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With remarkable development of the nation, government taking necessary steps to pay high salaries, rights and opportunities to workers Anti-colonialist sentiment, patriotic fervour and Union Spirit of Myanmar workers have gone down into annals of nation's history

Preserve such fine traditions, defend motherland from dangers of neo-colonialists, national traitor axe-handlers

YANGON, 1 May—*The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the Workers Day for 2006.*

Esteemed workers,

On the auspicious occasion of the Workers Day that falls on 1 May 2006, I wish the well-being in mind and body of all of you blue collar and white collar workers who are contributing towards manufacturing and services sectors for greater development of the Union of Myanmar.

In the colonial days, the invaders and their lackeys paid just subsistence wages to the Myanmar

national workers and exploited the nation's natural resources. Such historic experiences are too bitter to be forgotten by patriotic national people.

Vividly visible in the period of servitude were firm evidences such as the imperialists oppressed the mass of Myanmar workers, many national workers had to sacrifice their lives, blood and sweat in the interests of the colonialists and their minions, and the colonialists cleverly and intentionally undermined Myanmar people's patriotic sentiment, Union Spirit, and fine traditions.

After the nation managed to regain independence through the cohesion of the entire national people including workers and peasants, Myanmar was

on the path of reconstruction. Nevertheless, national reconstruction tasks did not work at all due to lack of stability of the State and community peace on the basis of multi-coloured armed insurgency, as well as disunity incited among workers and peasants, important forces for national reconstruction, by political parties.

Now, the State Peace and Development Council has been taking all possible measures in harness with the entire national people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. The role the workers are playing is very important in the process.

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Kaukkway Dam opened in Lashio Township, Shan State (North)

YANGON, 30 April — An opening ceremony of Kaukkway Dam built by Shan State (North) Irrigation Department took place at the dam in Lashio Township yesterday.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered speeches.

U Sai San Tun and a local of Lashio Township expressed thanks for opening the dam.

After opening the stone inscription, the commander and the minister sprinkled scented water on it. Later, the commander and the min-

ister formally opened the dam and posed for a documentary photo together with those present.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Director U Kyaw Win of Shan State (North) Irrigation Department explained facts on

the dam to the commander and the minister.

The commander and the minister took part in a growing ceremony of 20 acres of physic nut together with national race leaders and locals.

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Kaukkway Dam that would irrigate 843 acres of land is of earth embankment type and can hold 5,200 acre feet of water at the highest level. It is 1,080 feet long and 116 feet high, and would supply water for the Mansu Village-tract.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing addresses opening of Kaukkway Dam in Lashio Township. — MNA

HONOURING THE WORKERS DAY

PERSPECTIVES

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Public participation in disaster preparedness

Air and water in the global environment is indispensable for living beings to survive. But it can be dangerous for living beings when it is excessive in amount. All living beings survive by breathing air.

When there has been strong winds such as sudden gusts of cyclone or tornado that usually leads to collapse of gigantic trees and buildings, it poses danger to man.

Likewise, when there has been a shortage of potable water, man and living beings can be afflicted with diseases followed by death.

As some regions of the world have been struck by draught, there occurred deforestation, forest fires and crop failure due to lack of water.

The heavy and incessant rains also lead to landslides, swelling creeks and rivers and inundation in wards and villages.

The unusual high tides can cause trouble to those residing in coastal regions. The collapse of lamp posts and breakdown of power lines can trigger electrocution. Such danger is to be prevented.

Steps are to be taken to prevent the damage of crops caused by heavy rains and floods.

Recently, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that there was the cyclone storm MALA over East Central Bay; that there could be widespread wind and thundershowers in the whole country with likelihood of locally heavy falls; that those residing in coastlines are to move to safety; and that squalls with rough sea were likely at times off and along Myanmar coast.

It is learnt that the tornado caused some damage in the nation.

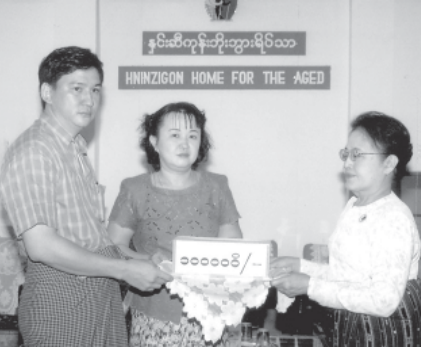
Relying on weather reports from radio, TV and newspapers, local people residing in coastal regions and river banks are to take measures for disaster preparedness.

At the same time, preventive measures such as constant inspection of embankments, stockpiling of sand bags and forming of local flood prevention groups and rescue and health teams are compulsory.

Exercising a constant vigilance against the storm warnings of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, those from water and air transports as well as fishermen are to carry out their tasks with great care in the rainy season.

Moreover, the administrative bodies of the respective townships are to take necessary measures against floods and inundation during the rainy reason.

Such being so, the entire national people including local authorities and those from the transport sector are to do their bit in order to prevent the damage caused by the disasters.



Ko Tun Tun Myint, Ma Than Than Htay and family of Tamway Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Prof Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin. —H

Oppose Those Relying on External Elements

- * 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

Annual General Meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) held



Minister U Aung Thaung addresses Annual General Meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon). — INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 30 April — The 22nd annual general meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Yangon) and the prize presentation to the outstanding students took place at Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Bahan Township this afternoon, attended by USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi.

First, Meeting Chairman of the Township Association and Minister U Aung Thaung made speeches. Next, Minister U Aung Thaung, wife Daw Khin Khin Yi, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U

Myo Myint and wife Daw Tin Tin Myint and officials awarded prizes to 23 students who won distinctions in the matriculation examination for 2005-2006 academic year. Later, the ceremony of presenting cash donation to the township association continued and the minister and chairman of township association U Khin Maung Swe accepted the donations.

Afterwards, secretary of township association U Than Aung read out the financial statement, and the new executives were elected and the meeting ended. — MNA

Deputy Minister inspects construction of Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad



Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspects construction of a bridge on Yangon-Mandalay railroad. — MR

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than inspected the construction of Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad and upgrading of Yangon-Mandalay Railroad on 27 April.

The deputy minister inspected laying of concrete on 400 feet Hsinthay Bridge and construction of bridges and gave instructions on completion of the project.

The deputy minister and party went to Kyaukse Station and met officials of the ministry. They proceeded to Mandalay and gave instructions to officials concerned.

On 28 April, they inspected Kumelan, Thazi Stations and construction of 345 feet bridge of Myohaung-Pyinmana railroad project.

They also visited Central Transport and Communication Training School in Meiktila. — MNA

Talks on national policy and State's development given

YANGON, 30 April — USDA CEC Member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a talk on the national policy and the State's development to the 80 trainees of No 23 Basic Organizing Course at Hline Township USDA Office yesterday evening.

MNA

Corrigendum

Please read consolation prize winning Sagaing Division instead of Mandalay Division in the news "MMCWA holds dinner at conclusion of 16th AGM" on page 16 in 30 April issue of this paper.

MNA

Hu Jintao meets senior UN officials

NAIROBI, 29 April — Chinese President Hu Jintao met here on Friday with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT) Executive Director Mrs Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) acting Executive Director Shafiqat Kakakhel.

Hu said the UN-HABITAT has made positive efforts to promote human residence construction and global sustainable development. He said the UNEP has played an important role in pushing for the solution of global environmental issues, promoting international cooperation in this regard, and helping developing countries improve environmental protection capability.

cooperation with the two UN programmes and continue to support their work.

Tibaijuka said China has many beneficial experiences in human habitat development, which the UN-HABITAT is popularizing in other areas of the world. The UN-HABITAT values China's assistance to the African people in this regard, she said.

MNA/Xinhua



German Willi Chevalier, world champion freestyle chin beard 2005, poses during the International German Beard and Moustache Championships in Hesel, northern Germany, on 29 April, 2006. Some 100 participants from eight nations compete to become world champion in one of 16 beard and moustache categories. —INTERNET

UK shuts Internet sites selling illegal meds

LONDON, 30 April — Several Internet sites were shut down and arrests made on Wednesday in a coordinated UK operation against illegal drug sales.

In a statement, the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) said it had investigated 27 Internet sites, which were supplying unlicensed medicines claiming to treat obesity, impotency, herpes and other ailments.

During the raids police officers seized unlicensed medicines, computers, documents and cash.

"Today's operations were conducted in Reading, Worcestershire, Hayes, West Drayton, Bedford, Wigan, Halisham, and Newhaven," the agency said. "The police accompanied the MHRA officers in a number of cases and arrests were made by the Sussex Police and Thames Valley Police in connection with offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act."

Internet

Over 500,000 children suffer from malnutrition in Colombia

BOGOTA, 29 April — More than 500,000 children, or 12 per cent of the minor population, are suffering from chronic malnutrition in Colombia, according to a report published on Thursday.

The report, published by the research centre of University of Andes' Economics Faculty, said that 20 per cent of the malnourished were poor.

The central Colombian province of Boyaca and the southeast province of Narino have the highest malnutrition rates, with 20 per cent of their minors malnourished. In Bogota, the capital city, the malnutrition rate runs at 15 per cent.

The study said that between 1995 and 2000, height-related malnutrition fell from 30 per cent to 12 per cent. But in the last five years, malnutrition has been on the rise again. — MNA/Xinhua

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Guests take snapshots of a gold bathtub at the 2006 Millionaires' Fair at the Shanghai Exhibition Centre on 28 April, 2006. The invitation only luxury gala, which is surrounded by much fanfare about its wealthy guests and extravagant exhibits, runs from this Friday to next Sunday. —INTERNET

Thousands in NYC march against Iraq war

NEW YORK, 30 April — A day after the military announced that April was the deadliest month for US forces in Iraq this year, thousands of anti-war demonstrators marched Saturday through lower Manhattan to demand an immediate withdrawal of

troops. Cindy Sheehan, a vociferous critic of the war whose soldier son also died in Iraq, joined in the march, as did actress Susan Sarandon and the Rev Jesse Jackson.

