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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

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends second day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attended the second day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri of Nay Pyi Taw District at 8 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Economic Ministers of Regions and States, departmental heads, economists, resource persons, responsible persons of social organizations and media fields and guests.

Agriculturist Dr Sein Hla Bo presided over section (1) of the workshop in which agricultural development, reducing production costs and technology development sectors were included. Acting Rector Dr Tin Htut of University of Agriculture (Yezin) submitted paper on production of quality paddy strain for ensuring higher income for rural farmers. Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Irrigation



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Department on water utilization management which is the crux of the matter for agricultural development, Professor Dr Daw Li Kyaw of University of Agriculture (Yezin) on fruitful results for farmers and promoting investment in agriculture sector, and Advisor Dr Maung Aung to Ministry of Commerce on alleviation of poverty of rural people through boosting agriculture produces by expanding markets (extension of purchase centres).

At section (2) entitled Development of Agriculture, Fisheries and Integrated Farming presided over by Scholar U Hsat Aung, Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department submitted paper on development of production of meat and fish from manageable scale to commercial scale, Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of Fisheries Department on future prospects of fisheries production groups for rural economic

development, and Managing Director U Kyaw Win of Myanmar Agriculture Service on applying technology for crop production development, reclamation of integrated farms and practising one village one product system.

In the afternoon session Ambassador U Hla Maung (Retd) presided over the Section (3) Micro Finance and Rural Areas Economic Development Tasks Sector where Deputy Director-General of

Cooperatives Department U Aung Phyu read paper on tasks for survival of micro finance services run by cooperatives associations; Assistant Director from the Ministry of Commerce U Thein Myint Wai on importance of specialized companies in rural development; and Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Nay Aye on systematic extension of micro finance services for alleviation of poverty in Myanmar.

President of the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung presided over Section (4) of Rural Industrial Development, Small Industries and Long-term Rural Development Section. Professor/Dean of Economics Department of Education and Training Department Daw Tin Malar read paper on establishing industry in rural area; Assistant Lecturer of Geology Department of the same department

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PERSPECTIVES

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Take part in National Sanitation Week activities

Good health is a great blessing. We can only survive and work to the best of our ability only if we are fit and healthy. We can enjoy happiness through good health.

National Sanitation Week (2011) has been designated from 21 to 27 May. Clean environment means clean hands, clean water, hygienic food and clean toilet.

According to the motto, 'Good health comes from clean hands,' hands are of utmost importance to the human body. We touch things that may be infested with germs with our hands. So, we should eat our food only after washing and cleaning our hands. The hands dealing with materials can cause a person to develop an infectious disease.

It is very important to use clean water for keeping healthy. Impure water and unhygienic food can cause contagious diseases such as diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid and food poisoning.

In keeping the environment clean, use of fly-proof toilets is necessary. Use of latrines without fly-proof can lead to an unhealthy environment and cause infectious diseases.

Overall, all the people are urged to participate in the activities of National Sanitation Week so that they can keep their personal hygiene and the environment clean. By cultivating healthy habits, they will enjoy a happy and healthy family life.

Defence Ministry clinch title in men's hockey round-robin



Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu awards champion Ministry of Defence.—NLM

YANGON, 21 May—The final match of Myanmar National Sports Committee Chairman's Men's Round-Robin Hockey Tournament was held at Theinbyu Hockey Turf, here, this afternoon.

In the last match of the men's round-robin competition, Nay Pyi Taw Command team beat Defence Services (Air) 1-0.

Public Policy

- * 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

Yangon Mayor oversees preventive measures against DHF

YANGON, 21 May—Yangon Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint of Yangon Region this morning looked into participation

of the people in preventive measure against dengue hemorrhagic fever as public movement on Insein Road and Ohnbin

Road in Kyimyindine Township.

Similar movements were organized in Lanmadaw, North Okkalapa, Thakayta and

Hlinethaya townships simultaneously.

The mayor inspected dredging of drains, placing of concrete along pavement and sanitation tasks in Lanmadaw, Kamayut, Mayangon, South Okkalapa and Yankin town-ships.—MNA

National Sanitation Week (2011) launched

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—National Sanitation Week (2011) was launched at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint said National Sanitation Week activities of Myanmar, which started in 1998, are well on track of Millennium Development Goals. According to the motto 'Sanitation for All', the policy of using fly-proof toilets across the country has been laid down. Supply of clean drinking water has been included in the five rural development tasks. Health staff, personnel from Development Affairs Department, those from related departments and NGOs are to organize the people to cultivate healthy habits such as four cleans and follow them.

Next, UNICEF Deputy Resident Representative Ms Juanita Vasquez gave a speech. National Director



National Director Mr Christopher Paul Herink of World Vision Myanmar hands over water guards to Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint.—MNA



UNICEF Deputy Resident Representative Ms Juanita Vasquez making a speech. MNA

Mr Christopher Paul Herink of World Vision Myanmar handed over water guards worth US\$ 76,464 to the deputy minister. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and responsible people from UN agencies. MNA

MTF President's Cup reaches finals

YANGON, 21 May—The Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Cup Tennis Tournament 2011 continued at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Excellent Unity clinched title in the men's team

Officials of Myanmar Hockey Federation presented prizes to outstanding players.

Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu and Yangon Region Minister for Sports Dr Myint Thein awarded first prize winning Ministry of Defence.

NLM

event.

In the men's singles event, Khin Maung Win and Myat Khaing cruised into the final by winning over their opponents.

In the men's doubles event, Khin Maung Win and Aung Moe duo and Aye Tun and Myat Khaing duo beat their rivals in the semifinals and sailed into the finals.

Mixed doubles semifinals, Aye Tun & Zu Zu and Aung Moe & Chit Su Yi moved into the final after beating their rivals.

The finals will be held at 8 am tomorrow. The prize presentation will be held at 5 pm.

MNA

Pakistan stops NATO supplies after 16 people killed in blast



A man looks at the debris of burnt NATO oil tankers after a bomb blast in northwest Pakistan's Torkham on 21 May, 2011.

XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 21 May—Pakistani authorities Saturday suspended supplies to the foreign troops in neighbouring Afghanistan hours after a blast at

an NATO oil tanker killed 16 persons, officials said.

An official said that suspected militants attacked and torched NATO oil tankers in two

separate incidents late Friday night at Landikotal, a main town in Khyber region and the border point of Torkham.

When locals gathered around the tanker at Landikotal to acquire the leaked oil, the tanker blew up due to gas pressure, killing 16 persons there. Pakistan suspended supplies to nearly 160,000 US-led NATO troops after the incident, officials in the region said.

Witnesses said that hundreds of NATO supplies trucks were stranded on the main Pakistan-Afghan highway after the blockade.

Xinhua



An Afghan fire fighter sprays water on a truck which was burnt at the scene of a suicide attacker in Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Afghanistan: Kabul hospital hit by suicide bomber

KABUL, 21 May—A suicide bomb attack on a hospital in the Afghan capital, Kabul, has left six people dead and 23 wounded.

The bomber detonated his device in a tent in the grounds of Charsad Bestar Hospital where medical students were eating lunch.

The hospital treats Afghan military personnel and is in a heavily fortified part of the city, yards from the US embassy and international forces HQ.

The Taliban said they had carried out the attack.

Eyewitness Mohammad Hakim, who was selling fruit from a cart near the hospital, said: "It was a big explosion. I fell to the ground."

There were fears that a second suicide bomber had got into the hospital, and staff were told to lock themselves in their rooms while soldiers searched the building, but no-one has been found.—Internet

Three killed, 10 wounded in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 May—Violence across Iraq claimed three lives and wounded 10 others on Friday, local police sources said. In the northern city of Mosul, a roadside bomb detonated while some policemen were defusing it, leaving two policemen dead and eight others injured, local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, is among the most dangerous places in the country and has been the hotbed of militancy and sectarian violence since the US led invasion in 2003. Later in the day, a police colonel was killed by unidentified gunmen who used weapons with silencers in the Bayaa area southwest of the capital.

Two intelligent agents were also attacked by gunmen using silenced weapons in Harithaya area west of Baghdad, a police source said. Both of them survived the attack but were left wounded.

Xinhua

14 bodies found in Vietnam's boat accident



Rescuers work near the boat sank site in Binh Duong province of Vietnam on 21 May, 2011. four Chinese people were reported missing and feared dead after a double-decker tour boat sank on Friday night in southern Vietnam, Chinese consul-general in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City Xu Mingliang told Xinhua Saturday. And, the total missing number reached 16.—XINHUA

HANOI, 21 May—Fourteen bodies were found by 02:30 pm local time on Saturday from the boat accident on Saigon River, southern Vietnam, and among them two were confirmed Chinese, according to VNexpress. At 01:00 pm local time, the body of a 3-year-old Chinese boy, Guo Hongda, was found. Two minutes later, a body of another Chinese girl was found, VNexpress said.

Guo Liangcai, father of the dead boy, said his family has 12 people attending the birthday party on the boat on Friday night, including his mother-in-law, his two younger brothers, his wife and two children, including Guo Hongda. Only Guo was safe from the boat sink. Guo said that he held the birthday party for his son, Guo Hongda, and invited people from his company.

