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Commander, Minister donate relief supplies to cyclone victims in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 1 May — Accompanied by officials concerned, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw arrived by car at Chaungtha Beach in Ayeyawady

Division yesterday and met and encouraged the storm victims at the Dhammayon building of Pylonchantha Pagoda.

Next, the commander and the minister presented K 500,000 and relief aid each to the victims. Pathein District Peace and Development Council also donated K 200,000, and relief supplies including 40 bags of rice and 30 viss of cooking oil to them.

The commander, the minister and party in-

spected the resort hotels, condition of the beach after being hit by the cyclone and hotel and tourism services. Some hotels and guest houses at the beach were hit by the cyclone but hotel and tourism services remain smooth and operational.

The commander and party proceeded to Ngwehsaung Beach and inspected hotel services, condition of the resort beach by car. They also inspected paving of concrete road along the



Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung encourages storm victims at the Dhammayon building of Pylonchantha Pagoda in Chaungtha Beach in Ayeyawady Division. —MNA



beach being undertaken by entrepreneurs and road condition of Ngwehsaung. Afterwards, they went to Pathein and met USDA members at the office of Ayeyawady Division USDA. They explained national policies of the association and nation-building tasks.

Later, cash and kind were donated to the

storm-hit households in Ayeyawady Division. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented K 2 million and 100 bags of rice donated by the USDA (Headquarters) and Vice-Chairman of Htoo Trading Co U Zaw Min K 1 million to the secretary of Ayeyawady Division PDC and the chairman of Pathein District PDC.

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INSIDE

After gaining knowledge about proper meal preparation, many people come to choose fresh meals. And shops sell wholesome foods. So, the outbreak rate of infectious diseases such as diarrhea is on the decrease. But the outbreak of diseases due to lack of cleanliness of those who prepare meals is still seen. Thus, such persons should choose a healthy lifestyle. Any meals traditional or modern must be prepared fresh and clean, and all should lead a healthy lifestyle.

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DR KHIN MAUNG LWIN (HEALTH EDUCATION)



Secretariat member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents 100 bags of rice and K 2 million donated by USDA Headquarters to storm victims through an official.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 2 May, 2006

Crush neo-colonialists and traitors for perpetual existence of the Union

Workers Day, which falls on 1 May, is a day of solidarity for workers. Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message on this auspicious day. In his message this year, the Head of State called on all blue collar and white collar workers to work in concert with the rest of the entire national people for speedy emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, safeguarding the mother country from the sabotage and destructions of neo-colonialists and their stooges and for perpetual existence of the Union.

Now, due to the correct leadership of the government, active and enthusiastic participation of the entire national people and efforts of workers and peasants, economic plans are becoming more and more successful and the entire nation is enjoying greater peace and rapid development. The government has raised salaries and created better opportunities for all workers to be able to fully enjoy their rights.

At a time when the nation is meeting with success in political, economic and social fields, neo-colonialists are frequently making blatant accusations against Myanmar by using international organizations under the pretext of protecting human rights and the rights of workers. And they install their lackeys in international organizations to harm the interests of Myanmar and its workers. Therefore, it is necessary for the entire national people to be vigilant against the danger of neo-colonialists and their stooges.

At present, the government is trying to build a peaceful, modern and developed democracy through the implementation of the seven-step Road Map. Delegates from all walks of life, including workers and peasants, are actively participating in the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map.

We would like to call on the entire mass of workers to try their level best to raise production and facilitate services in the interests of the nation and their own and to crush neo-colonialists and traitors and axe-handles for perpetual existence of the Union.



Wellwishers Ko Aung Thant Sin Oo and Ma Yin Min Phyo of No 4, Thukhawady Road, Yankin Township, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. — H

Defending Champion

- * 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

Cultivation of physic nut, research work inspected in Hlegu Township



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects Sitpin river water pumping project. — MNA

YANGON, 1 May— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected cultivation of physic nut and research work, greening tasks of 30-mile radius of Yangon city and supply of water for cultivation of summer paddy in Hlegu Township yesterday.

The commander arrived at Hsinphon river water pumping station near Hsinphon Village in the township. Deputy Director of Division Water Resources Utilization Department U Htay Lwin and officials reported on the project.

The commander called for cooperation among the departments concerned for full cultivation of summer paddy. He also inspected the progress of work.

The commander and party inspected the site for Sitpin river water pumping station to be built by WRUD and Yekyaw river water pumping station near Yekyaw Village.

The commander and party went to Mental Health Hospital (Yangon) and Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presented K 200,000 donated by Yangon Division MCWSC to Psychia-

trist Dr Aung Zaw Myint.

They proceeded to Vegetables Research and Development Centre of Myanma Agriculture Service and inspected local physic nut seeds, graft plantations, tissue culture and the farm.

There are about 500,000 saplings at the centre and they will be distributed to growers and departments.

A workshop on research and technology development on cultivation of physic nut will be held soon. Altogether 100,000 acres of physic nut will be grown for 2006 in Yangon Division.

The commander and party went to Ngamoeyeik river water pumping station near Mokso Nyaungbin Village. Deputy Director of Division Water Resources Utilization Department U Htay Lwin and Project Officer U Mya Than reported on progress of the project. The commander gave instructions on speedy implementation of the project. In meeting with local people, members of social organizations and staff at Township Peace and Development Council Office, Chairman of Township PDC reported on regional development.

