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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

Donors may go right down to storm-hit areas of their choice

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee today issued the News Release No. 8 dated 27 May 2008.

The full text of the news release is as follows:

News Release No. 8

1. Wellwishers from the states and divisions have made donations in cash and kind out of generosity to storm victims individually or in groups, and provided them with all the necessary assistance. The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee accepted the donations with thanks and delivered them to the storm victims in a speedy and systematic manner.
2. It is learnt that some donors wish to make donations personally to specific persons and regions. Individuals and organizations wishing to do so may go right down to the storm-hit towns, wards and villages of their choice so that the donation operation can be carried out more effectively. In that regard, assistance may be sought from the National Disaster Preparedness Committees at different levels.

Date: 27-5-2008
Place: Nay Pyi Taw

The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects removal of trees, repairing of state-owned buildings

YANGON, 27 May —Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspected removal of fallen trees in compounds of the state-owned buildings and repairing of the buildings here today.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe went to Institute of Education Practising School on Hline Campus and called for timely completion of repairing of the lecture rooms. *(See page 10)*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects removal of fallen trees in Myakyuntha park. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 28 May, 2008

Strive for timely cultivation in storm-affected areas

Deadly cyclone ripped through seven townships in Ayeyawady Division and 40 townships in Yangon Division on 2 and 3 of this month. A great number of buildings and houses were destroyed and the tidal wave struck the Ayeyawady delta and a large number of lives and animals were killed.

Over one million acres of arable lands were flooded by sea water in seven townships in Ayeyawady Division, three in Yangon Division, two in Bago Division and three in Mon State. Salty water entered over one million acres of farmland in Ayeyawady Division and over 300,000 acres of farmland in Yangon Division.

Over 280,000 draught cattle were killed during the storm. The urgent needs for agriculture are tractors, power tillers, seeds, fertilizers and fuel.

Now Agricultural Mechanization Department, companies, organizations and industrial zones are donating power tillers to the storm-hit areas. Over 500 power tillers have already been delivered to Ngaputaw, Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun and Bogale Townships.

The drivers of the tractors of Agricultural Mechanization Department will help cultivate the lands and they will teach the farmers how to operate the power tillers.

Ayeyawady Division is the largest paddy producing region and the country's rice bowl. The storm-hit areas need land preparation, fertilizers for cultivation of paddy and other agricultural implements before the start of the cultivation season. The government and wellwishers' assistance will surely contribute towards not only the supply of food in the region but world food requirements.

Prof Alain Patel, President of Association Medicale Franco Asiatique hands over K 30 million and medicine worth US $ 16108 for storm victims to President of Myanmar Medical Association Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing in Yangon on 26 May, 2008.— H

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**

Myitta Centre DBO supplies CI sheets for monasteries

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—Wellwisher U Win Pe, on behalf of Myitta Centre Dhamma Brother Organization in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand, donated 5,500 CI sheets worth K 27.5 million and Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Than Tun and wife Daw Mya Thwe also donated 200 CI sheets worth 1 million for monasteries in storm-hit areas. CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donations at his office on 24 May.—*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts 5,500 CI sheets worth over K 27.5 million presented by U Win Pe. —* MNA**

Donations for monasteries pouring in

YANGON, 27 May —CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted donations to monasteries at his office here yesterday.

A religious association led by a Sayadaw of Sri Lanka Monastery in Singapore donated1,000 sets of robes for novice, K 700,000 to be spent on buying zinc sheets and stationery and clothes for children through the minister yesterday. Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung also accepted 5,00 sets of robes donated by Thiri Thudhamma Mani Jotadhara Dr Kyaw Saw and wife Daw May Myo Myat (Sar Pan Ein) of PyinOoLwin yesterday.

The minister went to Hlegu yesterday and donated 270 sets of robes to monks, 39 sets of robes to nuns and offertories worth over K 2.1 million to storm-hit monasteries in Hlegu.

During the tour of Hlegu, the minister looked into damages of the religious buildings in town. — *MNA*

Htantabin Township reconstruction in progress

YANGON, 27 May— Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on 24 May inspected progress of reconstruction of schools before school opening season, hospital and clinics damaged by the storm in Htantabin Township and attended to the needs.—*MNA*

Feedstuff for cattle arrive

YANGON, 27 May — To feed cattle in storm-hit areas, 30 tons of mixed feedstuff donated by (World Society for the Prevention of Animals-WSPA) through FAO arrived at Yangon International Airport here by three C 130 aircraft on 26 and 27 May.

Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and FAO acting resident representative Mr Leon Gouns received the feedstuff and sent them to storm-hit areas.

MNA

***Feedstuff donated by WSPA being unloaded from a plane at Yangon International Airport.* MNA**

Chinese DM pledges to step up relations with Chilean mily

BEIJING, 27 May—Chinese Defence Minister Liang Guanglie met with visiting Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force of Chile Ricardo Ortega here Monday, pledging to make joint efforts with Chile to step up the friendly cooperation between the two militaries.

Liang, also state councilor, applauded the steady development of the China-Chile relations since the two sides forged diplomatic ties in 1970, with frequent high-level exchanges, increased political mutual trust and fruitful cooperation in various fields.

Hailing the smooth development momentum of the military relations, Liang said he hoped to work jointly with Chile to push forward the friendly cooperation between the two Armed Forces.

Liang explained China's policy of adhering to peaceful development and its national defence policy that is defensive in nature. Liang also briefed Ortega on the current situation of the 12 May earthquake in Sichuan Province and the relief efforts of the Chinese Government and people.

MNA/Xinhua

Volunteers stand on what is left of a home the day after a tornado in Parkersburg, Iowa on 26 May, 2008. At least seven people were killed on Sunday by tornadoes and violent thunderstorms spawned by a powerful spring storm system that moved across the United States' midsection, authorities said. —XINHUA

Chinese refiner says it gets 7.1 bln yuan in imported oil subsidy

BEIJING, 27 May—China Petroleum and Chemical Corp (CPCC), the country's largest oil refiner, said it received 7.1 billion yuan (one billion US dollars) in oil subsidies in April.

Board chairman Su Shulin released the information at the annual shareholder's meeting on Monday.

This followed the 5 billion yuan in government subsidies in 2006, 4.9 billion yuan in 2007, and 7.4 billion yuan in the first quarter this year.

The move was part of the government's efforts to compensate the country's big oil refiners in oil refining division and to mobilize their production enthusiasm.

In the first quarter this year, the company processed 41.89 million tons of crude oil, an increase of 9.57 percent, said its first-quarter report. However, its refining business saw 20.64 billion yuan in losses during the same period, compared with a profit of 4.38 billion yuan a year earlier.

Chinese oil refiners have suffered losses as they have been unable to pass on surging international crude oil prices to customers because of the government's control over domestic prices of gasoline and other refined oil products.

Xinhua

A second Olympic weather forecasting satellite, the Fengyun-3 (FY-3), is launched on a Long March-4C carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in northern Shanxi Province, on 27 May, 2008. —XINHUA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan Customs lose hidden drugs in dog training

TOKYO, 27 May—One of the travellers who arrived at Tokyo's Narita Airport over the weekend may have picked up an unusual souvenir from Customs — a package of cannabis.

A Customs official hid the package in a suitcase belonging to a passenger arriving from Hong Kong as a training exercise for sniffer dogs on Sunday, but lost track of both drugs and suitcase during the practice session, a spokeswoman for Tokyo Customs said.

Customs regulations specify that a training suitcase be used for such exercises, but the official said he had used passengers' suitcases for similar purposes in the past, domestic media reported.

"The dogs have always been able to find it before," NHK quoted him as saying. "I became overconfident that it would work." Anyone who finds the package should contact Tokyo Customs as soon as possible, the spokeswoman said.—*MNA/Reuters*

A US armoured vehicle burns at Al Canal street, near Sadr city, Baghdad, Iraq, after a roadside bomb exploded next to a US military convoy, on 26 May, 2008, police said. There was no immediate US Army confirmation regarding the blast.—INTERNET

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Baghdad north

BAGHDAD, 27 May—An American soldier was killed on Monday by a roadside bomb explosion in Salahudin province north of Baghdad, the US military said.

The soldier died as a result of fatal wounds sustained from the blast in the province, the military said in a brief statement.

Two more soldiers were wounded by the blast and were evacuated to a military medical facility for treatment, the statement said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Spanish police confiscate 570 kilos of cocaine

MADRID, 27 May—Spanish police seized 570 kilos of cocaine hidden inside fake floor tiles imported from Mexico and Argentina, police said Sunday. The police found the floor tiles, made of material formed by a mix of metallic structure and resin, in an industrial park near the port city of Barcelona after a seven-month investigation.

Thirteen people of different nationalities were arrested in Barcelona and the southern province of Malaga.

The detainees included a Colombian Army officer who was in charge of airport security, the police said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Motorcycle bomber kills six near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 May—A suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least six members of a US-backed neighbourhood patrol and wounded 18 others on Monday, police said.

The attack took place at a checkpoint in Tarmiya, a town just north of Baghdad.

The mostly Sunni patrols have been credited with helping reduce violence in Iraq but have come under increasing attack.—*MNA/Reuters*

Gunmen kill four people in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 27 May— Four people were killed by unidentified gunmen in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, local TV channel reported.