Xu Mingliang, the Chinese consul-general in Ho Chi Minh City, came to the field Saturday morning to confirm the four missing residents, including three male and one female. Xu said that there were 21 people on the boat when the accident happened, only five people survived, including two Chinese. Twenty divers and five boats were used for the ongoing rescue work.—Xinhua

Out-of-control barges on Mississippi hit bridge



In this aerial photo provided by the US Coast Guard, water from the swollen Mississippi River flows through the Morganza spillway into the Atchafalaya Basin, on 20 May, 2010, over Louisiana. The spillway was opened in an attempt to prevent cities further down the river from flooding and to ease pressure on the river's levee system.—INTERNET

BATON ROUGE, 21 May—Barges broke free from a towboat and the swift Mississippi River current carried them into a bridge as America's busiest inland waterway became even more challenging to traverse. The Coast Guard shut down a 5-mile stretch of the river until they could make sure the area was safe.

Three barges carrying corn sank and another was taking on water after the vessels got out of control Friday. No injuries were reported and the Coast Guard said there was no damage to the levees, but the scene was clear evidence of how challenging the bloated river has become to navigate.

Six days earlier, the area was closed for hours after 25 barges under tow broke loose, and at least two of them hit the bridge. Travis Morace has been running boats on the Mississippi for two decades, witnessing all of the mighty river's many moods. He's seen it calm and smooth as a newly paved road and endured jarring rides filled with treacherous twists and bumps.—Internet

Four killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 May—At least four people were killed as US drones fired two missiles at a vehicle in the Miranshah area of North Waziristan in northwest Pakistan Friday evening, reported local Urdu TV channel Duniya.

Earlier reports by Duniya said the target was a house, but it was later confirmed that the target was a vehicle suspected of carrying militants. The missiles fired by US drones also completely destroyed a nearby house, said the report.

Friday's US drone strike is the 31st of its kind in Pakistan since 2011.

Since this year, at least 225 people have reportedly been killed in such strikes, most of which were launched in North Waziristan, a place believed to be a stronghold of militants along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border area.—Xinhua



Science

Damaged shuttle tile to get closer look: NASA



This NASA photo obtained shows the Endeavour as it began the nine-minute Rendezvous Pitch Maneuver, or 'backflip,' on its last visit to the International Space Station on 18 May. NASA plans to go ahead with a focused inspection of a heat shield tile that was damaged during the shuttle Endeavour's ascent into orbit, the US space agency said on Friday.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 21 May—NASA plans to take a closer look Saturday at a damaged heat shield tile on the underbelly of the space shuttle *Endeavour*, but mission managers downplayed the inspection as no cause for concern.

After mission managers closely examined seven chipped tiles on the underside of the orbiter, they decided that just one needs a focused inspection, according to deputy shuttle programme manager Leroy Cain.

"There is nothing alarming here and we are really not concerned. We are doing what we understand and know that we need to go do in these scenarios," Cain said. Astronauts will maneuver the shuttle's robotic arm to get a better view of the area with a digital camera and laser.

The chunks were likely gouged out by errant foam or ice, and may be repaired by astronauts during a spacewalk if needed.

"This is one that we feel pretty confident that we are going to be able to clear it once we get some higher fidelity data," Cain said.

The shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated in 2003 during its fiery re-entry toward Earth after its heat shield was damaged by a piece of foam that broke off the external tank during launch, weakening the shuttle's protective cover.

NASA has taken care to closely examine the shuttle's heat shield after liftoff ever since.

Endeavour blasted off on its final mission Monday with six astronauts on board — five Americans and one Italian — and docked at the ISS on Wednesday in the second to last mission ever by an American space shuttle.

The US program is set to end after the launch of *Atlantis*, set for 8 July.

The *Endeavour* mission is being commanded by astronaut Mark Kelly, the husband of US Representative Gabrielle Giffords, who is recovering after being shot in the head at a January political meeting with local voters.—*Internet*

Tunis scientific exhibit to showcase Saharan dinosaurs

TUNIS, 21 May—The Tunis Science City will host on 24 May a scientific exhibit on Saharan dinosaurs, the official press agency TAP reported on Friday.

The exhibit which will kick start on 24 May, aims at showcasing the country's rich geological heritage.

Through an elaborate, robotized sound and light re-enactment of the epoch when dinosaurs ruled the world, the exhibit will give life to the *Carcharodontosaurus*, the *Spinosaurus* and the *Iguanodon* some 65 million years after their extinction.

The first dinosaur fossils were discovered in southern Tunisia in 1951.

Since then, the region has become a privileged destination for paleontologists and geologists.

In March, a team composed of Tunisian and Italian scientists discovered the intact skeleton of a 15-meter dinosaur believed to have lived some 110 million years ago.

The fossil was found near Tataouine, some 450 km south of the capital.

In 2010, fossils of large footprints of both herbivore and carnivore dinosaurs were discovered in Chenini, near Tataouine.

Xnihua



Technology



Students use a multi-touch computer in a digital classroom presentation in Hanover on 1 March, 2010.—INTERNET

Students: Buy Windows 7 PC, get free Xbox

WASHINGTON, 21 May—You have the mini-fridge, the flat screen, a DVD player, and maybe a tablet. What else does your dorm room need? How about a free Xbox 360 when you buy a Windows 7 PC? Starting 22 May, students who spend more than \$699 on a Windows 7 PC will get a Xbox 360 4GB console. You can buy any kind of PC, though Microsoft recommended the Dell Inspiron 14r or the Samsung Series 9. You'll need a .edu email address to buy online; if you want to purchase in person, bring a student ID.

Microsoft said the deal will run until 3 September or until supplies last. "While a Windows 7 PC is perfect for staying connected to your social networks, surfing the web, gaming and streaming videos, music and more, when you add the power of Xbox 360, you've got a world of entertainment at your fingertips," Microsoft said in a blog post. Hopefully those new Xbox 360s won't encounter the same problem that some game console owners encountered recently. Microsoft said Thursday that it is replacing an undisclosed number of older Xbox 360 consoles because of a disc issue tied to the console's ability to block counterfeit games.

The problem is certainly not as dire as the hack that took down rival Sony's PlayStation Network for weeks, though Microsoft experienced its own, minor issue with its Xbox Live service on Friday night.—*Internet*

Antivirus for Mac: It's Time

NEW YORK, 21 May—For years, Mac owners have laughed at the frantic efforts of their PC neighbours to fend off attack by viruses, Trojans, rootkits, and other malware. Given that PCs are a vastly greater segment of the market, it's cost-effective for the bad

guys to concentrate on PC attacks. And yes, it's true that Apple's operating system is tougher to crack than Windows. But the days of Mac complacency may be ending. First, some threats are completely platform-independent. If a phishing email can fool you into entering your credit card data on a fraudulent site, it doesn't matter if you're running Windows, Mac OS, Linux, or DR-DOS. You're hosed.

In addition, some of the bad guys have

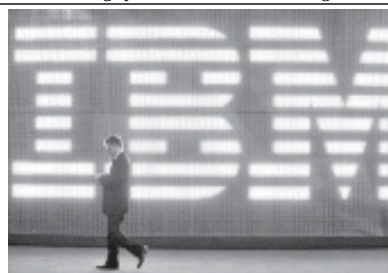
ventured into the Mac realm, creating Mac-specific attacks like the recent MAC Defender. Delivered via poisoned search engine results, this bogus application claims to protect users, but actually harms them. It opens porn Web pages at intervals and convinces gullible users that they're infected. Naturally the only "cure" is to register MAC Defender.

In addition, some Macs run Windows as well as Mac OS X, a volatile combination. A Mac running Windows

is vulnerable to the innumerable Windows-based attacks already swarming the Web.

We haven't yet observed any true surge in viruses, Trojans, or other active malware targeting the Mac, but it couldn't hurt to be prepared. Many of the major security vendors offer Mac products; some offer combined protection for Mac OS X and Windows running on the Mac. And a few will scan the URLs you visit to help fend off phishing attacks.

Internet



A man walks past the IBM logo at the world's biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT, in Hanover, Germany 2009. IBM briefly topped Microsoft in market value on Wall Street on Friday to become the second-largest technology company after Apple.

INTERNET



Wolbachia bacteria kill mosquito that spreads malaria!

WASHINGTON, 21 May — Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health have found that Wolbachia bacteria, which infect many insects including mosquitoes, reduce parasite levels and kill the mosquito that spreads malaria.

Wolbachia do not naturally infect Anopheles mosquitoes, which are the type that spreads malaria to humans.

But the researchers after artificial infection with different Wolbachia strains found that it can significantly reduce levels of the human malaria parasite, Plasmodium falciparum, in the mosquito, Anopheles gambiae.

The investigators also determined that one of the Wolbachia strains rapidly killed the mosquito after it fed on blood. According to the

researchers, Wolbachia could potentially be used as part of a strategy to control malaria if stable infections can be established in Anopheles.

"This is the first time anyone has shown that Wolbachia infections can reduce levels of the human malaria parasite (Plasmodium falciparum) in Anopheles mosquitoes," said Jason Rasgon, senior author of the study. For the study, Rasgon and his colleagues infected Anopheles gambiae mosquitoes with two different Wolbachia strains (wMelPop and wAlbB).

After infection, Wolbachia disseminated widely in the mosquitoes and infected diverse tissues and organs.

Internet



Vitamins and diet supplements are seen at a health store in San Francisco. A dietary supplement of amino acid and antioxidant vitamins can reduce the risk for pregnant women of a dangerous condition called pre-eclampsia, according to a study released Friday.—INTERNET



The US Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved a new drug, Edurant, to fight HIV in combination with other antiretrovirals already on the market. Made by the New Jersey based Tibotec Therapeutics, Edurant helps block the virus from replicating and is part of a class of drugs known as non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor.

