

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

Indian Chief of Naval Staff visits Defence Services Museum, Naval Training Command, Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 13 May — The visiting Indian delegation led by Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta (PVSM, AVSM, ADC) together with Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, Indian Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials visited Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Commandant Lt-Col Zaw Win of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute conducted the guests round the museum.

The visiting Indian Chief of the Naval Staff signed in the visitors' book.

Next, the Indian delegation together with Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun and officials proceeded to Naval Training Command Headquar-



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win sees off Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta (PVSM, AVSM, ADC).—MNA



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta plants a sal tree. — MNA

ters. They were welcomed by Commander Rear-Admiral Paw Tun of Naval Dockyard Command and officials. The Indian guests visited the command headquarters.

The visiting Indian Chief of the Naval Staff planted a sal tree.

In the afternoon, the Indian naval delegation members went to Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image. The Indian Chief of the Naval Staff made cash donation.

This afternoon, the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff, wife and party arrived at Yangon International Airport. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chief of Staff

(Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Rear-Admiral Paw Tun and wife welcomed them.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presented the photo album and VCD on goodwill visit to the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff.

The Indian naval delegation left here by air at 12.50 pm. They were seen off at the airport by Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander of Naval Dockyard Command Rear-Admiral Paw Tun and wife, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein and wife, Indian Military Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 14 May, 2007

New railroads for speedy and smooth transport

Railroad is one of the most important means of transportation. Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation has been building new railroads for convenience of the increasing number of passengers and transport of freight from one place to another.

The projects of the five-mile Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section, 123-mile Pyinmana-Myohaung dual road (Kyitaungkan-Kyaukse section), 322-mile Kyangin-Pakokku section and Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad section are being implemented for regional development.

The Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad starts from Nay Pyi Taw to Shwenyaung-Taunggyi and it also links Shan State (South) and Kayah State.

People can go easily from Pyawbwe Station on Pyinmana-Thazi railroad to Phayangazu Station on Thazi-Shwenyaung railroad without passing Thazi. They can go to Shwenyaung from Pyinmana through the Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad.

The present Pyawbwe-Thazi-Phayangazu railroad is 31.75 miles long. Construction of 16.19-mile new railroad reduces 15.56 miles.

Ensuring smooth and secure transport is vital for the development of the Union. Better transport can bring about progress of socio-economic life of the people. It is necessary for officials concerned to make concerted efforts for completion of the railroad projects in time.

Director-General of CSSTD arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 13 May — Director-General U Hla Kyi of Civil Service Selection and Training Department arrived back here by air yesterday afternoon after attending the Preparatory Meeting of the 14th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters held in Bandung of Indonesia on 9 and 10 May.

Second Secretary Daw Moe Thuza of the Myanmar Embassy in Indonesia also attended the meeting as a delegation member.

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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

Officials urged to supervise systematic running of buses, watercraft



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses coordination meeting on secure and smooth transport.— MNA

YANGON, 13 May — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, on 11 May.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win instructed those present to supervise systematic running of watercraft in line with the respective rules and regulations for minimizing waterway accidents, fix the reasonable charge

for buses at toll gates in Yangon City, inspect running of the buses and installation of wipers and other equipment and plant shade trees in the division including campuses of universities and colleges in rainy season.

Members of the supervisory committee reported on arrangements made for passengers and commuters to be free from danger.

After attending to the need, the commander gave concluding remarks. — MNA

Deputy Health Minister meets Thai Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo met Ambassador Mr Bansarn Bunnag of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar and party at the ministry, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were directors-general and officials of the departments under the ministry.

They discussed cooperation in health between Myanmar and Thailand. —MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo receives Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag.— MNA

CRI delegation visits UMFCCI

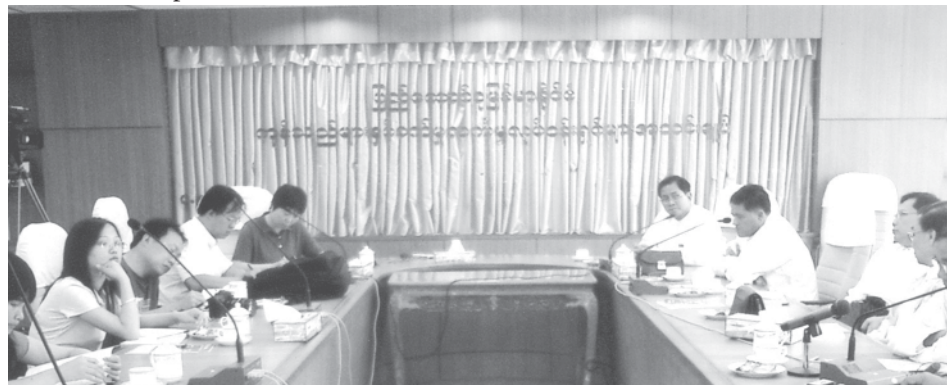
YANGON, 13 May — General Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members U Sai Ba Nyan and U Tin Ko Ko and Executives and Vice-President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Han Tun met Director Mr Lua Hang Bing of China Radio International (CRI) and party at the UMFCCI office yesterday.

The General Secretary explained economic

cooperation between Myanmar and China, Myanmar's participation in China Expo, Trade

Fair to be held in Myanmar, exporting marine products and fruit to China and mutual coop-

eration. Next, officials replied to the queries raised by Chinese guests.—MNA



Meeting on economic cooperation between Myanmar and China in progress.— UMFCCI

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran says Blair exit can have “positive impact”

TEHERAN, 12 May — The departure of British Prime Minister Tony Blair could have a “positive impact” if it leads to a change in the country’s foreign policy, Iran’s Foreign Minister said.

Britain under Blair has been a close ally of US President George W Bush in Iraq and also in efforts to isolate Iran over its nuclear programme, which the West suspects is aimed at developing atom bombs. Teheran denies the charge.

Bilateral relations between Teheran and London hit another low in March when Iranian forces seized 15 British naval personnel in the Gulf. They

were released unharmed almost two weeks later.

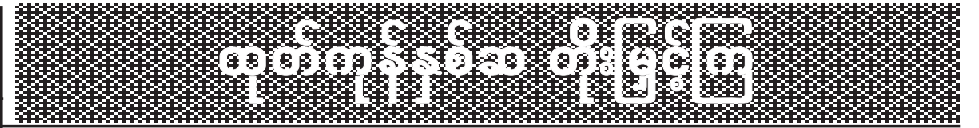
Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Blair’s announcement on Thursday he would step down next month after a decade as Prime Minister would be a “break for the Labour Party and the hard situation” they are facing.

“If there will be a correction to some extent ... in their foreign policy ...

then definitely it can have positive impact as a possible factor in the foreign policy in some fields such as Iran,” Mottaki said on state television late on Thursday.

“Let’s see ... how the policies towards Iran will be,” he added, referring to Britain under Blair’s expected successor, Finance Minister Gordon Brown.

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia’s Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is seen on a big screen as he delivers his speech during the 61st anniversary celebration of the ruling United Malays National Organization in Kuala Lumpur on 11 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Contest for caring companies

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 May — A competition is in the pipeline to reward the corporation which contributes the most to society.

Women, Family and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said that as more corporate entities come forward to help people through their corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities, “CSR Perdana” will reward them for their efforts.

She announced the competition yesterday at the

launch of the CIMB Group’s first community service project, the Community Link. “Nominations for the award will be held next month, and the winner will be announced after the Merdeka celebrations.”

Through Community Link, the bank helps fund community projects. All residents have to do is carry out their financial transactions at their local CIMB branches. The more transactions are done, the

more money will go to funding their projects.

CIMB group chief executive Datuk Nazir Razak said about RM2 million would be channelled to such projects.

Through Community Link, the community can choose an area or programme and approach their CIMB branch. If it is approved, then a “thermometer” indicating the amount of money needed will be placed in the branch. — Internet



Disabled dancers perform at A Dance and Music Medley in Kunming, capital of southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 11 May, 2007. XINHUA

Africa facing major cancer blight

LONDON, 12 May — A major conference is taking place in London to raise awareness about the

cancer threat to Africa.

The meeting, which is being attended by health ministers from across the continent, will examine the need for cancer programmes across the region.

Cancer is often thought of as a disease of the western world but that is changing fast.

The World Health Organization says that cancer kills more than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined.

And the International Agency for Research on Cancer calculates annual new cases of cancer are expected to rise from 11m in 2000 to 16m in 2020, of which some 70% will be in developing countries.

Speaking before the

conference began, the former British health minister Alan Milburn, who is chairing the conference, said the geography of cancer was indeed changing and that a new cancer epidemic was facing Africa.

Internet

NASA announced on Friday afternoon that repairs on the external tank on Space Shuttle Atlantis have been completed. NASA officials have given the green light to send the shuttle back to the launch pad, just in time for launch next month.

XINHUA



Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 May — Three US soldiers were killed and nine others wounded in separate attacks in Iraq on Thursday, the US military said on Friday.

One soldier was killed and nine others wounded in an explosion while their unit was conducting combat operations in Diyala Province, a statement said. Two of the wounded were able to return to duty, it added.

A second soldier was killed by small arms fire while conducting combat security operations in south of the capital, the military said in another statement.