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Yangon Division clinches champion title of U-13 Football Tournament

YANGON, 1 May — Yangon Division defeated Defending Champion Mandalay Division 2-0 in the final match of 9th States and Divisions U-13 Youth Football Tournament at Aung San Stadium this afternoon.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented the first prize to Yangon Division team. Two goals from Kyaw Zeya helped Yangon Division team clinch the champion of the tournament. Although Mandalay team tried to



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint (L) presents the U-13 Championship Cup to Yangon Division Team.

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defend its champion title at the tournament, they did not show off their dazzling performance so that they could defeat the Yangon team. — NLM

Russia urges Iran to suspend uranium enrichment

Moscow, 30 April— Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov called on his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki to suspend enriching uranium and cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Organization (IAEA), Russian Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

“We called on Iran once again to take concrete steps towards restoring trust to its nuclear activities,” the ministry was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying. Primarily, Iran should “suspend enriching uranium and develop comprehensive cooperation with the

IAEA in order to clarify the remaining issues related to Iran’s nuclear programme,” the ministry said. According to the ministry, Lavrov had a telephone conversation with the Iranian colleague on Saturday to discuss this issue.

The foreign ministers of the two countries discussed Iran’s nuclear programme in light of the report by IAEA Director-General Mohamed El-Baradei submitted to the UN Security Council on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



A vintage car runs after it started near the Red Square in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 29 April, 2006, as a vintage car rally, organized by the Automobile Federation of Russia, starts on Saturday. Thirty vintage cars, manufactured from 1930s to 1970s, took part in the rally. —INTERNET



Performers dressed up in their native custom wait at a public park in Manila on 29 April, 2006, as they prepare to perform in an annual festival showcasing the dances of various regions of the Philippines. —INTERNET

Black leaders in Los Angeles support pro-immigration boycott

LOS ANGELES, 30 April —Leaders of African American community here Saturday voiced their support for the upcoming nationwide boycott of job, school and shopping by illegal immigrants and their supporters.

Speakers at a Press conference in a Los Angeles church likened Great American Boycott, scheduled for Monday on

the occasion of the International Labour Day, to the Black civil rights movement.

“Rosa Parks steered a new course for history against racism and for workers rights,” said John Parker, West Coast coordinator of the International Action Centre.

“This right here is today’s Montgomery bus boycott.”

He was referring to the Black woman whose refusal to give up her seat to a White passenger in a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955 triggered the Martin Luther King-led civil rights movement.

Lasting from midnight Sunday to midnight Monday, the boycott is designed to underscore

the economic importance of immigrants at a time when US lawmakers are crafting immigration reform. Mass marches will punctuate the demonstration across the Southern California and other major populated areas across the United States.

Tony Muhammad, a

Nation of Islam minister, said the immigrants rights movement is a global one that concerns oppressed peoples of colour, black and brown, and the world would be looking to Los Angeles as a model in the pursuit of “freedom, justice and equality”.

MNA/Xinhua



Wearing costume of an ancient Russian noble lady Mrs World 2006 Sofia Arzhakovskaya of Russia smiles during the contest in St Petersburg, Russia, on 29 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Bolivia joins Cuba, Venezuela in trade pact to resist US-backed pact

HAVANA, 30 April — Bolivian President Evo Morales joined Cuban President Fidel Castro and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in Havana on Friday to endorse a trade alternative to replace the US-backed free market trade pact.

The pact calls for shared trade and cooperation among Latin American countries, rejecting the US-backed unsuccessful Free

Trade Area of the Americas, or FTAA. Castro and Chavez called the bloc the US attempt to “annex” Latin America. Saturday’s ceremony will mark a deepening political

and economic alliance among the three nations, as they work toward their own idea for regional integration without US influence.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll rises to 27 in N-W China coal mine gas blast

Xi’an, 1 May —Death toll rose to 27 and five others remain missing in a coal mine gas explosion in Yan’an City, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, with 3 more bodies found

Sunday morning, according to the latest information from the rescue headquarters.

The gas blast happened at 4:20 pm Saturday in Wayaobao

Township Coal Mine in Zichang County of Yan’an when 39 miners were working beneath the shaft.

Only seven miners managed to escape to the ground. —MNA/Xinhua

Indian brides sit during a procession before a mass marriage during Akshaya Tritiya in the central Indian city of Bhopal, on 30 April, 2006. Akshaya Tritiya is one of most auspicious day for marriages in the Hindu community and thousands of marriages are held on this day all over India.

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Two more farms in east England find bird flu infection

LONDON, 30 April —Two farms close to a farm infected with bird flu in east England have found the disease in their livestock, Britain’s Environment Ministry said on Saturday.

“We can confirm preliminary tests indicate H7N3 (bird flu), but further tests are being carried out,” said a spokeswoman of the ministry.

The initial tests showed the two farms were affected by a less serious strain than the deadly H5N1 which killed a swan in Fife, Scotland, last month, the official said.

The latest infected farms are close to Witford Lodge Farm in Norfolk, east England, where some 35,000 chickens were slaughtered after an avian flu strain was found on Thursday.

A farm worker was infected through close contact with birds at Witford Lodge Farm, the Health Protection Agency (HPA) confirmed on Friday.

But the worker, who does not want to be named, had no other symptoms, and had not required hospital treatment, the agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

China to release environment assessment report

BEIJING, 30 April— China will release a report on the situation of the environment in the country on 5 June, World Environment Day.

The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) will promote the concept of caring for the environment to show the

government's determination to build an environmentally-friendly society and protect ecological safety, said an official with SEPA on Friday.

A high-ranking forum featuring ecological safety will be held on World Environment Day,

said the official.

The administration will strengthen efforts to improve Chinese people's knowledge of ecological safety and attract more people to join the environmental protection efforts, the official added.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to host "IT" World Congress in 2008

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May — Malaysia will host the World Congress of Information Technology (WCIT) in May 2008, a senior official said Saturday.

