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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 leaves for PRC to pay State visit

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft of Myanma Airways International at 10 am today to pay a State visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of President Mr Hu Jintao of the PRC.

The goodwill delegation led by President U Thein Sein was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of PRC Mr Wang Zong Ying and officials.

President U Thein Sein was accompanied by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, (See page 8)



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein being seen off at the airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham before his departure for People's Republic of China to pay State visit.

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PERSPECTIVES

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From free to compulsory primary education

Nowadays, progress can be witnessed at panoramic scene of education sector. Literacy campaigns are being carried out with added momentum in the country in accord with the vision "Education for All". As a result, modern educational environs and highly-qualified human resources have emerged.

New academic year for 2011-2012 will come soon. School enrolment ceremonies have been held at basic education schools in townships of respective regions and states. Schools admit students in the School Enrolment Week designated between 25 to 31 May this year. Strenuous efforts are being made for raising enrolment at basic education level and completion of basic education for all school-going age children.

Thanks to collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Education and wellwishers, enrolment rate of kindergarten increases yearly, accounting for 98 per cent in 2010-2011 academic year compared with 91 per cent in 1999-2000.

Government has planned to distribute free exercise books worth K 2400 million to over five million primary school students in 2011-2012 academic year. Some Basic Education High Schools have provided free exercise books to students. Arrangements have been made for distributing exercise books to students at basic education schools.

We heartily welcome the plan of government for free distribution of exercise books to primary level students beginning 2011-2012 academic year. It is an effort for upgrading free primary education system to compulsory primary education. Only when educational staff, social organizations and wellwishers join hands with the government for their contributions to distribution of free exercise books, will all students have higher proficiency in better learning opportunity.

Experiences of MMCWA Annual General Meeting clarified

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The experiences of the 21st Annual General Meeting (2011) of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association were recounted at the office of Kayin State Government in Hpa-an on 22 May.

Patron of Kayin State Maternal and Child

Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the chief minister of Kayin State Daw Nyunt Nyunt Wai delivered a speech.

Chairperson of the supervisory committee Daw Khin Thein Win made further clarification to the experiences she had gained at the meeting.

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Peoples' 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

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

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Discussion on Hluttaw procedures among Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members, Region/State Hluttaws Speakers continued for the fourth day at Hluttaw Hall here 9.30 am today.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein held discussion on Hluttaw procedures.

After that, the master

of ceremonies read out the topics submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members and Region/State Hluttaws Speakers.

Hluttaw representatives discussed the topics and works.

The fourth-day session came to an end after the Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker reviewed the discussion of Hluttaw representatives.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Vladimir Halgas as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Vladimir Halgas was born in 1955 in Banska Bystrica. He obtained the Faculty of International Law from the Moscow Institute of International Relations. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979 and served in various capacities at the ministry and embassies in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Finland. He served as Slovak Ambassador to Ireland from 2002 to 2003. At present, he is serving as Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Kingdom of Thailand.

He will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok, Thailand. He is married with two daughters.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members and Region/State Hluttaws Speakers discuss Hluttaw procedures at fourth day session.—MNA

Union Minister receives American professor

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Professor David I Steinberg from Georgetown University in Washington, the United States of America, at his office here this afternoon.

They discussed matters on further cooperation with INGOs, technical support in the medical rural, and boosting rural health care.—MNA



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Professor David I Steinberg from Georgetown University in Washington, the United States of America.—MNA

Bomb blast kills coalition service member in northern Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—A coalition service member was killed on Wednesday when a bomb exploded in northern Afghanistan, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed. ISAF said one of its service members was killed in northern Afghanistan as a result of an improvised explosive device (IED) attack, but provided no other details.

The nationality of the service member was also not immediately disclosed.

"It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities," a brief statement said.

Coalition casualties in Afghanistan have been rising sharply in recent years, with a total coalition death toll of 709 in 2010, making it the deadliest year for

international troops since the war began in response to the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

So far this year, a total of 190 coalition service members have been killed in Afghanistan. Most troops are killed in the country's south, which is plagued by IED attacks on troops and civilians.

Internet



Rescuers work at the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar on 25 May, 2011. At least one person was killed and 29 others, including nine policemen, injured in a suicide car bomb attack on a police station early Wednesday morning in Peshawar.—XINHUA

S Korea to export T-50 supersonic jets to Indonesia

SEOUL, 26 May—South Korea has struck a multi-million-dollar deal to export T-50 supersonic trainer jets to Indonesia, state-run aircraft company Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) said Thursday.

The deal to sell 16 supersonic jets worth 400 million US dollars to Indonesia was signed in Jakarta Wednesday, the first time for South Korea to export its T-50 Golden Eagles, jointly produced by the KAI and US defence firm Lockheed Martin, officials at the KAI said.

"I believe the cooperative atmosphere currently building up between South Korea and Indonesia in various sectors, including the economic (sector), was fundamental to (winning the contract)," said KAI president Kim Hong-kyung.

The jet maker was named a preferred bidder in April, as Jakarta sought to replace its old Hawk Mk-53 trainer jets.

South Korea has pledged to deliver the 16 jets in 2013, within 18 months after the contract takes effect, Kim added.

Xinhua

25 killed, over 50 injured in suicide car bomb blast in Hangu, NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 May—At least 25 people including an unknown number of policemen were killed and over 50 others injured in a suicide car bomb attack that took place Thursday evening in Pakistan's northwest city of Hangu, some 70 kilometers southwest of Peshawar, reported local Urdu TV channel Samaa.

According to sources

of Xinhua in the city and local media reports, the blast took place at about 18:15 pm local time near a district police officer's building on the Kohat road of the city, where a lot of police and government buildings are located.

The office of the district police officer was damaged in the blast, said the local media reports, but it is

not known whether the district police officer was hurt or not.

Most of the people killed in the blast are police, said hospital sources. Sources of Xinhua in the city said at least ten policemen were killed.

An estimated 15 shops nearby the blast site were damaged, said the local media reports, adding that one small hotel where many police

are said to be eating inside was completely destroyed and six shops surrounding the hotel also collapsed following the blast.

Many people are feared buried under the collapsed buildings, said rescue team members.

An estimated 450 kg of explosives were used in the blast, said police sources.

Xinhua

Blast in Istanbul, police say at least one wounded

ISTANBUL, 26 May—An explosion wounded at least one person in the Turkish City of Istanbul on Thursday, police said.

The cause of the blast, which happened near a bus station in Etiler, a residential and shopping district in the City, was unknown.

Turkey is due to vote in a parliamentary election on 12 June. Security forces are on edge as there has been a rise in militant activity in recent weeks related to the long-running Kurdish separatist militancy.

Reuters

Suspected explosives found after bomb threat grounds Indonesian flight

JAKARTA, 26 May—Bomb threats forced a Garuda Indonesia flight to be grounded in the country's East Java Province on Wednesday, as airport officials confirmed finding suspected bomb packages.

Supranyoto, the commander of Juanda International Airport, which is located in the capital of the East Java Province, Surabaya, said a bomb threat had been faxed to airport authorities by an unidentified person, Antara news agency reported.

"The general manager of state airport operator Angkasa Pura I phoned me, saying he had received a fax containing a bomb threat," Supranyoto said. "According to the fax, two Garuda planes serving the Surabaya-Jakarta route would be blown up."

As a result, Garuda flight GA-313 was

grounded shortly after 11 am local time for over two hours. Airport personnel removed passengers from the aircraft, which was later taken to an isolated area where a bomb-defusing squad checked the plane.

According to reports, a plastic bag containing liquid material used to make explosives was discovered in the aircraft, which was later cleared and departed to Jakarta at 1:40 pm local time.

Security personnel also found three packages containing suspected explosive material in different areas of the airport, including one outside the terminal waiting room between national departures and arrivals.

Internet



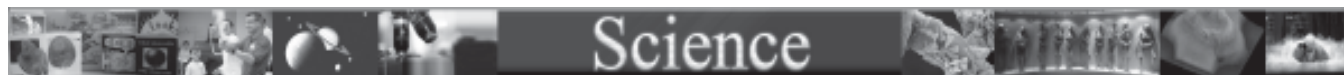
Afghan men weep outside a hospital after a roadside bomb blast in Panjwai District of Kandahar on 24 May, 2011. Ten Afghan construction workers were killed and 28 wounded when their truck hit a roadside bomb in the Panjwai District of southern Kandahar Province, said Kandahar health official Abdul Qayum Pukhla.