INTERNET

Yoga, Tai Chi and acupuncture help in reducing chronic pain

WASHINGTON, 21 May—A research has indicated that meditative exercise forms such as yoga, Tai Chi, and ancient health practices such as acupuncture helps in reducing chronic pain.

Other complementary and alternative health practices including meditation and relaxation techniques, manual therapies such as massage and spinal manipulation also show

promise for contributing to the management of pain.

"Much of health care involves helping people find solutions for tough problems like pain. I think all physicians are well aware of how difficult it is to manage chronic pain patients," said Josephine Briggs, director of the National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at the National Institutes of

Health.

"For example, with back pain we see that large numbers of patients are turning to these approaches with the hope of decreasing discomfort, improving function and quality-of-life, and minimizing side effects of pharmacologic treatments," added Briggs. The research was presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Pain Society.

Internet



Business



Toyota has 45 days supply in US

DETROIT, 21 May—Toyota Motor Corp told its US dealers this week that the company had 45 days of inventory and was working hard to get the word out that it was "open for business."

In a letter obtained by Reuters, US Toyota brand sales chief Bob Carter told dealers the company was in a "healthy position" as it moved toward a full production schedule.

The company recently announced that eight of its North American-built models, including the Camry and Corolla, would return to 100 percent production in June. "This is well ahead of our previously announced timeline of November/December," Carter said in the letter.

The earthquake that rocked northeastern Japan on 11 March forced Toyota and other Japanese automakers to

cut output at home and abroad as they struggled to secure vital auto parts.

The subsequent nuclear disaster and power shortages further complicated problems. But Toyota has moved to restore production more quickly than many analysts expected. In the letter, Carter reiterated that the automaker's US production would be 70

percent of normal volume in June, up from 30 percent in May.

Toyota forecast a full return to production for all models and factory lines by November or December. At 45 days, Toyota's current inventory levels is just five days less than its May 2010 inventory level of 50 days.

Reuters



Toyota cars are displayed during the first media preview day at the 2011 Chicago Auto Show in Chicago, Illinois on 9 February, 2011.

INTERNET

The shadow of Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of ArcelorMittal, Lakshmi Mittal, is pictured in 2010.

INTERNET



ArcelorMittal to expand Quebec iron ore mining

PARIS, 21 May—Top global steelmaker ArcelorMittal announced Friday a CAN\$2.1 billion (\$2.2 billion, 725 million euro) investment to expand iron ore production in the Canadian Province of Quebec that will create 8,000 jobs.

"The investment will allow ArcelorMittal Mines Canada to increase its annual production of iron ore concentrate from 14 million tonnes to 24 million tonnes by 2013," the company said in a statement.

The plan involves expansion of ArcelorMittal's Mont-Wright mining complex and additional construction at Port-Cartier, and is subject to environmental and other regulatory approvals.

"The scheme represents a total investment of CAN\$2.1 billion dollars that will create 8,000 jobs during construction and more than 900 permanent jobs once completed," added ArcelorMittal.

"ArcelorMittal Mines Canada is a flagship mining asset for the Group, which offers considerable opportunity for expansion," said Peter Kukielski, ArcelorMittal's head for mining and a member of the company's executive board.

"We have already announced our intention to grow our iron ore production to 100 million tonnes by 2015 and this expansion forms an important part of that," he added.—Internet



Gilberto Barragan Balderas, right, is escorted by police officers as he is presented to the media in Mexico City, on 20 May, 2011. Barragan Balderas was allegedly in charge of the Gulf drug cartel's operations in Miguel Aleman, across the border from Roma, Texas.

INTERNET

Mexican police catch Gulf drug cartel leader

MEXICO CITY, 21 May—Mexican federal police captured a leading member of the Gulf drug cartel Friday at what appeared to have been his birthday party, authorities said.

Gilberto Barragan Balderas "is considered one of the main leaders of the Gulf Cartel" and is the subject of a \$5 million reward by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, said Ramon Pequeno, head of anti-drug operations for the federal police.

Barragan Balderas was allegedly in charge of the cartel's operations in Miguel Aleman, across the border from Roma, Texas. Police captured him at a party at a ranch near another border city, Reynosa, which is across from McAllen, Texas.

Police said the party was apparently in honour of Barragan Balderas' 19 May birthday. Two alleged associates were also arrested in the raid, which also netted an assault rifle and three pistols.

No formal charges had been filed against any of the suspects.

Barragan Balderas, 41, is wanted on drug trafficking charges in the United States under a 2008 indictment.

Internet

Fire at Australian factory ignites gallons of oil

MELBOURNE, 21 May—Firefighters have brought a massive fire at a Melbourne petrochemical factory under control after it ignited tens of thousands of gallons (liters) of mineral oil. The blaze started Thursday on the outskirts of the Australian city, setting off explosions and sending massive fire balls into the air. The Australian Broadcasting Corp says it raced through 130,000 gallons (500,000 liters) of mineral oil. Firefighters feared at one point that it would reach massive drums holding motor oil. Country Fire Authority spokesman Gerard Scholten said Friday that they were continuing to hose down those tanks to keep the fire from restarting there. Scholten urged residents of nearby towns to stay indoors as much as possible, even though he denied the fumes were toxic.—Internet



Women walk next to a car loaded with bombs which detonated in Caldono, in the Cauca Department, 20 May, 2011. Authorities said the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were responsible for the explosion which destroyed at least seven houses and left two injured.

XINHUA

China calls for attacking Somali pirate bases

BEIJING, 21 May—China's military is urging land attacks on Somali pirate strongholds in a bold call signaling the armed forces' growing assertiveness. China's navy has taken part in anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden since December 2008, but the government has not advocated direct attacks on land areas from which pirates operate.

However, at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday, Gen Chen Bingde said he believes land bases must be attacked in order for counter-piracy campaigns to be effective.

The US and other countries taking part in the patrols have steered clear of land attacks for fear of becoming mired in ongoing campaigns in Somalia — a lawless nation where 18 US servicemen were killed in the capital, Mogadishu, in 1993.

Internet

Two killed in explosion at China electronics plant

BEIJING, 21 May—Two people died in an explosion at a factory in southwestern China belonging to electronics maker Foxconn Technology Group, a company official and state media reported. Foxconn spokesman Edmund Ding told reporters Saturday that a fire caused by Friday's explosion had been quickly put out and that operations at the factory in Chengdu would not be affected. The company, which generally shies away from publicity, is the world's biggest contract manufacturer, making iPads and iPhones for Apple Inc. and other consumer electronics for companies including Sony Corp and Hewlett-

Packard Co. An official with Chengdu's department of occupational safety said Saturday that the explosion appeared to have been caused by an accident in the plant's polishing workshop and that there was no evidence of it having been sparked deliberately.

Aside from the deaths, the official Xinhua News Agency said another 16 people were injured in the explosion.

Last year, Foxconn scrambled to improve conditions at its plants after a string of worker suicides. The company's factories in China employ more than 920,000 people.

Internet

Inmates stabbed in California prison riot

A locked cellblock inside a US prison. At least two inmates were stabbed Friday in a "large scale riot" at a maximum security prison in California, where gunfire was used to quell the unrest, authorities said.

INTERNET



LOS ANGELES, 21 May—At least two inmates were stabbed Friday in a "large scale riot" at a maximum security prison in California, where gunfire was used to quell the unrest, authorities said.

Around 150 inmates were involved in the disturbance that started mid-morning in the main exercise yard of the state prison in Sacramento, said the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations. "Staff utilized less lethal rounds, pepper spray and one lethal round (warning shot) to quell the incident," it said in a statement, adding that the more seriously injured were taken to hospital.

"The majority of the inmates involved sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident. Two inmates were stabbed multiple times during the incident and are being treated at an outside hospital," it added. The prison houses some 3,000 inmates and has a staff of over 1,700. —Internet

S Lanka eyes better rating before \$1 bln bond sale

COLOMBO, 21 May—Sri Lanka is hoping for a better credit rating to boost its plans to sell a \$1 billion sovereign bond this year, an official said on Saturday, ahead of a visit by ratings agencies.

The Central Bank's deputy governor Dharma Dheerasinghe said the agencies, Standard and Poor's and Fitch and Moody's will begin a visit to the island next Monday to assess the its financial health.

"We have a better credit story to tell now" Dheerasinghe told AFP, comparing his country's economic fortunes to those during the decades-long ethnic conflict with Tamil Tiger rebels which ended in May 2009,

"The economy is growing steadily," he said. "We hope there will be an improvement in our rating after the review." The island's \$50-billion economy is tipped to grow at a record 8.5 percent this year, up from a 32-year high of 8.0 percent posted in 2010.

Internet



A shoe shop facade advertises a sale in Colombo. Sri Lanka is hoping for a better credit rating to boost its plans to sell a \$1 billion sovereign bond this year, an official has said, ahead of a visit by ratings agencies.

INTERNET

Indonesian mountaineering team reaches top of Qomolangma

JAKARTA, 21 May — A four-strong mountaineering team from Indonesia on Friday raised national flag on top of Mount Qomolangma in Nepal to mark the National Awakening Day, the *Jakarta Post* reported on Saturday.

"All four team members has reached the summit of the world's tallest mountain," said Julius Mario, the manager of the team which is running an Indonesia 7 Summits Expedition campaign, from the base

camp.

Mt Qomolangma was the sixth mountain the team climbed before it completes the final phase of an expedition to conquer the seven highest summits in the world next year.

