10 February for a best picture Oscar for the 70th Academy Awards to be telecast live on 23 March from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

Country music gets a makeover in 'Lucky Guy'

NEW YORK, 20 May—Willard Beckham's charming new Nashville musical "Lucky Guy" is loaded with more flare than one might typically associate with country music.

Don't be fooled by the ornate set, pirouetting cowboys and tap-dancing Indians. Sure, this flamboyant, comic spectacle is a visual feast, and it's somewhat bogged down by goofy humor, but it backs up its glitz and gimmickry with attributes essential to any good musical — tuneful songs and talented performers.

And the rockabilly fantasy, which opened Thursday at off-Broadway's Little Shubert Theatre, is all about the twang.—Internet



In this theater publicity image released by The O and M Co, Kyle Dean Massey, left, and Varla Jean Merman are shown in a scene from the new musical comedy 'Lucky Guy,' at the Little Shubert Theatre in New York.

INTERNET

Japanese director Takashi Miike poses during the photocall of "Ichimei" (Hara-Kiri: Death of a Samurai) presented in competition at the 64th Cannes Film Festival.

INTERNET



Knife-edged 'Hara-Kiri' gets 3-D treatment at Cannes

CANNES, 20 May—The first 3-D film in competition at Cannes is not for the squeamish with its bloody depiction of a young samurai who literally falls on his sword.

"Hara-Kiri: Death of a Samurai" by Japan's godfather of gore Takashi Miike is a remake of the 1962 classic from Masaki Kobayashi set in the 17th century Edo period when shoguns ruled the land of the rising sun. It screened on Thursday at the Cannes film festival, which wraps on Sunday when a jury led by American screen legend Robert De Niro

picks the winner of the coveted Palme d'Or.

Miike is famous for blood-and-guts scenes in such signature pieces as "Ichi the Killer," "Audition" and most recently "13 Assassins", and by his own standards "Hara-Kiri" is relatively mild.

"I did not set out to do a film on violence," the 50-year-old director told a press conference through an interpreter. "It was manipulated by the characters and the tale, so in the end it turned out to be a violent film. It was the film itself that dictated the way in which it was shot."—Internet

Wenger determined to keep Fabregas



Arsenal's Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas

LONDON, 20 May—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger insisted on Thursday that he was determined to spend a second successive summer fighting off mighty Barcelona to keep skipper Cesc Fabregas at the Emirates. The Gunners turned down a bid from the Span-

ish champions last year for a player who spent his junior days at Barcelona and Wenger said Fabregas still has a major role at the London club.

"I expect him to be here, and I will fight very hard to keep him here," said Wenger of Fabregas. "You have always to fight when you have a player of that quality. You must always fight to keep your players." Arsenal will finish their season on Sunday and end another trophyless campaign.

Internet

Man Utd chasing Lens teenager Varane



Raphael Varane

LONDON, 20 May—Manchester United are in transfer talks with relegated French side Lens in a bid to sign defender Raphael Varane, *The Guardian* reported on Thursday.

Varane, 18, is regarded as one of the most promising young defenders in French football and has been watched by Sir Alex Ferguson's scouts on several occasions this season, the paper reported. Formal negotiations between United and Lens have opened and a

deal for the player, valued by the French club at around £10 million, was described as being very close, according to *The Guardian*.

A potential sticking point is Varane's concerns about playing opportunities at United, where Rio Ferdinand and Nemanja Vidic are the first-choice centre-halves, with Chris Smalling and Jonny Evans waiting in the wings. —Internet

Kahn slams Bayern for 'exorbitant' Neuer bid

BERLIN, 20 May—Former Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn on Thursday criticised the Bavarian giants plan to capture Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer from Schalke 04. Neuer, 25, has been heavily courted by Bayern and has already told Schalke, who contest the German Cup final on Saturday, he will not extend his contract which expires in 2012.

Bayern are reported to be set to spend around 20 million euros for the shot-stopper who has been in stellar form this season, but Kahn questions the logic of splashing out an enormous sum, when

Neuer could come for free in 2012.

"They will hire a very good goalkeeper, but to pay such a sum for a player who will be free in 2012, is exorbitant," Kahn told German daily *Bild*. Kahn is now a tv pundit since retiring from football in 2008 and he slammed Bayern's decision to employ Bayer Leverkusen's 66-year-old coach Jupp Heynckes as trainer for next season. — Internet



Former Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn

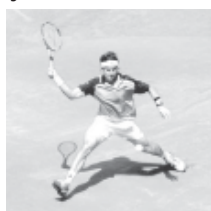
Top seed Ferrer crashes out in Nice claycourt event

NICE, 20 May—Spanish top seed David Ferrer was knocked out of the Nice ATP claycourt event on Thursday, going down 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 to Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov in the quarter-finals. The 22-year-old Ukrainian had been beaten by Ferrer three times previously, including in the Acapulco semi-finals earlier this year, but he gained revenge with victory in one hour and 52 minutes.