INTERNET



Afghans try to carry a wrapped victim of bomb attack in Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan recently. Afghan officials say at least 10 people have been killed in a bomb attack on a police bus that was carrying people to a police academy in eastern Afghanistan.

INTERNET



Science

NASA to launch asteroid-sampling spacecraft in 2016



This artist's image provided by NASA shows the spacecraft, OSIRIS-Rex that NASA plans to launch in 2016, sending it to an asteroid to bring back samples.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 26 May—NASA will launch a sample-return mission to an asteroid in 2016, agency officials announced on 25 May.

The mission, called Origins-Spectral Interpretation-Resource Identification-Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-Rex) will reach an

asteroid called 1999 RQ36 in 2020.

The unmanned spacecraft will use a robotic arm to snag some samples. According to the plan, the probe will return these bits of space rock to Earth in 2023 so scientists can study them for clues about the solar system's origin and, possibly, how life may have begun on our planet.

The \$800 million OSIRIS-Rex will be the United States' first asteroid sample-return effort and only the second mission in history to retrieve samples from an asteroid. Japan's Haya-busa spacecraft successfully returned tiny grains of the asteroid Itokawa to Earth in June 2010.

Itokawa is a relatively run-of-the-mill stony asteroid. 1999 RQ36, however, appears to be packed full of carbon-

based material. If an asteroid seeded Earth with life's building blocks long ago, as many scientists suspect, it likely looked a lot like 1999 RQ36.

"We're going for something rich in organics, which might have had something to do with life getting started," OSIRIS-Rex principal investigator Mike Drake, of the University of Arizona, told reporters today.

"That's the idea — time capsule, containing probably the building blocks of life."

There's also likely another reason asteroid 1999 RQ36 has drawn the attention of scientists: The space rock has been classified as a potentially hazardous asteroid, since its orbit brings it close to Earth in 2182.

Internet



A handout graphic rendering released by Eurekalert! and created by Esben Horn shows a rendering of a anomalocaris, an ancient sea predator.

INTERNET

Satellites reveal 'lost' Egyptian pyramids

CAIRO, 26 May—A satellite survey of Egypt has revealed 1,000 tombs and 3,000 ancient settlements in infrared images that can detect underground structures, scientists say. Seventeen lost pyramids are among the structures identified in the survey, two of which have already been confirmed with initial excavations, the BBC reported Wednesday. "To excavate a pyramid is the dream of every archaeologist," US Egyptologist Sarah Parcak, a pioneer of space-based archaeology, said. Working at the University of Alabama, she and a team of researchers analyzed images from satellites orbiting 435 miles above the earth, equipped with cameras that can capture images of objects less than a yard in diameter on the earth's surface. Structures under the earth such as houses, temples and tombs were revealed using infrared imaging, as ancient Egyptians constructed their buildings out of mud brick, which is much denser than the soil that surrounds it. "These are just the sites [close to] the surface," Parcak said. "There are many thousands of additional sites that the Nile has covered over with silt. This is just the beginning of this kind of work."—Internet

Mars formed fast in massive early growth spurt

NEW YORK, 26 May—Mars apparently had a massive growth spurt when it was young, mushrooming to about half its present size in less than 2 million years, scientists say.

The rocky planets in our solar system are generally thought to have formed through titanic collisions between massive planetary embryos roughly 600 to 3,000 miles (1,000 to 5,000 kilometres) wide. For Earth, the last of the collisions apparently involved an impact with a Mars-sized protoplanet, and formed the moon 50 million to 150 million years after the birth of the solar system.

Internet



Technology

Robots develop own lexicon independent of human language to talk to each other

LONDON, 26 May—The new age robots are developing their own language to communicate with each other, and it is independent of the human lexicon which is difficult to understand by the machines. The Lingodroid research project allows its robots to generate random sounds for the places they visit in both simulations and a real office. This way, they navigate and improve their intellectual ability.

The robots share "words" and play games to establish which sound represents which location. "Robot-robot languages take the human out of the loop," the BBC quoted Dr Ruth Schulz, project leader from the University of Queensland as saying. "This is important because the robots demonstrate that they understand the meaning of the words they invent independent of humans," he added. The wheeled robots travel about and when they reach a place that does not have a name, they generate a random combination of syllables that represent that place.—Internet



Twitter announced Wednesday that it had bought TweetDeck and pledged to continue to invest in the popular application for using the micro-blogging service.—INTERNET



In this 25 Oct, 2010 file photo, a showroom worker cleans a Tesla electric roadster at Tesla's first Japanese showroom in Tokyo. Electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc. said on 25 May, 2011, it plans to raise up to \$214.3 million in private and public placements.

INTERNET

Ubisoft going online with "Ghost Recon" videogame

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 May—Ubisoft is crafting a free-to-play online version of its popular "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon" shooter videogame. "Ghost Recon Online" is a deviation from the French videogame titan's roots making packaged titles for videogame consoles and comes with the rocketing popularity of online "social games" supported by ads or in-game transactions.

"The online market is an exciting new frontier for videogames and for gamers," Ubisoft chief executive Yves Guillemot said in a press release.

"With 'Ghost Recon Online,' and other major upcoming projects, Ubisoft is creating online experiences that allow our fans to stay connected to their favourite brands and to continually receive new content and game play."—Internet

Twitter buys British startup TweetDeck

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 May—Micro-blogging service Twitter on Wednesday confirmed that it has bought TweetDeck, a London-based startup that develops application to help people organize information posted on Twitter.

"Today, we're pleased to announce that the TweetDeck team has joined Twitter," Dick Costolo, Twitter's chief executive officer (CEO), said in a blog post.

"This acquisition is an important step forward for us. TweetDeck provides brands, publishers, marketers and others with a powerful platform to track all the real-time conversations they care about," he added. Founded in 2008, TweetDeck

now has a team of 15 and offers a real-time application that allows users to monitor abundance of information from social media services including Twitter in a single concise view.

"Change may well be inevitable, but we remain the same team, staying in London, with the same focus and products, and now with the support and resources to allow us to grow and take on even bigger challenges," Iain Dodsworth, founder and CEO of TweetDeck, noted in a separate blog post.

The deal is a defensive move for Twitter aimed at preventing TweetDeck from being purchased by rivals, some analysts said.

Xinhua



Health Tip: Suggestions to prevent heat rash

Heat rash occurs when an infant's pores become blocked, usually during hot, humid weather.

The University of Maryland Medical Centre offers these suggestions to help prevent heat rash:

- * Dress baby in clothes that are lightweight and made of cotton.
- * Keep baby in an air-conditioned room during hot weather. Turn on a fan in baby's room when air conditioning isn't available.
- * Skip ointments, creams or powders on baby's skin.
- * Do your best to make sure that baby doesn't get too warm, and that the skin stays dry.

Internet



Assorted medicine pills. An anti-depressant and a cholesterol lowering drug, taken together by as many as one million people in the United States, may cause a spike in blood sugar levels, researchers said Wednesday.—INTERNET

Nearly one in five young US adults has high blood pressure

WASHINGTON, 26 May— The number of young adults in the United States with high blood pressure may be much higher than previously reported, according to a new study by researchers at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill.

Researchers analyzed data on more than 14,000 men and women between 24 and 32 years old in 2008 from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, known as Add Health. They found 19 percent had elevated blood pressure, also referred to as hypertension. Only about half of the participants with elevated blood pressure had ever been told by a health-care provider that they had the condition.

"The findings are significant because they indicate that many young adults are at risk of developing heart disease, but are unaware that they have hypertension," said Quynh Nguyen, a doctoral student at UNC's Gillings School of Global



Public Health and the study's lead author. Hypertension is a strong risk factor for stroke and coronary heart disease, the leading cause of death for adults in the United States.

The findings were published this week in the journal *Epidemiology*.

Kathleen Mullan Harris, Add Health's principal investigator and a co-author of the paper, said the findings were noteworthy because they were from the first nationally representative, field-based study of blood pressure to focus on young adults.

"The message is clear," said Harris. "Young adults and the medical professionals they visit shouldn't assume they're not old enough to have high blood pressure.—Internet

Good gut's bacteria' may help fight obesity

LUND, 26 May—Daily intake of lactic acid bacteria — *Lactobacillus plantarum* HEAL19 — may help prevent obesity and reduce low-level inflammation, Swedish researchers say.

