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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

President U Thein Sein to pay State Visit to PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 May— At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay a State Visit to the People's Republic of China in the near future.

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True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Third-day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May— The third-day session of the National Level Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation took place at Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District at 8 am today.

It was attended by Union Ministers, deputy ministers, ministers for economic of Regions and States, departmental heads, economists, resource persons, social organizations and journalists.

Chairman of Myanmar Central Cooperative Union U Khin Maung Aye presided over the section 5 of the workshop (cooperative sector).

Chairman of Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate Ltd U Soe Myint Aung submitted the paper on rural development and cooperative, Chairman of Shan State (South and East) Cooperative Syndicate Ltd U Kyaw Mya Khaing on construction of infrastructure for development of Myanma cooperatives like world's cooperatives, Chairman of Monetary Cooperative Syndicate Ltd U Myint Maung Tun on seeking capital investment for cooperatives and Managing Director U Kyi Tint of Central Cooperative Union on systematic commencing rural development through cooperative method.

Four scholars read four papers and those present participated in the discussions.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Let's read to expand our horizons

Development of human resources has become an indispensable part of the life of the nation. Today is the Age of Knowledge with superiority of knowledge over other fields, and knowledge has been power and economy.

Reading helps broaden our horizons. Literary works written by the learned in pervious periods are still useful to us today. Myanmar people have own literature, language, culture and national character.

It is to keep proportionate improvement of physical infrastructure of the nation and mental development of the people in building a modern developed nation. Literature, the lifeblood of a people, can polish the image of the nation.

Now, the people have easy access to libraries across Regions and States designed to provide intellectual nourishment for readers. The number of libraries is on the increase thanks to the establishment of the Myanmar Libraries Foundation. In addition, media corners have been set up in Yangon where the people can read publications with convenience. A plan has been adopted to erect similar facilities in other cities.

The government has applied varieties of approaches to provide the public with learning opportunities to enrich their lives. Therefore, the entire people, old or young, should do lifelong study to expand their horizons and help the nation keep abreast of the international community.

People's Desire

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

***Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi addressed coordination meeting on seeking ways to promptly issue citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 May.* (News Reported)—MNA**

National Sanitation Week (2011) launched in Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Chief Minister U Nyan Win of Bago Region yesterday morning attended the ceremony to launch Bago Region National Sanitation Week (2011) at the city hall in Bago.

The Chief Minister put Abate and chlorine into waters of lakes in Bo Min Thein Ward and looked into fumigation and sanitation at Bago People's Hospital.—*MNA*

Kayin State Chief Minister views nurturing of saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Chief Minister of Kayin State Brig-Gen Zaw Min on 19 May made an inspection tour of new office of Kayin State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, nurturing of 100,000 saplings of Kayin State Forest Department near Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an, Hpa-kat Model Village and Tayokhla Model Village.—*MNA*

MCF prepares to conduct trial for Chinlon sport

YANGON, 22 May—Myanmar Chinlon Federation is making preparations for conducting trials for Myanmar selected Chinlon team that will participate in the XXVII SEA Games.

MCF has chosen tentatively selected players for two circle Chinlon event.

The federation plans to attract the enthusiasts from SEA countries in Myanmar Chinlon event and to preserve Myanmar traditional Chinlon sport for new generations.—*MNA*

***Thabyegon Village-tract Administrator U Thein Zaw donated K 3 million for construction of new building of Pyinnya Yeikmon Library of the village in Myanaung Township through an official of the library on 14 May.* —TOWNSHIP IPRD**

RUMFCCI President meets foreign guests

YANGON, 22 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Aung received Dr Giovanni Capannelli (Principal Economist and Senior Research Fellow) of Japan and Mr Jean Pierre Verbiest (Principal Consultant ASEAN 2030 Study, ADBI) at his office, here, on 12 May afternoon.

They discussed successfully holding 1st Country Consultation Meeting on Aspirations and Challenges for ASEAN and the Myanmar Economy in 2030 to be jointly conducted by RUMFCCI and ADBI, assistance to be provided by ADBI for uplifting capacity and sending of foreign scholars to meetings and workshops.—*MNA*

12th Inter-Region/ State Union Sports Minister Cup's U-19 Men Football Tournament 2011 kicks off

YANGON, 22 May—Opening of 12th Inter-Region/ State Union Sports Minister Cup's U-19 Men Football Tournament 2011 was held at Aungsan Stadium here yesterday evening. On behalf of Union Minister for Sports, Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu made an opening speech and opened it. A total of 13 teams will compete at the tournament that will be held from 21 May to 6 June.

After that, the deputy minister attended the prize-awarding ceremony of 6th Myanmar Olympics Committee Chairman's Cup Men Round robin Hockey Tournament, at Theinbyu Hockey pitch, and presented awards.

He encouraged Myanmar selected Wusho athletes and shooters who are undergoing training for XXVI SEA Games.—*MNA*

Bago Region WAO holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 22 May— Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization held the annual general meeting to adopt future tasks at Thiri Hantha Hall in Bago on 19 May, with an address by Chairperson of the Bago Region WAO Daw May Thu.

Responsible persons reported on accomplishments of the region WAOs and District WAOs. Officials presented micro credit disbursed by Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization to four district WAOs.—*MNA*

Iceland closes main airport amid volcano eruption

REYKJAVIK, (Iceland) 22 May—Iceland has closed its main international airport as a volcanic eruption sends a plume of ash, smoke and steam 12 miles (20 kilometers) into the air.

Airport operator ISAVIA said Keflavik Airport was closed at 0830 GMT.

Spokeswoman Hjordis Gudmundsdottir said the ash plume was covering Iceland, but was not heading toward Europe.

She said the ash was blowing west toward Greenland instead.

The Grimsvotn volcano, which lies under the uninhabited Vatnajokull glacier, began erupting Saturday for the first time since 2004.

In April 2010, ash from the Eyjafjallajokull volcano was blown toward Europe. Officials closed the continent's air space for five days, fearing the ash could harm jet engines. Some 10 million travelers were stranded.

Internet

Smoke rises from the Grimsvotn volcano, on 21 May, 2011 in Reykjavik, Iceland.
XINHUA

Civilians and security forces personnel gather at the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 May, 2011.
INTERNET

13 killed in series of blasts across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 May—A rapid-fire series of explosions in and around Baghdad killed 13 people Sunday, including seven people who died when a suicide bomber blew himself up in a crowd of police officers, officials said.

In total, at least 10 bombs exploded as Iraqis were headed to work in a reminder of the dangers Iraq still faces despite a drop in violence since the height of the war. At least seven of the dead were police officers, who often are targeted by militants hoping to destabilize the country.

The worst single attack came near the city of Taji, which is 12 miles (20 kilometers) north of Baghdad.

Police officers had gathered after a roadside bomb targeting a passing American military convoy blew up. When the police arrived on the scene, a suicide bomber walked into the crowd and blew himself up, police and hospital officials said.

Five police and two civilians died and 19 people, including 15 policemen, were injured, the officials said.—*Internet*

Russian FM sees Russia-NATO missile project as "test"

MOSCOW, 22 May—The Russia-NATO project to build a joint missile defence system for Europe is a "practical test" of cooperation between the two sides, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Saturday.

He called the project "an absolutely concrete practical test" for whether the two sides are capable of building a joint "undivided" security system for the European continent. Meanwhile, Lavrov noted that negotiations with the United States and NATO were proceeding slowly. "We are convinced that we should have started with coordinating a joint concept and joint architecture of a future European missile defence system.

The process is moving ahead, although slowly," Lavrov said at a press conference in Russia's westmost region Kaliningrad after meeting with Polish and German colleagues.

Russia and NATO agreed to cooperate on the so-called Euro missile shield during the Russia-NATO Council summit in Lisbon in November 2010.

NATO insists there should be two independent systems that exchange information, while Russia favors a joint system with full-scale interoperability and demands NATO to guarantee that the system would not be aimed against Russian targets. —*Internet*

An Iraqi policeman inspects the scene after two Kurdish brothers were killed inside their home in Kirkuk. Seven people were killed in attacks in the disputed northern Iraqi province of Kirkuk on Saturday, police said, just two days after a string of anti-police attacks in the region killed 29.—INTERNET

Tornado kills man, destroys 20 homes in Kan town

READING, 22 May—A tornado swept through a small eastern Kansas town, killing one person and destroying at least 20 homes, as severe thunderstorms pelted the region with hail that some residents said was the size of baseballs, authorities said early Sunday.

A man was pronounced dead shortly after being taken to Newman Regional Hospital in Emporia, about 20 miles from where the tornado hit Saturday night in Reading, hospital supervisor Deb Gould said. She said two other people were brought in with injuries but she had no further details.

"I'm hoping it's over for us," she told *The Associated Press*, noting that local authorities were still at the scene in Reading, about 50 miles south of Topeka. About 200 homes were damaged in and around the town of about 250 people Saturday night, said Kansas Division of Emergency Management spokeswoman Sharon Watson. The local post office and volunteer fire department were damaged, and all roads in and out of the town have been closed off.

Rev Lyle Williams, who lives in Emporia and is a pastor for about 10 worshipers at the Reading First Baptist Church, said the church suffered extensive damage.—*Internet*

Storms clouds pass behind Buck Creek School near Lawrence, Kan, on 21 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Militants storm Afghan gov't building; five dead

KABUL, 22 May—Gunmen wearing suicide vests stormed a government building in eastern Afghanistan early Sunday and engaged in a shootout with Afghan security forces who surrounded the compound, officials said. At least five people were killed in ongoing fighting.

