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Over 92 per cent say "Yes" to Referendum

Commission for Holding Referendum issues Announcement No 10/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—*The Commission for Holding the Referendum of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement No 10/2008 dated 15 May 2008.*

The full text of the Announcement is as follows:—

Union of Myanmar
Commission for Holding the Referendum
Announcement No 10/2008
11th Waxing of Kason, 1370 ME
(15 May 2008)

1. The referendum was held successfully on 10 May 2008 in 278 of 325 townships in the Union of Myanmar.
2. The Commission issued Announcement No 8/2008 dated 6 May 2008 that the referendum for 40 townships in Yangon Division and seven townships in Ayeyawady Division which were hit by Cyclone 'Nargis' will be held on 24 May 2008.
3. The population of the Union now is 57,504,368 and the population of those who have attained the age of 18 years and who are eligible to vote is 27,369,957.
4. The following are the results of the referendum held in 278 townships on 10 May 2008.

(a) Number of eligible voters	22,708,434
(b) Number of those who cast vote	22,496,660
(c) Number of those who cast 'Yes' vote	20,786,596
(d) Number of those who cast 'No' vote	1,375,480
(e) Number of cancelled votes	334,584

5. In the 278 townships, 22,496,660 or 99.07 per cent of 22,708,434 eligible voters cast vote in the referendum.
6. The commission hereby announces that 20,786,596 of 22,496,660 voters cast 'Yes' vote, accounting for 92.4 per cent.

(Aung Toe)
Chairman
Commission for Holding the Referendum

Legal action for any relief aid embezzlement

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee releases announcement

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—*The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee released an announcement today.*

The Announcement is as follows:—

1. Some areas in Myanmar were hit severely by the Cyclone 'Nargis'. Now the nation is accepting the relief supplies donated by internal and international donors with much gratitude.
2. The Emergency Supply Supervisory Committee consisting of departmental officials and non-governmental organizations is accepting and systematically keeping proper accounts the cash and relief aid donated by internal and international donors. Then, the Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Subcommittee consisting of departmental officials and non-governmental organizations is immediately delivering the items to the victims in the storm-hit areas.
3. Hence, wellwishers at home and abroad may contact the nearest Myanmar embassies, offices of the Military Attache, responsible persons of Natural Disaster Preparedness Subcommittees in the respective wards, townships, districts, states and divisions, other service agencies and official organizations and donate humanitarian aid.
4. Anyone may inform if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes. We hereby announce that we have made all necessary arrangements to conduct investigation into the cases to expose the offenders and take punitive action against them in accordance with the law.

National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

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**

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 May, 2008

Humanitarian spirit further cements good neighbourly relations between Myanmar and Thailand

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej and members at the Sedona Hotel on 14 May.

At the meeting, the Thai Prime Minister said that Thailand provided assistance to Myanmar after the storm, and he said that continued assistance would also be provided via Myawady, a border town.

In response, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said Thailand was providing relief supplies to the nation. Arrangements were made to transport the items promptly to the disaster-hit areas, he said.

The supplies from Thailand included those donated by the Thai King, those by Thai government and Princess Sirindhorn and those by the people. The relief items such as foodstuff, clothes and medicines donated by the people from four corners of the nation, international and local social organizations and well-wishers are now adequate for the victims.

After the call, the Thai Prime Minister said that he came to realize the rescue and relief efforts of Myanmar due to his firsthand experience rather than hearsay. The two prime ministers observed measures being taken to expedite the relief tasks in order to fulfil the requirements of the victims by the administrative office and control office at the relief camp of Ward 17 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

Myanmar and Thailand are good neighbourly countries helping each other and sharing same culture and traditions. So, the Thai Prime Minister's visit to Myanmar is believed to forge the friendly relations between the two countries.

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**

Swedish Ambassador calls on NPED Minister

Minister U Soe Tha receives Ambassador of Sweden to Myanmar Mr Lennart Linner.—MNA

YANGON, 15 May – Swedish Ambassador Mr Lennart Linner and Myanmar Consul Dr Myint Han to Sweden called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at National Archives Department, here, this morning.

At the call, the Swedish Ambassador, on behalf of the people of Sweden, expressed sympathy for damages and losses in the storm. He thanked the Myanmar government for its management to send relief aid presented by Sweden to the storm-hit regions through the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

He added that Swedish government plans to provide more relief aids to Myanmar, and he said he would like to know assistance being rendered to the victims.

The minister said that the storm crossed some townships in Ayeyawady Division and townships in Yangon Division from Hainggyikyun at night on 2 May and on 3 May morning. The storm and tidal waves caused damages and losses to townships in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. After the storm, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee met in Nay Pyi Taw, and the Head of State sent the ministers to supervise the relief tasks. The Prime Minister also managed relief activities in the storm-hit regions. A total of 21 relief camps are being opened at the regions.

The minister explained sending of relief supplies from abroad to the relief camps via Yangon International Airport by helicopter and by car and health care services including basic needs being provided to the victims.

In addition, the minister made clarification on completion of the first phase relief tasks, matters related to delivery of supplies to the relief camps for the second phase and rehabilitation measures for long-term.

Later, the Swedish Ambassador expressed thanks for clarification of the minister and reported on arrangements for more assistance of the Swedish government.—*MNA*

MWAF takes part in carrying relief supplies

YANGON, 15 May — Vice Presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, central executives, chairperson of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and more than 300 members of WAO in Yangon Division assisted in loading onto ships of relief supplies for the storm victims in Ayeyawady Division at Phongyi Street, No 1 jetty and War Dan street jetty this morning.

Vice-Presidents of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint, Daw Khin Thet Htay and members distributed soft drinks, bottled drinking water and snacks to workers of Inland Freight Handling Committee and members of Myanmar Police Force taking part in loading.—*MNA*

Responsible personnel of MWAF carrying relief aids onto a ship at Wardan Jetty in Yangon.—MNA

Storm-hit areas using rain water effectively

YANGON, 15 May— The local people had run into difficulties due to lack of drinking water because sea water flowed into the drinking water ponds caused by the storm that hit Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions on 2 and 3 May.

Now, South West monsoon has set in delta region. It is heavily raining in the regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. The local people from some places that can not acquire drinking water are utilizing rain water beneficially using tarpaulins like ponds.

In addition, well-wishers are constantly donating foods, drinking water and relief aids and sending them to the storm victims. Officials concerned are supervising measures being taken for the distribution of relief items to the storm victims to minimize loss and wastage.—*MNA*

US Democrats win Mississippi special election

ATLANTA, 15 May— Mississippi Democrat Travis Childers won a US House of Representatives seat in a special election on Tuesday that analysts said should serve as a warning to Republicans gearing up for November's congressional elections.Childers defeated Greg Davis in a runoff to fill a vacant seat in Mississippi's first congressional district, according to projections reported by local media.

Vice President Dick Cheney and the state's Republican governor campaigned against Childers in a district considered safe territory in part because it voted heavily for US President George W Bush in 2004.

Advertisements run for Davis in this conservative part of the country attempted to link Childers to Senator Barack Obama, the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, who is viewed by some Mississippi voters as too liberal.

The win expanded the Democratic majority in Congress to 236 versus 199 seats held by the Republican Party, according to the chairman of the Congressional Democratic Caucus, Maryland Representative Chris Van Hollen, who described it as a "political thunderbolt".—*MNA/Reuters*

Photo taken on 14 May, 2008 shows an aerial view of the badly stricken town of Yingxiu in Wenchuan County of southwest China's Sichuan Province, two days after a massive earthquake. —XINHUA

Poland says US shield offer not yet acceptable

WARSAW, 15 May— Poland said on Tuesday recent US proposals to strengthen Polish defences in return for hosting a controversial American missile shield fell short of its demands.