The WCIT, known as the IT Olympic, will bring

together 30,000 companies in the industry, said Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Jamaludin Jarjis.

The selection of Malaysia as the host country for the prestigious world-class event shows the

Malaysian Government's commitment towards promoting the IT industry in the country, said Jamaludin.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be in the United States next month to receive the torch which marks Malaysia as the next WCIT host, added Jamaludin.

MNA/Xinhua

Mid-sized German companies doing direct business in China

BERLIN, 30 April— About 17 per cent of Germany's mid-sized companies are already doing direct business in China, a survey showed on Saturday.

The survey, conducted by the academics in the University of Padersborn in Germany for the consultant company Ernst and Young, also found that 12 per cent of the 3,000 German companies that had been questioned said they intended to enter China.

"Most of the surveyed said their experience of China had been good," the German news agency DPA said in a report.

The report quoted Peter Englisch of the Ernst and Young as saying that the Germans have recognized the incredible potential of Asian nations, particularly China.

The survey focused on family-owned mid-sized firms, whose shares are traded on capital markets. These firms could benefit in long term from establishing factories in China since the industriousness and availability of Chinese staff was high and costs low compared to other locations, Englisch said. The Ernst and Young has 107,000 employees and 700 locations in 140 countries. In fiscal year 2005, its revenues reached 16.9 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua



Boats race in the Class 1 World Powerboat Championship in Doha on 29 April, 2006. Spirit of Norway won the race, Victory 77 came in second and Qatar 96 was third.—INTERNET

WFP-chartered plane goes missing in eastern Congo

NAIROBI, 30 April — A light plane chartered by the World Food Programme (WFP), with three people on board,

has gone missing in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, the agency said on Friday.

The plane was

flying from Goma, a town close to the Rwandan border, to Bunia.

"The plane, with two crew members and one passenger (the spouse of one of the pilots) lost contact earlier this morning, prompting a search and rescue operation in the area," WFP said in a statement released in Nairobi.

It said the plane had not been sighted and the search, coordinated through the United Nations' peacekeeping mission in Congo would resume on Saturday.

WFP said the plane was operated by King Air Charter Services.

MNA/Reuters



Travellers wait outside Beijing Railway Station on 30 April, 2006 on the eve of Labour Day holiday.—INTERNET

Another ship hijacked off coast of Somalia

NAIROBI, 1 May — 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 Harardheere 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 Harardheere, 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.

MNA/Xinhua



People attend an international fireworks competition as they celebrate the beginning of the week-long Labour Day holiday in Shanghai, on 30 April, 2006.

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Two men work on a pipeline recently. A proposed gas pipeline from Iran to Pakistan and India will not be affected if the United Nations imposes sanctions on Teheran over its controversial nuclear programme, an Iranian minister has said.

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Children play with a ball between cardboard figures showing soccer legends (L-R) Italian referee Pierluigi Collina, Argentina's Diego Maradona, Ronaldino from Brazil, Germany's Franz Beckenbauer and French midfielder Zinedine Zidane during an exhibition at the museum of ethnology (Museum fuer Volkerkunde) in Hamburg on 30 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Senior official says Iran to continue nuclear activities

TEHERAN, 30 April—Iran will continue its nuclear activities in defiance of a UN demand to halt its disputed nuclear programme, a senior Iranian official told state television on Saturday.

Iran's deputy nuclear chief Mohammad Saeedi told the television that Iran will allow snap inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) if its nuclear case is returned from the UN

Security Council to the IAEA.

Saeedi made the remarks one day after the IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei submitted a report to the UN Security Council, saying Iran had ignored the Council's non-binding demand to suspend all uranium enrichment by the Friday deadline.

The UN nuclear watchdog has prompted calls from Western powers for tougher Security

Council action against Iran.

The foreign ministers of five permanent members of the UN Security Council — the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China—plus Germany are scheduled to meet in New York on 9 May to discuss response to ElBaradei's report.

Iran has been insisting that it would not give in to pressures, holding that its nuclear programme is fully peaceful.—MNA/Xinhua

Police bust illegal emigration ring in S China Province

BEIJING, 30 April — Police have busted a cross-border ring organizing illegal emigration from China to America in the southernmost China's Hainan Province, *China Daily* reported on Saturday.

Three suspicious would-be passengers were detained at the Meilan International Airport in Haikou, capital of Hainan, who were waiting for flights to America by way of Hong Kong, the paper cited local police source as saying.

The paper said that the police detained five members of the gang. However, another two suspects, an American Chinese woman and a Chinese man holding American green card, were still at large.

The illegal emigration suspects, a mother and her two children admitted that they had paid 18,000 US dollars to the gang for passports and visa. They had to pay another 72,000 US dollars to the gang, when they arrive in the United States.

Police seized 27 passports from a raid of the gang's den. The suspects

admitted that they had helped more than 60 people apply for passports and visa through illegal means. Most of the illegal emigraters were single women.

Police found that eight of the illegal passport holders have left the mainland. Police are trying to stop the rest.

MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake jolts east coast of Russia

HONG KONG, 30 April—An intense earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale shook the east coast of Koryakia, Russia at about 1:07 a.m. Sunday, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory Sunday.

The epicentre was determined to be located at 60.5 degrees North Latitude and 167.5 degrees East Longitude, about 920 kilometres east-northeast of Magadan, Russia.

