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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

Discussion on Hluttaw procedures among Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members, Region/State Hluttaw Speakers continues for third day



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein participates in discussion on Hluttaw procedures among Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members, Region/State Hluttaw Speakers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Discussion on Hluttaw procedures among Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members, Region/State Hluttaw Speakers continued for the third day at Hluttaw Hall here at 9.30 am today.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein,

members of Bill Committees, Public Accounts Committees, Rights Committees and Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and speakers of Region/State Hluttaws.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker discussed

Hluttaw procedures.

After that, members of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and attendees held discussion on Hluttaw procedures.

The third-day session came to an end in the afternoon.—MNA

K 2400m worth exercise books to be distributed free

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—The government will distribute free exercise books worth K 2400 million to over five million primary school students in 2011-2012 academic year as part of the drive for the Free Compulsory Primary Education System, said Chairman of the National Education Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye at the school enrolment day ceremony for 2011-2012 academic year here this morning.

He called on teachers to pay more attention to inter-school management and academic matters.

The Union minister handed over exercise books to township education officers.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung donated K 1 million and Director-General (Duty) of No. 2 Basic Education Department U Ye Lwin Aung, 9100 dozens



of exercise books to the eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

The members of the committee and the Central Committee for Ensuring Enrolment of All School-Age

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye addressing school enrolment day ceremony for 2011-2012 academic year.

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Children viewed school enrolment activities at Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No. 6, BEHS No. 18 in Dekkhinathiri Township, Pobbathiri BEHS Nos. 20 and 3, and Zeyathiri BEHS No. 1.
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PERSPECTIVES

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Systematically utilize water sources

As the world's population is increasing day by day, foods are needed for their daily consumption. Every country is extending agriculture and livestock breeding works for ensuring food sufficiency.

So also, Myanmar is carrying out extension of sown acreage, reclamation of fallow and virgin lands for agricultural and livestock breeding purposes and freshwater and sea water fishery works.

Myanmar teeming with rivers, creek and seas at natural locations is producing marine products. Due to extension of lakes and breeding ponds, surplus marine products can be exported.

In producing marine products in 2010-2011 fiscal year, Taninthayi Region could implement its plan of exporting marine products, accounting for 118 per cent.

At present, efforts are being made for conservation of ecosystem including mangrove forests, coral reefs and islands to avert degradation of water sources of the nation. As part of efforts to conserve ecosystem, a ceremony to release 100,000 Giant sea perch and 200,000 fry shrimps into the water was held at Hsinphyubyin Port in Thayetchaung Township of Dawei District on 10 May.

Thus, it is necessary to systematic utilize water resources to ensure food sufficiency for the whole nation and not to deplete sea water fish and fish resources so as to be worthy of marine products.

Old schools in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area renovated

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt plants a teak sapling in opening ceremony of new school building of Pyankapye Village in Zabuthiri Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—A ceremony to open new school buildings in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area was held in

conjunction with tree-planting ceremony to mark opening of school

buildings, at the schools yesterday. Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt attended and planted a teak sapling. The old school buildings have been renovated with the contribution of Aung Chan Tha Construction company and ACE construction company. It was also attended by member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Education Incharge U Than Aung, Deputy Director-General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department and managing directors of two donor companies.—MNA

People's Defence

- * 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

U Maung Wai appointed as Myanmar Permanent Representative to UN

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Maung Wai, Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations, Geneva.

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Union Minister receives DPRK Ambassador



NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received Mr Kim Sok Chol, Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar, at his office here this morning.

They discussed matters related to immigration activities.

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B.O.T system roads under maintenance in Magway Region

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe held a work coordination meeting with the superintending engineer of Magway Region, chief engineers of the districts in the region, and officials from the companies that engage in maintenance of B.O.T system roads at the office of Magway Region Government on 21 May.

The following day, the chief minister attended the

10th anniversary founding day of Magway University of Medicine. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Rector Dr U Win Myat Aye delivered speeches.

The chief minister, the deputy health minister, and the rector opened and viewed the commemorative booth.

The chief minister also attended the opening of the new office of Magway Region High Court.

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Soldiers and security officials stand near a building housing the Crime Investigation Department (CID) in a police station compound, which was attacked by a car suicide bomber, in Peshawar on 25 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Suicide bomb kills six at Pakistan police station

PESHAWAR, 25 May—A Taliban suicide bomber rammed a truck bomb into a Pakistani police station at dawn Wednesday, flattening the three-storey building in a massive explosion and killing six people.

The country's main Taliban faction claimed responsibility for the attack in the protected military zone of the northwestern city of Peshawar, saying it was their fourth reprisal for the US killing of Osama bin Laden in Pakistan.

The bombing will likely highlight doubts about the security forces' ability to protect not only themselves, but major cities and fuel a long-running debate about the security of the country's nuclear weapons. Militant unrest, much of it in the form of suicide attacks, has killed nearly 4,400 people in the past four years as the Taliban

and militants linked to Al-Qaeda wage a bloody onslaught on Pakistan's US-allied leadership.

Five policemen and a soldier died in Wednesday's explosion, a relatively low toll given the enormity of the blast, but officials said the building normally had only a skeleton staff at the time of the attack. An AFP reporter saw flames from the stricken building, shattered glass on the ground, pancaked rubble, burning tyres and the charred remains of at least three vehicles, including a small truck.

Constable Farid Khan, who had his shoulder fractured in the attack and was admitted to a hospital told AFP that he was saying his morning prayers inside the police station when a deafening explosion took place.

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French fighter plane crashes in western Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 May—A French fighter plane crashed in western Afghanistan on Tuesday, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said, but there were no casualties. The accident happened at around 10.30 am local time in Farah Province of western Afghanistan. "Both pilots were quickly recovered unharmed," an

ISAF spokesperson said, giving no other details. "The crash site has been secured." ISAF gave no indication about the cause of the accident, but did not rule out the possibility of hostile fire. "The reason for the crash is currently unknown. An investigation into the incident has been launched," an ISAF spokesperson said.

On 23 April, one US soldier was killed when his helicopter crashed in the Alah Say District of Kapisa Province. Another service member who was also on board survived the accident. Before that, in September 2010, nine NATO troops were killed and others were injured when an ISAF helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan.—Internet



A resident rests after working at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 23 May, 2011. A parked car bomb exploded at dawn near stores in eastern Baghdad causing damage to many shops including seven liquor stores, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET

Four killed by parked car bomb in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 May—Four people were killed Tuesday in the explosion of a bomb in a parked car in southwestern Baghdad, officials said.

The blast in a Sunni neighbourhood also injured 14 people.

The information came from police and medical officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to reporters.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Violence has decreased dramatically in Iraq since the height of the war, but bombings and shootings still happen daily across the country, many against a sectarian background.—Internet

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 25 May—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 25 May reached 705914 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1278748, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705914
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1278748

Internet



In this undated photo, a patient is moved to an ambulance for medical evacuation at the Zabul Provincial Hospital, following a bus accident on Highway 1 in the Zabul province of Afghanistan in this photo provided by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Regional Command (South).—INTERNET

Boys attend to their wounded father at a hospital after a roadside bomb blast in the Panjwai District of Kandahar on 24 May, 2011.

INTERNET



Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 25 May—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

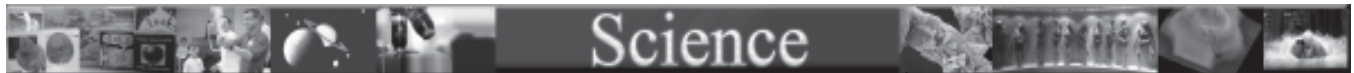
A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33906 Afghan people were killed and 41403 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 25 May.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33906
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41403

Internet



UK space plane passes technical review

LONDON, 25 May—A proposed British space plane that would function as a rocket but operate from runways like an airliner has passed an important technical review, experts said.

Propulsion experts from the European Space Agency have assessed the proposed Skylon vehicle's engines and declared the proposal technically sound, the BBC reported Tuesday.

"ESA has not identified any critical topics that would prevent a successful development of the engine," they said in their review.

The next step in development of the Skylon should include a ground demonstration of its Sabre engine, a key innovation designed to operate on oxygen from the air like an aircraft jet engine in the early stage of flight before switching to full rocket mode as the vehicle climbs out of the atmosphere.

Skylon's "single-stage-to-orbit" operation and re-usability could substantially reduce the cost of space missions, its backers at a company called Reaction Engines Limited said.