The four people were killed in Dera Ismail Khan, a district of North West Frontier Province, due to sectarian violence, said private Dawn TV.

The gunmen also shot dead a policeman who was running after him, a report said. Further details are not available.—*MNA/Xinhua*

French investors seek President's help in Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, 26 May — A group of 20 French investors, who had fled Ivory Coast at the height of anti-French protest marches in November 2004, have called on President Laurent Gbagbo to help them resettle back in the country, official sources said on Saturday.

The group, led by Marc Balzer, president of the Association for the Defence of Affected Businesses in Ivory Coast (ADESCI), held discussions with the head of state Thursday to "congratulate him over the climate of appeasement that is reigning in the country", according to the official presidential website.

"We are appealing to you, regardless of the provided budgetary provisions, to make a specific financial gesture in the direction of the affected businesses that are represented by ADESCI," said Balzer, adding that his association represented investors who " lost everything".

About 150 French companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) for the most part, went down after the violent anti-French demonstrations which rocked the West African nation in November 2004, according to official figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Lebanon's Hezbollah supporters wave flags in Beirut suburbs, on 26 May, 2008, during a rally to mark the eighth anniversary of Israel's withdrawal from south Lebanon.
XINHUA

UK police arrest second man after restaurant blast

LONDON, 26 May— British police arrested a second man on Friday in connection with an explosion in the toilets of a busy restaurant in southern England a day earlier. Nicky Reilly, 22, an Islamic convert with a history of mental illness, was arrested on Thursday and taken to hospital after he detonated a bomb in a branch of the family-oriented Giraffe restaurant chain in the centre of Exeter. Police said armed officers arrested the second man on Friday in the port town of Plymouth and a third was being questioned.

"At 3.30 pm (1430 GMT) today Devon and Cornwall police arrested one man in connection with yesterday's incident in Exeter," a police spokesman said. "The man arrested is now in custody as part of the ongoing investigation."

Although limited in scope, the attempted attack was a reminder of earlier bombings in Britain, such as the strikes in July 2005 when four Islamist suicide bombers killed 52 commuters on London's transport system with homemade bombs. — *MNA/Reuters*

Sri Lanka military stand guard at the site of a bomb explosion in the Colombo suburb of Dehiwala on 26 May, 2008.
INTERNET

French skydiver Michel Fournier prepares for his jump in North Battleford, in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.
INTERNET

Somali pirates release Jordanian-flagged ship

AMMAN, 26 May — Somali pirates have released the MV Victoria, a Jordanian-flagged ship owned by a company of United Arab Emirates, which was hijacked on 17 May off the Somali coast, Jordanian Minister of Transport Alaa Batayneh told local daily the *Jordan Times* on Saturday.

"We have been informed by the ship's owner, Marwan Shipping and Trading Company, that the ship and its crew and cargo were released on Friday," he said, adding that he was unaware of any deal with the pirates on the ship's release.

The vessel is now voyaging with a handful of Somali soldiers on board to ensure its safe arrival to the destination of Mogadishu, capital of Somali, according to its owners. The ship was reported missing on 17 May, after communication with the vessel was cut in the morning while it was making its way from India to Mogadishu. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Suicide blast hits NATO convoy in Afghan south

KANDAHAR, (Afghanistan), 26 May— A suicide car bomber struck a NATO convoy near an alliance base in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar on Sunday, killing one local civilian, witnesses and a police officer said.

Three NATO soldiers were wounded in the blast, a spokesman for the force said.

NATO soldiers cordoned off the site of the attack which happened near the house of the ousted Taleban's leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, currently used as a base for the alliance.

Minutes after the attack, explosives attached to a bicycle went off in another part of the city, but caused no casualties.

MNA/Reuters

Fire in Iranian factory kills 30

TEHERAN, 26 May — Thirty people died in a series of blasts followed by a blaze that engulfed a pharmaceutical plant in central Iran on Sunday when a container of chemicals caught fire, the official *IRNA* news agency said.

Another 38 people were injured at the factory near the city of Arak, 290 kilometres (180 miles) southwest of the capital Teheran, many of them critically, *IRNA* said.

A container holding 60,000 litres of inflammable products exploded during welding work nearby and the fire quickly spread to other parts of the plant, it said, citing eye witnesses.

There was extensive damage within 500 metres of the explosion, with many vehicles destroyed and the roofs of buildings collapsing.

MNA/Reuters

Moderate quake jolts southern Chile

SANTIAGO, 26 May — A series of moderate earthquakes including a 5.3-magnitude one hit southern Chile Saturday morning and caused panic among local people, officials said.

At least four quakes struck the region about 1,000 kilometres south of the capital Santiago, said the Chilean national emergency situations office. The tremors were felt across the region, including the coastal city Puerto Montt.

Although their epicentres were close to the 1,200-metre Chaiten volcano, seismologists said the quakes were not related to its recent eruption.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Vietnam to set up new border economic zone

HANOI, 26 May—A new economic zone on the border of Vietnam and Laos in a central Vietnamese province will be established, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported here Monday.

The A Dot Border Economic Zone will cover 10,184 hectares in the central province of Thua Thien Hue's mountainous district of A Luoi, the paper quoted a decision signed by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.

Investment projects in the zone will enjoy exemption of corporate income tax for four years, followed by a 50 per cent reduction of tax in the next nine years, according to the decision.

Enterprises in the zone will be allowed to import and export all goods and services that are not banned by law. They will enjoy exemption of import and export tax, as well as value-added tax for all goods and services.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A helicopter of the Indian Air Force starts a test flight to prepare for the International Berlin Air Show ILA at Berlin Schoenefeld airport on 23 May, 2008, in Berlin. Indian helicopter squadron 'Sarang' is on the programme for the first time. The air show starts on 27 May and runs till 1 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Cambodia lifts ban on rice export

PHNOMPENH, 27 May—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said here on Monday that the country would resume rice export from Tuesday.

"The ban on rice export for two months is over," Hun Sen said while addressing an inauguration ceremony at the National Institute of Education.

However, Cambodia can only export about 1.6 million tons of rice totally this year because the government has to guarantee food security for the country too, Hun Sen said. From now on, rice export of over 100 tons has to be registered at the Ministry of Commerce while rice export lower than this has to be registered to custom officials at international border gates, he said. —*MNA/Xinhua*

New gas refinery inaugurated in Iran

TEHERAN, 27 May—Iran's oil minister Gholam Hossein Nozari Saturday officially inaugurated Masjed Soleiman gas refinery in southwestern province of Khuzestan, *Iran Daily* reported on Sunday.

The refinery can produce one million cubic metres of gas per day, and has the potential to increase the figure to 1.4 million cubic metres.

"Masjed Soleiman gas refinery which is one of the most modern of its kind in the world was constructed at a cost of 256 million US dollars in 40 months," said the manager of the refinery.

Gholam Hossein Nozari will also inaugurate some other gas and oil projects to mark the centenary of oil drilling in Iran and the Middle East.

The first modern oil wells of the Middle East were discovered and drilled in Masjed Soleiman. The first oil drilling in the Middle East took place in a region called Naftoon in centre of the city.

MNA/Xinhua

China's top legislator Wu Bangguo visits Li Kecheng, a 55-year-old survivor who was saved after being buried in the rubble for 108 hours, in a hospital in Chengdu on 26 May, 2008.—XINHUA

Turkey becoming global auto industry hub

ANKARA, 26 May—Turkey is becoming an export base for automotive manufacturers and auto-related subindustries, local newspaper *Today's Zaman* reported on Friday.

Seen as a gateway to European and Asian markets, Turkey has now successfully attracted sizable foreign investment from the world's leading auto manufacturers, who are increasingly opting to use Turkey as a base of operations to gain access to wider markets while expanding their sales figures in the domestic market.

The Turkish automotive sector reached a record production of 1.1 million motor vehicles in 2007.

In the first quarter of 2008, the production increased by 42 per cent and projects indicate that another 250,000 vehicles will be produced by year-end, said the report, adding that Turkey is expected to become the world's tenth largest motor vehicle producer in the next four years.

"Turkey aims to reach 25 billion US dollars in automotive exports and to allocate 20 billion US dollars for research and development by 2011," said the report, quoting Industry and Trade Minister Zafer Caglayan.