"Rats who were given this specific lactic acid bacterium from their time in the uterus up to adult age put on significantly less weight than other rats," Caroline Karlsson, a researcher in food hygiene at Lund University, Sweden, says in a statement. "Both groups (of rats) ate the same amount of high-energy (high-calorie) food."

The study, published in the *British Journal of Nutrition*, found the rats, given lactobacilli had a richer and better composition of the bacteria which occur naturally in the intestines.

A healthy gut flora should contain a large proportion of "good bacteria," such as lactic acid bacteria — found in yogurt, cheese, sauerkraut, pickles, beer, wine, cider, chocolate and other fermented foods — to keep the inflammation-causing bacteria in check, the study says.—Xinhua



Business



Asian stocks rebound following Wall Street rally

HONG KONG, 26 May— Asian stocks rebounded Thursday following gains on Wall Street that were led by commodity companies on higher oil prices. Japanese shares rose on a share buyback plan from Canon and layoff announcement by Ricoh.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 jumped 1.3 percent to 9,544.68 in morning trading. Office equipment maker Ricoh's stock surged 7.2 percent after it said it would slash 10,000 workers, or nearly 10 percent of its group work force, over the next three years in a bid to boost efficiency and profitability.

Shares in Canon rose 5.5 percent a day after the camera maker announced it would spend as much as 50 billion yen (\$183 million) buying back up to 1.2 percent of its shares.

South Korea's Kospi leaped 1.3 percent to 2,061.75 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng was 0.4 percent higher to 22,830.66. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 was 1 percent higher at 4,629.90. Benchmarks in Taiwan and mainland China also rose.

The gains in Asia came after stocks in New York closed higher Wednesday as rising oil prices offset worries about



Active Network Chief Executive Officer Dave Alberga, President Matt Landa and CFO Scott Mendel on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to mark the company's initial public offering.

INTERNET

the global economic recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.3 percent to close at 12,394.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.3 percent to 1,320.47. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.6 percent to 2,761.38. Benchmark crude for July delivery was up 49 cents to \$101.82 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Thursday. The contract gained \$1.73 to settle at \$101.32 a barrel on Wednesday.

Internet

The logo of Swiss Bank UBS is pictured on the roof of the company's headquarters in Zurich February.
INTERNET



UBS plans to move investment bank from Switzerland

ZURICH, 26 May — Swiss bank UBS (UBSN.VX) is planning to separate its investment bank and incorporate it outside of Switzerland to placate regulators, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Thursday.

UBS is considering incorporating its investment bank, which lost billions during the financial crisis and was rescued by the Swiss central bank, in London, New York or Singapore, where it would have its own capital and be overseen by local regu-

lators, the *WSJ* reported.

UBS could not be immediately contacted by *Reuters* for comment.

Last month, UBS called for a year's delay to stringent Swiss capital rules to allow more clarity on international regulation, while striking a more conciliatory note by vowing to keep its base in Switzerland.

Chairman Kaspar Villiger told the bank's annual shareholders' meeting that UBS was not threatening to relocate abroad and was

aware of the advantages of being based in Switzerland, but wanted to highlight the risks of tightening rules.

In April, the Swiss government pushed ahead with plans to make UBS and Credit Suisse (CSGN.VX) (CS.N) reach tough new capital standards, saying the benefit to the economy outweighed costs to the banks.

UBS Chief Executive Oswald Gruebel has said the stiff Swiss standards could force UBS to move units abroad.—*Reuters*



Workers look into the atrium as financial data and news headlines stream across ticker screens at the London Stock Exchange after Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne inaugurated the ceremonial market opening in the City of London, on 10 May, 2011.

INTERNET

China to increase job opportunities for new grads

BEIJING, 26 May—The State Council launched a series of measures on Wednesday to increase employment opportunities among this year's college graduates.

Through the initiatives, the government is encouraging graduates to consider setting up their own businesses. Grads seeking self-employment can apply for loans of up to 100,000 yuan (15,400 US dollars), said the State Council, China's Cabinet.

Provincial governments are being urged to provide favourable policies for graduates wanting to start up enterprises, such as offering subsidies or tax rebates.

The country will also boost employment by encouraging graduates to teach at rural schools. This will be supported by favourable policies. Research institutes will also be required to hire more graduates as research assistants. And graduates will be urged to

join the army, the State Council said.

Measures will be taken to ensure medium-sized and small companies offer jobs to graduates.

A total of 6.6 million students will graduate from college this year, 300,000 more than last year.

Chen Yu, director of the China Institute for Occupation Research at Peking University, said the raft of steps the government is taking shows its commitment to finding jobs for young people.

"Rural areas, especially in the western regions, are demanding college graduates. In the face of the tough employment situation elsewhere, graduates should be practical."

Although work in the western areas of the nation can be difficult, such jobs offer graduates more options and such grassroots work experience will be a great treasure for their entire lives, he said.—Xinhua

Powerful storms pound several central US states

ST LOUIS, 26 May—Powerful storms roared through middle America again on Wednesday, with weak tornadoes touching down in isolated spots and severe thunderstorms threatening such strikes in several states.

The National Weather Service issued tornado watches and a series of warnings in a dozen states, stretching northwest from Texas through the Mississippi River valley to Ohio.

"Everybody's working as fast and furious as possible," said Beverly Poole, the chief meteorologist at the National Weather Service's office in Paducah, Ky, which covers

southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois. "This is just a wild ride."

There were no immediate reports of deaths from the new round of storms, though authorities reported dozens of minor injuries following brief tornado touchdowns in Missouri and Indiana.

Wednesday's storms followed a deadly outbreak Tuesday in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas that killed at least 15 people.

The nation's deadliest single tornado since 1950 killed 125 on Sunday in the southwest Missouri City of Joplin.

Internet



A line of severe storms cross the Mississippi River in Memphis, Tenn, passing by the Memphis Pyramid on 25 May, 2011. The dark formation was reported a few minutes earlier as a tornado in West Memphis, Ark.

INTERNET

Gunman opens fire at Los Angeles high school, injuring one

LOS ANGELES, 26 May—One person was wounded when an unidentified gunman opened fire at a high school in the US metropolis of Los Angeles on Wednesday, authorities said.

The shooting took place near San Pedro High School in the 1000 block of West 15th Street at about 2:45 pm, police said.

Los Angeles Unified School District spokeswoman Susan Cox said the shot was believed to have been fired from off campus.

A bullet fired near San Pedro High School ricocheted off a wall and lodged in the leg of a 15-year-old girl, authorities said.

The girl, whose name was withheld, was not believed to have been seriously wounded.

Police reportedly picked up the suspect in the shooting at 1001 W 15th St shortly after the incident occurred.

The roughly 3,400 students at the school were held in classrooms until about 4 pm.

The motive for the shooting is unknown and it is also unclear if the suspect is a student at the school.

Xinhua



Bottles of liquor sit on a shelf in a bar. Mexican police have dismantled a fully-stocked bar — complete with two billiards tables — that had been operating inside a jail.

INTERNET

Police shut down prison bar in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 26 May—Mexican police have dismantled a fully-stocked bar — complete with two billiards tables — that had been operating inside a jail.

Authorities announced late Tuesday that they had seized some 200 bottles of beer, 12 bottles of tequila and 20 bottles of vodka, as well as firearms, marijuana

and heroin from what they said was a low-security prison.

Carlos Gonzales, a spokesman for the northern Chihuahua state where the raid took place, did not provide details as to how the prisoners had concealed the watering hole from authorities.

But he said at least one prison administrator

had been fired over the incident and may face charges.

Mexico's jails, which house some 222,000 prisoners, are notoriously overpopulated and often the scene of riots as well as mass breakouts, many of which are believed to be carried out with the help of corrupt guards.

Internet

At least 17 prisoners escape from prison in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 26 May—At least 17 prisoners escaped from a prison in Reynosa city of Tamaulipas State in Mexico, bordering the United States, Tamaulipas Public Security Bureau said on Wednesday.

The bureau said in a statement that the prisoners escaped through a tunnel on Tuesday at 10:00 am (1500 GMT) when the guards were changed.

The director of the prison and eight guards have been detained, the bureau said.

The tunnel begins at the laundry section of the prison and leads to the outside of the prison.

The security of the prison has been reinforced with federal police officers and soldiers, the statement added.