The attack came a day after a Taleban suicide bomber infiltrated the capital's main military hospital and killed at least six Afghan medical students.

In Sunday's incident, four men armed with assault rifles and wearing explosives strapped to their bodies shot their way into a compound that houses the traffic department on the edge of Khost city shortly after dawn, said Gen Raz Mohammad Oryakhail, the army commander for Khost Province.

They killed a police guard as they entered and then took over the second floor of the building, from which they shot down at police and soldiers outside, he said.

The gunbattle was still going on more than four hours later, and flames were shooting out of the building, said provincial Police Chief Gen Abdul Hakim Ishaqzai.

At least two more police were killed, he said. Ishaqzai said security officials believed some of the attackers were also dead.—*Internet*

Afghan National Army soldiers walk towards smoke rising from a fire in a government building, where Taleban militants who have taken over the building are fighting NATO and Afghan forces, in Khost Province 22 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Science

Spacewalking astronauts encounter bolt trouble

CAPE CANAVERAL, 22 May—A spacewalking astronaut ran into trouble while trying to lubricate a critical joint in the power system of the *International Space Station* on Sunday, losing a bolt and getting a washer stuck in a crevice. Mission Control told astronaut Mike Fincke he might have to settle for a partial lube job, rather than the complete greasing.

"Bummer," said his spacewalking partner, Andrew Feustel. The spacewalk started out well enough, with Fincke and Feustel topping off a leaky radiator line. They successfully added ammonia to the space station's coolant system, after rerouting jumper cables and opening valves. One line leaks slightly, and the astronauts needed to recharge it.

Ammonia is extremely hazardous, and the two did their best to avoid contaminating their spacesuits while replenishing the system with about 5 pounds of the substance.

Fincke moved on preventive maintenance on the large joint that rotates the space station's solar wings on the left side. He was removing covers when a bolt got away from him.

This image taken from NASA television shows astronauts Andrew Feustel, top, and Mike Fincke exiting the hatch on the International Space Station at the start of the second spacewalk early 22 May, 2011. INTERNET

He caught it. But another bolt ended up floating away, and a washer got stuck between the cover and an attachment.

Mission Control worried the washer might get in the gear mechanisms of the joint and damage them. Fincke was advised to use "gentle backhand sweeping motions" to get the washer away from the gears, and the astronaut replied he could try to coax it out.

Internet

Galactic 'fountain of youth' flows in Hubble Photo

NEW YORK, 22 May—A new photo from the Hubble Space Telescope has revealed what scientists have called a veritable galactic "fountain of youth," one that would turn the fictional pirate captain Jack Sparrow of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" films green with envy.

Journeying to the mythic Fountain of Youth is Sparrow's goal in Disney's latest installment in the adventure film franchise, "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides." But the space fountain spotted by Hubble is no myth.

The new Hubble image shows the galaxy NGC 5775, which is located about 85 million light-years from Earth in a group of galaxies called the Virgo Cluster.

NGC 5775 is a spiral galaxy that is tilted away from Earth in such a way that only its edge is visible.

This edge-on position of the galaxy has allowed astronomers to spot a vast halo of hot gas around NGC 5775, but how the material actually got there is unclear, researchers said.

"Some astronomers think that hot gas from the disc is driven into the halo by supernova explosions, which is then returned to the disc as it cools — like a massive galactic fountain," according to a Hubble telescope image description. Because of the phenomenon, Hubble researchers dubbed it a "galactic fountain of youth" when they released the image this month.

There is also another oddity about the galaxy NGC 5775 that has attracted attention from astronomers: a bridge of hydrogen gas linking the galaxy with a galactic neighbor called NGC 5774.

Internet

Technology

Modder discovers Android's 'Gingerbread' on his 'Honeycomb' tablet

NEW YORK, 22 May—Does Google's mobile Android 2.3 operating system, aka Gingerbread, lie beneath its tablet-only Android 3.0 os, aka Honeycomb?

A modder by the name of Graffix0214 has discovered a way to unlock the Gingerbread user interface on his Dell Streak 7 tablet, which runs Honeycomb, by simply changing the system's pixel settings.

Using the app "LCDDensity for Root," he changed the LCD pixel density setting from 160 to above 170, then rebooted. The tablet then displayed a Gingerbread login interface. You can revert back to Honeycomb by simply changing the pixel density back to 160, he said. Check out his demonstration in the video below.

"It's safe to say that Honeycomb wasn't built from the ground up. Looks like it was taken from Gingerbread," Graphix0214 concluded.

Perhaps Android 4.0, codenamed "Ice Cream Sandwich," which isn't expected until the fourth quarter, is already in place. At Mobile World Congress in February, Google CEO Eric Schmidt suggested that Ice Cream Sandwich will combine elements of Gingerbread and Honeycomb:

"The two of them – notice that starts with a G and the next one starts with an H. You can imagine the follow-on will start with an I and it will be named after a dessert and it will combine capabilities of both the G and the H release," Schmidt said.

Internet

Evidence of Rapture or Apple Store 2.0? Apple's 'order status' page is down

WASHINGTON,22 May—In the surest sign yet that the Rapture is nigh, or that Apple is revealing a new retail store experience tomorrow, Apple's "order status" page is under maintenance until Sunday.

When you attempt to check the order status of your online purchase, you see the following message:

"We are currently updating our systems. Starting Sunday, 22nd May, you can visit online Order Status to make changes to your order, track your shipment and more," the placeholder reads.

On Thursday, the tenth anniversary of the first Apple Store, several publications reported that CEO Steve Jobs and industrial designer Jonathan Ive were overseeing an online and offline retail overhaul, dubbed "Apple Store 2.0." Rumored changes include making the stores more interactive, replacing paper signage with interactive iPads, a dedicated iOS app for in-store use, and "Startup Sessions" booths where Apple employees would help customers get started with their new Apple products.

Sources also reportedly told AppleInsider that Apple is holding mandatory store meetings on Sunday regarding "procedural changes" at the stores, instead of a new product, as some hoped.

Meanwhile Apple has said it will continue to emphasize locations in China. While Apple hasn't disclosed the locations of the next store, the company has said it will open 40 more stores by September, 30 of which will be outside of the US.

For more, see "Apple Stores: The Next 10 Years" .

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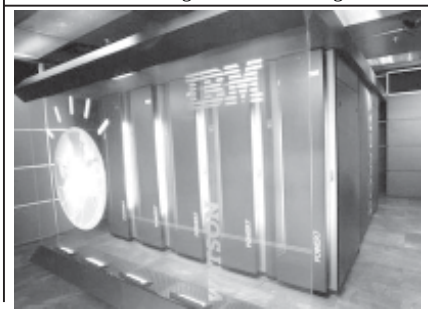


File photo shows photo provided by IBM shows the IBM computer system known as Watson at IBM's TJ Watson research center in Yorktown Heights, NY Watson, best known for handily defeating the world's best 'Jeopardy!' players on TV earlier this year, is on a diet of medical textbooks and journals for health care. IBM says Watson, with its ability to understand plain language, can digest questions about a person's symptoms and medical history and quickly suggest diagnoses and treatments.— INTERNET

Health

***French First Lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy attends a Press Conference in Paris in December 2008 in her role as ambassador to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Fund is facing a funding shortfall of more than a billion dollars.—*INTERNET**

Study sees link between psoriasis, obesity in kids

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—The prevalence of psoriasis — a chronic, inflammatory disease of the skin — is significantly higher among overweight and obese kids, researchers have found.

The Kaiser Permanente study, published online in the *Journal of Pediatrics*, also found that teens with psoriasis (regardless of their body weight) have higher cholesterol levels, putting them at greater risk for heart disease.

"This study suggests a link between obesity and psoriasis in children," the study's lead author Corinna Koebnick, research scientist at the Kaiser Permanente Southern California's Department of Research & Evaluation, said in a Kaiser Permanente news release.

"But our study findings also suggest that the higher heart disease risk for patients with psoriasis starts in childhood in the form of higher cholesterol levels.

We may need to monitor youth with psoriasis more closely for cardiovascular risk factors, especially if they are obese," Koebnick added.

Using electronic health records to study 710,949 racially and ethnically diverse children, the investi-gators found obese children were almost 40 percent more likely to have psoriasis than normal weight children. At even greater risk, extremely obese children were nearly 80 percent more likely to have psoriasis than normal weight children.

Moreover, it was four times more likely for psoriasis to be severe or more widespread in obese youth than in normal weight children.