The first member of the team to reach the peak of Mt Qomolangma was Broery Andrew Sihombing, a 22-year-old mountaineer.

He reached the 8,848-meter peak at 5:22 am local time with a

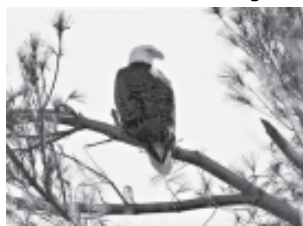
guide from Mountain Experience, Hiroyuki Kuraoka, and a Sherpa guide, Pemba Nuru.

"Broery reached the summit after a seven-hour climb from Camp 4," Julius said in a release.

The team began their ascent on 10 May when they left base camp for Camp 1, taking the Southeast Ridge route on the Nepal side.

They continued their journey to Camp 2 on 11 May and stayed for two days.—*Xinhua*

Bald eagles poisoned in Wisconsin ready for release



A bald eagle sits on a tree branch in West Newbury, Massachusetts on 17 March, 2010.—INTERNET

MILWAUKEE, 21 May—Seven bald eagles found poisoned and near death in April at a northern Wisconsin landfill are fully recovered and ready to be released back into the wild, a woman who helped nurse them back

to health, Marge Gibson, said on Friday.

Authorities from the Fish and Wildlife Service are investigating the accidental poisoning that left one of the birds dead.

Seven of the large birds were found comatose and close to death at an Eagle River, Wisconsin-area landfill on 9 April after ingesting an undisclosed substance from a plastic container.

Gibson and her helpers from Gibson's Raptor Education Centre were summoned from Antigo, Wisconsin, about 90 minutes away, to rescue the eagles. Their release back into the wild is imminent, she said.

Reuters



This 11 Feb, 1964 photo provided by Christie's auction house, from a collection of photos of The Beatles shot by photographer Mike Mitchell at the Washington Coliseum in Washington, DC, shows George Harrison during the group's first US concert, two days after their Ed Sullivan appearance.—INTERNET

Photos of Beatles' 1st US concert to be auctioned

NEW YORK, 21 May—It was 1964. Beatlemania ruled. Two days after their momentous debut on "The Ed Sullivan Show," the Fab Four boarded a train from New York for Washington, DC, for their first US concert. An enterprising 18-year-old Mike Mitchell was there, a press pass in hand, shooting photographs just feet away and even jumping onto the stage for the group's brief pre-concert press call.

Forty-seven years later, Mitchell has made 50 silver gelatin prints from his negatives of the event and the Beatles' 3 Sept, 1964, performance at the Baltimore Civic Centre. He's offering them for sale at Christie's New York auction house on 20 July.

The total pre-sale estimate is \$100,000; the images will be sold individually. Mitchell laughs when he describes the scene at the indoor arena that night — not only of screaming fans but also of his unrestricted access to the stage. No cordoned-off media pens, no tight security. "It was a long time ago. Things weren't that way then," the 65-year-old said in a telephone interview from Washington, where he lives and works as an art photographer. "It was as low-tech as the concert itself. The concert was in a sports venue and the sound system was the sound system of a sports venue."—*Internet*

1,500 Jaguar cars to be recalled in China

BEIJING, 21 May—Jaguar Cars Ltd, a British luxury car manufacturer, would recall 1,552 cars sold in China due to steering flaws, quality control authorities said.

The recall - starting 6 June - involves 1,550 XF automobiles manufactured between September 2009 and March 2010, and two XK cars produced between August 2009 and March 2010, *Xinhua* reported citing a statement from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

The antiseptic plating of the steering power oil pipe was below design standards and the pipes might be corroded, resulting in possible steering problems or even overheating, the statement said.

Jaguar Land Rover Auto Trade (Shanghai) Co Ltd. will notify consumers that they are entitled to free checks and repairs, it said.

A hotline has also been opened to customers for consultation.—*Internet*

Italian diver sets record with 13 underwater loops powered by two dolphins

TORVAIANICA, (Italy), 21 May—Simone Arrigoni of Italy has set an apnea diving record by completing 13 underwater loops, pushed by two dolphins named Paco and Marco, at a marine centre in Torvaianica, Italy.

Arrigoni broke his own record by completing the circuits, or 'voltas' as he calls them, in one minute and 53 seconds using the dynamic apnea technique, which involves holding your breath.

He previous record was of 12 'voltas' in one minute 42 seconds.

'Voltas' is a Portuguese term used by the diver to define the circles that he constructs as he is pushed along by the dolphins.

The task is made more difficult as it requires absolute synchronisation with the animals.

And the dolphins are required to surface at least twice during the test in order to breathe, while the diver remains under the surface in a fixed position.

"The trainers at Zoomarine have taught to me to listen to the dolphins and that they converse with each other in order to correct the position during the test," *The Daily Mail* quoted Arrigoni, as saying.—*Internet*

More Indonesians heading to universities in China

JAKARTA, 21 May—More Indonesians are heading to universities in China, and the trend is expected to continue as more Chinese universities offer English-medium courses - eliminating the need for Mandarin-language proficiency.

Cost is another reason why more Indonesians choose China instead of traditional destinations like Australia, Europe and the United States. Helen Lim is among thousands of young Indonesians who are taking Mandarin-language classes in Jakarta. They are preparing to study in China. And some - like Ms Lim - are taking post-graduate courses to tap on the Middle Kingdom's growing economic clout. Ms Lim said: "We all know about China's economic explosion. That is the reason why I plan to study there; get their knowledge and apply it in Indonesia."

Another Indonesian student, Recky Andrianus, said: "My father's business is Tour and Travel. Automatically, language is very important." Others like Belinda Ma see this as an



Children make rocket models during the 1st Shenyang Children's Science and Technology Month, in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, 21 May, 2011. The launching ceremony of the 1st Shenyang Children's Science and Technology Month was held Saturday at Shenyang Children's Activities Centre, featuring the theme of "Science and Technology Make the Dream Fly". A series of science activities will be held to stimulate children's science interests and innovation abilities.—INTERNET

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo...

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Dr May Thu Naing on cottage industries; Deputy Director of Development Affairs Department Dr Tun Lwin on long-term rural development tactics Director-General U Than Htaik of Heavy Industry Planning Department on analysis on agriculture using machinery manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-2 to increase the number of rural produce; Deputy Director-General U Mya Than of Small-scale Industry Enterprise on small-scale industries and rural development; and Director-General of Agricultural Mechanization Department U Soe

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Second-day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in progress.—MNA

Hlaing on boosting agricultural produce practising mechanized farming.

At today's workshop, 16 scholars read out 16 papers.

The second-day session of the workshop was

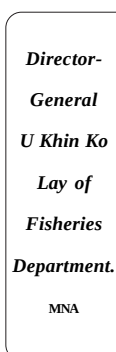
adjourned in the evening after those present raised queries about and discussed the submitted papers.

The third-day session of workshop continues at 8 am tomorrow.

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Advanced Labour Affairs English Language Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—The Advanced English Language Course on Labour Affairs No. 1/2011 concluded at the Ministry of Labour, here, yesterday morning. After delivering an

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National Sanitation Week launched in Yangon Region

YANGON, 21 May—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended the ceremony to mark the National Sanitation Week 2011 of Yangon Region at the hall of University of Nursing in Lanmadaw Township today.

He urged officials, volunteers, social organization members and health staff to make

collaborative efforts for carrying out sanitation tasks as national movements.

After the ceremony, he presented prizes to winner health staff in the quiz to mark the National Sanitation Week and Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health,

Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo, winners of Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

The Chief Minister and party viewed displays to mark the National Sanitation Week at the hall.

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Boosting production discussed in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region attended the coordination meeting on boosting production of crops in 2011-2012 at the hall of Myanmar Agriculture Service of Sagaing Region yesterday morning.

Departmental officials reported on plans for the projects and tasks being undertaken.

The Chief Minister stressed the need to grow double and mixed cropping for boosting production of crops, transform croplands to farmlands, increase production of crops, exceed sown acreage and ensure right production.—MNA



Union Minister for Education Dr. Mya Aye delivers an address at the basic education school administration refresher course concluding ceremony.
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Easy ways for issuing Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and household lists discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May— A coordination meeting on seeking ways for ensuring speedier issuance of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and household lists was held at the hall of Ministry of Immigration and Population,

here, yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi said that it is important for the ministry to issue the CSC to the eligible citizen and not to issue the card to the person in-

eligible to be citizen under the law. Facts and evidences for issuing the card must be correct and accurate so it is necessary to take care of scrutinizing them. Director-General U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National

Registration Department reported on requirements for applying household lists and CSCs. Those present participated in discussions on easy ways for applying the cards.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and officials at the Union Chief Justice office.—MNA

Factories in Thanlyin Township inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung visited the plastic factory, packaging paper factory, Garment Factory No.18 and Thanlyin Garment Factory No.19 in Thanlyin Township in Yangon Region today.

The deputy minister met with factory manager at Garment Factory No.18 and left necessary instruction.

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Mangrove swamps in Delta under...

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Indeed, a mangrove is a gifted tree, whose benefits are very huge. About 85 % of the victims of Thayawchaung Village survived the natural disaster due to white mangroves in Kadonkani Forest Reserve, so did the majority of the survivors of enormous tidal waves, holding tight the mangroves in Byonehmwe and Maimahla islands.