Xinhua



Japanese office equipment and camera maker Ricoh has said that it plans to cut about 10,000 jobs worldwide over three years as it streamlines its business operations, media reports said.—INTERNET

INTERNET

Two traders manipulated oil market

NEW YORK, 26 May—The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission filed a civil lawsuit Tuesday against two traders, accusing them of manipulating the oil market.

The suit names James T Dyer of Australia, Nicholas J. Wildgoose of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif, and three companies, Parnon Energy of California, Arcadia Petroleum of Britain and Arcadia Energy, a Swiss company, *The New York Times* reported. It was filed in federal court in Manhattan.

The commission charges Dyer and Wildgoose acquired a large position in oil futures and also bought millions of barrels of crude oil at Cushing, Okla, at one point owning about two-thirds of the excess oil there. This was allegedly done to create the illusion of an oil shortage.

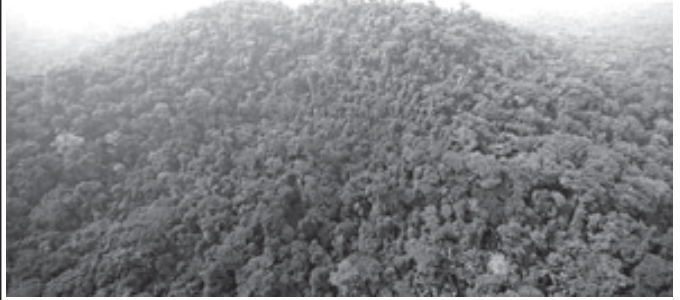
After Dyer and Wildgoose sold their futures, the complaint says they began selling the crude oil as well and at the same time began betting on a decline in oil prices.

They allegedly went

through the routine twice in January and March 2008 and were planning a third round when they learned they had attracted the attention of regulators.

Dyer and Wildgoose deny the government's claims, *the Times* said. If they lose the case, they might have to disgorge \$50 million in allegedly illegal profits and pay \$150 million in penalties.

Internet



Aerial view of the Jamanxim National Forest, in the Amazon state of Para, northern Brazil, in 2009. Brazil's powerful agricultural sector has scored a major victory, with the approval by the lower house of Congress of a reform that would open up some protected forests to cropland and ranchers.—INTERNET

Beijing construction waste landfill to become garden almost twice as large as Summer Palace

BEIJING, 26 May—A garden, almost twice as large as the famed Summer Palace, will be built on a construction waste landfill in order to host the Ninth China International Garden Expo in 2013, according to local authorities.

The ninth expo, with the theme "A Green Symphony, A Green Garden", will be held along the Yongding River in Beijing from April to October of 2013, jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development and the municipal government, said government officials at a promotional meeting on Wednesday.

The construction of the new garden, including a garden museum, main exhibition hall and Yongding Tower, has begun and is expected to finish by the end of 2012, said officials.

The new garden will cover 513

hectares, while the famous Summer Palace takes up 300 hectares. The Summer Palace once served as a summer resort for Empress Dowager Cixi and was named to the World Heritage List in December 1998.

The expo will be held to showcase the landscaping development and raise public awareness about harmony among people, resources and the environment, to make the world a more beautiful, harmonious place, said the officials.

The biannual expo has been held seven times since 1997 in cities including Dalian, Nanjing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Xiamen and Jinan. The upcoming 8th expo will be held in Chongqing municipality this year.

Xinhua

Sony loses 171 million dollars for hacker's attack

BEIJING, 26 May—The PlayStation Network's shutdown caused by hacker's attack has cost Sony 14 billion Japanese yen, or 171 million US dollars.

Sony revealed the figure on Monday as a part of its overall loss in the massive earthquake and tsunami, 3.2 billion US dollars, in the company's fiscal year ending on 31 March, 2011.

The 171 million US dollars cover the lost revenue, the customer compensations, the security and legal enhancement fees and the free games the company offered as a goodwill gesture. The cyber-attacks, which kept the PlayStation Network offline from 20 April to 15 May, involved the theft of personal data from more than 100 million accounts of the gamers. But the crisis was far from over yet.—Xinhua



Tinted orange by the morning sun, a soaring dune is the backdrop for the hulks of camel thorn trees in Namib-Naukluft Park.

INTERNET

Shaolin Temple donates books to the Library of US Congress

WASHINGTON, 26 May—Shaolin Temple, the ancient Chinese monastery famed for its traditions and kongfu, on Wednesday donated books about the temple's kongfu and medicine to the Library of Congress in Washington.

Arch Abbot Shi Yongxin from the Shaolin Temple participated in the ceremony held at the library. The books were derived from ancient scripts of the Ming and Qing dynasties hundreds of years ago.

In the ceremony, Master

Yongxin said many of Shaolin's ancient scripts were destroyed in a fire in 1928, but the temple has began an endeavor to rebuild its library in recent 30 years, and has managed to find 3,600 ancient books in the temple.

In giving the books to the Library of Congress, Master Yongxin also said he is keen to learn about the modern management of libraries, and put it to use in the temple's own library.

Xinhua



British actress Dame Helen Mirren poses on the Borneo exotic stand at the Chelsea Flower Show 2011 in Chelsea, London on 23 May 2011.

INTERNET



Germany has warned consumers to be especially careful when eating tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers which are believed to be responsible for an outbreak of food poisoning that has left three dead.

INTERNET

Gang attacks paparazzi outside Giggs' home

LONDON, 26 May—Masked men attacked cars belonging to the paparazzi outside Manchester United star Ryan Giggs' home on Tuesday. *Sky News* reported that photographers were attacked outside the Manchester United footballer's mansion. The attackers damaged body work, slashed tyres and threw eggs at six vehicles. Greater Manchester Police confirmed they had been called to Chatsworth Road, Worsley, shortly after 3.20 pm local time on Tuesday.

Giggs has been under intense media scrutiny after he was named in Parliament by MP John Hemming as a footballer player identified on Twitter as fighting a legal privacy battle. A number of paparazzi photographers have since been camped outside the home of the most decorated player in the British game, which he shares with wife, Stacey, and their two children.—Internet

President U Thein Sein leaves for PRC to pay...

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Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, deputy ministers, the Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar and departmental heads.

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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.

Union Defence Minister receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri called on Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min, at the minister's office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and Captain Aung Thaw.—MNA

Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri calls on Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min.—MNA



Union Commerce Minister receives ROK Ambassador



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong at his office here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, directors-general, managing directors and officials.—MNA

Union Religious Affairs Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

YANGON, 26 May—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung received Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung at its Yangon branch office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Khaing Aung and officials.—MNA



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung receives Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung.

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Kayah State holds school enrolment day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Kayah State held its school enrolment day for 2011-2012 academic year at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Loikaw yesterday.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo called for co-

operation for school education of needy children and school-age children without access to school education due to various reasons.

He handed over primary school textbooks worth K 13,997,000 donated by the Ministry of

Education to Kayah State Education Department. Social organizations and well-wishers presented cash donations and stationery. He inspected school enrolment activities in basic education schools in Loikaw.

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Talks at RUMFCCI on 28 May

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize educative talks at its tower in Lanmadaw Township at 2 pm on 28 May.

Director Ms Leena Wockeck of the

CSR Asia Center of Asian Institute for Technology (AIT) will give talks on Responsible Business

Practices for Sustainable Development.

Any person may attend it.—MNA

Hlawga Park opens daily

YANGON, 26 May—Hlawga Wildlife Park of Forest Department in Mingladon Township, Yangon Region, is kept open daily starting from 1 June for public recreation.

MNA

Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee held the coordination meeting No. 1/2011 at the hall of the Ministry of Information, here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said that as school textbooks for 2011-2012 academic year have been sent to various regions, it is necessary to distribute the textbooks to students in time. He stressed the need to complete the printing of school textbooks for 2012-2013 academic year on 15 March 2012, systematically transport the textbooks with print

quality to the warehouses, prevent damage of textbooks and urge the students to widely practise the system of handing down textbooks to new students.

Secretary of the School Textbook Printing Subcommittee Managing Director U Ye Tint of Printing and Publishing Enterprise of the Ministry of Information reported on the minute of previous meeting held on 24 May 2010, resolutions and accomplishments, and printing and distribution of textbooks.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye explained efforts of the Ministry of Education for

timely distribution of school textbooks to students.