Internet

Health Tip: Don't let the bedbugs bite

Bedbugs feed on human blood, leaving annoying itchy bites in their wake. They may hide in places such as in and around the bed, in crevices behind chair and couch cushions, and in the folds of curtains. The US Environmental Protection Agency offers these suggestions to help prevent bedbugs:

* If you're accepting secondhand furniture, carefully inspect it for bedbugs before bringing it home.
* Encase box springs and mattresses in protective covers. Inspect the covers often to look for holes.
* Clean up clutter in your home to give bedbugs fewer hiding spots.
* When coming home from a trip, unpack your suitcase straight into the washing machine. Also inspect luggage.
* When in a hotel, keep suitcases on luggage racks rather than the floor. Inspect the room for bedbugs, which are brown, oval-shaped, and 1/4 inch to 3/8 inches long.—*Internet*

Two ostrices at a farm in Balgowan, some 100 kms north of Durban in June 2010. The European Commission has sent animal health experts to South Africa to help authorities there contain an avian flu outbreak that has put a halt to ostrich meat exports.
INTERNET

Business

***Citizens appreciate the animal head sculptures of Yuanmingyuan, the Old Summer Palace, at the treasure collections exhibition of Poly Arts Museum, in Wuxi, east China's Jiangsu Province, 22 May, 2011.—*XINHUA**

Carbon tax to double Australians' power bills in six years

CANBERRA, 22 May—One of Australia's largest home and business electricity suppliers, TRUenergy, on Sunday warned that household power bills will double in six years after a carbon price is introduced.

According to TRUenergy's chief executive Richard McIndoe, a carbon tax of between 22 and 28 US dollars a tonne of emissions would not change industry behavior, but would double electricity bills for households over six years.

He said electricity prices has risen by 40 percent in the past three years.

"A carbon price will add another 330 US dollars per household on top of that, so for a six-year period you're seeing an effective doubling of electricity prices per household with no tangible benefit," McIndoe was quoted by ABC TV on Sunday.

He also said uncertainty over what the long-term carbon price might be has stalled capital investment in the industry and halted construction of new power stations, which might lead to power shortage.

Electricity regulator Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) had earlier forecast shortages of baseload power for Queensland in 2013 and 2014, with Victoria and New South Wales experiencing shortages in 2015 and 2016.—*Xinhua*

Sino-Russian crude oil refinery to start construction in north China

TIANJIN, 22 May—The construction of a Sino-Russian crude oil refinery is expected to start in the northern industrial city of Tianjin in the second half of the year, local officials said. Oriental Refinery, the joint venture with an investment of 30 billion yuan (4.62 billion US dollars), was co-funded by PetroChina Company Limited and Russia's Rosneft. It is designed to process 13 million tonnes of crude oil every year. "The project is a priority for construction. We hope it can start operation by 2015," said Wang Junming, general manager of the Nangang industrial zone development firm, where the project is located.

The Sino-Russian refinery is expected to generate an annual revenue of 60 billion yuan once operation commences. Wang said the authorities aim to build a complete industrial chain from oil refining to petrochemical engineering in the zone.

In Tianjin, Sinopec is operating a 10-million-tonnes/year refinery, which has ethylene production capacity of 1 million tonnes/year and is building a crude oil storage depot.—*Xinhua*

Consumers pick "zongzi", the typical snack on Dragon Boat Festival of a pyramid-shaped dumpling made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, at a supermarket in Yinchuan, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, 22 May, 2011. As the Dragon Boat Festival draws near, all flavours of rice dumplings and materials for making them are on sale at supermarkets.
XINHUA

Flooding becomes widespread in eastern Montana

BILLINGS, 22 May—Flooding in Montana caused the cancellation of several high school graduations and fishermen were trapped by washed out roads on Saturday, while swelling rivers led to voluntary evacuations in a community near Billings, meteorologists with the National Weather Service said.

Much of the eastern two-thirds of the state is dealing with flood warnings or actual flooding as a slow-moving storm has dumped rain across the region for several days, in some areas as much as six inches since Thursday. The National Weather Service in Billings predicted rainfall would lighten overnight in southeastern Montana.

The stormy weather began to hit the region as the state braces for more possible flooding after harsh winter and late spring snow storms deepened mountain snowpack to levels nearly double their average levels. "The ironic thing is we really haven't begun to bring the snow out above 8,000 feet of elevation," said Billings-based meteorologist Joes Lester. "This event is from rain."

Flooding has damaged several roads, bridges and culverts and farm fields are being inundated in southeastern Montana, said James Zabrocki, the director of Custer County's Disaster and Emergency Services in southeastern Montana.—*Internet*

Motorists make their way southbound on US Highway 191 across a tributary overflowing into the Gallatin River, on 21 May, 2011, north of Big Sky, Mont.
INTERNET

250 tons of radioactive water leaks from nuclear plant into sea early May

TOKYO, 22 May—A total of 250 tons of highly contaminated radioactive water leaked into the sea in earlier May from the No 3 reactor at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, the Tokyo Electric Power Co said Saturday.

The water, leaked from a pit near a seawater intake of the reactor, contained an estimated 20 terabecquerels of radioactive substances, TEPCO was quoted by *Koydo News* as saying. The leak is estimated to have lasted for 41 hours from 2 am on 10 May through 7 pm on the following day.

The estimated amount of radioactive substances from the plant, crippled by the 11 March earthquake and ensuing tsunami, is about 100 times the annual allowable limit for release outside the plant, said TEPCO.

However, the leak just raised the concentration of radioactive substances within the port of the power plant, but the level outside the port did not change significantly, said TEPCO.—*Xinhua*

Theatre to stage WikiLeaks' Assange life story

***WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, pictured, will have his life story immortalised in a stage play in his home country of Australia, a report said Sunday.—*INTERNET**

SYDNEY, 22 May—WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange will have his life story immortalised in a stage play in his home country of Australia, a report said Sunday.

Rehearsals are due to start this week for "Stainless Steel Rat" by award-winning Melbourne playwright Ron Elisha, which will tell the story of a director making a film of Assange's life.

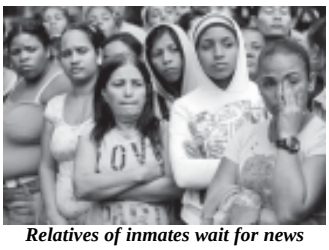
Key players in the Wikileaks drama, including US President Barack Obama and the Swedish woman who has accused Assange of sexual misconduct, will be depicted, the *Sun-Herald* said The newspaper called it the world's first "wikiplay", opening in Sydney ahead of several Hollywood films which are reportedly in the pipeline.

Director Wayne Harrison said it would be "quirky, funny and controversial".

"This is a compelling story of an Australian who is changing the world right now. It can't wait. It has to be produced as quickly as possible," he said.

Local actor Darren Weller will play Assange, head of the whistleblowing website that has published thousands of cables in which US diplomats give their often candid views on world leaders, to Washington's acute embarrassment.It has also leaked countless secret documents about the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.—*Internet*

Inmates free 15 hostage at Venezuela prison



Relatives of inmates wait for news outside La Planta prison in Caracas, Venezuela, on 21 May, 2011.
INTERNET

CARACAS, 22 May—Inmates at a Caracas prison freed the warden and 14 other officers Saturday night after holding them hostage for more than a day.

The prisoners agreed to release their captives after authorities pledged to investigate their complaints that several inmates had been abused, said Nestor Reverol, a deputy justice minister. "They're with us. They're in good health," Reverol said of the 15 hostages. The uprising at La Planta prison began at 5 pm Friday when inmates clashed with National Guard troops, whom prisoners accused of mistreating a group of inmates as they were being taken to court.

Authorities are investigating that incident, in which four inmates were hospitalized due to injuries suffered while being taken to the courts, Reverol said. Three of the injured inmates later were returned to the prison. It was unclear how the injuries occurred, and officials did not give details.—*Internet*

***Forenic police officers inspect the scene of a bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland in April 2011. A device exploded in Northern Ireland, police said, adding that the blast in a shopping area of Londonderry, a city close to the border with Ireland, had caused no injuries.—*INTERNET**

Bomb in N Ireland city raises tensions

LONDON, 22 May—A bomb exploded at a bank in Northern Ireland Saturday but caused no injuries, one day after Britain's Queen Elizabeth II ended an historic trip across the border in the Irish Republic.

The blast in a shopping district of Londonderry also comes ahead of US President Barack Obama's visit to Ireland on Monday and amid a recent surge in unrest in British-ruled Northern Ireland blamed on dissident republicans.

Police said three masked men burst into the branch of Spanish-owned Santander bank with the bomb and told customers it would explode in one hour. The area was evacuated but police said it was not a controlled explosion.

"I have no doubt that the device was set to injure or maim innocent members of the public," said Chief Inspector John Burrows of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

The incident comes after the queen on Friday ended a four-day trip to the Republic of Ireland aimed at reconciliation following the peace established in Northern Ireland as a result of the 1998 Good Friday accord.

Internet

Thunderstorms kill 39 in Uttar Pradesh

NEW DELHI, 22 May—Thunderstorms killed at least 39 people in Uttar Pradesh today even as the mercury dipped into the comfort zone following rains in most parts of North India, including the national capital, which led to sharp fall in temperatures.

Delhiites woke up to an overcast morning which soon turned into a pleasant one once it started raining at around 8:30 am in most parts of the city.

Mercury settled in the capital at 32.4 degree Celsius, seven notches below yesterday's high of 40 degree Celsius.

In Uttar Pradesh, eleven people, including four children, were killed in Lakhimpur District in incidents of house collapse and uprooting of trees during a high-velocity storm which hit the state this morning, Additional District Magistrate Tulsi Ram said.