Washington wants to install 10 land-based interceptors in Poland as part of an anti-missile system designed to protect the United States and its NATO allies from attack by what it calls "rogue states", especially Iran. Russia opposes the plan.

"We have the right to set our own conditions and expectations. At the moment the US proposals have not reached a satisfactory level for Poland," Prime Minister Donald Tusk told reporters.

"There will be a missile shield once our conditions are met," he said, in his first public comments on the shield since US and Polish negotiators discussed the initiative last week. Polish daily Gazeta Wyborcza said on Tuesday the United States was increasingly fru-strated by lack of progress in talks with Poland and quoted an unnamed source as saying Washington wanted to know by mid-July whether Warsaw would host the shield.

MNA/Reuters

A view of a market that was destroyed by a fire on Monday night in New Baghdad district on 14 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Bomb at Spain police barracks wounds three

MADRID, 15 May—A car bomb exploded at a police barracks in the Basque Country in northern Spain early on Wednesday, wounding 3 people and leaving at least 2 trapped in the rubble of a building, police said.

A police rescue team using dogs was searching for the people trapped in the wrecked Civil Guard barracks in the town of Legutiano, where the bomb exploded just before 3 am (0100 GMT), a spokeswoman for the Basque Country police said.

There was no warning before the attack, which took place in an area that is often the target of Basque separatists. No one has claimed responsibility, police said.— *MNA/Reuters*

Police officers inspect the scene of a car bomb that exploded outside a police station in Legutiano, northern Spain, on 14 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Indonesia expects four carriers off EU ban list

JAKARTA, 15 May – The Indonesian Government is expecting four Indonesian air carriers to be removed from the European Union air ban list in July, in a first step toward the removal of all the country's carriers, local Press said Wednesday.

The four are flag carrier Garuda Indonesia and Mandala Airlines, both passenger carriers, as well as cargo carriers Airfast Indonesia and Premi Air, reported major newspaper The Jakarta Post. The call was made during Tuesday's meeting between Indonesian and EU officials to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues.

MNA/Xinhua

Obama's big boost for White House

Barack Obama has been given a massive boost in his bid for America's top job after former Democratic rival John Edwards gave his backing.

Edwards, the 2004 vice presidential nominee, who dropped out of the Democratic race in January, announced his endorsement live on TV in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

He told the cheering crowd: "The Democratic voters of America have made their choice and so have I."

He was heavily courted by both Obama and rival Hillary Clinton in the past few months.

"It seems to me that Obama's inevitability as well as his gentle handling of Clinton's downward spiral has worked in Obama's favour in attracting the Edwards' endorsement.

"With Edwards' enormous appeal to working class voters, it is possible Obama may be testing the waters in his quest to capture the white working class voter that has eluded him so far in his battle against Hillary Clinton.

John Edwards with Barack Obama

The move came a day after Obama lost to Clinton in a nominating contest in West Virginia.

But the defeat was not enough to put much of a dent in his lead in the Democratic race.—*Internet*

Peres says M-E skies clouded over by Iran's ambition

JERUSALEM, 15 May— Israeli President Shimon Peres said Tuesday that the skies of the Middle East are clouded over by Iran's ambition. Peres made the remarks in a speech at the opening ceremony of the "Facing Tomorrow" Presidential Conference in Jerusalem that will host US President George W Bush later this week.

He told the audience that "fanatic, religious ambition aimed at taking over the entire region, and terror, including Iranian terror, have no shape and no future"—*MNA/Xinhua*

Metta dispensed, merits shared for the dead, storm victims

YANGON, 15 May —The Buddhist people dispensed Metta and shared merits for those who died in storm-hit regions and for storm victims at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin on Kaba Aye Hill yesterday morning and afternoon.

Similar ceremonies were held by Christians at the Cathedral at the corner of Bogyoke Aung San Street and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Islamists at the hall of Choliajamai Mosque on Bo Sun Pat Street and Hindu people at Goddess Sandi Maha Peinne Temple on Bo Aung Kyaw Street.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects distribution of relief aids to storm survivors in Mawlamyinegyun. — MNA

Rehabilitation works carried out in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 15 May— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt together with two vessels carrying relief items went to Ngwethazin-1 village in Shaukchaung village-tract, Mawlamyinegyun Township on 10 May.

The minister met 1000 storm-victims and presented relief supplies including 120 bags of rice, 5000 packets of noodle, 100 sacks of potato, 3600 packages of purified drinking water and 60 tarpaulins to local people.

A medical team led by Dr Saw Lwin gave medical treatment to 250 patients.

Lt-Col Maung Maung San and party of local battalion on 12 May met with local people of Kyarhong village and performed medical treatment. They also distributed needed medicines and supplies to local people.

At Yay Kyaw Htain village in Kyatshar village-tract, they presented supplies including 130 bags of rice, 150 sacks of potato, 4000 packages of purified drinking water and 70 tarpaulins to local people by hand.

Under the supervision of Minister Col Thein Nyunt, servicemen, departmental personnel and social organization members presented supplies daily to the storm-victims by boat and took part in rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects connecting fiber transmission cable between Mingaladon and Htaukkyant. — MNA

Telephone lines under repair

YANGON, 15 May—The Emergency Communications Subcommittee of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw yesterday morning delivered an address at the coordination meeting on repairing the damages of telephone lines in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions caused by the storm, at Mayangon Overseas Exchange.

Chief Engineers reported on clearing of debris by Tatmadawmen and private entrepreneurs, re-erecting of posts and the plans for installation of cables.

The minister gave instructions on re-opening of exchanges and reconstruction of the buildings.

The minister accepted 15 BTS comprising 30,000 CDMA 450 mobile phones worth 3.3 million US dollars and blankets worth 10,000 US dollars donated by ZTE Corporation (Myanmar) of the People's Republic of China.

The minister inspected installation of fiber transmission cable linking Mingaladon and Htaukkyant and the functions of Htaukkyant Microwave Station.

After viewing machinery at Htaukkyant Exchange, he gave necessary instructions.

MNA

MWJA donates cash and kind to storm-affected areas

YANGON, 15 May—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held a meeting (1/2008) to donate cash and kind to storm-hit victims at the association here yesterday.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made a speech and Secretary Dr Tin Tun Oo briefed on the purpose of the meeting.

At the ceremony, the officials of MWJA accepted K 3.3 million and robes worth K 300,000 donated by wellwishers of the association.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the victims may contact MWJA No 529,531 at the corner of Merchant and 37th Streets on 2nd floor of Sarpey Beikman Building Ph 252417, 385273.

MNA

CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association donates K 3.6 million to storm victims through officials concerned.

MNA

Emergency aid flowing into relief camps in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 15 May— Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence inspected accomplishment of tasks for distribution of relief supplies, process of choosing and wrapping relief items, unloading of 60 barrels of edible oil worth K 22,170,000 from the trucks, loading of relief items onto the trucks to transport them to Labutta and Hainggyikyun at Pathein Airport yesterday.

At the relief camps, officials concerned briefed Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung on arrival of storm victims, extension of relief camps and measures taken for food and accommodation.

Regarding the reports, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung gave instructions on systematic accommodation of the storm victims, shelter security, construction of toilets, arrangement made for food, accommodation and health care services, compilation of population and distribution of relief items to the storm victims.

Next, he inspected relief supplies of local and foreign donors at the hall of Pathein.

Afterwards, the Adjutant-General proceed to Pyapon by Tatmadaw helicopter loaded with relief supplies. At the sports ground, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing briefed the Adjutant-General on distribution of relief supplies to the storm victims and measures taken for supplying water and electricity.

Next, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing comforted the storm victims who are undergoing medical treatment and provided cash assistance to them and inspected hospital repairs.

Afterwards, Yuzana Company Chairman U Htay Myint, Managing Director U Win Aung of Dagon International Company and officials of Pyae Phyo Aung Company briefed them on arrangements for construction of hospitals, basic education schools, department buildings and halls.