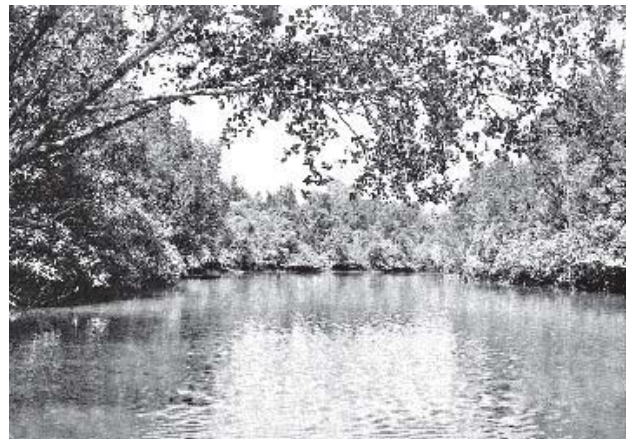
Myanmar is not far from the epicenter of the strong earthquake that triggered very powerful

tidal waves in the India Ocean in 2004, but the death toll was amazingly low because of the protection of the mangrove forests, whereas the coastal areas of Somali, which is very far from the epicenter, were hit hard and suffered wholesale death and destruction.

Ayeayawady Delta is not the only area mangrove forests have protected against tidal waves many times. According to a FAO report, a village with a population of over 1700 in Tamil Nadul State was resistant

to tsunami tidal waves owing to mangrove forests. Despite being very close to the epicenter of the powerful earthquake, Simeuleu Island in Indonesia suffered only remarkably low death toll due to the mangrove forests around it.

Direct and indirect benefits human beings get from mangrove forests are so many. Nonetheless, mangrove forests or natural heroes are deteriorating in consequence of man activities. Long ago, Myanmar stood as one of the 15 countries with most mangrove forests in the world and at that time, the area of mangrove swamps



It is pleasant to view a mangrove forest in the Delta.



Crocodiles are bred at Kyaunghtauk camp in Maimahla Island Sanctuary, Bogale Township, and set free to grow wild.

of Myanmar made up about 4% of the global mangrove swamp areas. According to the satellite photos taken in 2007, 74% of the Myanmar's mangrove swamps had been degraded.

Ayeyawady Region has nine forest reserves including mangrove swamps: in Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun and Bogale townships. Now, the number of forest reserves in Ayeyawady Region has been reduced to only six — in Labutta and Bogale townships on account of cutting down mangroves indiscriminately, encroachment of people into forest reserves, extensive cultivation of rice, and breeding prawns.

The Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry was conserving and regenerating mangrove forests in cooperation with related departments and organizations, international organizations, and social organizations. To make things worse, the nation encountered the cyclone "Nargis" that destroyed some mangrove forests. The Forest Department collected a census of mangrove forests in Bogale, Pyapon and Labutta townships and started regeneration of devastated mangrove swamps.

In addition, the department, Japan International Cooperation

Agency, the Forest Resources and Environmental Development Association and other social organizations are working together to regenerate ravaged areas, and setting up mangrove forests and forest reserves in the Delta. They also built four storm shelters in the project area to raise public awareness about environmental degradation.

So, ravaged mangrove swamps in the Delta will return to normal soon. Residents are urged to work more closely with the Forest Department in conserving mangrove forests.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 20-5-2011

China, S Korea leaders tour devastated Japan region

NATORI, 21 May—The leaders of China and South Korea, in Japan for a weekend summit, toured Japan's devastated north Saturday to show their support for earthquake and tsunami recovery efforts.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak arrived in Sendai city late Saturday morning and immediately headed to devastated nearby areas, offering a wreath of flowers and a silent prayer.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived later and followed a similar schedule. The two leaders were to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan in Fukushima City and return to Tokyo for a banquet before summit talks on Sunday.

The 11 March earthquake and tsunami left more than 24,000 people dead or missing and sparked an ongoing crisis at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. China and South Korea have been critical of Japan's response to the nuclear crisis, particularly about the release of radiation into the ocean.

Japan hopes the visit by the two leaders will help smooth over concerns. The summit was expected to focus on the nuclear crisis and



South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak visits the earthquake-affected area in Natori, northeastern Japan, on 21 May, 2011. Leaders from China, Japan and South Korea plan to visit evacuation centres and areas devastated by the 11 March earthquake in northeastern Japan.

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ways for each country to help Japan's recovery.

Tokyo had reportedly wanted to formally start the summit in Fukushima, but that plan had to be scrapped because of logistical issues. Fukushima City is about 40 miles (60 kilometers) from the crippled nuclear plant.

After placing the flowers in a rubble-covered neighbourhood, Lee said South Korea would do all it can to help Japan.

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Russia tests nuclear missile amid war of words with US

Moscow, 21 May—Russia conducted its second intercontinental ballistic missile test in less than a month on Friday as it stepped up its campaign against a US-backed interceptor system for Europe.

News reports said the *Sineva* missile was launched from a Russian submarine in the Barents Sea and later successfully hit its target on the opposite side of the country on the Kamchatka Peninsula.

"The launch was conducted from a submerged position,"

defence ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov told Russian news agencies. "The warheads hit the test range on schedule," he added. The *Sineva* submarine-launched missile is one of the most recent additions to Russia's nuclear arsenal and was only fully tested for the first time in 2008.

Each missile carries up to 10 warheads and has a range of more than 11,000 kilometres (6,800 miles). It was the second submerged missile launch conducted by Russia since 26 April.

Russia occasionally tests its heavy nuclear missiles as it upgrades outdated models with new features and capabilities.

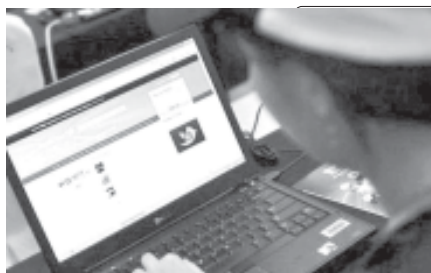
But the tests are also often seen as a show of force that coincide with diplomatic tensions with the West. Russia had scaled back its testing programme as it negotiated a new nuclear disarmament treaty with the United States that went into effect after nearly a decade of tortuous negotiations earlier this year.

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An aerial view of a flooded area in the town of Sucre, in northern Colombia, on 20 May, 2011. Downpours due to La Nina have rocked the country since last year.

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A British footballer is taking legal action to force Twitter to give the details of users who broke a gagging order granting him anonymity over an alleged affair, his lawyers have said.

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5.8 magnitude earthquake hits Papua New Guinea

PORT MORESBY, 21 May—A moderate earthquake jolted eastern New Guinea region of Morobe in Papua New Guinea early on Saturday morning, according to US Geological Survey.

There was no reports of injuries or damage after the 5.8 magnitude quake hit at 5:43 am local time (19:43 GMT on Friday) with the depth of 1 km.

The epicenter of the quake was 54 km southwest of Lae in eastern New Guinea region and 252 km north of Port Moresby, the capital of the country. Earthquake is common in PNG but only a few are destructive.

Xinhua

Footballer takes legal action on Twitter

LONDON, 21 May—A Premier League footballer is taking legal action to force Twitter to give the details of users who broke a gagging order granting him anonymity over an alleged affair, his lawyers have said.

The married player had earlier obtained an order from a judge banning publication of his identity over an alleged sexual relationship with a female contestant on the reality television show 'Big Brother'.

"An application has been made to obtain limited information concerning the unlawful use of Twitter by a small number of individuals who may have breached a court order," his law firm, Schillings, said in a statement on Friday.

The player is not identified in the court documents. A spokesman for US-based Twitter said: "We're not able to comment."

Earlier this month a Twitter user published the names of several British celebrities who have allegedly obtained anonymised injunctions or so-called super-injunctions which prevent even the mention of the order itself.

A long-awaited judicial report on Friday said

that the gagging orders should only be granted where strictly necessary and that media who may be silenced by such bans should also be informed beforehand.

But senior judge David Neuberger also urged lawmakers to think twice before using their right of unrestricted freedom of speech in parliament to undermine them. On Thursday, a member of the House of Lords revealed that Fred Goodwin, the former boss of the bailed-out Royal Bank of Scotland, had won an injunction banning publication of details of an alleged affair with a colleague.—Internet



Prison fire kills 14 inmates in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 21 May—A fire swept through a cell block in a northern Mexican prison early Friday, killing 14 inmates.

The fire broke out around 3 am at the prison in the town of Apodaca on the outskirts of Monterrey, said Jorge Domene, a spokesman for the Nuevo Leon state government. He said the wing had once been the prison's psychiatric ward but was currently being

used as a normal cell block. He said the fire was under investigation and there were no further details.

The blaze may have been caused by a short circuit, possibly in a television set, according to an official with the Nuevo Leon state Public Safety Department, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the fire.

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A woman reads the front page of the New York Times on the Internet in Washington, DC, 2010.

Google on Friday had stopped digitizing old newspapers as publishers sought to make money off story archives instead of having them hosted free online.—INTERNET



Cambodia's King Norodom Sihamoni greets during the annual Ploughing Festival in Phnom Penh on 21 May, 2011. Cambodia host the annual ploughing festival during which royal oxen will have to choose between seven bowls including rice, corn, green beans, grass, sesame, water and wine to predict the future of the farming season. The tradition, which is hundreds of years old, is followed closely by people in Cambodia, the majority of whom are farmers.—INTERNET

UN chief "strongly condemns" attack on mission in Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 21 May—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has expressed concern over a Thursday attack on a UN convoy in the disputed Abyei area on the border between the north and south Sudan, his spokesperson Martin Nesirky said in a statement released here Friday.