In Shahjahanpur District, 16 people were killed in similar storm-related incidents, ADM Rama Shanker Maurya said.—*MNA/PTI*

Indian drug firms use S Africa to access continent

JOHANNESBURG, 22 May—A white South African woman runs the local operations of India's largest drug company, Ranbaxy, and the second largest, Cipla, is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

India's pharmaceutical industry has rolled out a strong local presence in South Africa, cornering a large share of the market and using the country as a base to gush a flood of cheap generic drugs into Africa. Unlike most multinational companies, India's "big three" pharmaceuticals — Ranbaxy, Cipla and Dr Reddy's — have carefully cultivated their local credentials by bringing South Africans into the top corporate echelons.

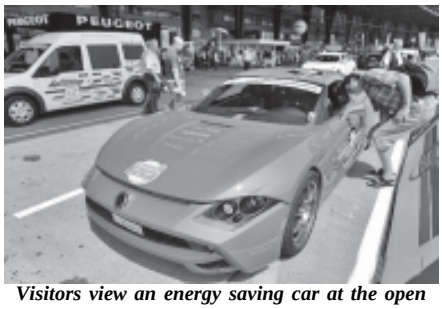
Ranbaxy and Cipla have also won fans by slashing the price of anti-AIDS drugs, saving countless lives in the country with the world's largest HIV epidemic.

"They've been very strategic in terms of how they've positioned themselves in South Africa and using South Africa as a launch pad into Africa," said Abdullah Verachia, an analyst at consulting firm Frontier Advisory who has followed the Indian companies' ascent.

"That reflects one, their understanding of the market and two, their commitment to South Africa. You seldom get a foreign multinational company appointing a local CEO," he told *AFP*.

Internet

Laboratory researchers are seen at the Ranbaxy Laboratories in Mumbai. —INTERNET



Visitors view an energy saving car at the open day of Challenge Bibendum 2011 in Berlin on 21 May, 2011. Over 200 energy saving vehicles from dozens of manufacturers attended the contest which started on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Tiger bites handler at Australian theme park

SYDNEY, 22 May—A Bengal tiger bit one of its handlers at an Australian theme park on Sunday, with paramedics treating the man for five deep puncture wounds to his thigh and upper calf.

The animal, named "Kato", was being led to the Tiger World natural habitat at Dreamworld on the Gold Coast when he lunged.

Staff at the park, popular with overseas tourists, said it was just "a nip" and the handler should be back at work in a few days.

"The handler's taken a bit longer than the tiger would have liked and has given him just a little nip on the thigh," Dreamworld spokeswoman Melinda Lloyd said.

"The tiger's just nipped, but because of the natural bite force of a tiger it's gone through his skin and muscle there.

"If the tiger wanted to attack the handler, it would have been a lot worse. This is just the tiger saying 'let's move things along'."

Internet

File photo shows a Bengal tiger behind bars at a zoo. A Bengal tiger bit one of its handlers at an Australian theme park on Sunday, with paramedics treating the man for five deep puncture wounds to his thigh and upper calf.
INTERNET

Heavy rain to pelt south China over next 24 hours

BEIJING, 22 May—Heavy rain is expected to fall on southern China over the next 24 hours, offering relief to the country's drought-hit regions, China's meteorological authority said on Sunday. Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guangdong Province and regions south of the Yangtze River will be hit by storm, or even hailstone, the National Meteorological Centre said in a statement posted on its website.

The drought-hit regions in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River will see a precipitation of 5 to 30 mm, the statement said.

Light to moderate rain is forecasted for parts of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, northeast China and most areas south to the Huaihe River over the next 24 hours.

Besides, Songda, this year's second tropical storm, has formed on the northwestern Pacific Ocean early Sunday morning. It is expected to move northwestward at 15 km per hour, but it will not impact the country's sea areas in the coming three days, the statement said.—*Xinhua*

US seeks new plan on used nuclear fuel after Japan disaster

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—The Japan nuclear power disaster caused by earthquake and tsunami has prompted the United States to further evaluate the risk of used nuclear fuel, and a new plan is expected on the storage, processing and disposal of such nuclear waste, a US expert has said.

Thomas Light, Associate Economist and Professor at Pardee RAND Graduate School, told *Xinhua* in a recent interview that as highlighted by the disaster in Japan, there are natural disaster risks that could be amplified by the presence of additional spent fuel, tightly packed into pools.

However, he said that at this point, researchers, power companies and government regulators are still trying to better understand these risks.

He said the US Department of Energy has convened a Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, whose charter is to "conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle."—*Xinhua*

Asian births on the rise in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 22 May—One in every eight women giving birth in a New Zealand hospital last year was Asian, local media reported Sunday.

In the country's most populous city, Auckland, 5,149 Asian women gave birth, more than double the number of 15 years ago, *the New Zealand Herald* reported.

Last year was the first year in the city when more Asian women gave birth than indigenous Maori women, who registered 5,015 births.

Citing figures from the government statistics agency, Statistics New Zealand, the report said the majority of women nationwide who gave birth last year were still of European descent, accounting for 43,965 of last year's 63,897 births.

But more women of other ethnic backgrounds were also becoming mothers, including those from the Middle East, Latin America and Africa.

Auckland University head of obstetrics and gynaecology, Professor Lesley McCowan, said the increase reflected New Zealand is an increasingly multicultural society.

Xinhua

Australia rules out total smoking ban

SYDNEY, 22 May—Australia plans the world's toughest laws on tobacco promotion but Health Minister Nicola Roxon denied Sunday the government's ultimate goal was a complete ban on smoking.

Under proposed legislation, due to take effect next year, all logos will be removed from cigarette packets, which must be a drab olive-green colour and be plastered with graphic health warnings.

The big tobacco companies have vowed to fight the move in the courts. Anti-smoking advocates were quoted in the media Sunday as saying a smoking ban could be a reality within 10 to 15 years, but Roxon said that was not part of her agenda.

"No, I don't think it is," she told the Ten Network's "Meet the Press" programme when asked if a complete ban was where she was ultimately heading.

"I think what is logical about it is if tobacco were a brand new product today, seeking to come on to the market, and we knew about tobacco what we know now, it would not be a legal product.

"But the truth is that it has been a legal product for many, many years. "We're trying to make sure that we tackle the last remaining method that tobacco companies use to market their products.

"We know it is successful in marketing their products, because we know that they are determined to stop it and they are very fearful about what it will do to their business.

"We know it affects their profits. It means it is good to reduce the number of smokers. That is the public health aim we have."—*Internet*

A man smokes a cigarette in Sydney's central business district. Australia plans the world's toughest laws on tobacco promotion but Health Minister Nicola Roxon denied Sunday the government's ultimate goal was a complete ban on smoking.—INTERNET

Third-day session of National Level Workshop on Rural Development…

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Scholar Dr U Myint reviewed the discussions of the workshop.

Union Ministers U Tin Naing Thein, U Kyaw Hsan, U Myint Hlaing, U Soe Thein, U Aung Kyi, U Win Myint, Dr Mya Aye and U Ohn Myint and those present made suggestions on drawing the Plan of Action. The workshop ended in the afternoon.

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***Union Minister U Myint Hlaing makes suggestions.*—MNA**

***Union Minister U Win Myint makes suggestions.*—MNA**

***Chairman U Myint Maung Tun of Monetary Cooperative Syndicate Ltd.*—MNA**

***Chairman U Soe Myint Aung of Mandalay Region Cooperative Syndicate Ltd.*—MNA**

***Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint inspected preventative measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever on Insein Street in west Zegyi ward in Kyimyindine Township in Yangon Region on 21 May.* (News Reported)**

YCDC

Chin State launches National Sanitation Week 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May— The National Sanitation Week 2011 was launched at the hall of Chin State General Hospital in Haka yesterday morning, attended by Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai, Deputy Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Ohn Lwin and officials.

Chin State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Ba Maung made a speech and Head of Chin State Health Department Dr Zaw Htay reported on programmes for the national sanitation week 2011.

The Chief Minister and party viewed photos and publications on environmental sanitation displayed at the hall.

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Bago Region MCW Supervisory Committee meets

YANGON, 22 May—Bago Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held the annual general meeting and adopted future tasks in Bago on 19 May.

Chairperson of the Region Supervisory Committee Daw May Thu made a speech.

Responsible persons reported the future tasks.

Chairpersons of District Supervisory Committees reported on their respective sectors and Bago Region TB medical officer Dr Myint Hsan on control of TB in the region through Global Fund. Later, officials presented K 300,000 to Bago, Pyay, Toungoo and Thayawady District Supervisory Committees.—*MNA*

All this needs to be known

- **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
- **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
- **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

Premier League 2010-2011 season waves goodbye

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—The 2010-2011 season of Barclays Premier League have concluded today, with the title celebration at Old Trafford where relegated Blackpool was bade farewell by record 19th English league champions Machester United denying twice leaders by visitors.

Alongside the Red Devils, first runners-up Chelsea and seond runners-up Manchester City qualified for Champions League. Arsenal maintained fourth place and will have to play Champions League qualifier after a 2-2 draw at Craven Cottage.

Tottenham Hotspurs ensured their chance to play Europa League next season after defeating Birmingham at home 2-1, with contenders Liverpool losing their European dream after being beaten by Aston Villa 1-0 at Villa Park.

Blackpool and Birmingham joined West Ham United for the championship next term.

