

#### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

#### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments 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
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Commanding General of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat of the 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army and party at the Bayintnaung Yeiktha Hall here this afternoon.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of

Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand U Ye Win and Military Attaché Col Tin Soe, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and Military Attaché Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. — MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. — MNA*

**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 13 May, 2007

Grow fruit and vegetables on a commercial scale for extensive export

Myanmar is blessed with fertile soil and favourable climate, so vegetables, fruit and flowers thrive in it. Now it grows more than 70 species of fruits, about 100 species of vegetables and kitchen crops, and 70 species of flowers on a commercial scale.

In this regard, national farmers should work hard to extensively export quality fruits, vegetables and flowers.

Now Myanmar exports many species of fruit such as mango, musk melon, watermelon, banana, guava, pineapple, jack fruit and papaya.

In 2005-2006, Myanmar exported over 70,000 tons of watermelon, and over 10,000 tons of musk melon, over 20,000 tons of mango, and over 3,000 tons of plum.

The content of the remains of pesticides on Myanmar fruits and vegetables is very low. So they have prospects to gain a foothold in the international market soon. The special agricultural zones in the nation utilize advanced agricultural methods in growing fruits and vegetables. In addition, they are extensively growing new cash crops and flowers such as orchid.

National entrepreneurs are to produce fruits and vegetables on a larger scale with the use of advanced agricultural methods. And agricultural producers and related organizations should make combined efforts to be able to export fruit and vegetables all the more.

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All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

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

Deputy Health Ministers receive Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 11 May—Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe met visiting Director Mr Luo Hong Bing of China Radio International (CRI) of the People's Republic of China and party at the hall of National Health Committee here this morning.

National Health Committee Secretary Dr Mya Oo briefed the guests on Myanmar's community health care and improvement, and responded to the queries raised by the guests.

Also present at the



call were directors-general and officials from the Ministry of Health.—MNA

Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe receive Director Mr Luo Hong Bing and party of China Radio International (CRI). — MNA

Myanmar, Malaysian businessmen hold talks

YANGON, 12 May—Vice-Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, Advisor Dr Htin Kyaw, Deputy Director-General U Myo Oo of Directorate of Trade, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and personnel of Myanmar Industry Association met a 23-member Malaysian delegation led by Tan Sri Dato' Soong Siew Hoong of Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) on 10 May.



UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin meet Tan Sri Dato' Soong Siew Hoong of Federation of Malaysian Manufactures (FMM) and party. — UMFCCI

The two sides discussed matters on promoting trade between the two countries, bilateral cooperation and meeting for in investment entrepreneurs of both sides. — MNA

Office of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association to be opened on 19 May

YANGON, 12 May—The new office of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association will be opened on 19 May at 7 am at the corner of Yuzana and Nwethagi Roads at Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township. The association will also hold its 10th Annual Meeting at the meeting room of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at No 29 on Min Ye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on the same day. Members were invited to attend the meeting.—MNA

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Six accused in army base terror plot held without bail

CAMDEN, NJ, 11 May — The six men charged in connection with a plot to attack the Fort Dix military reservation were ordered held without bail on Friday by a federal magistrate.

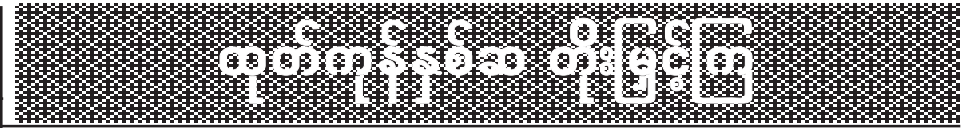
The men were arrested on Monday night after the authorities said they tried to buy machine guns from an informer working with the FBI. Prosecutors said the informer had

infiltrated the group in March 2006 and helped the authorities tape the suspects training with automatic weapons, conducting surveillance of military bases in New Jersey and Delaware and vowing to kill scores of soldiers.

Christopher J Christie, the United States attorney for New Jersey, has described the suspects as Islamic extremists

who represent a new breed of threat: loosely organized domestic militants unconnected to, but inspired by, Al Qaeda or other international terror groups.

Prosecutors argued Friday in United States District Court here that the men, who lived in southern New Jersey and Philadelphia, would pose a danger to the public if released and, because they were all born overseas, were also a risk to flee the country. — Internet



France's incumbent President Jacques Chirac escorts newly-elected President Nicolas Sarkozy (L) as he leaves the Elysee Palace after a joint meeting with Lebanon's parliamentary majority leader Saad Hariri in Paris on 10 May, 2007. — XINHUA

## US commander says no quick fixes in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 May — A US commander cautioned that even with thousands more American troops streaming into Iraq, the fight to stabilize Baghdad would not be over by September, which is looming as a key juncture in the four-year-old war.

Major-General Joseph Fil, commander of US forces in Baghdad, said he will have deployed all his reinforcements by the middle of June under a security offensive launched three months ago. That would have

a “huge” impact on spreading a security footprint across the city, he said.

“(But) just having them arrived doesn't just turn things around,” Fil said in an interview on Tuesday at his headquarters at a military base near Baghdad's Airport.

General David Petraeus, the US commander in Iraq, will make an assessment of the American “troop surge” in September.

That timing coincides with when Washington

expects Iraq to have met benchmarks aimed at healing sectarian divisions, such as passing a law to equitably share Iraq's vast oil wealth.

A lack of significant progress on either the security or the political front by then could give Democrats more clout in their fight to set a timetable for withdrawing troops.

Some 30,000 extra American soldiers are being sent mainly to try to pacify Baghdad in what is seen as a last ditch attempt

to pull Iraq back from the brink of sectarian civil war.

Fil said his measures for determining success would be further cutting sectarian violence, having Iraqi security forces take on greater responsibility and restoring essential services.

“I am certain that we will make a difference, but I cannot say with certainty where we will be in September,” Fil said when asked if he had enough time to make a difference by then. — MNA/Reuters



Visitors look at a full scale model of the two-storey high James Webb Space Telescope in Washington, on 10 May, 2007. The Webb telescope, the next generation space telescope of the Hubble Space Telescope, is expected to be launched in 2013. — XINHUA

## Healthy eating programme helps slim school kids

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The kids voted for their favorite vegetables, school cafeteria staff more accustomed to warming up frozen dishes learned how to slice fresh fruit and restaurants changed their menus.

And the experiment worked. A programme that pulled a whole town into helping its children eat better and exercise more helped stop the kids from gaining too much weight, US researchers reported on Thursday.

The children of Somerville, Massachusetts gained, on average, just less than a pound (half a kg) less than children who did not take part in the program, the researchers at Tufts University's school of nutrition in Boston found.

And it got them to eat broccoli.

For young children still growing rapidly, this was a significant success, study leader Christina Economos said in a telephone interview.

Internet

## Five coalition troops killed, three missing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 May — Five coalition soldiers have been killed and three are missing after an attack by insurgents south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, the US military says.

The patrol of seven Americans and their Iraqi

interpreter were attacked near the town of Mahmudiya, spokesman Maj Gen William Caldwell said.

He said that within an hour other troops were at the scene of the attack, hunting for the missing soldiers.

Checkpoints have been set up to prevent the soldiers being moved from the area.

Gen Caldwell said the team was attacked seven miles (11 kilometres) west of Mahmudiya, scene of frequent attacks by

insurgents against US troops.

Information of the attack first emerged when an unmanned aerial vehicle spotted two burning vehicles just before 0500 (0100 GMT). A huge operation has been launched involving helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles and fixed-wing aircraft, to try to find the missing men.

The US military is also talking to local leaders to try to enlist their help in the search, while checkpoints have been set up on roads leading away from the area and west into Anbar to prevent the soldiers being taken to an insurgent base.

Internet



A unique road, with footprints of human beings and animals on it, is to debut in central China's Zhengzhou on 5 June, 2007. — XINHUA



Scott Anderson(L), acting police commissioner of the UN Mission in Kosovo, congratulates a Chinese peacekeeping policewoman at the medal-awarding ceremony in Pristina of Kosovo, on 10 May, 2007. Scott Anderson and Li Guobang, Chinese Ambassador to Serbia, awarded the medals to 18 Chinese police officers. — XINHUA

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Agro, bio-tech seminar for Bangladesh opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 10 May — An International Agro-&Bio-Tech Seminar for Bangladesh, held by the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), opened in Beijing on Wednesday, attended by 30 officials in Bangladesh’s agricultural sector.

“The seminar is aimed at enhancing exchanges and cooperation in agriculture between China and Bangladesh as well as

helping Bangladesh develop agriculture and solve the food security issue,” said Pan Xianzheng, party secretary of the national agricultural technology centre under the ministry said.

During the 20-day seminar, experts and scholars from relevant departments of the MoA, agricultural universities and institutions of China will introduce China’s

agricultural reform and development and agro and bio-tech development and application.

Participants of the seminar will also visit China’s agricultural research and education organizations, labs, experimental bases and enterprises.