Chairman of the School Textbook Distribution Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu reported on progress of works for previous year, plans for coming year and arrangements for timely distribution of the books.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win discussed supervision for ensuring quality of this year's school textbooks, storage of textbooks, transport task and supply of electricity at presses.

After attending to the needs, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan gave concluding remarks.

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Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at coordination meeting No. 1/2011 of Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee.—MNA

Union Minister meets ROK Ambassador



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr Kim Hae-yong.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr

Kim Hae-yong at his office here yesterday.

Their talks included matters for boosting bilateral cooperation in the energy sector, holding the 5th

Myanmar-ROK energy and gas exploration committee, and greater participation of ROK companies in the Myanmar's energy field.—MNA

Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate for electric power

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received Chairman of

Board of Directors of Gunkul Public Group in Thailand Mr Ekaporn Rakkwamsuk and party at his office here

yesterday.

Their meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in the electric power field.—MNA



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives Chairman Mr Ekaporn Rakkwamsuk of Board of Directors of Gunkul Public Group of Thailand.—MNA

Ai-lya (North) Dam adds to development ...

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Ai-lya (North) Village is about 12 miles southeast of Kyaukpadaung Township. To construct Ai-lya (North) Dam, the Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power-1 carried out feasibility study two times to choose an alignment for the dam. The project was launched 31 October 2010 with units of heavy machinery from the department and Shwe Taung Co Ltd. The groundwork was completed on 16 November 2010.

On our trip to Ai-lya (North) Dam, Staff Officer U Nyunt Win of Kyaukpadaung Township Irrigation Department accompanied us. We also met local farmers at the dam. Explaining facts about the facility to us, Staff Officer U Nyunt Win said that the Wakyoyoe Creek was dammed with a 750 feet long and 40 feet high earth dyke; that the maximum water storage capacity of the dam was 11.2 million gallons; that it had a 30 feet long and seven feet high spillway; that they dug the ground for 6,000 cubic feet of earth to construct the dam; that the dam supplied adequate safe water to residents and animals in surrounding villages — Wunmingan Village, Ai-lya (North) Village, Ai-lya

(South) Village, San Myaing Aye Village, Lunbington Village and Letpanyin Village. We found female villagers fetching water with pots from the dam. Residents said to us that they thanked officials for the dam from which they get clean water and irrigation water.

Local people get water from Kyetmauktaung Dam to grow monsoon and summer paddy. In addition, they grow beans and pulses, sesame and groundnut on a large scale. Ai-lya Village-tract put 620 acres under monsoon paddy and 260 acres, under summer paddy.

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High winds lash Scotland's berry crop

EDINBURGH, 26 May—A storm that lashed Scotland with high winds also destroyed much of the country's strawberry and raspberry crops, farmers said.

Robert Sinclair, a small farmer in East Lothian east of Edinburgh, said Monday's storm destroyed 70 percent of the crop

for many of his neighbours.

"This has been huge — it is the tsunami for the fruit trade," he told *The Scotsman*. "The big growers in Fife and Perthshire have suffered massive losses." Scotland produces much of the British harvest of strawberries, raspberries and blueberries.

The gale-force

winds destroyed the polyethylene shelters over strawberry plants and raspberry canes and then damaged the plants' delicate flowers. In some cases, the plants may produce fruit that is misshapen and will not fetch full price. Replacing the poly-tunnels can cost farmers close to \$20,000 an acre.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 25 May, 2011 shows dust covering Hohhot, capital of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. A dust storm struck the city of Hohhot Wednesday afternoon. Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region suffered 9 times of dust storm on average annually in the past decade.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 25 May, 2011 shows a bulldozer sculpture made of metal in gothic style during Hong Kong International Art Fair held in Hong Kong, south China. Hong Kong International Art Fair, one of Asia's preeminent art events, kicked off here on Wednesday, presenting lots of art works offered by 260 galleries from 38 countries and regions for showcase and sale.

XINHUA

Tourist dies of mosquito-borne virus in Australia

SYDNEY, 26 May —A 19-year-old Canadian woman has died after contracting a rare and incurable mosquito-borne virus while on holiday in Australia's northern region, officials said. The department of health in the Northern Territory has issued a warning advising people to avoid being bitten, after the woman became the third person to contract the Murray Valley encephalitis

(MVE) virus this year, the *Australian Associated Press (AAP)* reported Thursday.

The woman became unwell when she arrived in Canada from a holiday in the Northern Territory this month and was admitted to hospital in Calgary, where she died Wednesday.

Peter Markey, acting director of the Centre for Disease Control, said amongst the three confirmed cases of MVE

is a two-year-old child.

Earlier this month, a 27-year-old man died from the disease in South Australia. Markey said there was no specific medical treatment for MVE. Unlike other mosquito-borne illnesses, which are not typically fatal, about 25 percent of people who contract MVE die. Many MVE patients suffer from delirium and coma, leading to paralysis or brain damage.—*Internet*

Ten killed as bus falls into river in N Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 May—At least ten people were killed as a bus carrying an estimated 30 to 40 passengers fell into a river in Gilgit in northern Pakistan Thursday morning, reported local TV channel Express.

According to the report, the accident took place at about 11:00 am local time when a bus heading from Kargarah to Gilgit fell into a river due to unknown reasons.

Ten bodies have been recovered, said the report, adding that the remaining passengers on the bus are still missing and the death toll could further rise. Located in the northern part of the country, Gilgit is a mountainous area with poor road conditions.

Such accidents are often reported in this area.

Xinhua

Small plane crashes into residence near Delhi, at least 10 dead

NEW DELHI, 26 May—Ten people, including all seven on board and three on the ground, died when a small chartered civil aircraft crashed into a residential area in Delhi's suburban town of Faridabad on Wednesday night, said local police on Thursday.

Faridabad Police Commissioner PK Aggarwal said another person was confirmed injured and the toll could go up, reported local news agency IANS.

The Pilatus PC-12 single-engined turbo-prop aircraft was flying to the Indian capital from Patna, rushing a seriously-ill patient for specialized medical treatment, when the crash occurred at 10: 50 pm local time Wednesday, five minutes after it lost contact with the Air Traffic Control at the

Delhi Airport, aviation officials said.

The plane crashed into two houses in a thickly populated area of Faridabad, and 20 fire engines rushed to the spot for rescue operations.

Local TV news channels showed pictures of flames billowing from the houses and residents of the area rushing to clear the debris. Mangled remains of the aircraft

were littered all over the area.

Commenting on the possible causes of the accident, an air traffic control official said: "Apart from the difficulty of operating a single-engined aircraft, doing so in heavy wind conditions can cause a disaster. In heavy wind conditions, the backdraft from the wind hitting the tail can make the aircraft unstable and cause it to nosedive."—*Xinhua*



Residents try to extinguish the fire of a chartered aircraft which crashed in a residential area in Faridabad, west of New Delhi, on 26 May, 2011. —XINHUA



Chinese search engine Baidu has said that it is thinking about expanding into more overseas markets and expected its share of the booming domestic mobile search market to grow rapidly.—INTERNET

Xinhua

Researcher says plant hormones safe to human health

BEIJING, 26 May—A researcher with the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) said Wednesday that plant hormones, if used properly, are not a risk to human health. "Irregular use of plant growth substances may cause plants to grow excessively fast or affect the taste, but will not cause harm to human health," Ye Zhihua said in an interview with *Xinhua*.

His remarks come after media reports in China about "exploding watermelons," caused by the excessive use of phytohormone, have aroused public concern over the safety of hormones that stimulate plant growth.

Ye said plant hormones used to promote growth have the same or similar effects as natural plant hormones, and fruit and vegetables sold at the market carried limited residue of the hormones. More than 100 types of plant hormones, such as ethephon and gibberellin acid, are used in agriculture and forestry sectors around the world, Ye said, adding 38 types of plant hormones have been registered in China. For example, seven plant hormones including thidiazuron and nucleotide are approved for use on cucumbers in China. The purpose is to stimulate the growth of female flowers and increase fruit yields, Ye said.—*Xinhua*

Smokeless tobacco to carry harsher pictorial warning

NEW DELHI, 26 May—Underlining that smokeless tobacco was more harmful, Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad today said the government would soon notify a “harsher” pictorial warnings for these tobacco products.

Briefing media about the achievements of his ministry in two years, Mr Azad said the process of notifying the pictorial warnings was on and the notification could come out any day. There would be two types of warnings — for cigarettes

and for smokeless tobacco, he said.

He said the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity had been asked to select some pictures.