NLM

***Manchester United's players celebrate with the English Premier League trophy following their English Premier League soccer match against Blackpool at Old Trafford, northern England, 22 May, 2011.*—INTERNET**

Aston Villa	1 - 0	Liverpool
Bolton W.	0 - 2	Man City
Everton	1 - 0	Chelsea
Fulham	2 - 2	Arsenal
Man Utd	4 - 2	Blackpool
Newcastle Utd	3 - 3	West Brom
Stoke City	0 - 1	Wigan
Tottenham H.	2 - 1	Birmingham
West Ham Utd	0 - 3	Sunderland
Wolves	2 - 3	Blackburn

United duo clinch Barclays awards

MANCHESTER, 22 May— Manchester United duo Sir Alex Ferguson and Nemanja Vidic have been named Barclays Manager and Player of the Season.

Manager Sir Alex Ferguson receives the award after leading the Red Devils to an unprecedented 12th Barclays Premier League winning season, and a record 19th English league title in total.

Central defender Nemanja Vidic has been in commanding form throughout the season and has fully justified Ferguson's decision to give him the captain's armband full-time.—*Internet*

Hart handed Barclays Golden Glove

MANCHESTER, 22 May—Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart has been presented with the Barclays Golden Glove Award.

The England shotstopper has taken an unassailable position in the race to win the award for keeping the most clean sheets in the 2010/11 Barclays Premier League season.

Internet

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Sai and officials walking on the newly opened Nantkhwin Creek Bridge on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Hopin Township of Mohnyin District, Kachin State.
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Farmlands irrigated at low cost with paddy husk-fired gasifiers in Singaing

Byline: ***Myat Soe (Hline);*** **Photos:** ***Yan Naing Win (Hline)***

Learning that water is pumped for agricultural purposes with paddy husk-fired gasifier water pumps at Shwe Hlan Bo River Water Pumping Project under the Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Region, we visited the project site.

When we got informed that water in the leading canal of Shwe Hlan Bo Lake was being pumped to Platform Level (2) with gasifiers at Shwe Hlan Bo River Water Pumping Station to supply irrigation water to 3000 acres of farmlands, we took interest in the project, and the news crew members from the Myanma Alin Daily us made a tour of it thereafter.

U Po Thee explains use of paddy husk-fired gasifiers to The Myanma Alin.

Paddy husk-fired gasifiers.

On our way to the project, I happened to think that it might save fuel greatly. Upon arrival at the project site, we witnessed water was being pumped with paddy husk-fired gasifiers at Platform Level (2). Paddy husk was put into the kilns and fired to operate generators to pump water from the leading canal of the lake to support irrigation water to the nearby farmlands through pipelines.

Water is pumped with husk-fired gasifiers through leading channel.

Platform Level (2) is installed with four 100-kilowatt sets, four 20-tuset pumps and 55 inches x five feet kilns.

The level is as high as 31 feet. Water is pumped to Platform Level (2) through 20-diameter and 171 feet long and 160 feet long pipelines.

It was learnt that the gasifier water pump was innovated by a Myanmar technician U Po Thee of Theikpan Street, Mandalay, and as a child he was crazy about innovation of machines. He explained to us the operating process of the pumps he innovated.

Now, farmlands are irrigated at low cost with paddy husk-fired gasifiers in Singaing Township.

Translation: MS

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Japan quake reconstruction may cost up to $184 billion

TOKYO, 22 May—Japanese Economics Minister Kaoru Yosano said on Sunday the government may need to spend 10 trillion yen to 15 trillion yen ($184 billion) for reconstruction from the devastating earthquake that hit the country's northeast in March.

The government may need to issue bonds to meet the costs but should not do so without coming up with ways to pay for redemption, Yosano said, signaling that some form of tax hike would be inevitable. "I understand those who say we need to issue bonds for quake (reconstruction). But we shouldn't borrow recklessly without thinking about how to pay the money back," Yosano told a television programme.

"If we were to issue bonds for reconstruction, we need to decide in how many years we would pay the money back and how.

That's important in maintaining market trust in Japan's fiscal state," he said.

Japan is reeling from the triple disaster of an earthquake, tsunami and prolonged nuclear crisis, with the government struggling to find ways to pay for the biggest reconstruction effort since the aftermath of World War Two.

***A fisherman (R) repairs his fishing net, which he retrieved from tsunami debris at a damaged fishing port by March 11's magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami, in Otsu town in Kitaibaraki, about 70 km (42 miles) south of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, 22 April, 2011.—*INTERNET**

Damage from the quake pushed Japan into recession with the economy shrinking much more than expected in the first quarter and set to contract again in April-June as power shortages and supply chain disruptions hit factory output.

The government earlier this month passed through parliament a 4-trillion-yen first extra budget to meet immediate disaster relief costs.

Reuters

Bhutan's 31-year-old king to marry

NEW DELHI, 22 May—The 31-year-old King of Bhuttan, and Oxford-educated bachelor crowned in the remote Himalayan country in 2008, set up another royal wedding on Friday by announcing his engagement.

Jame Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck revealed his intention at the opening session of Parliament, a secretary from the Monistry of Informarion, Dasho Kinley Dorji, told *AFP* by telephone from the capital Thimphu.

"The King presided over the opening of Parliament this morning and during the ceremony he announced that he would be getting married in October," Dorji added. Local media named the King's fiancee as Jetsun Pema, a commoner.

The announcement sets up another weeding in a year of royal nuptials that has already seen Britain's Prince William wed Kate Middleton in London in an event that captured the world's attention. In July, Prince Albert II of Monaco is to marry his swimming champ fiancee, Charlene Wittstock. Bhutan, famed for its invention of Gross National Happiness to measure progress and its citizen's well-being, is one of the most remote and reclusive places on Earth, sandwiched between India and China.—*MNA/AFP/CNA*

Participants take part in a seven-kilometer race in the suburbs of Tallinn, Estonia, 21 May, 2011. Some 12,000 women and children participated in the charity activity to raise money for low-income families.
XINHUA

China, Namibia eye on closer cooperation to strengthen partnership

WINDHOEK, 22 May—Top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo on Saturday met with Namibian President Hifikepunye Pohamba on advancing the bilateral cooperation to further develop the partnership with Namibia. Wu, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, China's top legislative body, extended Chinese President Hu Jintao's greetings to Pohamba and hailed an "all- weather" partnership forged between the two nations. Namibia is one of the youngest states in Africa, which became fully independent in 1990.

Wu reviewed the profound friendship between the two countries, which established diplomatic ties one day after Namibia's announcement of its full independence.

Wu said the two countries have reaped good harvests in cooperation in the fields of politics, trade, culture, education, public health and culture in recent years, which has already set a model for countries engaged in the South-South cooperation.

He also highlighted the mutual understanding and support on issues concerning each other's core interests, and to bring the bilateral economic and trade cooperation to a new high, Wu put forward a three-point proposal concerning the importation of the husbandry and aquatic products, resource and mining as well as the infrastructure construction.—*Internet*

India tycoon denies attack on 'lazy' UK workers

NEW DELHI, 22 May—Indian tycoon Ratan Tata has denied calling his British workers lazy after a London newspaper quoted him attacking them for heading home early on Friday afternoons.

The Tata Group issued a statement after the *Times* published an interview in which he described how "nobody is willing to go the extra mile" at Jaguar Land Rover or Corus, two British firms which he bought in 2008 and 2006.

"Friday, from 3.30 pm, you can't find anybody in their office," he told the *Times*.

The Tata Group, a massive international conglomerate, said Ratan Tata had stressed that he was talking about management practices before he took over.

"Mr Tata has always been proud of what these companies' present management teams have been able to do following their acquisition by Tata," the statement issued late on Saturday said.

"The *Times*... seeks to present these comments as being about company managers today, even though Mr Tata makes clear in the interview that new management at Corus and Jaguar Land Rover has eliminated those practices."

Indian tycoon Ratan Tata, seen here in February 2011, has denied calling his British workers lazy after a London newspaper quoted him attacking them for heading home early on Friday afternoons.
INTERNET

It said the newspaper "fundamentally misrepresents" Ratan Tata, adding he never used the word "lazy" during the recorded interview, which took place two months ago.

Tata said on Friday it would axe up to 1,500 jobs at two steel-making sites in northeastern England, blaming weak demand for its products.

Internet

Thousands flee as Sudan army seizes flashpoint town

JUBA, 22 May—Thousands of civilians were fleeing fighting in Sudan's contested Abyei District on Sunday, as the southern army admitted northern troops were in full control of its main town. "The fighting has been very, very bad," said Philip Aguer, spokesman for the south's Sudan People's Liberation Army. Late on Saturday, northern troops of the Sudan Armed Forces took the town of Abyei, focal point of deadly tensions between north and south in the run-up to the planned recognition of southern independence in late July, Aguer said.

People have fled the area, because the bombardment was indiscriminate — bombs from the air and from tanks on the ground.

"They came into Abyei with a full division of soldiers, while we did not have a fighting force on the ground."

Troops loyal to the SPLA have all retreated into the south from the disputed district on the border with the north, he added.

"We don't know the exact whereabouts of them now," Aguer said. "People are missing. They were attacked very heavily. Aguer said that there was no immediate counter-attack planned.—*Internet*

Japan, China, South Korea hold summit in Tokyo

TOKYO, 22 May— The leaders of China and South Korea agreed Sunday to bolster efforts to aid Japan's disaster recovery as they met with the Japanese prime minister to smooth over differences on Tokyo's handling of its post-tsunami nuclear crisis.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan hosted Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in Sunday's summit. Japan hoped the meeting would present a unified front after Beijing and Seoul criticized its response to the nuclear crisis, and that it would lead to an easing of restrictions on the export of Japanese produce.