A third soldier died of wounds sustained due to small arms fire at about 5:00 pm (1300 GMT) Thursday in Diwaniyah Province, some 180 kilometres south of Baghdad, a statement said.

About 3,385 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

US commander in Iraq warns against torture, abuses

BAGHDAD, 12 May — The US military commander in Iraq told his troops to fight by the rules after a Pentagon survey found many soldiers and Marines back torture and would not report col-

leagues for killing or injuring civilians. “This fight depends on securing the population, which must understand that we — not our enemies — occupy the moral high ground,” General David

Petraeus wrote in a letter dated 10 May. Petraeus, who took command in February to oversee a troop “surge” aimed at securing Baghdad, said the argument that torture can elicit

quick information was “wrong”. “Beyond the basic fact that such actions are illegal, history shows that they also are frequently neither useful or necessary,” he said in the one-page letter, which was obtained by Reuters.

The Pentagon survey of ethics, released last week, showed that only 40 per cent of Marines and 55 per cent of US Army soldiers deployed in Iraq said they would report a fellow serviceman for killing or injuring an innocent Iraqi. It also said well over one-third of soldiers and Marines believe torture should be allowed to obtain information that could save the lives of US troops or gain knowledge about Iraqi insurgents.

MNA/Reuters



Volunteers helped maintain traffic order at a crossroad near the Silk Street, or Xiu Shui Market, in the Chaoyang district of Beijing on 11 May, 2007. INTERNET

British Marines fined for assaulting Cypriot taxi driver

NICOSIA, 12 May — Two British Royal Marines have been convicted of causing actual bodily harm to a Cypriot taxi driver following a disagreement over a fare in March, the

daily *Cyprus Mail* reported Friday. The two, named as Jonathan Hart, 22, and Chris Douglas, 27, both of 45 Commando, Royal Marines, were fined 1,000 and 500 Cypriot pounds respectively (about 2,300 and 1,150 US dollars) Thursday by a Cypriot court. They are expected to head back to Britain early next week.

According to the taxi driver, the two asked to be driven back to a British base near the southern city of Limassol after a night out.

When the driver discovered that the marines did not have enough money for the taxi fare, he asked them to get out of the car, at which point they assaulted him, fracturing his jaw.

They then forced the driver out of the car and sped off, but struck a roadside barrier and a tree shortly afterward.

At the time of the incident, the two were

in transit through the British base after serving in Afghanistan. They were part of a unit of 150 personnel based in Helmand Province involved in fierce battles with the Taliban.

MNA/Xinhua

UN watchdog denies Iran blocked nuclear site visit

VIENNA, 13 May — The UN’s nuclear watchdog denied on Friday a report that Iran had blocked its inspectors from visiting a nuclear facility where it is enriching uranium.

“There is no truth to media reports claiming that the IAEA was not able to get access to Natanz,” said International Atomic Energy Agency spokesman Marc Vidricaire.

“We have not been denied access at any time, including in the past few weeks.

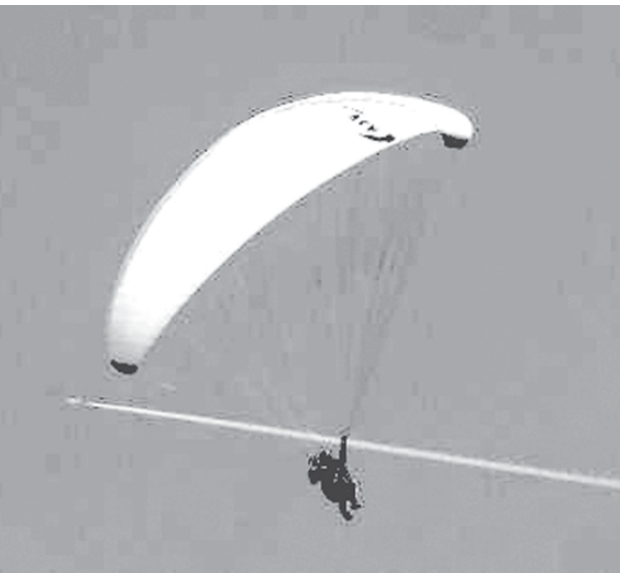
Normally we do not comment on such reports but this time we felt we had to clarify the matter,” he said.

Iran’s ambassador to the IAEA also denied the reports. Last year, Iran held up some inspection visits to Natanz, but access was eventually restored, diplomats familiar with IAEA operations said at the time.

Iran says it seeks only nuclear-generated electricity, not atomic weapons as some Western countries suspect.

MNA/Reuters

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A paraglider flies over the city of Vlore, during an annual Balkan competition, some 180 km (112 miles) from the capital Tirana, Albania, on 13 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Bombings leave many dead in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 May — At least 45 people have been killed and dozens wounded by a suicide truck bombing in the northern Iraqi town of Makhmur, police said.

The bomber crashed his truck into the offices of a leading Kurdish party, the Kurdistan Democratic Party, where a meeting was being held at the time.

It was the second suicide attack in the mainly Kurdish area in the past week.

In Baghdad, at least 10 people died when a car bomb exploded near a market in the mainly Shia Sadriya district.

Some 45 people were wounded when the bomb exploded on Wathba Square near the popular commercial area.

The blast left a small crater in the ground filled with debris from the car and surrounding buildings.

A car bombing in the same area last month killed 140 people, the bloodiest attack since a recent US security operation began in the capital. — Internet

Suicide raid hurts two US soldiers in Afghanistan

KHOST (Afghanistan), 12 May — A suicide bomber rammed his car into a convoy of US-led coalition troops in Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan on Friday, wounding at least two US soldiers, government and coalition officials said.

The troops cordoned off the site of the attack which took place on a road in Urgun District of southeastern Paktika Province, provincial officials said.

Both NATO and US-led troops operate in the area and a Taliban spokesman said the bomber was a member of the militant group which has stepped up its attacks against foreign and government forces in recent months.

An official for the US military said at least two American soldiers were wounded in the attack. — MNA/Reuters



A model shows a designer’s creation during a body-and-nail art show in Russia’s Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 12 May, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Vietnam's automobile sales almost double in first four months

HANOI, 12 May — Automobile joint ventures in Vietnam posted total sales of 16,860 vehicles in the first four months of this year, nearly doubling that of the same period last year, according to a local industrial association on Friday.

In April alone, the country's automobile sales stood at 4,682 units, increasing 83 per cent over last April, said the Vietnam Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Between January and April, Toyota Vietnam kept on holding the biggest local market share, with 4,850 units sold, a year-on-year rise of nearly 54 per cent, followed by local bus and truck maker Truong Hai with 2,575 vehicles, up 92 per cent.

The joint ventures, sole producers of cars and main makers of other kinds of automobiles in the country, sold 39,876 vehicles in 2006, down from 40,853 in 2005, said the association.

Vietnam with a population of over 83 million currently houses 13 automobile joint ventures with total registered capital of nearly 700 million US

dollars and combined annual capacity of 173,000 units.

Besides, the country has dozens of local

enterprises specializing in producing automobile parts and assembling simple vehicles.

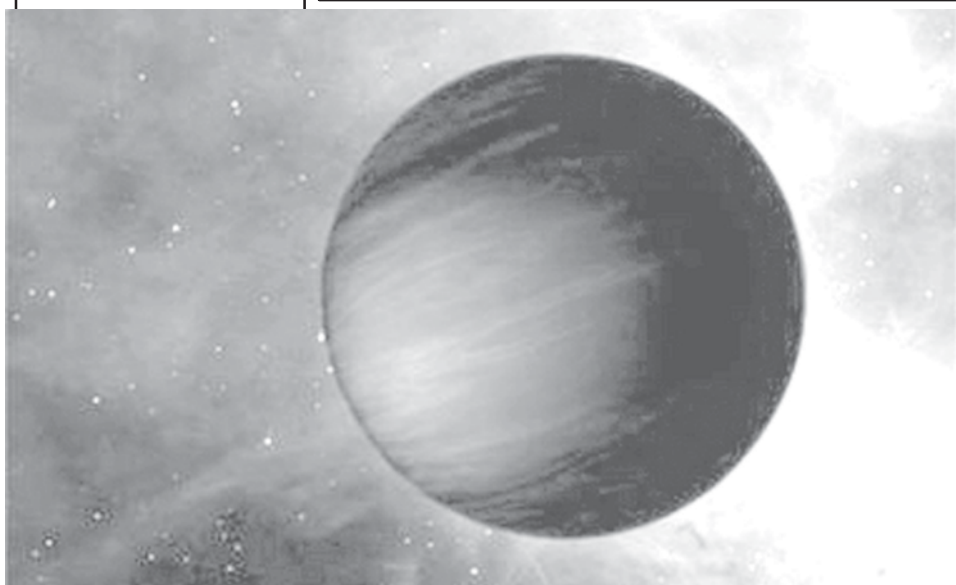
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A file photo of Florence Nightingale. 12 May is International Nurse Day, marking Nightingale's birth. — XINHUA

An artist's rendition of HD 149026b. It's dense, gassy and a bit of oddball, but a planet orbiting a star in the constellation Hercules may be the hottest known yet, scientists said on Wednesday.

INTERNET



E Asian nations to find efficient ways for poverty reduction

NANCHANG, 12 May — An online platform should be built for making good statistics of and monitoring poverty situation in East Asian nations so as to provide effective support in working out poverty eradication measures.