"End this war, bring the troops home," read one sign lifted by marchers on the

sunny afternoon, three years after the war in Iraq began. The mother of a Marine killed two years ago in Iraq held a picture of her son, born in 1984 and killed 20 years later. One group marched under the banner "Veterans for Peace." "We are here today

because the war is illegal, immoral and unethical," said the Rev Al Sharpton.

"We must bring the troops home."

Organizers said the march was also meant to oppose any military action against Iran, which is facing international criticism over its nuclear programme. The event was organized by the group United for Peace and Justice.

The march stepped off shortly after noon from Union Square, with the demonstrators heading for a rally between a US courthouse and a federal office building in Lower Manhattan. The military said on Friday that at least 69 US troops have died in Iraq in April.

Internet



Protesters march down Broadway in New York City during a mass rally against the war in Iraq on 29 April, 2006. INTERNET

China sends human-raised giant panda back to wild

WOLONG (Sichuan), 29 April — China sent an artificially-raised giant panda into the wild in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on Friday morning.

Four-year-old Xiang Xiang, the human-raised male giant panda, became the first giant panda raised in captivity that has been released to its natural home in China. It was also the first release of captive-raised giant panda in the world.

When the door of its cage opened at the hillside more than 2,700 metres above the sea level, Xiang Xiang hesitated for a second, then walked slowly for a few steps and eventually ran into a bamboo forest 10 metres away.

Weighing 83 kilograms and being 1.1 metres long, Xiang Xiang,

"auspicious" in Chinese, looked healthy and energetic and it seemed to be excited to go back to its natural home.

Seeing Xiang Xiang disappearing in the bamboo forest, Liu Bin,

the 28-year-old keeper, left the crowd seeing the panda off, tears in eyes.

"Xiang Xiang is just like my child who has grown up and will leave the family to live a life independently," said Liu,

"I hate to part with Xiang Xiang but I hope it can survive on its own and will not forget me."

Armed policemen guarded against Xiang Xiang in case it would run wild and reporters were warned not to take pictures of the panda.

The release of Xiang Xiang marks the significant change in ways of saving the endangered species by training the pandas to live in the wild before releasing them, which would top the agenda of China's efforts to that effect, said Zhao Xuemin, deputy head of the State Forestry Administration.

MNA/Xinhua

Four-year-old Xiang Xiang, seen here climbing a tree in Wolong Nature reserve. INTERNET





A performer dons colourful cloth as she performs during a yearly cultural presentation on 29 April, 2006 in Manila, Philippines. The festival features cultural dancers from different places in the country in their best costumes and performing for a prize.—INTERNET

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Pakistan, Iran to hold talks on IPI gas pipeline

ISLAMABAD, 29 April— An Iranian delegation led by Iran's deputy oil minister arrived in Islamabad on Friday to hold talks with Pakistani officials on the multi-billion-US-dollar Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline project.

The visit of Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Mohammad-Hadi Nejad Hosseinian comes a few days after a telephone talk between Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Pakistani President General Pervez Mu-

sharraf, who vowed to push the project forward.

The proposed 2,670-kilometre IPI pipeline project has about 1,115-kilometre length in Iran, 705 kilometres in Pakistan and 850 kilometres in India, and is likely to be initiated by mid-2007 and completed in early 2010, according to local reports. Pakistan is pursuing the project to meet the expected energy supply and demand gap after 2010, reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

European Heritage sites to be categorized

MADRID, 29 April— Europe's culture ministers planned to create a category of "a European Heritage site" to develop a new pan-European model of cultural tourism, reports from southern Spanish city of Granada said on Thursday.

Spanish Culture Minister Carmen Calvo said in Granada's 2008 European Year of Inter-Cultural Dialogue, promoted by the European Commission, that the planned project would highlight sites which were important in European history, use symbols to represent a common European identity, reinforce the sentiment among EU citizens and boost tourism to the Heritage sites.—MNA/Xinhua



Xinhua News Agency released this photo on 28 April, 2006, a Xiaolong 04 fighter plane is seen during its test flight at Wenjiang Airport in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 28 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Advanced China fighter aircraft makes test flight

CHENGDU, 29 April— An advanced version of the China-developed new-generation fighter plane, the Xiaolong/FC-4, succeeded in its first flight on Friday in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

Based on previous models, the Xiaolong/FC-1 and FC-3, the FC-4 is equipped with advanced electronics and weapons systems, which improve its combat capabilities, say experts.

The success of the 16-minute test flight marks a significant step in China's aviation industry, and makes mass production possible. The Xiaolong series is a multipurpose light fighter aircraft developed by the China Aviation Industry Corporation (CAIC-I), the Chengdu Aircraft Group Corp and China Aero Technology Import and Export Corporation. With advanced design and manufacturing technology, this export-oriented fighter plane is small, low in cost and suitable for modern warfare and the demands of military fighters, experts said.—MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts eastern Taiwan

TAIPEI, 29 April— An earthquake measuring 5.6 rattled eastern Taiwan on Friday, shaking office buildings in the capital, officials said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The epicentre of the moderate quake, which struck at 5.05 pm (0905

GMT) was about seven kilometres (4.4 miles) northeast of Hualien on the eastern coast, at a depth of six kilometres (3.7 miles), the Central Weather

Bureau said in a statement. Earthquake occur frequently in Taiwan, which lies on a seismically active stretch of the Pacific Basin.—MNA/Reuters

Scientists study hundreds of dead dolphins

ZANZIBAR (Tanzania), 30 April— Scientists tried to discover on Saturday why hundreds of dolphins washed up dead on a beach popular with tourists on the northern coast of Zanzibar.

Among other possibilities, marine biologists were examining whether US Navy sonar threw the animals off course.

Villagers and fishermen were burying the remains of the roughly 400 bottlenose dolphins, which normally live in

deep offshore waters but washed up on Friday along a 2 1/2-mile stretch of coast in Tanzania's Indian Ocean archipelago.

The animals may have been disturbed by some unknown factor, or poisoned, before they became stranded in

shallow waters and died, said Narriman Jiddawi, a marine biologist at the Institute of Marine Science of the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

Experts planned to examine the dolphins' heads to assess whether they had been affected by

military sonar.

Some scientists surmise that loud bursts of sonar, which can be heard for miles in the water, may disorient or scare marine mammals, causing them to surface too quickly and suffer the equivalent of what divers call the bends — when sudden decompression forms nitrogen bubbles in tissue.

A US Navy task force patrols the coast of East Africa as part of counter-terrorism operations. A Navy official was not immediately available for comment, but the service rarely speaks about the location of submarines at sea. A preliminary examination of their dolphins' stomach contents failed to show the presence of squid beaks or other remains of animals hunted by dolphins.



In this picture provided by the Institute of Marine Science water turns red with blood as dolphins lie on the shore in Zanzibar, on 29 April, 2006.

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China builds railway corridor in rust belt region

YANGJI (Jilin), 30 April — China has started construction of a railway corridor in a latest move to rejuvenate the country's rust belt northeast.

The railway section from Baihe to Helong, both situated near the border between China and North Korea, broke ground for construction on Friday.

On completion, Baihe-Helong railway line, with a length of 103.7 kilometres, will form into the railway corridor by linking up the existing railway routes at both ends, according to Gao Jie, deputy chief of the Korean Autonomous Prefectural Government of Yanbian, which exercises jurisdiction over Baihe and Helong.

China is determined to build a 1,389-kilometre railway corridor that will start from Mudanjiang City of Heilongjiang Province in the north, pass through Tumen and Tonghua cities in Jilin Province, as well as Dandong and Zhuanghe cities in Liaoning Province, and end at Dalian, a port city in Liaoning, in the south, according to Gao.—MNA/Xinhua

India's Jet Airways yearly profit jumps 15 percent

MUMBAI, 30 April — Jet Airways, India's largest private airline, has said full-year net earnings rose 15 percent on air-traffic growth and profit from the sale and leaseback of planes.

For the year ended 31 March, the airline reported net profit of 4.5 billion rupees (101 million dollars). Full-year revenues rose 39 percent to 61.4 billion rupees.

Fourth-quarter net profit soared 71 percent to 2.2 billion rupees (51 million dollars). Revenues during the three months ended 31 March climbed 61

percent to 19.7 billion rupees.

Jet Airways chairman Naresh Goyal said in a statement on Saturday the results were strong but cautioned that high oil prices and other operational costs could affect future performance.

"We remain the market leader but operate in a challenging environment.

We are concerned with the high level of input costs, primary fuel, and expect that the coming year could remain challenging," he said.

Jet, which will command half of India's aviation market after its planned 500-million-dollar purchase of rival Air Sahara, faces increasing competition from low-cost carriers

such as Air Deccan, GoAir and SpiceJet.

"In coming months, we will be working towards successfully integrating Air Sahara operations into our own," Goyal told reporters.

Jet shares rose 38.5 rupees, or 4.14 percent, to 963.05 rupees ahead of the release results in a special trading session held Saturday to test software at the Mumbai stock exchange.

India began to deregulate its aviation sector in the 1990s, allowing private players to enter the domestic market previously dominated by state-run carrier Indian, formerly known as Indian Airlines.

Jet Airways has flown nearly 60.7 million passengers since it took to the skies in 1993. It now operates 43 so-called "classic" and next-generation Boeing aircraft. The airline has an average fleet age of 5.2 years.