On Saturday, the three leaders met in Fukushima to demonstrate their joint desire for Japan's recovery from the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The disasters left more than 24,000 people dead or missing and sparked an ongoing crisis at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

Kan led a moment of silence for the victims, then thanked China and South Korea for their assistance.

"We are deeply grateful for the great help and assistance provided by China and South Korea," he said.

Japan has been particularly concerned that excessive fears over the contamination of Japanese produce have led to unnecessary trade restrictions. China and South Korea had both expressed fears over Japanese imports, and criticized Japan for allowing the release of water with high radiation levels into the ocean.

Internet

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) waves to the guests upon his arrival at a reception dinner with Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan (C) and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak (R) at the State Guesthouse in Tokyo 21 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Forests crucial in developing green economy

NAIROBI, 22 May— The livelihoods of over 1.6 billion people and millions of animals depend on forests, but sadly they are not given the necessary care, said Nick Nuttall, spokesperson of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

"From whatever angle you look at it, forests are central towards achieving a low carbon, resource efficient green economy in the 21st century," Nuttall told *Xinhua* ahead of the World Biodiversity Day on 22 May. He added that the United Nation has designated 2011 as International Year of Forests to create awareness and help protect forests.

Nuttall said biodiversity is the building blocks of ecosystems, from forests to coral reefs.

The recent work of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) estimates that as much as 4.5 trillion US dollars are lost annually because of degradation and damage of natural assets, a great deal of which is linked with forests.

Xinhua

A robot for family use shows its skills in a robot competition in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 21 May, 2011. The robot competition to last until 22 May has attracted more than 60 teams from Chinese universities.
XINHUA

Three French warships to visit Indonesia

JAKARTA, 22 May— Three French navy warships will visit Tanjung Priok Port of Indonesia on 24-28, May *Seputar Indonesia daily* reported on Saturday. The warships include *Mistral,* an amphibious assault ship, *Georges-Leygues,* a destroyer, and frigate *Vendemiaire.*

On 25 May, there will be an exhibition of French defence equipment on Mistral opened for Indonesian military and public.

During their journey from France, the ships joined several short operations such as evacuation in Tunisia and piracy eradication off Somalia.

Xinhua

A feeder nurses a white tiger at a nursery house in the Xixiakou wildlife protection area in Weihai, east China's Shandong Province, 21 May, 2011. The eight-year-old white tiger mother "Lili" gave birth Friday to two white female tigers and two snowwhite female tigers, belonging to a relatively rare species. These four tiger cubs now have to get fed from a "dog mother", because the tiger mother, who has already given birth to another quadruplets of three snowwhite tigers and one white tiger last September, refuses to feed her kids.—XINHUA

Singapore PM Lee and new Cabinet sworn in

SINGAPORE, 22 May—Singapore's new Cabinet has been sworn into office, with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong pledging that the government will evolve in tandem with the aspirations of a new generation of Singaporeans.

Prime Minister Lee said; "The government cannot stand still. It must evolve in tandem with our society and our people. That is the best way for our government to serve and to govern, in accord with the spirit of the times and the aspirations of our people."

The new Cabinet was sworn into office by President S R Nathan on Saturday. The swearing-in ceremony for the 15 ministers and 10 ministers of state took place at the Istana, the official residence and office of the president of Singapore.

The new Cabinet sees a fresh injection of new faces and the retirement of nine ministers including Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew and Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong.

Lee has opted for a smaller Cabinet, with only 15 ministers-down from the previous 21. The average age is 53, down from 59.

MNA/Xinhua

AU urges India to diversify investment in Africa

ADDIS ABABA, 22 May—The African Union (AU) on Saturday urged India to further diversify its Africa-bound investment by increasing shares in infrastructure and capacity building.

In his message to the India-Africa Trade Ministers' Meeting in Addis Ababa, AU Commission Chairperson Jean Ping said Indian investment flows to Africa should also be targeting sectors including infrastructure, capacity building and personnel training apart from the natural resources. The chairman said although their cultural and trade links date back to long time ago, the level of cooperation between India and Africa has remained low because of their geographical distance. However, Jean Ping said, India and Africa share the same aspiration for inclusive development and their cooperation in trade and economy over the past years has been a perfect demonstration of South –South cooperation.

Xinhua

Malay indigenous dancers perform during the Colours of Malaysia 2011 held at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 21 May, 2011. The yearly event organized by Malaysia's Ministry of Tourism was held to introduce and promote local tourism products and highlight Malaysia as a tourism destination.—XINHUA

Gas blast injures 10 miners, traps six others in SW China

CHENGDU, 22 May—Ten miners were injured and six others were trapped after a gas explosion occurred early Sunday morning in southwest China's Sichuan Province, local authorities said. The blast occurred in a coal mine in Rongxian County at about 7:30 am, a spokesman from the county's emergency response office said.

There were 28 miners working underground when the explosion happened, the spokesman said. Rescue operations for the trapped miners are under way. The Sichuan Electric Power Corp has dispatched 95 workers to the mine to carry out rescue operations and ensure a steady supply of electricity to the area.

The condition of the injured miners is not yet known.—*Xinhua*

New fears as whales reported to have returned to loch

LONDON, 22 May—A pod of pilot whales are reported to have returned to a Hebridean sea loch where they risk becoming beached. Conservationists had thought the 60 whales had moved from the shallow waters of Loch Carnan, South Uist, and were swimming south. But British Divers Marine Life Rescue (BDMLR) later said the animals had headed back into the loch.

Rescuers also said one of the whales may now have died after an apparent sighting of a body in the water. The animals were first spotted around Loch Carnan on Thursday, sparking fears that they would die in a mass stranding. Some of them have injuries to their heads, thought to have been sustained while they were stranded.

BDMLR's Dave Jarvis described the latest development as disappointing. He said: "Unfortunately the pod of pilot whales that it was hoped were moving away from the sea loch earlier have now returned to their original location." Personnel were deployed earlier to search for the group that it was hoped were leaving the area, but they were located not far away, from a land vantage point, by BDMLR operations manager Stephen Marsh and SSPCA senior inspector Calum Watt.—*Internet*

***The whales had appeared to be moving away from the sea loch.*— INTERNET**

Boy rescued from Bridlington cliff after dare

LONDON , 22 May — A teenager had to be winched to safety by helicopter after getting stuck as he climbed down 100ft cliffs for a birthday dare, the Coastguard said.

The 14-year-old was 40ft from the beach below when he became stuck as the tide swept in. His friends called the police to the scene at Sewerby in Bridlington, North Humberside. The RNLI Flamborough Head inshore lifeboat found the boy before an RAF helicopter winched him to safety. Humber Coastguard Watch Manager Drew Mahood said: "We understand that the teenager had descended the cliff as part of a dare on his birthday, but became stuck when the gravity of his situation struck home." *Internet*

***A lifeboat found the boy before he was winched to safety.*— INTERNET**

Fight to halt toxic caterpillars

***The oak processionary moth caterpillar was discovered in England in 2006.*— INTERNET**

LONDON, 22 May—For the past two days, Tony Kirkham has been spraying insecticide on hundreds of oak trees at Kew Gardens to keep a toxic caterpillar at bay. The caterpillars of the oak processionary moth (OPM) damage oak trees by feeding on their leaves, while its toxin-containing hairs pose health risks to people.

The moth has taken hold in five London boroughs despite attempts to eradicate it after its arrival in the UK five years ago. Head of arboretum Mr Kirkham said the Royal Botanic Gardens had been "fighting to eradicate it" since three caterpillar nests were identified at the site in 2006.

He said the outbreak spread into the famous gardens from imported trees used in a housing development in nearby Kew Village. The south-west London gardens originally fought the problem by removing caterpillar nests but found the insects returned every year, and in 2009 about 450 European oaks were affected.—*Internet*

US man charged with Chihuahua death faces life in jail

SANTA CLARA, 22 May — A man in the US state of California faces a possible life sentence for allegedly killing his wife's Chihuahua. Bud Wally Ruiz, 53, gave the puppy to his wife as a Mother's Day gift, but now he is charged with animal cruelty. Ruiz has a criminal history stretching back 30 years, with four convictions for assault with a deadly weapon.

Under California's "three strikes" law, the courts are bound to consider a 25-year sentence for criminals convicted of multiple violent felonies. However, they do have discretion to impose a lesser sentence if they decide the new offence is less serious. —*Internet*

NASA wants pics of damaged shuttle tile

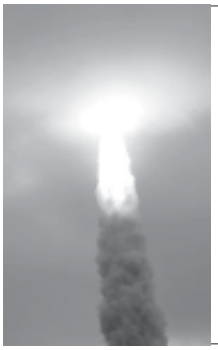
CAPE CANAVERAL, 22 May—NASA says it will know by Sunday if a damaged heat shield tile on the shuttle Endeavour needs to be repaired before the shuttle heads back to Earth.

Astronauts were asked to photograph the damaged area with a digital camera and lasers mounted on the end of a robotically controlled boom, Florida Today reported Saturday.

Officials don't think the tile will require repair but asked for more detailed information before making a decision.

"This is one that we feel pretty confident that we're going to be able to clear once we get some higher-fidelity data," said LeRoy Cain, head of the mission management team. NASA said the 3-by-2 inch gouge is about 1 inch deep. Officials said it might have been caused by a piece of ice falling from the craft about 70 seconds after liftoff.