There has been no immediate casualty report by the Press time. — MNA/Xinhua



The last finisher in this year's London Marathon, Lloyd Scott takes his final steps towards the finishing line on The Mall in London, wearing a suit of armour and hauling an 8ft model dragon, on 1 May, 2006. The 44-year old Scott has taken eight days and 13 minutes to complete the marathon distance race dressed as St George. Scott paired up with British Olympic gold medalist Steve Redgrave and together they raise a record amount of money for charity, raising more than 1.8 million pounds (2.6 million euro / US 3.2 million dollars) though Redgrave finished the race eight days ago.—INTERNET

US may lose leadership in particle physics

LOS ANGELES, 1 May — Physics in the United States is in a crisis that the country may lose the leadership in basic particle research in coming years, a report of the National Research Council warned.

Although the United States has a distinguished history of leadership in particle physics, the report said, other nations have

increased their investment, threatening the continued distinction of the US programme.

The United States has been leading the world in particle physics for the past 50 years, but now other countries, especially Europe and Japan, have invested vastly on research infrastructure, a panel that wrote the report told Saturday's New York Times.

Particle physics, which leads to very detailed knowledge of the basic constituents of matter, as well as to a deeper understanding of the universe, relies on research facilities — the accelerator and the collider.

While the world's largest accelerator in the United States is expected to shut down in year 2010, noted the panel, the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN) will open a huge linear collider named Large

Hadron Collider in 2007.

The Large Hadron Collider in Europe will be the centre of attention for particle physicists worldwide over the next 15 years, because of its unique ability to address questions about the structure of matter and the evolution and composition of the universe.

If the United States fails to build new powerful accelerator or collider in coming years, the experts said, talented particle researchers could get away from the country to carry out their studies in Europe or Japan.

That will erode the base of science and technology, the experts said. They noted that advancement in particle physics in the past 50 years has led to innovation, provided intellectual and cultural inspiration and bolstered national security over the last century.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan test-fires new ballistic missile



Pakistan has successfully test fired a new long-range ballistic missile on Saturday. —INTERNET

ISLAMABAD, 30 April — Pakistan on Saturday successfully test-fired a 2,000 kilogrammes long-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile, the military said.

The *Hatf-VI* (Shaheen II) missile is Pakistan's longest range ballistic missile system and it has the potential to achieve 2,500 kilometres in an advanced version, the Army statement said.

It is a two-stage solid fuel missile which can carry nuclear and conventional warheads with high accuracy, it said.

The test was witnessed by Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz who congratulated the scientists and the

technical staff of Pakistan's strategic organizations on achieving such results.

Pakistan's strategy of credible minimum deterrence was dully in place and was at guarantee of peace in the region, Aziz said.

"Pakistan would never accept any kind of discrimination of any kind. We will continue to pursue vigorously our security and energy needs from all sources including nuclear," he added.

Pakistan had informed India and other countries in the region about its decision to test fire the missile.

MNA/Xinhua

India calls for resolving Iran N-issue through dip efforts

NEW DELHI, 1 May — Amid increasing possibility of UN action against Iran over its nuclear issue, India Saturday said confrontation needed to be avoided at "all costs" and asked "all sides" to show "flexibility" to allow resolution of the issue through diplomatic efforts.

New Delhi said it will contribute towards exploration of diplomatic efforts to resolve the issue in a "manner that respects Iran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy consistent with its international obligations and

commitments". Reacting to the report of IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei where he accused Iran of not cooperating with the UN inspectors, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said "the report

provides a useful basis on which diplomatic efforts should continue to avoid confrontation" and to promote an amicable solution. "We continue to believe that a solution ought to be found through dialogue and confrontation should be

avoided at all costs," he said, adding "this will require flexibility on all sides."

New Delhi's comment on the evolving situation with regard to Teheran's controversial nuclear programme came a day after Iranian President Ahmedinejad called up Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Ahmedinejad made the phone call barely hours after IAEA Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei accused Iran of not cooperating with UN inspectors, raising possibility of action by the world body. — MNA/PTI

Two mischievous elephants moved to nat'l park in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May — Two bull elephants terrorizing plantation workers in the Malaysian

southernmost state have been translocated to a national park, local newspaper reported

Sunday.

In nearly one month, the two mischievous elephants have destroyed about 10,000 ringgit (2,702 US dollars) worth of crops at oil palm estates and banana plantations in Johor State, the *New Straits Times* (NST) reported.

Starting tracking the elephants on 21 April, the Johor Wildlife Department and the Pahang Elephant Conservation Centre captured one on 24 April and the other three days later, said the report.

The elephants were moved Saturday to a national park in Endau Rompin located in northern Johor, an operation costing about 40,000 ringgit (10,810 US dollars) per elephant, said the NST report.

MNA/Xinhua



Frontier policemen and local residents rescue a stranded black finless porpoise in Taizhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 April, 2006. Five black finless porpoises were found stranded in the Jiaojiang District of Taizhou, on 30 April. After two hours' efforts, they were all rescued and put back to water. —INTERNET

Robin Williams' "RV" drives weekend box office in North America

LOS ANGELES, 1 May — Veteran comedian Robin Williams' family vacation comedy "RV" drove the North American box office this weekend, bringing in about 16.4 million dollars to pass the acclaimed 11 September drama "United 93". "United 93" debuted in second place with a take of 11.6 million dollars, according to box office estimates released Sunday.

The film, Hollywood's first to have an insight look at the September 11 attacks, depicts the heroic passengers who tried to fight their hijackers before crashing in rural Pennsylvania. "Stick It," a Disney comedy about girl's gymnastics, debuted in third with an estimated 11.3 million dollars, according to Los Angeles-based box office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co Inc.