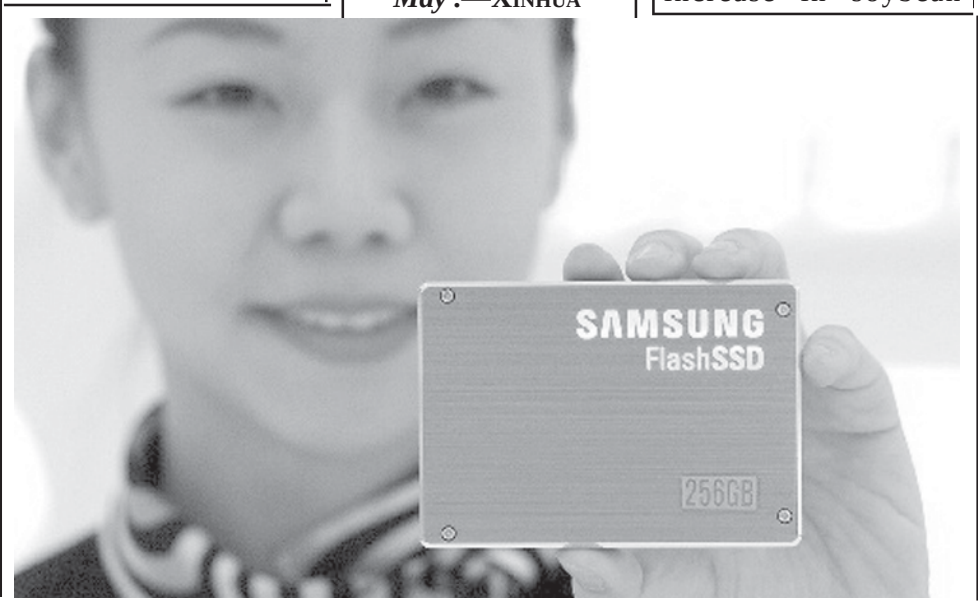
MNA/Xinhua

China steps up price regulation of housing materials

BEIJING, 26 May—The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) on Sunday urged local authorities to strengthen price regulation, especially of tents and other materials that can be used for temporary shelter. Local price regulators could use temporary measures to stabilize prices of tent cloth, steel tubing and polystyrene, and to ensure the supply and transportation of resources closely related to quake-relief needs, said an emergency notice issued here by the NDRC.

MNA/Xinhua

Samsung plans to launch within this year a flash memory-based solid-state disk that boasts a 256G byte capacity and high-speed interface, media reported on 26 May .—XINHUA

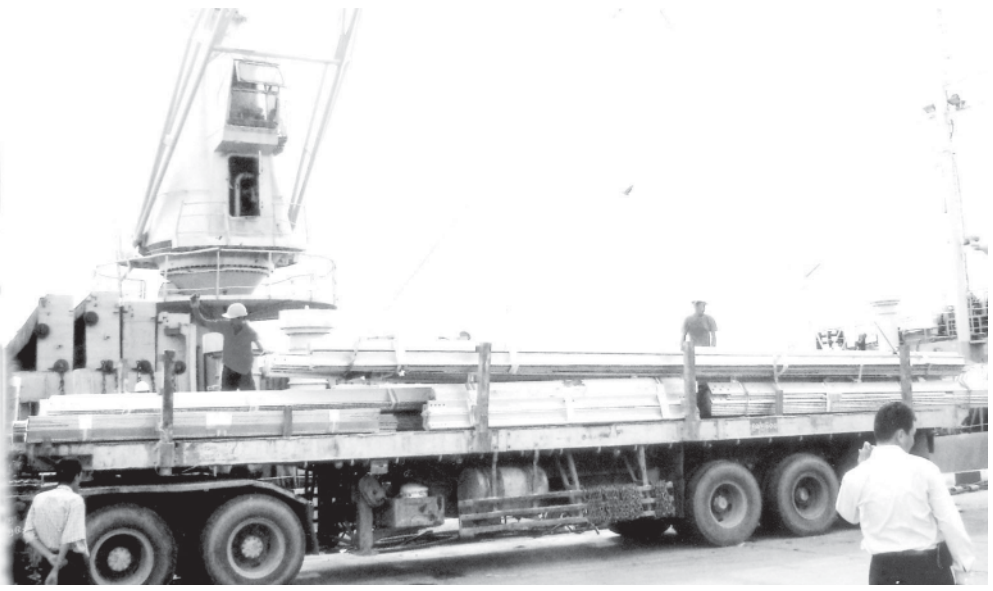


Argentine farmers against rising soybean export taxes

BUENOS AIRES, 26 May—Thousands of Argentine farmers held a protest against an increase in soybean export taxes Sunday in Rosario, northwest of the capital Buenos Aires, local media reported.

Argentine farmers took to the streets, warning that if the government does not soften the export restrictions, they could blockade the highways and roads like they did last spring in a move against food shortages across the country. The government and farmers also blamed each other for a failure of the two-hour negotiation on 22 May.

MNA/Xinhua



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects unloading of materials from a vessel to be used for power projects. — MNA

Minister gives instructions on power supply to industrial zones

YANGON, 27 May — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with members of the supervisory committees for industrial zone Nos 1, 2 and 3 and businessmen on 25 May and fulfilled the requirements for reconstruction of cable connection and supply of power to the zones.

After the meeting, the minister went to the sub-power station in Dagon Myothit (South) and inspected power supply from the station and conditions of transformers at the station.

Afterwards, the minister went to Asia World Jetty in Ahlon Township and inspected unloading of materials from a vessel to be used in power supply projects. Over 1110 tons of electrical equipment to be used in installation of the 230-KV grid linking Yeywa, Bilin and Meiktila, 2,980 tons of cables to be used in installation of 230-KV power grid linking Shweli, Mansan and Shwesaryan and 100-MVA transformer and 562.77 tons of equipment for the main power station in Nay Pyi Taw were unloaded yesterday and transported to the respective projects.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also inspected repairing of lamp-posts in Dagon Myothit.

MNA

SWRR Minister receives UNFPA Resident Representative

YANGON, 27 May— Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe received Mr Daniel B Baker, Resident Representative of UNFPA, at Maykhala Hall of the Fire Services Department here yesterday.— *MNA*

Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe receives Mr Daniel B Baker, Resident Representative of UNFPA at Maykhala Hall. — MNA

Minister receives UNICEF Official

YANGON, 26 May— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Bangkok-based UNICEF EAPRO Regional Director Ms Anupama Rao Singh at temporary control division of Yangon General Hospital here this morning.

At the meeting, the minister said that he was heartened by the aid such as medicines and medical equipment provided by UNICEF, adding that water guard, tablets, DDT and rehydration salt are indispensable for storm-hit regions. And he thanked the organization for its assistance given to health staff working at front-line camps and dealt with matters on cooperation.— *MNA*

Staff of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan participates in rehabilitation tasks

YANGON, 27 May— Staff of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd participated in relief and rehabilitation tasks at Bogale starting from 6 May. Two water purifiers donated by Technisches Hilfswerk Co Ltd of Germany were presented to Col Tin Aung of No 66 LID and Chairman of Bogale Township Peace and Development Council through Htoo Trading Co Ltd on 26 May.

Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd constructed a building at a cost of K 30 million to put two water purifiers and transported machines and installed them. Drinking water produced by two water purifiers is supplied to the storm victims two times a day by three vehicles.

Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd started repairing damaged buildings caused by the storm commencing on 10 May. Mahamuni Tazaung, Township Dhammayon, Zeyamaydini monastery, Yadanapon monastery, Kyunnyo monastery, Maggin monastery, Kyawzan monastery, Myaseinyound monastery, Dwara monastery, Sitagu home for the aged, People's hospital, education college, No 1 Basic Education High School, No 2 BEHS, No 1 BEMS, BEPS (Aukpaing), BEPS (Aungthapyay), Posts and Telecommunications Office, TV Relay Station, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Office, Agricultural Office, Land Records Office have already been repaired up to 26 May. Thatamawadi monastery, Sitagu Pawtawmu monastery, clinic of Gangaw Tahtaung monastery (Gangaw Tahtaung village), BEHS (Myinkakon) and Myanadi guest house are under repair.

The company will donate one hundred power tillers and paddy strains to the storm victims soon to reestablish villages.

NLM

Responsible personnel of Htoo Trading and Air Bagan Co Ltd hand over document of building to be used for water supply to storm victims. — NLM

Health care and disease control measures at relief camps in Labutta

Interview by Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)
Photos by Par Si (MNA)

We reporters from the Myanma Alin Daily arrived at Labutta on 23 May morning to cover the rehabilitation works in Labutta, Ayeyawady Division.

Lt-Col Maung Thant explaining mobile health care services.

Soon after the arrival, we happened to make a tour around the township. We witnessed that reconstruction of departmental offices, religious buildings and houses was in full swing.

Then, we observed the health care to the storm victims at the relief camp in Yadana Dipa sports grounds. We saw children playing and young men playing sepak takraw.

When asked about daily health care services in the camp, leader of the special medical team (Labutta) Lt-Col Maung Thant of the Directorate of the Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence said that the team comprised seven doctors, one administrative officer and 26 other ranks, totaling 34; that they were engaged in giving treatment and disease control measures; that of the three groups of the team, one was based in Yadana Dipa sports grounds relief camp; that another was moving from one relief camp to another in the township; that the third was a mobile medical one based in Labutta moving by motorboat from one village to another for providing health care; and that the groups were substituted in rotation once three days.

Concerning treatment, he said that they received 300 to 400 sick people daily; that none of them was in serious condition; that common diseases were cold, illness, respiratory disease, sore throat and cough; that there were only few cases of diarrhea and no cases of cholera; and that none of the diarrhea patients suffered from shocks and were in serious condition.

As regards water supply, he said that group members every day chlorinated the four one-acre lakes from which water was supplied in the township; that they again put chlorine into all the water barrels with which water from the lakes was fetched; that some water purifiers had been installed; that antibiotic liquid was sprayed on all the latrines every day; and that health educative talks were given to the victims asking them to consume only boiled water and wash their hands thoroughly after using latrines.

In relation to medical supply, he said that medicines were being delivered to the relief camps under the programme of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence; that the medicines donated for relief works were shared with the villages in need in the township.

Health staff performing a medical check-up on a girl.

A water purifier installed in the relief camp in Yadana Dipa sports grounds.