The proposal was put

forward by participants attending the East Asian Poverty Analysis and Data Initiative (PADI) Consultative Meeting and Regional Workshop on Poverty Monitoring and Evaluation which opened on Thursday in Nanchang, capital of east China's

Jiangxi Province.

Shahid Khandker, chief economist with World Bank, believed an online mechanism might effectively facilitate poverty data and information gathering and statistics making within members of PADI.

With reliable statistics obtained from the online platform, experts and government officials of East Asian nations will be able to work with and put forward more efficient measures for poverty eradication after having had the conditions to make a thorough study of poverty features and the reasons causing the poverty in their respective nations.

At present, the poverty monitoring data collected in many regions of the world are full of problems

such as incomplete, unreliable and out-of-date, and there is a dire shortage of latest, reliable statistics, plus a lack of capability for analysis, according to the World Bank economist.

MNA/Xinhua

Gas reserves found in west India

NEW DELHI, 12 May — Hydrocarbons exploration major Cairn India has made two gas discoveries in West Indian region of Rajasthan, *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported here Thursday.

"The two discoveries have confirmed our belief that the Rajasthan basin is world class and will continue to add incremental value," Rahul Dhir, chief executive officer of Cairn India, told IANS Wednesday.

Cairn India is currently focused on exploration and production and has a working interest in 15 blocks, two of which are producing hydrocarbons. It holds rights in several regions in the country.

The company had made a major oil discovery in Rajasthan in the beginning of 2004, called the Mangla field, and has made 22 discoveries in the state so far.

MNA/Xinhua



An exhibitor shows a handicraft made by vegetables during an exhibition in Tokyo, on 11 May, 2007. — XINHUA

IBM launches \$1b energy efficiency effort

WASHINGTON, 12 May — IBM Corp on Thursday said it is investing \$1 billion US in lessening the impact its businesses have on the environment.

The technology giant said it is reallocating the funds to realize a 42 per cent decrease in its data centres' energy consumption, avoiding some 5 billion kilowatt hours of new power use a year across the,

on average, 25,000-square-foot facilities, as IBM seeks to double its computing capacity.

The avatar, or graphic representation, of IBM researcher Donna Dillenberger stands in a new video-game-like 3-D virtual environment that she and her team built to help improve the company's power management.

Project Big Green is to use the work of more

than 850 experts in the effort to make the data centres more energy efficient, which the company says will result in savings equivalent to some 6,748.5 tons of carbon emissions.

That amount of energy saved is likely to have an impact on IBM's bottom line, according to research by analysis firm IDC.

For every dollar spent on computer hardware, 50 cents is spent on energy — a figure that is projected to rise to 71 cents by 2010.

IBM plans to extend its data centre greening efforts to its clients, offering to do for them what it is doing for its own business. — Internet



A man makes a picture with a mobile phone in the headquarters of Russian oil giant Yukos during an auction in Moscow on 11 May, 2007. A little-known Russian company, OOO Paran, bought the last remaining assets of the bankrupt Yukos oil company including its headquarters building on Friday for 110.092 billion rubles (US\$3.87 billion, 2.8 billion). — INTERNET

Witnesses say US-led raid kills 40 Afghan civilians

SPIN BOLDK, (Afghanistan), 12 May — At least 40 civilians were killed in an airstrike in Afghanistan by foreign forces, witnesses said on Thursday, but the US-led coalition said only rebels were hit and it knew of no other casualties.

The deaths on Tuesday in the southern province of Helmand, if confirmed, would raise the civilian toll at the hands of foreign troops to 110 in the past two weeks.

“Foreign troops are killing Afghans every day, but our government has closed its eyes and does not see our casualties,” local resident Haji Ibrahim

said. Helmand Governor, Assadullah Wafa, said earlier 21 civilians, including women and children, were killed in Tuesday’s airstrike in Sangin District—a major opium-growing area and the scene of a large anti-Taleban operation by foreign troops.

The US-led coalition said its troops and Afghan soldiers on patrol in the area had come under fire on Tuesday and there were no reported injuries to any civilians.

“During the 16-hour battle, Afghan National Army and coalition forces fought through three separate enemy

ambush sites while dozens of Taleban fighters... reinforced enemy positions,” the coalition said in a statement.

It estimated 200 Taleban fighters were

involved in the clash, in which one coalition soldier died, and said the airstrikes destroyed three rebel compounds and an underground tunnel network.

MNA/Reuters



(Costa Rican police stand guard near the Russian Embassy in San Jose, Costa Rica on 11 May, 2007. The kidnapper who took hostages in the Russian Embassy turned himself in to Cost Rican police on Friday afternoon, and no one was hurt. — XINHUA

Pakistani man executed in Saudi Arabia for smuggling heroin

RIYADH, 12 May — Saudi Arabia executed a Pakistani man on Thursday for smuggling heroin into the kingdom, bringing to at least 52 the number of people executed in the Muslim country this year.

Mohammad Siddiq was beheaded in Jeddah after being found guilty of bringing heroin which he had concealed in his stomach.

The executions, usually carried out through public beheadings, apply to those convicted of drug trafficking, rape, murder and other violent crimes.

MNA/Reuters

Two moderate quakes jolt central Chile

SANTIAGO, 12 May — Two moderate earthquakes, measuring 5.0 and 4.9 degrees respectively on the Richter Scale, hit central Chile on Thursday, with no casualties reported so far.

The epicentre of the first

quake was located some 59 kilometres northeast of the coastal city of Valparaiso at 1:31 am local time (0531 GMT). The quake could be felt in the capital Santiago.

The second quake, with

its epicentre at 50 kilometres northeast of Los Andes, was recorded more than 11 hours later.

Authorities from the emergency department said no casualties had been reported. — MNA/Xinhua

Sinopec issues bonds in attempt to level off rising interest rates

BEIJING, 12 May — Sinopec, Asia’s largest refiner in terms of capacity, issued ten year’s worth of corporate bonds, valued at five billion yuan (649 million US dollars) on Thursday, amid concerns over rate hikes.

The bonds are priced in conformity with their face value. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), who approved the issuance of the bonds, placed a statement on its website saying that

domestically qualified institutional investors are allowed to purchase the bonds with an annual interest rate of 4.2 per cent.

“Through issuing the bonds, the company is attempting to level off interest rates, amid concerns over [benchmark interest] rate hikes,” an unnamed Sinopec official was quoted as saying. This is the second time Sinopec has issued mass corporate bonds. In January this year, the company issued bonds worth 10 billion yuan (1.3 billion US dollars).

According to a company statement

released on Wednesday, the proceeds from Thursday’s bond offering will be used to finance a 65-billion-yuan (8.4-billion-US-dollar) cross-region gas transfer project.

Sinopec plans to invest 110.1 billion yuan (14.2 billion US dollars) in capital investment in 2007. Of this, the oil giant is expected to invest 53 billion yuan (6.8 billion US dollars) in exploration and production as it builds up its network for shipping natural gas from southwest Sichuan to industrial regions on the eastern coast. — MNA/Xinhua

Brazil’s Petrobras to sell Bolivian refineries for \$ 112m

LIMA, 12 May — Bolivian President Evo Morales on Thursday announced that Brazil’s state-owned oil and gas giant Petrobras has agreed to transfer two Bolivian refineries to his government for a price of 112 million dollars.

The agreement came after Morales issued a decree on 6 May enforcing the nationalization of all oil and gas exports, as part of his promises to take greater control of the nation’s natural resources when he ran for presidency.

Petrobras’ refineries are two of the six largest in the country.

Morales said the

nationalization of the two refineries will contribute to the nation’s industrialization in the future. He added that as a responsible government, Bolivia will handle the issues of nationalization through negotiation instead of plundering foreign investment assets.

The Rio de Janeiro-based Petrobras will sell its two refineries in Bolivia’s Cochabamba and Santa Cruz provinces. The company has valued the assets at about 200 million dollars, almost double the 104 million dollars it paid to the government in 1994 for the right to operate them. — MNA/Xinhua



Italian T-Mobile team riders compete in the first stage of the Giro d’Italia cycling race’s 25.6 km team time trial from Caprera to Maddalena Islands on 12 May 2007. The Liquigas team won the stage with Enrico Gasparotto taking the leader’s pink jersey. — INTERNET

Saddhammapala, characteristic of Panglong Region

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

Panglong Region is renowned for a number of its historic backgrounds.

Panglong Agreement reflecting consolidated unity of all national races in Myanmar went down in the annals of Myanmar history together with the Independence Monument set up to mark it. Shan traditional ceremony of eating the first crop is held yearly as a characteristic of the region in the Myanmar month of Nadaw with national people from around the nation to foster amity among them.

It is also a region where there are a group of Mwedaw Hona pagodas and a group of Kaungmetmaw pagodas built with bricks of Pyu period. Terracotta Buddha images and terracotta tiles of Pyu design are found in Mongkai and Hopong regions, indicating that Buddhism has flourished in Panglong and its surrounding areas for hundreds of years.

In the time of Tatmadaw Government, the Maha Ratthabhi Samaggi Pagoda and Panglong University were built in Panglong. In addition, Pariyatti Saddhammapala oral and written examination has been held yearly since 1320 Myanmar Era (1958) at Mingala Mwedaw Monastery in Panglong. During the period, the region has produced a large number of members of the Sangha holding religious degrees such as Dhammacariya, Dhammacariya (BA) and Dhammacariya (MA).