In meeting with Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials concerned at Bogale Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Adjutant-General gave instructions on compilation of population in the villages and measures to be taken for supply of safe drinking water and reconstruction with added momentum.

Afterwards, he comforted the storm victims who are undergoing medical treatment at Bogale Township Hospital and then arrived back Pathein by helicopter.

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Storm survivors receive medical treatment in Bogale Township. —MNA

Singapore donates humanitarian assistance

YANGON, 15 May – Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua today handed over humanitarian assistance packages worth S$ 100,000 (US$ 72,000) for the first tranche donated by the Khoo Teck Puat Foundation. This will be followed by subsequent tranches in the near future. — *MNA*

MPMEEA donates cash and medicines to storm victims

YANGON, 15 May – Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneur's Association, a ceremony to donate K 3,750,000 and medicines worth K 72,298,673 donated by members of the association to storm victims was held at Yangon People's Hospital yesterday.

Myanmar Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipments Entrepreneur's Association presented K 1 million and Sun Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd, K 1.1 million; Success & Success Int'l Ltd presented medicines worth K10 million, T C W Int'l Trading Co Ltd, K 9744000, United Pharma (Yangon) Co Ltd, K 5140000, Thukha Dana Co Ltd, K 5050000, Zydus Cadila Healthcare Ltd, K 5000000, Concordia Int'l Co Ltd, K 3001000, Medi Myanmar Co Ltd, K 3102970, R Oasis Ltd, K 2710000, Pyerx Trading Co Ltd, K 2526000, Fair Deal Co Ltd, K 2500033, Pt Kalbe Farma Tbk, K 2428800, Thet Paing Soe Co Ltd, K 1789920, T T O Trading Co Ltd, K 1750000, Glaxo Smith Kline Co Ltd, K 1592000, Pahtama Group Co Ltd, K 1500000, Zizawa Healthcare Co Ltd, K 1200000, Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd, K 1187000, Zar & Zar Co Ltd, K 1100000, Medi Power Co Ltd 1060800 and Network Marketing Ltd, K 1012800 to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

MNA

International relief supplies flow in by air

YANGON, 15 May—The international community is providing relief supplies to the storm-hit areas. Ten donor countries have transported relief items by air 30 times and by two naval ships to Myanmar International Thilawa Port Terminal from 6 up to 14 May. The following table shows donor countries, aircraft, relief supplies and tonnage.

No	Donor country	Date	Aircraft	Goods	Tonnage
1	Thailand	6-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water, medicine	3.76
		7-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water, edible oil	11.0
		8-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, water	15
		10-5-08	C-130	tent, plastic sheet	14.5
		10-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, generator	17.3
		11-5-08	C-130	tent, kitchen utensil	13
		13-5-08	C-130	foodstuff	13.8
		14-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, clothes, soap	14.28
		14-5-08	C-130	foodstuff, medicine	15
2	India	7-5-08	AN-32	foodstuff	4.2
		7-5-08	AN-32	foodstuff	4
		8-5-08	IL-76MD	tent, medicine	31.87
		10-5-08	IL-76	medicine, household goods	3.4
		12-5-08	IL-76	foodstuff	28.1
3	People's Republic of China	7-5-08	B 747-400	tent, foodstuff	62.67
		9-5-08	B 747-400	tent, foodstuff, water purifier, plastic sheet	60
		10-5-08	B 747-400	tent, water purifier, medicine, blanket	58.3
4	Indonesia	9-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	10
		9-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	12.5
5	Repubic of Korea	9-5-08	TG-300-600	foodstuff, medicine	3.5
6	Laos	7-5-08	Y7-100	instant noodle, foodstuff, water	3
7	Cambodia	9-5-08	AN-12	foodstuff	18
8	Malaysia	9-5-08	MX-740	medicine, foodstuff	2.9
		11-5-08	AX-26	personal goods	5.3
		12-5-08	C-130	clothes, foodstuff	27
		12-5-08	C-130	construction material, medicine	6.99
9	Bangladesh	7-5-08	C-130	clothes, medicine	9.6
		8-5-08	C-130	clothes, medicine	10
10	Singapore	8-5-08	A-320	chocolate, bottle of purified drinking water	19.1
		8-5-08	A-320	medical tools, bottle of purified drinking water	19.1

(To be continued)

Information Minister comforts storm victims in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 15 May— Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met the storm victims at the relief camps opened at No 7 Basic Education Middle School, No 15 BEPS and No 5 BEMS in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division this morning.

The minister comforted the victims of Nos 9, 6, 7, 8, 14 and 10 wards, Kalargyisu, Atwinpadan, Apyinpadan and Yay Okkan villages at No 7 BEMS and No 15 BEPS, and presented rice and relief supplies to them.

He also met the storm victims of Nos 1, 2, 3, 15 wards and Kazin village at No 5 BEMS. In meeting the victims, he said the government is making strenuous efforts for relief, supply and reconstruction tasks at national level in the storm-hit areas. In Yangon Division, transportation, electricity and water supply were back to normal within a week and so were the daily routine of the people. In addition, necessary provisions for the people whose houses were damaged are being made. Later, the minister provided rice and relief aid for them.

After that, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially comforted the storm victims there.—*MNA*

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan comforts storm survivors at a relief camp in Hlinethaya Township.

MNA

Health care provided in Hainggyikyun

YANGON, 15 May—A youth volunteer doctors team led by Dr Daw Aye Khine Nyunt gave lockjaw vaccine and provided health care to the storm victims in Hainggyikyun on 13 May. They brought together with them medicines and clothes worth more than 3.8 million kyats.

At the Station Hospital, they donated varieties of medicines to doctors of Hainggyi, Kyaukchaung, Pyin Station Hospitals.

The team cared for about 300 people and service personnel at Township Police Station, wards and villages and the vaccine was injected into over 700 people and donated varieties of medicines for ad-hoc use.—*MNA*

***Doctors provide medical care to storm survivors in Hainggyikyun.* — MNA**

Commission for Holding Referendum holds meeting No 9/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—The Commission for Holding Referendum for Approval of the Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the meeting No 9/2008 at the hall of the commission, here, this morning.

Chairman of the Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting and Secretary U Win Ko acted as MC.

The Chairman delivered an address, Commission members took part in the discussions.

Next, the meeting discussed tasks of the referendum for approval of the draft constitution. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

MNA

Relief works carried out in Dedaye

YANGON, 14 May — The volunteers have taken part in the relief works in Dedaye Township in Ayeyadwady Division.

On 13 May, Tatmadawmen and officials have carried out distribution of provisions and food, fumigation and putting chlorine in the tube wells.

Personnel of Asia World and Khittaya Youth donor group in Pyay and social organization members have also participated in the reconstruction of schools and supply of clothes and household goods to the victims.

There are 17 relief camps in the township.

MNA

Latest casualty figures

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May — Due to the storm on 2 and 3 May, there have been deaths, injuries and missing in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

According to the latest figures of the victims up to 6 pm today, a total of 43,318 people died, 1,403 were injured and 27,838 went missing in all regions struck by the storm.

MNA

***Specialists raise awareness of infectious diseases in Kungyangon Township.* — HEALTH**

Prime Minister visits relief…

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There had been losses and damages in the township to a certain extent. Members of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee went on inspection tour of the respective storm-hit regions while making necessary arrangements for the storm victims. Relief tasks have already been undertaken at present. Rehabilitation tasks have begun. The requirements of the township have also been fulfilled. First priority is to repair and rebuild hospitals. To be able to open schools in time, it needs to take assistance of the companies that are shouldering the responsibility of construction tasks in respective townships and to repair damaged schools speedily.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party oversaw the storm victims accommodated at the tarpaulin tents donated by Singapore and use of wellwishers-donated relief items. Next, the Prime Minister inspected opening of clinic and progress in providing health care services to the storm victims.