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A Jet Airways' Airbus A340-300E aircraft stands on the tarmac at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai. Jet Airways, India's largest private airline, has said full-year net earnings rose 15 percent on air-traffic growth and profit from the sale and leaseback of planes.—INTERNET



Chinese lion dancers perform in front of the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest in the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, China, on 29 April, 2006. According to a Chinese website, the Temple of Heaven, first built in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), will be reopened on 1 May to the public after a renovation costing 47 million yuan (US\$5.9 million).—INTERNET

Ten killed, eight injured in fatal fire in E China city

WENZHOU, 29 April — Ten people were killed and eight were injured in a deadly fire in Wenzhou, a city in east China's Zhejiang Province, on Friday morning, local police confirmed.

The fire broke out at around 5 am on the sixth floor of the staff dormitory building of Wenzhou Aoji Sanitary Products Co Ltd. Three workers were killed at the spot, while seven died later after medical treatments failed.

Before the rescue

operation, five of the seven who died later were already in critical conditions after jumping from the dormitory building to escape and the other two suffered deadly burns.

The eight injured were sent to a local hospital for immediate medical treatment, with one suffering 30 per cent skin burns and another two suffering 8 per cent skin burns. The rest who suffered slight injuries have already been discharged from the hospital.

The ten dead were migrant workers from provinces of Anhui, Yunnan, Guizhou and Hubei.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq V-P warns Americans against striking Iran

NAJAF (Iraq), 29 April — An Iraqi Vice-President warned the United States on Friday against attacking Iran. Adel Abdul Mahdi, the Shiite member of the three-man Presidency Council, was asked about speculation US forces might strike to prevent Iran developing nuclear technology:

"We will not allow anyone to attack anyone," he said after a meeting in the holy city of Najaf with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's senior Shiite cleric. "We think that the use of force is not appropriate for solving any problem."

The leaders of Iraq's Shiite majority, including Mahdi's SCIRI party, have close ties to their fellow Shiite Islamists ruling neighbouring Iran, where many of them sought refuge from the Sunni-dominated administration of Saddam Hussein.

Another leading Iraqi Shiite politician, cleric and militia leader Moqtada al-Sadr, recently pledged the

support of his Mehdi Army fighters to Iran if US forces attacked.

On a visit to Baghdad this week, US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld declined to be drawn on

whether American troops occupying Iraq might be deployed against Iran.

US and British officials have accused Iran of fomenting unrest in Iraq as a way of deflecting

pressure on Teheran over a nuclear programme which it insists is intended for civil use but which Washington says is a cover for making atomic weapons.— MNA/Reuters



Romanians reinforce a sandbag dike in the flooded village of Manastirea, 100 km (62 miles) southeast of Bucharest, Romania, on 29 April, 2006. Hundreds of evacuees from flood-soaked Danube plains in Romania and Bulgaria returned home on Saturday as floodwaters receded.—INTERNET

Attacks in Baquba kill 30

BAGHDAD, 29 April — Thirty people were killed, including seven Iraqi soldiers, when more than 100 rebels attacked Iraqi police and Army posts in Baquba on Thursday, the US military said on Friday. In one raid, guerrillas attacked a police station and five police checkpoints with mortar rounds, rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. Iraqi soldiers and police killed 17 rebels, the US military said. One Iraqi soldier was killed and two were wounded, it said in a statement. In a separate operation, guerrillas also armed with mortar rounds and rocket launchers attacked an Iraqi Army headquarters. Four guerrillas were killed and six Iraqi soldiers died in those clashes, which also left two civilians dead.— MNA/Reuters

US Marines decline to enter plea in Manila rape case

MANILA, 29 April — Four US Marines accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipina, a case that has thrown US military relations with a former colony into the spotlight, appeared in court on Friday but did not enter a plea.

The Marines, being held in the custody of the US Embassy in the capital,

deny the charges filed in December, saying only one of them had sex with the woman and that it was consensual.

But Judge Benjamin Pozon threw out an earlier recommendation by the Justice Department to reduce the charges against three of the accused to mere accessories to rape, cheering anti-US

protesters outside the court.

Lance Corporals Dominic Duplantis, Keith Silkwood, Daniel Smith and Staff Sergeant Chad Carpentier said nothing when the court asked them to enter a plea.

The rape case has prompted small protests outside the US Embassy in Manila and calls by

some politicians for the 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement, which allows the presence of US troops in the Philippines, to be amended or scrapped.

Some politicians and groups have called for a review of the agreement, saying it gives too much protection to US troops accused of committing crimes.— MNA/Reuters

Iran says "no negative points" in IAEA report

TEHERAN, 29 April — An Iranian nuclear official said on Friday that the UN atomic agency's report on Iran submitted to the UN Security Council does not contain any negative points.

"This report doesn't have any negative points," Mohammed Saeedi, the deputy head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, told the state television from Vienna by phone.

"This shows the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is capable to survey Iran's nuclear programme, some countries want to solve the

issue in another place (the UN Security Council), it's totally wrong," Saeedi said.

"If the nuclear case remains in the IAEA, Iran still want to cooperate with the agency, and is ready to work with the inspectors in the coming weeks," he added.

Mohamed ElBaradei, chief of the IAEA, submitted a report on Friday to the UN Security

Council, saying Iran had ignored the Council's non-binding demand to suspend all uranium enrichment by the Friday deadline.

Shortly before the deadline expired, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed not to give up right to peaceful use of nuclear technology in spite of possible UN sanctions.—MNA/Xinhua



Ethnic minority performers from south west China's Guizhou Province during a show to promote tourism held in Beijing, China, on 29 April, 2006. China's diverse ethnic culture is a magnet for tourism dollars and local authorities are aggressively promoting their heritage ahead of the golden week holiday in China.—INTERNET

Russia trying to regain hold over "Kalashnikov" brand

Moscow, 29 April — Russia wants to regain control over global production of the legendary Kalashnikov series of assault rifles used by armies and insurgents worldwide for decades, a top official said on Friday.

Nikolai Shvets, deputy head of the Rosboronexport arms export monopoly, said 11 countries were making the rifle without a licence — something Russia wanted to put a stop to.

The rifle, best known

from its original AK-47 model and easily recognizable from its characteristic banana-shaped magazines, was the weapon of choice for guerillas from Vietnam to Venezuela who favoured them for their reliability.

They were so key to some conflicts that they made their way onto the Mozambique national crest, and onto the flag of the Hizbollah rebel group.

"All the deadlines and agreements on licensed Kalashnikov production, which were given to 18 states at the time of the Soviet Union, have ended," Shvets was quoted by RIA news agency as saying.

"Eleven states have started making this machine gun without any grounds at all."

According to some estimates, 100 million have been made since Mikhail Kalashnikov's first model was standardized in 1947. The Soviet Union allowed allies to make the rifles for themselves, and a variant is used in 50 countries worldwide.

Russia's arms industry is one of the few national manufacturers that can compete with Western firms on equal terms, and the Kremlin is trying to expand its sales.

MNA/Reuters



Yuina Yabe (C) cries as she is held by an amateur sumo wrestler while a sumo referee (L) judges during a baby-crying contest at Sensoji temple in Tokyo on 29 April, 2006. Seventy-four babies born in 2005 took part in the event, which is held to pray for the babies' health and growth.—INTERNET

Parasite-resistant mosquitoes may help control malaria

LOS ANGELES, 29 April — Most wild mosquitoes in Mali have already gained resistance to malaria parasite, scientists reported on Thursday. Genetic clues in these mosquitoes could be used in new malaria control strategies, the researchers said.

The mosquito, called Anopheles gambiae (A. gambiae), is the major vector of human malaria in Africa caused by Plasmodium falciparum, the malaria parasite. Although scientists have found some wild mosquitoes are genetically resistant to malaria parasites, until now the mechanism of such natural resistance in mosquitoes were not known.

But researchers from the United States and Mali discovered that quite a

number of wild mosquitoes in Mali are actually immune to malaria parasites. Their findings appeared in the 28 April issue of the journal Science.

In this study, the researchers collected female mosquitoes inside huts in Mali and let each produce one generation of offspring. Then, they let the resulting pedigrees feed on blood from a malaria-infected villager.

After 7 to 8 days, they sliced open the insects and

counted the oocysts — a stage in Plasmodium's life cycle—inside the insect gut. The lower the number, the more resistant the individual.

Of the 27 mosquito pedigrees that met criteria for genotyping, the researchers found 22 had no infected individuals at all despite feeding on infected blood. This suggests that mosquito resistance to the malaria parasite is common.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's garment export surges in 4 months

HANOI, 29 April — Vietnam is estimated to reap over 1.7 billion US dollars from exporting garments and textiles in the first four months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 38.7 per cent, a local trade information centre said Friday.

With such high export growth, Vietnam is likely to make garment export revenues of 5.5 billion dollars this year, up nearly 14.6 per cent against last year, the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry said, noting that many enterprises in the country have already inked contracts on exporting garments and textiles for the whole 2006, mainly to the European Union (EU) and the United States.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 2 killed in Australia's train-truck crash

CANBERRA, 29 April— At least two people were killed when a train collided with a truck at a level crossing in central Victoria State, Australia, Friday afternoon.

Police fear further casualties in the crash which happened when the train was travelling between the cities of Melbourne and Ararat, Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported. A driver of the train was killed, and the identity of the second person among the fatalities is not yet known, a

spokeswoman of V/Line, Victoria's largest regional passenger transport operator, was quoted as saying.

She said the number of other casualties was not yet known, adding injured passengers have been taken to a hospital, while those not injured were being taken to Ararat by bus. A Victoria Police spokeswoman said there could be more casualties, or there could be more people injured. However, it is just too early to establish the specifics, she said.—MNA/Xinhua



Indonesia's police officers stand in front of a safe house, the hideout of terror suspect following a raid in Wonosobo, Central Java, Indonesia, on 29 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Ayeyawady Division to extend growing physic nut to remain as nation's granary

Chingya (Maubin)

In his inspection tour around Ayeyawady Division on 14 February 2004, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying, "Our nation's population is growing yearly, and in over 30 years, it will reach 100 million. So, we have to take systematic steps in advance such as extension of sown acreage and boosting per acre yield for food security of the growing population".