When the examination was held for the first time 49 years ago, the number of the candidates stood at 12 monks and novices only. Thanks to the earnest efforts of Pariyatti Saddhammapala Examination Holding Committee Chairman Mongshu Sayadaw, Vice-Chairman Mongnaung Sayadaw, Secretary Sayadaw Panglong Mangala Mwedaw Sayadaw and 20 member Sayadaws, the number of candidates has now increased to 926.

Two Pariyatti Sasana examinations are held in Shan State (South)—Vinaya Danuggaha oral and written examination launched in 1297 ME, and Pariyatti Saddhammapala oral and written examination. Another examination—Thamanaykyaw—has been held in Taunggyi for nearly a decade. Moreover Pathamabyan examination, Dhammacariya examination and Five Nikayas examination are being held at national level.

In order to preserve Pariyatti or the Teachings of the Buddha, subjects on Pariyatti are taught nationwide not only in Myanmar language but also in regional dialect, thereby promoting languages and cultures of local national races.

Pariyatti Saddhammapala Examination yearly held at Mingala Mwedaw Monastery in Panglong is aimed at helping Shan national monks and novices study extensively treatises on Pariyatti (Shan version). Candidates have to answer the questions both in Pali and in Shan. Pariyatti Saddhammapala Dhammacariya

Title is conferred on a candidate who has passed seven parts of the examination.

While the patron Sayadaw, Chairman Sayadaw, Secretary Sayadaw and 20 member Sayadaws of the Pariyatti Saddhammapala Examination Holding Committee are making efforts with added momentum, local members of the Sangha and lay persons are giving encouragement for promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

Pariyatti Saddhammapala Examination for 1369 ME is being held from 8 to 15 May 2007. In his speech made at the opening of the 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination on 25 December 2006, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara said that the five causes for existence of the Sasana were (1) members of the Sangha respectfully listen to the Dhamma, (2) respectfully learn the Dhamma, (3) respectfully keep the Dhamma in mind, (4) consider the definition of the Dhamma they keep in mind, (5) respectfully practise the Dhamma after they have realized it.

The Sayadaw pointed out that unless members of the Sangha practise the Dhamma although they realize it, what they had learnt and realized would no longer exist in their heart. And if they practised it as they had realized, taught it on a wider scale to monk and novice disciples as well as to lay persons who provided four kinds of requisites to them, the Sasana would flourish.

Candidates of Pariyatti Saddhamma Pala Examination should always uphold and keep in mind the doctrine of the Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, and respectfully listen to, learn, fix in mind, practise as they realize and share what they have learnt with laity for ensuring existence of Saddhammapala, one of characteristics of Panglong Region for thousands of years.

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Commander attends physic nut seed sowing ceremony in Lewe Township



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin speaks at sowing of physic nut seed in Lewe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Lewe Township held a ceremony of sowing physic nut seed (2007-2008) in Thetkechin Village yesterday morning. The ceremony was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Khin Maung Zaw and departmental officials, the project manager of District Myanma Agriculture Service, members of agriculture coordination committee, members of social organizations and local people.

First, Lewe Township PDC Chairman U Maung Maung Thet explained cultivation of physic nut in the township. Next, the commander spoke of the need to meet the target cultivation of physic nut in Nay Pyi Taw region.

The commander and officials presented physic nut seeds and grafts to the departmental staff, members of social organizations and responsible persons from the wards and village-tracts of the township. The commander and wife sowed the physic nut seeds and planted the grafts into plastic bags.

Later, the commander and party watched the operation of agricultural machinery with the use of physic nut oil.

In Lewe Township, it is targeted to grow 6,543,600 physic nut plants on 5453 acres of land and 6,606,000 plants have been nurtured in the township physic nut plantations.

MNA

Inspection teams perform dry day functions

YANGON, 13 May — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, departmental officials and members of the Supervisory Committee supervised Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points in Yangon this morning and evening.

The inspection teams checked Dry Day pass, driving licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental and Tatmadaw uniforms and took action against those who violated the traffic rules.

MNA

Extension of Myitkyina Airport, tasks of Myitkyina-Waingmaw Jetty inspected

YANGON, 13 May — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected extension of the runway of Myitkyina Airport on 11 May morning.

Engineer in-charge U Aung Hsan Oo of Public Works and

Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department of Civil Aviation reported on tasks being carried out.

Next, the commander and the minister viewed the runway by car.

At the hall, Director-General U Tun Hlaing briefed the commander and the minister on extension of the runway from 6,000 feet to 7,000 feet,

completion of earth work, tarmacking of the runway, expenditure, use of heavy machinery and others.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Myitkyina-Waingmaw jetty of Inland Water Transport and inspected running of ferries between Myitkyina and Waingmaw, and attended to the needs.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect extension of runway of Myitkyina Airport.— TRANSPORT

Tourist chartered flight arrives

YANGON, 13 May — Under the supervision of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, jointly organized by Diethelm Travel Ltd, Myanmar, Hotelplan Ltd and International Travel Organization of Switzerland, a tourist chartered flight carrying 184 members arrived here from Switzerland today.

The tourists are scheduled to visit Yangon, Bagan and Inlay up to 15 May. Afterwards, they will leave for Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 16 May.— MNA

Win Thuza Shops opened in Yamethin, Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — A ceremony to open Win Thuza Shop (Pyawbwe) of the Ministry of Industry-1 was held at the shop in Myinbat Ward of Pyawbwe Township yesterday.

It was attended by Brig-Gen Hla Myint of Yamethin Station, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations. Chairman of

Yamethin District Peace and Development Council U Oo Khaing and General Manager (Trading) U Thant Sin of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries formally opened the shop. Managing Director U Than Shwe of MPI unveiled the signboard of the shop.

Clothes, food stuff, pharmaceuticals, soap and personal goods, exercise books, detergent powders,

bicycles, steelwear, umbrellas, footwear and enamelwares are available at the shop, and these products are being sold from 8 am to 5 pm daily.

Similarly, Win Thuza Shop (Yamethin) was opened at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Myitta Road in Yamethin.

Products of the Ministry of Industry-1 are being sold from 8 am to 5 pm daily. — MNA



Tourist chartered flight arrives at Yangon International Airport.— H & T

Abbot training course No 12 concludes



Closing and opening of abbot training courses being held at State Pariyatti Sasana University.— MNA

YANGON, 13 May — The closing of abbot training course No 12 and opening of abbot training course No 13 were held at the Dhammayon of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) this afternoon.

Present were members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Dhamaikayama Kyaukpadaung Monastery in Yankin Township Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Gunesana, principal of the abbot training school and disciples.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gunesana.

The principal of the abbot training school supplicated on the course. The Vice-Chairman Sayadaw gave Ovada-katha. Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Htin Myo supplicated on religious matters.

Officials and guests presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Yenangyoung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya presented certificates to the trainee members of the Sangha.

MNA

Tentatively selected Myanmar hockey team plays friendly



Tentatively selected team pose together with the team it plays friendly at Synthetic Hockey Field.

MHF

YANGON, 13 May — A hockey team formed with former best players in Myanmar played a friendly match against the tentatively selected team undergoing training to participate in the 24th SEA Games at Synthetic Hockey Field yesterday.

General Secretary U Khin Maung Latt (Tong Tah) of Myanmar Hockey Federation and executives, trainees and guests watched the friendly hockey match.

The tentatively selected team won over the other team comprising Vice-President U Kyaw Naing of MHF, Coach WO I Pyone Kyi and Pakistani Coach Mr KM Awais of International Hockey Federation with 3-2. With the purpose of achieving success in the 24th SEA Games, the tentatively selected team is undergoing intensive training. Myanmar Hockey Federation is making arrangements to hire a hockey coach

from Pakistan or Bangladesh.

MNA

Corner stone laid for Power Supply Project (North) Meiktila (Thabyewa) Power Station Branch

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended the corner stone laying ceremony of Power Supply Project (North) Meiktila (Thabyewa) Power Station Branch of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise yesterday.

It was also attended by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin of Meiktila Station, Managing Director of MEPE Dr San Oo, Managing Director of Electric Power Distribution Enterprise U

Tin Aung, Deputy Director-General of Electric Power Department U Saw Win, Chief Engineer U Aye Thaw and officials.

Manager-2 U San Tint of Power Supply Project (North) reported to the minister on work being carried out and Managing Director U Nyunt Than of Three Million Group on construction of control building and establishment of power grid with the help of charts.

The minister gave necessary instructions

before fulfilling the requirements.

Afterwards, the minister put the silver casket at the designated place. At the auspicious time, the minister and heads of department laid the corner stones at the designated places as well as the stone inscription.

Next, the minister and party sprinkled scented water onto the corner stones and performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.—MNA

Industrial chemical found in New York drinking water

NEW YORK, 13 May — The industrial chemical tetrachloroethylene has been found in the drinking water in some parts of New York City, local media reported on Friday.

Officials suspected that the current problem began with a faulty valve that failed to keep a small amount of chemical discharge from backing up into the drinking water system.

The Environmental Protection Agency says that people who drink water containing the material over many years can develop liver problems and may have an increased risk of cancer.