Upon arrival at Labutta Township People's Hospital, we interviewed Ayeyawady Division Leprosy Control Project Doctor U Tin Maung Aye In-Charge of the middle camp (infectious diseases control) who said that the root cause of the outbreak of diarrhea was related to drinking water, human waste, and garbage as well as to personal hygiene of the people; that water in the main lake, whose water was mainly supplied to Yadana Dipa relief camp, was purified with the use of water purifiers and chlorine was put into the lake; that several small groups were putting chlorine to the wells and lakes in the area; they explained the method and effectiveness of chlorine to those in-charge of the camps; water purifiers had been installed in cooperation with INGOs; that health care was being provided through various ways; that ditch latrines were built for emergency use under the programme of the Department of Health and the divisions on environmental conservation under the department and UNICEF; that lime powder was sprinkled on the latrines in order that flies could not rest on them; that the waste was collected twice a day; and that the waste matter was systematically collected in the deep holes and it was sprinkled with lime powder.

With respect to personal hygiene, he said that health educative talks had been given and pamphlets on public health notices distributed to the victims.

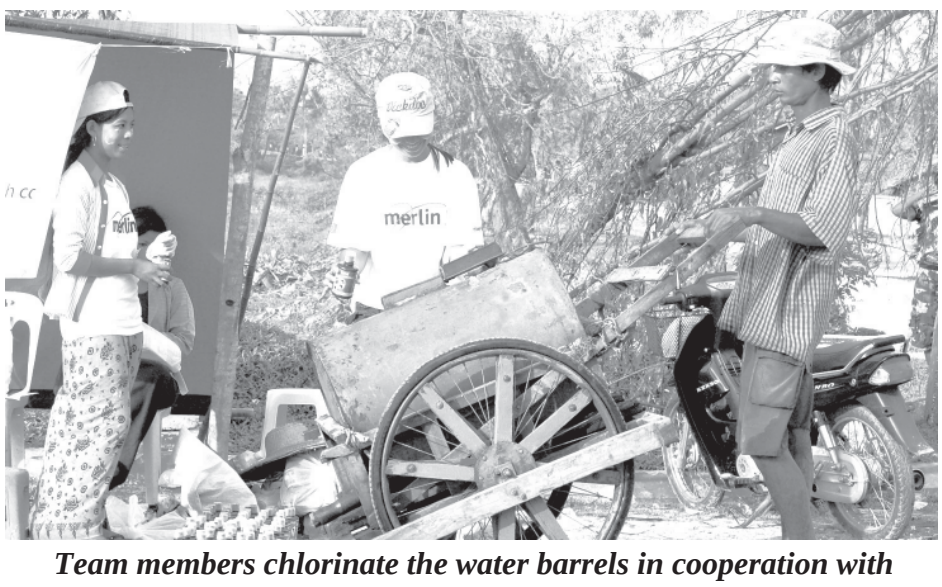
We put chlorine into the lakes to supply safe water.
(Dr Tin Maung Aye)

He said, "Clinics had been opened not only in the people's hospital but also in the schools and buildings in downtown area. Surveillance measures are constantly carried out in order to find out the number of diarrhea patients, under-five, normal and serious and which camp they are from. Today, we received three diarrhea patients. So far, we have received no cholera patients. The whole camp is in good condition. We are now taking preventive measures to our best".

We came back from the camp in the late afternoon. However, our programme has not been completed yet. We have to make trips to many other villages to present rehabilitation tasks for public information.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin: 27-5-2008

Young men playing sepak takraw in the relief camp in Yadana Dipa sports grounds.



Team members chlorinate the water barrels in cooperation with INGOs.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and officials of UN agencies and NGOs meeting with storm victims in Pyapon. — MNA

Minister and officials of UN Agencies and NGOs tour storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 27 May—Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by resident representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker and officials of UN Agencies and INGO arrived at Bogale of Ayeyawady Division by Tatmadaw helicopter this morning.

At the relief camp, the minister briefed the members on blowing of Nargis in Ayeyawady Division with the use of charts. Next, Mr Daniel B Baker and members viewed relief tasks being carried out by Doctors Without Border and WFP in Bogale.

Afterwards, the minister and party viewed progress in building temporary school making use of tents donated by foreign countries, opening of temporary clinic and arrival of relief supplies.

Next, the minister asked officials concerned about the requirements for rehabilitation tasks and made negotiations with the members to fulfill the needs.

Upon arrival at Kyeinchaung village of Labutta, the minister and party asked officials concerned about the relief and rehabilitation tasks. Next, the minister and party held discussions on rehabilitation tasks and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Mr Daniel B Baker and members viewed distribution and stockpile of relief supplies, arrival of relief supplies and transportation of relief supplies to nearby villages in Labutta.

On arrival at Hlinephone village of Labutta, the minister and party viewed arrival of relief supplies at the relief camp and delivery of relief supplies to surrounding villages by boats, village dispensary and patients and gave instructions on sanitation tasks to be carried out speedily.

Next, the minister and party viewed building of temporary school making with tarpaulin tent and asked officials concerned about the requirements for the rehabilitation tasks and explained further requirements to be fulfilled and arrived back here by helicopter in the afternoon.

MNA

Laotian Prof visits relief camps in Kyauktan Tsp

YANGON, 27 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo welcomed Deputy Minister for Health Professor Dr Eksavang Vongvichit of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at Yangon International Airport today.

Before looking over health clinics run by the Ministry of Health and Lao PDR at Hsinkan relief camp in Kyauktan, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gave his Laotian counterpart an account of storm-hit areas and health care measures.

The Laotian Deputy Minister left here for home at 3 pm after meeting with people at the relief camp and viewing around the township.—*MNA*

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and Prof Dr Eksavang Vongvichit visit clinics at Hsinkan Relief Camp in Kyauktan.—MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Minister U Soe Tha receives Ms Kathleen Cravero, Assistant Administrator and Director of UNDP, Mr Bishow Parajuli, Resident Representative of UNDP, and Deputy Resident Representative Mr Sanaka Samarasinha.

MNA

Rehabilitation work under way in Bogale, Dedaye

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May —Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence yesterday went to Bogale from Pathien Airport by Tatmadaw helicopter carrying clothing, medicines and 200-gallon tarpaulin tanks. At the office of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials reported on rehabilitation tasks.

Next, the adjutant-general gave instructions on day by day collecting of data of the population to be resettled in the storm-hit villages and of the increased population, reclamation of land with the cattle that survived the storm, arrangements to be made for paddy cultivation upon arrival of paddy strains, making records of relief items provided for households and arrangement for supply of drinking water by pumping from the lakes and wells.

On arrival at Dedaye, the adjutant-general heard reports by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min on repairs of the schools, hospitals and religious buildings in the township, arrival of power tillers and plans to mill rice at the rice mills in the township.

Later, the adjutant-general left necessary instructions and inspected rehabilitation work being carried out in the township.—*MNA*

Medical team of France arrives

YANGON, 22 May—A medical team led by Dr Tierre Souilland of France arrived here by TG-305 this evening.—*MNA*

NPED Minister meets assistant administrator and director of UNDP

YANGON, 27 May — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with assistant administrator and director Ms Kathleen Cravero of UNDP in New York and resident representative Mr Bishow Parajuli of UNDP in Yangon and deputy resident representative Mr Sanaka Samarasinha at National Archive Department of the ministry on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha road here yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on the projects being undertaken in cooperation with UNDP and further cooperation to be done in rehabilitation works for the storm victims.—*MNA*

Relief supplies contributed by Republic of Korea arrive Yangon International Airport.

MNA

More international relief aid arrive

YANGON, 27 May— Four C-130 flights carrying 32.58 tons of relief aids including purified drinking water, chlorine tappet, water purifiers and related equipment, timber, blankets, tanks and tarpaulin contributed by the United State of America at 08:58 am, 09: 55 am, 11:45 am and 13:05 pm, C-130 flight loaded with 13.08 tons of medicines, foods and blankets contributed by Red Cross Society of Thailand at 09:50 am, Y.7-100 C flight with 2.65 tons of medicines and drinking water for the medical team of Lao PDR at 10.30 am, C-130 flight with 10 tons of feedstuff for animals contributed by FAO at 10:50 am, IL-76 flight with of 35 tons of biscuits contributed by Pakistan at 12:20 pm, IL-76 carrying 34.84 tons of tents, medicines, canvas and foods contributed by India at 13:15 pm, A-300 flight with 38.52 tons of plastic contributed by Republic of Korea at 13:50 pm and A-310 flight with 34.5 tons of blankets contributed by Britain at 15:00 pm arrived at Yongon International Airport today.

The relief supplies donated by foreign countries have been distributed to the storm-hit regions without delay.