It is learnt that Myanmar's total sown acreage before the First Anglo-Myanmar War stood at just over 1 million. Commencing 1826 when the colonialists occupied Rakhine and Taninthayi regions through Rantapo Treaty after the First Anglo-Myanmar War, they were implementing the plan of extending sown acreage to strengthen their economy. After the Second Anglo-Myanmar War, they designated Lower Myanmar as its colony and started to reclaim virgin and fallow lands in the regions in Sittoung River basin and Ayeyawady Delta.

In 1938-39, Myanmar's total sown acreage of paddy was about 12.841 million, and 3.55 million tons out of 5.95 million tons of rice was exported. The sown acreage was increased to 12 million from one million, but national farmers were far from enjoying the benefits gained from the nation's farmland, and they were exploited by foreigners who contributed towards the economy and interests of the colonialists.

The State's economy and rural people, the majority of the nation's population, depend on the agricultural sector. Thus, the government has constructed a great number of roads and bridges including 214 above-180-foot bridges to ensure smooth commodity flow, and 183 dams and river water pumping stations for extended cultivation of paddy and other crops. The government is implementing national development projects and the five rural development tasks harmoniously. It put 15.04 million acres under monsoon paddy and 3.44 million acres under summer paddy in 2005-2006 to achieve the target output of 1,200 million baskets of paddy.

During the trip to Ayeyawady Division on 31 January 2006, the Senior General said, "Fuel plays an important role in multiple cropping. So, the government is providing fuel as much as it can for boosting agricultural production. World oil price is increasing and despite more expenditure on import of oil year by year, the demand of oil still exceeds the supply. Now, means have been found out to extract bio-diesel, which can be used in place of diesel, from physic nut seeds. So, physic nut is to be grown extensively for the development of the agricultural sector and rural development. In a couple of years, multiple cropping can be carried out at full capacity with the use of domestic bio-diesel".

Since 1988, Ayeyawady Division has cultivated more than 200,000 acres of crops. In 2005-2006, it put more than 3.6 million acres under monsoon paddy and more than 1.6 million acres under summer paddy and scaled up per acre yield of paddy. With the paddy output of over 370 million baskets, its paddy sown acreage makes up 25 per cent of paddy sown acreage of the nation. With the effective use of many dams and 23 river water pumping stations, it is pursuing its target of paddy output of 400 million baskets, accounting for one-third of the nation's paddy production. Therefore, it has stood as the granary of the nation.

It needs a great deal of fuel for multiple cropping and pumping of river water for agricultural purposes. Today, oil demand is more than supply in the world. Ways and means have been sought around the world for many years to produce oil-substitute fuel. Research is being conducted to produce solar power and nuclear power, but that calls for huge investment and advanced technology.

Now, farmers all over the world are paying greater attention to producing bio-diesel. Myanmar extracts bio-diesel from physic nut that grows naturally in its arid zone. The fast-growing plant can be planted at a low cost and it is resistant to harsh conditions. Filtered physic nut oil can be directly used in place of diesel. Myanmar is now translating the good opportunity into reality to produce bio-diesel from physic nut on a large scale.

It is believed that local people of Ayeyawady Division will make continued efforts with the effective use of physic nut oil in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State in order that Ayeyawady Division will remain as the granary of the nation.

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Movie promotional device sparks false security scare

LOS ANGELES, 30 April — A man attempting to buy a newspaper Friday spotted a suspicious device, starting a chain of events that ended with the discovery it was part of a promotional effort for a new movie.

The man went to a news rack in a suburb area here to buy a copy of the *Los Angeles Times* in the morning, but got a scare when he looked at the device on top of a stack of newspapers which had several wires protruding out of its side, local news service CNS reported.

A police bomb squad was called in and "conducted render safe procedures on the device", said police officer Dana Camarillo.

Bomb squad members discovered the device was an audio chip and learned from a representative of the newspaper that it was part of a promotional campaign for "Mission: Impossible III".

The device was supposed to play the theme of the Tom Cruise-starred movie when the newspaper rack door was opened. But in this case, rather than remain hidden in the upper wall of the news rack, the device fell on the stack of newspapers.

About 4,500 *Times* news racks throughout Southern California have been equipped with the device, a *Times* representative said.

The devices have prompted several calls to area law enforcement organizations, the representative said, who wanted to assure the public that there is no safety concern.

"Mission: Impossible III", one of the most anticipated action thriller this year, is scheduled to land in theatres globally from next week when Hollywood's summer movie season into action.

Conjoined twins Abby, left, and Belle Carlsen, right, wiggle around on their bed at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn, on 13 April, 2006. The girls, who were born in November, are slated for surgery in mid-May to separate them.—INTERNET

With remarkable development of the nation, government taking necessary steps to pay high...

(from page 1)

Recognizing the effective performance of the workers, the government is creating various opportunities for enabling them to take an active part in the implementation of the State's political, economic and social objectives. It is heartening to see that the workers are harmonious and dedicated to the nation-building endeavours.

Esteemed workers,

Thanks to the correct leadership of the State Peace and Development Council, the entire nation has witnessed a great number of industrial zones, modern factories and plants, business and trade enterprises, services, and international level offices and departments and national workers have an easy access to modern machinery and technologies, international office equipment and management methods.

At the same time, the State's economic projects have been brought to fruition more than expected and the Union of Myanmar is enjoying the taste of peace and stability and rapid development owing to harmonious collaboration of the government and the people and brilliant performance and strenuous

efforts of the workers and peasants.

With the remarkable development of the nation, the government is taking necessary steps to pay high salaries, rights and opportunities to the workers.

Here, the entire workers are to have clear outlook and to be vigilant that at a time when significant success is achieved in the political, economic and social spheres in the nation due to the government's taking a leading role, and collective participation of the entire people, and workers and government staff are enjoying unprecedented rates of salaries and opportunities, certain neo-colonialists manipulating international organizations under the pretext of protecting human rights and workers' rights are levelling accusations at the nation and installing their lackeys in international organizations to harm the interests of Myanmar and national workers.

Anti-colonialist sentiment, patriotic fervour and Union Spirit of the Myanmar workers have gone down into the annals of the nation's history. So, workers are to preserve such fine traditions and defend the motherland from the dangers of neo-colonialists and national traitor axe-handles.

Esteemed workers,

The State Peace and Development Council is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map for transition to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Now, the National Convention, the first stage of the Road Map, is being held.

At the National Convention, representatives of workers are submitting proposals and holding the discussions on basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution of the future nation.

In such an auspicious time, measures for boosting productive capacity of the workers, and ensuring smooth and brisk services depict better national interests. The entire workers are therefore exhorted to be fully equipped with nationalistic fervour and make efforts hand in hand with the entire national people for: —

- soonest emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation,
- successful implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map,
- safeguarding and defending the mother country from the sabotage and destructions of neo-colonialists and their stooges, and
- ensuring perpetual existence of the Union.

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Kaukkyaw Dam opened in Lashio Township, Shan State...

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The dam that would irrigate 843 acres of land is of earth embankment type and can hold 5200 acre feet of water at the highest level. It is 1080 feet long and 116 feet high, and would supply water for the Mansu Village-tract.

Also present at the ceremony were local authorities, departmental heads, social organization, engineers and local national races. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at the opening of Kaukkyaw dam. — A&I



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo cut the ribbon to open Kaukkyaw Dam. — A&I

C-in-C (Air)'s Shield Table Tennis Tournament concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — The final match of the Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Table Tennis Tournament was held at Thura Ohn Khaing Hall of Flying Training Base in Meiktila on 28 April.

It was attended by Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, officers, other ranks and guests. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin presented championship shield to Flying Training Base Team. — MNA

Commander inspects development of Myawady, Kawkareik

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, accompanied by Brig-Gen Maung Shein of Kawkareik Station and officials, met officers, other ranks and family members of the regiments at Thingan Nyinaung Station on 23 April.

In Myawady, the commander instructed departmental personnel to take part in regional development tasks in the meeting at the office of Myawady District PDC.

They inspected Myawady friendship bridge and development of Myawady. The commander together with Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung paid homage to Myawady Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Chandasiri.

On 24 April, the commander met with officers, other ranks and family members of regiments at Kawkareik Station Hall.

In Nabu Village, the commander inspected Nabu Bridge, Basic Education High School and the station hospital. Next, he oversaw village-to-village road in the village.

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Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles checked on dry day

YANGON, 30 April — Dry Day Inspection Supervisory Committee Chairman Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe, accompanied by members of Inspection Supervisory Committee and departmental officials, supervised the functions of dry day inspection teams at the main points of Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm today.

Inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill of Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles and wearing the respective

uniforms and traffic rules violations.

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Inspection Team led by Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe inspect a departmental vehicle on dry day. — MNA

Trainees of Indian Naval Higher Command Course on study tour

YANGON, 30 April — The 26-member excursion group of Naval Higher Command Course of the Republic of India, accompanied by officials of Indian Embassy this morning, visited Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters. They were welcomed there by Commander Rear-Admiral Paw Tun and senior officers.

At the briefing hall, the guests were briefed on background history of the Naval Dockyard Command Headquarters with the use of power point presentations. After studying the headquarters, they went to Naval Training Command Headquarters where officials welcomed them and explained background history of the command and naval training. Next, luncheon was hosted to the guests.

Afterwards, the Indian trainees called on Commandant Maj-Gen Moe Hein of the National Defence College. The commandant extended greetings and explained background history of the college. Then, the commandant and the leader of the excursion group exchanged gifts.

The Indian guests also paid a study visit to Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. — MNA

CNG Filling Station No 017 commissioned

YANGON, 30 April — The opening ceremony of CNG Filling Station No 017 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy was held at the station at the corner of Thanthuma and Panchan Roads in South Okkalapa Township yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, departmental heads, members of the Union Solidarity Development Association, social organizations and



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect CNG filling at the station. — MNA

guests.