The contamination was detected last week during routine water testing. As testing continued this week,

some readings were as high as 13 parts per billion (ppb), more than double the maximum safe level. But as of late Thursday, the average level of the chemical had dropped to 3.7 ppb.

The colourless chemical, which is commonly used by dry cleaners and auto repair shops, had been detected sporadically in the water in Cambria Heights, Hollis and St. Albans every year since 2003, according to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's annual reports of drinking water quality. —MNA/Xinhua

US study finds billions of Iraq oil missing

NEW YORK, 13 May — Billions of dollars’ worth of Iraq’s declared oil production over the past four years is unaccounted for, possibly having been siphoned off through corruption or smuggling, *The New York Times* said on Saturday.

Between 100,000 and 300,000 barrels of Iraq’s daily output of roughly two million barrels is missing, it said, citing a draft report prepared by the US Government Accountability Office and government energy analysts which is expected to be released next week.

The discrepancy was valued between five million US dollars and 15 million US dollars daily, using a 50-per barrel average, the report said. That adds up to billions of dollars over the four years since the March 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq.

The newspaper was provided the draft report by a separate government office that received a review copy. The GAO declined to discuss the draft, the paper

said. The report did not make a final conclusion on what happened to the missing oil, and provided alternative explanations besides corruption or smuggling, including possible Iraqi overstating of its production.

A State Department official who works on energy matters offered possible explanations including pipeline sabotage, or inaccurate reporting of oil production in southern Iraq.

“It could also be theft,” the Times quoted the unnamed official as saying, with suspicion falling on southern Shiite militias. “Crude oil is not as lucrative in the region as refined products, but we’re not ruling that out either,” the official said.

“There is not an issue of insurgency, per se, but it could be funding Shia factions, and that could very well be true.”

“That would be a concern if they were using smuggling money to blow up American soldiers or kill Sunnis or do anything that could harm the unity of the country,” the Times quoted the official as saying.

The newspaper characterized the report as the most comprehensive look thus far at what it called faltering US efforts to rebuild Iraq’s oil and electricity sectors. The GAO tapped experts at the Energy Information Administration within the United States Department of Energy for its oil analysis. — MNA/Reuters

Pope meets drug addicts in Brazil, warns traffickers

GUARATINGUETA (Brazil), 13 May — Pope Benedict met recovering drug addicts at a rehabilitation centre in Brazil on Saturday and he warned traffickers they would pay a heavy price for the damage they sow across Latin America.

The Pope, on a five-day visit to Brazil in which he has railed against the slack morals and hedonism of modern society, said drug abuse was a scourge in the region.

“I therefore urge the drug dealers to reflect on the grave harm they are inflicting on countless young people and on adults from every level of society,” he said in a speech to recovering heroin and cocaine addicts at the Farm of Hope (Fazenda da Esperanca) rehabilitation centre in the rural town of Guaratingueta.

“God will call you to account for your deeds. Human dignity cannot be trampled upon in this way,” he said.

Thousands of followers sang and waved flags as the Pope, surrounded by bodyguards, then walked through the crowd, smiling

and shaking hands.

The drugs trade has caused havoc and bloodshed in Latin America for the past few decades, from Colombia, the world’s main source of cocaine, to Brazil, where rival trafficking gangs control many of the impoverished slums.

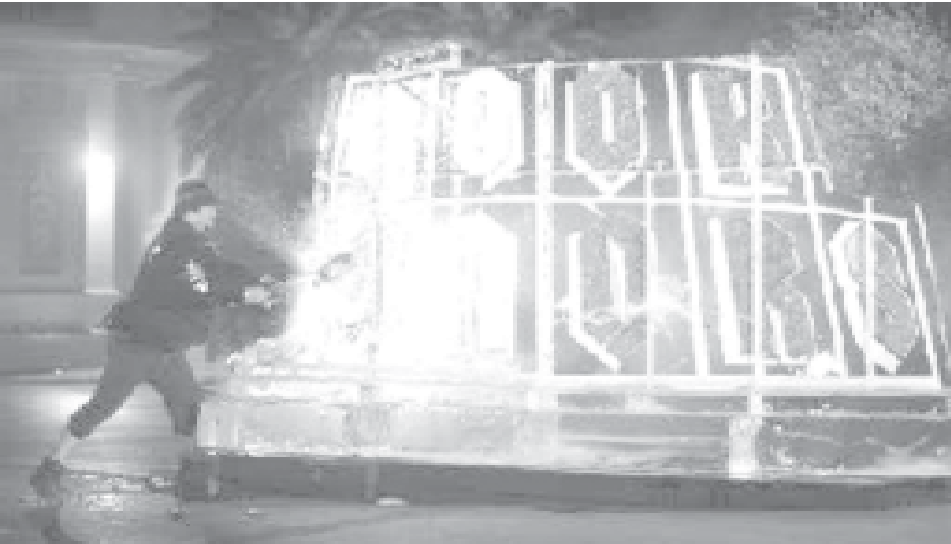
Although the United States was long the key market, Latin American countries now suffer from increasing addiction among their own youth, compounding the social woes of poverty and violence. Rival drug gangs in Mexico have killed about 800 people so far this year in brutal turf wars.

About one-in-four of the 6,000 people who heard the Pope’s address on a sports field at the farm, nestled in a lush valley about 10 miles (15 kilometres) from the shrine city of Aparecida,

were from various rehabilitation centres in Brazil.

Patients went up on the stage to tell the Pope their stories. He offered them encouragement, urged them to embrace the Church’s teachings and hugged one woman.

MNA/Reuters



Bam Margera, a professional skateboarder and television personality, attacks a three-ton ice sculpture with a skateboard during taping for the opening of the VH1 Rock Honours Concert in Las Vegas, Nevada on 10 May, 2007. The concert will be held at the Mandalay Bay Events Centre in Las Vegas on 12 May and broadcast on VH1 on 24 May. — INTERNET

Transplanted heart transplanted again in US

NEW YORK, 13 May — Two months ago at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre in Los Angeles, surgeons removed a transplanted heart from a patient who had died and retransplanted it in another recipient.

“To my knowledge, this is the first time this has been done with a transplanted heart,” Dr Lawrence S C Czer, medical

director of the centre’s heart transplant programme, told *Reuters Health*. “Even with other organs, repeat transplantation is very rare.”

The second patient was a 45-year-old man with non-compaction syndrome, a rare cardiac condition in which the heart assumes a sponge-like appearance. The disease is progressive, and the man’s heart became more and more disabled

despite the best medical therapy.

According to Czer, the patient first went on the waiting list for a heart transplant in 2002 but he improved and came off the list for several years. About a year ago, his condition worsened and again he was placed on the list.

Finding a suitable donor heart was complicated by the fact that the patient was a “very large man”. As Czer noted, “You can transplant a large heart into a smaller recipient, but not a small heart into a larger recipient.”

Two months ago, the patient received a call from the transplant coordinator saying that a heart had become available. As it turned out, this organ had already been transplanted into one recipient who had died a week after the procedure from unrelated causes.

There are a number of potential issues that arise with re-transplantation, Czer noted. For one thing, the risk of rejection is heightened because the organ has now been exposed to tissue and antibodies from two different individuals.

In addition, the operation is more complex since the cardiac vessels have already been grafted previously. Furthermore, having two periods without blood-flow while the heart is removed prior to each transplantation may damage the heart muscle further.

MNA/Reuters

World Bank board majority want Wolfowitz to resign

WASHINGTON, 13 May — A majority of countries on the World Bank board believe Paul Wolfowitz should resign as President of the World Bank, Bank board sources from rich and developing nations said on Friday.

“It is now very clear that a majority of members think Mr Wolfowitz must

resign,” said one board source from a developing country, which received instructions from its capital this week not to support Wolfowitz’ continued leadership.

“We believe that the World Bank cannot continue under the leadership of Mr Wolfowitz,” the source told *Reuters*.

The Bank’s 24-nation board this week delayed a final decision until next week over Wolfowitz’ future, which hangs in the balance over a pay and promotion deal he approved for his companion, Shaha Riza, a World Bank Middle East expert.

The high-paying promotion sparked calls by the Bank’s employee association for Wolfowitz to resign and has paralyzed the institution, the globe’s largest poverty-fighting agency.

MNA/Reuters



Adam Beach, a cast member in the HBO film “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee,” poses alongside a portrait of his character Charles Eastman on a poster at the premiere of the film in Los Angeles, on 10 May, 2007. — XINHUA



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Three US soldiers feared kidnapped by guerillas in W Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 May — Three US soldiers apparently went missing on Saturday near the restive Iraqi city of Fallujah, Qatar-based pan-Arab satellite channel al-Jazeera reported.

A US military spokesman told *Xinhua* that he cannot confirm the kidnapping of the soldiers in this stage and that his office is checking its reports.

Some 3,390 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion broke out in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian cargo spaceship blasts off

Moscow, 13 May — A Russian cargo spaceship was launched on early Saturday to carry supplies to the *International Space Station* (ISS) from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, according to the Mission Control outside Moscow.

The *Progress* cargo

spaceship will dock with the ISS on 15 May to supply 2.5 tons of food, water, fuel and equipment, as well as letters and gifts from families, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency

reported.