Dolgoplov will face Victor Hanescu in the semi-finals after the Romanian went through courtesy of Dutch lucky loser Robin Haase pulling

out with an ankle injury with the score at 6-2, 2-0. World number 12 Nicolas Almagro cruised past fellow Spaniard Pablo Andujar 6-1, 6-4 and faces Czech second seed Tomas Berdych who dismissed Latvian wild card Ernests Gulbis 6-1, 6-4

Internet



Spanish top seed David Ferrer

Ferguson's football addiction keeps him working

MANCHESTER, 20 May—Sir Alex Ferguson admits that his addiction to Manchester United and football will keep him

from slipping quietly into retirement. Ferguson, who steered United to a record 19th league title last weekend and whose side tackle Barcelona in the Champions League final next weekend, fears stepping off the treadmill.

"I have no plans to retire, I must say that and (my wife) Cathy is delighted. She would have thrown me out," he told MUTV. —Internet



Real Madrid have signed Bayern Munich's Turkey midfielder Hamit Altintop. — INTERNET

Real sign Bayern's Altintop

MADRID, 20 May—Real Madrid have signed Bayern Munich's Turkey midfielder Hamit Altintop to a four-year contract, the Spanish club said on Thursday. Real gave no further in a brief statement on their website. But *Spanish* newspapers have said he would arrive on a free transfer because his contract at the German giants is due to expire.

The German-born Altintop, 28, joined Bayern from Schalke 04 in 2007 and signed a one-year extension to his contract last year.

But the player, currently sidelined with a back problem, has only played 63 games for Bayern in an injury-plagued four-year spell.

Internet

Toms shares Colonial lead at 62 after playoff loss

FORT WORTH, 20 May—David Toms is starting to again feel the kind of confidence he had when he was winning tournaments and consistently ranked among the PGA Tour's best players. That

disappointing near-miss before Colonial isn't shaking him.

Four days after losing a playoff at The Players Championship, Toms shot his best score in more than five years and his best opening round ever. His bogey-free 8-under 62 on Thursday gave him a share of the first-round lead at Colonial with Chez Reavie. "It was one of those days where the hole just looked big," Toms said. "This round certainly helps me get past what happened last week at the end."

After forcing a playoff with KJ Choi at TPC Sawgrass with a rare birdie at the 18th hole, Toms missed a short par putt at the famed No 17 island hole that would have extended play. —Internet



David Toms tees off on the seventh hole during the first round at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial golf tournament on Thursday in Fort Worth, Texas. — INTERNET

Sagan leads assault on Tour of California Stage Five

PASO ROBLES, 20 May—Slovakia's Peter Sagan won the fifth stage



Peter Sagan of Slovakia riding for Liquigas-Cannondale takes the podium after winning stage five of the 2011 AMGEN Tour of California, from Seaside to Paso Robles, on 19 May. — INTERNET

of the Tour of California while American Chris Horner managed to hold onto the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Sagan on Thursday stepped it up in the final 91 metres charging from fifth to first to take his 11th career victory and the 217 kilometre fifth stage from Seaside, California to Paso Robles. He finished in five hours, 16 minutes and three seconds. —Internet

S P O R T S

Hamlin's team win NASCAR pit crew title again

CHARLOTTE, 20 May — Denny Hamlin and his crew finished 39 points shy of ending Jimmie Johnson's dominance last year in NASCAR's Sprint Cup title chase. Hamlin's team exacted a little revenge Thursday night — without Hamlin behind the wheel. "We know where the weakest link is, obviously," Hamlin said, smiling.

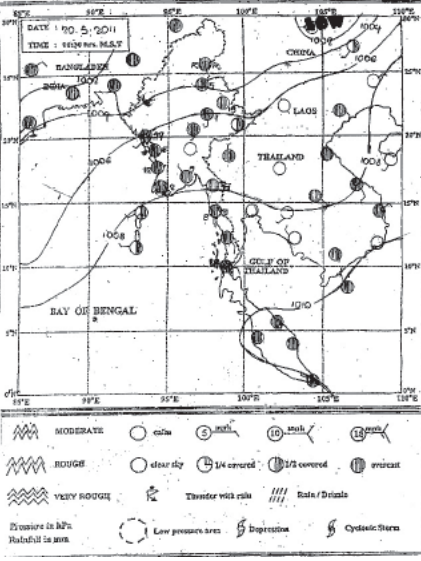
Hamlin's No 11 team successfully defended its

title in NASCAR's Pit Crew Challenge by edging Johnson's No 48 crew in the final round, producing smiles, champagne soaked firesuits and confidence of a potential repeat win come November that would end Johnson's five-year dominance as Cup champion. Hamlin's seven-member team changed four tires, put in gas and pushed the car 40 yards in 22.298 seconds without collecting a pen-

alty to earn \$70,675. The crew gets to pick its pit stall — it chose No 1 — for Saturday's All-Star race. —Internet