General Manager U Thein Htay of MOGE explained matters related to the Natural Gas Filling Station.

Mayor Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin and Director-General U Hla Thaug Myint of Road Transport Administration Department cut the ribbon to open the station.

The commander,

the minister and the mayor inspected the CNG filling station. They viewed filling of CNG into the vehicles and cordially conversed with drivers. — MNA

Indian delegation arrives



Indian delegation being welcomed at the airport by Deputy Commandant of NDC Brig-Gen Than Maung and military officers. — MNA

YANGON, 30 April — A 26-member delegation of Indian Naval Higher Command Course arrived here by air this morning.

The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International airport by Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen

Than Maung and military officers, Indian Military Attaché Colonel J S Chopra and officials.

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Strong wind alongside heavy rainfall hits Ayeyawady Division, Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — Strong wind and heavy rainfall hit Ayeyawady Division at about 9.30 am on 28 April destroying roofs and walls of more than 400 houses in Patheingyi, Kyaiklat, Labutta, Hainggyi and Amar Village in Bogalay township, killing two people and injuring eight others. Although Ngwehsaung and

Chaungtha beaches were also hit by the wind, some hotels and bungalows suffered little damage and tourism services there remain smooth and operational.

Likewise, roofs and walls of some 400 houses in Gwa Township in Rakhine State were destroyed by strong wind together with heavy rain

at 7 am yesterday. The wind also wrecked 100 houses and injured two people in Gwa Township.

The chairmen and officials of State and Division Peace and Development Councils visited the affected areas and gave all necessary assistance to the storm victims after forming relief teams.

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Mon trounce Magway 14-0

YANGON, 30 April — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the opening of 11th Inter-State/Division Women's Football

Tournament at Aung San Stadium this afternoon.

Previous year's champion Yangon Division Women's Team presented championship shield to the minister.

At the opening

match, Mon State whitewashed Magway Division with a 14-0 result.

A total of 14 teams representing States and Divisions are taking part in the tournament up to 18 May. — MNA

Myanmar Futsal Team leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 30 April — Myanmar Futsal Team left here by air this morning to take part in the AFF Futsal Championship 2006 to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2 to 7 May.

The team was seen off at the airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar

Football Federation, and relatives of the players.

The Myanmar Futsal Team was headed by Manager U Kyi Min Thein together with coaches U Aye Maung Lay and U Pe Khin. The team was set up with players Myo Hlaing Win, Maung Maung Htay, Tun Tun Htet, Tint Naing Tun

Thein, Khin Maung Tun, Soe Thiha Aung, Bo Bo Aung, Aung Zaw Myo, Maung Maung Myint, Kyaw Dun, Tin Min Tun and Kyaw Zin Nyunt.

Myanmar is to play against Timor-Leste on 2 May, against Defending Champion Thailand on 3 May and against Brunei on 4 May. — NLM



Myanmar Futsal Team being seen at the airport before departure for Bangkok. — NLM

Cash and kind provided to storm victims in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 30 April — A ceremony to donate cash and kind to households from Wards 15 and 19 and Shwelinpan and Kazin Villages where sudden gusts of wind alongside heavy rainfall destroyed on 28 April was held at Basic Education Primary School No 6 near Shwelinpan Village in Hlinethaya this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Joint Secretary-General of the

Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, USDA CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, USDA CEC member Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and officials.

Commander accepted 250 bags of rice worth K 1.5 million donated by Secretary of

Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi; K 2.5 million by USDA Joint Secretary-General Col Zaw Min; K 1 million by Yangon Division USDA through CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin; and supplies worth K 4.1 million by Ministry of SWRR through Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted K 5 million by Chairman U Myat Thin Aung of Hlinethaya Industrial



Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash donations for storm victims in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA



Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai gives away relief aid to storm victims in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

Zone Management Committee; K 500,000 each by Yangon North District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min, Shwekyarpan Automobile Industry and five parts of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone; K 100,000 each by Chairmen of Yangon West and South District PDCs.

On behalf of victims, a local spoke words of thanks.

Similarly, the cash and kind donation ceremony, organized by Yangon Division MCWSC, was held at Aungbawdi Dhammayon

in Ward 19 of Hlinethaya Township this morning.

At the ceremony, Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presented K 500,000 for the victims and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa K 1 million donated by YCDC to Chairman of Yangon North District PDC Lt-Col Myat Min. Next, officials accepted K 14.2 million donated by wellwishers.

After the ceremony, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai and party viewed health care

services being provided to the victims at the Dhammayon.

The victims of sudden gusts of wind and heavy rainfall are being accommodated at three relief camps in Hlinethaya Township. Under the arrangements of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, ministries, YCDC, and Yangon North District PDC in cooperation with social organizations and local people provide necessary assistance to the victims.

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Exhibition to mark Myanmar ICT...

(from page 16) Computer Centre (Thukha Dana Computer Co Ltd), KMD Computer System, Kyaw Zayar Tele-communication Services Co Ltd, Life

Mark Computer Centre, Lin Thuzar Computer, Lucky Bird Co Ltd, Mastech Co Ltd, MCC (Myanmar Computer Co Ltd), Notebook City, Queen Star, Smart,

Spider Family Co Ltd, and Win Win Mar Media Co Ltd.

The exhibition continues tomorrow. Admission is free.

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Murderers arrested within 72 hours in Dagon Myothit (East) Township

YANGON, 30 April — The dead body of an unidentified man, aged about 20, with stab wounds in a gunny bag was found at the corner of Bo Saw Naung and Nilar Roads in Ward 10 of Dagon Myothit (East) Township, at 9.15 pm on 23 April.

According to the investigation, it was learned that the dead man was Myo Min Aye, a peon of Easterlet Export and Import Company. He was 20, son of U Aye Win of No 154, second floor,

Insein Road, Kamayut Township. Murderers Ye Tun (a) Ye Tun Oo, 26, son of U Tun Lin and Htaw Lay (a) Chit Phu, 18, son of U Soe Moe were arrested at about 11.30 pm on 26 April, and Daw Khin Mar Kyi (a) Daw Khin Ma Kyu, 42, daughter of U Hein Maung, at 8 am on 26 April.

Duties of peon Myo Min Aye was to give money remitted through Easterlet Company by Myanmar citizens who are working in Malaysia to

their families. On 23 April, when Myo Min Aye was giving K 57,000 remitted by husband U Soe Tun from Malaysia to Daw Khin Mar Kyi at her house, Ye Tun (a) Ye Tun Oo, Htaw Lay (a) Chit Phu, and Daw Khin Mar Kyi killed him with a screwdriver and knife after snatching his rucksack containing K 3,422,000.

Acting on information from the people, three murderers were arrested within 72 hours.

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NLD in no position to take leadership role...

(from page 16) NLD and member U Tun Tun Hein moved to Kyimyindine Township, Yangon and member U Kyaw Tint (Zay ward, Nawngkhio) passed away. The remaining 15 mem-

bers came to know that the NLD was unable to lead the people. Due to personality cult there was dissension in the party. Therefore, they abolished the executive committee of township NLD of their

own volition and resigned from the NLD party. Township NLD Office opened at the house of Chairman U Myint Swe was closed down beginning 29 April.

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Modern equipment at the booth of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at Tatmadaw Convention Hall. (News on page 16) — MNA

Exhibition to mark Myanmar ICT Week

Article and photos by *Thaung Win Bo*



A modern computer at the exhibition

Myanmar ICT Parks were opened in Yangon in 2002 and in Mandalay in 2003. The government is striving for development of ICT Parks by facilitating

With the aim of widening the scope of knowledge of the people in the application of ICT, the exhibition to mark the ICT Week for 2006 is being staged from 29 April

At a time when efforts are being made for the emergence of a modern and developed nation, development of ICT is indispensable. The e-National Task Force is tak-

over, ICT has proved to be a force capable of overwhelming daily life.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government, private sector, computer scientists and

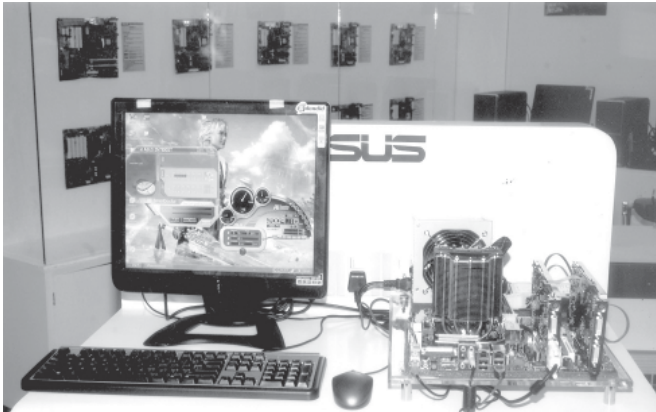
was successfully created on computer.

The education sector has been facilitated with ICT for the development of human resources that are imperative in ensuring

sities of computer science and 24 government computer colleges were opened while computer degree courses are being conducted in other universities.



Advanced TV sets at the exhibition



A new item and its parts

them with Internet capable of providing application service, full power supply and other energy.

Exhibitions, competitions and talks in commemoration of the establishment of the ICT Park are held yearly. And it has turned five years in 2006.

to 1 May at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall where altogether 150 booths representing companies and governmental departments are being displayed.

Keeping pace with changes and developments, the government is trying its utmost for development of ICT.

ing systematic measures in this regard.

In the world today, coverage of information from one country to another is undergoing a great change and development. Coverage of information in all parts of the world with the use of ICT is a matter of minutes. More-

computer industrialists plus the assistance of foreign experts, ICT in Myanmar is making progress all the more.