The Health Minister said smokeless tobacco was responsible for 80 percent of mouth cancers.

According to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey carried out in 2009-2010, 35 percent of adults use tobacco in some or the other, and among them, 26 percent adults use smokeless tobacco and nine percent were smokers.—Internet



People visit the Sweets and Snacks Expo 2011 in Chicago, the United States, on 25 May, 2011. The three-day expo by the National Confectioners Association kicked off on Tuesday.—XINHUA



A boat of FDNY passes the Statue of Liberty during the “Parade of Ships” in New York, the United States, on 25 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Parade of ships kicks off NYC annual Fleet Week celebration

NEW YORK, 26 May—Hundreds of US armed forces members sailed into New York City aboard nine vessels on Wednesday to open the 24th annual Fleet Week.

The “Parade of Ships” passed the iconic Intrepid en route to the George Washington Bridge, where they will sail back to the respective piers where each vessel will be berthed for the Fleet Week festivities.

Among them were the USS Iwo Jima, USS Kauffman and the USS New York, whose hull was forged with some 7.5 tons of steel from the collapsed World Trade Centre.

Myles Post, a retired Navy veteran sitting in a wheelchair on the flight deck of the Intrepid and looking at the USS New York sail by, told *Xinhua* that the Fleet Week is a good opportunity for people to salute to US armed forces members.—Xinhua

Cuba marks 50th anniversary of Hemingway’s death

HAVANA, 26 May—Cuba will hold from 16 to 19 June an international conference devoted to Ernest Hemingway, marking the 50th anniversary of his death, the organizers said here Wednesday.

The event is organized by the Ernest Hemingway Museum in Havana, marking also the 80 years since the publication of his novel “Fiesta” and 50 years of the delivery of Hemingway’s house “Finca Vigia”.

Hemingway lived in “Finca Vigia” from 1939 until shortly before his death on 2 July, 1961.

According to the organizers, the programme of the conference includes lectures, documentary films, visits to places associated with the life of Hemingway in Cuba and documents about his relations with Cuban personalities, specially with the poet Nicolas Guillen, and the psychiatrist Franz Stettmeier.

The schedule includes talks on his plane crash, his relationship and “attitude” towards death.

Ada Rosa Alfonso, director of “Finca Vigia”, said that the meeting will be attended by US experts such as



Hemingway

Susan Wrynn, Curator of the Hemingway’s collection at the Presidential Library John F Kennedy, Walter Newman, director of the Northeast Document Conservation and Scott McClintock, from the US Hemingway Society.

Cuban and US institutions began in 2002 collaboration to preserve Hemingway’s collection of documents stored in “Finca Vigia”.

But Alfonso stressed that the material aid from US institutions to restore the heritage of the writer in Cuba has been “tiny” because of the US economic blockade against the island.

Xinhua

Cyber-attacks hit e-G8 web forum

PARIS, 26 May—French President Nicolas Sarkozy’s “e-G8” summit on the power of the Internet suffered a technical hiccup when cyber-attacks disrupted the forum’s wireless connection, organizers said Wednesday.

Since Tuesday “we have been undergoing a series of attacks and attempted attacks from people outside” the wireless service providing Internet access to journalists and delegates, an e-G8 official who asked not to be named told AFP.

The cyber-attacks failed to cut off access but caused “disruption” of the wifi connection and the forum’s video streaming in the tent where politicians and the world’s top media bosses were meeting, the official added.

Sarkozy organized the e-G8 to draw up proposals to put to the G8 summit of leading powers, opening on Thursday. Media rights and civil society groups complained that their voices were not being heard at the e-G8.

Web freedom campaign group La Quadrature du Net rejected rumours that it was behind the cyber-attacks.

Internet

Brussels metro cans French music after complaints

BRUSSELS, 26 May—Brussels may be a largely French speaking city but the operator of its metro service has ruled out playing French music at its stations after an experiment drew complaints from Dutch-speaking Belgians.

The metro operator decided in 2005 to pipe mostly pop hits at the 69 metro stops, but felt then French or Dutch songs might irritate rival communities in the linguistically divided country. A new experiment has confirmed its view.

“We decided to try playing songs from an international hit list. This meant a number of French songs and

practically none in Dutch and this drew complaints from Dutch-speakers,” said metro spokeswoman An Van Hamme.

The stations have since resumed a playlist of hits with 70 percent in English, 15 percent in Italian and 15 percent in Spanish. The metro operator said 85 percent of customers said they were satisfied with that mix. Language is a touchy issue in Belgium. Dutch speakers complain that francophones make little or no effort to learn Dutch and Dutch-speaking communities around Brussels fight what they see as the spread of French from the capital, which is officially bilingual.—Reuters



A picture shows the poster of the e-G8 meeting gathering Internet and information technologies leaders and experts at the Tuileries gardens in Paris on 24 May. French President Nicolas Sarkozy’s “e-G8” summit on the power of the Internet suffered a technical hiccup when cyber-attacks disrupted the forum’s wireless connection, organisers said Wednesday.—INTERNET

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distribution or control machines and apparatus; Repair or maintenance of rotary converters; Repair or maintenance of phase modifier; Repair or maintenance of chargers; Repair or maintenance of batteries and cells; Repair or maintenance of Internal combustion engines; Repair or maintenance of parts of Internal combustion engines; Repair or maintenance of starters for motors and engines, not for land vehicles; Repair or maintenance of parts for AC motors and DC motors; Repair or maintenance of AC generators and DC generators; Repair or maintenance of power generators; Repair or maintenance of electric wires or cables; Repair or maintenance of telecommunication devices and apparatus; Repair or maintenance of telephone apparatus; Repair or maintenance of parts and accessories for telecommunication machines and apparatus; Repair or maintenance of telematics apparatus for vehicles; Repair or maintenance of charge completion automatic notification apparatus; Repair or maintenance of vehicle navigation systems; Repair or maintenance of electronic machines, apparatus, and their parts; Repair or maintenance of personal computers; Repair or maintenance of remote control systems; Repair or maintenance of electrodes; Repair or maintenance of magnetic cores; Repair or maintenance of resistance wires in Class 37".



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in respect of "ships/boats and parts and fittings therefore; automobiles, electric vehicles including electric automobiles, wagons, trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, buses, recreational vehicles (RV), sports cars, racing cars, lorries, fork lift trucks, and towing tractors (tractors), and structural parts and fittings therefore; two-wheeled motor vehicles, bicycles and parts and fittings therefore; carts; car-dumpers; car-pushers; car-pullers; tractors (traction engines); motor and engine for land vehicles; axles for vehicles; power transmissions and gearing for machines; shock absorbers; brakes; alternating current motors/direct current motors, for land vehicles; anti-theft alarms for vehicles; adhesive rubber patches for repairing tubes or tires; all included in International Class 12". Fraudulent or unauthorised use, or actual or colourable imitation of the said marks shall be dealt with according to law.

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Beijing to host Int'l Garden Expo in 2013

BEIJING, 26 May—Beijing will be returning to nature as well as Beijing has begun preparations to host the International Garden Expo in 2013.

Wednesday morning, a ceremony was held in Beijing for this event which aims to expand the garden and forestry exchange between international and domestic cities. This marks the ninth time for China to host a garden expo of this scale during 15 years. The event will be held from April to October in 2013 along the riverside of Yongding. The site will cover more than 5 square kilometres in the south-west of Beijing.

Lu Kehua, director general of Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Dev't, said, "All planning and construction are to be environmentally sustainable. We focus on rubbish recycling in the region. And what's more, we will build a museum for presenting the culture and history of world gardens." The expo will be an economic asset and naturally merged with urban areas that surround the site. Original ecology will be maintained as much as possible.

This is the venue of international garden expo. Everything is under construction. This place will be built into a big garden in one year's time.

Xinhua

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MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (132)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA EXPRESS VOY NO (132) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) 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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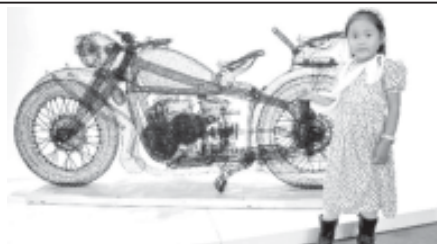
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A girl poses in front of a motorcycle model made of fibrous composite during Hong Kong International Art Fair held in Hong Kong, south China, on 25 May, 2011. Hong Kong International Art Fair, one of Asia's preeminent art events, kicked off here on Wednesday, presenting lots of art works offered by 260 galleries from 38 countries and regions for showcase and sale. — XINHUA



A flag outside Telefonica headquarters in Madrid. The Spanish telecoms giant is to ramp up job cutting in Spain, shedding an extra 2,500 workers. INTERNET

S Korean oil refiners fined nearly 400 mln USD for collusion

SEOUL, 26 May— South Korea's major oil refiners were fined 434.8 billion won (399 million US dollars) for collusion, the country's antitrust watchdog said Thursday.