Crew members push the car Denny Hamlin during the NASCAR Pit Crew Challenge in Charlotte, NC, on Thursday. —INTERNET



WEATHER**Friday, 20th 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, Kachin and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan State and isolated in remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy fall in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy fall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Regions, Northern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, (6°C) below May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogoke (4.22) inches, Mawlamyine (3.03) inches, Kyeikkhame (2.09) inches, Kyeikmaraw (1.99) inches, Sittway (1.92) inches, Mudon (1.57) inches, Kawkaik (1.54) inches, Tada-U (1.50) inches, Myitkyina and An (1.34) inches each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 19-5-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 20-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 19-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-5-2011 was (70%). Rainfall on 20-5-2011 was (Tr).

Rainfall on 20-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.20)

inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.28) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.99) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (17.88) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.78) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from Southeast at (00:30) hours MST on 20-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 21st May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of Southwest Monsoon advance into Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21st May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21st May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21st May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for May 3rd weekend, Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Region.

Chinese shuttlers to fight for fourth-straight Sudirman Cup

QINGDAO, 20 May—Chinese badminton team is determined to fight for its fourth-straight title of Sudirman Cup while other teams vow to provide resistance to the powerhouse at these biggest world mixed team badminton championships to be held from 22 May to 29.

Having defended the Sudirman Cup in the last three editions, Li Yongbo, the head coach of Chinese team remained in calm, saying "China have to be well prepared in the face of adversity, especially when playing against strong teams."

Chinese team left their base in Beijing for Qingdao on 2 May for its final preparations for these championships.

Xinhua



Preakness Stakes horse race entrant Mr Commons with Frankie Herrarte aboard moves to the track for a workout at the Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on 20 May, 2011.
Mr Commons is set to run in the 136th Preakness Stakes race on Saturday.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (21-5-2011) (Saturday)

TransmissionsTimes

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (21-5-11 09:30 am ~ 22-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Consecration Ceremony
- * News
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Youth & Technology (Chin Twin Technology Training School)
- * Travelogue in Popa
- * News
- * Ever Blooming Flower

Oversea Transmission

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- * Ever Blooming Flower
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) (Part-I)
- * News
- * Myanmar Pottery
- * News
- * Kayah Traditional Museum
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * Ancient Buddha Images Carved on Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
- * Myanmar Movie "That's why We're "



**Saturday,
21 May**

View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. Paritta By Venerable Mungun Sayadaw-Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am**
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
 6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am**
 7. Poem Garden
- 8:20 am**
 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am**
 9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**
 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
 11. Local Talent
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
 3. Game For Children

- 11:55 am**
 4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 12:00 pm**
 5. Yan Can Cook
- 12:25 pm**
 6. TV Drama Series
- 1:15 pm**
 7. Teleplay (Forest)
- 1:50 pm**
 8. Documentary
- 2:00 pm**
 9. Musical Programme
- 2:15 pm**
 10. Dance Of National Races
- 2:35 pm**
 11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:55 pm**
 12. International News

- 3:45 pm**
 1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup (2011) (Live) (Zeyar Shwe Myay FC & Ayeyawady United FC)
- 5:50 pm**
 2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
 3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
 4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 5. Ahlshamae Hlagabawai
- 6:35 pm**
 6. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm**
 7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
 8. News
- 9. International News**
 10. Weather Report
 11. Cartoon Series
 12. TV Drama Series
 13. Gitadagale Phwinbaohn

- ★ 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

President U Thein Sein attends opening of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—President U Thein Sein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri of Nay Pyi Taw District at 1 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-

President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Economic Ministers of Regions and States, departmental heads, economists and resource persons, responsible persons of social organizations and guests.

President U Thein Sein delivered an opening address.

Next, President U Thein Sein together with Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and those present viewed documents, photos and publications of the ministries relating to rural development tasks.

President U Thein Sein attended the National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation (Special Programme) at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri of Nay Pyi Taw District at 2 pm.

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President U Thein Sein and Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attend National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.—MNA