The *Progress M-60* spacecraft blasted off from the Central Asian steppe in Kazakhstan at 07:25 am Moscow Time (0325 GMT).—MNA/Xinhua



A total of 5136 students from nursing department make a solemn vow on the eve of the International Nurse Day in Yichun of southeast China's Jiangxi Province, on 11 May, 2007. Students from Nursing Department of Jiangxi Yichun Career and Technic College had a nurse-cap presenting ceremony, symbolizing their roles changed from student to nurse, in Yichun on Friday on the eve of the International Nurse Day, which falls on 12 May and is the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. — XINHUA

US military sees parents as big recruiting barrier

WASHINGTON, 13 May — The biggest obstacle for US military recruiters is not finding young Americans willing to enlist in wartime, it is dealing with their parents, according to the Pentagon.

That reality, which has emerged over the past year through polling data and recruiters' experiences throughout the United States, has led some parts of the US military to seek new ways to either convince parents or simply bypass them.

The Army Reserve — which is having the hardest time meeting recruiting goals — has opted to shift its focus onto peers.

The Reserve plans to adopt a National Guard programme and use its young soldiers as recruiters in their home communities, boosting the number of recruiters reaching out to youth based on the belief that peers can be a deciding force in the decision to enlist.

"Peers recruiting peers — I think that's a great idea," Brigadier-General Richard Sherlock, deputy chief of the Army Reserve, said on Thursday after the reserve missed its monthly recruiting goal by 19 per cent.

Like other Pentagon officials, Sherlock said

parents and adults that recruiters call "influencers" are a tough hurdle to clear, but their influence can be checked.

"Influencers certainly have a big impact, but I also think there are other things that we really haven't tried or explored completely before that have shown great success," he said.

Parental opposition is felt in other parts of the military too. That is clear from the Army's decision to target part of its new "Army Strong" advertising campaign at parents, telling them: "You made them strong. We'll make them Army Strong."

Parents today are a greater deterrent than in previous years, according to Defence Department polling data that shows a steady decline in the number who say they would recommend military service to youths.

Between 2001 and 2002, the percentage of parents with children aged 12 to 21 who were likely to recommend military service fell from 70 to 40. The figure had dropped to nearly 20 per cent by June 2006.

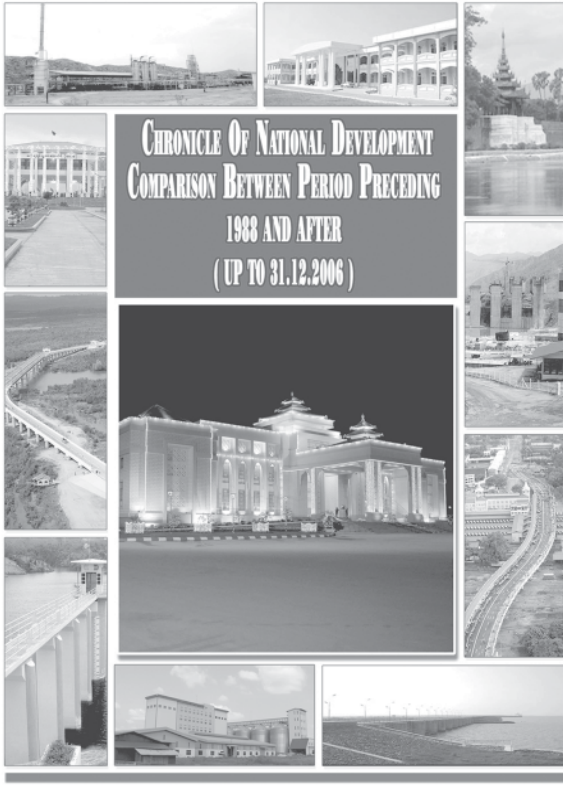
The Pentagon says its problem with parents is partly generational.—MNA/Reuters

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Venezuela nationalizes largest electricity company

CARACAS, 12 May—The Venezuelan Government has acquired the nation's largest private electricity company for 836.9 million US dollars, a further move toward the nationalization of the South American country's strategic industries.

In a statement released on Thursday, the state-owned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA (PDVSA) said that it had bought 93 per cent of the shares in Electricidad de Caracas (EDC), including an 82-per-cent stake from AES Corp, a Virginia-based US company.

In January 2007, the Venezuelan Government announced its plan to nationalize the oil, telecommunications and electric sectors. On Wednesday the government acquired the Compania Anonima Telefonos de Venezuela (Cantv), Venezuela's largest telecommunications firm, for 1.3 billion dollars, obtaining a total of 86.2 per cent of its shares.

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Two roosters are playing football in the yard at Ms Zhang's home in Shenyang, the capital city of Liaoning Province, north eastern China on 9 May, 2007.
INTERNET

Cuba accuses US of breaking anti-terrorism treaties

HAVANA, 12 May — Cuba accused the United States on Friday of violating international anti-terrorism treaties by failing to prosecute an anti-Castro militant and former CIA operative wanted for bomb attacks against the country.

Cuba said Washington should have arrested Cuban exile Luis Posada Carriles under its own Patriot Act as a security threat and called for his extradition to Venezuela to stand trial for plotting the 1976 downing of a Cuban plane that killed 73 people.

"The US Government should have tried Posada Carriles for terrorism," Cuba said in a statement that deplored the freeing of the accused bomber after a US judge dismissed immigration fraud charges against him on Tuesday.

"Let's see what the White House does now.

It still has the option to fulfil its international obligations to detain Luis Posada Carriles and extradite him to Venezuela," said the statement published in the Communist Party newspaper *Granma*.

Cuba said the immigration indictment was a "smoke screen" to avoid prosecuting Posada Carriles for acts of violence that would have revealed his links over 25 years to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Trained by the CIA for its failed Bay of Pigs invasion to oust Cuban leader Fidel Castro in 1961, Posada Carriles was jailed in Venezuela for the 1976 bombing of the Cuban airliner, but escaped from prison in 1985.

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Study says bone marrow stem cells may cure eye disease

WASHINGTON, 11 May — Bone marrow stem cells from adults may help cure certain genetic eye diseases, researchers from the University of Cincinnati reported Friday.

The study with mice showed that bone marrow stem cells can switch roles and produce keratocan, a natural protein involved in the growth of the cornea — the transparent, outer layer of the eyeball. This ability of marrow cells to “differentiate” into keratocan-producing cells might provide a means for treating abnormal corneal cell growth in people.

In the laboratory, the researchers induced corneal abnormalities that mimicked genetic eye mutations and then



Bone marrow stem cells from adults may help cure certain genetic eye diseases, researchers from the University of Cincinnati reported on Friday. — INTERNET

injected bone marrow stem cells into the corneas to see if they altered the mutations.

The study showed that after only one week, the abnormal corneas of animal models injected with bone marrow stem cells began to change

shape and heal.

Researchers found that bone marrow stem cells can contribute to the formation of connective tissues. They are now planning a clinical trial. If the trial succeeds, the procedure could help prevent blindness in

future generations who suffer from genetic corneal diseases.

The research team also said that cornea transplants have been successful to some degree but do not always eliminate the problem. “When the donor cells disappear after a few years, the corneal disease often reoccurs,” they noted. However, “if we can place the stem cells inside the cornea, they will repair the lost function of the mutated gene, and stem cells can presumably renew themselves and maintain effective treatment longer, if not forever,” they added.

Internet

Woman killed by pet tiger in Canada

VANCOUVER (British Columbia), 12 May — A woman died after she was mauled by a tiger kept as a pet at an exotic animal farm in Western Canada, police said on Friday.

The 32-year-old woman, who was a friend of the tiger’s owner, was petting the cat in the animal’s cage on Thursday night, when it grabbed her leg and mauled her, according to police and local media reports.

The woman’s children called for help, but she died later in a

hospital from blood loss.

The Siberian Magic farm in rural Bridge Lake, British Columbia, about 285 kilometres (178 miles) northeast of Vancouver, is home to several exotic animals, which are used for magic shows and movie stunt work, according to the farm’s website.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said all the animals at the farm were secured after the attack, and no decision has been on what to do with them.

MNA/Reuters

Indian State accused of putting pride before lions

AHMEDABAD (India), 12 May — An Indian State housing the world’s only natural habitat for the rare Asiatic lion is refusing to relocate the big cats despite calls from conservationists who say it is the only way to save the species.

More than a dozen lions have died — mainly due

to increased poaching — in the last two months in Gir National Park. Yet authorities in Gujarat in western India are resisting calls to shift some of the population to a neighbouring state.

“The lions are a symbol of Gujarat’s uniqueness in the world,” Chief Minister Narendra Modi said in a

recent speech. “Why should we share it when we are capable enough?”

Environmentalists say pride is coming before the interests of the lions. A second home is needed, they say, because it is too risky to keep all the world’s Asiatic lions in one place.

MNA/Reuters



A visitor views a six-wheel 6.8-metre-long Hammer go-anywhere vehicle during Tokyo Special Import-Car Show at Tokyo Big Sight, on 11 May, 2007. The three-day show opened here on Friday, displaying over 1000 cars made in foreign countries. — XINHUA



Johnny Depp (R-2), Keira Knightley (L-1) and Geoffrey Rush in a still from “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End (2007).” — INTERNET

Producer: “Pirates of the Caribbean” end with the 3rd

BEIJING, 12 May — Now that the final chapter of Pirates adventure trilogy, “Pirates of the Caribbean: At World’s End,” is ready to hit the theaters around the world, rumor has it that there will be a fourth “Pirates of the Caribbean” movie.