Monirul Islam, Minister of the Bangladesh Embassy in China, noted the importance of agriculture for the economy of Bangladesh, saying the agricultural sector contributes 50 per cent of the Bangladesh’s GDP.

Three killed in Narathiwat Province of Thailand

NARATHIWAT, 11 May —Two police officers were killed in a bomb and shooting attack and their bodies were burned by their attackers, while two civilians were shot by a gunman in the violence-plagued province of Narathiwat in southern Thailand.

Six men attacked a police checkpoint in Narathiwat’s Rangae municipality, first tossing a bomb and then opening fire, killing two police officers manning the site.

The assailants poured gasoline on the dead officer’s bodies and burned them after taking weapons from them.

They took the guns of the dead police officers, identified as Police Lance Corporal (Pol L/C) Sathaporn Noochaeng and Pol L/C Witthaya Khunthong.

Later Friday afternoon, two villagers were attacked in a drive-by shooting.—Internet



A visitor appreciates Chen Yifei's oil painting “Eulogy of the Yellow River” at the preview for the China Guardian 2007 Spring Auctions on 9 May, 2007. INTERNET

Wildfire continues to burn in heart of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 11 May — The wildfire in an emblematic Los Angeles park continued to burn early on Wednesday, although firefighters had managed to drive the flames away from an affluent neighbourhood evacuated overnight.

Fire officials said over 600 acres (250 hectares) had burned in Griffith Park, the largest urban park in the nation and a popular spot for hikers and families.

The fire was 45 per cent contained and some of the 300 people evacuated from the upscale Los Feliz

neighbourhood would be allowed back to their homes at daybreak.

The combination of unseasonably hot weather, erratic winds and the driest year on record in the second largest US city allowed the fire to rage through the dense, brittle brush for 16 hours. It was believed to be the park’s worst fire in at least three decades.

Traffic reporters warned it would be a difficult commute as the firefighting effort closed major exits in the web of freeways that surround Griffith Park, a few miles north of downtown and

Mysterious pig disease in south China identified

GUANGZHOU, 11 May — Chinese epidemiologists have discovered that a mysterious pig epidemic spreading throughout south China’s Guangdong Province is an outbreak of an infectious disease commonly known as “blue ear disease”.

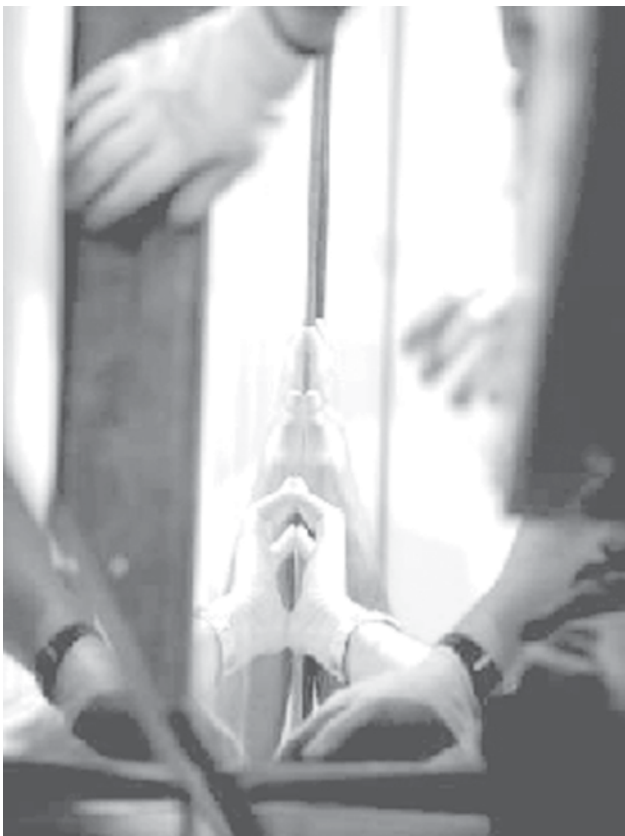
The disease was first found in Silao Town of Yunfu City at the end of April, after pigs stopped eating, developed fevers and started hemorrhaging. More than 300 pigs died.

The “blue ear disease” spread to China in the middle of 1990s and the recent outbreak in Guangdong was caused by a deadly mutation of the virus. China has already

developed effective vaccines for the disease and they will be used in Guangdong soon, said the provincial agriculture department. According to Yunfu government, the

infected pigs were raised by individual rural households rather than industrialized pig farms and were not exported to Hong Kong or overseas markets.

MNA/Xinhua



The hands of an installation crew are reflected in glass frames of part of an art work by German artist Anselm Kiefer during its positioning at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in Sydney on 11 May, 2007. The art work called “Palm Sunday” will be on display for six weeks. — INTERNET

## ECONOMIC NEWS



**Google employees in an undated photo courtesy of the company. Google has become more comfortable doing big acquisitions but still sees small technology deals as its primary thrust for buying businesses, its chief executive said on Thursday.— INTERNET**

## China's car exports rise in 1st quarter of 2007

BEIJING, 11 May — China exported 99,800 vehicles in the first quarter of this year, 5.32 per cent up on the same period of last year, according to figures from the General Administration of Customs.

The export of sedans (also known as saloons), or passenger cars excluding sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and multi-purpose vehicles (MPVs), soared by 49 per cent on last year to 25,000

units. Car parts and other related exports soared 36.3 per cent to a value of 8 billion US dollars, while imports rose 18.5 per cent to 5.4 billion US dollars.

China produced 2.19 million vehicles in the first three months of the year,

up 22.6 per cent on the same period of 2006. This included 1.6 million passenger cars, up 23.7 per cent. At the same time, 2.1 million vehicles were sold domestically, a rise of 22.2 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam to export more cashew nuts

HANOI, 11 May — Vietnam is expected to post cashew nut export turnovers of 670 million US dollars in 2010, and 820 million dollars in 2020, up from 505 million dollars in 2006, according to the Vietnam Cashew Association on Thursday.

To this end, the country plans to increase its cashew cultivation area to 450,000 hectares in 2010 from 350,000 hectares of cashew trees in 2005.

It will also import 125,000 tons of raw cashews in 2010, while producing 500,000 tons of the products.

Vietnam shipped abroad 35,000 tons of cashew nuts worth 139 million dollars in the first four months of this year, posting respective year-on-year rises of 3.9 per cent and 4.3 per cent, the association said.

MNA/Xinhua

## India's textile exports up 7.67% in 2006-07

NEW DELHI, 11 May — India's textile exports have registered a growth of 7.67 per cent in 2006-07 compared to the previous year, the Rajya Sabha was informed Wednesday.

"According to provisional data by the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), overall textile exports have

grown by 7.67 per cent during 2006-07," Minister of State for Textiles E.V.K.S Elangovan said in a written reply.

However, this growth was slower than the 26-per-cent rise (in dollar terms) witnessed in 2005-06.

Replying to another question, Elangovan said the estimated cost of the

sanctioned 30 projects under the scheme for Integrated Textile Parks is 20.90 billion rupees, of which the government would provide 10.05 billion rupees.

To a separate query, the minister said the Kerala government has forwarded a proposal to the centre for setting up a National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) at Kannur.

The state government has been informed that the proposal to set up an NIFT centre is being looked into by the board of the institute taking into account the feasibility consideration, he added.

MNA/PTI

## Cambodian mobile phone subscribers top 1.5m

PHNOM PENH, 11 May — Cambodian mobile phone market passed the 1.5 million subscriber milestone in 2006 and continued to grow substantially into 2007, local media reported Thursday.

According to a report from the Paul Budde Communication Pty Ltd, an Australian telecommunications research group, Cambodia's mobile phone networks are expanding their number of customers at around 40 per cent per year, while landline services were "languishing" at around 42,000 subscribers, the Cambodia Daily newspaper said.

The telecom sector remains in need of regulatory reform, the report said, adding that Cambodia needs to put administrative institutions and regulations in place to improve the tele-

communications market.

Meanwhile, Cambodian Minister of Post and Telecommunications So Khun said that his ministry plans to improve landline service in 2008, but it is an expensive process, the newspaper said. — MNA/Xinhua

**A worker at South Korea's top auto maker Hyundai Motor walks past vehicles waiting to be loaded onto a ship at the company's export quay in Ulsan, about 410 km (256 miles) southeast of Seoul, on 11 May, 2007.**

INTERNET



**Sotheby's art historian Stephanie Schleining looks at a painting titled "View of the Lake of Geneva from Saint-Prex" painted in 1901 by Swiss artist Ferdinand Hodler during an auction preview in Geneva on 11 May, 2007. The painting will be on sale at an auction of Swiss art in Zurich on June 4 and is expected sell from \$ 3,300,000 to \$ 5,000,000. — INTERNET**

## Syrian, Saudi businessmen put cornerstone to \$40m project

DAMASCUS, 11 May — Syrian and Saudi businessmen on Wednesday put a cornerstone to a "construction market" project with a total cost of 40 million US dollars which deals with trade and the industry of building materials, the official SANA news agency reported.