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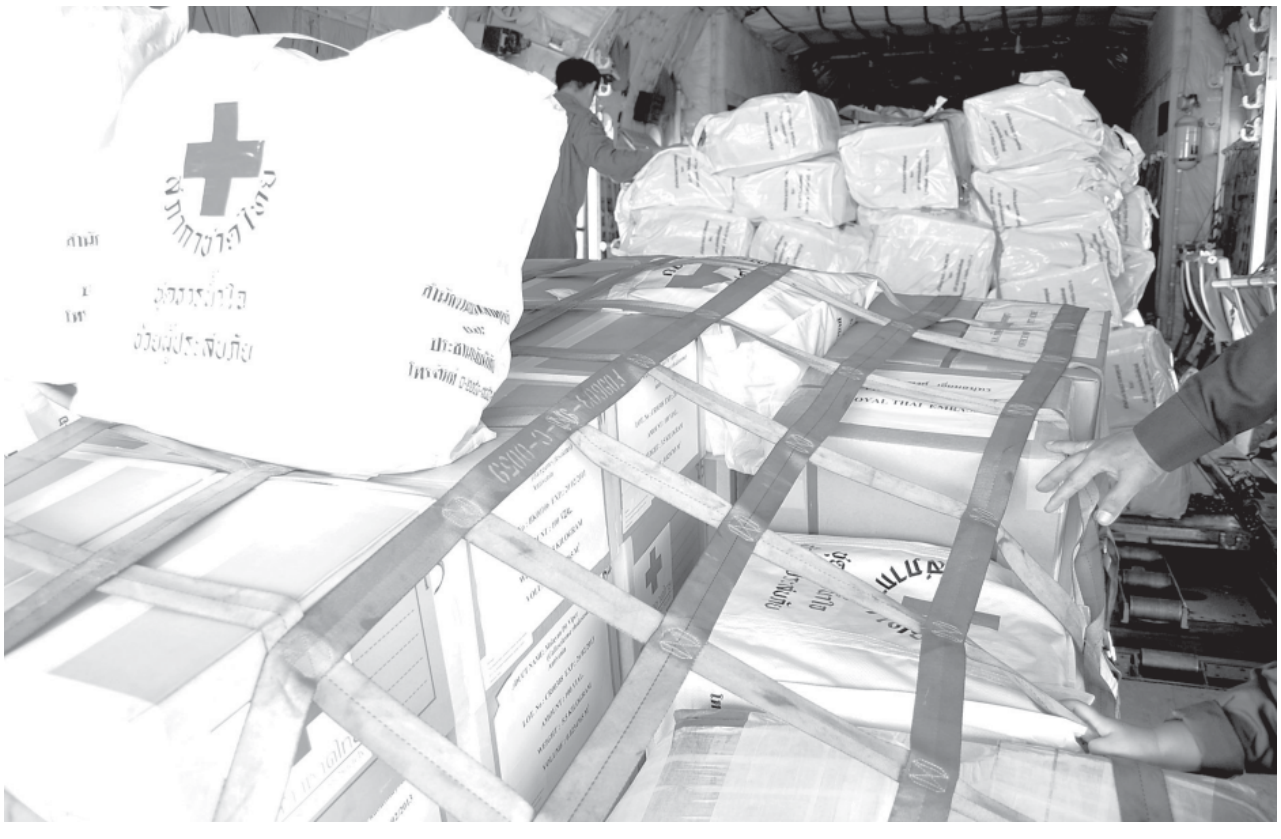

Relief items donated by Red Cross Society of Thailand arrive Yangon International Airport.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects…

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He also inspected removal of fallen trees on the campus by the Tatmadawmen from Taikkyi Station and urged them to choose some fallen trees which can grow and to plant them.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party went to Yangon University and inspected removal of fallen trees due to the storm in the compound of Takkatho Dhammayon by the Tatmadawmen of No 77 Light Infantry Division.

The fallen trees were also cleared from Chancellor Road on the campus of Yangon University by the Tatmadawmen of No 11 Light Infantry Division. On the inspection tour of Yangon University, Lt-Gen Myint Swe also urged officials concerned to complete repairing of lecture halls and buildings before the coming academic year.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party proceeded to Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road and inspected removal of trees fallen in the compound of the building.

On inspection tour of Myakyuntha amusement park on KabaAye Pagoda Road where fallen trees have been cleared from the park by the Tatmadawmen of Hmawby Station, Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged officials concerned to erect some century-old trees. — *MNA*

Adjutant-General meets …

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Next, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on rehabilitation measures and taking care of orphans.

After that, Ayeyawady Division Education Officer U Khin Maung Yi reported on opening of schools in the division, condition of storm-struck schools and reconstruction of damaged schools with the aid of the government and UNICEF.

Those from the companies reported on work being carried out, acquisition of construction materials, structures under repair and difficulties encountered.

Next, the Adjutant-General fulfilled the requirements.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Mr Daniel B Baker look into the temporary school in a tent at Hlinebone Village in Labutta.*—MNA**

Anti Narcotics Extempore Talk to be held in June

YANGON, 26 May — Myanmar Anti Narcotics Association will organize the first Anti-narcotics Extempore Talk in both Myanmar and English on 22 June at the Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung Township.

The event, which hails International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illegal Trafficking which falls on 26 June, opens for youths between the age of 17 and 25 for senior class and between 14 and 16 for junior class.

The extempore talk in Myanmar will be held in advance on 19 June and the talk in English, on 21 June at the training hall of MANA on Kyuntaw Road in Kamayut Township.

Application forms for the contest will be submitted to Building No 3, Room No (101/102), MANA (Head Office) in Myaing Haywon Housing on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township and Building No A, Room No 404, MANA (UNICEF Project) in Pannyawady Housing in Yankin Township, Ph; 550466, not later than 12 June along with member number if applicant is a member of MANA and if not, with membership application forms.

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Employees of Max Myanmar donate relief aids for victims in Labutta.

MNA

Mr Dirish Wadhwa of MEGA donates medicine worth K 8,978,356 to Yangon General Hospital through Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha.

HEALTH

MEGA Co donates medicines to YGH

YANGON, 27 May—Managing Director Mr Dirish Wadhwa of MEGA Co donated medicines worth K 8,978,356 to be used at Yangon General Hospital to medical superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha at the hospital this afternoon.

Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha presented certificate of honour to the company.

MNA

Max Myanmar, Ayeya Shwemyay take part in rehabilitation works

YANGON, 27 May — Max Myanmar and Ayeya Shwemyay on 8 May delivered 100 staff and 15 vehicles to the storm-affected area of Labutta Township to take part in the rehabilitation works.

They also delivered 400 staff and 32 vehicles to the township to participate in the rehabilitation tasks.

The officials of Max Myanmar donated K 200 million and relief aids worth K 300 million to the victims in Labutta Township and Ayeya Shwemyay K 100 million and relief supplies worth K 200 million.

They also donated rice, edible oil, medicines, robes, food, clothes, raincoats to the storm-hit monasteries and relief camps in the township since 6 May. 8500 bags of rice, 100 bags of gram, 100 bags of onion, 100 bags of potato, 100 bags of vermicelli, 30 pumps, 150000 CI sheets, 10 tons of timber, 10000 of water bottles, 1000 of first aid kid and 50000 of clothes had been donated to Ayeyawady Division up to 19 May.

MNA

Pakistani labours prepare for their dinner in their room at a labour camp in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 22 Feb, 2008. Dubai's astonishing building boom, which has made it one of the world's fastest-growing cities, has been fuelled by the labour of about 700,000 immigrants — almost all from poor, rural villages in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.—INTERNET

Chinese Army leader urges ties with public in quake relief

LANZHOU, 26 May — A senior Chinese military leader has urged stronger ties between the Army and the people in quake-relief work during his three-day visit to Gansu Province.

Xu Caihou, vice chairman of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Military Commission, also stressed the importance of the ideological and political education of the Army, which is "critical for boosting the morale of the Army and ensuring the success of the quake-relief work".

During his trip, Xu visited earthquake survivors, heard reports on the progress of relief work and spent time with the military forces.

The Army should make an all-out effort to save the injured, help rebuild the lives of the survivors and support preventive measures against earthquake-induced disasters, according to Xu, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee.

He praised the People's Liberation Army (PLA) and armed police, saying they had turned in an outstanding performance and won people's trust since the magnitude 8.0 earthquake rocked southwest China on 12 May.

The quake, the worst in decades, has so far claimed more than 60,000 lives and led to billions of yuan in losses in Sichuan and neighbouring areas.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico announces measures to counter rising food prices

MEXICO CITY, 26 May — Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Sunday that his government will take measures to help people in extreme poverty overcome rising food prices.

"We will not allow the poorest families to pay the consequences of a situation created beyond our borders," Calderon said.

He said tariffs on wheat, corn, rice, sorghum and soy pasta would be eliminated, adding that a quota of beans would be imported tax-free and duties on powdered milk would be slashed by half.

Measures would also be strengthened "to boost the production of food and raise the productivity of the Mexican countryside," said the president.

Mexico's consumer prices rose 4.55 per cent in the 12 months ending 30 April, mostly due to soaring prices of major food products.

MNA/Xinhua

This image from CNN video shows the wreckage of a tour helicopter that crashed in rainy weather, killing three people and injuring three others, over the west end of Santa Catalina Island off the coast of Southern California on 24 May, 2008. The crash caused a small fire that was quickly doused. The cause was not immediately known.—INTERNET

55 kilos of amphetamine seized at Bulgaria-Serbia border

SOFIA, 26 May — Bulgarian Customs officers at the Kalotina border checkpoint with Serbia have seized 55 kilos of tableted amphetamine, local Press reported Friday. During the routine check, Customs officers found 24 packages of the drug, covered in aluminum foil and hidden in a specially designed secret compartment in a car, the local police said.