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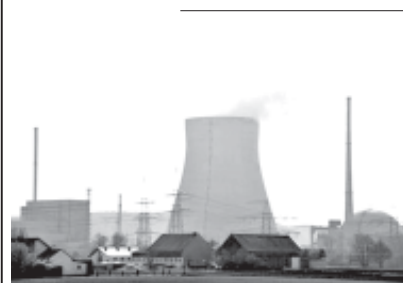
Deal finally struck on stress tests for Europe's reactors

BRUSSELS, 25 May—European nations Tuesday finally struck a deal on stress tests to be carried out from next month on the continent's reactors, EU diplomats and European Commission sources said. In the wake of Japan's nuclear disaster, countries have been pressing for stress tests on the 143 nuclear power plants in service across the European Union. But the EU was split over whether to include the threat of terror attacks or other manmade disasters.

Under the deal, tests will be divided into two categories—safety tests to see whether plants can survive ageing, natural disasters and human factors, and security tests that will include terror attacks and malevolence, including air crashes, the sources said.

The agreement follows talks by national nuclear safety regulators to find a joint response to safety fears in the wake of events in Japan.

EU energy commissioner Guenther Oettinger wanted stringent and exhaustive checks to take into account human factors, cyber attacks and plane crashes. "The public expects credible stress tests covering a wide range of risks and safety issues," he said earlier this month.—Internet



The nuclear power plant Isar 1 in Markt Essenbach, near Landshut, southern Germany, is pictured in March 2011.

INTERNET



The advanced deep-sea oil platform marks another milestone in Chinese design and engineering.

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New oil rig marks innovative breakthrough

BEIJING, 25 May—The advanced deep-sea oil platform marks another milestone in Chinese design and engineering. Its innovations improve both the security and efficiency of offshore oil exploration.

Oceanic Petroleum 9-8-1 platform can drill for oil 3-thousand meters below sea level. The deck on the 130-metre-high rig covers an area about the size of a football field. Setting new standards in work safety was one of the key priorities for the rig's engineers. It is designed to withstand powerful seas

and winds and remain stable at all times.

Chen Gang, Engineering Director of Shanghai Waigaoqiao Ship Building, said, "In total, there are 12 anchor chains—three on each of the four pillars. We've called the rig's stabilizing system." The 12 anchor chains are tightly fitted to the platform to ensure it remains stationary in water as deep as 15-hundred meters. For water deeper than that, the platform will use a supplementary stabilizing system.

Xinhua

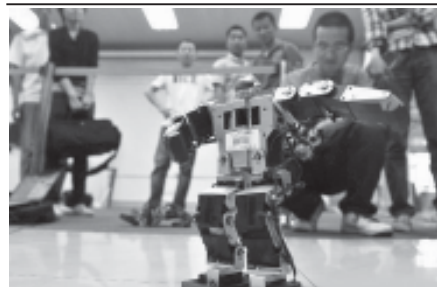


Long-delayed Duke Nukem videogame hits in June

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 May—The 15-year wait for the return of videogame tough guy "Duke Nukem" will end in June, 2K Games promised on Tuesday. First-person shooter game "Duke Nukem Forever" has been a work in progress since 1997, missing a slew of release dates before 2K put it in the hands of Gearbox Software developers last year for completion. It is on track for US release on 10 June and international availability beginning 14 June. "Duke Nukem Forever" is the game that was once thought to be unshippable, and yet here we are, on the precipice of history," said 2K president Christoph Hartmann. "Today marks an amazing day in the annals of gaming lore, the day where the legend of 'Duke Nukem Forever' is finally

complete and it takes that final step towards becoming a reality."

The videogame's excruciatingly protracted creation process has made it prime fodder for jokes in the industry. The upcoming title is a sequel to a "Duke Nukem 3D" videogame developed by 3D Realms studio that sold more than three million copies after its release in late 1996. The blockbuster game franchise was light on storyline, with players battling aliens, monsters and mutants in an urban Earth setting. The sequel's journey to store shelves is "legendary," said 3D Realms creative director George Broussard. "It's an epic tale of four game development studios that banded together and did the unthinkable and shipped the unshippable," he continued.—Internet



A robot shows its skills in a robot competition at University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 22 May, 2011.

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Within hours of Barnes & Noble announcing the new Nook e-book reader, Amazon released a version of its discounted Kindle 3G e-reader. Barnes & Noble claimed to have captured 25 percent of the digital book market since launching the first Nook model about 18 months ago.—INTERNET

Samsung signs contract to build oil facilities in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 25 May—An senior official said that the Indonesian unit of ExxonMobil Corp has awarded contracts worth more than 780 million US dollars to South Korean giant Samsung and its Indonesian partner, Tripatra Engineering, to build facilities at Cepu block, local media reported on Wednesday. BPMigas chairman Raden Priyono said the project would include building an oil-production facility at the oil and gas field in

Central Java. The project was estimated to cost 900 million US dollars, but the consortium bid 780 million US dollars.

"The tender will be completed soon, and its construction is expected to start in August this year," Priyono said on Tuesday.

Tripatra is the engineering, procurement and construction services unit of Indika Energy, the nation's leading integrated energy company.

The Cepu block,

located in Central Java, is operated by US oil giant ExxonMobil. The field is 45 percent owned by ExxonMobil and 45 percent by state oil and gas company Pertamina, with the remaining 10 percent held by state enterprises, the Jakarta Globe reported.

The block is expected raise its disappointing output to 165,000 barrels of oil per day once the facilities are done in 2013.

MNA/Xinhua



Health



Heart scans may lead to misdiagnosing



BEIJING, 25 May—CT scan, a widely used heart-imaging test, is likely to result in the over treatment for patients with heart disease, according to a study published online by the *Archives of Internal Medicine* on Monday.

CT, which produces a detailed image of the heart that reveals cholesterol buildups in the coronary arteries, is widely used in the hospital around the world. "Testing might lead to more harm than good," said McEvoy, a doctor at Seoul National University Bundang Hospital in S Korea.

His team led the study, in which 2,000 healthy adults were divided into two groups. One thousand adults had CT scans and another half had standard tests, including routine checks of their blood pressure and cholesterol levels. After 18 months, the 215 people who had worrisome CT scans were advised to have additional tests and medical treatment, and some even advised to have surgery. But less than 10 percent in the group of standard test were reported to need medications.—*Xinhua*

Health Tip: The dangers of having high cholesterol

High cholesterol usually refers to above-normal levels of LDL (low-density lipoprotein), the so-called "bad cholesterol" that can build up in your arteries and lead to heart disease.

A bad heart may not be the only downside to high cholesterol, however. The Cleveland Clinic says high LDL also increases your risk of:

- * Stroke.
- * Peripheral vascular disease (PAD), which occurs when fatty deposits build up in arteries outside the heart and brain, most often in the legs and feet.
- * Type 2 diabetes.
- * High blood pressure, since the heart has to work harder to pump blood through clogged arteries.—*Internet*

A scientist examines E-coli samples at a laboratory. German authorities reported Tuesday three suspected deaths from a strain of the E-coli bacterium and warned more were likely because of a "scarily high" number of new infections.

INTERNET



Crossing arms can reduce pain

BEIJING, 25 May—A new study suggests that crossing your arms could reduce the intensity of pain, according to media reports.

The study was conducted by researchers from University College London (UCL), who reported their finding in the journal *Pain*.

They said that crossing the arms could confuse the brain and conflicting information between the brain's two maps—one for the person's body and the other for external space—leading to a lower sensation of pain. A laser was used to generate a four millisecond pin prick on the hands of eight volunteers, who

experienced this twice with their arms at their sides and arms crossed. Then the participants were asked to rate the intensity of pain in two situations and an EEG (electro-encephalography) was used to measure their electrical brain responses.

The results showed that both the perception of pain and EEG activity was reduced when the arms were crossed. "Perhaps when we get hurt, we should not only 'rub it better' but also cross our arms," said Giandomenico Iannetti of UCL's department of physiology, pharmacology and neuro-science.

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Business

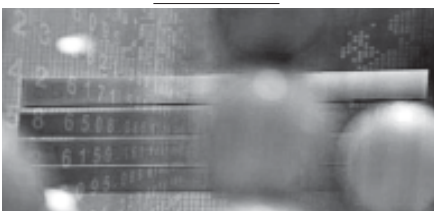


FTSE 100 finishes slightly higher

LONDON, 25 May—London shares rebounded slightly on Tuesday recovering some of their recent sharp losses despite concerns over UK banks, eurozone debt and the impact of volcanic ash from Iceland.