The project, to be executed by the Saudi Eid Group, is situated in the Maraba Region near Damascus and stretches on an area of about 150,000 square metres.

It includes shops,

gardens, green areas, restaurants and different service utilities. The average of buildings is 25 per cent of the total area.

"I wished to invest in Syria because it enjoys an attractive atmosphere of investments in addition to security and stability in the country," Mohammad Dib Eid, Director of the Saudi group, was quoted as saying in a statement.

"I also wanted to contribute to pushing the way of the Syrian economic growth forward," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

# Bush under pressure from Republicans on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 11 May — US President George W Bush, already under fire from Democrats over Iraq, is facing mounting pressure from fellow Republicans to show substantial progress in the war by September or risk their desertion.

Republicans looking ahead to the 2008 US presidential election, after losing control of the US Congress in November, are publicly sharing doubts about the President's war strategy.

"The American people are war-fatigued. The American people want to know that there's a way out. The American people want to know that we're having success," Illinois

Republican Representative Ray LaHood told CNN on Thursday.

La Hood was among 11 moderate Republicans who met privately with Bush at the White House on Tuesday. Most, if not all, could face stiff Democratic challenges to their reelection.

They told Bush that by September the troop buildup he ordered for Iraq three months ago must show progress.

Particularly frustrating to members of the US Congress are plans by the Iraqi Parliament to take a two-month summer vacation, a subject raised by Vice-President Dick Cheney on his visit to

Baghdad on Wednesday.

"Members really told the President, in I think the most unvarnished way that they possibly could, that things have got to change, that we're going to hang with him until September, but we need an honest assessment in September and people's patience is running very, very, very thin," LaHood said.

Bush is already facing opposition to his Iraq plan — Democrats in the US House of Representatives are pushing bills that would provide partial war funding but also begin withdrawing troops.

MNA/Reuters



Marina Fistoulari-Mahler, gestures in front of Norwegian artist Edvard Munch's painting "Summer Night on the Beach" in Vienna's Belvedere Museum on 9 May, 2007. The Republic of Austria on Wednesday formally returned ownership of the painting to Fistoulari-Mahler, the grandchild of Alma Mahler-Werfel, the former owner of the artwork, who was forced to leave the painting in Vienna when she fled from the Nazi regime in 1937. — INTERNET

## Singapore facing upward trend of dengue

SINGAPORE, 11 May — Singapore's environment watchdog was concerned about the upward trend about dengue and on Thursday called on the public to do more to bring down the number of homes breeding mosquitoes.

The National Environment Agency (NEA) said there were 1,308 cases of dengue reported to date this year and it was high, considering the total number of cases reported for the whole of last year was about 3,120, the lowest since 2004.

In April, some 400 more homes were found breeding

mosquitoes, more than twice the number recorded in February, and more mosquito larvae were found in homes, local television Channel News Asia reported.

Main mosquitoes breeding areas found in homes include domestic containers like pails, and flowerpot plates.

"Perhaps our success last

year to keep the cases low could have lulled the residents into a sense of complacency but I think we should very quickly snap out of this slumber and get into action and make sure that there is no place in the homes for mosquitoes to breed," Channel News Asia quoted Satish Appoo, a director of the NEA, as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

## Irish, Kenyan aid workers feared kidnapped in Somalia

NAIROBI, 11 May — Two aid workers, one Irish and one Kenyan, are missing and feared kidnapped in the semi-

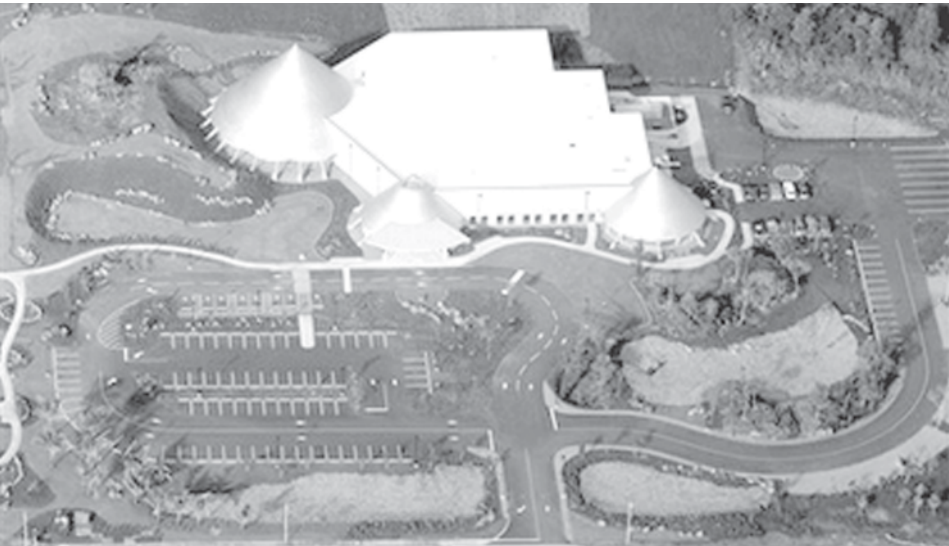
autonomous Puntland Region of north Somalia, their organization said on Thursday.

"We know the elders and local authorities are already working on it," said CARE International's regional spokeswoman Beatrice Spadacini, confirming the pair were missing since Wednesday.

A Kenyan source, who tracks Somalia but asked not to be named, said armed men took the pair in a village about 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of the Puntland capital Bossasso.

There was no word on who the attackers might be. Puntland runs itself independently from the rest of Somalia and has been relatively more peaceful in recent years.

MNA/Reuters



An aerial overview of the Imiloa Astronomy Centre, with its three titanium-sheathed domes that represent the Mauna Kea and other volcanoes is seen in this undated photo. For visitors to Hawaii looking for something they can't see from the beach or the golf course, this unconventional museum near the base of massive Mauna Kea volcano offers the story of the star-filled skies that guided discoverers to the Islands. — INTERNET

## Thailand's sacred oxen forecast bountiful crops

BANGKOK, 11 May — Thailand's royal oxen predicted plentiful crops and healthy rains in a ritual ploughing ceremony on Thursday, in contrast to their counterparts in neighbouring Cambodia who forecast the worst harvest in a decade. After ploughing a symbolic furrow round a parade ground in front of Bangkok's golden-spired Grand Palace, the pair of oxen, offered a variety of foods, chose banana-leaf bowls of rice, corn and grass, signifying excellent crops.

Worryingly for an economy heavily reliant on exports, they shunned the bowl containing alcohol, which symbolizes trade and transport. The ancient ceremony, presided over by Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and broadcast live on television, marked the beginning of the planting season in the world's biggest rice exporter.

"The royal oxen ate paddy rice, corn and grass which means there'll be ample water, good crops and bountiful livestock," the master of ceremonies, a senior Agriculture Ministry official, told the Prince. — MNA/Reuters



Brahman offer food to an oxen during the Royal Ploughing ceremony in Bangkok recently. Sacred Thai oxen nibbled on rice, maize and grass in an ancient fortunetelling ceremony which royal soothsayers said predicted a bountiful harvest this year. — INTERNET

# Sein Thone Lone Broom Workshop in Bago Division

**Presentation: Than Than Nu, Aye Thandar Thein**  
**Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)**

## One village, One Product

Rural areas are now striving for boosting production of specific goods as part of the five rural development tasks the government has been implementing for national development.

of the workshop said that a broom was made of Nat Hmyar plant, which was also called Tanmyetsi (broom) plant by local

plants to the sun and delivered bundles of 32-inch stems of broom plants to broom workshops; that sometimes he had to make

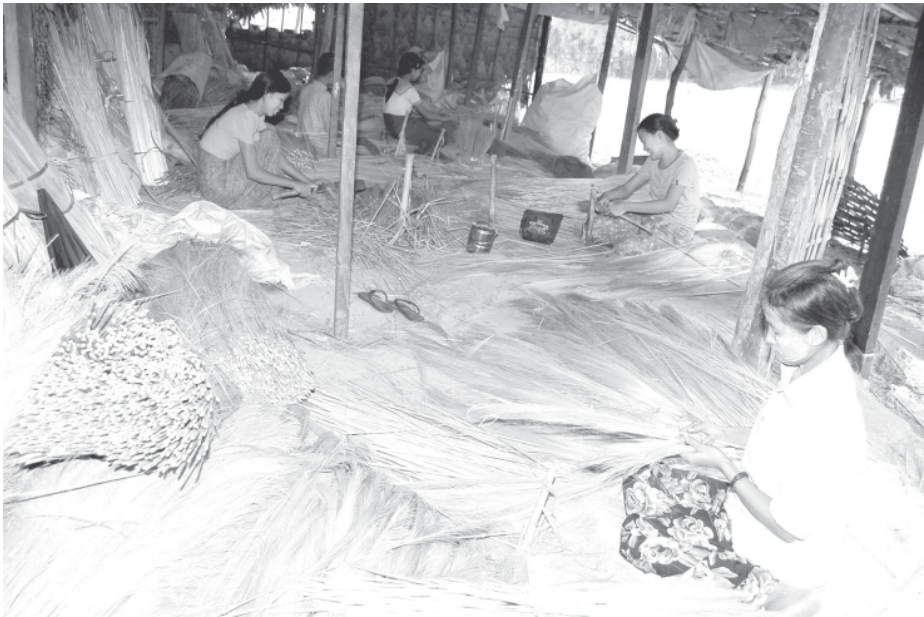
together into small brush bundles. Based on size, a bundle consists of four to six stems. Six bundles are wrapped together and then a handle is attached to them. To make a handle strong, inner parts of a handle are bound firmly with a plastic string or cane string. Then the fringes of the handle are cut off neatly and there comes out a semi-finished work.