The driver is a Dutch citizen coming into the country from Serbia, the police said. The alleged drug smuggler has been arrested. Preliminary legal proceedings have been initiated against them while the authorities continue working on the case. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Truck collides with police wagon in S China, killing six

GUANGZHOU, 26 May — A heavy truck collided with a police wagon from behind on an express way in south China's Guangdong Province on Saturday, leaving six people dead and another one injured.

The accident occurred at around 10:30 am on the expressway linking Beijing and Guangdong's Zhuhai, at a section about 70 kilometres from the downtown area of Shaoguan City, local police said.

All the dead and injured were from the police wagon.

The truck was registered in the central Henan Province while the police wagon was licensed in the central Hunan Province.

MNA/Xinhua

US storm death toll rises to eight

WASHINGTON, 26 May — The death toll from the killer storms that swept some areas of the midwestern United States Sunday has risen to eight, according to the National Weather Service.

In Hugo city of Minnesota, a two-year-old baby was killed and another 20 people were missing.

Another nine people were also injured there, while 50 homes were destroyed.

The storms also hit Iowa state, leaving at least seven people dead and at least 50 injured.

Tornadoes formed over northern Oklahoma Saturday, skipping across the rural landscape and leveling a hog farm about an hour northwest of Oklahoma City.

But there were no reports of injuries, officials said. However, two people were found dead in south-central Kansas Saturday in a car accident that authorities said was caused by a tornado.

MNA/Xinhua

A Palestinian youth throws a stone towards Israeli troops during a protest against the construction of the controversial Israeli barrier in the West Bank village of Nilin near Ramallah on 25 May, 2008. INTERNET

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Vietnam to invest $ 6.8m in training lawyers

HANOI, 27 May— Vietnam is investing 6.8 million US dollars in training 100 lawyers, specialists, lecturers and researchers in the country's law sector from now to 2010, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported today.

Under a project recently approved by the Vietnamese Government, the trainees will attain international legal certificates, and ability to work with foreign courts in English after attending 21-27 month course which focus on investment, business and trade in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Vietnam needs more lawyers specializing in investment, business and trade, Deputy Director of the Legal Assistance Department under the Vietnamese Ministry of Justic Le Hong Son said, noting that more investors are flocking to the country to seek business opportunities since its World Trade Organization accession. Vietnam now has 4,000 lawyers working in 1,200 organizations. However, only about 10 organizations specialize in investment, business and trade.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Bob Barr becomes nominee of US Libertarian Party

WASHINGTON, 26 May— Bob Barr, a former US Republican congressman, was officially nominated Sunday as the Libertarian Party's presidential nominee. "We have only 163 days to win this election —do not waste one single day," Barr told supporters at the Libertarian Party's National Convention in Denver, Colorado, according to US TV news reports.

Barr, 59, is best known for playing a prominent role in the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton. His candidacy has attracted more attention to the Libertarian Party, with some Republican observers watching to see whether Barr will draw votes away from the presumptive Republican nominee, Senator John McCain of Arizona, in the general election.

Barr left the Republican Party in 2006, and announced in April that he would form a presidential exploratory committee.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1994 and represented a conservative district in Georgia for four terms. After the House impeached Clinton over his attempt to cover up his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, Barr served as one of the "managers" who prosecuted the case in the Senate. Senators ultimately acquitted Clinton in 1999.

MNA/Xinhua

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Mexico seizes 3.5 tons of marijuana, 50 kilos of ephedrine

MEXICO CITY, 26 May— Mexican authorities seized more than 3.5 tons of marijuana and some 50 kilos of ephedrine in three separate operations, Defence Ministry announced Sunday. In the first operation, the Mexican Army confiscated more than three tons of marijuana Thursday in two small ships hidden in a mangrove off Altata bay in the state of Sinaloa.

Mexican police sent one helicopter, a vessel and two interceptors to join the operation, Defence Ministry said. Meanwhile, the General Prosecutor of the Republic (PGR) seized half ton of marijuana hidden in 100 boxes of soap powder at a checking point in Tijuana bordering the United States.

The PGR said the drug would be ferried to Los Angeles, California. Police also found 50.3 kilos of ephedrine at the Customs of Mexico City's International Airport. These raids were carried out as part of a government anti-drug campaign. The Mexican Government has implemented a series of measures and actions against drug trafficking and organized crimes within the country since 2006.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Hong Kong, Japan sign legal assistance pact

HONG KONG, 26 May— Hong Kong and Japan signed Friday an agreement on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, the 24th pact that the city has signed with other jurisdictions.

The pact was signed by Ambrose Lee, secretary for Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government, and Shigekazu Sato, Japanese consul-general to Hong Kong. The pact covers obtaining testimony, statements or items; examining, locating or identifying people, items or places; providing items in the possession of the requested party and presenting an invitation to a person whose appearance in the requesting party is sought.

It also covers transfer of a person in custody for giving testimony or assisting in investigations, prosecutions or other proceedings; serving judicial documents; assisting in proceedings related to confiscation and immobilization of proceeds or instrumentalities of criminal offenses, and other assistance permitted under the laws of the requested party. The agreement comes into force 30 days after the date on which the parties exchange notes informing each other that they have completed their respective internal legal procedures necessary for the agreement's entry into force.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Italy arrests mafia boss linked to German killings

ROME, 26 May—Italian police said on Friday they had arrested the head of a clan of the 'Ndrangheta, or Calabrian mafia, which is suspected of being behind the execution-style killing of six Italians in Germany last year.

Giuseppe Nirta, one of Italy's most-wanted mafia fugitives, is suspected of being the "boss" of the Nirta-Strangio clan which is at the centre of a long-running feud that police believe led to last August's killings in Duisburg.

He was arrested at a relative's house in his hometown, San Luca. "Nirta put up no resistance, in fact his first words were: 'Congratulations to you and the carabinieri (paramilitary police)'," said Francesco Iacono, who led the police operation.

Interior Minister Roberto Maroni praised the police, describing Nirta as a dangerous fugitive "involved in the San Luca feud which triggered the Duisburg massacre".

Nirta was wanted for murder, criminal association and illegal possession of weapons.

MNA/Reuters

Labour heavyweights back Brown as leader

LONDON, 26 May— Two senior members of Gordon Brown's Government backed the British prime minister on Sunday to remain in charge of the ruling Labour Party, curbing speculation of a high-level plot to oust the embattled leader.

Labour lost a mid-term parliamentary seat last week to the opposition Conservatives for the first time since 1978. Coming after a drubbing in local elections earlier in May, media talk about a challenge to Brown has been rife.

However Health Minister Alan Johnson and foreign minister David Miliband, the two men most often cited as potential rivals, both rejected the idea of a contest and said Brown was the best man for the job. —*MNA/Reuters*

Norway's teachers, nurses to go on strike over salary

STOCKHOLM, 26 May—Norwegian teachers and nurses will go on strike Monday over salary disputes with employers, reports from Oslo said on Sunday.

The reports said some 3,500 people, including preschool employees, will join the strike, affecting thousands of school children across the country.

Norway's Confederation of Unions for Professionals asked for a pay rise of seven percent while the employers only agreed to raise salaries by 3.2 per cent.

Earlier this month, the Nordic state's airport workers launched a strike over wages, shutting down a dozen airports and stranding thousands of passengers.

The five-day strike ended on 21 May following an agreement with employers.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Study: Coffee, tea don't elevate breast cancer risk

*Coffee and tea consumption do not elevate breast cancer risk, media reports Tuesday quoted a decades-long study as revealing.—*XINHUA

BEIJING, 27 May— Coffee and tea consumption do not elevate breast cancer risk, media reports Tuesday quoted a decades-long study as revealing.

"In this large cohort of women, with 22 years of follow-up, we observed no association between coffee (caffeinated or decaffeinated) and tea consumption and the risk of breast cancer," Dr Davaasambuu Ganmaa said.

"Coffee and tea are remarkably safe beverages when used in moderation," said Ganmaa, of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts.

Ganmaa and colleagues assessed coffee, tea, and caffeine consumption among 85,987 women who participated in the Nurses' Health Study and who were between 30 and 55 years old at the start of the study.

Over 22 years of follow up, 5,272 women developed breast cancer.

The researchers found no elevated risk of breast cancer among women who reported drinking four or more cups of caffeinated or decaffeinated coffee or tea per day, compared with those who drank less than one cup daily.

Internet

"Brain pacemaker" treat depression, disorder

BEIJING, 27 May — New studies have showed "brain pacemaker" can effectively treat depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), media reported on Tuesday.

Devices implanted in the chest, with leads that send electrical impulses to parts of the brain, have already been approved to treat movement disorders, such as Parkinson's disease, essential tremor and dystonia.

Dr Ali Reza who led the studies said the technique of deep brain stimulation (DBS) helped the most severely depressed patients improve significantly.

Six of 17 severely depressed patients were in remission a year after undergoing DBS and four more markedly improved, and more than half of 26 obsessive-compulsive patients showed substantial improvement over three years, say studies from a team at the Cleveland Clinic, Brown University, and Belgium's University of Leuven.

"Not all patients get better, but when patients respond, it's significant," said Helen Mayberg, who has implanted about 50 depression patients.

Her first remains in remission after five years; she estimates that four of every six show enough improvement to be classified as "responders."

Internet

Students of the Kangleli Primary School of Xuanwu District, Beijing, donate books to their friends in the quake-devastated areas on 26 May, 2008. Young Pioneers donate their pocket money and books to the quake survivors.