"The secretary-general strongly condemns the attack against an UNMIS (UN Mission in

Sudan) escort convoy on 19 May, 2011 in Abyei," said the statement. "At the time of the attack, the convoy was escorting 200 troops of Joint Integrated Units (JIUs) of the Sudan Armed Forces, as part of the deployment plan agreed to by the parties."

The statement said Ban viewed the attack in the contested, oil-rich Sudanese region of Abyei as a violation of both the agreements on

security in the region, and as a crime committed against the UN.

"The attack was not only a serious breach of agreements between the parties, but also a criminal act against the United Nations," the statement said. "The secretary-general calls on the parties to immediately investigate the incident and ensure those accountable are brought to justice."

Xinhua

More than 40 killed in dust storm in northern India

NEW DELHI, 21 May—More than 40 people were Saturday killed and several others injured in different parts of the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh as dust storm, accompanied by high velocity wind and rains, hit several districts of the state, reported *Press Trust of India*. Eleven people, including four children, were killed in Lakhimpur district in incidents of house collapse and uprooting of trees during dust storm Saturday morning, the report quoted Additional District Magistrate Tulsi Ram as saying.

While four persons each were killed in Lakhimpur and Gola tehsil, two deaths were reported from Mohammadi and one from Dharaura. In Gola, a couple was killed when their hut collapsed during the storm. In Shahjahanpur district, 16 people were killed in dust storm related incidents, ADM Rama Shanker Maurya said. Eleven people were killed in Tilhar tehsil, three in Puwayan and two in Sadar tehsil.—MNA/Xinhua



A farmer works at a field suffering from drought in Shuanghu village of Hutian Township, Yichun, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 20 May, 2011. Rainfall in Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Anhui and Jiangsu provinces was 20 to 40 percent less than the average in previous years despite more rain in May.

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Shanghai Futures Exchange expected to launch silver futures this year

SHANGHAI, 21 May—The Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE), China's biggest commodities market, is expected to launch silver futures by the end of this year, the head of the SHFE said Saturday.

The statement was made by Yang Maijun, general manager of the SHFE, on the sidelines of the Lujiazui Forum in Shanghai, an annual gathering of China's top financial officials and economists. Yang also stressed the importance of introducing crude oil futures in China, noting that about 55 percent of China's crude oil has to be imported and that this percentage is likely to increase in the future.

"Developing crude oil futures has a bearing on national energy security and economic security, and the SHFE hopes to step up its efforts to launch crude oil futures," he said. However, "this will be determined by the domestic spot market for crude oil and by how much of its production and logistics is market-based," Yang said.—Xinhua

Somali pirates plead guilty to yacht hijacking



This undated photo courtesy of a family friend shows the S/V Quest yacht that belonged to Jean and Scott Adams. Three Somali men pleaded guilty on Friday to piracy charges related to the hijacking of the yacht that left four Americans dead.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 21 May—Three Somali men pleaded guilty Friday to piracy charges related to the hijacking of a yacht off the coast of Oman in February that left four Americans dead.

Mohamud Hirs Issa Ali, 32, and Mohamud Salad Ali, 35, and Ali Abdi Mohamed, 35, pleaded guilty in a federal court in the eastern state of Virginia, according to US prosecutors. The owners of the yacht Quest, Jean and Scott Adams, were Christian missionaries based in California who were sailing around the world at the time of the

hijacking. They were shot to death, along with their companions Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay from Seattle, Washington, several days after being taken hostage and as negotiations were taking place with US Navy officials.

Issa Ali and Salad Ali pleaded guilty to acts of piracy and hostage taking resulting in death, as part of plea agreements that will allow them to avoid the death penalty. They face life in prison. The two men "acknowledged in connection with their pleas that they served as leaders of the piracy operation," prosecutors said in a statement.

The third man, Abdi Mohamed, who also made a plea deal, acknowledged "that he fired a rocket propelled grenade in the course of the crime." He pleaded guilty to piracy. He also faces life in prison.—Internet



A crane (R) is used to lift containers bound for export at the Port Authority in Bangkok in 2009. Thailand posted a trade deficit in April as a shortage of auto parts from disaster-hit Japan contributed to a slowdown in exports, government data showed on Friday.—INTERNET

Malaysian orphanage landslide kills two

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 May—A landslide caused by heavy rains hit an orphanage in Malaysia on Saturday, killing two children and burying at least 21 others, a local lawmaker said. The incident took place at around 2:30 pm (0630 GMT, 2:30pm Singapore time) at the Children's Hidayah Madrasah Al-Taqwa orphanage in Hulu Langat, just south of the capital Kuala Lumpur.

Che Rosli Che Mat, an opposition lawmaker with the conservative Islamic party (PAS), expressed shock over the tragedy. "Twenty-three children under the age of 18 were buried in the landslide. Six have been pulled out with injuries while have two died. It is raining heavily now," he said. Che Rosli said the orphanage was located on a hill slope in his constituency, and it had been raining heavily in the semi-rural area for the past two days. "The landslide happened very fast. Only a few children managed to escape," he said.—MNA/AFP/CNA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1130)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1130) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.5.2011 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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Indian PM congratulates space department on GSAT-8 launch

NEW DELHI, 21 May—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Saturday congratulated the country's space department for successfully launching communication satellite GSAT-8 from Kourou in French Guiana in the wee hours, highly placed sources said.

"The Prime Minister called up Indian Space Secretary K Radhakrishnan at the launch site and conveyed his greetings for the successful launch of the satellite which will give a boost to direct-to-home services in the country," they said.

The 3,100-kg high-powered satellite, built by the Indian Space Research Organization, was put into space by European launcher ArianeSpace's Ariane 5 rocket which lifted off at 02:10 am with Japan's ST-2 spacecraft as co-carrier.—Xinhua

Four killed in chopper crash in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 21 May—Four people were killed with a pilot surviving in a police chopper crash in the sea off the coast of Beykoz of the Istanbul Strait on Friday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. According to the report, the bodies were brought to a port belonging to Istanbul Strait Command.

Police sources said that the pilot survived the accident and he was identified as Kemal Ozdemir, deputy chief of the Istanbul police department, said the report. The police identified one of the passengers as Ragip Ali Birgen, head of the police information department. It's not immediately known what caused the crash.—Xinhua

Chicken egg yolk helps UK mum give birth after IVF failed

LONDON, 21 May—A UK mother who has been struggling to get pregnant for eight years has finally given birth - thanks to an injection of chicken egg yolk.

Leanne Blackwell, 38, and her husband Andy, 48, from Grantham, had been trying to conceive since 2003 and spent 15,000 pounds of IVF without success.

In early 2010, Dr George Ndukwe from Care Fertility in Nottingham discovered that the couple had incompatible immune systems and suggested injecting Leanne with protein taken from a chicken egg.

After reading about the possible effects of her immune system on pregnancy, Leanne requested an

Woman held in California for 'trying to sell moon rock'

LOS ANGELES, 21 May—An American woman is being questioned in California for allegedly trying to sell a moon rock for \$1.7m (£1.05m). The woman, whose identity has not been revealed, was held in a sting operation when she showed the rock to a NASA investigator in Lake Elsinore. Moon rocks are considered national treasure in the United States and their sale is illegal.

The rock was recovered but NASA investigators have not yet determined whether it is genuine. The sting operation had been planned for several months and took place at a restaurant. Gail Robinson, NASA's deputy

inspector general, told the *Los Angeles Times*: "It's possible this is a moon rock, but it has to be tested first."

It quoted Ms Robinson as saying the woman was in custody but had not been formally arrested. Many hundreds of kilograms of rock were collected from NASA missions to the Moon, mainly during the Apollo 15, 16 and 17 missions. Hundreds were handed out as gifts to foreign nations and US states, and scores of those remain unaccounted for.

Two interns stole a small amount of moon rock from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, in 2002.—Internet

Rare baby zebras make appearance at Edinburgh Zoo

EDINBURGH, 21 May—Two rare zebras born at Edinburgh Zoo on the same night nearly three months ago have made their public debut. They are Grevy's zebras, distinguished from other types of zebra by their narrow stripes and large ears.

The species is endangered in the wild, with a population of between 2,000 and 2,500 animals - less than 20% of what it was 30 years ago. The zoo also announced the births of two Nyala antelopes, in March and February. All the recent arrivals will live in the Plains of Africa area of the Zoo, sharing the enclosure that overlooks Scotland's capital.

A spokesman for the zoo said: "The babies have been making themselves at home under the watchful eyes of their mums." Grevy's zebras are now largely confined to Kenya and Ethiopia, but have lost some habitat to human settlements and agriculture.—Internet



The zebras were born three months ago.

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Many hundreds of moon rocks were brought back from the Apollo missions.—INTERNET

Mobile wallet offered to UK shoppers

LONDON, 21 May—The first service that allows users to pay for purchases via their mobile phone has been launched in the UK. Among shops signed up to the system are McDonalds, EAT, Pret-a-Manger and some Boots stores. Users wishing to use the system — dubbed Quick Tap — will need Orange and Barclaycard accounts as well as a hand-

set set up for contactless payments. The idea of the mobile wallet is gaining popularity around Europe.

The service is made possible by Near Field Communication (NFC), the short-range wireless technology that underpins many wireless payment systems. Quick Tap is a collaboration between Orange and Barclaycard. It will require a NFC-enabled Samsung Tocco Lite handset, which also goes on sale on Friday. Only purchases up to a value of £15 can be made using the service but users can preload their mobile with up to £100.—Internet

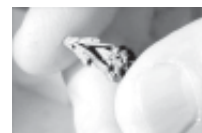


A man demonstrates how it can work.