The benchmark FTSE 100 index climbed 0.39 percent at 5,858.41 points. Lloyds Banking Group was the most traded stock, seeing 168 million shares change hands, followed by Vodafone Group with 91.8 million.

The biggest blue chip riser was Fresnillo, which jumped 54 pence—4.15 percent—to 1356, followed by Cairn Energy, which climbed 16.60 pence—3.96 percent—to 435.8. The biggest faller of the day was retailer Marks and Spencer which dropped 11.40 pence—2.87 percent—to 385.6, followed by Lloyds, which slumped 1.13 pence—2.22 percent—to 49.74. At 17:03 BST the pound was trading at 1.6180 dollars, while the UK currency stood at 1.1474 euros.—*Internet*



London shares rebounded slightly recovering some of their recent sharp losses despite concerns over UK banks, eurozone debt and the impact of volcanic ash from Iceland.—INTERNET



A sign announces a section of road work funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act US economic stimulus plan in the Denver area on 10 September, 2009.—INTERNET

US economic confidence spikes, but could prove temporary

WASHINGTON, 25 May—Gallup's economic confidence index this week reached its highest level since mid-February, continuing along a positive trend that started in the week after the death of top terrorist Osama bin Laden earlier this month.

Still, confidence could wane if consumer sentiment is not reinforced by additional positive economic reports, Gallup reported on Tuesday.

Indeed, the US

economy is by no means out of the danger zone, and a number of factors could thwart confidence: The US and global economies seem to be slowing, according to a number of economic reports. The Dow Jones Industrial Average has been down for three weeks in a row and jobless claims continue to run above 400,000, suggesting that job growth is insufficient to put a dent in the US unemployment rate.—*Xinhua*

World Bank to give billions to Egypt, Tunisia

WASHINGTON, 25 May—The president of the World Bank says it will provide up to \$6 billion to Egypt and Tunisia to help them modernize their economies as they undertake democratic reforms after the ouster of their longtime presidents.

Robert Zoellick said the bank was working closely with the International Monetary Fund and other development banks to stabilize the economies of the two Arab nations. He said these efforts would be discussed with the Group of Eight nations at their meeting later this week in Deauville, France.

Egypt and Tunisia have been invited to the summit. Zoellick said Tuesday that people in the Middle East and North Africa have the opportunity to take destiny in their own hands. He said the financial support of the bank can sustain momentum and accelerate programmes but only if coupled with real reform.—*Internet*



The US Treasury announced it was selling \$5.8 billion worth of AIG shares, in the US government's first move toward winding down its stake in the bailed out insurance group.—INTERNET

China urges greater attention to safety at iPad factory blast



Smoke rises as police and onlookers stand near at a Foxconn factory in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, on 20 May, 2011 in this still image taken from a video.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 25 May—China asked Foxconn Technology Group and other Taiwanese firms to pay more attention to safety, after a deadly blast at a Chinese factory making iPads for Apple. Production in parts of the plant in the southwestern Chinese City of Chengdu was

suspended by Foxconn, Apple's biggest manufacturing partner, after three workers died and 15 were injured in a blast in a polishing workshop where Apple's signature products undergo finishing.

"We hope that Foxconn and other Taiwanese companies

can learn a lesson from this, fulfill their safety responsibilities, strengthen internal oversight controls, scrutinize hidden dangers in a timely manner and ensure safe production," Fan Liqing, spokeswoman for China's Taipei Affairs Office, said on Wednesday.

Foxconn, the world's largest contract manufacturer, counts Taipei's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd and Foxconn International Holdings Ltd among its listed units. "After the accident happened, the local government immediately undertook rescue work, and set up a joint investigation team.

As I understand it, the initial findings are that this was a production safety accident," Fan told a news conference.—Reuters



An ethnic Hmong woman carries her son as she walks along a river near Sapa town in northern Lao Cai Province, 350 km (217 miles) from Hanoi on 24 May, 2011. INTERNET

'Self-healing' coating piques US interest

FRIBOURG, 25 May—US and Swiss scientists say they have developed a polymer-based coating that can heal itself when placed under ultraviolet light for less than a minute. The "metallo-supramolecular" polymer coating has garnered interest from many parties, including the US military, Swissinfo.com reported.

"For the moment it's still at the basic research level," Christoph Weder, director of Fribourg University's Adolphe Merkle Institute, said. "We are not looking to develop products for the market but concepts and tools that can then develop commercially viable materials. That's the way our [nanoscience] institute functions."

He declined to comment on the US military's particular interest in the material. "I don't want to speculate on their interest in supporting this particular project, but the people involved were really devoted to basic research," said Weder, a Swiss professor of polymer chemistry and materials who has worked for many years in the United States.

The new material has many potential practical applications from tactile computer screens to everyday consumer items like cars, floors and furniture that get easily scratched.

Internet

Spanish cyclist found dead in freak accident

BEIJING, 25 May—A cyclist from the Spanish Movistar team, Xavier Tondo, died in a freak accident on Monday as he set out to train for the upcoming Tour de France.

Tondo who won a stage on the Paris-Nice race and finished sixth in the Tour of Spain had also won the 2011 Tour of Castilla and Leon. The 32-year-old was found by police crushed between a garage door and his car.

He was planning to join his colleague Alejandro Valverde in the Sierra Nevada for some long distance

training. He made headlines earlier this year when he blew the whistle on a doping ring. He informed authorities after receiving emails in which he was offered banned substances.

His body was taken to the Independent Forensic Institute in Granada where his family members and Movistar team officials later gathered.

Movistar officials said they would not withdraw their team from the Giro d'Italia, and they thought the best way to honour Xavi was to keep on the cycling.

Xinhua



US President Barack Obama speaks after touring Allison Transmission in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 6 May. The US administration will only buy vehicles using alternative energy sources to equip its fleet by the end of 2015, Obama announced Tuesday.—INTERNET

Recast ancient zodiac animals sculptures unveiled in Xi'an

BEIJING, 25 May—For the first time, the 12 Chinese zodiac animals sculptures of the Old Summer Palace are recast and displayed to the public in their original full length. The replicas are now standing at the ongoing International Horticultural Expo in northwestern Xi'an. Only on screen could today's viewers see how the ancient water clock worked. It was once the most amazing scene at the Old Summer Palace, until the allied British and French forces looted the imperial garden in 1860.

All that was left after the man-made disaster were the 12 heads of the zodiac animal sculptures, which spouted water to tell the time in the fountain. The recovered heads of tiger, monkey, ox and pig are now housed at Poly Art Museum in Beijing, but the heads of snake, sheep, and rooster are still lost.

To provide a full look of the treasure, the sculptures are revived, but not in the original bronze material. This time they are made from jade. The dozen animals required some 40 tons of jade from Hetian in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, famed for its high-quality.

Xinhua

Obama orders US agencies to buy green vehicles

WASHINGTON, 25 May—The US administration will only buy vehicles using alternative energy sources to equip its fleet by the end of 2015, President Barack Obama announced Tuesday.

The timeline is part of Obama's plan to cut US oil imports by a third by 2025 and put a million advanced vehicles on the road by 2015.

"By 31 December, 2015, all new light duty vehicles leased or purchased by agencies must be alternative fueled vehicles, such as hybrid or electric, compressed natural gas or biofuel," Obama said in a memorandum sent to heads of all US executive departments and agencies.

"The federal government operates the largest fleet of light duty vehicles in America. We owe a responsibility to American citizens to lead by example and contribute to meeting our national (energy) goals."

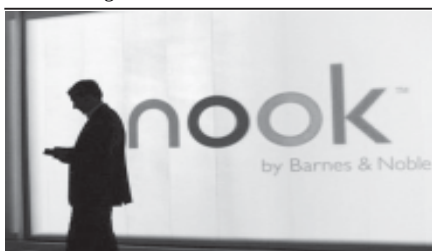
The memo updated a previous text dated 5 October, 2009 in which Obama had asked that government agencies reduce their vehicle fleet's oil consumption by 30 percent.

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At the time, the president was still counting on Congress to pass a bill fighting global warming, an initiative that ultimately failed in the face of opposition from lawmakers and that seems unlikely to return to the top of the Obama administration's agenda.

But Obama has continued to seek stricter pollution norms for light vehicles and trucks through regulation.