Bamboo stem, wooden stick and plastic



**The handle of a broom is bound firmly with a plastic string.**

parts of the brush are bound with coloured plastic strings so that the strings of the brush parts were made according to the design for which customers placed an order; and that later



**Some female workers at work.**

Sein Thone Lone Broom Workshop at No 152, Bahtoo Street, Ward 6, Oktha Myothit, Bago Division, is one of the workshops that

people; that Nat Hmyar plant was similar to reed plant in shape; that the workshop got broom plants from the forests and mountains near Bago; that

a field trip to nearby forests to buy broom plants from the collectors; and that a broom could be made only manually.

To make a broom, firstly particles are to be got rid of from the buds of broom plants. Then the bud sticks without particles are wrapped

**Parts of the brush are bound firmly with coloured plastic strings to make the broom strong and to ensure its durability.**



**Neat and beautiful brooms seen at Sein Thone Lone Broom Workshop.**

contribute towards the State's one village, one product programme.

In an interview, proprietor U Sein Win

in the hot season, local people living near the forests and mountains collected broom plants; that they exposed the



**Bud sticks are wrapped together into small brush bundles.**

stick are also used as a handle of the broom. The handles of the brooms are decorated with coloured plastic strings for good looking. In the final step,

do not fall out of the broom and it lasts long. Then it becomes a finished product. Apart from brooms with ordinary designs, Sein Thone Lone Broom Workshop produces brooms with coloured plastic tips on the tops.

He said that the brooms it produced were of different designs; that innovations were to be carried out according to the fashionable designs attractive to the customers; that sometimes works

customers in urban areas came to prefer brooms with plastic tips to ordinary brooms.

Sein Thone Lone Broom Workshop distributes its products not only to the townships in Bago Division but also to Yangon. It produces Sein Thone Lone Brand brooms as a regional product of Bago Division.

**(Translation: MS)**  
 (Myanma Alin: 9-5-2007)

## Indian Chief of Naval Staff and party visit PyinOoLwin, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The visiting Indian delegation led by Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta (PVSM, AVSM, ADC) and wife, accompanied by Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein and wife, senior military officers, Military Attaché of India to Myanmar Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and wife and officials, left here for PyinOoLwin by special flight at 11 am on 10 May.

On arrival at Anisakhan Airport, PyinOoLwin at noon, the delegation members were welcomed by Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe of PyinOoLwin Station and senior military officers.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the Defence Services Technological Academy in PyinOoLwin where they were welcomed by Rector Brig-Gen Win Myint.

At the meeting hall, Lt-Col Zaw Win of the academy briefed the delegation on the background history of the academy and academic matters.

After signing in the visitors' book, the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff exchanged gifts with the rector.

Next, the delegation had a documentary photo taken together with the rector and senior military officers.

On arrival at Defence Services Academy, they were welcomed by Rector Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and briefed by Major Myint Zeya of the academy on the background history of the academy and academic matters.

Before exchanging gifts, the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff signed in the visitors' book.

Next, they had a documentary photo taken together with the rector and senior military officers and inspected the academy.

Later, the delegation members proceeded to the National Kandawgyi Park where they were welcome by Chairman of PyinOoLwin District PDC U Min Lwin and officials.

After viewing round the park, the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff signed in the visitors' book and exchanged gifts.

In the afternoon, the delegation arrived in Mandalay where they visited Hsutaungpyae Pagoda.

They made cash donations toward the funds of



**Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presents gift to Admiral Sureesh Mehta, Indian Chief of Naval Staff.—MNA**

the pagoda and signed in the visitors' book.

The Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and party enjoyed the pleasant view of Mandalay.

Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and party at Sedona Hotel.

After the dinner, the commander and wife exchanged gifts with the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and wife.

On 11 May morning, the Indian goodwill delegation visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Palace in Mandalay and Yadana Pura Myanma Art and Craft Beikman in Mandalay Division. Next, the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and wife and delegation members paid homage and offered Shwe Thingans to Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image and made cash donations.

On arrival at Mandalay International Airport, the delegation was welcomed by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife and senior military officers. They then went to Bagan-NyaungU by air in the

afternoon where they were welcomed by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife and senior military officers. The Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and party visited Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan Archaeological Region, U Ba Nyein's lacquer ware shop in Bagan Myothit, the Arnanda Pagoda and Bagan Tower.

In the evening, Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife hosted dinner in honour of the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff and wife and delegation members at the Aureum Palace Hotel.

This morning, Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife saw off the Indian delegation at Bagan-NyaungU Airport to leave for Yangon. On arrival at Yangon International Airport, the delegation was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife, Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters Commander Rear Admiral Paw Tun and wife and senior military officers. — MNA

### Myanmar-Korea Movie Seminar-2007 held

YANGON, 12 MAY — Jointly organized by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Zan Entertainment Co Ltd, the Myanmar-Korea Movie Seminar-2007 was held at Micasa Hotel this afternoon, aiming to promote bilateral ties and cultural exchange between Myanmar and the Republic of Korea.

Academy Daw Swe Zin Htike gave talks on Myanmar movie industry, Actor and Producer Academy Lwin Moe, on production of Myanmar movie, and Actor and Film Director Academy Lu Min, on the role of modern art.

Director Mr Yang Wong Dang of Movie Bureau of Korea gave talks on popular Korean movies, film critic Mr Park Bo Young of KBS and MBC, on changing of shooting style in world movie and Film Marketing Professor Mrs Kim A Ja, on film production and market.

Next, they answered the queries raised by those present at the seminar.— MNA

### Malaysian Academic Exhibition to be held in Yangon, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Jointly organized by Malaysia-based Winning Magnitude Sdn Bhd and Jenko Shwe Myin Educare Service of Myanmar, Malaysian Academic Exhibition 2007 will be held at the wedding hall of Park Royal Hotel in Yangon on 17 and 18 May and at the Cyber Hall of

Yadanabon in Mandalay on 20 May from 9 am to 5 pm.

International education and significant strength of private-owned universities, colleges and inter-national schools in Malaysia will be displayed at the exhibition. Everyone can get information about a

wide range of specialisation and facts of 10 schools including University of Malaya which is the oldest and the most prominent in Malaysia, The University of Nottingham (Malaysia Campus) and Swinburne University (Sarawak Campus) at the exhibition.

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## CNG Filling Station No 025 (Hlawga) commissioned into service

YANGON, 12 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled the signboard of the CNG Filling Station No 025 (Hlawga) at its opening ceremony on Yangon-Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Deputy Director U Myo Myint of Myanma Oil

and Gas Enterprise reported on construction of the filling station.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin formally opened the filling station.

After the opening ceremony, the commander and the deputy ministers inspected the CNG filling station and filling of CNG

to vehicles.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

A total of five stations including Filling Station No 025 (Hlawga) were installed modern compressors, nozzles and dryers in order to speedily fill the gas into the vehicles. — MNA



**Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin cut the ribbon to open CNG Filling Station No 025 (Hlawga).—MNA**

## Seinbudaw (diamond bud), Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) hoisted atop Maha Myat Muni Pagoda in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 12 May — A ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw (diamond bud) and Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shaped vane) atop Maha Myat Muni Pagoda in Mawlamyine, Mon State was held at the Dhammayon of the pagoda on 30 April (Fullmoon Day of Kason).

The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Sasana Manaung

Webyan Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Secretary U Aung Win and members, secretaries of Mon State, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations and executives, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, those from social organizations, departmental officials, well-wishers and guests.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win presented Seinbudaw and offertories and Secretary U Aung Win Hngetmyat-

nadaw and offertories to members of the Sangha.

After that, Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the commander, presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Later, State Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Kawhla Pariyatti Sarhintaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Obhasa delivered a sermon, and those present shared merits gained.

Afterwards, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win conveyed Seinbudaw and Secretary U Aung Win Hngetmyatnadaw to the temporary residence.

Next, Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw were hoisted atop the pagoda through a decorated carriage.