INTERNET

Mammals' large brains evolved for smell

LONDON, 21 May—A highly developed sense of smell kick-started the development of mammals' big brains. Scientists used very high-resolution scanning to study the skulls of two of the earliest known mammal species. Comparing the shape of their brain cases to those of slightly earlier animals, or "pre-mammals", revealed that the first brain



The researchers scanned the fossilised skulls of tiny, very early mammals.—INTERNET

areas to over-develop were those associated with the sense of smell.

The findings are published in *Science*. An improved sense of smell may have allowed our tiny, furry ancestors to hunt at night. The researchers were able to create 3D images of prehistoric animals' brains using the latest computed tomography, or CT, scanning methods. "Before CT, one had to break open a fossil to get to the internal anatomy," explained Professor Timothy Rowe from the University of Texas at Austin, one of the researchers involved in the study.

Internet



The 24-year-old contestant Riza Santos (L Front) poses after she was crowned Miss World Canada 2011 in Richmond of Vancouver, Canada, on 19 May, 2011. As a Canadian of Chinese, Filipino and Spanish ancestry, Riza Santos will represent Canada in Miss World 2011 to be held in London this November.—XINHUA

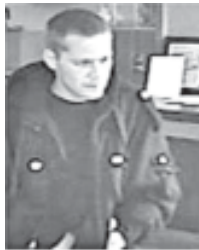
Robber removes hood, shows face to cameras

Authorities said they got a clear picture of an Ohio bank robbery suspect's face when he complied with the facility's "no hats, no hoods" policy. FBI Special Agent Harry Trombitas said the man, described as a white male appearing to be in his 20s, was waiting in line at the PNC Bank on South Hamilton Road in Columbus about 4 pm Monday when a bank employee told him he would have to take off his hood, which was

concealing most of his face, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported Thursday.

Trombitas said the man complied, allowing security cameras to get clear photos of his face before he got to the front of the line and handed a note to a teller demanding money and saying he had a gun. The robber, estimated to be about 5-foot-5, fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

"Law enforcement credits PNC Bank



FBI photo attained by PNC Bank.

employees with enforcing the 'no hats, no hoods' policy, which caused the man to take down his hood, revealing his face to surveillance cameras," Trombitas said. Investigators are working to identify the man, Trombitas said.

Teacup poodle chases bear up a tree

A Washington state man said his teacup poodle chased an approximately 200-pound black bear up a tree in his back yard. Robert Carroll of the Rose Hill neighbourhood in Kirkland said he ran outside when his 21-year-old daughter shouted there was a bear in the back yard about 9:30 am Tuesday and he watched as the family poodle, Shmoopy, charged the bruin and chased it up a tree, the *Kirkland Reporter* reported Wednesday. "The bear was really startled — I was not too worried about the dog at the time," Carroll said. "I was only thinking, bear in yard! Rose Hill? I have seen coyotes and deer in this neighbourhood, but not in a million years did I ever think seeing a bear in this neighbourhood was possible." Carroll said he clapped his hands at the bear and it jumped from the tree into a neighbour's yard.

Alicia Ames, who has lived about a mile from Rose Hill Junior High for 12 years, said she spotted a bear that may have been the same animal about 6 am Tuesday. She said her dogs barked at the bear, and it climbed her fence and fled the area. Ames said it was the first time she had heard of a bear being in the area.

Family finds \$45,000 in new home — then returns it

When Josh Ferrin closed on his family's first home, he never thought he'd make the discovery of a lifetime — then give it back.

Ferrin picked up the keys earlier this week and decided to check out the house in the Salt Lake City suburb of Bountiful.

He was excited to finally have a place his family could call their own.

As he walked into the garage, a piece of cloth that clung to an attic door caught his eye. He opened the hatch and climbed up the ladder, then pulled out a metal box that looked like a World War II ammunition case.

Bees snarl operations at Philippine airport

Swarms of bees mysteriously appeared at several air bridges at the Philippines main international airport on Thursday, briefly interrupting the boarding of passengers, an airport spokeswoman said.

The bees swarmed around the control panels of six air bridges, the

mobile corridors that connect the aircraft to the terminal, preventing the operators from using the equipment, said airport media officer Consuelo Bungag.

"What we did was use the vacuum cleaners to clear them out of the control panels. We also resorted to manual swatting

to hasten the process," she said. Passengers on two domestic flights were forced to board their flights using mobile stairs because of the insects, said Bungag. Airport authorities are working with the quarantine bureau to find out where the bees could have come from, she added.



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News Album



British singer Pete Doherty performs on stage at the Postbahnhof in Berlin in April 2011, during the first concert of a tour in Germany.

INTERNET

Singer Doherty back in jail

LONDON, 21 May—British rock star Pete Doherty was back behind bars on Friday after being given a six-month jail sentence for pleading guilty to possession of cocaine. Judge David Radford told the 32-year-old former singer of The Libertines that he had an "appalling record" of committing offences. But Doherty showed no emotion as he was sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court in London. Doherty was arrested in January last year by police investigating the death of heiress Robyn Whitehead, who was making a documentary about Doherty when she died of a suspected overdose.

Doherty, a previous boyfriend of British supermodel Kate Moss, has twice been jailed before and has repeatedly admitted possessing drugs.

He had been due to give a sold-out concert in Glasgow on Friday, but a spokesman for the Barrowland venue said the gig was now postponed.

Prosecutors said last week that Doherty would not face criminal charges over the death of a partygoer who fell from a balcony shortly after the pair had a row at London party in December 2006.—Internet

Star-studded Cannes AIDS gala raises record funds

CANNES, 21 May—A star-studded AIDS fundraising gala on the sidelines of the Cannes Film Festival raised a record-breaking seven million euros (over \$10 million), organizers said Friday.

Thursday night's event for the American AIDS research foundation amFAR, attended by Monaco's Prince Albert II and his bride-to-be Charlene Wittstock and a galaxy of other celebrities, is the biggest of its kind in Europe.

A portrait of the late Elizabeth Taylor, who founded the event, looked down on the over 800 revellers at the five-star Eden Roc hotel in Cap d'Antibes, including Cannes jury members Robert De Niro, Uma Thurman and Jude Law.

Internet



Actor Jude Law, retired Paralympic athlete and actress Aimee Mullins (right) and singer Gwen Stefani attend amFAR's Cinema Against Aids benefit gala on the Cannes Film Festival on 19 May, in Antibes.—INTERNET

Eccentric road movie with Penn wows at Cannes

US actor Sean Penn poses during the photocall of "This Must Be The Place" presented in competition at the 64th Cannes Film Festival.

INTERNET



CANNES, 21 May—A risk-taking road movie starring Sean Penn as an ageing 1980s pop star in search of his father's Nazi tormentor emerged as a front-runner Friday as the Cannes competition wound down.

"This Must Be The Place", named for the Talking Heads song recently covered by Arcade Fire, both of which feature in the film, is the latest Cannes contender by Italian iconoclast Paolo Sorrentino.

Bearing a strong resemblance to The Cure's frontman Robert Smith in a black fright wig and red lipstick, Penn plays Cheyenne, a washed-up pop singer who refuses to grow up. His closest friend is a teenage fellow Goth played by Eve Hewson, the daughter of U2's Bono.

Living out his retirement in luxury in Ireland with his devoted fire-fighter wife (Frances McDormand), Cheyenne receives news that his estranged father in New York is ailing. Upon arriving at his home, the son discovers his father was obsessed with seeking revenge against a guard who humiliated him while he was a prisoner at Auschwitz.—Internet

Ferguson, Vidic land season awards



Manchester United's Serbian player Nemanja Vidic

LONDON, 21 May—Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson and skipper Nemanja Vidic landed the Premier League manager and player of the season

awards on Friday.

Ferguson led United to their 12th Premier League title, and 19th English league success overall, plus the Champions League final while centre-back Vidic has been key in United's defence.

Ferguson, 69, lands the top manager award from the Premier League sponsors for a ninth time, while 29-year-old Vidic has now been named player of the season twice in his United career.—Internet

Anelotti relaxed about Chelsea farewell

LONDON, 21 May—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti admitted he did not fear the sack on Friday as he prepared for what could well be his final match in charge against Everton on Sunday. Ancelotti's position at Stamford Bridge has come under intense scrutiny after a trophy-less campaign which included the club's worst run of league form in almost 15 years.

The Italian manager,

who led Chelsea to the double in his first year in charge, revealed that a meeting with senior club officials to review the season would be scheduled for next week.—Internet



Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti

Ronaldo eyes goal record, six fight for survival

MADRID, 21 May—Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo is looking for personal glory on Saturday when the Portuguese star aims to beat the all-time La Liga goals record of 38 on the final day of the season. Ronaldo equalled the record, set by



Real Madrid star Cristiano Ronaldo

Athletic Bilbao's Telmo Zarra in 1951 and matched by Real Madrid's Mexican icon Hugo Sanchez in 1990, last weekend and can post a new landmark when Real host already-relegated Almeria at the Santiago Bernabeu.

On a personal level Ronaldo has been a huge success but the silverware has not been as forthcoming with the Kings Cup win not enough to satisfy the former Manchester United man in a season where Barcelona wrapped up the title.—Internet

Wrestler known as 'Macho Man' dies in Fla wreck

NEW YORK, 21 May—Randy "Macho Man" Savage, the professional wrestler known for his raspy voice, the sunglasses and bandanas he wore in the ring and the young woman named Miss Elizabeth who often accompanied him, died in a car crash Friday in Florida. He was 58.