Four leading refiners, including SK Innovation, GS Caltex, S-Oil and Hyundai Oilbank, were ordered to pay a combined 434.8 billion won for colluding to refuse requests by gas stations to change their brands, the Fair Trade Commission (FTC) said in a statement.

The country's gas stations are run under the so-called pole-sign system, which compels them to buy oil products from a single refiner.—Xinhua

Briton finds 29,000 euros in case, hands in to police

A British woman living on the Greek island of Corfu on Wednesday found and returned a lost briefcase containing the equivalent of over 29,000 euros, local police said.

The 59-year-old, who was not identified, came upon the briefcase on the roadside after shopping at a supermarket a few kilometres (miles) from the island's main town of Kerkyra, the police said.

It contained 27,000 euros, nearly 2,000 pounds sterling (2,200 euros), a passport, a bank deposit book and a cellphone.

This enabled the authorities to alert the owner, a company employee, who said the money was intended for staff salaries.

It was not immediately clear if the woman was offered a finder's fee.



A woman holds euro bills. A British woman living on the Greek island of Corfu on Wednesday found and returned a lost briefcase containing the equivalent of over 29,000 euros, local police said.



In this 21 May, 2011 photo, New Zealand truck driver Steven McCormack gets treatment at Whakatane Hospital after an accident with an air hose in Whakatane, New Zealand.

Compressed air turns NZ trucker into human balloon

A New Zealand truck driver said he blew up like a balloon when he fell onto the fitting of a compressed air hose that pierced his buttock and forced air into his body at 100 pounds a square inch. Steven McCormack was standing on his truck's foot plate Saturday when he slipped and fell, breaking a compressed air hose off an air reservoir that powered the truck's brakes.

He fell hard onto the brass fitting, which pierced his left buttock and started pumping air into his body. "I felt the air rush into my body and I felt like it was going to explode from my foot," he told local media from his hospital bed in the town of Whakatane, on North Island's east coast.

"I was blowing up like a football," he said. "I had no choice but just to lay there, blowing up like a balloon." McCormack's workmates heard his screams and ran to him, quickly releasing a safety valve to stop the air flow, said Robbie Petersen, co-owner of the trucking company.

News Albums



Bees return to their hive on 21 March in Frankfurt, Germany. Berlin's Schoenefeld international airport, located in the capital's rural outskirts, Wednesday announced a long-term project to monitor air quality by studying local bees and their honey.

Bees to monitor air quality at Berlin airport

Berlin's Schoenefeld international airport, located in the capital's rural outskirts, Wednesday announced a long-term project to monitor air quality by studying local bees and their honey. "The honey monitoring will supplement our air quality control system," Jochen Heimberg, responsible for the airport's environmental division, said in a statement.

"In addition to studying the honey, we'll also be looking at the bees and their honeycombs to get an overall picture of the pollution situation," he added. Scientists will cooperate with local beekeepers to study the way development of the Berlin-Brandenburg airport affects the environment.



Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is shown with singer Diana Ross from the episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" that originally aired on 5 April, 2000 in this publicity photograph released to Reuters on 24 May, 2011. XINHUA

Lady Gaga says she won't go looking for love

WASHINGTON, 26 May—Pop superstar Lady Gaga has revealed that she would never go out looking for love because she thinks it comes by itself unexpectedly.

But the "Judas" singer - who recently split from boyfriend Luc Carl - doesn't think being romantically involved with someone is the key to happiness.

"I would say don't go looking for love, let love find you. That's when it will happen," Contactmusic quoted her as telling more! magazine. "But you definitely don't need a man to be happy, and that's an important thing to remember," she said.

Gaga also admitted she believes people can

fall in love multiple times throughout their life, and thinks everyone has a soulmate.

"I believe you can fall in love over and over again. I do believe in soul mates. And that's because I'm a bit of an old romantic at heart or a bad romantic," she added.

Internet



Pop superstar Lady Gaga

US singer Miley Cyrus performs during her tour concert "Gypsy Heart" in Panamy City, Panama, on 24 May, 2011. XINHUA



Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are just friends!

WASHINGTON, 26 May—Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux have nothing romantic between them, reveals the mother of the actor's long-time girlfriend, stylist Heidi Bivens. Marilyn Bivens said Theroux and Aniston are just friends.

"It's not true at all," Radar online quoted her as telling Star Magazine about their romantic rumours.

"That's from Justin's own mouth. He said he was with her at a dinner party with a lot of other people. It's been just a big, big misunderstanding — and you can take that as the truth," she said.

Internet

Sibling learning from Lohan's mistakes

LONDON, 26 May—Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan says her younger sister has learnt "what not to do" by watching her mistakes.

Lohan, who was recently sentenced to three years probation for stealing a necklace, has admitted that she has made so many mistakes that it has deterred sister Ali, 17, from behaving badly.

"She's seen a lot of stuff that I've experienced and she knows exactly what not

to do. So she kind of knows better through watching me," contact music.com quoted the 24-year-old as saying.

However, Lohan is not worried about her younger sister getting attracted to Hollywood vices. She thinks Ali is tougher than her.

"She has a good head on her shoulders. Maybe it was different for me because I didn't know what to expect and it just happened really fast. I didn't have a big sister. If I'm



Actress Lindsay Lohan

going out late, she'll go home early," Lohan said.

Internet



Park Ji-Sung's (R) astonishing work-rate, an astute tactical brain and under-rated ability on the ball have combined to make him an unsung hero with the Premier League champions, Manchester United. — INTERNET

Frog juice powered Park's bid for Euro glory

LONDON, 26 May—Park Ji-Sung has revealed that frog juice is the bizarre secret behind the lung-bursting energy that makes the South Korean a key part of Manchester United's bid to beat Barcelona in the Champions League final on Saturday. Park's high-octane style will be an essential ingredient in Sir Alex Ferguson's recipe for success against the Spanish champions at Wembley, but it is a much more unlikely concoction that laid the foundations for the midfielder's rise to prominence.

After showing promise as a schoolboy footballer, Park's progress was in danger of stalling because he lacked the physique required to cope with the demands on a top player's body. In a bid to fast-track Park's growth, his father would make the long journey from their home in Suwon to Go-heung county, where he would visit frog farms to gather the ingredients for an unusual protein drink.—Internet

Defoe pulls out of England squad

LONDON, 26 May—Jermain Defoe further reduced England coach Fabio Capello's options up front for the Euro 2012 qualifier with Switzerland next week when he pulled out of the squad on Wednesday with an unspecified injury. The 28-year-old Spurs striker — scorer of 15 goals in his 46 England appearances — had looked fine when he played the whole of his side's final Premier League match with Birmingham last Sunday.

Capello has opted not to call up another striker and will have only the options of Aston Villa's Darren Bent, Defoe's Spurs team-mate Peter Crouch and Fulham vet-



Jermain Defoe

eran Bobby Zamora against the Swiss. The Italian's possibilities had already been reduced with Wayne Rooney suspended and Liverpool's record signing Andy Carroll injured.

England are top of Group G with 10 points, ahead of Montenegro on goal difference. Switzerland trail Capello's side by six points and have lost two of their four qualifying matches.

Internet

Seedorf extends Milan stay for a year

ROME, 26 May—Dutch veteran Clarence Seedorf on Wednesday signed a one-year contract extension that will keep him at AC Milan until the end of next season. In so doing the 35-year-old midfielder has joined fellow veterans Filippo Inzaghi, Massimo Ambrosini, Alessandro Nesta, Mark van Bommel and Flavio Roma in extending for another year.