With the development of ICT, norms on computer-use Myanmar word system can be designated and Unicode-use Myanmar word system

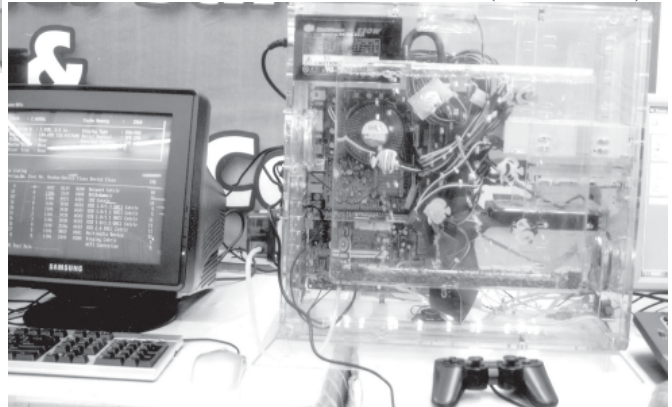
the development of ICT.

The extensive use of multimedia classrooms, e-Education centres and data broadcasting system with the use of Internet can be attributed to development of ICT in Myanmar.

For the development of ICT, two univer-

Cooperation of e-National Task Force, Myanmar Info-Tech Corporation and Myanmar Computer Federation has resulted in development of ICT, and Myanmar people are now fully enjoying the fruits of the development.

(Translation: TS)



A high-tech computer and its parts

Spain to set up emergency brigade to fight disasters

MADRID, 30 April — Spain's Defence Minister Jose Antonio Alonso announced on Friday that his country will set up a 3,000-strong emergency brigade to help cope with natural or man-made disasters.

The brigade, to be deployed across the na-

tion, will have access to engineering equipment, aircraft and medical equipment, said Alonso.

The brigade will give an integrated response to disasters, whether they are big fires, massive floods or earthquakes, he said.

"We will feel secure when faced with a great

disaster," the minister added.

He said the idea had come from Spain's Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who wanted to set up a rapid reaction force dealing with bacteriological, chemical and other disasters.

MNA/Xinhua

Spanish police arrest 76 Nigerians for credit card fraud

MADRID, 30 April — Spanish police have arrested 76 Nigerians across the country on charges of credit and Internet fraud, local media reported on Friday.

In two operations, police raided three workshops making fake credit cards and seized thousands of them.

Police have brought a charge against the arrested for forging credit cards and using

the fake cards for fraudulent transactions over the Internet, the report said.

The large-scale operations started a year ago, after a card operator detected unusual Internet transac-

tions through South African and US banks. The network used fake credit cards to book plane and train tickets and buy computers and white goods on the Internet.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese worker welds a steel part at the Heavy Duty Machinery Group factory in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province on 29 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Dengue fever outbreaks in Cambodian Province

PHNOM PENH, 29 April— An outbreak of dengue fever is occurring in Cambodia's Kompong Chhnang Province, about 90 kilometres north of the capital, with more than 30 people sickened so far, local media reported on Friday.

At least 30 children were hospitalized in the province's Boribor District on Wednesday and some have been taken by ambulance to the hospital for blood testing. Chhuon Buntha, chief of the district's health office, was quoted by *The Cambodia Daily* as saying.

"It's like a storm of dengue fever. Children have fallen sick everywhere in the district," he said. The outbreak of the fever, which is carried

by mosquitoes, was first noticed early this month but has worsened following intermittent rains, he said.

There have been no reported deaths so far. There were only 30 cases, according to Ngan Chan Tha, director of the Health Ministry's dengue control programme.

Insecticide will be sprayed throughout the district in an effort to combat the outbreak.

MNA/Xinhua

US reports 11,000 terror attacks worldwide last year

WASHINGTON, 29 April — The US State Department reported on Friday that about 11,000 terror attacks occurred around the world last year, in which more than 14,600 people were killed.

Figures in the department's annual Country Reports on Terrorism, which was released on Friday, showed a sharp increase in the number of attacks in 2005 from 3,192 in 2004.

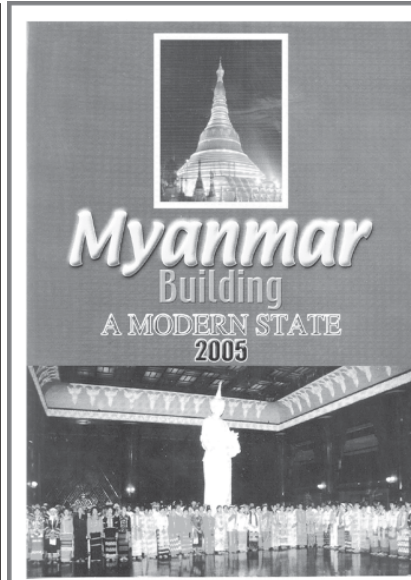
About one-third of the attacks, or some 3,500, took place in Iraq, resulting in about 8,300 of the total

deaths last year, the report said.

But the report, acknowledging that Iraq was a key battleground in the war on terrorism, said the Middle East country was not a safe haven for terrorists.

Despite the sharp increase in terror attacks, the State Department said the numbers for 2004 and 2005 were not comparable, because last year's figure was based on a broader definition of terrorism.

The al-Qaeda terror



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Ten states sue US Environment Agency on emissions

WASHINGTON, 29 April— Ten US states have sued the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for refusing to regulate carbon dioxide from power plants, the *New York Times* reported on Friday.

The lawsuit, filed in the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on Thursday, was the latest legal broadside against the Bush Administration's policy on global warming.

The EPA's refusal constituted "a sad course of conduct on the part of the Bush Administration and reflects a disregard for science, statute and wise policy," Attorney General Eliot Spitzer of New York, the lead plaintiff, was quoted as saying.

The suit seeks to force the environmental agency to start regulating emissions of heat-trapping gases, like carbon dioxide, from power plants and to tighten regulations of conventional smog-

forming pollutants.

The basis for the argument is that the agency has not lived up to requirements in the Clean Air Act to ensure public health.

The Bush Administration has argued that voluntary measures are the best way to proceed

on global warming, rather than requirements on industry to reduce emissions, and the Administration's decision not to classify carbon dioxide as a pollutant has complicated the desire of several states to regulate emissions from cars.

The 10 states — New

York, California, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wisconsin — were joined by two cities — New York City and Washington, DC — and three environmental groups.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian economy expected to grow 5.9%

JAKARTA, 29 April— The Indonesian Government has projected that the country's economy will grow by 5.9 per cent this year, or lower than the government-set target of 6.2 per cent, a minister said.

"We predict it will be hard for the economy to grow by 6.2 per cent. The most optimistic projection now is 5.9 per cent," *Antara* news agency quoted Finance Minister Sri Mulyani as saying after a Cabinet meeting here on Friday.

The forecast was based on the assumption that inflation would remain at 8 per cent, Bank Indonesia's benchmark interest for three-month deposits 12 per cent, and global crude prices 60-70 US dollars a barrel, and the rupiah's exchange rate

against the dollar at 9,000 rupiah, she said. Given the change in the assumption, a deficit in the 2006 state budget would increase to between 1 per cent and 1.3 per cent from the previous 0.7 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), she said.—MNA/Xinhua



Women relatives of injured passengers sit near an overturned bus near Samboora, 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) south of Srinagar, India, on 29 April, 2006. Twenty people were injured in the accident, police said. —INTERNET

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Panamanian workers need training to better handle canal expansion

PANAMA CITY, 29 April — Panama Canal Chief Albertoh Aleman Zubieta said on Thursday that Panamanian workers need to boost the quality of their work in order to better handle the jobs following a planned canal expansion.

"We cannot work with carburetors when all of today's motors use fuel injection," Zubieta, administrator of the Panama Canal, told Panama's RPC radio.

He said the canal authority trained its workers daily, including the use of English, which was used to operate the canal's international call centres.

The chief said he might turn to overseas workers because sometimes local

workers lacked the necessary training or interest in the work.

The Panama Canal Authority unveiled a plan on Monday to expand the canal, a shortcut waterway linking the Pacific and

Atlantic oceans. The plan envisages widening the canal by adding a third system of locks so it can handle larger ships.

The 5.25-billion-US-dollar plan has won support from Panamanian President Martin Torrijos, but it also needs the approval of Parliament and a referendum before work can start.

The proposed expansion, projected to be completed in 2014, will be the largest public work carried out on the Panama Canal, which employs 9,000 people and yielded around 4.7 billion dollars for the Panamanian economy, directly and indirectly, between 2000 and 2005.—MNA/Xinhua



A Cargo ship leaves the Panama Canal Miraflores locks, heading toward the Pacific Ocean, in Panama City. Panama will invest \$5.25 billion to expand the canal, top executives announced on Monday. —INTERNET



Space Shuttle External Tank 118 (ET-118) is slowly moved above the transporter in the transfer aisle of the Vehicle Assembly Building before being lowered at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, in this 14 Oct, 2004 file photo. NASA plans to fly the space shuttle Discovery in July without further changes to the external fuel tank, despite some engineers' concerns that the tank needs more work, officials said on 28 April, 2006.—INTERNET

China issues guide on complaints against copyright administration

BEIJING, 29 April — China issued a guide on complaints against copyright administration and infringement cases on Friday in a move to better protect intellectual

property right. "The purpose of this guide is to strengthen copyright protection," said Xu Chao, deputy director-general of China's National

Copyright Administration. "This is part of China's campaign to protect intellectual property right."

When a copyright owner discovers infringement, they may file a complaint with the copyright administrative department where the infringement is committed or where the consequence of the infringement arises, the guide says.—MNA/Xinhua



A man walks along an illuminated floor on the 368 feet long entertainment boulevard on Freedom of the Seas, docked in Southampton, southern England, on 29 April, 2006. The world's largest cruise ship Freedom of the Seas docked in England on Saturday ahead of its inaugural trip — a floating behemoth four times the size of the Titanic, with facilities never imagined at the dawn of the liner age. At 158,000 tonnes, Freedom offers a pool with artificial waves for surfers, an ice rink and cantilevered whirlpools that extend out from the sides of the ship, 112 feet above the sea. —INTERNET

Touring exhibit of British Museum popular among Beijingers

BEIJING, 29 April — The British Museum's touring exhibit "Treasures of the World's Cultures" has attracted over 80,000 visitors in its first month.