His latest memo also limits the size of the administration's vehicles and requires rigorous management of the fleet to correspond to needs. Emergency and security forces' vehicles are granted exceptions to the rule.—Internet



A farmer walks on a foot path between rice paddies in Kawasaki, Iwate Prefecture, northeastern Japan, on 25 May, 2011. INTERNET

A book a day helps keep doctors away

Maung Hlaing

Believe it, or not. We have heard the saying "An apple a day keeps doctors away". However, the *New Light of Myanmar* (12th instant) conveyed a news story under the title of "A book a day helps keep doctors away". Whatever it may be, the news item will surely make the older generation alert on how to live a longer life.

According to the news, new retirees suddenly confronted with plenty of time on their hands might be happy to learn that reading keeps on mentally alert and abreast of current affairs. Growing old can present difficulties such as failing eyesight or problems concentrating, but experts encourage the elderly not to give up on reading and to adapt to their situation. From the perspective of health professionals, there are many advantages to reading books or newspapers for senior citizens.

Normally, service personnel may feel very happy on the day on which they begin to enjoy their retirement. However, as they grow older and older, they gradually come to feel lonely and need something that cannot be expressed. As for a senior citizen, he should employ his mind and body sensibly and intelligently during his spare time so that idleness may not grow upon him and rust his mind.

What shall we do? We can go in for meditating, gardening, spending time with grandchildren and etc. But now, researchers find that the best way to live a retired life is reading.

Manfred Gogol, a physician and president of Germany's Society for Gerontology and Geriatrics says that the brain builds new synapses, junctions

between the neurons, when it is stimulated such as during reading. Gogol also recommends reading books that deal with subjects that are of special interest to the reader. If a long novel seems like too much work, then try a novella or collection of short stories.

The news reminds me of the words left by late Sayagyi Maung Htin, a well-known writer as well as a scholar in Myanmar literary world. It was in 2003 when he won the Life-time Achievement for National Literary Award (2002). I happened to meet him at a reception and he humorously said, "Hey guy, read at least a book a day. If you do so, you may live a longer life. But if you fail to do so, you may live a shorter life. Without reading, although you may live a longer life, your life will be as dead as a door-nail." Believe it or not, but Sayagyi lived up to nearly a hundred years.

Another example is Sayamagyi Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan) who devotes herself to reading books and research works. She is now already 93 and still alive and kicking.

Book-lovers usually take happiness in reading and enjoy longevity. Generally, no one can deny the fact that the pleasures of reading are immense. A good book is bound to give satisfaction. The more advanced a man is, the greater delight he will find in reading different types of books.

Once our school days are over and work and duties prevail, we are lucky if we have time to read the newspaper. By nature, when we are tired after our daily work, we like to take up a novel and become refreshed by a study of it. However, some may make excuse that they need to read but the problem is a lack of time.

In order to solve the problem of lack of time to read, books that talk have been brought about in some countries. All you need is a portable cassette player and you can curl up with a good tape. You don't have to know how to read. You can thereby engage in other activities and hear a book at the same time. The demand for this new method of reading has been enormous.

According to the World Book of Encyclopedia, even historians do not know when the first books appeared. But they can say that people have used books in some form for more than 5,000 years. Since then, books have had a great influence upon human beings.

So, let's see the world.

In the world today, science and technologies are advancing at a very fast pace. Due to new communication technologies, the globalization process is picking up. It is found that every nation is reading hard and working hard to be able to keep pace with the trend of international development, to have an access to new technologies in keeping with the time, to promote national interests and to further strengthen national see copy economic life.

Youths, as well as people of different ages who are thirst for knowledge have to discharge their duty demanded by the age. We are more fortunate than those who hardly got reading materials of the past.

We live to read. Or, we read to live. Choose whichever you fancy. Read and live a longer and healthier life!

But, please don't miss to see an optician to have your sight defect corrected first!!

Central China drought worst in over 50 years

BEIJING, 25 May— Central China's worst drought in more than 50 years is drying reservoirs, stalling rice planting, and threatens crippling power shortages as hydroelectric output slows, state media said Wednesday.

Rainfall levels from January to April in the drainage basin of the Yangtze, China's longest and most economically important river, have been 40 percent lower than average levels of the past 50 years, the *China Daily* said.

The national flood and drought control authority has ordered the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric project, to increase its discharge of water by 10 to 20 percent for the next two weeks.

The measure is aimed at sending badly needed

water to the Yangtze's middle and lower reaches for drinking and irrigation.

Water-marks in more than 1,300 reservoirs in Hubei Province, where the

Rainfall in some areas is as much as 80 percent lower than usual while the provinces of Anhui, Jiangsu, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi and Zhejiang

Xingtiao was quoted as saying. It said many other farmers in Hubei have lost their existing crops or given up on planting summer rice, fearing the emergency water supplies will be inadequate to sustain their fields, with more hot



A Chinese farmer walks through his dried up field in Huangpi, central China's Hubei Province on 9 May, 2011. INTERNET

dam is located, have dropped below allowable discharge levels for irrigation, the paper quoted Yuan Junguang, Hubei's reservoir management director, as saying.

along with Shanghai municipality are mired in their worst droughts since 1954. "Without adequate water, we lost the spring planting season for rice," Hubei farmer Zhou

and dry weather forecast. The agricultural impact is likely to further alarm officials already trying to tame high prices of key items such as food.

Internet

Greece adopts new austerity measures

ATHENS, 25 May— The Greek government has announced it is holding a yard sale, as it moves to unload assets, raise taxes and cut services in an ongoing austerity programme.

The government said it would sell 10 percent of its stake in telecommunications company OTE, 17 percent of its holdings of the Public Power Corp and 34 percent of the Hellenic Postbank, the EU observer reported Tuesday.

In addition, Athens said it had agreed to a combination of tax hikes and spending cuts that amounted to \$8.4 billion or about 2.4 percent of the country's gross domestic product.

European Economy Commissioner Olli Rehn said he believed Greece would fall short of its long-range goal of trimming its assets by \$70.6 billion.

"We estimate that meaningfully Greece cannot privatize 50 billion euros worth of its assets in the course of the coming years, which represents more than 20 percent of its GDP," Rehn said in a meeting in Vienna.

Tax hikes approved in Athens in the latest round of austerity measures include a sales tax jump from 13 percent to 23 percent on some items and new taxes on natural gas. Employers will be assessed an additional 1 percent on social security charges and pensions above \$2,400 per month will be assessed a new fee, the newspaper said.

Internet

Union Minister receives German Ambassador



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Julius Georg Luy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25— Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Julius Georg Luy and party at his office here this morning. They held talks on bilateral cooperation in agriculture. MNA

Union Mines Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Vice President Mr. Wang Laisheng of Henan Economic Chamber of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and party at the ministry here yesterday evening. The meeting focused on investment in mines sector, and mutual cooperation in mining. MNA



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Vice President Mr. Wang Laisheng of Henan Economic Chamber of Commerce of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Man injured in Mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—U Maung Nge, 41, of MyoU Kwethit Ward, Hopong Township, Shan State, sustained injuries but not serious in the legs when he stepped the bomb planted by insurgents in his farm near Kunkeng Village, Namhsan Township, yesterday morning. He was transferred from Yadana Clinic in Mongpun to Sao San Tun Hospital in Taunggyi.—MNA

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Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu and Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Aung viewed school enrolment activities in Zabuthiri BEHS No.14, Pyinmana BEHS No.1, and Lewe BEHS No.1. School enrolment week for 2011-2012 academic year runs from 25 to 31 May.—MNA

Forestry Ministry gearing up for growing trees across nation

NAY PYI TAW, 25—The Ministry of Forestry is gearing up for its plan to grow trees with mass activities throughout the country this rainy season.

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun inspected Wargadok nursery under the Forest Department in Bago Township on 23 May, Kaunghmudaw nursery of the Arid Zones Greening Department in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, plantations at Ywathit Village in Sagaing Township, Natyaygan Village in ChaungU Township, Yaypoesar nursery of the

Arid Zones Greening Department in ChaungU Township, and the 225-acre plantation for village firewood in Natyaygan Protected Forest near the nursery.

The minister and Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye inspected tasks for greening Bodhi Tahtaung in Monywa Township.