Final figures for the Friday-to-Sunday period will be released Monday and the rankings could change.

Last week's winner, "Silent Hill", slipped to fourth place, bringing in about 9.3 million dollars for the horror about a mother searching for her daughter in a deserted, haunted town, while in the fifth place was "Scary Movie 4", which brought in 7.8 million dollars to bring its total domestic gross to 78.2 million. — MNA/Xinhua



Anna Grudko of Russia performs in the vault during the 26th European Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Volos, Greece on 30 April, 2006. Grudko won the gold medal with a total of 14.362 points. —INTERNET



Holding sparklers in their hands, South Korean Buddhists carry giant lanterns designed in the shape of characters from a Buddhism legend in a parade on 30 April, 2006 during the Lotus Lantern Festival to celebrate the upcoming birthday of Buddha on 5 May, on a street in Seoul, South Korea. About one-third of South Korea's 48 million people are Buddhists. —INTERNET

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 May — One US soldier was killed in a roadside bomb blast in southwest of Baghdad on Saturday, the US military said in a statement on Sunday.

A soldier assigned to the Multi-National Division-Baghdad was killed when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb in southwest of Baghdad at about 4:00 pm (1200 GMT) April 29, the statement said.

The latest death brought to over 2,395 the number of US soldiers killed in

Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

Separately, three Iraqi civilians were killed when a "vehicle-borne improvised explosive

device" detonated near the al-Qaim Town on the Syrian border on Friday, the military said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Ai Miyazato, of Japan, reacts after making a birdie putt on the ninth green during the final round of play at the Ginn Open LPGA golf tournament in Reunion, Fla, on 30 April, 2006. INTERNET



Indian paper giant to establish joint venture in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May — The Sabah State in eastern Malaysia is expected to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on a joint venture with India's pulp and paper giant next month, a senior official said Saturday.

The Innoprise Corporation in Sabah is expected to ink the MoU with Ballapur Industries Ltd, one of the biggest paper producers in India, Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman was quoted as saying by local media. The Sabah State government has identified a 60-hectare area with 36 hectares suitable for timber cultivation for the joint venture, Musa told reporters in Kota Kinabalu, the state capital.

Musa made the remarks after concluding a seven-day visit to India on an industry and investment mission.

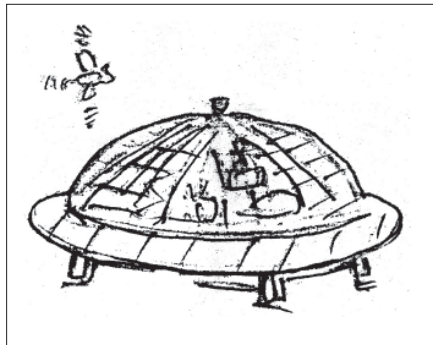
MNA/Xinhua

Keep with healthy lifestyle

Dr Khin Maung Lwin (Health Education)

The word "health" has been defined variously in successive periods. Generally, health means physical, mental and social well-being plus accomplishment of positive attitude. Myanmar's definition of the word is brief and simple. In Myanmar when friends and acquaintances meet, they exchange greetings saying "How are you?". The re-

natural and simple. Myanmar's costumes, diet and practice to live by traditional principles are harmonious with environment. Being kept by the Myanmar society not to be extreme, the people are physically and mentally healthy. In the science age, world people began to fail to let nature take its course and turn to the lifestyles they like, thereby disturbing the balance between



meal preparation, many people come to choose fresh meals. And shops sell wholesome foods. So, the outbreak rate of infectious diseases such as diarrhea is on the decrease. But the outbreak of diseases due to lack of cleanliness of those who prepare meals is still

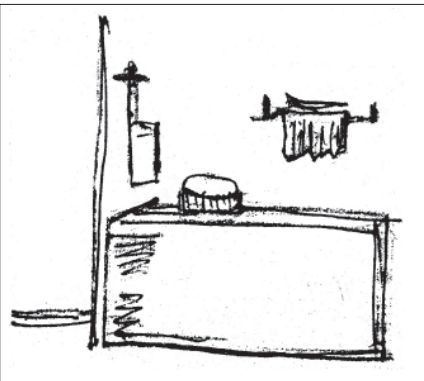
longevity and keep fit, all should consume fresh vegetables, meat and fish, prepare proper diet, cook meals well, wash hands before and after touching meals, keep water for washing hands and kitchen utensils clean, prevent insets such as

nicable diseases. In consequence man cannot be free from certain diseases, although his life expectancy increases.

There is a change in the diet pattern that is against nature. In the past, people cooked and consumed fresh meal. Later they began to fry food to keep it longer. In reality, it is a waste of edible oil, and burnt edible oil and meat are harmful to health. So is eating salted or preserved foods.

Meat and fish cooked in a normal way is delicious. The germs in the meat and fish must have died after cooking. Man can obtain protein from foods. Traditional diets keep people healthy and help them enjoy lon-

Meat and fish cooked in a normal way is delicious. The germs in the meat and fish must have died after cooking. Man can obtain protein from foods. Traditional diets keep people healthy and help them enjoy longevity. With increasing population who like toasted meat and fish, barbecue stalls and shops are mushrooming. The people who are used to eating barbecues know well the grilling methods. If the grilling is not proper, the burnt parts of the meat will become carbon, and germs will remain in parts that are not done well.



gy "I am fine" is short but very meaningful. The condition of being healthy is based on the lifestyle. In other words, the lifestyle can bring about good or bad health.