Later, the Prime Minister enjoyed a Video feature together with the storm-hit children at the tarpaulin tent donated by Japan. Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected accommodation for the storm victims, the storm-hit families at the tarpaulin tentss donated by India and use of relief items.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented relief items donated by respective regions to the families and gave instructions to them to cultivate the spirit of overcoming the effects of the natural disaster because our people are capable of encountering obstacles and overcoming them.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back Yangon following the inspection of losses and damages caused by the storm and reconstruction tasks in the township in a motorcade.—*MNA*

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects providing medical treatment to storm survivors in Twantay.* — MNA**

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects relief camp in Shwesandaw Ward in Twantay.* — MNA**

***Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein distributes relief aid to storm survivors in Hainggyikyun.* (News on page 16)— MNA**

Diplomats visit relief camps in Dagon Myothit (North), Kyauktan

YANGON, 15 May— Diplomatic corps residing in Yangon and Bangkok and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu made a tour of Dagon Myothit (North) and Kyauktan townships this afternoon.

During the tour, they visited the relief camp in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, where local authorities and responsible officials explained facts about the damages inflicted by the storm and progress in carrying out the relief measures.

Next, the diplomats observed the relief camp at Ward 16 in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

Later in the afternoon, they proceeded to Kyauktan Township. Responsible personnel welcomed them and conducted them around the Sinkan relief camp.

Lt-Col Moe Aung of local station and officials concerned briefed them on the losses and damages and relief and rehabilitation tasks and replied to the queries raised by the diplomats.— *MNA*

***Diplomats and Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu view a relief camp in Dagon (North) Township.* — MNA**

Air Force transports relief aid

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May —Tatmadawmen of Defence Services (Air) have participated in the relief and rehabilitation works in the storm-hit areas.

They transported 3.8 tons of relief supplies to Bogale, Labutta, Thongwa, Kayan, Pathein and Pyapon townships yesterday. A total of 330.92 tons of relief aid have been transported up to now.—*MNA*

More relief items from abroad arrive at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 15 May — AN-12 flight carrying over 11 tons of supplies donated by churches of Thailand, IL-76 flight carrying 32 tons of pumps, water purifiers, medicines, foods, construction materials and generators by WFP, five C-130 flights carrying 46 tons of foodstuff, blankets, purified drinking water, health equipment, tarpaulin, medicines and others by the US, MI-512 and MI-518 flights carrying 3.67 tons of 450 blankets, 1,000 ground sheets, 50 packages of purified drinking water, 250 boxes cereal, 4,800 packets of biscuit and 200 beds by Khoo Tect Puat of Singapore, IL-76 flight carrying 41 tons of 20 general-purpose tents, 10 family tents, plastic rolls, kitchen utensils, one clinic, six generators and two vehicles by Switch Agency for Development Corporation, two C-130 flights carrying 27 tons of foods and goods by Thai Embassy to Myanmar, IL-76 flight carrying 36 tons of hospital equipment, tents, vegetable oil, tinned meat and sugar by Red Cross Society of UAE, AN-12 flight carrying 18 tons of tarpaulin sheets and kitchen utensils by ICRC, CA-905 Air China flight carrying 200 medical kits worth 2.05 million US$ by Yunnan Government and AN-12 flight carrying 20 tons of nutritious milk powder by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Likewise, 8M-332 flight carrying 12.38 tons of food and clothes donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group Eagle and Sea of Thailand, two flights carrying 21.42 tons of rescue equipment by IFRC, AT-MA flight carrying 14 tons of medicines and communication devices by WFP and over 20 tons of milk powder by UNICEF arrived at Yangon International Airport last night.

The relief aid has been sent to the storm hit regions by helicopter, by car and by vessel.

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A plane carrying relief aid donated by WFP arrives Yangon International Airport.—MNA

A plane carrying medicines donated by Yunnan Provincial Government of People's Republic of China arrives Yangon International Airport. — MNA

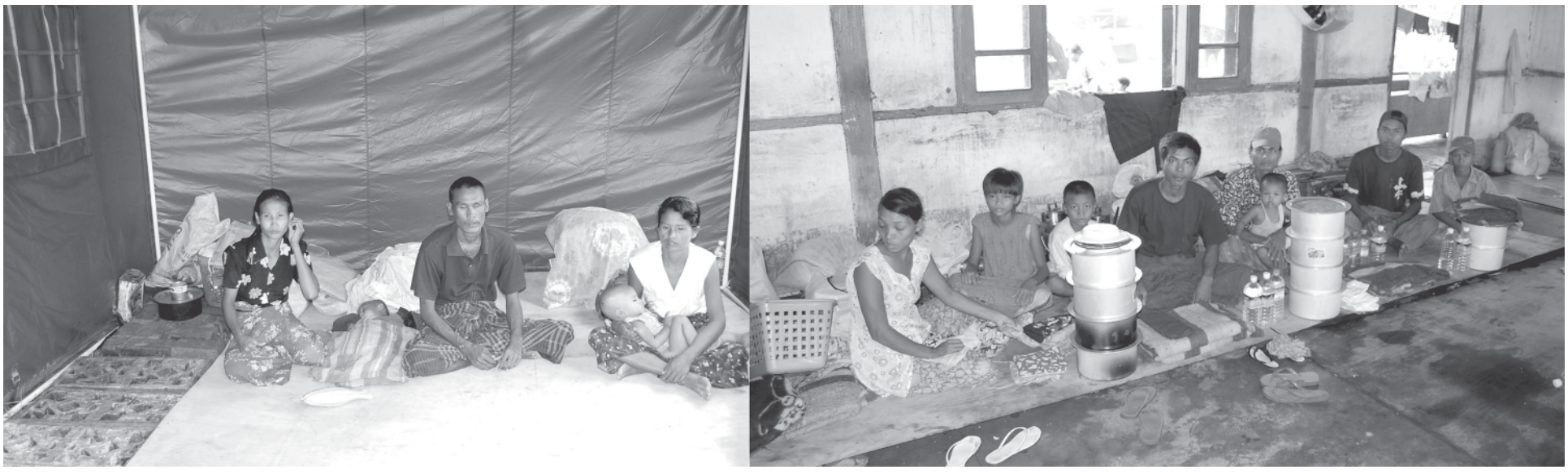
Volunteers carry out relief, rehabilitation works

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May —Tatmadawmen of Defence Services (Navy) has carried out the relief and rehabilitation works in storm-affected areas.

Tatmadawmen of a Pyapon-based vessel and members of Union Solidarity and Development Association of Pyapon township distributed relief supplies to victims at Apyaung Village in Pyapon township by boats yesterday.

They went to Sanpya, Achalay, Ahmaw, Kalahteik, and Phonegyithaung villages along the river and conveyed patients and injured persons to a health care centre to provide medical treatment.—*MNA*

Two planes carrying relief aid and food donated by Khoo Tect Puat of Singapore arrive Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Storm survivors seen with relief aid in Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

Relief aid shipped to storm victims in Labutta

YANGON, 15 May—Relief aid have been transported to the storm victims in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division by ship without delay. Banyadala ship left Phonegyi street jetty in Lanmadaw Township yesterday afternoon to transport foodstuff, clothes, corrugated iron sheets and construction materials, water proof sheets and rolls, bottles of purified drinking water, torches, generators, edible oil and water purifiers to Labutta.

Likewise, relief aids loaded onto Win Sein-1 and Ngapokthin ships at Wardan street jetty and onto Maykha ship at Phonegyi street jetty in Lanmadaw Township for storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division.

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***Storm survivors stay in a tent at a relief camp in Labutta Township.*—MNA**

Volunteers unloading relief aids and foods donated by Baiyoke Hotel Group Eagle and Sea from a plane at Yangon International Airport.