On his tour, the Union minister called for mobilizing participation of local people in mass activities and systematic management of village plantations established with the State funds.—MNA



Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun inspects Kaunghmudaw nursery of the Arid Zones Greening Department.—MNA

Mon State Chief Minister attends ceremony to mark National Sanitation Week 2011



Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint addresses Mon State National Sanitation Week 2011.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May— An opening ceremony of Mon State National Sanitation Week 2011 was held at State General Hospital in Mawlamyine on 23 May morning, with address of Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint.

He then enjoyed documentary photos of sanitation movement this year displayed at the hall of the hospital.

After looking around No.1 Market in

Mawlamyine, he attended educative talks on healthy disseminated in Thayaaye Ward Health Centre (branch) and in Myinethaya Ward Health Centre (branch).

In that evening, the Chief Minister was present in the work coordination meeting on boosting agricultural sector for 2011-2012 plantations, held at Aung San Hall of Mon State Government Office.—MNA

Myanmar entrepreneurs attends THAIFEX World of Food Asia 2011

YANGON, 25 May— A Myanmar entrepreneur group led by Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and General Secretary Dr Myo Thet this morning left here for Thailand to attend the THAIFEX World of Food Asia 2011 to be

held in Bangkok up to 28 May, and to meet officials of University of Thai Chambers of Commerce and Industry- UTCC and Measurement Society of Thailand (MST).

They were seen off by President of RUMFCCI U Win Aung and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

Union Commerce Minister receives Swedish Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Bangkok-based Swedish Ambassador Mr Lennart Linner and party, at the minister office here this morning.

Also present at the

call were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan, Directors-General, Managing Directors under departments and enterprise and officials concerned.—MNA

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Bangkok-based Swedish Ambassador Mr Lennart Linner.

MNA



Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-yong.

MNA



Union Minister receives ROK Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint received Ambassador of the

Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-yong at the ministry here yesterday

evening, discussing profit-making sectors between the two countries.

MNA

Encouraging human resources and research key to technological development

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint underlined the importance to encourage human resources and research development in a coordination meeting for technological advance-

ment at the auditorium of the ministry here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, Director-General of Technical and Vocational Education Department Dr Zaw Min Aung,

rectors, pro-rectors and principals from universities, colleges and training schools under the ministry. Ways and requirements needed to improve technological sector were sought at the meeting.

MNA

Union Health Minister receives Australian Ambassador, President of Support Fund Myanmar



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules.—MNA

Union EP-2 Minister receives ROK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received Mr Kim Hae-yong, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar, at the minister's office here yesterday evening. They discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries in electric power supply.

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Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives Mr Kim Hae-yong, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar.—MNA



Chilli farming, a boost to farmers' incomes...

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“When the weather is hot, we irrigate our farms. We collect chilli once a week. Sometimes, chilli prices go up and sometimes, they go down. The street price of chilli is 1200 kyats a viss. If

irrigate a chilli farm and keep putting fertilizer in it, the harvest time is longer.”

It was very heartening to view thriving chilli plants.

Farmers across the nation choose particular

strains of crops that are suitable for the soils, water availability and climate patterns concerned. Many farmers in Pyinmana Township get on with their farms and enjoy better living conditions.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Australian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules and President Ms Yve Callebaut of Support Fund Myanmar, separately at his office

here today.

He discussed cooperation in fighting against three major diseases, maternal and child health care and cooperation with UN agencies while meeting with the Australian Ambassador.

He held a discussion on supply of

hospital equipment from Belgium, cooperation in health, education and agriculture development and exchange of technologies between universities of medicine of Myanmar and Belgium, at a meeting with Support Fund Myanmar.

MNA

Bolivian plane crash due to "operational" error

LAPAZ, 25 May—A plane crash in Bolivia earlier this month that killed four United Nations officials were caused by "operational failures" of the crew, the Bolivian Air Forces said Tuesday.

The Cessna Tu-210L light plane crashed on 5 May in the Andean region of Yungas northwest of the capital La Paz, killing all four passengers of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the two Bolivian crew.

"Due to the topographic hills of the terrain, the plane entered Kanamarca sector where the crew was surprised

by the hills and when not being able to avoid them it increase the engine power with a maximum angle of decline, causing this accident," said Richard Alvarez, president of the Air Forces' Investigation Board of Accidents.

Alvarez said the plane "reached its operational limit" when trying to overtake an obstacle, losing its uplift before crashing against the trees and falling to the ground where it burst into fire. The plane had been collecting pictures and videos of the region to learn about the change of soil use and the

remains of the plane was not found until two days after it was reported missing.

Alvarez said climate



was not a factor in the accident as weather conditions at the time the plane took off had been deemed adequate for the

A Brazilian Air Force picture of a Cessna C-98 Caravan taking off in the Amazon Region in Brazil.
INTERNET

Ash clouds ground 500 flights in Europe

LONDON, 25 May—About 500 commercial flights were cancelled in the closure of parts of the airspace over Britain due the spread of dense ash from the erupting Iceland volcano, European air traffic controller Eurocontrol said on Tuesday.

The agency said that there was a strong possibility the cloud would now move to parts of Denmark, as well as Norway and Sweden, however that the impact on flights was expected to be limited. The Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre in London once again warned, while Iceland, Greenland and Scotland already are affected, there was a risk that some ash clouds may reach parts of northern Europe in the next 48 hours. Iceland's Grimsvotn volcano erupted on Saturday, spewing ash plumes 17 kilometres into the air and raising concerns of a repeat of last year's events when the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in exploded in April.

Airlines last year lost millions of euros in revenue when clouds of volcanic ash covered much of Europe, forcing closure of most of the continents airspace and the cancellations of tens of tens of thousands of flights.—Internet



Firefighters climb to a fire site on a tower ladder in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 May, 2011. A fire broke out at a high-rise hotel here Tuesday, forcing about 500 to be evacuated.

Two were slightly injured in the fire.

XINHUA

Violent thunderstorms kill seven in Oklahoma, Kansas

EL RENO, 25 May—Violent thunderstorms roared across middle America on Tuesday, killing seven people in two states, with several tornadoes touching down in Oklahoma and high winds pounding rural Kansas.

The high-powered storms arrived as forecast, just two days after a massive tornado tore through the southwest Missouri town of Joplin and killed 122 people. Several tornadoes



This photo provided by Shelby Barrow shows a tornado near Chickasha, Okla, on 24 May, 2011.—INTERNET

struck Oklahoma City and its suburbs during rush hour, killing at least five people and injuring at least 60 others, including three children who were in critical condition, authorities said. Cherokee Ballard, a spokeswoman for the

state medical examiner, said four people died west of Oklahoma City in Canadian County, where a weather-monitoring site in El Reno recorded 151 mph winds. She did not have any immediate details about the deaths.

Internet

Ancient village ruins found in southwest China

KUNMING, 25 May— Archeologists said Wednesday they have unearthed the ruins of an ancient village that dated back at least 2,500 years at an excavation site in the southwestern Yunnan Province.

Researchers with the Yunnan Institute of Heritage and Archeology found ruins of 20 houses, ranging from 15 to 25 square metres each and built in four rows, in Chengjiang County, said Jiang Zhilong, an archeologist with the excavation team.

Inside the houses they found earthenware pieces, bronze and stone implements and animal bones, he said.

Jiang said most of the houses are believed to have been homes but a few were possibly workshops.

Jiang and his teammates also found 20 tombs near the houses, some of which had human bones inside. The site was first discovered in 2009 and covers at least 10,000 square meters. The first phase of excavation began at the end of last year, covering 1,900 square metres. The excavation is expected to end soon.

Xinhua



Archeologists display wares unearthed at a relic of an ancient village in Chengjiang County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 23 May, 2011.

INTERNET

4 dead, 11 missing as boat capsizes in river in northern India

NEW DELHI, 25 May— At least four people were drowned and 11 others missing when their boat capsized in the Ganges river in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh Tuesday, said police.

The mishap happened when the boat carrying 25 people from Ataina Ghat capsized in the holy river. Locals rescued 10 people and dragged out bodies of four persons. But 11 people were still missing. A search was launched for the missing.

Xinhua



Visitors tour around the park of the International Horticultural Expo in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 24 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Russia, France to enhance military cooperation in 2012

MOSCOW, 25 May—Russia and France are to sign a deal on military cooperation for 2012 and increase the number of joint events further, the Russian military said on Tuesday.

The deal would be signed this fall, Nikolai Makarov, chief of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces, was quoted as saying by *Interfax* news agency.