If the tile needs repair, astronauts could be asked to perform a space walk to apply a coating over the gouge.—*Internet*



Space Shuttle Endeavour STS-134 blasts off into the clouds from launch pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center on 16 May, 2011. This is the 25th and last flight of the Endeavour as NASA is retiring its shuttle fleet after 30 years. One more flight of Space Shuttle Atlantis is scheduled next month.—INTERNET

A citizen learns to draw the facial makeup of characters in Peking Opera in Guangxi Museum of Nationalities in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 21 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Mexico police seize 'narco-tank' used by drug gang

MEXICO CITY, 22 May — Police in Mexico say they have seized a "narco-tank", a pickup truck fitted with steel armour that is thought to have been used by a drugs gang. The home-made armoured vehicle was found in the western state of Jalisco.

It had metal reinforcements fitted to its front, and a metal cabin covering the rear platform, presumably to protect passengers from gunfire. The security forces often complain that the drug gangs they battle are better armed and equipped than they are. The vehicle was found abandoned in a rural area of Jalisco, where criminal gangs have been fighting with the security forces and each other.

Jalisco was the stronghold of the late drug baron Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, a top member of the Sinaloa cartel. Since he was killed by the security forces in July 2010, Jalisco has seen a violent battle for control of the area between members of the Sinaloa cartel and their rivals from the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion. — *Internet*

Police said the narco-tank had probably been used in a shoot-out between gangs.— INTERNET

Gang blinds Indian woman, accused of witchcraft, with scissors

Eleven people stormed into a house in a central Indian village and assaulted a woman whom they accused of witchcraft, blinding her and her husband by stabbing them in the eyes with scissors, police said on Saturday.

The incident took place on Friday in the Raipur District of Chhattisgarh State. Police later arrested 10 suspects.

A family in Khaira village had been having money troubles and health problems, which they blamed on a 45-year-old woman, according to SS Baghel, a local police officer. "The accused blamed the alleged witchcraft power of the lady for their problems and raided her house on Friday morning," Baghel told *Reuters* by phone.

View of the Hollywood sign.

N Zealand set for 'Wellywood' challenge Hollywood

The New Zealand capital of Wellington is to have a giant "Wellywood" sign emblazoned across a hillside despite criticism and threats of legal action for the blatant copy of the famed Hollywood symbol.

Wellywood was first mooted 15 months ago, prompting Hollywood Chamber of Commerce chief executive Leron Gubler to challenge the idea saying the world famous Hollywood lettering was trademarked. "If they do that with the Wellywood sign then I would think that would be a violation of our trademark … I am checking that with our attorney," he said.

But Wellington Airport announced Saturday it will erect an eight-by-30 metre (26x100 foot) Wellywood sign on a hillside it owns overlooking the city.

Airport chief executive Steve Fitzgerald said they wanted to promote the film industry in the city which is home to acclaimed director Peter Jackson and the Oscar-winning Weta Workshop which designs and manufactures movie props.

New Zealand minister defends 'dead possum' hairdo

Photo illustration.

A New Zealand minister has hit out at critics of his "dead possum" haircut, chastising bald-headed journalists for mocking his manicured mane.

In a light-hearted video blog posted on YouTube this week, Revenue Minister Peter Dunne said too much attention was paid to his bouffant hairstyle.

"What's this thing about my hair? I'm getting a bit fed up with being described as having a dead possum on top, all sorts of other things like that," he said.

"Some people who think it's untidy, it's too grey, it's too coiffured. The only thing that ever goes on this is a comb and a hairbrush," he added, waving a comb at the camera.

"And I think it's really bald-headed men (behind the criticism)."

Dunne, the leader of the United Future Party, a minority partner in the conservative coalition government, said appearing on one high-profile current affairs show was awkward because the interviewer constantly stared at his hair.

Taking a dig at another TV host, he said "I quite like your plastic hair too".

Man took beer to 'score women'

Authorities in Florida said a man who stole an 18-pack of Bud Light from a 7-Eleven store told deputies he took the beer to help him get women.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office said the man, who was accompanied by two others who were uninvolved with the theft, took the beer from the Jensen Beach convenience store Monday morning and left in a silver Dodge Neon with the other men, the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* reported Friday.

Deputies said they found the men changing a tire on the vehicle about 3 miles from the store. They said Anthony Hernandez, 20, admitted stealing the beer so he could "score some women."

The sheriff's office said Hernandez, who was arrested, told them he did not know the whereabouts of the pilfered beer.

News Album

***South Korean director Kim Ki-Duk poses during the photocall of "Arirang" presented in the Un Certain Regard selection at the 64th Cannes Film Festival on 13 May.*—INTERNET**

South Korea, Germany share key Cannes sidebar prize

CANNES, 22 May—South Korean director Kim Ki-Duk's wrenching cinematic self-portrait and a German drama about the final days of a dying man shared a coveted sidebar prize at Cannes on Saturday, as the festival cruised toward its awards climax.

The section's jury president, Serbian director Emir Kusturica, announced the winners for best picture, Kim's "Arirang" and "Stopped On Track" by Germany's Andreas Dresen, at a glittering ceremony.

The runner-up award went to Russian film-maker Andrey Zvyagintsev's "Elena" about a docile woman in a relationship with an colder, wealthier man who learns he does not have long to live.

"Arirang", which drew a lengthy standing ovation when it screened during the 12-day event, is an emotionally raw film exercise aimed at curing a crippling bout of "director's block".

The picture shows Kim, who won prizes at Venice and Berlin for "3-Iron" and "Samaritan Girl", living in self-imposed exile and grilling himself on camera about his own perceived failings as a director and a human being.—*Internet*

Justin Bieber to launch perfume line

LOS ANGELES, 22 May—Justin Bieber has placed his imprimatur on a new perfume that will hit US stores next month, his camp said.

The new scent is called "Someday" and is a follow-up to the nail-polish line called "One Less Lonely Girl," which was the teenage heartthrob's successful initial venture into cosmetics.

US Magazine said Saturday that Bieber has been calling "Someday" his way of forging a "deep connection" with his fans.

"Creating a fragrance that I personally love is another way I can bring them closer to my world," Bieber told *Women's Wear Daily*.

***Canadian singer Justin Bieber attends the unveiling of his new waxwork at Madame Tussauds in London on 15 March, 2011.* INTERNET**

"Someday" comes in a heart-shaped bottle and has a "citrus gourmand" scent. WWD estimated sales could top $30 million this year based on the performance of other celebrity branded perfumes and colognes.

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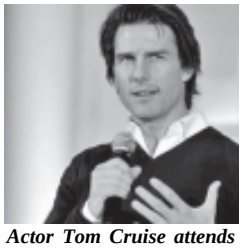

***Actor Tom Cruise attends the Japanese premiere for the film "Knight & Day" in Tokyo, Japan, on 28 September, 2010.* INTERNET**

Cruise to star in sci-fi flick 'Oblivion'

HOLLYWOOD, 22 May—Tom Cruise has agreed to star in the new Universal science fiction movie "Oblivion," *Entertainment Weekly* said Saturday.

Entertainment Weekly said it had confirmed earlier Internet reports that Cruise would play the lead in the small-cast adventure about a lone soldier stationed on an inhospitable post-apocalyptic Earth.

Cruise is currently at work on the musical "Rock of Ages." "Oblivion" shooting starts in October with "Tron: Legacy" director Joseph Kosinski in charge. Kosinski developed the "Oblivion" story and helped turn it into a graphic novel that will be released later this year to stir up interest among sci-fi fans.

Internet

Schalke's goalkeeper Manuel Neuer holds the cup in the air after they won the DFB German Cup final football match against Duisburg at the Olmpic stadium in Berlin.— INTERNET

Schalke rout Duisberg to win German Cup

BERLIN, 22 May — Bayern Munich-target Manuel Neuer captained Schalke 04 to their fifth German Cup title as second-division Duisburg were hammered 5-0 in Saturday's final on what may have been his last game for the club. The 25-year-old has told Schalke he will not stay past June 2012 and with Bavarian giants Bayern waiting to sign him for a reported 25 million euros before next season, Neuer lifted the German Cup at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

Bayern are in talks with Schalke about signing the Germany goalkeeper and it seems to be a case of when, not if, Neuer will go to Munich.—*Internet*

Germany claim record fifth tennis World Team Cup

BERLIN, 22 May — Victory in the doubles handed Germany a record fifth World Team Cup title on Saturday as the hosts sealed a 2-1 win over defending champions Argentina in the final in Duesseldorf. Having lost to Juan Ignacio Chela earlier in the singles, Philipp Kohlschreiber partnered Philipp Petzschner and enjoyed some revenge as the pair earned a 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) win over Chela and Maximo Gonzalez to win the title.

Chela had earlier levelled the scores in the two singles matches with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) win over Kohlschreiber to make it all square after Germany's Florian Mayer had earlier sealed a straight-sets 7-6 (7/4), 6-0 win over Juan Monaco.—*Internet*

Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber celebrates victory in the doubles ATP Team World Cup match in the western German city of Duesseldorf.— INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Garcia proud as Lille end league title wait

PARIS, 22 May – Lille coach Rudi Garcia heralded his players and predicted that they would be "friends for life" after they captured the French league title with a 2-2 draw at Paris Saint-Germain. Second-placed Marseille's 2-2 draw against Valenciennes rendered Lille's result immaterial, but Garcia's side still managed to procure the point they had needed prior to kick-off to end a 57-year wait for French football's top prize.