Later, the commander performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.—MNA

## Experience on Sasana recalled

YANGON, 12 May — Experience on Sasana was recalled at Myanmar Women's Entrepreneurs Association on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, here on 8 May.

Present on the occasion were Adviser to the association Prof. Daw Yi Yi Myint (Redt), vice-presidents Daw Thet Yi and Daw Nu Nu Yi and others. Nun Dr Molini (Ph.D) of Dhamma Mawliwihara

Nunnery recalled experience on Sasana.

After that, donors made cash donations to the nunnery at the corner of Mindhamma Road and Tawwin Road.

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## SFDA approves second-phase trials for bird flu vaccine

BEIJING, May 12 — A Chinese-made bird flu vaccine has been approved by the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) for a second phase of clinical trials.

The second phase of clinical trials will further test the vaccine's tolerance, safety, and immunogenicity to the H5N1 virus strain, according to Yin Weidong, President of Sinovac Biotech, the Beijing-based pharmaceutical company behind the trials.

The first phase of trials ended last June with none of the 120 people injected with the vaccine experiencing any

serious side-effects.

The SFDA has also approved trials for an H5N1 split virus vaccine, with less reported side effects than the full-strain vaccine.

A researcher with Sinovac announced that some 880 volunteers are expected to participate in the trials for the two vaccines.

Zhang Jiansan, vice-president of Sinovac said that the company is planning to expand its production facilities to produce massive quantities of the bird flu vaccine after the drug has completed the SFDA-led trials.

In China, vaccines must

undergo three phases of clinical trials before being allowed on the market.

It is still hard for people to catch the H5N1-strain of the bird flu virus, but experts fear it may mutate into a form that spreads easily among people, potentially sparking a pandemic.

China has reported a total of 24 human cases of bird flu since 2003. On March 28, the Ministry of Health confirmed that a 16-year-old boy had died from bird flu in eastern Anhui Province, bringing the total number of people in China who have been killed by the virus to 15. — MNA/Xinhua

## Myanmar, China discuss development of forestry

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Deputy Minister Mr Li Yucai of Forestry Administration Department of the People's Republic of China, the chairman of CIFE and party held a meeting on bilateral cooperation in forestry

development and prevention of forest fire in border area, here yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of the ministry and nine delegation members of the PRC.

In the evening, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung

hosted a dinner in honour of Chinese delegation led by Mr Li Yucai and party at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Before the dinner, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Deputy Minister Mr Li Yucai signed the minutes and exchanged the documents.—MNA



**Meeting on bilateral cooperation in forestry development and prevention of forest fire in border area in progress.—MNA**

# Thai delegation arrives to attend 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — A Thai delegation led by Commanding General of the 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat arrived in Mawlamyine to attend the 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee on 10 May.

The Thai delegation was welcomed at Mawlamyine Airport by Chairman of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Ye Win, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and officials.

Members of both delegations led by Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat visited Kyaikkhami Hsutaungpyi Yayle Hsandawshin Pagoda in Thanbyuzayat Township.

The leader of the Thai delegation signed in the visitor's book and donated cash to the board of trustees.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung

Hlaing hosted a dinner in honour of the members of both delegations at the hall of Mon State and souvenirs were exchanged.

On 11 May, the Thai delegation visited Kyaikthanlan Pagoda and U Khanti Maha Myatmuni Pagoda in Mawlamyine and donated cash.

The delegation enjoyed the pleasant views of Mawlamyine from the viewing deck on Nagawuntha Hill.

Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation members of both sides at Aung San hall of the command and souvenirs were exchanged.

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## Myanmar Volleyball Team beat India University Champion Team 3-0

YANGON, 12 May — The Myanmar-India friendly volleyball match was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, here, this afternoon.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, First Secretary Mr Raj K Srivastava of the Indian Embassy, Vice-President of Myanmar Volleyball Federation U Thein Win and Leader of Indian University Champion Volleyball Team Mr RK Durai Singh greeted the players of both teams.

The leader of the Indian team presented gift to the director-general of SPED.

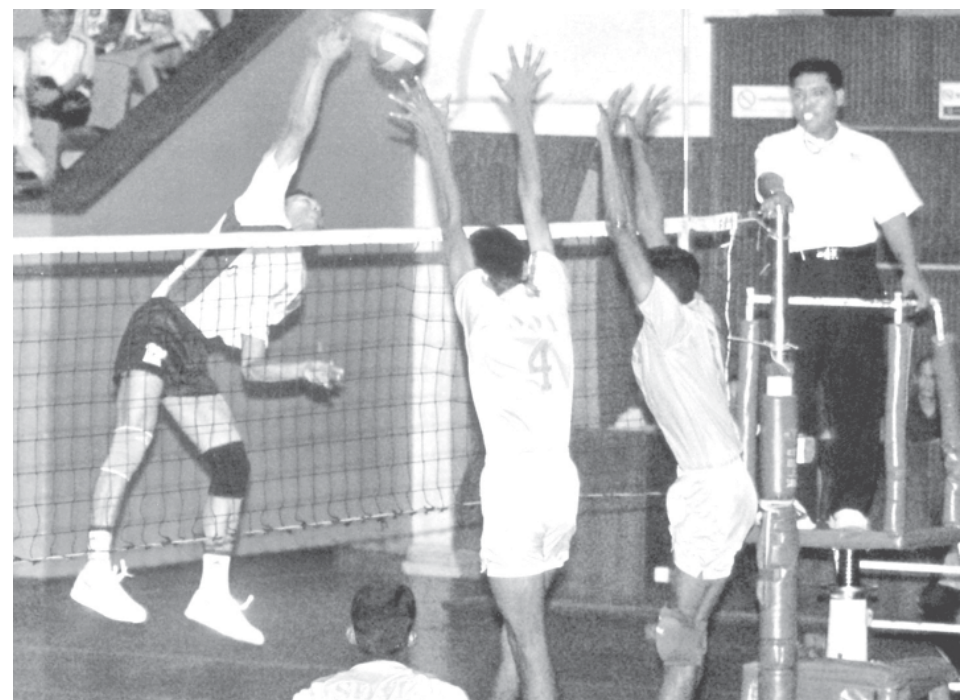
In the first day match, Selected Volleyball team of MVF trounced India University Champion Team 3-0 (25-14, 25-19, 25-20).

The second friendly match will be held at the same venue at 3 pm on 14 May. Admission is free.

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Myanmar's strike being blocked by Indian players.

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Myanmar and Thai delegation members pose for a documentary photo after the 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee. (News on page 16) —MNA

## Morocco, Portugal to boost cooperation in fighting against terrorism

RABAT, 12 May — Moroccan Interior Minister Chakib Benmoussa here Thursday held discussions with visiting Portuguese Minister for Internal Administration Antonio Costa, claiming to enhance the bilateral cooperation in fighting against terrorism and organized crime.

The visit is coming on the eve of Portugal's assumption of the European Union (EU) presidency highlighted priorities during his country's presidency notably regional cooperation.

Portugal takes Morocco as a strategic partner for Europe, with regard to both the Mediterranean region and the African continent, according to Costa.

MNA/Xinhua

## Canadian mining company to start drilling programme in Zambia

LUSAKA, 12 May — Canadian-based Caledonia Mining Corporation is to start a Phase-3 drilling programme at its Nama cobalt project in Zambia's Copperbelt Province, local newspaper *Zambia Daily Mail* reported on Thursday.

The drilling programme will commence in June this year and is expected to be completed by December 2007 at an estimated cost of 2.3 million US dollars, the paper cited a Press release by the company as reporting.

The results of this drilling programme will be reported in the second quarter of 2008, the company said.

Caledonia is the 100 per cent owner of the Nama Project, which covers a number of polymetallic oxide deposits containing cobalt and copper.

Caledonia Nama Ltd, the wholly owned subsidiary of Caledonia, holds five contiguous exploration licences in northern Zambia.

This area lies immediately northwest of Zambia's biggest copper mine, Konkola Copper Mine, and adjoins the extensive holdings of Teal Mining and Exploration Ltd.—MNA/Xinhua



**Actress Drew Barrymore was named Ambassador against Hunger for the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 10 May, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Indonesia launches “Science for All” programme for students

**JAKARTA, 11 May — A programme called “Science for All” has been launched in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, with the aim of encouraging elementary school students to love science.**

With the Science for All programme, elementary school students were expected to learn and at the same time enjoy science, *Antara* news agency on Wednesday quoted Executive Chairman of the National Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization) Arief Rahman, as saying.

The Science for All programme was officially launched at the Science and Technology Showroom Centre at the Indonesia-in-Miniature Park (TMII), east Jakarta. Indonesian children were expected to learn and like science education at a very early age without having a feeling of being burdened too much, Arief Rahman said at the programme’s launching on Tuesday.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Australian scientists directly target cancer cells

**SYDNEY, 12 May — An Australian biotechnology firm said on Thursday it had developed a means of delivering anti-cancer drugs directly to cancer cells, which aims to avoid the debilitating toxicity associated with chemotherapy.**

The method uses nanotechnology, which involves micro-machines far smaller than a human cell.