Earlier Tuesday, Makarov held talks here with his French counterpart Admiral Edouard Guillaud on issues of common concern, including the situations in Libya and Afghanistan, and European missile defence projects.

"France and Russia's position on European missile defence are similar," Guillaud said, adding that Moscow and Paris have doubled the number of joint events in military sphere in the last three years.

The dynamics of Russia's cooperation with France and other NATO countries depended on how constructive a solution of missile defence issues will be, Makarov said.

Moscow has long opposed the deployment of NATO missile defence facilities near its borders, saying they would be a security threat to Russia and upset the strategic balance of force in Europe.

Xinhua



Indonesia President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono delivers a speech during the opening ceremony at the 16th Ministerial Conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in Nusa Dua, on Bali island, on 25 May, 2011.—INTERNET

A student listens to music in the relaxation room in Anhui University in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 24 May, 2011. Anhui University launched its first relaxation room here on Tuesday where students came to cool down or let out of one's emotion.—XINHUA



Iran to react to passenger jets fuel ban

TEHERAN, 25 May—Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast said Tuesday that his country would react seriously to any attempt by the western countries which refrain from supplying fuel to Iranian passengers jets.

Iran would take measures against any firm or any country which is

involved in such a move under the pretext of unilateral sanctions, Mehmanparast said in his weekly Press briefing.

On Switzerland's decision to refrain from supplying fuel for Iran's passengers jets, he said, as Iran has announced earlier, such policies by any country are against international law.

The Federal Office of Civil Aviation of Switzerland said Friday the planes of Iran Air would not be allowed to refuel at the Geneva Airport. Iran is under the expansive sanctions by the United Nations Security Council and the Western countries over its controversial nuclear programme.—Xinhua

Hitler stripped of honorary citizenship of Austrian city

VIENNA, 25 May—The city government of Amstetten, a small Austrian city of the State of Lower Austria, decided on Tuesday to strip the Nazi leader Adolf Hitler of his honorary citizenship.

Herbert Katzensgruber, mayor of Amstetten said that an "absolute majority" in the City Council meeting earlier on the day decided to strip the honorary citizenship of Hitler.

It is reported that the Nazi leader visited Amstetten in 1938. A year later, the city government of Amstetten decided to grant Hitler of honorary citizenship.

After the end of World War II, it was forgotten by the people in the city but was under discussion once again after 1996.

Mayor Katzensgruber said that the local people has been discussing for many years on whether to remove Hitler's honorary citizenship.

Some people held that

the honorary citizenship would lapse automatically after one's death. Therefore, Hitler has no longer been an honorary citizen of the city.

However, others argued that the city government should take some measures on this issue.

Xinhua



Indian Navy to induct two more stealth frigates into fleet

NEW DELHI, 25 May—The Indian Navy is soon to induct two more deadly stealth frigates to bolster its growing "blue water" warfare capabilities, local media reported Wednesday.

According to sources, the 6,200-ton indigenous stealth frigate INS Satpura is likely to be commissioned in June-July, while the Russian-built 4,900-ton INS Teg should finally be ready for induction by September-October, *The Times of India* newspaper reported.

INS Satpura and INS Teg will certainly boost combat capabilities, packed as they are with sensors, weapons and missile systems, coupled with their stealthy nature due to "vastly reduced" radar, infrared, noise, frequency and magnetic "signatures" to beat enemy detection systems, the report said.

"With the security situation being fluid, we need to maintain the organizational ability to deploy warships, submarines and aircraft at immediate notice," Indian Navy chief Admiral Nirmal Verma has recently said.—Xinhua

People visit the BookExpo America in Javits Centre in New York, the United States, on 24 May, 2011.

XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANGKHON THI VOY NO (152)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKHON THI VOY NO (152) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING
COLTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV ORIENTAL CROWN VOYNO (011)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL CROWN VOY NO (011) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: SONG WON PCS CO LTD KOREA**
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV DUCKY SAPPHIRE VOY NO (68)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DUCKY SAPPHIRE VOY NO (68) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T / M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A beautiful flower display at the Chelsea Flower Show 2011 in Chelsea, London on 23 May, 2011.— INTERNET

US capital spending lowest in five years

WASHINGTON, 25 May—Capital spending by all US non-farm businesses fell to \$1.09 trillion in 2009, its lowest level in five years, a government report indicates.

Total investment spending on new and used structures and equipment in 2009 was \$284.1 billion

below the 2008 level, a report released on Monday by the US Census Bureau's Annual Capital Expenditures Survey said.

Sectors registering the largest total increases in investment spending between 2000 and 2009 were mining, up \$58.7 billion; utilities up \$40.5 billion; and healthcare and social assistance, up \$27.2 billion.

The largest absolute decreases in investment spending in that period were recorded by the information industry, down \$72.5 billion, and manufacturing, down \$59 billion.

The sectors surveyed for the report included manufacturing, utilities, mining, finance and insurance, information, health care and social assistance, and real estate and rental and leasing.

Internet

Sat nav-style technology used to track UK seabirds

LONDON, 25 May — Tiny trackers are being fitted to the backs of seabirds in the UK as part of a Europe-wide effort to better understand their behaviour. Scientists are tagging birds on the Fair Isle, Orkney and Colonsay in the Hebrides. The project called Future of the Atlantic Marine Environment (Fame) also includes species on Bardsey Island in Wales and the Isles of Scilly.

The RSPB said Fame used technology similar to car sat nav systems. Trackers are also being fitted to birds in Ireland, France, Spain and Portugal. Dr Ellie Owen, a scientist working on a European Union-funded project,

said very little was known about the movements of birds as they hunted at sea. She said: "We know more about the journeys of albatrosses in the Southern Ocean than we do about some of the seabirds around our own shores."

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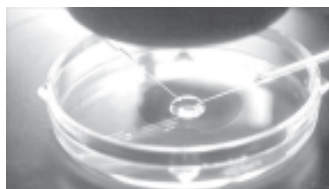
Dr Ellie Owen has been fitting trackers to birds on Colonsay.— INTERNET

Australian widow allowed to use dead husband's sperm

CANBERRA, 25 May—An Australian woman who had discussed fertility treatments with her husband before he died has been allowed by a court to use his frozen sperm for IVF. Justice Robert Hulme in the New South Wales Supreme Court ruled that Jocelyn Edwards was entitled to use the sperm. It had been extracted posthumously from her husband, Mark Edwards, after he died in an accident at work.

The case was a landmark in a state where IVF treatment is banned without the consent of the donor. Ms Edwards

will need to move to another state to have the sperm inseminated. "It's the right decision. Mark would be so happy, we're going to have our baby. That's what I plan to do," she said outside the court. —*Internet*



New South Wales does not usually allow IVF treatment without the consent of the donor.

INTERNET

Bacteria 'linked' to Parkinson's disease

Could this bacterium cause Parkinson's disease?— INTERNET

LONDON, 25 May—The bacteria responsible for stomach ulcers have been linked to Parkinson's disease, according to researchers in the US. Mice infected with *Helicobacter pylori* went on to develop Parkinson's like symptoms. The study, presented at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, argues that

infection could play "a significant role". The charity Parkinson's UK said the results should be treated with caution.

Parkinson's disease affects the brain and results in slow movements and a tremor. Middle-aged mice, the equivalent of being between 55 and 65 in humans, were infected. Six months later they showed symptoms related to Parkinson's, such as reduced movement and decreased levels of a chemical, dopamine, in the brain. These changes were not noticed in younger mice.

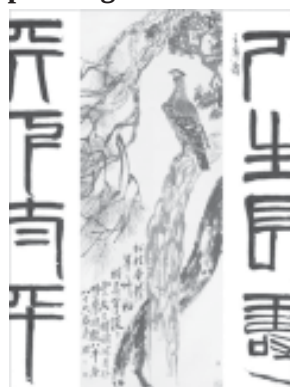
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China auction sees Qi Baishi painting sell for \$65m

BEIJING, 25 May — A modern Chinese painting has been sold at auction in Beijing for more than \$65m (£40m). The picture by the artist Qi Baishi depicts an eagle on a pine tree, surrounded by two calligraphy scrolls.

The high price paid for the painting shows the strength of the art market in the world's second-largest economy. According to one survey China overtook the US last year to become the most valuable art market in the world, accounting for 33% of total sales.