"It is amazing that such an exhibit on foreign cultures has become so popular in Beijing," said Yao An, deputy curator of the Capital Museum of Beijing.

Many companies bought group tickets for employees and young people made up a large part of the audience, according to Yao.

Not only were the treasures warmly received, but also related picture albums and souvenirs, Yao said. More than 200 albums on the displayed items have

been bought every day.

The exhibit displays 272 artifacts including a 3,000-year-old mummy, an ancient statue of Dionysos, son of Zeus, a 2,100-year-old gold pendant featuring Aphrodite and Eros, and Leonardo da Vinci's works.

Treasures on show also include ancient Egyptian tablets, Greek busts, Roman sculptures and the world's oldest tool. It is the first large-scale international exhibition since the newly-built Capital Museum opened last year.

The British Museum, which has loaned the 272 artifacts to the Capital Museum of Beijing for an 80-day exhibition, plans to arrange more displays in

China in the future, said museum director Neil MacGregor.

MNA/Xinhua

Spanish matador David Fandila 'El Fandi' performs a pass to a bull during a bullfight at the Maestranza bull-ring in Seville on 28 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Hand-held device helps spot oral cancer

NEW YORK, 29 April — The Visually Enhanced Lesion Scope (dubbed VELscope) — a hand-held device that emits blue light — is useful for detecting oral cancer, Canadian researchers report in the *Journal of Biomedical Optics*.

One of the main problems with oral cancer, lead investigator Dr Pierre M Lane told *Reuters Health*, "has been identifying changes in the mouth that require referral to oral medicine specialists for assessment and treatment".

The VELscope, he added, "was developed to provide a simple, hand-held device for dentists and other health professionals to help in such decision making, by helping them to identify cancers and pre-cancers that would otherwise not be detected".

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS



Aston Villa's Wilfred Bouma, left, tackles Liverpool's Djibell Cisse during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on 29 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Qingdao take first home win at China Super League soccer

BEIJING, 30 April— Striker Qu Bo's lone goal helped the struggling Qingdao Zhongneng clinch their first home win at the China Super League soccer tournament on Saturday.

Qingdao assumed more offence in the first half but left a few chances for the visitors to counterforce. Qingdao goalie Li Shuai made several super saves to keep clean sheet for the home team before the break.

In the 68th minute, Qu Bo broke the deadlock when he poked in a fine

cross from Jiang Ning on the left. In Chongqing, the bottom team Lifan fought to a 1-1 draw with Xi'an Guoji to snip eight losing streak.

Under a scorching temperature, Chongqing opened the scoring just 40 seconds into first half when Wu Qing headed home, but 5 minutes later, Vicente levelled the score with a free kick for Guoji.

In Changchun, newly-promoted home side Yatai achieved four winning streak after beating Wuhan Guanggu 2-0.

Yatai found the net twice in the second half, with Wang Dong and Gao Jian goals in just 5 minutes. In another game of the day, Xiamen Lanshi was handed a goalless draw by Shenzhen Jinwei. —MNA/Xinhua

Robredo insures all-Spanish final at Barcelona Open

MADRID, 30 April— Spanish Tommy Robredo excited the home fans by winning out a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Swiss Stanislas Wawrinka Saturday here at the Barcelona Open, setting up an all-Spanish final.

The other semifinal will take place between world number two Rafael Nadal and Nicolas Pietrangeli, the next rising star of the country. After edging the first set, Robredo broke twice to lead 5-2 in the second but wasted four match points as Wawrinka hit back. Robredo made no mistake second time round, taking the set and the whole match 6-4. —MNA/Xinhua



Newcastle United and England striker Michael Owen, left, battles for the ball with Birmingham City's Dutch defender Mario Melchiot, during their English Premier League soccer match at St Andrews, Birmingham, England, on 29 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Chinese men paddlers enter semifinals at table tennis worlds

BREMEN, 30 April— Chinese men table tennis players crushed Saturday their quarterfinal rivals France 3-0 to make semifinals of the 48th World Team Table Tennis Championships in Bremen, Germany.

Wang Liqin, holder of world and Olympic titles, opened the winning run by beating Damien Eloi 3-1.

Ma Lin encountered the first strong resistance from France's Patrick Chila but still winning 3-2.

Ma lost the second and third games with 4-11 and 9-11, though he managed to raise his score from 3-8 down to 9-11 in the third game. He achieved a 11-7 victory in the first game.

In the breath-taking

fifth game, Ma raced away to a 7-3 lead but lost his upper-handed position as the Frenchman gradually caught up.

Ma secured his victory 13-11 in the end, putting the Chinese team 2-0 over France. Novice Chen Qi beat his rival Dany Lo with 3-1.

Chinese men's coach Liu Guoliang told reporters after the games that Ma was a bit nervous at the beginning.

"The playing style of

both Ma Lin and Chila is similar, both are hard to handle," Liu said.

Chila told Chinese reporters that Ma made a bad start, which gave him the chances of winning two games.

—MNA/Xinhua



Frankfurt's Nia Kuenzer, right, attacks Potsdam's Petra Wimbersky during German women soccer cup final 1. FFC Turbine Potsdam against 1. FFC Frankfurt in the Olympic Stadium in Berlin, Germany, on 29 April, 2006. At left is Frankfurt's Tina Wunderlich. —INTERNET

Unseeded teams take courts on 2nd day of Thomas and Uber Cups

SENDAL, 30 April— With seeded teams all being absent for the whole day, mediocre teams occupied the courts on the 2nd day of the 24th Thomas Cup and the 21st Uber Cup championships commenced here on Friday.

In the four matches of the Thomas Cup, Japan beat South Africa, and Indonesia defeated New Zealand with an identical 5-0. England edged out the United States 3-2.

Games between Germany and India consumed the longest time. It was dragged into the decider and lasted for 3 hours and 35 minutes.

Indonesian top player Taufik, the world and Olympic champion, said he saved strength in the first singles and is ready to perform better in the upcoming match with South Korea on Sunday.

In the rivalry for the Uber Cup, New Zealand and Taipei both easily overcome their opponents South Africa and the United States 5-0 respectively.

Besides, England lost to Hong Kong, 2-3 and Germany overwhelmed Singapore 3-2. —MNA/Xinhua

HK men book table tennis semifinal berth

BREMEN, 30 April— The men's team of Hong Kong, won Saturday over Austria 3-0 to enter semifinals at the 48th World Team Table Tennis Championships in Bremen, Germany.

Li Ching, ranked 20th in the world, beat Chen Wei King of Austria 3-0 in the first game, while Leung Chu Yan lost to Austria's top player Werner Schlager 1-3.

Lai Chak Ko defeated Robert Gardos with the same score in the third game before Li won a five-set fourth game against Schlager.

At the same time, South Korea blanked the Czech Republic 3-0 to sail into semifinals. China and Germany respectively beat their quarterfinal challengers France and Russia earlier Saturday. —MNA/Xinhua

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Nadal to defend China Open crown

BEIJING, 30 April— Spanish teenage sensation Rafael Nadal will defend his China Open crown, with Lindsay Davenport of the United States to lead the women's event, tournament organizers announced on Friday.

Nadal, who beat Argentina's Guillermo Coria in the final last year, said he was looking forward to returning to the Chinese capital for the tournament beginning on 11 September.

"I like the China Open. The fans treated me very well last year and I'm glad I was able to play some good tennis for them," the world number two said in a statement.

"I think Beijing is a fantastic city and I'm delighted to be coming back. I just hope I have more time for sightseeing this time because last year I was playing almost every day."

—MNA/Xinhua



Lorena Ochoa of Mexico hits out of a waste bunker on the 14th hole during the second round of play at the Ginn Open LPGA golf tournament in Reunion, Florida on 28 April, 2006. Ochoa finished the round at seven under par 137. —INTERNET

Chinese women paddlers enter finals

BREMEN, 30 April— Chinese women table tennis players blanked Belarus 3-0 to enter final of the 48th World Team Table Tennis Championships on Saturday.

Zhang Yining and Wang Nan both overpowered their rivals at 3-0, while novice Guo Yue scored 3-1 over Viktoria Pavlovich.

China will meet Hong Kong, who beat Japan earlier, in final on Sunday.

—MNA/Xinhua



Yulia Lozhchko of Russia performs on the balance beam during the 26th European Artistic Gymnastics championships in Volos, Greece, on 29 April, 2006. Russia won the bronze medal in the team competition. — INTERNET

Pirates hijack another ship off coast of Somalia

NAIROBI, 30 April — Another ship has been hijacked in the pirate-infested waters off coast of Somalia with Indonesian crew on board, Kenya's maritime official confirmed on Saturday.

Andrew Mwangura, the coordinator of the Seafarers Association Kenya Chapter, said Somali gunmen hijacked the Kismayu-bound ship on Thursday and took it to a coastal town near Harardhere where two other vessels are still being held by gunmen.

Mwangura said the vessel is now in Somali territorial waters and efforts were underway to establish the owner.

"The ship was hijacked on Thursday by Somali gunmen as it was heading to Kismayu. The pirates opened fire and commandeered it to Gann, 18 kilometres north of Harardhere, about 400 kilometres north of

Mogadishu," Mwangura said by telephone from Mombasa. There was no immediate information on the vessel's name, type or the number and other nationalities of all crew members on board.

"The details concerning the hijack are still sketchy but we believe the crew is from Indonesia," he added.