Myanmar's lifestyle or way of life is

environment and the lifestyle. The use of antibiotics and vaccines has reduced the rate of outbreak of many infectious diseases. However, changes in lifestyle have increased the outbreak of many diseases including communicable and non-commu-

To be able to enjoy longevity and keep fit, all should consume fresh vegetables, meat and fish, prepare proper diet, cook meals well, wash hands before and after touching meals, keep water for washing hands and kitchen utensils clean, prevent insets such as flies, ants and cockroaches from resting or entering dishes, have meals in proper times, and store meals systematically.

gevity. With increasing population who like toasted meat and fish, barbecue stalls and shops are mushrooming. The people who are used to eating barbecues know well the grilling methods. If the grilling is not proper, the burnt parts of the meat will become carbon, and germs will remain in parts that are not done well.



Today, dyeing foods such as pickled tea, bamboo shoot and fish paste are very common, and that adversely affects consumers' health.

After gaining knowledge about proper

seen. Thus, such persons should choose a healthy lifestyle. Any meals traditional or modern must be prepared fresh and clean, and all should lead a healthy lifestyle.

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flies, ants and cockroaches from resting or entering dishes, have meals in proper times, and store meals systematically.

(Translation: MS)
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Myanmar delegation leaves for India

YANGON, 1 May— A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun left here for India to attend the 39th annual meeting of Asian Development Bank to be held from 3 to 6 May in Hyderabad, India.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

President of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General Daw Myo Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department, Director Daw Ohnmar Sein of CBM and



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun being seen off at the airport on his departure for India.

F&R

Deputy Director U Min Htut of F&R Ministry accompanied the Minister for F&R. — MNA

Commander, Mayor visit conjoined twins in Mandalay Central Women's Hospital

Nay Pyi Taw, 30 April — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, together with Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials on 26 April morning arrived at Central Women's Hospital in Chanayethazan Township where conjoined twins were delivered by caesarean-section. Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Khin Swe Win and OG Dr

Nilar Aung reported on caring of the twins and their health condition.

Next, for the funds towards the caring of conjoined twins, Central Command and Mandalay Division PDC donated K 500,000 each. After that, the commander and party visited the parents of the conjoined twins and presented cash assistance. The conjoined twins were born of U Zaw Win and Daw Cho, 31, of Thein Kan Village in Tada U Township. The twins were delivered by caesarean section of Mandalay Central

Women's Hospital by a surgical team led by OG Prof Dr Saw Lwin at 8.30 am on 24 April. The conjoined twins weighed 4.05 kilograms. Both the babies and mother are in good health.

In the afternoon, the commander visited the summer paddy plantation of the local battalion in Mekinkon Village in Pathingyi Township and the 100-acre of summer paddy plantation of MCDC. They later inspected tarring of some roads in Aungmyethazan Township. — MNA

Minister inspects fishery in Pantanaw

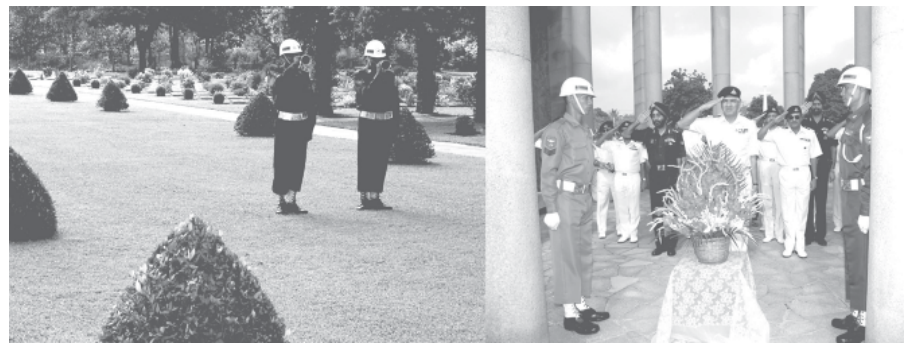
YANGON, 1 May — CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday inspected No 4 fish breeding camp of Phyto Ayeyar Co Ltd of USDA in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division.

In Pantanaw Township, there are 1,711 acres of fish pond of USDA HQ. At the fish breeding camp No 4, the minister gave instructions on matters related to breeding and sale of fish.

During his tour of Pantanaw Township, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein also inspected the Fisheries Department's Pathwe Hatchery which produces 6 million fingerlings a year. After inspecting the hatching of fingerlings and ponds, he gave instructions.

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Trainees of Naval Higher Command Course of India tour Yangon



Members of a study group of Naval Higher Command Course of India paying tribute at War Cemetery in Htaukkyaung. — MNA

YANGON, 1 May — A study group comprising 26 trainees of Naval Higher Command Course of Indian Forces of the Republic of India, accompanied by senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and Military Attaché of the Indian Embassy Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra, visited War Cemetery in Htaukkyaung this morning.

They were welcomed by Col Win Naung of Mingaladon Station and officials.

The study group was conducted round by Regional Manager of the War Cemetery U Oscar. The trainees paid tribute to the fallen soldiers and laid wreath.

They proceeded to Defence Services Institute of Medicine where they were welcomed by Rector Brig-Gen Min Thein greeted the trainees and explained the institute to them.

The leader of the study group and Rector Brig-Gen Min Thein exchanged souvenirs. The group visited the academic learning of cadets. In the afternoon, the group visited Defence Services Museum where they were welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute. In the evening, they visited the Shwedagon Pagoda.

MNA

Dagon BEMS-2 pays respects to retired teachers

YANGON, 1 May — Old students of Basic Education Middle School No 2 today paid respects to retired teachers at the school in Dagon Township.

The former male and female students organized the ceremony to pay respects to the teachers and a total of 80 retired teachers — 40 aged over 60 and 40 aged under 60 — attended the ceremony.