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Rehabilitation under way in Kyauktan

YANGON, 14 May—Officials, Tatmadawmen and social association members are carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in Kyauktan Township.

Yesterday, they presented rice, gram, potatoes, brown slab-sugar, dried noodles and biscuits to the storm victims.

In addition, the victims were accommodated at tents donated from abroad. A total of 70 health staff including Red Cross members of the township are providing health care services to the victims.

A total of 10 relief camps are being opened in Kyauktan Township and relief and rehabilitation tasks are being carried for 1,935 victims of 550 households.

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Referendum held in Kawthoung

YANGON, 15 May — Referendum for the approval of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place at the townships in Kawthoung district on 10 May morning. Eligible persons cast vote at 121 polling stations in total, 57 in Kawthoung and 64 in Bokepyin townships.

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Reconstruction tasks discussed

YANGON, 15 May — Chairman of the Committee for Reconstruction of Towns and Villages Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein held a meeting with departmental officials and owners of construction companies at the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development here yesterday.

They discussed measures to be taken by entrepreneurs for reconstruction of storm-hit towns and villages and urged to cooperate with respective departments.

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***Relief aid donated by Thailand at Yangon International Airport.*— MNA**

***Volunteers carry relief aid onto a ship.*—MNA**

*A medical staff from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) rushes to rescue wounded people after his team arrives at Yingxiu Town of Wenchuan County in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 14 May, 2008. A medical team of PLA arrived at quake-stricken area of Wenchuan and Maoxian County on Wednesday. —*XINHUA

World's oldest irrigation system safe after China quake

BEIJING, 15 May— The safety of the world's oldest operating irrigation system was not compromised by Monday's quake, though the system sustained minor damage, the Ministry of Water Resources said on Wednesday.

The quake caused cracks in the V-shaped dike of the Dujiangyan project, which is more than 2,000 years old, and there were collapses in a sluice control room and a standby power generator room, it said.

The city of Dujiangyan, near the epicentre in Wenchuan County, was one of the worst-hit regions in the 7.8-magnitude earthquake.

The ministry urged protection of the Zipingpu Reservoir between Dujiangyan and Wenchuan, and on the upper stream to Dujiangyan.

It said the irrigation system and Dujiangyan City "would be swamped" if major problems emerged at the dam at the reservoir.

The emergency response office of the Sichuan government said on Tuesday that cracks had appeared on the surface of the dam at Zipingpu and workshops collapsed, while all hydropower generators came to a halt.

MNA/Xinhua

Iranian President to offer proposals in nuclear row

TEHERAN, 14 May— Iran will soon put forward new proposals to resolve its dispute with the West over its nuclear programme, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Tuesday.

But Ahmadinejad also made clear the Islamic Republic would not bow to UN demands and halt sensitive nuclear work Western powers suspect is aimed at making bombs.

Iran, the world's fourth-largest oil pro-ducer, says its nuclear activities are a peaceful drive to generate electri-city so that it can export more of its oil and gas.

"There are various concerns in the world which big powers have no solutions for ... but Iran has solutions," Ahmadine-jad told a news confe-rence in Teheran.

"We have prepared a package which will soon be offered," he said, without giving details.

Six world powers agreed in London on 2 May to offer a revised pack-age of economic and other incentives to Iran to coax it to halt uranium enrich-ment, a process which can make fuel for power plants or material for warheads.

Teheran has repeatedly ruled out any suspension of its nuclear programme, which has prompted three rounds of UN sanctions since 2006, and says it has its own ideas on how to help defuse the row.

MNA/Reuters

***Former Swiss military pilot Yves Rossy, also known as "Fusionman", flies in the southern Swiss Alps near Bex on 14 May, 2008. Rossy is the first man ever to successfully fly with wings, powered by four engines on his back.—*INTERNET**

LA police shoot dead passenger

LOS ANGELES, 14 May — Police officers mistakenly shot and killed a passenger in an approaching car and wounded the driver, a newspaper report said on Monday.

The officers said they shot at the approaching car because they believed they were under fire, but no weapons were found in the car and no one has been charged, according to the *Los Angeles Times.*

The passenger was identified as 19-year-old Michael Byoune of Los Angeles, who died at the scene from gunshot wounds to the torso, Los Angeles County coroner's investigator Jerry McKibben was quoted as saying. The officers were in their patrol car in Inglewood near downtown Los Angeles about 1:40 am on Sunday when they heard gunfire and pursued a man who was running, said Inglewood Police Sergeant Hector Ramirez. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Fighting opens "new wounds" in Lebanon mountain

SHEMLAN (Lebanon), 14 May— Soldiers in combat gear patrol pict-uresque villages above Beirut, but the state's show of force is doing little to convince residents divid-ed along sectarian lines that peace in the mount-ains will last.

"The Druze will never forget that Hezbollah has pointed its guns at them," Wassim Timani, a grocer in the predominantly Druze town of Alley, told *Reuters.*

"Sayyed Hassan Nas-rallah had better remem-ber that the Druze fought the Israelis as well. He has no monopoly on resi-stance," said Munira Gh-awi, referring to the leader of the Shi'ite group.

Ghawi had come to the mountains with her husband from Beirut, a city now all but paralysed by barricades. Like many, she was checking on the welfare of relatives threat-ened by the opening of new sectarian wounds.

Narrow streets wend their way through forests, old mansion houses and ramshackle buildings thrown up during the chaos of the 1970-1990 civil war; a sectarian bloodletting some fear could return to Lebanon, after a week of fighting between Hizbollah figh-ters and pro-government gunmen.

MNA/Reuters

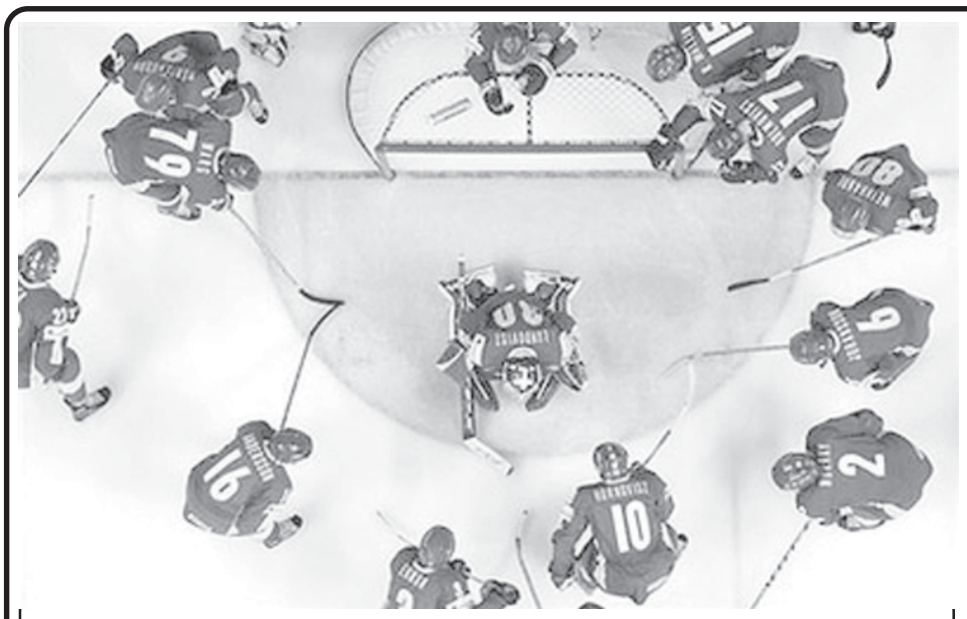
***File photo shows people on top of a passenger train in Tongi near Dhaka. Eight people died and more than 50 were injured when two trains collided at a station in eastern Bangladesh.* INTERNET**

Eight killed after two trains collide in B'desh

DHAKA, 14 May —Eight people were killed and about 30 injured after two trains collided early morning on Wednesday in Bangladesh's Brahmanbaria District, 80 km northeast of capital Dhaka, the police said.