XINHUA

US spacecraft lands safely at Mars north pole

PASADENA (Calif), 26 May— A small science probe blazed through the salmon-coloured skies of Mars on Sunday, touching down on a frozen desert at the planet's north pole to search for water and assess conditions for sustaining life, NASA officials said.

The spacecraft, known as Phoenix, landed at 4:53 pm PDT (7:53 pm EDT/2353 GMT) after a do-or-die plunge through the planet's thin atmosphere and thruster-jet landing to the Mars surface. It marked the first time that a spacecraft had successfully landed at one of the planet's polar regions.

"It was a hell of a lot scarier than the two Mars rovers," NASA's space sciences chief Ed Weiler said, referring to the cushioned landings of the Spirit and Opportunity rovers. "I kept thinking, 'I wish I had airbags.'"

Pulled by Mars' gravity, Phoenix was tearing along at 12,700 mph (20,400 kph) before it entered the atmosphere, which slowed the craft so it could pop out a parachute and fire thruster rockets to gently float to the ground.

"It's down, baby, it's down!," yelled a NASA flight controller, looking at signals from Mars showing that Phoenix had landed.

Flight controllers and scientists battled nerves as Phoenix wrapped up its 10-month, 423 million-mile journey. In 14 minutes, the probe transformed from an interplanetary cruiser to a free-standing science station.

"People got really uncomfortable," said Doug McCuistion, director of the Mars Exploration Programme at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, which oversees the mission.

MNA/Reuters

6.4-magnitude aftershock felt in China quake area

CHENGDU, 26 May — An aftershock measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale jolted Qingchuan County in southwest China's Sichuan Province on Sunday afternoon. The strongest aftershock since the 8.0-magnitude quake of 12 May hit at 4:21 pm and was felt in many parts of the province, including the provincial capital Chengdu, said Hou Jian-min, a senior engineer with China National Seismic Network.

The network has located the epicentre of the aftershock at 32.6 degrees north Latitude and 105.4 degrees east Longitude in Qingchuan County, which sits on the northeastern border of Sichuan Province and neighbours Gansu and Shaanxi provinces in northwest China.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain plans more anti-smoking measures

LONDON, 26 May — Britain is considering a ban on cigarette vending machines, removing cigarettes from display in shops and outlawing the sale of packets of 10, Health Minister Alan Johnson said on Sunday.

In 2007, Britain joined several other countries in banning smoking in enclosed public places and the government is now keen to try and stop people starting to smoke in their teenage years.

Johnson, a smoker in his youth, said he would be launching a consultation paper on new anti-smoking measures next week.

He said 200,000 children under 16 years of age start smoking each year in Britain and the risk of premature death for them was three times higher than for people who start in their 20s.

Johnson said Scotland was right to force stores to take cigarettes off display, and that bans on cigarette vending machines in other European countries had been successful.

MNA/Reuters

Rebuilt on its original site, the Tang Dynasty Imperial Tea Factory opens today to tourists.—XINHUA

SPORTS

***England's John Terry kicks a ball during their training session at London Colney England on 26 May, 2008. England will face USA in an international friendly soccer match at Wembley, on 28 May, 2008.—*INTERNET**

Bilic pondering Euro 2008 strategy shift

ZAGREB, 27 May — Croatia manager Slaven Bilic will be tempted to adjust the team's formation for the Euro 2008 finals after their unimpressive 1-0 friendly win over Moldova.

The Croatians lacked firepower up front on Saturday and were forced to hang on in the closing stages of their penultimate warm-up for the 7-29 June tournament in Switzerland and Austria, where they expect to at least reach the last eight.

Bilic favours a 4-4-2 formation but a lacklustre display against the Moldovans has tempted him to consider shifting to a 4-2-3-1 strategy with attacking midfielders Ivan Rakitic, Luka Modric and Niko Kranjcar behind a lone striker.

"Fielding that kind of line-up is a possibility and it has been in our thoughts since Rakitic broke into the squad," Bilic told Croatian media on Sunday.

"I prefer having two up front because a last-minute shift can disrupt the team balance but we have to entertain the idea because it would, on the other hand, give us more options when we are in possession of the ball.

"In any case we are ready for Euro 2008 and we will consider our final warm-up match in Hungary next Saturday as the start of our campaign because we need to raise our game." — *MNA/Reuters*

Chievo return to Serie A at first attempt

MILAN, 26 May — Chievo Verona won immediate promotion back to Serie A on Sunday after drawing 1-1 at Grosseto.

Serie B leaders Chievo, relegated from the top flight last year having been in the Champions League qualifiers at the start of that season, are four points clear of third-placed Lecce with one round of games left.

Bologna, who could still snatch the Serie B title, remain in the second and final automatic promotion spot after winning 1-0 at Mantova to move three points behind Chievo.

Lecce stay a point behind Bologna after winning 3-1 at Messina. Lecce host struggling Vicenza in next Sunday's season finale while Bologna entertain Pisa.

Fourth-placed Albinoleffe, who play in Bergamo and have attendances of less than 5,000, lost 4-0 at home to Rimini and will have to settle for the playoffs where Pisa and Brescia are also assured of berths.

MNA/Reuters

Real surprised by Ferguson criticism over Ronaldo

MADRID, 26 May — Real Madrid have defended themselves against accusations from Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson that they were using underhand tactics to pressure Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo into joining them.

"I am really surprised to hear what he said about us. I don't understand Ferguson," Real president Ramon Calderon told sports daily Marca on Sunday.

"Real Madrid have conducted themselves exquisitely is this whole affair with Cristiano Ronaldo. We have always said that he is a player who has a contract and that Manchester United is not a selling club. That's everything."

Ferguson attacked the Spanish champions on Friday criticizing their methods in trying to lure the 23-year-old to Spain by using the local media as their mouthpiece.

"Do you not think we've not had interest from big clubs around Europe about our best players? Of course, we have. But they don't get into the nonsense (Real) get into," Ferguson said. —*MNA/Reuters*

China's Peng Shuai returns the ball to Russia's Anastasia Rodionova during the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 26 May, 2008.
INTERNET

Terry says penalty miss will haunt me forever

LONDON, 26 May — Chelsea captain John Terry said his penalty miss in the Champions League final on Wednesday would haunt him for the rest of his life. "I am so sorry for missing the penalty and denying the fans, my team mates, family and friends the chance to be European champions," Terry told English Sunday newspaper reporters.

When the final against Manchester United in Moscow ended 1-1 after extra time, the match went into a penalty shootout. Terry stepped up to take Chelsea's fifth penalty with the scores level at 4-4. If he had scored, Chelsea would have won the match and been crowned European champions.

But he slipped as he shot and the ball clipped the outside of United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar's left-hand post to force the match into sudden death. United went on to win the shootout 6-5.

"I have relived that moment every minute since it happened," Terry said. "I have only slept a few hours and wake up every time hoping it's all been a bad dream. "I walked forward to take the kick knowing that it was there to be won and it was all down to me. What happened next will haunt me for the rest of my life. I have watched it again on TV. You can see I slipped and I still can't believe it."

Terry, who sobbed uncontrollably after Chelsea's defeat, added: "I feel I have let everybody down and this hurts me more than anything.

"I am not ashamed about crying. This is a trophy I have tried so hard to win year after year and it was just an uncontrollable reaction. I wear my heart on my sleeve and everyone knows that." — *MNA/Reuters*

Late goal costs Estudiantes in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 27 May — Estudiantes lost the outright leadership of the Argentine championship when they conceded a late goal and were held 1-1 by Independiente on Sunday.

River Plate pulled level with Estudiantes on 34 points from 16 games after beating Huracan 1-0 on Saturday with a second-half goal from Diego Buonanotte.

With three games each to play, River lead on goal difference although that statistic is academic as there is a play off if two teams finish the championship level on points at the top.

Midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron gave Estudiantes the lead in the 50th minute when he converted a penalty for a foul on Diego Galvan before Independiente's German Denis equalized in the 86th minute with his ninth goal of the championship.

MNA/Reuters

Mickelson triumphs at Colonial with late birdie

FORT WORTH (Texas), 26 May — American world number two Phil Mickelson conjured a magical birdie on the final hole to win his second Colonial Invitational title by a shot on Sunday.

After pushing his drive into the left rough behind a clump of trees, the left-hander struck his second shot to nine feet on the 18th green before sinking the putt for a two-under-par 68 at Colonial Country Club.

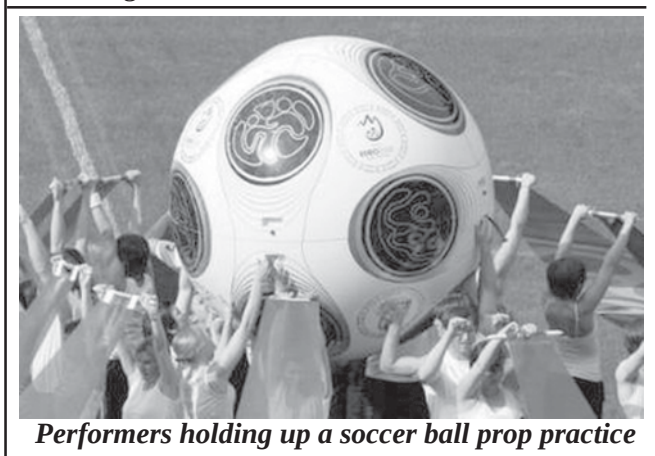
Mickelson, one ahead of the chasing pack overnight, punched his fist in celebration after clinching the 34th PGA Tour victory of his career with a 14-under total of 266. Australia's Rod Pampling, who had forged two strokes clear midway through the final round, bogeyed the 17th on his way to a matching 68 and a tie for second place with South African Tim Clark (66).