But producer Jerry Bruckheimer has hinted that if at all there is a fourth pirates movie, it will be a spin-off.

Bruckheimer, in an

interview with “The Herald Sun,” said that the “Pirates of the Caribbean” series end with the third movie. “This is the end [of the current trilogy], but whether one of the characters or a couple of the characters continue on, it’s a possibility. Certainly, in a moment at the end of the film there is a hope that something else might happen,” Moviehole quoted Bruckheimer, as telling

the paper.

Geoffrey Rush seconded Bruckheimer’s claim, saying that a fourth film is possible, but it just might not star Johnny Depp as the famous Captain Jack Sparrow.

“Inevitably they may think about it, but Johnny maysay, I’ve burnt out Jack. I couldn’t go there again’. Or he may not. I certainly know he wouldn’t say ‘Hey, treble my fee and I’ll do it,’” Rush said. — Internet

SPORTS

Terry targets final revenge



John Terry

LONDON, 13 May — John Terry has admitted Chelsea are determined to lift the FA Cup in order to leave Manchester United pondering defeat over the course of the summer.

The Red Devils knocked Chelsea off their Premiership perch and

Terry has made it clear that he wants to exact revenge in the FA Cup final.

Terry says Chelsea are still smarting from surrendering the Premiership title, but is aware they have the chance to bounce back in the Wembley spectacular.

"That will be the last game of the season," said the England captain. "We can go off on our holidays having won the FA Cup and enjoy it.

"Man Utd will have the feeling that we had after losing the Premiership. They will have to wait until next season to get that winning feeling back. If we can go away and do that it will be great."

Chelsea host Everton on the final day of the season, but Terry says he will have an empty feeling at Stamford Bridge.

He added: "The Premiership has hurt me the most this season. I have loved lifting that trophy and on Sunday it is not going to be right. There will be something missing. —Internet

Sochaux deny Marseille with French Cup final win

PARIS, 13 May — Sochaux twice fought back from a goal down to beat Olympique Marseille 5-4 on penalties after a thrilling French Cup final had ended 2-2 following extra-time on Saturday.

It was the first victory in the tournament for Sochaux since 1937. Marseille are still without a trophy since the 1993 European Cup. France forward Djibril Cisse put Marseille in front by nodding in a Samir Nasri cross on five minutes but Sochaux levelled on 67 with a header from striker Moumouni Dagano.

Cisse was on target with another header eight minutes into extra-time, this time from a cross by substitute Toifilou Maoulida. Sochaux equalized again with a header by substitute Anthony Le Tallec on 115. —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

1 A 2 A 3 S 4 R 5 T 6 U

7 S I G H E D 8 B O A R D S

9 A M A A

10 U N T A M E D 11 A P I N G

12 G A T E 13 F A N C Y

14 T N E S 15 A

16 C R A T E 17 L E S S

18 A 19 S I 20 W C S

21 D R O O P 22 G R A N U L E

23 U L O E T R N

24 L O V E L Y 25 D E C E I T

T E I R D S

Real Madrid top after dramatic win over Espanyol

MADRID, 13 May — Real Madrid snatched a last-gasp 4-3 victory over Espanyol on Saturday to go top of the Primera Liga.

The nine-times European champions trailed 3-1 at the interval after a 19-minute hat-trick from Uruguayan striker Walter Pandiani.

But Real fought back when captain Raul netted four minutes after the restart and substitute Jose Antonio Reyes equalized eight minutes later. Espanyol, who face fellow Spaniards Sevilla in Wednesday's UEFA Cup final in Glasgow, looked to have done enough to earn a draw until an 89th-minute strike from Gonzalo Higuain gave the hosts victory.

The Argentine striker sent the Bernabeu crowd wild when he squeezed a low shot past keeper Carlos Kameni after exchanging a sharp one-two with Reyes. —MNA/Reuters



Tommy Robredo of Spain plays a shot against Nikolay Davydenko of Russia during their quarter-final match at the Rome Masters tennis tournament in Rome on 11 May, 2007. Davydenko won 1-6, 6-3, 6-3. — XINHUA

Stuttgart move to brink of German title

BERLIN, 13 May — VfB Stuttgart snatched a 3-2 win at VfL Bochum on Saturday to go two points clear heading into the Bundesliga's final weekend while Schalke 04 lived up to their reputation as nervous finishers.

As Stuttgart fought back to clinch a seventh successive league victory, Schalke went down 2-0 at Ruhr Valley rivals Borussia Dortmund.

Werder Bremen's title hopes were finally extinguished in a surprise 2-1 home defeat by Eintracht Frankfurt.

The results took Stuttgart to the brink of a fifth German championship and their first in 15 years.

With 33 of 34 games played Stuttgart have 67 points followed by Schalke on 65 and Werder on 63.

Victory at home to Energie Cottbus next weekend would be enough to clinch the championship for Stuttgart.

Schalke held a one-point lead at the start of play and even had hopes of wrapping up their first title with a week to spare.

Now they will need to win at home to Arminia Bielefeld next weekend to stand any chance.

MNA/Reuters



Sean O'Hair tees off on the 18th hole during the third round of play at The Players Championship golf tournament in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 12 May, 2007. O'Hair finished the round as the sole leader at nine-under-par with a score of 207. —INTERNET

Nadal battles past Davydenko to reach Rome final

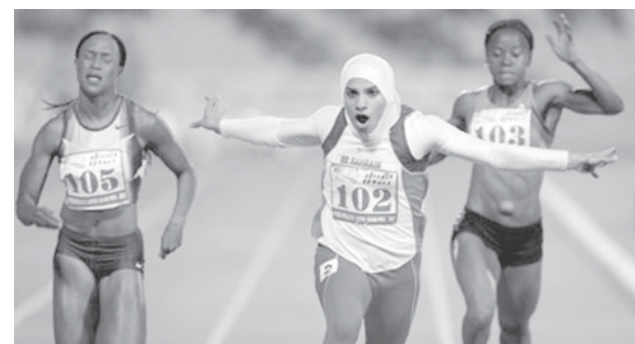
ROME, 13 May — Rafael Nadal survived one of the toughest battles in his long claycourt winning streak, edging Nikolay Davydenko 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 on Saturday to reach the Rome Masters final.

The world number two battled for more than 3-1/2 hours to chalk up his 76th successive victory on clay and will be aiming to capture his 13th consecutive title on the surface when he faces Fernando Gonzalez on Sunday.

Should he defeat the Chilean, Nadal will equal Thomas Muster's professional era record of a hat-trick of Rome victories.

Sixth seed Gonzalez ended the home crowd's hopes by sweeping aside wildcard Filippo Volandri 6-1, 6-2.

MNA/Reuters



Rakia Al-Gassra (C) of Bahrain celebrates after winning third place in the 100m race at the Super Grand Prix in Doha on 11 May, 2007. On the left is Stephanie Durst (105) of the US and on the right is Delphine Atangana of Cameroon. —XINHUA

Gritty Henin clings on at German Open

BERLIN, 13 May — Justine Henin showed her battling qualities at the German Open on Saturday when her semifinal with Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova was suspended for the day in the deciding set for bad light.

Earlier, world number one Henin came back from the brink of defeat to oust fifth-seeded Serb Jelena Jankovic 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 at the rain-hit tournament.

The Belgian then returned to the Steffi Graf Stadium a few hours later to play third seed Kuznetsova and was serving at 3-2 down in the third set when the match was halted.

French Open champion Henin lost the first set 6-4 and with the powerful Russian serving for the match at 5-3 in the second, her tournament looked over.

But Henin broke back to take the set 7-5.

MNA/Reuters

Frustrated Woods labours to 73 at Sawgrass

PONTE VEDRA BEACH (Florida), 13 May — Tiger Woods' woes continued when he battled to a one-over-par 73 in the Players Championship third round on Saturday. It was his fifth successive score above par at the tournament unofficially dubbed the fifth major and left him 10 strokes behind overnight leader Phil Mickelson, who was yet to tee off.

Erratic off the tee, Woods again struggled with his putter and declined to speak to reporters after finishing on five-over 221.

Swede Henrik Stenson, his playing partner for the third day in a row, felt Woods had been let down mainly by his driving. Nine strokes off the pace at the start of the day after narrowly making the cut, Woods missed eight fairways out of 14 and needed 32 putts, his highest tally of the week. —MNA/Reuters

PREMIERSHIP

13 May , 2007

Man Utd	0-1	West Ham
Tottenham	2-1	Man City
Chelsea	1-1	Everton
Bolton	2-2	Aston Villa
Blackburn	3-3	Reading
Portsmouth	0-0	Arsenal
Liverpool	2-2	Charlton
Middlesbrough	3-1	Fulham
Watford	1-1	Newcastle
Sheff Utd	1-2	Wigan

Internet

Man Utd 0-1 West Ham

LONDON , 13 May — Carlos Tevez fired West Ham to a shock win at champions Manchester United to help keep his side in the Premiership.

The Argentine — at the centre of a row over his registration — scored on the stroke of half-time from close range.