A Florida Highway Patrol crash report said the former wrestler—whose legal name was Randy Mario Poffo—was driving a Jeep Wrangler when he lost control

in Pinellas County around 9:25 am.

The Jeep veered over the raised concrete median divider, crossed over the eastbound lanes and crashed head-on into a tree.—Internet



Professional wrestler Randy 'Macho Man' Savage

Indy drivers gear up for wild qualifying weekend

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 May—IndyCar drivers can't afford to make a mistake on Saturday.

Otherwise, they might not get a second shot at the coveted Indianapolis 500 pole.

With more than three dozen driver-car combinations lining up for two days of qualifications and rain in the forecast both days, drivers will have to take their best shot on their first, and perhaps, only attempt at the top qualifying spot.

"You might only get one run," said Scott Dixon, who won the 500 from the pole in 2008. "So you're really going to have to focus on preparing yourself well, making sure that your first run is a good one. With 40 cars trying to qualify, it's going to be a complete mess." That would certainly fit with this month's theme.—Internet

Miami Heat forward LeBron James, left, and guard Dwyane Wade celebrate after Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the Chicago Bulls, on 18 May, 2011, in Chicago. Miami won 85-75.—INTERNET



Denilson eyes Arsenal exit

LONDON, 21 May—Arsenal midfielder Denilson is determined to leave the club after enduring another trophyless season with the Gunners, it was reported on Friday. The 23-year-old Brazilian joined Arsenal from Sao Paulo in 2006, and has become increasingly frustrated at the club's failure to challenge for silverware in the five years since his move. Denilson told *The Sun* he has already met Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and informed him of his decision to leave.

"I've simply been to see (manager) Arsene Wenger and told him how I felt - and he has agreed to let me go," Denilson said. "This has been the worst

season of my life and I am so upset, so frustrated. I am a winner and I came here to win trophies but I've been here for five years and won nothing. "A footballer's career is over very quickly so it is time to move on.—Internet



Arsenal midfielder Denilson

Another 62 gives Toms 7-stroke lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH, 21 May—David Toms has gone from a disappointing playoff loss to matching the PGA Tour scoring record for the first 36 holes of a tournament. Toms shot his second straight 8-under 62 at Colonial on Friday to open a seven-stroke lead. Coming off a playoff loss on Sunday to K J Choi in The Players Championship, the 44-year-old Toms tied the mark of 124 set by Pat Perez in the 2009 Bob Hope

Classic. Perez had rounds of 61 and 63.

Already off to another impressive start before a 2 1/2-hour weather delay in the middle of his second round, Toms took full advantage after heavy rain softened the Colonial course and the wind stopped. On the eight holes he completed when play resumed, he had four birdies — and came up just short of two more.

Internet



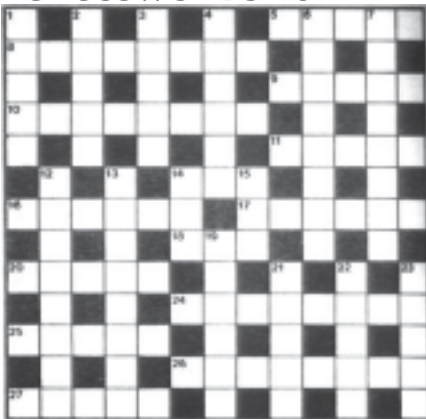
David Toms watches his tee shot on the 17th hole during the second round at the Colonial golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday.—INTERNET

Heat, Bulls expect another physical test in Game 3

MIAMI, 21 May—They were bloodied, bruised and battered. Just about everyone had icepacks strapped to various regions of their bodies, and many all but limped toward the bus out of the arena. That was the Miami scene after Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals. Imagine what the losing team must have felt like. The East finals resume with Game 3 in Miami on Sunday night, when the Heat host the Chicago Bulls with a 2-1 series lead at stake. Nearly 96 hours will have passed without a game by tip-off and both sides likely could use the rest after such a physical Game 2, when Miami knotted the series with an 85-75 win. Bulls guard and reigning NBA MVP Derrick Rose says Sunday is a must-win for Chicago, "no matter what."—Internet

SPORTS

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE

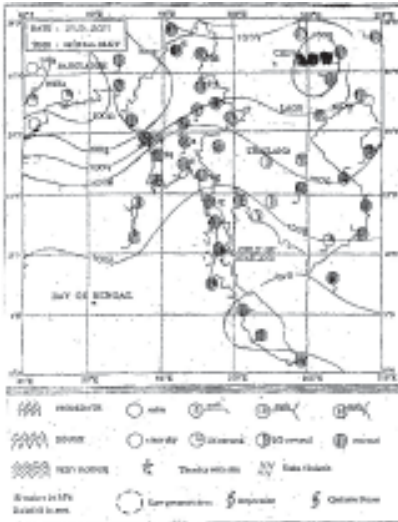


ACROSS

- 5 Legend
- 8 Swiftest felines
- 9 Meat-juice
- 10 Body of soldiers
- 11 Employing
- 14 Beseech
- 16 Light wind
- 17 Defensive dress
- 18 Immerse
- 20 Film award
- 24 Headlong rush of herd
- 25 Nose of pig, etc
- 26 Brave
- 27 Newly-married woman

DOWN

- 1 Fruit of oak
- 2 Coalesce
- 3 Wicket
- 4 Alter
- 6 Tedious
- 7 Intensely hungry
- 12 Captive
- 13 Cheapened
- 14 Garden plot
- 15 Cleft
- 19 Mean
- 21 Spruce
- 22 Time (mus)
- 23 Very poor

WEATHER**Saturday, 21st May, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, scattered in Magway and Yangon Regions and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Upper Sagaing Region. Day temperatures were (7°C) above May average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, (5°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State and about May average temperature in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (1.42) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.79) inch, Katha (5.63) inches, An (2.55) inches, Chaungzon and Taunggyi (1.93) inches each, Kyaikmaraw (1.87) inches, Kyaikkhame (1.73) inches, Manaung (1.65) inches and Pyawon (1.57) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was 0.79 inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 20-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 21-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was (0.71) inch.

Rainfall on 21-5-2011 was (0.79) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.08) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (11.78) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (17.96) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.78) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (06:30) hours MST on 21-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. 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) mph.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22nd May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22nd May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22nd May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Tagliani posts fastest time at Indy 500 practice

INDIANAPOLIS, 21 May—Alex Tagliani posted the fastest time during an eventful Indy 500 practice session on Saturday morning.

Tagliani's fastest lap was 228.184 miles per hour. That was just ahead of 2004 Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice, whose fastest lap was 227.849 miles per hour.

Penske Racing driver Ryan Briscoe crashed, but returned later in the practice in a backup car. Simona de Silvestro, who burned her hands in a crash Thursday, was cleared to drive on Saturday morning and completed 32 practice laps with a best speed of 223.357 miles per hour.

Qualifying will take place on Saturday and Sunday for the May 29 race.

Internet

IndyCar driver Alex Tagliani, of Canada, prepares to drive during practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, on 20 May, 2011.

INTERNET**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL****Programme Schedule (22-5-2011) (Sunday)**

<u>Transmissions</u>	<u>Times</u>
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (22-5-11 09:30 am ~ 23-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Promoting Tourism Through Sports
- * News
- * Let's strive for Polio Eradication
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- * Secret Places for Yummy Food (Shwe Musel)
- * News
- * Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda) Part-II
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Instruments "Myanma Drum"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Traditional Medicines and Medical Equipments Exhibition (2011)
- * News
- * Kaung Mhu Lon and its Spectacular Surround
- * Myanmar Movie "Shwe Nanthar House"

**Sunday,****22 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.(38) Phyar Mingalar
- 8:25 am**
8. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am**
9. International News
- 8:45 am**
10. Documentary
- 8:55 am**
11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song

- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am**
4. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm**
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 1:00 pm**
6. Myanmar Video Feature
- 2:50 pm**
7. International News
- 3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup (2011) (Live) (Rakhapura United FC & Magway FC)

- 5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report
- 6:40 pm**
5. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm**
6. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 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**

- ★ 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

Basic education school administration refresher course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye delivered an address at the conclusion of basic education school administration refresher course No. 5/2011 of the Ministry of Education at the hall of Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education

High School No. 6 this afternoon.

The Union Minister presented first, second and third prizes to headmistress Daw Khin Nwe Win of Ywathit Basic Education High School in Einme Township of Ayeyawady Region,

headmistress Dr Myint Myint San of No. 11 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw and headmistress Dr Myint Myint Aye of No. 1 BEHS in Lashio of Shan State (North) respectively.

Deputy Ministers U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department and Director-General U Ohn Myint of Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau presented completion certificates to the trainees.

MNA

Mangrove swamps in Delta under regeneration

Byline & Photos: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)

Thanks to the rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, the ravaged areas in the

Delta have risen from the nightmare of the cyclone "Nargis" and are now boasting better living

conditions than previous to the catastrophe. However, a project is to be underway as long as the

Delta exists: to conserve and nurture mangroves in it.

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Plot No. 49 in Kadonkani Forest Reserve in Bogale Township.

Pakistan stops NATO supplies after 16 people killed in blast

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Damaged shuttle tile to get closer look: NASA

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Denilson eyes Arsenal exit

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