Direct targeting of chemotherapy drugs would allow dosages thousands of times lower than that in conventional chemotherapy and be more easily tolerated by patients, said the firm.

Writing in the May issue of US-based *Cancer Cell* magazine, the biotech firm EnGeneIC said it had developed nano-cells containing chemotherapy drugs. Via antibodies on their surface, these nano-cells target and latch on to cancer cells. Once attached, the nano-cell is engulfed and the drug is released directly inside the cancer cell.

The firm said the bacterially derived nano-cell, called EnGeneIC delivery vehicles, had proven safe in primate trials and resulted in significant cancer regression.

It hoped to carry out human trials later in 2007 if it gained approval from Australian, US, European and Japanese regulatory authorities.— *MNA/Reuters*

## “IANS” reports India has 76.6 million elderly

**NEW DELHI, 12 May — India is home to over 76.6 million people above the age of 60, the Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported Thursday.**

The report said that according to data available with the Health Ministry, India has 76,622,321 persons aged 60 and above.

With nearly 14 per cent of the elderly population, Uttar Pradesh in Central India tops the chart with 11.6 million elderly.

Maharashtra in West India follows with 8.45 million senior citizens. West Bengal in the East has 5.7 million. The capital of New Delhi is home to 719,650 citizens above the age of 60.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Barclays to cut about 1,100 jobs at British site

**LONDON, 12 May — Barclays Plc, Britain’s third-biggest bank, is to cut about 1,100 jobs from its offices in Dorset, southwest England, over the next three years to improve efficiency, it said on Thursday.**

The cuts will be made at offices in Poole, which employ 1,900 staff and handle back-office functions such as payment processing, human resources and IT support, Barclays said.

It said about 400 of the jobs will be moved overseas and about 200 positions will be relocated to other British sites.

The bank, which employs 123,000 staff globally, is seeking to increase efficiency by automating tasks such as payment processing.

Barclays’ UK banking arm has been less efficient than rivals in recent years, but it has cut the ratio of costs to income by 6 percentage points in the last two years and it is targeting a further 2-percentage-point reduction this year. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Three quakes rock Maluku, Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 12 May — Three earthquakes measuring 5.0, 4.9 and 4.2 on the Richter Scale rocked the eastern Indonesian province of Maluku early on Friday, Ayat, a Meteorological and Geophysics (BMG) official said here on Friday.**

The first quake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale occurred at 1:56 am, located at 4.90 degrees Southern Latitude and 132.8 degree Eastern longitude at a depth of 73.1 km, some 34 kilometres northwest of Maluku.

“The second quake measuring 4.9 on the Richter Scale took place at 2:29 am at 5.37 degrees Southern Latitude, 132.81 degrees Eastern Longitude at a depth of 33 kilometres,” some 30 kilometres northeast of Maluku,” *Antara* news agency quoted Ayat as saying. — *MNA/Xinhua*



**A Jaguar cub lies beside its mother ‘Kiara’ at an enclosure in Berlin zoo on 11 May, 2007. The cub, born on 25 March, 2007, has yet to be named and sexed. — INTERNET**

## Report says US military moms stressed, need help

**WASHINGTON, 12 May — Mothers in the US military are stressed, poorly paid and need more help caring for their children, according to a report issued by Congress on Friday.**

Nearly half of all women in the active-duty military have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, and 24,475 women are there now, the report by the Joint Economic Committee said.

Yet child care services are not keeping up with longer and more frequent deployments, said the report, released to coincide with Mothers’ Day in the United States on Sunday.

And women get only 6 weeks of leave after the birth of a child, it found.

“Making sure military mothers have the quality child care, generous family leave, and access to mental health services they need is key to their family well-being and our national security,” New York Democratic Representative Carolyn Maloney said in a statement.

“Not addressing these issues could have serious implications for the retention of women in the military, and the readiness and effectiveness of our forces.”

The Joint Economic Committee, a bipartisan group of senators and members of the House of Representatives, used Defence Department figures for much of the report.

It said that women represent one in seven US military personnel in Iraq, and that most are in the lowest-paid ranks.

Women make up about 14.3 per cent of the active-duty military, according to the report, and about 40 per cent of women in the active-duty force have children compared with 44 per cent of active-duty men.

But military mothers are much more likely to be single or divorced, or married to other members of the military who also face deployment.

That leaves grandparents, other relatives or paid caregivers to take care of young children when parents are deployed or redeployed.

*MNA/Reuters*

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Gas Authority of India  
Limited to invest 250b rupees

NEW DELHI, 11 May — State-run Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) (India) Ltd plans to invest about 250 billion rupees in laying new pipelines and expanding petrochemical business during the next five years, a part of which may be raised through sale of its stake in ONGC.

“Out of the total capex, 100 billion rupees will be funded from internal resources and the remaining 150 billion rupees will be borrowed from domestic and overseas market,” GAIL director (finance) RK Goel told a news conference here. The company holds 2.4-per-cent stake in Oil and Natural Gas Corp, which is worth 40.67 billion rupees at Wednesday's share price of 909 rupees.

“We may look at selling part of our holding in ONGC to meet the capex requirements,” Goel said. GAIL's current debt-equity ratio of 0.12:1 will help leverage debt for the expansion projects. “We are getting ourselves rated. Moody's Hong Kong is rating us and once that comes, foreign debt will be easier,” he said. —MNA/PTI

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Honey bees gorge on a passion fruit flower pollen in Captain Cook, Hawaii, on 10 May, 2007. Breeders across the state are worried about the recent discovery on Oahu of the varroa mite, according to Gus Rouse, president of Kona Queen Hawaii, one of the largest queen bee breeders in the world. The mites feed on the blood of honey bee adults, larvae and pupae. — INTERNET

Somali pirates hijack cargo  
ship north of Mogadishu

NAIROBI, 11 May — Pirates have hijacked a cargo ship headed for Mogadishu, the third attack

since January this year, a maritime official said on Thursday.

Piracy off Somalia has resurfaced since an interim government drove out Islamists late last year and helped crack down on the attacks.

“A general cargo ship has been taken captive by gunmen 12 miles (19 kilometres) north of Mogadishu. She is now anchored at Hobio anchorage, about 400 kilometres north of Mogadishu,” said Andrew Mwangura, director of the Seafarers Assistance Programme. Hobio is a base for Somali pirates, he added. — MNA/Reuters

Nepal to establish community e-centres  
in rural areas

KATHMANDU, 11 May — The Nepali Government will establish community e-centers with an objective of extending the access of Information Technology (IT) to the rural people, the national news agency RSS

reported on Wednesday. According to the RSS, five such centres will be established in the rural areas from the project Empowering Rural Areas through community e-centers with the

cooperation of United Nations Economic and Social Council for Asia and Pacific and the Asian Development Bank.

Discussion was held by experts of the concerned sector on establishment of the centres and their operation in the National Stakeholders Consultant Workshop organized by the Ministry of Information and Communications here Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Liquigas team riders rest on the Garibaldi aircraft carrier during the official presentation of the 90th Giro d'Italia at Maddalena Island on 11 May, 2007. The 90th edition of the Giro starts with a 25.6-km team time trial in the north of Sardinia to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi. —INTERNET

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## Chinese archaeologists discover ancient ceramics off Xisha Islands

HAIKOU, 11 May — Chinese archaeologists have recovered around 10,000 pieces of antique pottery and porcelain in an underwater excavation of a shipwreck believed to date back to the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) in the Xisha Islands in the South China Sea.

The findings provide important evidence of an established trade route between China and the rest of the world in the 13th Century, according to Zhang Wei, the lead archaeologist for the 55-day excavation in the Xisha Islands that drew to a close on Tuesday.

“What we found from the shipwreck on Huaguang Reef No.1 are pearls of the ancient Silk Road on the sea,” said Zhang, “and it is first time we have found such precious antiques in the high seas”.

“The fragments serve as a testimony that Chinese people lived and traded around the Xisha Islands during the Tang (618-907) and Song (960-1279) dynasties,” Zhang said.

“They also demonstrate that foreign trade during the Tang and Song dynasties was prosperous and that China was one of

the earliest nations to discover other parts of the world,” said Zhang.

The wreck, 20 metres long and six metres wide, was stumbled upon by a group of Chinese fishermen in 1996, three metres below the sea water near Huaguang Reef.

According to Zhang, also director of the China Underwater Research Centre with the China National Museum, looters used explosives to destroy the upper part of the ship in 1996 and the plundering continued for years.

MNA/Xinhua

## NASA exhibits life-sized Webb Space Telescope model

WASHINGTON, 11 May — NASA will display a full scale model of the two-storey high James Webb Space Telescope in Washington on Thursday.

The Webb telescope, the next generation space telescope, is much larger than the Hubble Space Telescope, its predecessor.