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Sayagyi U Wai Lin presents gift to Ko Naing Oo (Mibayeik) who organized a ceremony to pay respects to retired teachers of Dagon BEMS-2. — NLM

Sayagyi U Goenka, son U Maung Shwe-Daw Ni Ni and family donate 4337 US\$ to the funds of Vipassana Pagoda to be built in Mumbai, India, to Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana on 1 May.

MNA



Spirulina beer to be on market

YANGON, 1 May — Spirulina Gold Beer Factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 was opened today in Ahlon Township.

The factory will distribute the beverage

made from spirulina algae enriched with vitamins and mineral.

Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin formally opened the factory in the presence of journalists and guests.

Before the opening ceremony, Managing Director of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries U Soe Hlaing and Factory Manager U Khin Soe briefed on the production process and purpose of the factory. — MNA



Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin cuts the ribbon to open Spirulina Gold Beer Factory. — MNA

5th Myanmar ICT Week concludes

YANGON, 1 May — The 5th Myanmar ICT Week attracting 79 ICT companies was crowded with enthusiasts of information and communication technologies today at Tatmadaw Convention Hall here.

The ICT week sponsored by Myanmar e-National Task force concluded today and 150 booths were staged at the ICT Week.

Video conferencing system and wireless system of live video

conferencing were demonstrated at the booth of MMG Technologies.

Latest equipment of the information and communication technologies were on sale at reasonable prices.

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Enthusiasts visit a booth displayed at the 5th Myanmar ICT Week exhibition. — MYANMAR INFO-TECH

Two land mines explode in Kyaukkyi, two seriously injured

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — Two land mines exploded on 26 April in Kawpyin Village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, and one of the explosions blew off a villager's left leg.

On 26 April morning, Maung Ye Tun, 20, Maung Tun, 20, and Ma Thin Mar Oo, 28, of

Kawpyin Village went to the farm near the village. On their way, Maung Ye Tun stepped on a land mine planted by insurgents; the mine exploded and he sustained injury at his toe. When Ma Thin Mar Oo came to his aid, another land mine exploded and the second explosion blasted off her

left leg under her left knee.

The officials have given treatment to the injured, and Tatmadaw men and police were in hot pursuit of the insurgents.

In an attempt to undermine the prevalence of law and order and to kill the innocent people, insurgents have committed acts of terrorism. — MNA

Commander and wife attend physic nut plants growing ceremony



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai visit physic nut plants growing ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 1 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee attended the ceremony to

grow physic nut plants of MCWA of No 11 LID yesterday.

Col Myat Thu of No 11 LID reported on growing of physic nut plants at the regiments.

The commander and wife presented physic nut saplings to the family members of regiments and battalions.

The commander and wife encouraged those taking part in growing of 3,000 physic nut saplings. Later, they went to Yang Ni Oo library of Wah Natkon village in Hlegu Township. Daw Mar Mar Wai presented publications to the library.

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New restaurant to serve sea food



Opening of Ocean King Sea Food restaurant in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 1 May — Ocean King Sea Food Restaurant was opened at New Ayeyar Hotel on Bo Aug Kyaw Street in Botahtaung Township on 29 April.

The sea food restaurant employing Chefs

from Guangdong Province of China will serve a buffet with over 100 dishes of meal from 11 am to 2.30 pm and from 5 pm to 11 pm daily at reasonable prices.

Deputy Director-General of ministry of

the Hotels and Tourism U Tin Maung Shwe and Chairman of Yangon (East) District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein formally opened the restaurant.

MNA

Kathmandu-Lhasa-Kathmandu bus service to continue

KATHMANDU, 1 May — An agreement has been reached between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) of the People's Republic of China to continue the Kathmandu-Lhasa-Kathmandu direct bus service that had been in operation so far on a trail basis.

A statement released by the Nepali Ministry of Labour and Transport Management said here on Sunday that both sides agreed to make the service provided by national flag carrier buses more effective.

According to the release, the agreement was

reached following a discussion held from April 19-21 in Lhasa between a team led by Joint Secretary at the Ministry Dinesh Hari Adhikari and Party Secretary-General Paba Cicheng of the Communications Department of the TAR.

MNA/Xinhua

British Army to buy armoured vehicles against bombers

LONDON, 1 May — The British Army is to spend 35 million pounds (some 63 million US dollars) on 80 armoured vehicles to fend off suicide bombers in Afghanistan, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported.

The armoured *Pinzgauer*, designed previously for the Austrian Army, has been adapted for use in "high-risk" environments, and is expected to protect troops from automatic fire, landmines and fragmentation bombs, said the report.

Negotiations are going on between defence chiefs and Automotive Technik, a British company which holds the

rights to building *Pinzgauers* in Britain. A contract is likely to be signed by this summer and the vehicles are unlikely to be available before the summer of 2007.

The purchase takes place at a time of high threat for the British Army from insurgents in Afghanistan, as well as the fact as confirmed by the Ministry of Defence that British troops will take part in preemptive strikes

against insurgents.

The armoured *Pinzgauer* can carry 14 men in full kit. It has a six-wheel drive capability and can operate continuously in water up to 2-feet deep.

The vehicle, which is capable of operating in desert and arctic conditions, can tackle 45-degree slopes and has a top speed of around 50 mph, said the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua



Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 1 May presents a certificate and cash award to U Khin Maung Tint, Coach of Myanmar Football Federation, who was honoured for his outstanding performance in social field (Third Class).—NLM



Enthusiasts visit the 5th ICT Week-2006 at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon on 1 May 2006. — MNA

Egypt reveals identity of Sinai blasts mastermind

CAIRO, 1 May — Egyptian security agencies said on Sunday that they managed to discover the identity of the mastermind of recent blasts in the Red Seas resort of Dahab and north Sinai, the official *MENA* news agency reported.