Clark, seeking his first PGA Tour title, birdied two of the last three holes to secure his sixth runner-up spot on the world's most lucrative circuit.

For much of a hot and humid day at Colonial, Pampling was in control after an erratic start.

The 38-year-old Queenslander made his first move with a birdie at the par-five opening hole, getting up and down from the right of the green to join Mickelson at the top of the leaderboard. However, Mickelson edged ahead when he struck his approach to a foot for a tap-in three at the par-four second before Pampling slipped further back by bogeying the third.

Mickelson made his first error of the round at the par-four fifth, overshooting the green with his second shot and failing to get up and down to save par from a poor lie in the rough. — *MNA/Reuters*



***Performers holding up a soccer ball prop practice for the EURO 2008 pre-match ceremony during a media visit at the St Jakob-Park soccer stadium in Basel on 26 May, 2008. Basel is one of the Swiss hosts for the Euro 2008 soccer tournament which is being co-hosted in Austria and Switzerland on 7-29 June.—*INTERNET**

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းလျောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သည့်အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသော ရေသောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များစားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

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* ဝမ်းလျောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက်
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 28 May
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:00 am
5. Musical programme

8:30 am
6. International news

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. နားဝင်ဝီယံသူ့လက်သံ

4:25 pm
3. Song of National Races

4:40 pm
4. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm
5. Classical Songs

5:10 pm
6. Cute little dancers

5:25 pm
7. Musical programme

5:40 pm
8. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာကမ္ဘာ"

(မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊လွင်မိုး၊ဇာနည်၊ကင်းကောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြာညိုလွင်၊ လွင်ဦး၊ လှအဉ္ဇလီတင့်၊ ဝွမ်းပုံ၊ ဧရာ)

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့

7:00 pm
12.ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:30 pm
13. The Mirror images of Musical Oldies

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. Myanmar video feature

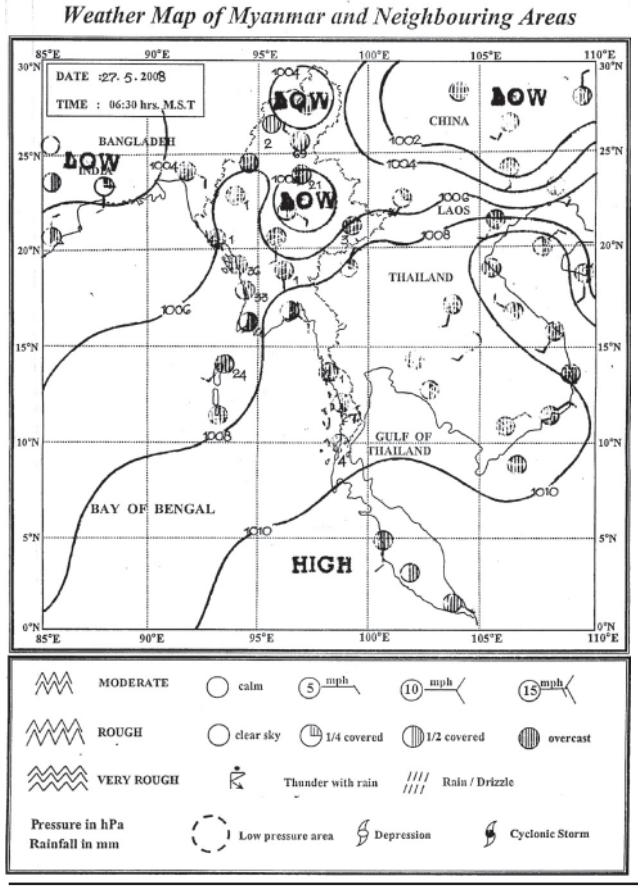
(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာဗို၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ ချိုဖြိုး)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ–မောင်နန္ဒ)

WEATHER

Tuesday, 27 May, 2008

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States,u Upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division, (4ºC) above May average temperatures in Shan State, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures was Chauk (40°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (2.72) inches, Ann (1.61) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.45) inches, Thandwe (1.29) inches, Bhamo (1.14) inches and Myeik (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-5-2008 was 88ºF. Minimum temperature on 27-5-2008 was 74ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-5-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 26-5-2008 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-5-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon . Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (27.80) inches at Mingaladon, (32.01) inches at Kaba-Aye and (36.97) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (06:30) hours MST on 27-5-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is weak to moderated in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-5-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Mon, Kayin, Shan and Chin States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and Central Bay of Bengal.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-5-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Make donations to the storm victims

- ❑ Everybody may make donations freely.
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However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

Adjutant-General meets with companies engaged in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May— Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence yesterday met those from private companies that are engaged in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division at the meeting hall of South-East Command in Pathein.

At the meeting, the Adjutant-General said that officials have made arrangements to provide all necessary assistance in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions, to collect village-wise data on villagers who are in storm-free townships and to contact those villagers together with lists of missing persons. He stressed the need for the companies to lay emphasis on building of schools, hospitals and religious edifices in cooperation with local authorities.

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min views power tillers being assembled by farmers in storm-hit areas in Dedaye Township. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION

122 power tillers to be distributed to farmers in Dedaye Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected assembling of 122 power tillers in Dedaye Township yesterday.

Out of 122, 102 power tillers with 6/8 horse power were donated by the government and 22 by Eden Co. The power tillers will be distributed to the farmers in storm-stricken villages in Dedaye, it is learnt.

On 25 May, he also viewed health preventive measures being taken for the storm victims by Myanmar doctors and Chinese doctors in the township.

The minister looked into medical treatment and health care services of the doctors from the two countries to the storm victims at the People's Hospital and at the relief camp in Dedaye and fulfilled the needs of the patients.—*MNA*

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Health care and disease control measures at relief camps in Labutta

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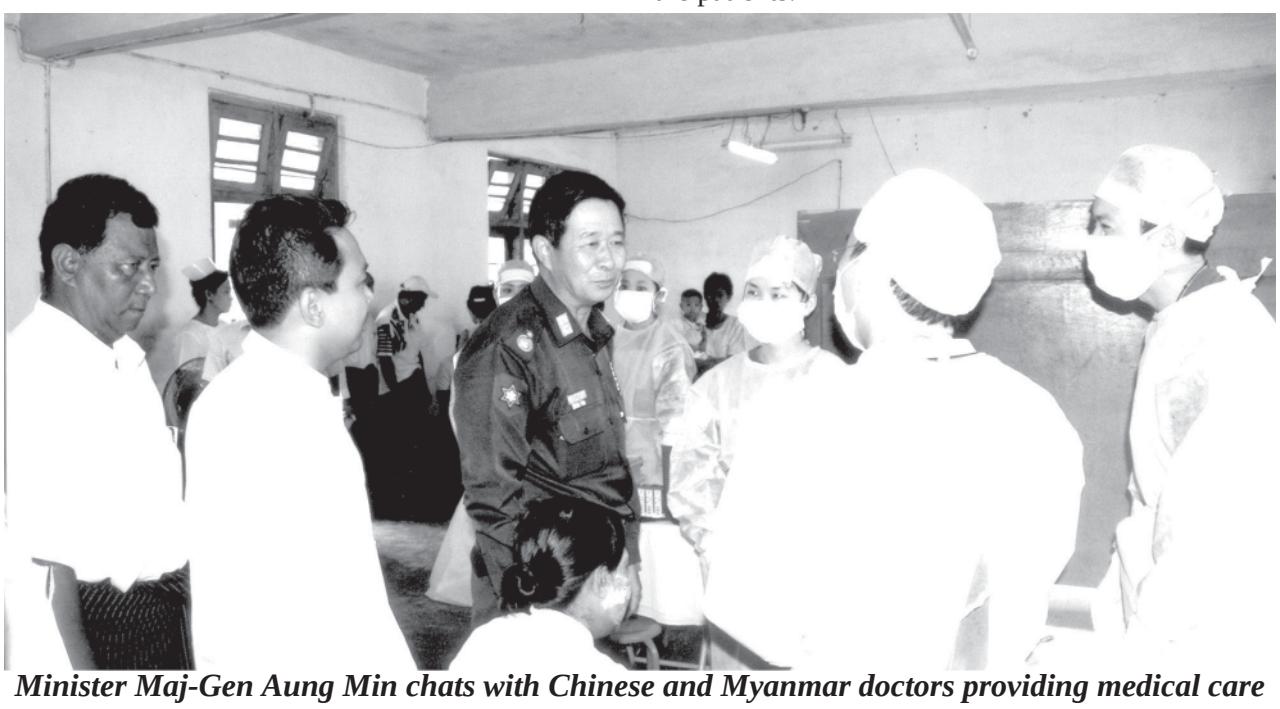

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min chats with Chinese and Myanmar doctors providing medical care to storm-victims at People's Hospital in Dedaye. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION