

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to honour monks who passed Tipitakadhara Selection Examination

YANGON, 31 May— A ceremony to honour monks who passed different treatises in the 60th Tipitakadhara Selection Examination organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township here this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and



Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents certificate of Mula Abhidhammika title to Ashin Jatila of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San together with congregation receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at ceremony to honour the monks who passed 60th Tipitakadhara Selection Examination. — MNA



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Completion of basic education requires concerted efforts of parents, students and teachers

Nowadays, there are about 774 million adult illiterates across the globe. It is also found that more than 72 million children of school-going age are unable to go to school.

Myanmar is carrying out the 30-year long-term education promotion programme. The basic education sector is placing emphasis on enabling every citizen to complete step-by-step basic education and ensuring basic education promotion.

The government with vision has been nurturing human resources from basic education level to become highly educated people.

For the development of human resources, every school-going age child needs to go to school. Myanmar is endeavouring as a national task for every child, children who are beyond school-going age and disabled children to be able to go to school.

For every school-going age child to be able to go to school, school enrollment campaigns are launched at the last week of May every year. As a result, there were 96.56 percent of school enrollment rate in 2004-2005, 97.58 percent in 2005-2006 and 98 percent in 2007-2008 up from 91 percent in 1999-2000. Great effort is being made this year to reach the target of school enrollment rate.

Myanmar opens basic education schools within every one mile and a half radius across the country for all to be able to attend school regardless of economic situation and gender. Efforts are being made to increase not only the number of schools but also that of teachers.

For every child of school-going age, with the united efforts of parents, students and teachers, programmes for enabling every person to become literate and ensuring constant learning society will be effective thereby facilitating the national education promotion programmes.

Deputy Health Minister receives Deputy SEA Regional Director of WHO

YANGON, 31 May—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo received a delegation led by Deputy Regional Director Dr Poonan Khetrpal Singh of the Office of the Southeast Asian Regional Director under the World Health Organization together with Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo at the ministry on Pyidaungsu Avenue in Dagon Township yesterday morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Directors-General Dr Win Myint and Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Directors and officials concerned of the Health Department under the Ministry of Health.

At the meeting, the deputy minister explained conditions of providing health care services to the people residing in the storm-hit areas and tasks being carried out in cooperation with WHO. They discussed the future programmes of the WHO.

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People's Desire

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



Relief aid donated by Saudi King and the people arrives at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

International relief supplies continue to arrive

YANGON, 31 May—The international community have been providing relief supplies for storm victims. Two MD-11 aircraft carrying 143.193 tons of tents, medicines, foodstuff, blankets, carpets, water proof tents donated by King of Saudi Arabia and the people, AN-12 aircraft carrying 11.97 tons of water purifier and appliances donated by emergency rescue agency of Sweden, five C-130 aircraft carrying 55.816 tons of plastic sheets, one life boat and water bottles donated by the USA, IL-76 aircraft carrying 24.445 tons of medical items,

mosquito nets, water purifying tablets, buckets, water tanks, water filters donated by WFP, A-300 aircraft carrying 37.86 tons of plastic sheets donated by Relief Supplies Co Ltd of Britain arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief supplies provided by donors from abroad have been arrived here by air continuously and the accepting group is receiving the supplies systematically and delivering them to the storm-affected areas by helicopter, by car and by boat without delay.

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Deputy Foreign Minister receives Singaporean Ambassador

YANGON, 31 May—Singaporean Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) formed by Myanmar Government, ASEAN and UN and party paid a call on Chairman of TCG Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu at Chindwin Hall of the ministry this morning to give necessary assistance for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the storm victims.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and members of TCG discussed cooperation in relief and resettlement tasks in the

storm-hit areas.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, head of natural disaster

management department and Assistant-Director-General of ASEAN Secretariat Ms Adelina Kamal, resident representative of UNDP and resident coordinator

Mr Bishow Parajulli and resident representative of United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) Mr Daniel B Baker and other members of TCG.—MNA



Chairman of TCG Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu meets Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and party.—MNA

US Democratic leaders push for end of nomination race

WASHINGTON, 31 May — US Democratic leaders were pushing for the end of the party's presidential nomination race by urging uncommitted superdelegates to make their endorsement, said a TV report on Friday.

Citing a senior Democratic aide, the CNN reported that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Democrat, was already calling uncommitted superdelegates, asking them to publicly express their support between now and next week to Barack Obama or Hillary Rodham Clinton to be the presidential nominee.

She was also working with Harry Reid, Senate Majority (Democrat) leader in pressing the superdelegates, who are taken by the party's elected officials and senior members.

A source from the Democratic National Committee also confirmed

with CNN that the Committee Chairman Howard Dean had talked to Reid on this topic.

Democratic presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) hosts a discussion on home ownership at the College of Southern Nevada in North Las Vegas, Nevada on 27 May, 2008.

"They've both discussed in the past that the superdelegates should make their intentions known before 1 July," the source said, adding it is still unclear whether the two Democratic leaders reached any agreement on deadline for uncommitted superdelegates.

Internet



The statue of Argentine-born revolutionary leader Ernesto Che Guevara is loaded on the ship at the port of Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 28 May, 2008. The two-ton-weigh and four-metre-high statue which is made by Andres Zernerer will be placed in Guevara's birthplace, Rosario, to mark the 80th anniversary of Guevara's birth. —XINHUA

Ten Palestinians wounded by Israeli troops in southern Gaza rally

GAZA, 31 May — Israeli troops on Friday afternoon opened fire on Palestinian protestors in a rally in southern Gaza Strip to keep them from approaching Sofa crossing

under the army's control, wounding at least 10 people.

At least 10 people were wounded after Israeli forces opened fire on more than 3,000 Palestinians

during a peaceful rally called by Hamas movement in protest against the continued siege of the strip, said witnesses.

Israeli forces started to fire at the protestors when they marched to the Sofa crossing, said the witnesses, adding that an Israeli tank also fired a missile in the direction of the Palestinians.

Internet

Damage is seen at the site of a crane collapse at 91st Street and First Avenue in New York on 30 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Oil prices edge up on weak dollar

NEW YORK, 31 May — Crude futures edged up Friday as a declining US dollar prompting investors to buy commodities.

Light, sweet crude for July delivery rose 73 cents to settle at 127.35 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). Oil prices, which fell by more than 4 dollars a barrel Thursday, lost 3.7 percent this week, the biggest

weekly drop since March.

The dollar, which gained strongly against other major currencies Thursday, was down around 0.2 percent against the euro Friday. A 6.6 percent drop in the dollar against the euro this year has prompted investors to buy crude and other commodities as a hedge against inflation.

Crude futures were pressured following the US Commodity Futures

Trading Commission's Thursday announcement of a broad investigation into the potential oil market manipulation. July crude futures on NYMEX dropped to 124.67 dollars a barrel before rebounding later on Friday.

In London, Brent crude for July delivery settled at 127.78 dollars a barrel, trading up 89 cents, on the ICE Futures Exchange.

Internet

Firing leaves four dead, three injured in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 May — Unidentified gunmen shot dead four cricket players in southwestern Pakistan's Balochistan province on Friday, local TV channel DAWN NEWS reported. Some cricket players were on their way back after playing a match when they were fired on in Quetta, capital of Balochistan province, said the report.

Four players were gunned down while three others sustained injuries in the firing. The injured have been rushed to a local hospital.

The gunmen fled the scene after the attack. No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Internet

Picture of the squashed cockpit of a TACA airplane that crashed at the Toncontin international airport, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. At least five people were killed and 65 injured Friday when a jet owned by Central America's TACA airlines slid across a runway and onto a road as it tried to land at Tegucigalpa airport, rescue personnel said.—XINHUA

Remote-control bomb blast kills child, injuries two in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 31 May — A bomb explosion triggered by a remote control in Kandahar province of southern Afghanistan Friday left one child dead and two other civilians injured, the police said.

The bomb attached to a bicycle exploded in Arghandab, a district

north of the provincial capital Kandahar city, where usually local families go for Friday picnics, Sayed Aqa Saqib, provincial police chief, told Xinhua.

There has been no responsibility claim yet but Saqib blamed "Afghanistan's enemy", which is referred to anti-

government militants, for the blast. Escalating insurgency-related conflicts and violence left as many as 8,000 people including around 1,500 civilians dead last year, the bloodiest year since the Taliban regime's collapse in 2001.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims at a relief camp in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims...

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Yesterday, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party comforted storm victims at relief camps in Yangon Division and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At Atwin Padan relief camp in Hlinethaya Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win gave accounts of the small scale of the housing built of bamboo floor, bamboo matting walls and nipa palm

roof for the storm victims.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the storm victims being accommodated in tents at Atwin Padan relief camp and asked about living conditions in the relief camp, health matters, businesses and basic needs and education of the children of the storm victims and comforted them.

Next, officials conducted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party round Basic Education Middle School No. 7 being repaired near the relief camp. A total of 40 households were accommodated at 40 tents of Atwin Padan relief camp and arrangements are being made to provide requirements to 369 storm victims.

At the relief camp in Ward-17 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected tasks of the administration office and control office and opening of the clinic.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforted the storm victims.

The Commander gave accounts of 20 feet by 20 feet house and fly-proof latrine measuring three feet by three feet with eight feet in height for storm victims.

Officials are fulfilling requirements to storm victim households at the relief camp in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

On arrival at the relief camp in Ward 16 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard the reports on fulfilling the needs of storm victims, giving medical treatment at the clinic and accommodation matters to them presented by officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye consoled the storm victims and asked about number of the family members, health matters, business and income, education of the children and living conditions in the camp and gave necessary instructions.

At Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal in Kyauktan Township, they looked into loading black gram, green gram and timber logs onto the sea-going vessels and heard reports on arrival of cargo ships at MITT and smooth freight handling works by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe. They viewed vacant port ground in a motorcade.

Cargo ships with capacities ranging from 15000-ton to 20000-ton can dock at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal. As the length between wharf No. 5 and No. 9 is 1000 metres, a 20,000-ton capacity



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims at a relief camp in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.—MNA



Goods are being loaded onto a sea-going vessel at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal.—MNA



container ship and five general cargo ships can dock simultaneously.

Now, three cargo ships are docking at MITT, and black gram, green gram and timber logs are being loaded onto the ships. Besides, there are five jetties and the 5000 containers-capacity container yard facilitated with cranes. Warehouses were built on 20000-square metre wide ground.

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Warehouses seen at Htidan wharf.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims at a relief camp in Atwin Padan of Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the arrival and transport of commodities and containers from abroad at Sule International Port and Bo Aung Kyaw International Port of Myanma Port Authority in a motorcade.

Sule International

Ports from No 1 to No 7 are 1026 meters long where seven 15,000-ton cargo ships can dock at the same time.

Bo Aung Kyaw Port is 457 meters long and one 15,000-ton cargo ship and two vessels can dock at the same time. Container yards of Myanma Port Authority can keep 12831 containers.



Planes carrying relief supplies from abroad seen at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Cargo ships being loaded with timber logs at Sule International Port.

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The photo shows container yard at Bo Aung Kyaw Port.

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Asia World Port and along Yangon Port.

A total of 23 container ships and cargo ships can berth at seven ports in Yangon including MITT. At present, 21 vessels can dock there at the same time.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye donates alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, donates alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

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A total of six inland container yards can keep 22,988 containers at seven ports. At present, seven international ports and six container yards are operational as usual.
At Yangon International Airport, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed arrival of airplanes from abroad carrying relief supplies for the storm victims, unloading of the aid from the planes and loading of the goods onto helicopters and vehicles to be sent to the respective regions.

At the meeting hall

of Yangon Command this morning, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness

Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman of the committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and officials and gave instructions on rehabilitation tasks in

downtown Yangon and townships in Yangon Division.
After hearing reports on arrangements being taken and works to be done by the Prime Minister, the Secretary-

1 and officials, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attended to the needs.
Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo explained works to be implemented in accord with the instructions of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to the central committee member ministers and officials.
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San...

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Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the examination, Tipitaka-dhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, examination supervisor Sayadaws, the monks who passed the examination and members of the Sangha, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, SPDC members Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor and their wives, heads of department, local authorities, staff of the

Ministry of Religious Affairs, members of religious association, disciples and wellwishers.
Officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs ushered the Sayadaws and the monks who passed the examinations into the designated places in the cave.
Deputy Director U San Thin Hlaing of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana acted as MC.
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San together with the congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of the Ovadacariya Committee of the examination Mandalay Paukmyaing Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara Aggavamsabhivamsa.
Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gave Sammodaniya Saraniya Ovadakatha.
Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious matters.
Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered Mula Arbhidhammika titles and certificates to Ashin Jatila

of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon Division and Ashin Candana of Shwepyitha Pariyati Monastery in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, who passed five treatises of Abhidhamma (oral) test.
Prime Minister General Thein Sein conferred Dhika Nikaya Kovidha titles and certificates on Ashin Aindawbasalankara of Maha Khemikarama Shewkyin Monastery in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, Ashin Pannisaralankara of Tipitaka Dhammapala Mahavihara Monastery in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Division and Ashin Vicittalankara of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon Division, who passed three treatises Dhika Nikaya (written) test.
Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offered Dhika Bhanaka titles and certificates to Ashin Vicittasara of Tipitaka Mahagandawin Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit(East) Township, Yangon Division and Ashin Arcinna of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery on Mingon Hill, Sagaing, who passed three treatises Dhika Nikaya (oral) test, and also conferred Viniya
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Containers at Myanmar Industrial Port.—MNA

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Kovidha titles and certificates on Ashin Khemacara of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, Ashin Vasettha of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery on Mignon Hill, Sagaing and Ashin Pannavamsalankara of Tipitaka Mahagandawin Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division, who passed three treatises Vinaya (written) test.

Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented Vinaya Kovidha title and certificate to a monk who passed three treatises Vinaya (written) test and Vinayadhara titles and certificates to four monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Member of SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye conferred Vinayadhara titles and certificates on five monks who passed three treatises

Vinaya (oral) test.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presented Vinayadhara titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein Vinayadhara titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Visita Vinayadhara title and certificate to a monk.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented titles and certificates to five monks who passed three treatises Vinaya (oral) test and Ubhato Vibinga Kovidha title and certificate to a monk who passed two treatises Vinaya (written) test. Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing conferred Ubhato Vibinga Kovidha titles and certificates on six monks who passed two treatises Vinaya (written) test, and Lt-Gen Ye Myint Ubhato

Vibingadhara titles and certificates on six monks who two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win offered Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to five monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung conferred Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates on four monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test. Ministers U Soe Tha and U Thaung offered Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to five monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test, and Ministers Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to four monks each who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented Ubhato Vibingadhara titles and certificates to two monks who passed two treatises Vinaya (oral) test.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation shared merits gained which brought the ceremony to a close.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and the congregation offered alms to the title recipient monks.

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Chairman of SSMNC Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gives Ovada-katha.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents religious title to a Sayadaw.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers religious title to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Thai medical team recounts experiences

YANGON, 31 May— Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thai medical team of Ministry of Health of Thailand based in Panitayon monastery in Myaungmya Township gave health care to storm victims in Myaungmya and Labutta Townships from 18 to 28 May.

On 28 May, the team recounted its experiences at a ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by Director Dr Khin Maung Lwin of the Ministry of Health, Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Nyunt and members of the medical team of Directorate of Medical Services under the Ministry of Defence, Head of Myaungmya District Health Department Dr Kyaw Soe and members, personnel and Thai medical team led by Dr Pichit Siriwan.

During the trip, the Thai medical team provided health care service to 3,768 patients in 20 relief camps, performed 168 minor operations, gave health education talks, consoled those with depression, took disease control measures, provided assistance for keeping the camps clean, safe water, ensuring personal hygiene, and donated medicines and medical equipment.

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Container yard of Asia World International Port.— MNA



Parents' loving-kindness and goodwill towards offspring-3

Kyaw Ye Min

(Continued from yesterday)

The inspection tour of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe is to fulfil the necessary requirements of storm victims so that they can relieve their worries and sufferings. When the relief operation has been carried out to a certain degree, Senior General Than Shwe instructed officials concerned to implement the second phase of the relief and rehabilitation mission which calls for reconstruction of ravaged villages, accommodation of local people in temporary buildings, repair of roads, bridges and communications, opening of health care centres in villages and timely opening of schools. In the meantime, he also called for resumption of agriculture, fisheries and salt industry that are the livelihood of local people, reconstruction of dams and reservoirs, sluice gates and embankments, distribution of paddy seeds and fertilizer and provision of cattle, power tillers, power boats, fishing nets and fishing boats. He stressed the need to engage in extended cultivation of paddy in other states and divisions applying any possible means in order to compensate the output

of destroyed farmlands that can not be cultivable for the time being.

In the third phase, Senior General Than Shwe also called for growing of wind-breakers and building of village-to-village roads to required height and embankments in the case of natural disaster in future. Under the new front, roads linking villages close to the sea will be built to a height from 20 to 30 feet. He also spoke of the need for officials to create a sound and reliable environment for local people to be free from fear and horror as natural disaster can occur any time with a climate change caused by global warming. In line with the guidance of the Head of State, new roads will be built and the old ones upgraded in areas that are contiguous to the storm-hit regions so that local people will be able to travel from one place to another by car instead of by boat in future.

The roads to be built are the Maubin-Yaylaley-Shwetaungmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road (43 miles and 7 furlongs), the Mawla-myinegyun-Hlaingphone-Thitpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road (32 miles), the Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road (35.2 miles), the Bogale-Kyeingyaung-Kadonkani road (39 miles) and the



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance on construction of a road network in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

Labutta-Thonkwa-Oktwin-Hteikson road (37 miles), and the roads to be renovated are the Pathein-Mawtinsun road and the Pyapon-Kyonkadon-Ahma road. In upgrading of the roads, bridges are to be constructed wherever necessary while upgrading the village-to-village roads up to the height of embankment and building of man-made hillocks near villages. At the same time, mangrove plantations are to be established to break

the impact of strong tidal waves.

Plans are under way to build the network of concrete roads of square shape in the delta region to prevent high tidal waves. Designating the junction of Hsamalauk Village and Seintaung road on Yangon-Pathein-Ngwehsaung motor road as a nodal point, the east square concrete roads will be from Hsamalauk to Maubin-Kyaiklat-Pyapon-Dedaye-Seikma-

Ahma road while the west square concrete road will be from Seintaung to Mawtinsun. And the south square concrete roads will be along Mottama coast from Mawtinsun to Ahma while the north square concrete roads will be Maubin-Mawla-myinegyun-Labutta-Bogale road on Yangon-Pathein motor road. The network of concrete roads will soon emerge as a result of the tour of the Head of State.

The new road network will contribute much to smooth and secure transport as well as swift commodity flow. With better transport and swift commodity flow, the socio-economic life of the people will improve and education and health sectors will develop. Furthermore, it will serve as a transport route for local people to conveniently move property to save areas in the event of disaster.

Indeed, poor transport hindered the development of the delta region. As such, the Head of State carefully gave guidance in detail to overcome the transport difficulties. He gave guidance on the construction of small bridges with the bailey type, the use of concrete bent piles instead of wood

ones in the coastal region to prevent the danger of shipworms, the placing of upper structure at the bridge with wood products, the construction of roads near the villages by building the hillocks higher than the highest tidal wave level caused in the cyclonic storm, the timely completion of the new road construction tasks in the dry season and the practising of geotextile method or utilization of polyethylene in construction of the roads along swampy regions similar to that of highways in Rakhine State.

Furthermore, the guidance was given to upgrade Pyapon-Kyonkadon-Sethsan Road, to seek the axis for construction of Pyapon-Sethsan, Bogale-Sethsan and Sethsan-Htawpaing roads, to give priority to construction of the highways and designate the short roads as the feeder roads.

Moreover, the Senior General gave guidance to tarmack starting from the top of Labutta to the whole Myaungmya-Labutta Road where he had visited, and to always inspect the endurance of Myaungmya Bridge and Labutta Bridge (Pinlaley). (See page 9)



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance on relief and rehabilitation tasks and disaster preparedness measures to be carried out in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

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After looking into the real condition of Myaungmya-Labutta Road, the Senior General fulfilled the requirements.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying that he saw progress of the present mobile clinic plan contributing to public health services, and he instructed the officials to upgrade local hospitals and open rural clinics in various villages for the long term. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, sanction was given to upgrade Pyapon General Hospital to the 200-bed one and Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta People's Hospitals to the 100-bed ones with a view to uplifting the health care services of Ayeyawady Division with self contained facilities. Due to goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion of the Senior General towards the local people, the latter are pleased with the improvement of the regional health standard.

In visiting the relief camps to comfort the storm victims, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met with the children who lost their parents. With the farsightedness, the Senior General gave guidance, saying that only when the State nurtures those children who are suffering from physical and mental trauma, will they become outstanding youth who will serve the interest of the nation in the future. Therefore, the Senior General gave guidance to compile the list of orphans for setting up the

orphanages in Pyapon and Labutta, and to collectively nurture them in Maubin and Myaungmya as a separate plan. All the people across the nation who have been feeling unhappy for the orphans could breathe a sigh of relief after hearing the guidance of the Head of State.

The Tatmadawmen and the people are united in carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-hit regions. The TV programmes have aired the words of local people that they are grateful to the Tatmadawmen and they would like to join hands more with the Tatmadawmen in the regions. Therefore, the Head of State gave guidance to officials on assigning the same regiments and units to undertake the rehabilitation tasks. For the service personnel who died in the storm while discharging duties of the State in the storm-hit regions, arrangements were made for them to enjoy their rights. It was the goodwill of the Head of State in fulfilling the requirements of the regions and the people considering every detail. In studying the guidance, which says, "While taking rehabilitation measures for the storm-hit regions and the victims, it is necessary to uplift the education and health standards of the whole region," the genuine goodwill and loving-kindness for the people kept in the mind of the Head of State have been quite obvious.

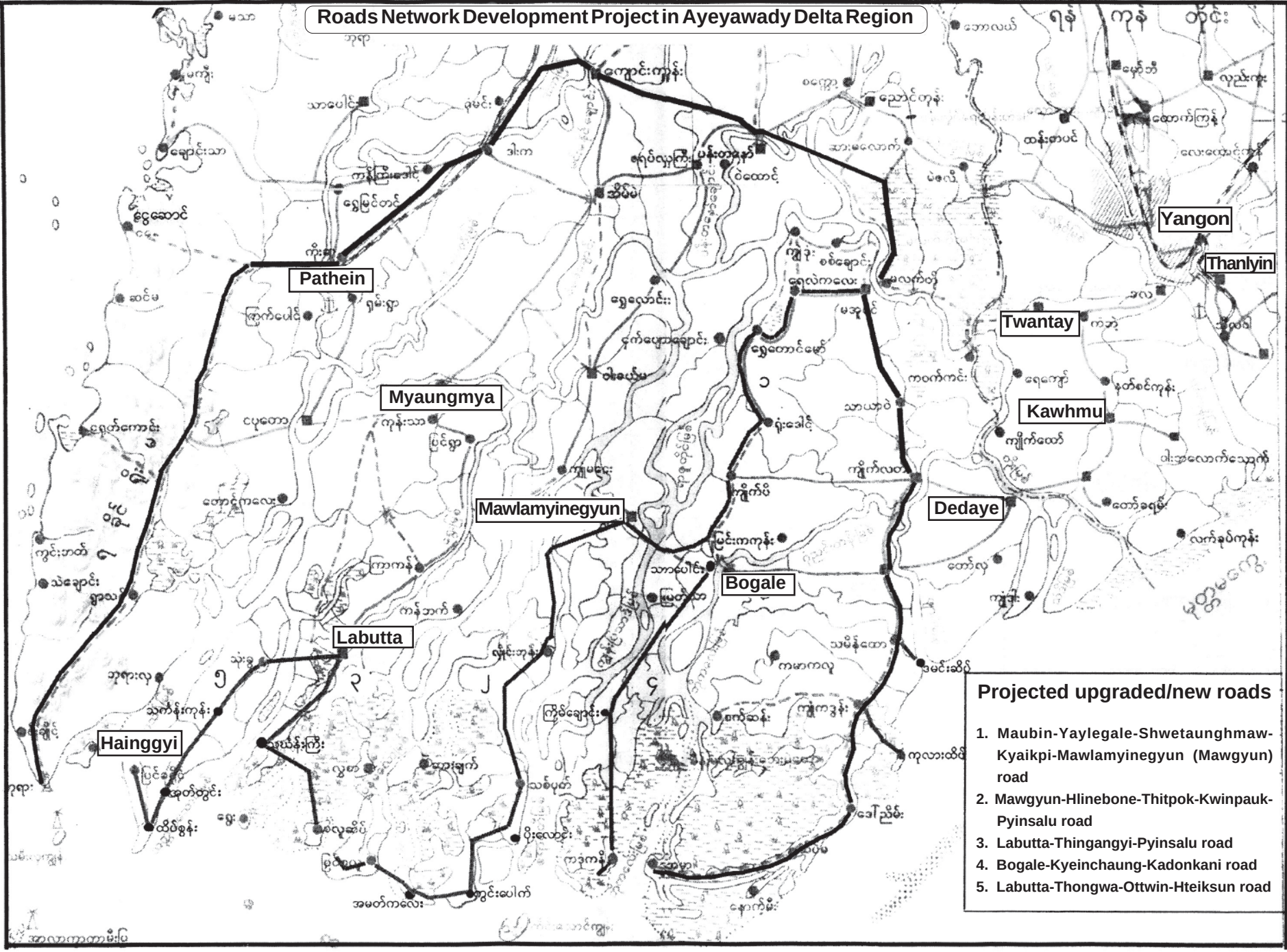
We firmly believe that at a time when relief and rehabilitation measures, development tasks and disaster preparedness programmes have been carried out in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the whole division will become the most developed region with all-

round development in economic, education, health and transport sectors.

The inspection tour of the Head of State to the storm-hit regions concluded successfully. Indeed, the tour of the Head of State was to fulfill the requirements of the regions and the people like the Myanmar saying, "To build the new structures replacing of earth bricks with the stone ones". During his tour the Senior General paved the way for developing the region through the new united strengths. Despite suffering the loss of lives and damages due to the natural disaster, the requirements of the region were fulfilled and are being fulfilled for exceeding the past development. The local people will not forget the smiles and the words of encouragement given by the Head of State. Unprecedented development will be seen in all other regions.

In fact, the government and the people are like the parents and the offspring. We all witness the bright future of the State or the united family through the mutual trust between the parents and the offspring. The parents gave directives and fulfilled the requirements of their offspring in accord with the responsibilities of the parents by displaying the unrivaled loving-kindness. The people on their part are to dutifully strive for timely completion of the disaster preparedness programmes by responding to the goodwill and loving-kindness of the parents.

Translation: TS+TTA



Mandalay dwellers with eye complaints have started a new life

Dr Nilar Thein (Lin Yaung Thit)

It was on 3 May 2008. The whole Mandalay was lively with activities. The compound of the Eye, Ear and Nose Hospital was congested with thousands of local people. A team made up of a Japanese eye specialist group led by Dr Fujita Yoshifumi and a Myanmar eye specialist group were giving free treatments to those with eye complaints under the leadership of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and the Ministry of Health. The ceremony was graced by the presence of Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han.

Initially, the team

On 3 May morning, the team launched the health care programme under the close supervision of the Minister for Health, officials, directors-general and medical superintendents.

The Japanese optometrists were performing operations on patients in one room, and Myanmar ophthalmologists, in three rooms at the same time. Eye specialists from Meiktila, Kyaukse, Singaing, Shwebo, Magway and Sagaing led by Deputy Director Dr Khin Nyein Linn of the Myanmar Trachoma and Blindness Control Project helped perform operations. So, 10 patients could undergo operations simultaneously with the

influx of patients. Up to that time, Japanese and Myanmar eye specialists had made three trips to give treatment. In the third time, they could set a record, giving medical check-ups to 4525 people with eye problems, and performing operations on 803 patients suffering from cataract and minor operations on 288 patients, totaling 1091.

The Japanese group of Mr Fujita has visited Myanmar for 18 times, once every six months since 2001. Every time, they not only gave treatment but also donated medicine and medical equipment. Wearing a smile on his face, Dr Fujita Yoshifumi said that he did not consider to be tired. He said that all the operations were successful due to the active

peoples, both Japanese and Myanmar are equipped with humanitarian spirit, altruism, mutual understanding and kind heart.

Cataract is listed number one among the diseases that make patients blind. However, patients with cataract can regain eyesight cent per cent. The programmes help reduce the population of the blind and raise the Cataract Surgery Rate (CSR).

measures of USDA members and health staff, thereby enhancing unity among national races.

We eye specialists alone would not be able to achieve our goal. Only when we mobilize the organizers, volunteers and well-wishers with goodwill, will it be possible for us to achieve such a great success. I thanked the Ministry of Health for its arrangements, and

Now, I have all my wishers fulfilled". Holding a hand of the Health Minister, a grandma with tears of joy said, "I have regained my eyesight. Thanks a million, son". An elderly woman said to those responsible, "Sons, I do not have enough money to repay your gratitude. But, I pledge I will repay your gratitude by cultivating good heart and greater loving-



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Dr Fujita Yoshifumi and officials consoling those with eye complaints.

planned to fly to Mandalay on 3 May morning. However, after the eight Japan-Myanmar eye specialists conference was held at Yangon Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, a storm news was aired on 2 May afternoon. The team decided to go to Mandalay by the 3 pm flight on 2 May because more than 4000 local residents with eye complaints would be waiting for the team due to the information that Japan and Myanmar eye specialists would give free treatments.

use of 10 beds and 10 microscopes.

The patients were from seven townships in Mandalay District, Myingyan, Meiktila, Kyaukse, Ngazun, Madaya, Mogok and Pyin Oo Lwin of Mandalay Division, Sagaing, Myinmu, Katha, Inn Daw and Shwebo, and Namkham of Shan State (North). In addition, eye specialists were giving treatment to the patients at the outpatient department.

The Japanese eye specialists were surprised and pleased with a great

cooperation of the Health Minister, Myanmar eye specialists and officials, and that they regained renewed strength. He also said, "We love Myanmar people". Dr Fujita and party managed to give operations on the patients with the rate of a patient every four minutes applying Phacoemulsification and using foldable I.O.L.

Witnessing the smiles of Dr Fujita and Dr Inoue and hearing the words of thanks by the patients for their regaining eyesight, an opinion struck me that in spite of being different



Dr Fujita Yoshifumi gives a medical check-up on a woman while Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and officials console those with eye complaints.

So far, the USDA and the Ministry of Health have co-organized the trip to give free treatment to people with eye complaints for nine times. In the trip to Loilem and Lashio, we wonder if those with eye complaints of national races would come and see us. In practice, we performed operations on people of different national races such as Shan, Pa-O, Palaung, Wa, Kokang, Yinkya, Yinneth and Lahu due to the organizing

Managing Director U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Co Ltd for his sponsorship.

The day after the operations, we checked eyesight degrees and donated sunglasses to the patients. In the meantime, the patients were in big smiles and pleasure for their regaining eyesight.

A man said, "I am native to Mandalay. So, it is a long time I have been waiting for free treatment programme for my relatives in Mandalay.

kindness". An elderly man said, "I have regained my eyesight. I feel as if I have started a new life".

I mourn for storm victims. I am eager to continue to give treatment to those with eye disorders. I am convinced that we are under a bounden duty to continue to give best treatment to patients at any times.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and officials comfort those with eye complaints.

Belarus charges American lawyer with drug offences

MINSK, 31 May — Authorities in Belarus have charged an American lawyer with drug offences, the country's KGB security service said on Wednesday.

Emmanuel Zeltser, a New York-based specialist in Russian organized crime, was arrested in March. Authorities earlier said he would face charges of using forged documents.

"The KGB has

launched a criminal case against US citizen Emmanuel Zeltser on charges of smuggling and illegal trade in narcotics," the KGB, the Soviet-era name still used by the security service in Belarus, said in a statement.

Zeltser was detained as relations between Minsk and Washington began to deteriorate with the US imposition of sanctions on Belarus over what Western countries say are

routine violations of fundamental human rights in the country.

His lawyer dismissed the drug charge as groundless, saying the defendant had only medicines needed for back complaints. "At issue here are medicines he uses and, naturally, was carrying," Dmitri Goryachko told *Reuters*.

"It is incomprehensible why this is being raised now, given that Zeltser has asked for the medicines back during the entire time he has spent in detention."

KGB official Valery Nadochayev disputed that account. "More than 100 tablets were found on Zeltser. As they looked like commercially-produced medicines, we needed some time for tests to prove they were narcotics," Nadochayev told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters

Survivors of the quake walk on a railway track as it rains in the earthquake-hit area of Shifang, Sichuan Province on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET



Nepalese veteran Sherpa guide Appa, 48, shows his letter of appreciation after he was felicitated during the Mount Everest Day in Katmandu, Nepal, on 29 May, 2008. The record for largest number of climbs of the world's highest mountain is held by Appa, who earlier this month scaled the Mount Everest for the 18th time.—INTERNET

Panama helicopter crash kills 11

PANAMA CITY, 31 May — A helicopter crashed into a building in a busy central district of Panama City on Thursday, killing at least 11 people including Chile's federal police chief.

Five Panamanians and six Chileans were killed when the decades-old helicopter slammed into a store and exploded, Panama's Justice Minister Daniel Delgado told a news conference.

Only one person on the helicopter — a Panamanian — survived.

He is in the hospital in stable condition, Delgado said.

Emergency workers continued to search through the smoldering rubble and officials said the body count was likely to rise significantly.

MNA/Reuters

London station closed

after debris falls on tracks

LONDON, 31 May — Thousands of British commuters faced travel chaos on Thursday after a debris fell from a bridge, causing one of London's busiest train stations to close.

Train services were suspended in and out of Liverpool Street station, central London, after concrete debris from the 1,300 ton bridge fell onto the tracks, transport officials said.

Passengers on trains were evacuated late on Wednesday after a train driver reported hitting debris near the bridge, Network Rail said in a statement.

The bridge was part of the East London Line extension into Shoreditch, a spokesman for Transport for London said.

"Due to this incident national rail services into and from Liverpool Street Station remain suspended," he said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Six dead, six missing after east China ship collision

NANJING, 31 May — Six people died and three were missing after a ship carrying students preparing for a maritime piloting test struck a cargo ship in the Yangtze River in eastern Jiangsu Province, the local maritime authority said.

There were 24 people

aboard the *Yuejiang* ship, heading to Zhenjiang City for the test. The ship hit the cargo carrier *Jiangxiashan* in Jurong City at 11:35 am on Tuesday, a Jiangsu Provincial Maritime Bureau official said. The *Yuejiang*, which belonged to the Port of Nanjing, sank

after the collision. Six people died and 15 were saved by rescuers. Twenty maritime ships and 10 rescue ships were on the spot, seeking the three missing. No casualties were reported on the *Jiangxiashan*, which was from Shanghai. —MNA/Xinhua



Three dead in blast near S Philippines air base

MANILA, 31 May — A bomb believed to have been set off by a mobile phone exploded outside an air base in the troubled southern Philippines on Thursday, killing three people and wounding 17 others, police and the military said. The bomb exploded as people were waiting to get on to a

military transport plane at Zamboanga air base, said city police chief Lurimel Detran.

Most of the victims were relatives of soldiers who are entitled to travel on military transport. Three died while being treated at a military hospital while others, including some

children, sustained minor injuries.

Military and civilian flights share the single runway at Zamboanga, but the civilian terminal is at a distance of about three kilometres (two miles) from the military area.

MNA/Xinhua



Philippine police and military investigators inspect the blast site near the main gate of Philippines' Edwin Andrews air base in southern Zamboanga city. —INTERNET

FE bank accounts for donors at home and abroad

Donors at home and abroad may deposit in and remit foreign currencies to the following accounts at Myanma Foreign Trade Bank opened for the cyclone survivors.

Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for US\$ is 1DA06-00002; Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for Euro 1EA06-00016 and Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Sub-Committee Account for Singapore \$ is 1SA 06-00002.

US Army suicides highest in 2007

WASHINGTON, 31 May — The US Army on Thursday said suicides among active duty troops in 2007 had reached the highest level on record, due partly to the stress caused by deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Army announced that 115 soldiers, including 22 National Guard

and Army Reserve troops, killed themselves last year. That marked a 12.7 per cent rise from the 102 suicides recorded in 2006. There were 85 Army suicides in 2005.

It was the highest number of actual suicides in the military force since record-keeping began in 1980 and Army officials said the rate has remained at about the same level since, with 38 confirmed suicides recorded for 2008 as of last Monday.

The Army also said there were 935 suicide attempts in 2007.

Preliminary figures released in January had suggested the number of suicides in 2007 could reach 121.

MNA/Reuters

Iran slams Iraq “occupiers” at international meeting

STOCKHOLM, 31 May — Iran said on Thursday it was keen to play a major role in the reconstruction of Iraq, and lambasted the United States and its allies for “mistaken policies” in its neighbour.

Iran’s Foreign Minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, told an international conference on rebuilding Iraq that its “occupiers” had only made the situation worse.

“Due to the mistaken policies pursued by the

occupiers in Iraq, the situation of security in Iraq is now so grave that it has cast its shadow” over other aspects of life, Mottaki said at the meeting, which is chaired by Iraq and the United Nations and hosted by Sweden.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who was in the audience, had a bemused expression on her face as he spoke and at one point raised her eyebrows.

MNA/Reuters

Conference accepts draft on cluster bombs ban

DUBLIN, 31 May — An international conference accepted on Wednesday a draft treaty to ban the use of cluster munitions.

The conference attended by more than 100 nations, though not the United States, agreed on the draft at its meeting in Ireland.

“It’s a strong and robust prohibition on all known cluster munitions,” Christian Ruge, a member of the Norwegian

delegation, told Reuters.

The draft will be submitted to a plenary session on Friday but approval is now seen as a formality.

Cluster munitions open in mid-air and scatter as many as several hundred “bomblets” over a wide area. They often fail to explode, creating virtual minefields that can kill or injure anyone who finds them later — often curious children. —MNA/Reuters



Members of an unknown Amazon Basin tribe and their dwellings are seen during a flight over the Brazilian state of Acre along the border with Peru in this May 2008 photo distributed by Survival International. Survival International estimates that there are over 100 uncontacted tribes worldwide, and says that uncontacted tribes in the region are under increasing threat from illegal logging over the border in Peru.—INTERNET

Dutch trains to have security cameras

BRUSSELS, 31 May — The Dutch railway company NS is to equip all trains with surveillance cameras to tackle rising crime rates, Dutch news agency ANP reported on Wednesday. New trains will automatically be installed with cameras and older ones will be renovated to have cameras fitted, according to ANP.

The first batch of trains to have security cameras will be the 99 new local service Sprinters, due for delivery at the end of the year. A spokesperson for the railway company said that buses, trams and metro trains in the country are also increasingly being fitted with closed circuit cameras.

“We want to be able to see what has happened on a train,” he was quoted by ANP as saying.

About 5,000 incidents of vandalism and misconduct occur on the Dutch railways every year, 600 of which are extremely serious and involve violence or the use of weapons, the NS said.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills 16 police, recruits in Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 31 May — A suicide bomber killed 14 police recruits and two policemen in northern Iraq on Thursday, police and military sources said.

An attacker wearing a military uniform detonated an explosive vest near a police recruiting centre where about 200 applicants queued at Sinjar, near Mosul, police said.

Ten police recruits and five police officers were wounded, police and military sources said.

Sunni insurgents have

carried out frequent attacks on police recruits, killing hundreds.

The attack took place while a conference on rebuilding Iraq after years of conflict was being held in Stockholm.

Iraqi security officials have said an offensive against al-Qaeda in Mosul, which the US military says is the Sunni Islamist group’s last major urban stronghold, had wiped out most of the insurgent network.

MNA/Reuters

Government launches knife crime shock campaign

LONDON, 31 May — The government launched a three million pound national advertising campaign on Thursday to warn young people about the effects of knife crime amid growing fears that the issue is getting out of control.

The move came as London’s Metropolitan Police unveiled a haul of weapons recovered during the first two weeks

of a blitz on knife crime, and said parents were key to tackling the problem.

Actor Robert Knox became the latest teenage stabbing victim on Saturday when he was knifed to death outside a pub in Sidcup, Kent.

The hard-hitting adverts, which will be run on radio, websites and mobile phones, will warn youngsters about the harsh physical and

emotional consequences of knife crime.

The campaign, to be run over the next three years, was developed and written by young people who have themselves been affected by knife crime.

A series of ads aimed at mothers, encouraging them to talk about the issue with their children, will run simultaneously.

MNA/Reuters



Canadian circus group Cirque Du Soleil perform parts of their new show for media at the Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel in Macau, China, on 29 May, 2008. Cirque Du Soleil performed pieces of their new show titled Zaia in Macau which will become the first permanent production set in Asia. The show will open to the public on 28 Aug, 2008, to coincide with the 1st anniversary of the hotel-resort.—INTERNET

Pisa's leaning tower safe for 300 years

ROME, 31 May — The leaning tower of Pisa has been successfully stabilized and is out of danger for at least 300 years, said an engineer who has been monitoring the iconic Italian tourist attraction. “All of our expectations have been confirmed,” Professor Michele Jamiolkowski, an engineer and geologist, was quoted as telling Italy's leading newspaper,

Corriere della Sera.

The tower's tilt of about four metres off the vertical has remained stable in recent years, after a big engineering project that ended in 2001 corrected its lean by about 40 centimetres from where it was in 1990 when the project began.

The tower was shut to visitors for almost 12 years from 1990 — when it was sinking about a

millimetre a year — and reopened in December, 2001 at the end of the biggest phase of the consolidation and restoration project.

The 14,000-ton free-standing bell tower, an internationally recognized architectural symbol of Italy along with Rome's Colosseum, was built in several stages between 1174 and 1370.

MNA/Reuters



Clouds of chlorine gas billow from a chemical reaction involving bleaching powder and disinfectant near a refugee camp in earthquake-hit Leigu Town of Beichuan County, Sichuan Province on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Germany pledges \$760m to protect world forests

BERLIN, 31 May — German Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged on Wednesday to provide 500 million euros (about 760 million US dollars) over the next four years to help protect the world's forests and other habitats.

Addressing a high-level meeting of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn, Merkel also said that Germany would increase its funds

for forest protection to 500 million euros annually from 2013.

“I am convinced that we need a complete change of course in the preservation of species,” she said.

The ninth conference of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity opened in Bonn on May 19 to try to pay the way for an agreement on protecting diverse

species threatened by climate change and pollution.

German Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel said that delegates to the conference have set an agenda for further discussions in an attempt to reach a global agreement on saving biodiversity. A binding biodiversity treaty is scheduled to be negotiated in Japan in 2010.

MNA/Xinhua

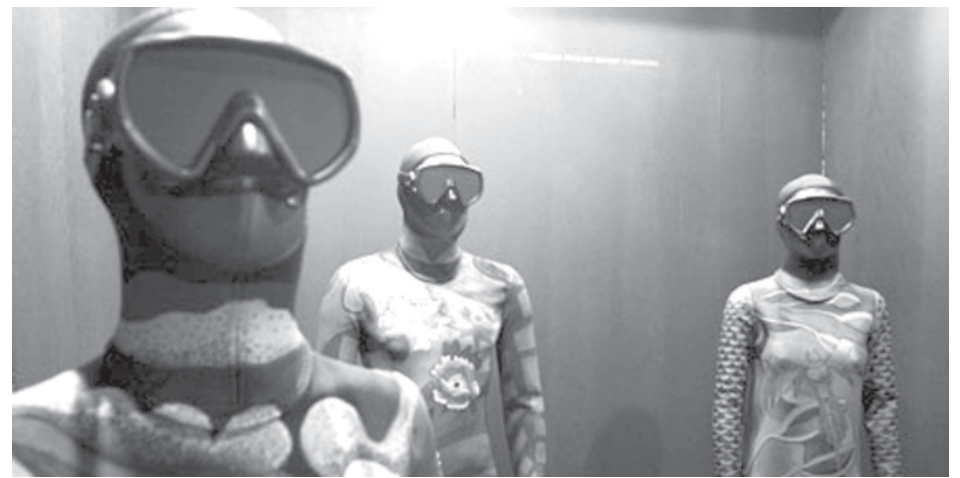


Photo taken on 29 May, 2008 shows the diving suits with unique design during the ArteBA, a contemporary art exhibition, held in the La Rual Convention and Exhibition Center in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina. As one of the most important art exhibitions in Latin America, the exhibition displayed the latest artworks of 100 galleries from across the world.—INTERNET

Beijing lifts licences of over 1,300 drunk drivers

BEIJING, 31 May — Beijing officials on Thursday released a list of 1,366 people who had their licences revoked for drunk driving. The drivers were also banned from applying for licences for at least two years. Most of those caught driving under the influence could have gotten only a suspension had they faced the penalties, such as fines, in a timely way, said Wang Li, deputy director of the

Beijing Traffic Management Bureau.

“However, these people tried to avoid punishment by delaying the visit to traffic management authorities or even ignoring (the summons),” said Wang.

Beijing rules stipulate that drivers who've had anything to drink can not get behind the wheel.

Those who flout the law could be fined 500 yuan (72 US dollars) to 1,800 yuan

and their licences could be suspended for some period. The punishment depends on how intoxicated they are.

The city stepped up measures against road violations last year, sending 1,061 drunk drivers and 3,751 people who drove without a licence into administrative custody. More than 12,500 drivers were penalized for merely drinking alcohol.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil, Norway talk donation for Amazon region

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 May — Brazil is negotiating with the Norwegian Government over donations to a newly-created environment fund for the Amazon Region, officials said on Wednesday.

Luciano Coutinho, president of Brazil's state-owned National Economic and Social Development Bank

(BNDES), said a director of the bank is now in the Norwegian capital Oslo for the mission.

According to Coutinho, the Norwegian Government will contribute up to 200 million US dollars to the Amazon fund this year and continue to offer a substantial amount over the next five years.

The Amazon fund, initiated by the newly-

appointed Environment Minister Carlos Minc, will be formally launched on 5 June.

When announcing the creation of the fund on Tuesday, Minc said everyone cries when a tree is felled in the Amazon Region, but the 25 million Amazon inhabitants need sustainable sources of income to survive.

MNA/Xinhua

World's rarest rhinos captured on video

JAKARTA, 31 May — Hidden cameras have captured rare footage of critically endangered Javan rhinos in the jungles of Indonesia, which will help understand the animal's behaviour patterns, the wildlife conservation group WWF said on Thursday.

The rhinos have appeared twice on cameras one month after the devices were installed

in the Ujung Kulon National Park in the westernmost region of Java island, with one rhino mother charging a camera and damaging it.

“With fewer than 60 Javan rhinos left in the wild, we believe this footage was well worth the risk to our equipment,” said Adhi Rachmat Hariyadi, who leads WWF-Indonesia's project in the national park. “It's very

unusual to catch a glimpse of the Javan rhinos deep inside the rain forest,” he said in a statement.

He said the footage would help authorities understand the population dynamics and behaviour of Javan rhinos in a more scientific manner.

Javan rhinos are found only in Indonesia and Vietnam, with Java home to more than 90 per cent of the population.—MNA/Reuters



An extremely rare Javan rhino lumbers through a swamp in Vietnam's Lam Dong Province and triggers a laser beam, prompting an automatic camera to take its picture, in this file photo.—INTERNET

SPORTS



South Korea's Lee Kyung-Soo (R, top) spikes the ball against Argentina's Lucas Ocampo (L), Gustavo Porporatto (C) and Santiago Orduna during their 2008 World Men's Olympic Volleyball Qualification Tournament in Tokyo on 31 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Dutch held to 1-1 draw by Denmark

EINDHOVEN, (Netherlands), 31 May — A combative Denmark held Euro 2008-bound Netherlands to a 1-1 draw in the Dutch side's tournament warm-up match on Thursday.

Ruud van Nistelrooy opened the scoring for the Dutch after 28 minutes but, with the home side squandering a dozen chances, Christian Poulsen equalized 10 minutes after the interval when he was set up by Nicklas Bendtner.

Despite a disappointing result, the Dutch performance was more creative than in Saturday's easy 3-0 win over Ukraine.

Coach Marco van Basten made four changes from the Ukraine friendly with the inclusion of Arjen Robben and Van Nistelrooy the most decisive. —MNA/Reuters

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Becks could captain England LA Galaxy midfielder set to take the armband once more



David Beckham

LONDON, 31 May — David Beckham is among the contenders to skipper England against Trinidad and Tobago.

The LA Galaxy star relinquished the armband following England's exit at the quarter-final stage of the 2006 World Cup.

However, with Fabio Capello set to continue with his policy of rotating the captaincy, Beckham could find himself leading his country once again.

Rio Ferdinand, Steven Gerrard and John Terry have all held the honour in the Italian's first three games in charge, while Gareth Barry and David James are also believed to be in the running for the job on Sunday evening in Port of Spain. Beckham would undoubtedly be a popular choice, and the midfielder admits that he would be honoured to take the role.

"Everyone knows it is one of the biggest honours you can be given as football player to captain your country, or even to play for your country," Beckham told Sky Sports News.

"I was lucky enough to do it for so many games and so many years and of course I would be honoured to captain the country again but there are other good players that can do that as well." —Internet



Russia's Maria Sharapova reacts after defeating Bethanie Mattek of the US at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros in Paris on 30 May, 2008. INTERNET

Turkey beat Finland 2-0 in final warm-up

HELSINKI, 31 May — Tuncay Sanli scored in the first half and Semih Senturk added a second late on to secure Euro 2008 finalists Turkey a 2-0 victory over Finland in their final friendly before next month's tournament.

With fast, short passing Turkey controlled the game in the first half and went ahead after 15 minutes when Sabri Sarioglu crossed for Tuncay to score.

Finland came into the game, played in Duisburg, Germany, after the break and striker Mikael Forssell wasted a good chance to equalize after an hour.

Two minutes from the end Kazim Kazim broke free on the right wing and crossed for striker Semih to score his first international goal. —MNA/Reuters

Pekerman quits Toluca for family reasons

MEXICO CITY, 31 May — Former Argentina coach Jose Pekerman has quit Mexico's Toluca after one season for family reasons, the club said Thursday.

"Although Toluca's intention was to keep Pekerman as coach and the negotiations to renew his contract were on the right path, Pekerman said that a family matter prevented him from continuing and the club respects his decision," Toluca said in a statement. Pekerman, who led Argentina to the quarter-finals at the 2006 World Cup before they lost to hosts Germany on penalties, had never coached a senior club side before Toluca.

Before taking over as Argentina coach in 2004, Pekerman, who once worked as a taxi driver until his coaching career took off, made his name through his work with the Argentina under-20 team. —MNA/Reuters

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Chinese football player Gu Yasha(R) in the game. Defending champions China and former winner Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) secured berths to semi-finals of the final round of the 2008 Women's Asian Football Championship after beating Thailand 5-1, and hosts Vietnam 3-0, respectively, in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City on Friday. —XINHUA

China, DPRK advance into semi-finals at women's soccer Asian Cup

HO CHI MINH CITY, 31 May — Defending champions China and former winner Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) secured berths to semi-finals of the final round of the 2008 Women's Asian Football Championship after beating Thailand 5-1, and hosts Vietnam 3-0, respectively, in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City on Friday.