The Webb model stands two stories high and weighs several tons. It is approximately 25 metres long, 12 metres wide and 12 metres tall.

The life-sized model is designed to give visitors a better understanding of the size, scale and complexity of the orbiting infrared observatory that is expected to be launched in 2013.

The real James Webb telescope is a 21st Century space observatory that will peer back nearly 13 billion years in time to understand the evolution of our own solar system and the formation of galaxies, stars and planets.

Visitors to the model will be able to talk to staff from NASA and Northrop Grumman, the contractor who built the model, and to the people who are involved in the project to build the real Webb Telescope.

NASA will also display exhibits on its balloon programme, the International Space Station, the Cassini Mission to Saturn, the Mars rovers and giant inflatable models of the space shuttle, the Orion crew exploration vehicle, and the Ares I rocket.

The display, from Thursday to Saturday on the National Mall in Washington D C, is free and open to visitors.

It is part of US Public Service Recognition Week. — MNA/Xinhua

## EA unveils “The Simpsons Game”

BEIJING, 11 May — Electronic Arts (EA) has revealed details on its forthcoming offering, “The Simpsons Game,” which is based on the world’s favorite animated family show.

The game will feature 16 levels designed as separate episodes, as the Simpsons family, Homer, Marge, Bart or Lisa, find themselves trapped in a videogame, Scott Amos, the real game’s executive producer, told a press conference on Wednesday.

As part of this short storyline, Bart gets to indulge one of the wishes he has long expressed on TV: being a superhero.

“Bart has always wanted to be Bartman,” Amos said, “so we let him live out this fantasy.”



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INTERNET

The action-comedy will also feature the full cast of voice actors from the TV show who will

reprise their roles for the game.

The game is being created in partnership with Gracie Films and

Twentieth Century Fox, with its storyline written by the TV show’s Emmy Award-winning writers.

Amos said that though the timing of the new Simpsons game is coincident with the forthcoming Simpsons movie, there is in fact no relationship.

The Simpsons Game is scheduled for release this fall for the every game console: PlayStation 3, PlayStation 2, PSP (PlayStation Portable), Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii and Nintendo DS.

Internet

## China warns of more typhoons floods, drought

BEIJING, 11 May — China is likely to be hit more typhoons, floods and drought this year than at any time in the past decade because of global climate change, the *China Daily* reported on Thursday, citing a top meteorological official.

“Temperatures in most areas will be higher this year than in previous years, and typhoons are expected to arrive in larger numbers than last

year,” the newspaper cited Zheng Guoguang, director of the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) as telling a conference.

Heavy rainfalls could hit the south, centring on the middle reaches of the Yangtze River, as well as the north, affecting most the central part of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, it quoted Zheng as saying.

MNA/Reuters

## Thin people may be fat

BEIJING, 11 May — Thin people might be fat on the inside and suffer from risks posed by the internal fat surrounding vital organs, British researchers has warned. “Being thin doesn’t automatically mean you’re not fat,” an AP report Thursday quoted Dr Jimmy Bell, a professor of molecular imaging at Imperial College, London, as saying. Bell’s team has scanned

nearly 800 people with MRI machines since 1994 to find out where fat is stored in their bodies. Data show people who keep slim through diet rather than physical exercise are likely to have major deposits of internal fat.

Doctors worry that thin people, without a clear warning signal, may falsely assume that they’re healthy just because they’re not overweight.

“Just because someone is lean doesn’t make them immune to diabetes or other risk factors for heart disease,” said Dr Louis Teichholz, chief of cardiology at Hackensack Hospital in New Jersey.

Even normal Body Mass Index (BMI) scores cannot assure healthy levels of fat deposits inside.

Of the women scanned by Bell and his colleagues, as many as 45 percent of

those with normal BMI scores (20 to 25) actually had excessive levels of internal fat. Among men, the percentage was nearly 60 percent.

Experts say there is no short-cut when it comes to being fit. “If you just want to look thin, then maybe dieting is enough,” Bell said. “But if you want to actually be healthy, then exercise has to be an important component of your lifestyle.” — Internet



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SPORTS



Malaysia's Muhamad Shukri (C) tries to beat India goalkeeper Baljit Singh and defender William Xalxo during their semi-final match at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament in Ipoh, 200 km (124 miles) north of Kuala Lumpur on 11 May, 2007. — INTERNET

United defend stance on Howard transfer deal

MANCHESTER (England), 12 May — Champions Manchester United did not seek to break rules or gain an unfair advantage in the title race by refusing permission for former goalkeeper Tim Howard to play against them last month, the club said on Friday.

The affair caused a flurry of Press speculation that United, who won the title last Sunday, might have points deducted for breaking Premier League rules.

The Premier League (FAPL) cleared the clubs but on Friday Manchester United club sought to justify their actions.

In the contract turning Howard's loan move to Everton into a permanent transfer in January, United wanted to insert a clause that would have prevented him from playing when the two sides met at Goodison Park on 28 April.— MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Nadal powers past Djokovic into last 4

ROME, 12 May — Rafael Nadal swept towards a third consecutive Rome Masters title, beating fifth seed Novak Djokovic 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals on Friday.

The world number two, whose victory took his winning streak on clay to 75 matches, went through to a semifinal against fourth seed Nikolay Davydenko,

who beat Tommy Robredo 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 in an earlier match. In the other half of the draw, wild card Filippo Volandri swept past 12th-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych 6-2, 6-3 to become the first Italian player to reach the last four since Adriano Panatta in 1978.

Volandri will next face the winner of the later quarterfinal between sixth seed

Fernando Gonzalez and Juan Ignacio Chela.

Djokovic had beaten Nadal on the way to winning the Miami Masters in April. That result, along

with the 19-year-old Serb's victory at last week's claycourt event in Estoril, had raised expectations he might pull off an upset.

MNA/Reuters

Wenger says worst managerial career at Arsenal

LONDON, 12 May — Arsene Wenger's season has been the worst of his managerial career at Arsenal, the Frenchman said on Friday. "If you analyse the season I would say yes it has been my worst," Wenger told reporters. "We are 22 points behind the leader so I cannot say I did everything perfectly.

"I have to stand up and say I am responsible for the fact that we didn't fight for the championship."

Wenger is the most successful manager in the club's history after winning three league titles and four FA Cups during his 11-year spell with the Premier League side.

He has had a season to forget, however, as his side have failed to challenge for any major honours and were knocked out of the Champions League in the early stages.

The only time they came close to winning was the League Cup where Wenger decided to play a young, understrength side who lost in the final against Chelsea's top line-up.—MNA/Reuters



Israel's Daniel Levy and co-driver Izi Argaman drive their Subaru during the first leg of the Jordan International Rally on 11 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Injured Hingis pulls out of Italian Open

ROME, 12 May — Defending champion Martina Hingis has pulled out of next week's Italian Open in Rome with a back injury, the tournament organizers announced on Friday. The 26-year-old Swiss, who also won the claycourt title in 1998 and finished runner-up in 1996, took the decision after slumping to a straight-sets defeat against Patty Schnyder in the third round of the German Open in Berlin on Thursday.

Hingis is the second big-name player to pull out of Rome this week, after world number two Maria Sharapova announced she would not be taking part due to a shoulder injury.—MNA/Reuters

Badawi to defy AFC, host Man United

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 May — Malaysia will defy the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and host Manchester United in July, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi insisted on Friday.

The AFC had angered Malaysians earlier this week by ruling out a United friendly tour match in Malaysia because

it would clash with its flagship tournament, the 7-29 July Asian Cup.

Banking on their huge fan base in Asia, United had been due to play in Kuala Lumpur against a Malaysian select team on 27 July, two days before the Asian Cup final in Jakarta.

The match had looked to be off when the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) bowed to AFC pressure and said United were no longer welcome. However, the Malaysian Prime Minister joined in the fray on Friday, telling reporters the game would go ahead as scheduled.

"We want them to visit Malaysia because this year is Visit Malaysia Year... if Manchester United play in Kuala Lumpur, there will be a lot of Manchester United fans around this region, including from Singapore and Thailand, coming here."

"We hope the organizers will not cancel the game. This is the wish of the government as part of Visit Malaysia Year," he said.—MNA/Reuters



Victoria Azarenko of Belarus returns the ball to Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova during their quarter-final match of the Prague Open 2007 tennis tournament in Prague on 11 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Andalucia Open golf tourney

MARBELLA (Spain), 12 May — Australian Matthew Zions mastered the tricky Aloha greens on Thursday to make his mark on the European Tour for the first time by leading the Andalucia Open first round.

The 28-year-old rookie, who bases himself in Colorado where he went to university, needed only 24 putts on his way to an eight-birdie 65.

That earned him a one-shot lead over local favourite Alejandro Canizares from nearby Malaga, whose 66 separated the son of Ryder Cup man Jose Maria from a group including last week's Italian Open winner Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano.