Ataul Kibriya, police head of the district, told *Xinhua* by phone that the accident happened at around 1 am (1900 GMT Tuesday) when a Sylhet (northeastern city)-bound train from Dhaka rammed into another train standing at the station, leaving six of the stationary train's passengers dead on the spot and dozens injured.

Of the injured, two died after being sent to hospital. Two relief trains rushed to the spot and started salvage operation after the accident. A railway inquiry team from Dhaka is investigating the accident. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Let's plan it out : Team Sweden surround goalkeeper Henrik Lundqvist prior to their game with the Czech Republic during the quaterfinals of the 2008 IIHF World Championships.—INTERNET

A researcher works on developing a human bird flu vaccine. South Korea will build its own factory to produce human bird flu vaccine, as authorities battled the country's worst outbreak among poultry.—INTERNET

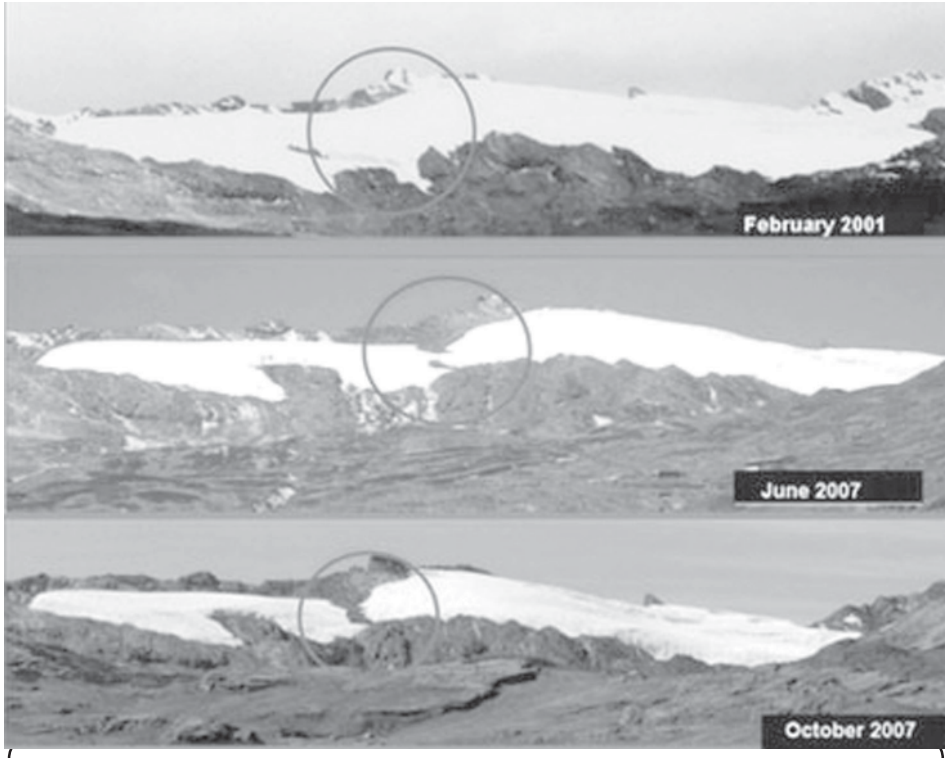


Photo composition of the snowcapped Pastoruri, in the province of Huaraz, north of Peru, showing its "severe illness" caused by heavy climate changes. Since 1977, the snow on the "white range" has receded about 20 metres, said Marco Zapata of the Natural Resources National Institute (INRENA, for its initials in Spanish) on 13 May.—INTERNET

Images of the Day

Chen Xiaoma lines up his putt on the 9th hole during the first round of action in Shanghai. Chen shot an opening six-under-par 66 to take a three-shot lead in the Shanghai Championship.
INTERNET

Visitors climb the spiral glass stairway during the press preview for the new Apple store in Boston, Massachusetts on 14 May, 2008.—INTERNET

A baby bottle fed by her mother. Early exposure to chemicals used in the making of products such as baby bottles or plastic food wraps may lead to obesity, according to new research presented on Wednesday.—INTERNET

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Fiji signs $666m sugar deal with EU

WELLINGTON, 14 May—The Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC) has sealed a one billion Fiji dollars (666 million US dollars) deal to supply raw sugar as preferential exports to the European Union market over the next seven years, the *Fiji Times daily* reported on Monday.

The contract for the supply of 300,000 tons of sugar per annum has been sealed with the corporation's traditional EU market buyer, Tate & Lyle.

Tate & Lyle is the largest cane sugar refiner in the EU and a leading trader in molasses and world market sugars. Tate & Lyle has been trading with FSC since the inception of the African-Caribbean Pacific-EU Sugar Protocol in 1975. —*MNA/Xinhua*

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

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Vietnam raises second-hand automobile tariffs

HANOI, 14 May—The Vietnamese Finance Ministry has recently decided to raise import taxes on used cars with 15 seats downwards from 13 May, local newspaper *Pioneer* reported Monday. Specifically, used cars with engine capacity of 2-3 litres will be subject of the new tariff of 17,500 US dollars, instead of 13,500 dollars. The new tariff on vehicles with engine capacity of 1. 5-2 litres and 2.5-3 litres will rise by 3,000 dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dated: 16 May 2008

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FAO says strong signs of record rice production

ROME, 14 May – Rice production in Asia, Africa and Latin America is forecast to reach a new record level in 2008, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said on Monday, warning that world rice prices could remain high in the short term, as much of the 2008 crops will only be harvested by the end of the year.

"World paddy production 2008 could grow by about 2.3 per cent reaching a new record level of 666 million tons, according to our preliminary forecasts," said FAO rice expert Concepcion Calpe.

Production growth could even be higher if recent appeals and incentives to grow more rice lead to a larger expansion of plantings, according to the Rice Market Monitor. "For the first time, paddy production in Asia may surpass the 600 million tons benchmark this year, amounting to 605 million tons," Calpe said. "Major gains are expected all across the region. Bangladesh, China, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam could register the largest gains. Pro-spects are also buoyant for Indonesia and Sri Lanka, despite some recent flood-incurred losses," Calpe said.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Militants of the Shiite Amal opposition group take to the streets during heavy clashes with pro-government fighters in Shwayfat in the Druze mountains southeast of Beirut. Fierce fighting has erupted in northern Lebanon, further exacerbating tensions after days of deadly sectarian battles that have driven the nation to the brink of full-blown civil war.— INTERNET

UN chief hails convention on rights of disabled

UNITED NATIONS, 14 May—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon hailed on Monday the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol as a milestone heralding "a new dawn in the fight for the well-being of the disabled."

"The entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol heralds a new dawn in the fight for the well-being of people with disabilities — a struggle rooted in the fundamental principle of universal human rights," the UN chief told a ceremony marking the occasion.

The convention came into force on 3 May, 30 days after it received its 20th ratification, by Ecuador, on 3 April.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Govt to buy rice from farmers to keep high price

BANGKOK, 14 May — The Thai Government has agreed to buy unlimited amount of paddy directly from farmers to maintain domestic rice prices at a high level and to pressure millers into buying rice from farmers, Deputy Prime Minister and Commerce Minister Mingkwan Saengsuwan said on Tuesday.

Mingkwan said the Cabinet at its weekly meeting on Tuesday agreed to buy paddy directly from farmers until further notice, according to the *Thai News Agency*. Mingkwan said the government is willing to pay between 19,000 and 20,000 baht (594-625 US dollars) per metric ton for 'Hom Mali' (fragrant jasmine rice) paddy, regular-grade paddy at 14,000 baht (438 dollars) a ton and glutinous rice at 9,000 baht (281 dollars) per ton on condition that the moisture not exceed five per cent.