Among the five goals in favor of China, midfielder Qu Feifei netted twice. Eight minutes before the break, a Thai player scored the first and the only goal for her side with a header. In another Group A match at Thong Nhat Stadium, DPRK captain Ri Kum-suk made a brace of goals. Her compatriot Ri Un-gyong converted a penalty shot stemming from a foul committed by Vietnamese defender Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh in the 11th minute of the game.

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ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သည့်အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသော ရေသောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များစားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျှော ဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍-

* ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက်

- ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ထားသောရေ(သို့) ကျိုချက်ထားသော ရေကိုသာလျှင် သောက်သုံးကြရန်၊
- သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော ပူနွေးသည့်အစာများကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
- ယင်နားစာမစားရန်နှင့် အစာများကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
- ကလေး၊ လူကြီးအားလုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
- အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်အောင်ဆေးကြောကြရန်၊
- အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊

(ထုံးဖြူးခြင်း၊ မြေဖုံးခြင်း၊ မီးရှို့ခြင်းများကိုဆောင်ရွက်ရန်)

* ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံးကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့အမြန်ဆုံးပြသရန်နှင့် လူနာများတွေ့ရှိက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန သို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသတင်းပေးပို့ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

သောက်ရေသန့်များနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနသည် အရည်အသွေးစစ်မှန်ကောင်းမွန်ပြီး ဘေးအန္တရာယ် ကင်းရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များကို အများပြည်သူတို့ စားသုံးနိုင်ရန်နှင့် အစား အသောက်များ၏ အရည်အသွေးကို စဉ်ဆက်မပြတ် ထိန်းသိမ်းနိုင်ရေးအတွက် စီစစ် ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၂။ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအတွင်းရှိ သောက်ရေသန့်စက်ရုံများသည် ဆိုင်ကလုန်းမုန်တိုင်း ‘နာဂစ်’ ကြောင့် ပျက်စီးခြင်း ရှိမရှိ နှင့် ကောင်းမွန်သော ထုတ်လုပ်မှုကျင့်စဉ်နှင့်အညီ သောက်ရေသန့်များ ထုတ်လုပ်နိုင်ခြင်း ရှိ-မရှိကို ကျန်းမာရေးဦးစီးဌာနမှ ဆက်လက် စစ်ဆေးလျက်ရှိရာ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ သောက်ရေသန့်လုပ်ငန်းများမှာ သောက်ရေသန့် သတ်မှတ်ချက်နှင့် ကိုက်ညီမှု မရှိကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။

စဉ် သောက်ရေသန့်လုပ်ငန်းအမည်

၁။ Star သောက်ရေသန့်

၂။ ရေခဲတောင်ရေသန့်ရေခဲ

၃။ Zwe သောက်ရေသန့်

၄။ အင်ပါယာသောက်ရေသန့်

၅။ 555 သောက်ရေသန့်

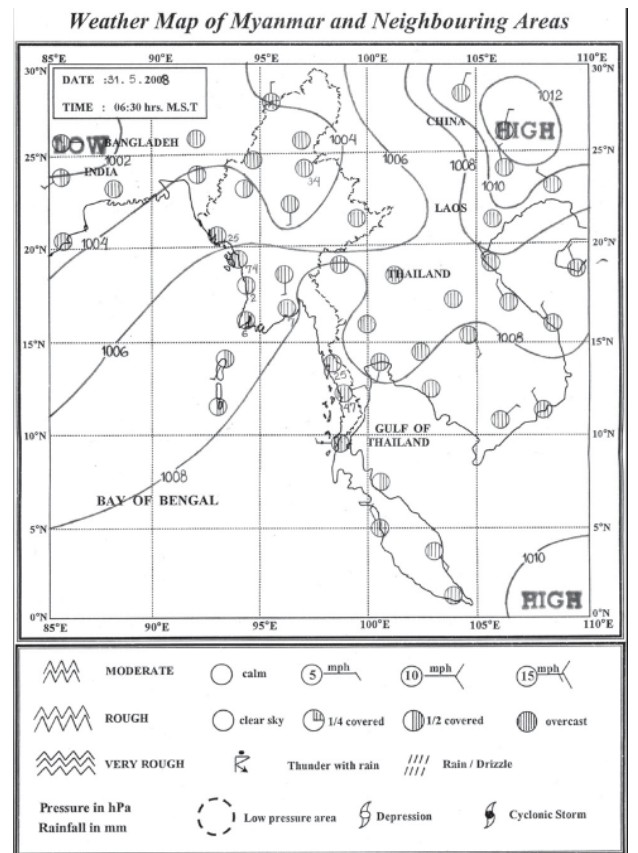
၆။ Kool Aqua သောက်ရေသန့်

၇။ Family သောက်ရေသန့်

၈။ မြန်မာအိုလံပစ်သောက်ရေသန့်

၃။ သို့ပါ၍ သောက်ရေသန့်လုပ်ငန်းများသည် သောက်ရေသန့်သတ်မှတ်ချက်နှင့် ကိုက်ညီ ကြောင်း ကျန်းမာရေးဦးစီးဌာန၏ ထောက်ခံချက် ရရှိမှသာ ထုတ်လုပ်ဖြန့်ဖြူး ရောင်းချပါရန် အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



WEATHER

Saturday, 31 May, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon is advancing into the Northern Myanmar areas, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago, Yangon and Thanthayin Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Lower Sagaing Division and isolated heavy falls in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine State, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyawady and Thanthayin Divisions, and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hinthada (3.35) inches, Zaungtu (3.11) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.91) inches, Bago (2.44) inches, Bhamo (2.20) inches, Monywa and Mawlamyine (2.17) inches each, Kanbalu (2.12) inches, Thabon (2.09) inches and Myeik (1.88) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 31-5-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-5-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 30-5-2008 was (3.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-5-2008 was (0.36) inch at Mingaladon, (0.28) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (29.06) inches at Mingaladon, (33.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (41.10) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (18:30) hours MST on 30-5-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-6-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Thanthayin Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-6-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-6-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 1 June
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:45 am

4. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း

7:50 am

5. အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Multitude of market
forms

8:30 am

7. International news

11:00 am

1. Martial Song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the
week's international
news

11:35 noon

4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:00 pm

5. Myanmar video

feature

“မတော်တဆ...လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂)

(မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးအောင်)

1:30 pm

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)မြာမင်္ဂလာ

1:45 pm

7. Song of national
races

2:00 pm

8. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

2:15 pm

9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်
ထုတ်ကုန်များ

2:30 pm

10. Musical programme

2:45 pm

11. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

4:30 pm

3. Song for Uphold

Natioanl Spirit

4:45 pm

4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

5:00 pm

5. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

6. Evening news

6:30 pm

7. Weather report

6:35 pm

8. Musical programme

7:00 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်”

(အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

10. News

11. International news

12. Weather report

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မာယာထောင်ချောက်”

(အပိုင်း-၂၆)

Make donations to the storm victims

- ☐ Everybody may make donations freely.
- ☐ Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye comforts storm victims during visits to relief camps in Yangon Div



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects loading of timber logs, pigeon pea and green gram onto cargo ships at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye accompanied by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-

Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung,

the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the director-general of Government Office and officials of SPDC Office on 29 May arrived in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw by special flight to inspect relief and rehabilitation tasks being carried out in storm-hit regions in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed in Yangon by member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials.

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Cargo ships with capacities ranging from 15000-ton to 20000-ton can dock at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal. As the length between wharf No. 5 and No. 9 is 1000 metres, a 20,000-ton capacity container ship and five general cargo ships can dock simultaneously.



Containers and timber being loaded onto cargo ships at Asia World International Port. —MNA