The painting was sold at auction for 425.5m yuan (\$65.5m) after more than half an hour of bidding, according to the auction house China Guardian. This is the second-highest amount paid for a piece of art at auction in mainland China. An 11th Century scroll by the Chinese calligrapher Huang Tingjian fetched 436.8m (\$67.2m) yuan in 2009.— *Internet*



The painting was intended as a gift to China's former leader, Chiang Kai-shek.— INTERNET

Teen convicted of murder for hire

LONDON, 25 May—A London teenager was convicted on Monday of shooting a young mother in an alleged contract kill-

ing, although the victim's husband was acquitted. Santre Sanchez, 16, Gayle was 15 when he shot Gulistan Subasi, 28, *The Sun* reported. He is believed to be the youngest person ever found guilty of a murder for hire, the reports said.

Two of Gayle's stepbrothers are already imprisoned for murder. Prosecutors said Gayle received 200 pounds (\$320), only 10 percent of what he had been promised, and spent the money on clothes. During the trial, prosecutors said Subasi's husband, Serdar Ozbek, wanted her dead because he thought she was planning to return to Turkey with their young son. — *Internet*

Preacher says world will actually end in October



Preacher says world will actually end in October
Harold Camping speaks during a taping of his show 'Open Forum' in Oakland, Calif, on 23 May, 2011. Camping says his prophecy that the world would end was off by five months because Judgment Day actually will come on 21 October.

Obama's motorcade hits snag on Irish trip

One of Barack Obama's presidential limousines on Monday became stuck on a ramp at the US embassy in Dublin, but US officials denied the car was "The Beast" which was carrying the president at the time.

Earlier, Irish state radio station RTE reported that it was Obama's heavily armoured Cadillac which had become grounded, but a Secret Service spokesman later said "it was a spare limo carrying staff and support personnel only".

The first cars in the presidential motorcade emerged up the ramp from the car park beneath the complex in Ballsbridge and passed through the gates without incident, but one of the low-slung limos quickly ran into trouble when it became jammed.

"There was a loud kind of bang, metal-on-metal, grinding, crunching noise and the car was stuck," an RTE reporter said.



The reporter said that as it drove out, the car appeared to have got its low underbelly caught on a piece of metal sticking up that a gate might lock into.



Exhibits of dolls are seen during a doll exhibition in Kiev, capital of Ukraine, on 22 May, 2011.

30,000 could face charges over Twitter

Experts said a British judge's attempts to press criminal charges against a journalist for a Twitter post could lead to charges against 30,000 other people.

High Court Justice Michael Tugendhat referred an unidentified journalist to Attorney General Dominic Grieve for potential criminal prosecution after he breached a privacy injunction on Twitter by giving the name of a soccer player who has sought to quell discussion of his affair with former "Big Brother" star Imogen Thomas, *The Independent* reported Monday.

Experts said the case could lead to charges against 30,000 other Twitter users who posted the same information.

Man gets class ring back after 72 years

A California man said he was overjoyed when a sewer worker discovered the class ring he dropped down a toilet 72 years ago. Jesse Mattos, 90, of Vallejo, said he dropped his Dunsmuir High School ring in a toilet in a Northern California butcher shop when he was 18

and never expected to see the item again, the Oakland (Calif) Tribune reported Monday.

Mattos said he "never thought anything about it" until he recently learned Tony Congi, a Dunsmuir city worker, discovered the ring in March while performing maintenance on a sewer.

Congi said he used the year on the ring, 1938, and the initials JTM To track the ring back to Mattos, whom he located with the help of a classmate of Mattos' who still lives in town.

Mattos said he was overjoyed to hear about the ring, which was found just days after the death of his wife.

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Woman named in Schwarzenegger affair hires lawyer



Arnold Schwarzenegger and his wife Maria Shriver.

LOS ANGELES, 25 May—A woman identified by some media as the mother of former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's out-of-wedlock son has hired a Los Angeles law firm. Lawyer Michael Saltz confirms that Mildred Patricia Baena of Bakersfield is being represented by the firm Jacobson, Russell, Saltz & Fingerman. The website Radar Online first reported the hire, saying it received a letter from the firm challenging "unflattering reports" about the housekeeper.

Saltz told *The Associated Press* there is no plan to file litigation at this time. He declined further comment. Schwarzenegger acknowledged fathering a child with a former household employee. The woman has been identified as Baena by *The New York Times* and other media. *The Associated Press* has not independently verified that she is the mother of Schwarzenegger's child.—*Internet*

'Planet of Apes' actress arrested in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 25 May—"Planet of the Apes" actress and former model Estella Warren was arrested after a late-night crash that led to her allegedly assaulting a police officer then trying to flee from custody, officials said Tuesday. Warren was driving down Harper Avenue near West Hollywood when she crashed into three parked cars, Los Angeles police Officer Sarah Faden said. Someone heard the noise of the crashes and came to see what was going on. That person called police then pursued Warren when it was clear she wasn't going to stop and leave her information, Faden said.—*Internet*



Actress Estella Warren



Entertainment producer Simon Fuller receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, on 23 May, 2011. Fuller is the creator of "American Idol".—XINHUA

Actor Antonio Banderas, from Spain, pose for pictures before the inauguration of his photo exhibition 'Secretos Sobre Negro' in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 24 May, 2011. Banderas presented some 22 photographs by him, which will be auctioned off to benefit institutions that care for homeless children.—*INTERNET*



Lady Gaga album demand overwhelms Amazon servers

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 May—Much like the caller in the Lady Gaga hit song "Telephone," some visitors to Amazon's site received a busy signal Monday when they tried to download the digital version of the artist's latest album, "Born This Way," which the online retailer was selling for 99 cents on its release date. Spokeswoman Sally Fouts said Amazon experienced a high volume of traffic that caused delays for those downloading the album — echoing a posting on

the album's product page on Amazon.com. Customers who ordered the MP3 version of "Born This Way" on Monday will get it for 99 cents, she said.

An early evening attempt to buy the album on Amazon and use its new server-based storage system went seamlessly. The album appeared instantly on Amazon Cloud Drive and could be streamed online right away. The album downloaded in a few minutes to a computer. The user's storage space



In this file CD cover image released by Interscope Records, the latest release by Lady Gaga, "Born This Way", is shown.

INTERNET

also registered the promotional 20 gigabytes of cloud storage that came with the album.—*Internet*

Becks back in Old Trafford for Neville testimonial

MANCHESTER, 25 May—David Beckham and Ryan Giggs both made appearances as former teammate Gary Neville



Former Manchester United player David Beckham (L) hugs Gary Neville during a testimonial football match between Manchester United and Juventus for Neville at Old Trafford in Manchester on Tuesday night.—INTERNET

waved farewell to Manchester United at Old Trafford on Tuesday night. Around 42,000 fans saw Juventus emerge 2-1 winners in Neville's testimonial game which marks the final chapter in his playing career before a move into the media.

And the 36-year-old is hoping his first task will be to see his old club beating Barcelona in the Champions League final.

"The most important thing for this club now is to go and win that trophy on Saturday," said Neville, who spent 20 years at United.—Internet

'Nervous' Nadal feared worst at French Open

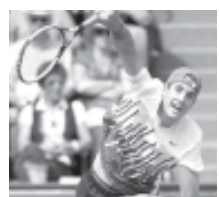
PARIS, 25 May—Rafael Nadal admitted he feared he might never break John Isner's huge serve, after coming through a thrilling five-set match against the American to reach the French Open second round.

The defending champion and top seed, bidding for a record-equalling sixth Roland Garros crown, was staring down the barrel of a shock elimination after allowing Isner to establish a 2-1 sets lead.

Nadal re-asserted control of proceedings in the fourth set, however, before completing a 6-4, 6-

7 (2/7), 6-7 (2/7), 6-2, 6-4 victory that sets him up for a second-round meeting with countryman Pablo Andujar.

"I was close to going out. That's the thing," conceded Nadal.—Internet



US player John Isner serves to Spain's Rafael Nadal at the French Open tennis championship in Paris.—INTERNET

Allegri hits out at 'pathetic' Mourinho



AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri

ROME, 25 May—AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri has hit out at Real Madrid counterpart Jose Mourinho and accused the Portuguese handler of being pathetic.

Speaking to an Italian TV programme due to be aired on Wednesday, Allegri was frank about fellow coaches and his own players. "Every so

often he's pathetic," he said of former Inter Milan boss Mourinho, the self-styled Special One.

"I keep repeating the same things all the time and it's becoming banal." I think he's very good but behind his arrogance he's hiding insecurity." Allegri also described Italy coach Cesare Prandelli as diplomatic, Russian champions Zenit St Petersburg coach Luciano Spalletti as bald and Napoli's Walter Mazzarri as angry.

Of his own players he said club captain Massimo Ambrosini was the coolest and Brazilian forward Robinho as the most cunning.—Internet

Man Utd have solution to Messi, says Ferguson

MANCHESTER, 25 May—Sir Alex Ferguson said Manchester United would solve the problem of how to deal with Lionel Messi here Tuesday ahead of his Champions League final showdown with Barcelona. Messi stole the show for Barcelona two years ago, when the Spanish giants outclassed favourites United to win the 2009 final in Rome. Since then, the diminutive Argentinian has gone from strength to strength, firmly establishing himself as the world's best footballer.

Ferguson insisted however that United would not allow themselves to become obsessed with a gameplan to shackle the South American maestro.

"We have played against Barcelona three times with Messi in the team," Ferguson told a press conference at United's training ground. "But there is always a solution to every good player. Hopefully we can find one on Saturday. They have other good players though, and so do we. That is why it is such an appealing game." "I am sure Barcelona are aware of that."—Internet

Owen ready for Champions League hurrah

MANCHESTER, 25 May—Michael Owen announced his arrival on the world stage with a memorable solo strike at the 1998 World Cup.

Now the Manchester United striker is hoping that "the one big goal" he may yet conjure up this season will arrive against Barcelona at Wembley.

Thirteen years have passed since the 18-year-old Owen carved his way through Argentina's defence before finishing with a composure that belied his age.

The passage of time and a cruel injury record



Manchester United's English striker Michael Owen

have long since stripped Owen of the electrifying speed which once terrorised Argentina, but the 31-year-old showed his finisher's instincts remained sharp when he came on to score United's fourth in the 4-2 win over Blackpool at the weekend.—Internet

Bin Hammam vows more FIFA transparency

NICOSIA, 25 May—FIFA presidential candidate Mohamed Bin Hammam has vowed to bring more transparency to football's world governing body amid fresh corruption claims before next month's leadership vote. FIFA has been beset by allegations of corruption in the run-up to the 1 June election, when Bin Hammam will challenge former ally Sepp Blatter, who is seeking a fourth and final four-year term.

And Bin Hammam, currently president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), denied that FIFA was a corrupt organisation but one more in need of dynamic new leadership.

"People want to see more transparency in FIFA which is accused of being corrupt whereas it isn't," said the 61-year-old Qatari, who was the inspiration for Qatar's stunning success in the race to host the 2022 World Cup.—Internet



City's Balotelli dismisses talk of return to Italy

ROME, 25 May—Bad-boy striker Mario Balotelli has brushed aside talk of a return to Italy despite rumours of a bust-up with Manchester City coach Roberto Mancini.

The 20-year-old Italian of Ghanaian origin had a mixed first season in England, suffering from injuries and disciplinary problems and reportedly getting into training ground scraps with team-mates.

He is also said to have argued on more than one



Bad-boy striker Mario Balotelli

occasion with Mancini, who was also his boss at Inter Milan until three years ago.

Having been called up to the Italy squad for next week's Euro 2012 qualifier against Estonia, Balotelli was back in Milan this week.

Asked if he would be returning to former club Inter or their cross town rivals AC Milan, he insisted he was happy in Manchester.

"Who knows, (Inter) are a great team that I admire, I miss my ex-team-mates but not Inter," he said.

"But I'm happy in England, if I come back to Italy it will be to go home.—Internet

Woods, on crutches, expects to play in US Open

NEWTOWN SQUARE, 25 May—Tiger Woods says he'll be ready to go for the US Open.

Good thing for Woods there's time to get healthy. The golfing great hasn't hit a ball in about two weeks. Woods needs crutches and a walking boot for relief on his aching left leg. He won't even start leg training until the end of next week.

But Woods expects to tee off at the US Open June 16-19 at Congressional Country Club in



Tiger Woods

Bethesda, Md. "You just play through these things," Woods said. "There's a difference between being in pain and being injured."

That's why Woods has shut himself down to prepare for the major.

Internet

Signage on the FIFA headquarters in Zurich. FIFA presidential candidate Mohamed Bin Hammam has vowed to bring more transparency to football's world governing body amid fresh corruption claims before next month's leadership vote.—INTERNET



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (R) is challenged by Espanyol midfielder Amat (L) during the Spanish La Liga match at the Nou Camp stadium in Barcelona on 8 May, 2011.—INTERNET

S P O R T S

WEATHER**Wednesday, 25th May, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Yangon Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Chin and Mon States, isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (43°C) and NyaungU (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-aye) (3.77) inches, Zalun (2.76) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.04) inches, Putao (1.93) inches, Launglon (1.89) inches, Mandalay (1.57) inches and Aungmyan (1.30) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 25-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 25-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2011 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-5-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 25-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 24-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, (3.77) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.57) inches at

Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (11.94) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (21.81) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (10.63) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (6) mph from Southeast at (9:30) hours MST on 25-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Magway Region and Kayah State, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and 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: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Abandoned tiger cubs nursed by dog

BEIJING, 25 May—Officials at an east China zoo say two rare cubs, born to a male lion and a female tiger, are being nursed back to health by a kindly dog.

She took over the nurturing duties, after the baby felines were abandoned by their mother.

Handlers at the Wildlife Zoo in Shandong Province say four "liger" cubs were born to the couple earlier this month.

They add that the tiger mother fed her babies for four days, but then left them behind for unknown reasons. Two died of malnutrition shortly afterwards.

The surviving pair of siblings initially had trouble drinking the dog's milk, but soon got used to the new flavor. Meanwhile five new tiger cubs have been born at a facility in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.—Xinhua



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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (26-5-2011) (Thursday)

TransmissionsTimes

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (26-5-11 09:30 am ~ 27-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Get Well-tailored Clothes Here
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Ceremony to hand over Dhamma Gonyi Five-Storeyed Building for Female Yogies
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- * Youth and Music (Part-1)
- * News
- * On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Are they future Brides?"
- * News
- * Let's Visit Flower City by Coach
- * Myanmar Movie "Myself, Other Men & Women"



**Thursday,
26 May**

View on today

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7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Health Programme

8:10 am

7. Song Of National Races

8:20 am

8. Dance Of Variety

8:35 am

9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

3:30 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup(2011) (Yangon United FC & Southern Myanmar FC)

5:00 pm

2. Musical Programme

5:15 pm

3. Documentary

5:20 pm

4. Science and Environment

5:35 pm

5. Programme

6:00 pm

6. Evening News

6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

6:20 pm

8. Myanmar Series

6:40 pm

9. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm

10. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

11. News

12. International News

13. Weather Report

14. Documentary

15. TV Drama Series

16. TV Drama Series

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Chilli farming, a boost to farmers' incomes in Pyinmana

Byline: *Kyaw Thu Win (Myanma Alin)*; Photos: *Thiha (Myanma Alin)*

Myanmar people consume chilli in raw or as an ingredient of a dish to whet their appetite. Chilli serves as an ingredient of many Myanmar foods such as fish paste sauce, tea salad and ginger salad.

It was at about 2 pm a day of the last week of April when we got to Kinpundan Village in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, to collect facts for a byline about agricultural farming. We first visited the farm of Daw Tar Tar who at the time was nurturing her chilli plants, facing and braving the glare of the summer sun. She took us to a large, shady mango tree near her farm.

She told The Myanmar Alin, "Our village grows seasonal crops especially onion, chilli, may flower, mustard, *Coriander*, and egg plant. For me, I grow *kala-aw* chilli (a species of extremely hot chilli).

"I grow more than 4500 chilli plants. To grow chilli, firstly, I sow chilli seeds and nurture the saplings. I water them and weed regularly. I transfer the plants to the farm when they are at the age of 45 days.

"Kala-aw chilli is sold at high price. It is not harmful to consumers, therefore many like it. We start to harvest it when it is at the age of over four months.

(See page 9)



Chilli is grown on a commercial scale in Kinpundan Village, Pyinmana Township.

Union Minister receives DPRK Ambassador



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A robot shows its skills in a robot competition at University of Science and Technology of China in Hefei, on 22-5-2011.

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Firefighters climb to a fire site on a tower ladder in Beijing on 24 May. A fire broke out at a high-rise hotel here Tuesday, forcing about 500 to be evacuated.



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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (25-5-2011)

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