Zions, born in Cosford, Australia, but a resident of Denver for nine years, found a new mantra to change his fortunes on the greens, suggested by mental coach Bob Rotella.

MNA/Reuters

Rory Sabbatini of South Africa reacts after missing a putt on the second hole during the second play of the Tournament Players Championship golf tournament at the TPC at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra, Florida on 11 May, 2007. INTERNET



## Germany, Britain home to most of EU's dirty power plants

GENEVA, 12 May — Most of the European Union's 30 most polluting power stations, which together account for 10 per cent of the bloc's carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, are located in Germany and Britain, the WWF said on Thursday.

In a report entitled "Dirty Thirty", the conservation group said Germany and Britain were each home to 10 of the least environmentally efficient plants in the EU.

The two dirtiest power stations in the EU in relative terms — grammes of CO2 per kilowatt hour — are in

Greece: Agios Dimitrios and Kardina, both run by Greece's largest power utility Public Power DEH, according to the Swiss-based WWF.

The 30 plants, which are all coal-fired, produce 393 million tons of heat-trapping CO2, equal to 10 per cent of all EU CO2

emissions, it said. Carbon dioxide, mainly from burning fossil fuels, is widely blamed for stoking global warming.

The most polluting in absolute emission terms is Poland's Belchatow power station which belched out 30.1 million tons of CO2 in 2006. Three other Polish stations also made the list.

"The facts are clear: the power sector needs to phase out dirty coal as soon as possible," said Stephan Singer, head of WWF's European Climate and Energy Unit.

The WWF backs an EU emissions trading scheme to encourage investment in cleaner, more efficient plants. This would help the EU achieve its target of up to 30-per-cent reduction in CO2 emissions by 2020.

There was a "historic

window of opportunity" to reduce emissions over the next 20 years as most of the EU's dirtiest coal power stations will have to be decommissioned during that period, it said. The WWF advocates replacing coal-fired plants by less CO2-intense natural gas or CO2-free renewable energies.

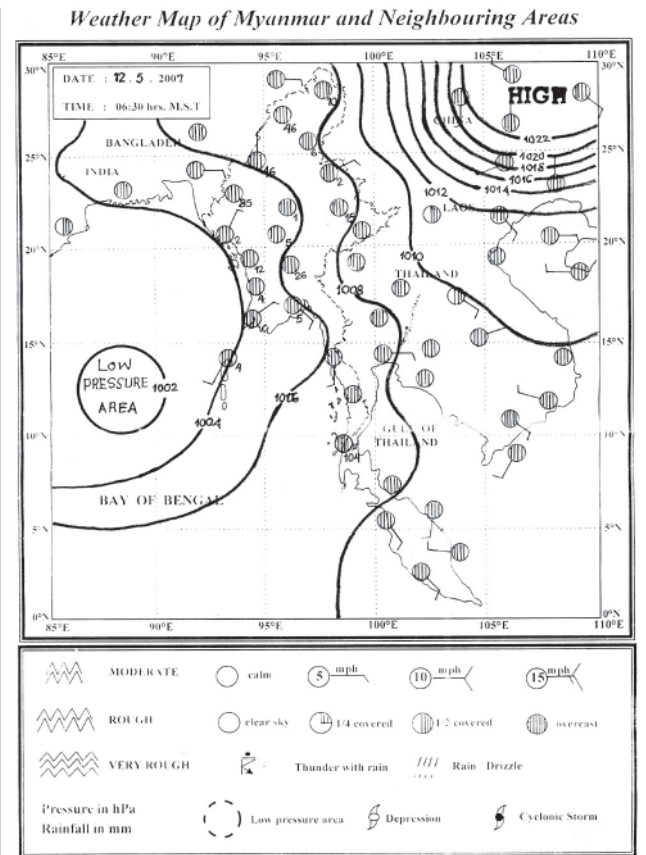
In the 1990s Britain shifted much of its power generation to abundant and cheap North Sea natural gas, but as reserves of this energy source dwindle generators have looked again at coal power.

The third dirtiest EU plant is Niederaussem in Germany, which altogether has six of the top 10 polluters, it said.

MNA/Reuters



**McLaren Mercedes Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain practices making a pit stop during the second practice session for the Spanish Grand Prix at the Circuit de Catalunya in Montmelo, outside Barcelona, on 11 May, 2007. — INTERNET**



### WEATHER

Saturday, 12 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, Southwest Monsoon is advancing into the Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kayin State and Ayeyawady Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine, Mon States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperature in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperature in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk, Minbu and Magway (38°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Minkin (6.30) inches, Monywa (5.67) inches, Kalay (4.52) inches, Kawthoung (4.14) inches, Kalewa and Kanbalu (3.43) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-5-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 11-5-2007 was (6.5) hrs (approx).

Rainfall on 12-5-2007 was (0.36) inch at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.22) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (15.32) inches at Mingaladon, (19.61) inches at Kaba-Aye and (17.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (14:20) hours MST on 11-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday low pressure areas over South East Bay still persist. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, Southeast Bay, East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 13-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayin States and Bago Division, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-5-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-5-2007:** One or two thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-5-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 13 May  
View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation or Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. "အမှန်ချစ်မှအချစ်မှန်" (မြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မေနန်းခေါင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. ကျင်းသောရေလှောင်တစ်

8:25 am

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am

4. Yan Can Cook

11:55 pm

5. Myanmar video feature:

"ကောင်းကင်မာယာ"

(နေထက်လင်း၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်၊ အေးဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နန္ဒ)

1:55 pm

6. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများ အချင်းချင်းပေါင်းစပ် ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း

(အာဆီယံပညာရေးကဏ္ဍ ပူးပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း)

2:15 pm

7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:25 pm

8. "ဆွေမျိုးတော်ပေမယ့်"

(ဒုရမ္မာတင်လင်း၊ ဆောင်းအိန္ဒြေထွန်း၊ ဗေဒါ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

2:35 pm

9. နိုင်ငံပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

(အရည်အသွေးအဓိကထား ထန်ပင်ချောင်နေလှမ်းဆား)

2:45 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm

4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာတေး

5:00 pm

5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. Sing and enjoys

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. သီရိဇောတာ

7:00 pm

11. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုးအထွက်တိုး

(သီးနှံတွင်ပေါက်ရောက်သော ပေါင်းမြက်ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး နည်းလမ်းများ)

7:10 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၂၅)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

17. The next day's programme



Sunday, 13 May

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-World filled with love ... Craig David

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-I miss you ... Blink 182

8:50 am National news / Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-Somebody needs you ... Westlife

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar

9:20 am Music:

-Waiting ... Sugar Raye

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40pm Children's delight (Story)

1:40pm Songs for children

9:00pm Weekly news review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music/ LIETS -Love me

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

# 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee commences

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — The 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee commenced at Ngwemoe Hotel in Mawlamyine yesterday.

It was attended by Myanmar delegations led by Chairman of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (East) Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Ye Win, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and officials.

On Thai side were members of the delegation led by Commanding General of the 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army Lt-Gen Jiradej



Leader of Myanmar delegation Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Army and party seen at 24th Meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee. — MNA

Kotcharat.

Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat delivered speeches.

They discussed bilateral cooperation.

The coordination meetings of secretaries of the

24th Meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee were held at the hotel yesterday and today.

Present on the occasion were Col Aye Ko of the Ministry of Defence and members and Col Witchu Sangduean of Thailand-

Myanmar Border Committee Liaison Office and members.

The closing ceremony of the 24th meeting of Myanmar-Thailand Regional Border Committee was held at the hotel this morning.

Commander Maj-Gen

Min Aung Hlaing and Commanding General Lt-Gen Jiradej Kotcharat signed the minutes of the meeting.

The two leaders of the delegations made closing speeches and exchanged souvenirs. The delegation members posed for documentary photos.

At the meeting Myanmar and Thailand, members of ASEAN, discussed matters on fostering neighbourly relations and further strengthening friendship between the armed forces of the two countries. —MNA

## New Rainfalls Record (Issued at (10:30) hours MST on 12-5-2007)

The amounts of rainfall recorded at (09:30) hours MST today, at the following stations observed the (24) hours new maximum rainfall records for the month of May.

| No. | Station | New rainfall Record |          | Previous Record |          | Date      | Record Period |
|-----|---------|---------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
|     |         | (mm)                | (inches) | (mm)            | (inches) |           |               |
| 1.  | Minkin  | 160                 | 6.30     | 79              | 3.11     | 14-5-1990 | 23            |
| 2.  | Mongya  | 144                 | 5.67     | 97              | 3.82     | 19-5-1981 | 33            |

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### One village, One product

Bamboo stem, wooden stick and plastic stick are also used as a handle of the broom. The handles of the brooms are decorated with coloured plastic strings for good looking. In the final step, parts of the brush are bound with coloured plastic strings so that the strings of the brush parts do not fall out of the broom and it lasts long.

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