"We didn't negotiate for very long, we came to an agreement last week and today we needed just

10 minutes to sort out the details," said Seedorf. "I'm very happy Nesta, Ambrosini and Inzaghi have renewed their deals, we're the old guard and it's important to have us in the team." It is the latest move by Milan to sort out their playing staff for next season.— Internet



Dutch veteran Clarence Seedorf



Manchester United's players, seen here at the end of their Champions League match against Barcelona, in 2009, at the Olympic Stadium in Rome. — INTERNET

Man United banish 2009 talk ahead of Barca rematch

LONDON, 26 May—Manchester United are seeking to banish the memory of their 2009 humbling by Barcelona as they prepare for Saturday's Champions League final at Wembley.

Two years ago, Sir Alex Ferguson's side arrived in Rome brimming with confidence, ready to justify their status as the bookies' favourites by be-

coming the first side to clinch back-to-back titles.

Ninety minutes and one passing masterclass later, and United were left dazed and confused after a dizzying evening on Barcelona's famous midfield "carousel" as the Catalans wrapped up a 2-0 win.

Ferguson has never spoken in detail about the reasons for United's defeat that night, and his reluctance to reflect on that chastening loss has been mirrored by his players ahead of Saturday's re-match.

Internet

Sao Paulo release Silva from contract

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 May—Sao Paulo FC decided on Wednesday to release fullback Alex Silva from his contract. Unhappy with the team, the defender requested early departure from his contractual obligations. Silva's contract with Sao Paulo was valid up to 31 July, 2011. However, the player pleaded for early release from his loan and pointed to his dissatisfaction with the behavior from the administration as the principal reason.

Sao Paulo was recently eliminated by Avai in the Brazilian Cup. Silva claimed that the directors and club administration abandoned the players af-

ter the defeat, leaving the athletes to fend for themselves. Silva and Sao Paulo had previously demonstrated a healthy relationship that would eventually lead to the purchase of his player rights.

Xinhua

Bender out of German plans through injury

FRANKFURT, 26 May—Borussia Dortmund midfielder Sven Bender on Wednesday had to pull out of Germany's three upcoming fixtures — including two Euro 2012 qualifiers — with a knee injury, the German Football Federation (DFB) said. The 22-year-old had been hoping to press his claims for a regular place after winning just one cap to date but had surgery Wednesday on the injury which forced him to miss the German champions final league match.

German coach Joachim Loew is already

without Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger while Sami Khedira of Real Madrid is just coming back from injury problems of his own. Loew may now elect to call up Bender's twin brother Lars of Bayer Leverkusen.

Germany face Uruguay in a friendly on Sunday — a repeat of their World Cup semi-final last year — before meeting Austria on 3 June and then Azerbaijan in Euro qualifiers. They already have one foot in the finals having won all five of their opening Group A encounters.— Internet



Borussia Dortmund midfielder Sven Bender

Djokovic, del Potro put friendship aside for French Open clash

PARIS, 26 May—Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro will put their close friendship aside on Friday when they clash for a place in the French Open last 16, the tournament's biggest match-up so far. Djokovic is the overwhelming favourite not just to see off the giant 1.98m Argentine, but also go on to take the title off Rafael Nadal and assume the world number one spot.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic

His form makes him easily the hottest player on tour. On Friday, the 24-year-old Djokovic insists nothing will break his friendship with the injury-plagued Del Potro.

Argentine 25th seed Del Potro, the former US Open champion and a 2009 semi-finalist in Paris, made the last 32 with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic. Del Potro missed last year's Roland Garros to recover from wrist surgery and was almost forced out of this edition because of a hip injury picked up in Madrid, which forced him to scratch from his clash with Nadal.—Internet

World No 1 Wozniacki edges into French Open third round

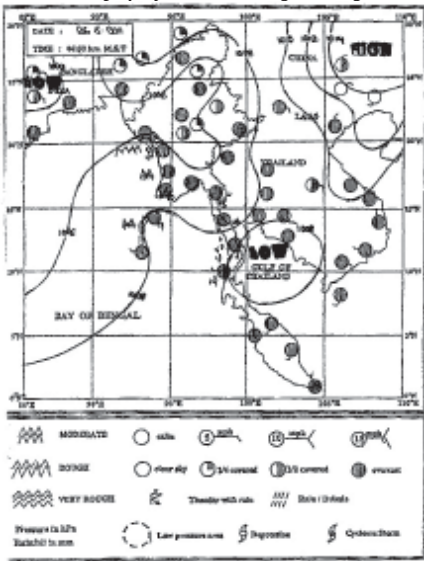
PARIS, 26 May—World No 1 Caroline Wozniacki met strong challenges from Alexsandra Wozniak but managed to edge out the Canadian qualifier in straight sets after saving three set points. The 20-year-old Wozniacki from Denmark took the first set 6-3 but failed to split with her world No 162 opponents after 12 games in the second sets.

Wozniacki, still searching for her first Grand Slam title, put herself in danger while giving Wozniak to lead the tiebreak 6-3, but was tough enough to

grab five points in a row to wrap it up. Wozniacki will play either Daniela Hantuchova or Sara Errani in the next round. — Xinhua



World No 1 Caroline Wozniacki

WEATHER**Thursday, 26th May, 2011***Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas***Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.**

M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin State and isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Eastern Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, magway and Ayeyawady Regions and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chauk (43°C) and Myingyan and Magway (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkareik (3.54) inches, Mudon (3.31) inches, Thaton (2.36) inches, Maubin (1.69) inches, Maungtau (1.46) inches, Bago (1.38) inches, Kyaikkhami (1.22) inches, Mawlamyine (1.14) inches and Dawei (1.10) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 25-5-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 26-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 26-5-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 25-5-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 26-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative

humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 26-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 26-5-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and 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 (4) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 26-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions and Kayah State, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan and Chin 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 Lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Kim Clijsters stunned in 2nd round at French Open



Belgium's Kim Clijsters.—INTERNET

PARIS, 26 May—Kim Clijsters wasted two match points and was eliminated from the French Open on Thursday, losing to Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands 3-6, 7-5, 61

in the second round. Clijsters, who had won her last 15 Grand Slam matches after taking the titles at last year's US Open and this year's Australian Open, failed to convert either match point in the second set.

The two-time French Open runner-up, who was playing with her right ankle taped, made 65 unforced errors in the match and lost 11 of the final 12 games. The 114th-ranked Rus

finished with only 22 unforced errors and had only eight winners in the entire match. Also Thursday, five-time champion Rafael Nadal is scheduled to be back on court — two days after being stretched to five sets for the first time in his French Open career. Maria Sharapova is also set to play.

Clijsters had her first chance to close out the match when leading 5-2 in the second set, but

Rus saved match point and held to make it 5-3 before breaking Clijsters to get back on serve. Clijsters then had another match point in the 10th game, but Rus saved it again and eventually pushed the score to 5-5.

With the momentum shifting, Clijsters double-faulted for the seventh time — one of her 28 unforced errors in the set — to allow Rus to break and serve out the second set.

Internet

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**Programme Schedule
(27-5-2011) (Friday)**
TransmissionsTimes

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (27-5-11 09:30 am ~ 28-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Shan Traditional Novitiation Cultural Preservation
- * News
- * The Opening Ceremony of "Hnin Si Myaing Centre"
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Pyadalin Cave; A Hidden Treasure House

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- * Today's Efficient Youths
- * News
- * Aquarium Nay Pyi Taw: A Pleasant Underwater Heaven
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Truly Magical Pindaya
- * Myanmar Movie "An Ugly Fate"



**Friday,
27 May**

View on today

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

8:05 am

7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:15 am

8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:25 am

9. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm

3. Joint Performance by State Orchestra and State Traditional Orchestra

4:35 pm

4. Dance Of National Races

4:45 pm

5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Zoology)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. Song Of Yester Years

5:20 pm

8. Myanmar Language

5:35 pm

9. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Internet Garden

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
18. TV Drama Series
19. Song Lover

- ★ 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

Ai-lya (North) Dam adds to development of Kyaukpadaung Township

Byline & photos: *Khin Than*



A pleasant view of Ai-lya (North) Dam.

With the five dams, Kyaukpadaung Township in Mandalay Region enjoys supply of adequate irrigation water. Of the 339 villages in it, 27 get clean water from the springs around Mt. Popa, and 312, from tube-wells.

Recently, Ai-lya (North) Village in Kyaukpadaung Township saw Ai-lya (North) Dam, from which adequate safe water and irrigation water is supplied to six nearby villages. (See page 9)

Union Defence Minister receives Indian Ambassador



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NASA to launch asteroid-sampling spacecraft in 2016



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Nearly one in five young US adults has high blood pressure

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