Manchester United wasted a string of chances as West Ham fought fiercely for their top-flight status at the expense of Sheffield United who lost to Wigan.

West Ham stood firm to pull-off an amazing relegation escape and spoil Sir Alex Ferguson's title party.

A weakened Manchester United side were celebrating their 16th English league title against a Hammers team who needed a point to guarantee their Premiership status.

Sir Alex Ferguson left a host of star names on the

bench and there were no complaints from his West Ham counterpart Alan Curbishley. — Internet



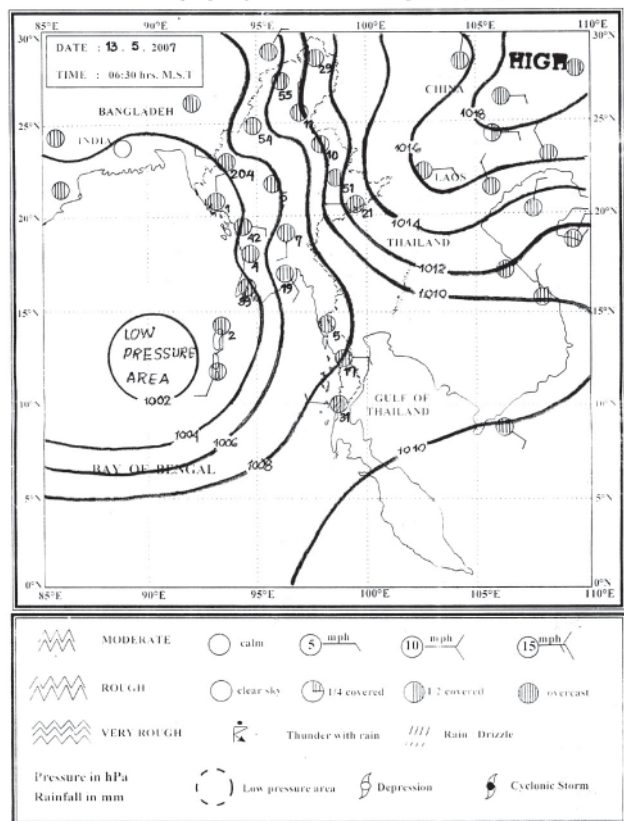
West Ham United's Carlos Tevez, left, scores past Manchester United's goalkeeper Edwin Van Der Sar during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on Sunday, 13, May, 2007. — INTERNET

Barclays Premiership Table

13 May 2007

		P	GD	PTS
1	Man Utd	38	56	89
2	Chelsea	38	40	83
3	Liverpool	38	30	68
4	Arsenal	38	28	68
5	Tottenham	38	3	60
6	Everton	38	16	58
7	Bolton	38	-5	56
8	Reading	38	5	55
9	Portsmouth	38	3	54
10	Blackburn	38	-2	52
11	Aston Villa	38	2	50
12	Middlesbro'	38	-5	46
13	Newcastle	38	-9	43
14	Man City	38	-15	42
15	West Ham	38	-24	41
16	Fulham	38	-22	39
17	Wigan	38	-22	38
18	Sheff Utd	38	-23	38
19	Charlton	38	-26	34
20	Watford	38	-30	28

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 13 May, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest Monsoon has advanced into the Taninthayi Division and is advancing into Mon State. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Chin State and Sagaing Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperature in Shan State, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperature in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Kyauktaw (38°C) and Minbu (37°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kalewa (8.66) inches, Myingyan (3.23) inches, Mindat (3.11) inches, NyaungU (2.99) inches, Chauk (2.60) inches, Homalin (2.32) inches, Minkin (2.28) inches, Hkamti (2.16) inches, Lashio (2.00) inches, Kanbalu (1.81) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-5-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 12-5-2007 was (1.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 13-5-2007 was (1.10) inches at Mingaladon, (0.87) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.22) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (16.42) inches at Mingaladon, (20.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (19.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 12-5-2007.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over South East Bay has intensified further into a depression and moved into East Central Bay. It is centred at about (200) miles West of CoCo Island and forecast to move West-Northwest wards slowly. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 14-5-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered to fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Southern Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Detaic and Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-5-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-5-2007: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-5-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 14 May

Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
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 - Come on everybody
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
 - Biloi Balia
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
 - I'm all right
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
 - Just like a pill
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Lunch time music:
 - Listen to your heart
 - Miss you all over
 - I'll still love you
 - Keep on walking
- 9:00pm** Spotlight on the star:
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Drug / Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm** Golden Land melody/ Vocal gems ... Evergreen
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Monday, 14 May
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 - 1. Recitation or Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
 - 5. Song of national races
- 8:00 am**
 - 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
 - 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:25 am**
 - 8. ကုန်စည်တိုးပွား တွဲစားတံတား
- 8:30 am**
 - 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
 - 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm**
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 - 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm**
 - 4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာ အထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 5:00 pm**
 - 5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm**
 - 6. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Music Troupe)
- 5:25 pm**
 - 7. Song and dances of national races
- 5:30 pm**
 - 8. “လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့” (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 5:40 pm**
 - 9. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများ အချင်းချင်းပေါင်းစပ် ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံနှင့်လူကုန်ကူးမှု ပြဿနာ)
- 6:00 pm**
 - 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 - 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 - 12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm**
 - 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သစ္စာ ဘဝပင်ခြားသော်လည်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 8:00 pm**
 - 14. News
- 15. International news**
- 16. Weather report**
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေးဒုတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)**
- 18. The next day's programme**

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Drilling of Zeebyutaung Test Well No 1 launched in Pinlebu

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi yesterday attended the ceremony to launch the drilling of Zeebyutaung Test Well No 1 being undertaken by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and Silver Wave Sputnik Petroleum Pte Ltd and Silver Wave Energy Pte Ltd of Kalmykia of the Russian Federation in Block B2 of Pinlebu region in Sagaing Division.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Head of Mission Mr Barabanov Nikoloy of the Russian Embassy and officials of the Ministry of Defence.

At the briefing hall, Director (Engineering) of MOGE U Than Htut briefed the minister on arrival of the drilling machine, Director (Oil Ex-

ploration) U Kyaw Hlaing on geological condition of Block B2, potential of Zeebyutaung Test Well No 1 and seismic tasks.

The minister instructed them to make efforts for timely completion of the task and make preparation for conducting seismic tasks and drilling more wells.

Next, the minister launched the drilling of the Test Well No 1 by pressing the lever. He presented medicines and gifts to foreign technicians and workers.

Zeebyutaung Test Well No 1 is located in Block B2 in Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Division. Exploration of oil and gas will be conducted at Miocene sand layers and Eocene sand layers.

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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attends launching ceremony of drilling of Zeebyutaung Test Well No 1 in Block B2 of Pinlebu Township. — ENERGY

Four quit NLD in Myingyan, Madaya townships as they dissatisfied with NLD functions

They have no more wish to discharge party duties

YANGON, 13 May — Four members of National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division resigned from the party of own volition on 8 and 19 April.

The four — Ko Pyi Phyo Win of Ywasi village, Myingyan Township, and U Win Maung,

U Hla Shwe and U Tin Aye of Thangon village, Madaya Township — sent letters of resignation to the NLD headquarters and the local authorities concerned.

In the letters of resignation to Myingyan Township and Madaya Township Multiparty

Democracy General Election Subcommittees, the four said that they quit the party of their own volition as they were dissatisfied with the activities of NLD and that they had no more wish to discharge the party duties.

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Minister on inspection tour of Shwekyin Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Shwekyin Hydropower Project being implemented on Shwekyin Creek near Kyaukgaga Village, six miles north-east of Shwekyin, which included Sittoung delta projects yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall, Director U Maw Tha Htwe briefed the minister on

progress of the construction tasks and future plans with audio visual aids. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on the main tasks to be carried out.

Next, the minister and party inspected flow of water in outfall channel and construction tasks of the project. Afterwards, the minister made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

In his meeting with

the staff, the minister gave instructions on tasks to be carried out continuously, minimizing waste and loss, meeting the set standard, maintenance of heavy machinery, harmonious efforts to be made for timely completion of the project and occupational safety.

Upon completion, the project covering 75 megawatt will generate 262 million of kilowatt/hours every year. — MNA

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Pariyatti Saddhammapala Examination for 1369 ME is being held from 8 to 15 May 2007. In his introductory speech made at the opening of the 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination on 25 December 2006, Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara said that the five causes for existence of the Sasana were (1) members of the Sangha respectfully listen to the Dhamma, (2) respectfully learn the Dhamma, (3) respectfully keep the Dhamma in mind, (4) consider the definition of the Dhamma they keep in mind, (5) respectfully practise the Dhamma after they have realized it.

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Special Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — According to the observation at (18:30) hrs MST today, the depression intensified occurring over East Central Bay is centered at about (250) miles South-West of Sittway and forecast to move East-North Wards slowly and pass through North of Rakhine Coast during next 12 hours from this evening.

Under the influence of this depression, there can be widespread rain or thundershowers in Rakhine, Mon States, Taninthayi, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and scatter to fairly widespread in the remaining states and divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions.

Under the influence of this depression squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Deltaic and Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (50) mph during heavy rains and strong winds. The tide will rise from (3) to (5) feet from the current water level. — MNA