Glutinous rice with moisture exceeding 25 per cent will be bought at 7,000 baht (219 dollars) per ton.

The state-owned Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Coope-ratives will be ordered to offer low interest loans to cash-strapped millers who are ready to buy rice from farmers, Mingkwan said.

MNA/Xinhua

China's trade surplus decreased slightly last month from a year ago amid declines in international trade growth triggered by the global economic slowdown.— INTERNET

SPORTS

Ronaldo says he is eight kilos overweight

RIO DE JANBEIRO, 14 May — Brazilian striker Ronaldo said on Tuesday that he was eight kilos overweight but hoped to shed most of the excess within a month.

"I am 1.84 metres tall and today weigh 95 kilos," the AC Milan striker said during a Brazilian television programme aimed mainly at housewives.

"In the 2002 World Cup, I weighed 87 kilos and that is what I'm trying to get back to. That's the weight I need to reach if I'm going to get back to my best." Ronaldo ruptured a tendon in his left knee during a Serie A game against Livorno in February and is expected to need at least another seven months to recover.

The injury was similar to two injuries to his right knee earlier in his career.

"I had to stay in bed for a month," he said. "I am starting to use an exercise bike, I'm swimming a lot and using up more calories than I'm taking in."

"...I think I will be close to the ideal weight in a month." He added: "I'm not a physiotherapist but I know what I have to do.

"My first recovery took one and a half years. I feel this time it will take much less and I think I will be back in half the time."

Last month, the three-times former world player of the year was involved in an incident with three prostitutes in Rio de Janeiro.

Police said he went to a motel in Rio de Janeiro's upmarket Barra da Tijuca neighbourhood with three call girls only to find out they were transvestites.

Ronaldo later said he was ashamed about the incident, which he described as a stupid mistake.

MNA/Reuters

China's Lin Dan (R) greets the audience after beating Thailand's Boonsak Ponsana in the quarterfinals of the Bank BRI 2008 Thomas Cup men's team badminton competition in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, May 12, 2008. China beat Thailand 3-0.—INTERNET

Rangers boss tells team to forget Euro heartbreak and complete treble

MANCHESTER, England 15 May— Walter Smith has urged his Rangers players to forget the disappointment of their UEFA Cup final defeat here on Wednesday and concentrate on completing the domestic treble that remains in their grasp.

Rangers can add the Scottish Premier League and Scottish Cup titles to the League Cup they have already secured this season and Smith said his squad had to retain their focus for the remaining four matches of the campaign.

"We are disappointed to lose a final at the end of what has been a very long campaign for us," Smith said after seeing his side beaten 2-0 by Zenit St Petersburg, whose technical superiority finally yielded two goals in the final 20 minutes of Wednesday's final at the City of Manchester stadium.

"Obviously it will be difficult to judge how much the disappointment takes out of the players. But what is at stake for them is that we have an opportunity with four games to go to win two trophies so I would hope that we can overcome the disappointment we have suffered. "If we win our next three games in the SPL and become champions we will be happy."

Rangers' cause was not helped by the refusal of SPL bosses to extend the season, which would have enabled Smith's men to avoid playing last weekend, as Zenit were able to do.

But Smith refused to blame the intense end-of-season schedule for his side's wilting at the end of what was their 64th match of a campaign that started in late July last year.

"I don't think that had any influence on the result," Smith said. "The players tonight were ready to play and we were just coming into the match when they scored and that first goal changed the whole complexion of the game."

Rangers' hopes of securing a first European trophy in 36 years were crushed 18 minutes from time, when midfielder Igor Denisov combined smoothly with man-of-the-match Andrei Arshavin before slotting home for the Russian champions.

Internet

The Zenit St. Petersburg team poses for photographers after defeating Rangers in their UEFA Cup Final soccer match at the City of Manchester stadium in Manchester, northern England, 14 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Olympic torch relay to start in Nanchang

NANCHANG, Central China, 15 May — The Beijing Olympic torch relay will kick off Friday in Nanchang, the capital city of Jiangxi province, Central China, with a shortened route and simplified ceremonies.

The relay will start at 8:00 am local time on Bayi Square in downtown area, where attendants of the launching ceremony and torchbearers will observe one minute of silence to mourn the victims in the massive earthquake in Sichuan province.

Along the 35-kilometre-long route, the torch will pass by Nanchang University, which is the first university up to now in China to get the Olympic torch into the campus.

The torch will arrive at Century Square at around 12:30 am in the new urban area, where charity boxes will be set up to collect donations for the earthquake victims.

Nanchang is the last leg of the Olympic torch relay in Jiangxi province. It will next reach Wenzhou in Zhejiang Province. —*Internet*

Belgian Henin retires from tennis

BRUSSELS, 14 May — World number one Justine Henin of Belgium on Wednesday announced her retirement from professional tennis with immediate effect.

"It's the end of a wonderful adventure but it's something I have been thinking about for a long time," said the Belgian.

Henin, 25, winner of seven Grand Slam titles, was expected to defend her French Open crown later this month but instead turned her back on the sport.

World number one Justine Henin of Belgium on Wednesday announced her retirement from professional tennis with immediate effect.

"I am leaving as the world number one and that is important and it is always better to go out at the top," said Henin, who won 41 titles since turning professional in 1999.

"I leave without any regrets and I know it is the right decision." —*Internet*

World number one Justine Henin of Belgium on Wednesday announced her retirement from professional tennis with immediate effect.—INTERNET

Nedved not to play for Czech Republic at Euro 2008

PRAGUE, 15 May —Pavel Nedved was not included in the 23-member Czech national team for the upcoming European Championships as coach Karel Brueckner called up the training camp, the Czech news agency *CTK* said on Wednesday.

Some have suggested inviting Nedved, who plays in Italy, after midfielder Tomas Rosicky sustained an injury.

The national team will sum up in Prague on Monday and leave for Austria on Tuesday. It is going to play two friendly matches before the Euro 2008, with Lithuania on 27 May and with Scotland on May 30. —*Internet*

Finland teammates celebrate after Sami Lepisto scored in overtime to defeat United States 3-2 in a quarter-final game at the IIHF world hockey championship on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
INTERNET

DRIVE SAFELY

သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်သောဒေသများရှိ ပြည်သူများအတွက် ကျန်းမာရေးသတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ရာသီဥတုဒဏ်ခံနိုင်သည့် အမိုးအကာအောက်တွင် နေထိုင်ကြရန်၊
၂။ အအေးမမိစေရန် နွေးထွေးသော အဝတ်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်နေထိုင်ကြရန်၊
၃။ ရေကိုကျိုချက်သောက်ရန် (သို့မဟုတ်) ကလိုရင်းဆေးခတ်ထားသော ရေကိုသာ သောက်သုံးရန်၊
၄။ အစားအစာများကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
၅။ သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော၊ ပူနွေးသည့် အစာများကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
၆။ အတတ်နိုင်ဆုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
၇။ ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ မဖြစ်ပွားစေရေးအတွက် မိလ္လာနှင့် အမှိုက်သရိုက်၊ အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊
၈။ ထိခိုက်မှုအန္တရာယ်မဖြစ်စေရေးအတွက် သတိပြုဆောင်ရွက်ကြရန်၊
၉။ ရေကြီးပါက မြွေအန္တရာယ်တွေ့ကြုံရတတ်သဖြင့် သတိပြုကြရန်၊
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၁၁။ တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေး ဂရုပြုဆောင်ရွက်ရန်၊ အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်ကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ဆေးကြရန်၊
၁၂။ သဘာဝဘေးအန္တရာယ်ကျရောက်ပြီးသည့်အခါ အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျောရောဂါ၊ မြွေဆိုးကိုက်အန္တရာယ်၊ ထိခိုက်မှုအန္တရာယ်နှင့် အခြားကျန်းမာရေးပြဿနာများ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။ ဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံးကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသွားရောက်ပြသကြပါရန် သတိပေး နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Two moderate earthquakes jolt northern Philippines

MANILA, 15 May— Two moderate earthquakes hit northern Philippines before dawn Wednesday without causing casualty or damage, said the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

A magnitude-4.8 quake was recorded at 05:48 a.m. local time (2148 GMT Tuesday) in Dinapigui Town in Isabela Province. The quake was tectonic in origin and its epicentre was 21 kilometres northeast of Dinapigui, said Phivolcs.