It also completed a famous double — the second in their history — following last weekend's 1-0 defeat of PSG in the French Cup final. "There is a lot of pride," said Garcia, who invited his entire back-room staff to join him at the post-match press conference at Parc des Princes.

Internet

Lille's football club's French coach Rudi Garcia

New boxing champ Cleverly stops Kuziemski

LONDON, 22 May — Nathan Cleverly's first defence of his World Boxing Organization (WBO) light-heavyweight title has ended with a fourth round stoppage win on cuts against Poland's Aleksy Kuziemski in London. The Welshman had been due to face previous title-holder Juergen Braehmer at the O2 Arena. But the German pulled out and was stripped of his title, with Cleverly promoted to champion. The 24-year-old Cleverly was then due to face Tony Bellow, only for his fellow British boxer to be ruled out after problems making the weight. Eventually, the Welshman was paired against the 34-year-old Kuziemski.

Internet

Polish Boxer Aleksy Kuziemski (L) moves in against Nathan Cleverly, during their WBO World Light-Heavyweight Championship title boxing fight at the O2 Arena, in London. — INTERNET

Edwards rolls to easy win in All-Star Race

CONCORD, 22 May — Carl Edwards easily claimed the $1 million payday on Saturday night with a flawless run in the Sprint All-Star Race.

His only mistake at Charlotte Motor Speedway came after he beat Kyle Busch to the checkered flag. Although it appeared Edwards ran over either a manhole cover or drainage device, a collision that caused heavy damage to the front of his Roush Fenway Racing Ford, track officials said the infield has only grass, so it wasn't clear what caused all the mishap.

Edwards had a sheepish grin as he climbed out his window for his customary celebratory backflip, and he apologized to crew chief Bob Osborne for wrecking the car.

Internet

Carl Edwards celebrates after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series All-Star auto race in Concord, NC, on 21 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Delneri confirms he is leaving Juventus

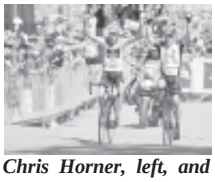
ROME, 22 May — Luigi Delneri confirmed on Saturday that as expected he would not be Juventus coach next season after he failed to guide them to either a trophy or barring a miracle a place in European competition next season.The 60-year-old - who arrived this season after a successful spell with Sampdoria where he took them to fourth place and a Champions League qualifier spot last season — is likely to be replaced by former Juventus playing favourite Antonio Conte.

"I was informed by the club on Wednesday that there was going to be a change of coach," said Delneri on the eve of the final Serie A clash with Napoli. "I wish whoever replaces me the best of luck, I hope for Juventus it is the right choice. "I do not feel like a scapegoat and I leave with a clear conscience." Juventus are seventh and need a series of results to go in their favour on Sunday if they are to even garner a place in the Europa League next season. —*Internet*

Juventus Italian manager Luigi Delneri

Leipheimer wins 7th stage of Tour of California

MOUNT BALDY, 22 May — Levi Leipheimer slipped ahead in the final yards to claim the mountainous seventh stage of the Tour of California on Saturday, while RadioShack teammate Chris Horner finished second just behind and solidified his pending overall race title.



Chris Horner, left, and teammate Levi Leipheimer cross the finish line together during Stage 7 of the Tour of California cycling race, on 21 May, 2011, in San Bernardino, Calif. — INTERNET

After going to the front with Horner with just less than two miles left, Leipheimer, the former three-time race winner, completed the 75.8-mile stage from Claremont to Mount Baldy in 3 hours, 33 minutes and 1 second.

Horner, who began day with a 38-second cushion over Leipheimer, eased at the line and was second in the same time.

Internet

Wozniacki beats Peng Shuai for Brussels Open title

BRUSSELS, 22 May — Top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki overcame China's Peng Shuai 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to win the Brussels Open on Saturday. It was Wozniacki's fourth tournament victory this year, unmatched on the WTA Tour, and her first win on clay, serving as a welcome boost ahead of the French Open.

"I feel in good shape. I don't feel tired at all. I am full of confidence," Wozniacki said. Starting sluggish following a tough three-set win over Francesca Schiavone late Friday, the Dane found her touch and fighting spirit as of the second set against the 31st-ranked Chinese.Peng, 25, was looking for her first WTA tour win but is 0-for-4 so far.—*Xinhua*

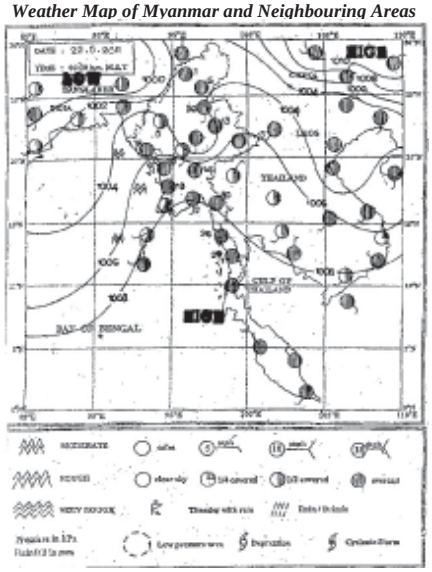
Caroline Wozniacki (L) of Denmark poses next to Peng Shuai of China after winning their WTA Brussels Open final match on 21 May, 2011.— XINHUA

SPORTS

WEATHER

Sunday, 22nd 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, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Southern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Ayeyawady Region and Shan State, scattered in Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (4°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region, (3°C) below May average temperatures in Magway Region, (7°C) to (8°C) below May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Kachin State and about May average temperature in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw(Airport) (1.38) inches, Paung (3.81) inches, Kyaikmaraw (3.14) inches, Kyauktaw (2.68) inches, Mudon (2.28) inches, Thandwe (2.17) inches and An (2.05) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-5-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 22-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 22-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

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Rainfall on 22-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (0.08) inch at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Tr) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (11.78) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (18.04) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (8.78) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 22-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay, weather is partly cloudy in the East Central and North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 23rd May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions , Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Southwest monsoon is likely to set in to the Deltaic Areas.

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Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23rd May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23rd May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cerainty is (80%).

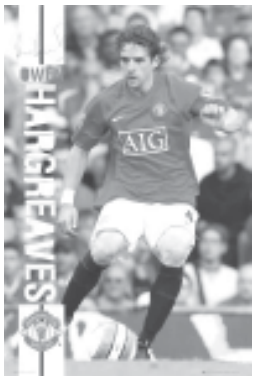
Hargreaves to be released by United

LONDON, 22 May—Owen Hargreaves will leave Manchester United at the end of this season after Alex Ferguson confirmed the injury-ravaged England midfielder will not be offered a new contract. Hargreaves endured a miserable four-year spell at Old Trafford as tendinitis in both knees left him l anguishing in the treatment room for long spells.

Having signed a four-year contract on his arrival from Bayern Munich in a £17 million deal in July 2007, the 30-year-old has made only two appearances in the last two seasons and played just three times in the campaign prior to that. Canadian-born Hargreaves, who has a total of 39 United appearances, is still battling to regain full fitness but manager Ferguson admits his club can no longer wait for him to win that fight.

Ferguson told the Mail on Sunday: "This has been a difficult decision knowing how hard the lad has worked to win back his fitness.

"But we have made it in the hope he will be able to resurrect his career elsewhere."—*Internet*



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* News
* Myanma Traditional Wedding Ceremony
* News
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* Myanmar Movie "The Moon Born from the Sun"

Myanmar TV

Monday,

23 May

View on today

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7:30 am
2. Morning News

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
5. Health Programme

8:05 am
6. Dance Of National Races

8:15 am
7. Cute Little Dancers

8:25 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Dance Of Variety

4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:40 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)-Second Year (Mathematics)

4:55 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:05 pm
7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:10 pm
8. Documentary

5:20 pm
9. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm
10. Myanmar Idoal

6:00 pm
11. Evening News

6:15 pm
12. Weather Report

6:20 pm
13. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15.News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. World's Stars
19. TV Dramma Series

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★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

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

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

Nantkhwin Creek Bridge in Kachin State put into service

Photo shows Nantkhwin Creek Bridge at mile post No. 214/215 on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Hopin Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Nantkhwin Creek Bridge was opened at mile post No.214/215 on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road in Hopin Township, Mohnyin District, Kachin State yesterday. It was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Sai, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, Minister for Transport of Kachin State U Ka Man Du Naw, departmental heads, officials from Public Works and local people.

The newly-opened Nantkhwin Bridge is the second one after the Government of the Republic of the Union Myanmar takes office. It was built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-15 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction. The bridge is 350 feet long with a 24-ft-wide two-lane road and three-foot -wide pedestrian lanes on each side. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. Thanks to the Bridge, crops, paddy and other materials would be transported to four corners of the country through road networks. And it contributes to development of economic, social, health and education sectors of the region.

MNA

Traffic rules enforcement works inspected in Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman of Traffic Rules Supervisory Committee U Saw Hla inspected activities of township traffic rules enforcement combined teams who are striving for reduction of traffic accidents in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw District, use of LED/LCD traffic lights and distribution of pamphlets on traffic rules.

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