"The ship raised an alert that they were in danger of being captured. This alerted all nearby vessels," he added.

Somali waters have become among the most dangerous in the world since 1991.

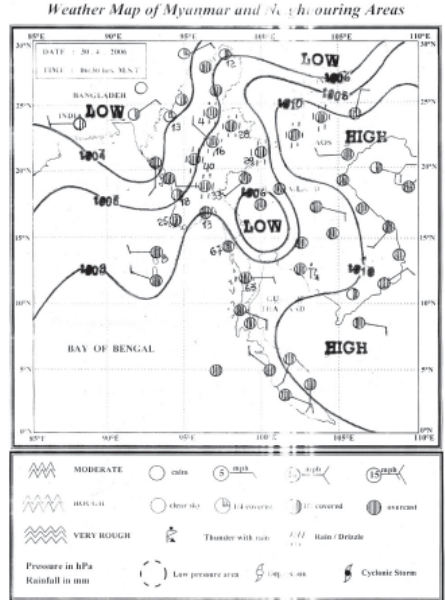
Piracy has become an epidemic in the unpatrolled

waters off the coast of Somalia where at least 40 hijackings and attempted seizures have been recorded since mid March last year.

The Horn of Africa nation has no Coast Guard

to protect vessels, but the United States Navy earlier last month returned fire on a suspected pirate ship, killing one and wounding five while on patrol.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 30 April, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and fall widely spread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated heavy falls in Mandalay Division. Day temperatures (10°C) below normal in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (11°C) to (12°C) below normal in Yangon, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.06) inches, Nay Pyi Taw City (3.50) inches, Myeik (3.30) inches, Thaton (2.95) inches, Loikaw, Pinlaung and Yay (2.09) inches each, Kengtung (1.93) inches, Magway and Namhsam (1.81) inches each, Aunglan (1.53) inches, Minbu (1.34) inches, Myingyan and Mandalay (0.79) inch each, Sagaing (0.71) inch and Monywa (0.23) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-4-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 30-4-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 30-4-2006 was (76%). Total sunshine hours on 29-4-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 30-4-2006 were (0.48) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (5.87) inches at Mingaladon, (6.14) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.51) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (25) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 29-4-2006.

Bay inference: Yesterday's cyclonic storm (Mala) over East Central Bay has crossed into the Rakhine Coast near "Gwa" and weaken into a land depression and moved Northeast wards. According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a land depression has unimportant. Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 1-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated 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 (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 1-5-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-5-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-5-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**ခရစ်တော်ဦးဆောင်ပျော်ခြင်း
Dr ဒေါ်မေရီဒွန်း**

အသက် (၆၅) နှစ်

အငြိမ်းစားကျောင်းအုပ်ဆရာမကြီး
(မြန်မာနိုင်ငံခရစ်ယာန်ဝေဖန်တက္ကသိုလ်)

မ/ဘုရား၊ ဦးအောင်မင်းလမ်း(ကွင်းပိုင်း)၊ ခေပြီ၊ မရမ်းကုန်းမြို့နယ်နေ(ဦးစောဒွိုက်ဒွန်း)+ဒေါ်မြသန်းတို့၏ ဒုတိယသမီး၊ ဆရာ ဦးဝင်းနိုင်(ကထိကမြန်မာနိုင်ငံခရစ်ယာန်ဝေဖန်တက္ကသိုလ်) ၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောမိခင်၊ နော်အယ်ယွား+ဦးစည်သူနိုင်၊ နော်တာဘလုလူး၊ ဦးစောဦး၊ နော်လဲလွယ်၊ စောစောဘလု၊ နော်ဂျိတ်ဆီထီတို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောမိခင်၊ စောအယ်ပိုမို၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောအဘွားသည် ၂၉-၄-၀၆ (နေ့နေ) ညနေ ၄:၀၀ နာရီတွင် ခရစ်တော်ဦးဆောင်ပျော်သွားပါသဖြင့် ၂-၅-၀၆ (အင်္ဂါနေ့) နံနက် ၁၀:၃၀ နာရီတွင် သမိုင်းကရင်ခရစ်ခြင်းအသင်းတော်၌ ဝတ်ပြုကိုးကွယ်ပြီး ရေသေ့ရိုက်လမ်းဆုံ ခရစ်ယာန်သင်တန်းတွင် ဂုဏ်သိက္ခာပြုပါမည်။
(ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု)



Monday, 1 May
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဇာနည်အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌဒုဗ္ဗဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. Song of national races
- 8:00 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
 7. Cute little of dancers

- 8:15 am
 8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
 9. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ စရာဝတ်တံတား (အေးဒါရီ)
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Demonstration Exercise for correct Pronunciation
- 4:40 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
 5. အသေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:10 pm
 6. Dance variety
- 5:20 pm
 7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
 8. Song and dance of national races

- 5:35 pm
 9. "သုဿ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပဒေ" (မင်းဆေး၊ ခင်စာမြည်ကျော်၊ ကောရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ယုဦးကျော်)
- 5:45 pm
 10. Muscial programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:40 pm
 14. Industrial Achievement
- 6:50 pm
 15. Musical programme
- 7:05 pm
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မတ္ထနုဗ္ဗ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အိမ်မက်ကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 21. The next day's programme



Monday, 1 May
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Romeo & Juculiet
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Do you wanna dance
- 8.50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -In 100 years
- 9:05 am International news
- 9.20 am Music: -Love sensation
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunchtime music -Fixing a broken heart -Up where we belong -Baby come to me
- 9.00 pm Spotlight on the star -Bryan Adams
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Radio Magazine/ DrugsElimination/ Women's affairs
- 9.35 pm Local Gems golden land's melody -Take this heart
- 9.45 pm News / Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

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

Pan Hlaing Creek bridge opened in Putao

NAY PYI TAW, 29 April — A ceremony to open the 130-foot long Pan Hlaing Creek bridge took place at Pan Hlaing Ward in Putao, Kachin State on 24 April. It was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, senior military officers and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a speech.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun also spoke on the occasion.

Lt-Col Myint Soe, chairman of Putao District PDC and officials formally opened the bridge. The commander, the ministers and those present strolled along the bridge. The ministers donated K 500,000 to Pan Hlaing Basic Education Middle School.

The commander and the ministers inspected construction of Putao-Phon Kan Razi road, Mansay and Da Kushi Za suspension bridges. On arrival at

construction project of Tanja Creek bridge at Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao road section, the commander and the ministers heard reports on construction task and gave necessary instructions.

The commander went to the project of extension of runway at Putao Airport and left instructions there.

The commander and the ministers took part in growing of physic nut near Myintkyina Airport.

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Exhibition to mark Myanmar ICT Week continues

YANGON, 30 April — The Exhibition to mark the 5th Myanmar ICT Week 2006 continued at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, this morning.

Monks and people visited booths of Family Entertainment Group Co Ltd, Accel International Co Ltd, Alpha Info-Tech,

Big Camera Ltd (Nikon Camera), Computopia, Cyber Techno Mart, Discovery Digital Mart, Earth Computer, Ever Rising, FISCAs Enterprise, Forever Group Co Ltd, Global Net (Global Technology Co Ltd), Han Myanmar Electronics, iCom Computer, ICE (See page 10)



Exhibition to mark the 5th Myanmar ICT Week 2006 being packed with people. — MNA

NLD in no position to take leadership role People consider it to be useless party as it fails to contribute to regional development Members' personality cult, localism and sectarianism lead to closure of Nawngkhio Township NLD office

All members of Nawngkhio Township NLD resign

YANGON 30 April — Township executives of Nawngkhio Township National League for Democracy, Shan State (North) — U Myint Swe (Chairman of Region-6, Taung Ward of Nawngkhio), U Aung Myint

(Vice-Chairman of Region-3, Taung Ward of Nawngkhio), U Aung Sein (Secretary, Township Organizer, Station Ward of Nawngkhio), U Myint Lwin (Joint-Secretary, Region-1, Station Ward of Nawngkhio), U Phyu Sin (Member, Region-6, Panhet Ward of Nawngkhio), U Tika Yan (Member, Panhet Ward of Nawngkhio), U Aung Than (Member, Region-9, Zay Ward of Nawngkhio), U Win Maung (Member, Region-2, Station Ward of Nawngkhio), U Ba Than (Member, Ohn Mahka Village of Nawngkhio), U Tun Tin (Region-10, Zay Ward of Nawngkhio), U Soe Than (Member, Region-10, Station Ward of Nawngkhio), U Diliyan (Member, Region-9, Panhan Ward of Nawngkhio), U Che (Member, Taung Ward of Nawngkhio), U Tun Kyaing (Treasurer, Region-2, Hanpan Ward of Nawngkhio) and U Tun Sein (Member, Region-1 of Nawngkhio) totalling 15 — collectively resigned from the National League for Democracy (NLD) of their own accord and sent the copy of resignation to Nawngkhio Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission yesterday.

In their letters to Nawngkhio Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said the executive committee of Nawngkhio Township NLD was set up in the hope of performing only party politics and serving the interests of local people. They were weary of the acts and attitude of NLD (Central). The NLD (Central) never took a leadership role in nor contributed towards regional development, and as a result local people are taking a dim view of NLD members and considered NLD members to be good for nothing. They said they were satisfied with the national development and were determined to take part in the regional development tasks in cooperation with local authorities. There were 17 members of Township

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Now, farmers all over the world are paying greater attention to producing bio-diesel. Myanmar extracts bio-diesel from physic nut that grows naturally in its arid zone. The fast-growing plant can be planted at a low cost and it is resistant to harsh conditions.

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“STORM NEWS”

(Issued at 08:30 hrs M.S.T on 30-4-2006)

Yesterday's cyclonic storm (Mala) over East Central Bay has crossed into the Rakhine Coast near “Gwa” and weakened into a land depression and moved Northeast wards. According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, a land depression has become unimportant.