A magnitude-4.2 quake, also of tectonic in origin, was recorded at 12:38 a.m. local time (1638 GMT) with its epicentre traced 102 kilometres east of Cauayan in Isabela, said Philvocs. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Appa Sherpa to challenge Mt Everest record, again

KATHMANDU, 15 May— Again, 48-year-old Appa Sherpa is likely to break his own record of successfully scaling the Mt Everest for 17 times.

Record-holder climber Appa Sherpa has joined an expedition at the Khumbu region, some 140 kilometres east of Nepali capital Kathmandu, and is likely to accompany the team to the top of the world, local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported on Wednesday.

"Appa did not have any plan to scale Mt Everest this season but when he heard of the expedition and its objective of highlighting the threats posed by Glacier Lake Outburst Flooding (GLOF) and creating awareness about the importance of environmental conservation of mountain ecosystems among the locals in the Sagarmatha area, he said he would join the team and their cause," Ang Tshering Sherpa, the chairman of Asian Trekking Pvt Ltd, which is managing the expedition, told this daily. — *MNA/Xinhua*

TV Myanmar

Friday, 16 May

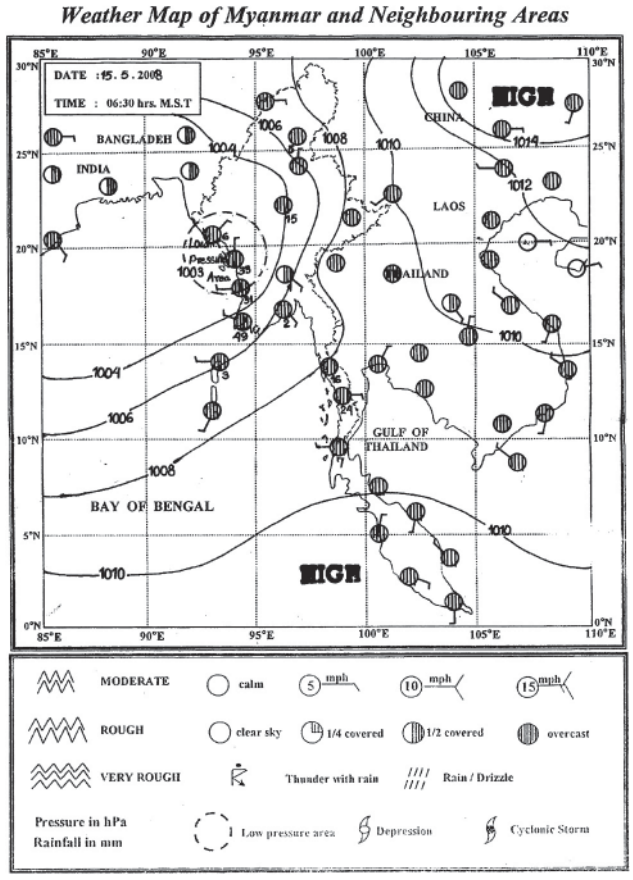
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
7:55 am
5. "HIV/AIDS" (နေတိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်၊ ကျော်ထူး၊သင်ဇောဝင့်ကျော်၊ ရတနာ၊ ပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–သိန်းဟန်–ဖီးနစ်)
8:05 am
6. နောင်းခေတ်တေးပဒေသာ
8:15 am
7. ဧရာဝတီအလှတစ်ပါး ရတနာပုံတံတား
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. "လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှကူးမယ်"
4:30 pm
3. Local talent
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. မျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်ရှင်သန် ထက်မြက်ရေး တေးများ
5:15 pm
6. Musical programme
5:30 pm
7. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ အက
5:45 pm
8. Musical programme
6:00 pm
9. Evening news
6:30 pm
10. Weather report
6:35 pm
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွေဉာဏ်ရှင်
7:00 pm
12. ကြေးမုံရိပ်သွင်တေးနယဉ်
7:10 pm
13. "အား------နာတယ်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဧရာ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
7:20 pm
14. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
7:35 pm
15. Musical programme
8:00 pm
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. မြန်မာဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "သည်းခြေကြိုက်" (အပိုင်း–၁) (လူမင်း၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ကျော်ဇောလင်း (အတွေးပုံရိပ်))

WEATHER

Thursday, 15 May, 2008

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon has advanced into the Deltaic areas, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespead in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and isolated heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Shan and Kayah States, (5ºC) to (6°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (7ºC) below May average temperatures in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.78) inch, Manaung (6.02) inches, Gwa (4.37) inches, Pathein (4.29) inches, Bago (2.13) inches, Zaungtu (1.77) inches, Kyaukphyu (1.58) inches, Magway (1.14) inches and Chauk (0.94) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-5-2008 was 83F. Minimum temperature on 15-5-2008 was 73ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-5-2008 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 14-5-2008 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-5-2008 was (0.03) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (21.57) inches at Mingaladon, (24.96) inches at Kaba-Aye and (27.36) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 14-5-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area forms over East Central Bay and adjoining Rakhine area. It is moving North- Northwest words slowly without any significant development. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-5-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Frequent squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain in the whole Country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-5-2008: Intermittent rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Prime Minister visits relief camp in Twantay Township

Rehabilitation already begun in storm-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and officials, went on an inspection tour of the relief camp opened at Shwesandaw Ward of Twantay Township this afternoon.

At the relief camp, Chairman U Aung San Tha of Township Peace and Development Council briefed the Prime Minister and party on blowing of the storm in the township, losses and damages, opening of relief camps, accommodation of the storm victims and progress in rendering assistance and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha gave a supplementary report on the extent of loss and damages in the township and progress in carrying out rehabilitation tasks.

Next, the Prime Minister again asked the severity of the storm and losses and damages and gave instructions, saying that the storm crossed the regions of Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects temporary accommodations for storm victims donated by the government of India in Twantay. —MNA

Hainggyikyun receiving aid, other help

YANGON, 15 May—Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected the supply of relief aid to storm victims at the relief camps in Pyinkhayaing and Thetkethaung Villages, Hainggyikyun and explained health reminders to be followed for prevention against the infectious diseases on 11 May.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) looked into repairing of the damaged buildings and met the storm victims at Basic Education High School in Hainggyikyun on 13 May. The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) gave instructions on reconstruction tasks to officials and on matters of supplying relief aid sent by the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee to storm victims.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) attended a donation ceremony of medicines contributed by the volunteer doctors group at the station hospital of Haninggyikyun yesterday.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) comforted the storm victims from Kanchaing, Kyaukchaung, Kanyinchaung (South and North), Kontan and Mekhaye Villages in Hainggyikyun and fulfilled their requirements.—*MNA*

Weather report

NAY PYI TAW, 15 May—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the observation conducted at 6.30 am today, there was a low pressure area over the middle-east part of the Bay of Bengal and Rakhine State. However, it did not develop at all. It was crossing slowly to north and north-west. It is forecast that the low pressure area is not in a position to develop in next six hours.

Due to the influence of the low pressure area, rains will be from isolated to scattered in Rakhine State and northern part of Ayeyawady Division. Frequent squalls with moderate to rough seas will be experienced in the delta, along Rakhine Coast and off the Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30 mph to 40 mph.—*MNA*