Fugitive terrorist Nasr Khamis al-Malahi is behind the two attacks and had been charged of involvement in Taba bombs in October 2004 and Sharm el-Sheikh blasts in July 2005, a security source was quoted as saying.

Anti-terror security forces managed to pinpoint his hideout

together with two of his accomplices while sweeping in the centre of Sinai, killing one gunman.

Security forces cordoned off a suspected scene and clashed with three gunmen, killing one of them.

The Dahab bombings on Monday evening killed 18 people and injured 90 others, according to

Attorney General Maher Abdel Wahed.

Two suicide bombers blew themselves up Wednesday near a base of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, leaving an immediate death, Egyptian security sources said.

MNA/Xinhua

Spain shuts down oldest nuclear power station

MADRID, 1 May — Spain shut down its oldest nuclear power station late night on Sunday after its service of 38 years in the north of the country.

The Jose Cabrera nuclear power station ceased operations at 11:30 pm local time (0930 GMT), becoming the first Spanish power plant to be decommissioned, local

media reported.

A team of technicians disconnected the electrical systems of the Jose Cabrera plant, Spain's least powerful nuclear station located close to Almonacid de Zorita in Spain's northern region of Guadaluajara.

The complete process, however, will end in 2015 with a total cost of 170 million US dollars.

The process, which came in line with a 2001 decision, are divided into two stages.

At the first stage, the turbine is set to be disconnected from the electrical grid by the station's normal staff; at the second stage, the nuclear reactor will be cooled in a span of several days.

MNA/Xinhua

India has excellent record of protecting N-assets

WASHINGTON, 30 April — The United States recently commended India's "excellent" record of protecting its nuclear assets from terrorists.

"The Indian Government has an excellent record of protecting its nuclear assets from terrorists and is taking steps to improve further the security of its strategic systems," the State Department said in its annual report on worldwide terrorism.

It pointed out that the Indian Parliament in May paused the Weapons of Mass Destruction and Their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Bill designed to prevent the transfer of WMD, delivery systems and associated technologies to state and non-state actors, including terrorists.

On India's counter-terrorism efforts, the State Department said they are "hampered" by "outdated and overburdened law enforcement and legal systems" with the Indian court system "slow, labourious and prone to corruption".

It said the terrorism trials can take years to complete with many of the country's local police forces poorly

staffed, equipped and trained to combat terrorism effectively.

"Despite these challenges India scored major successes including numerous arrests and seizure of hundreds of kilos of explosives and firearms during operations against the briefly resurgent Sikh terrorist group Babbar Khalsa International," the report said.

The report said the civilian fatalities from terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir continued a five-year decline in the first nine months of 2005.

"The Indian Government and military credit improved tactics and a fence that runs along the Line of Control for having significantly reduced the number of terrorists who cross into Indian Kashmir, thus resulting in a lower number of attacks and fatalities in Jammu and Kashmir," it said.

The report also noted that the 8 October devastating earthquake in Pakistan was thought to have reportedly killed many Kashmir-based terrorists.—MNA/PTI



A model displays a replica of a ball used for an ancient Chinese game called "Chuiwan" similar to golf at an exhibition in Beijing recently.

Government officials unveiled copies of paintings from the 13th and 14th centuries showing Chinese noblemen hitting balls into holes with clubs that look similar to modern golf. — INTERNET

Avian flu under control Fowl, egg trade permitted under close scrutiny

YANGON, 28 April — The occurrence of bird flu that broke out in 13 townships of Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions in early March this year, came to stop due to effective control measures taken by local authorities, division bird flu control committees, Myanmar Police Force, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Health Department, Livestock Breeding Federation and livestock breeders.

The disease can be controlled in KhinU Township to maximum 34 days and in Kyaukse Township to minimum 20 days.

The personnel concerned found no avian-related fowl deaths and no evidence of the disease as they are checking chicken death rates at the farms, making diagnoses after a series of tests and conducting blood and other related tests.

After testing 625 blood samples and 60 trachea samples, no H5N1 has been found in Mandalay and Sagaing divisions up to now.

Selling and transporting of chicken, duck and eggs were temporarily prohibited in the disease-hit townships as soon as the flu broke out there.

Although the townships are still barred from doing inter-township trade of fowls and eggs, they are now permitted to conduct intra-township trade.

Poultry products were prohibited even in states and divisions free from avian flu. But now inter-region trade have been permitted in those states and divisions and they can transport fowls and eggs to the once affected townships. Up to yesterday, Shan State (South) transported sterilized 325,000 eggs to Mandalay and 107,000 sterilized eggs to Kyaukpadaung, and Ayeyawady Division transported 13,605 chicken, 320 ducks and 830,00 eggs to Yangon Division.

The products were transported under the permission of local authorities and bird flu control committee based on the certification of LBVD and regional laboratories.

The TV Myanmar is broadcasting and the dailies and weeklies are issuing control measures and instructions against the flu. As for the education campaign against the disease, flyers are being distributed and billboards erected. The LBVD will extend its field public education campaign and other related works in Shwebo and other regions in Sagaing Division with the assistance of Japanese government and in cooperation with UNICEF and the Health Department.

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INSTRUCTION FOR THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

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Public awareness poster for the village level



A Chinese worker cleans a model of the human body in Shanghai's Labour Culture Club during the preparation for an exhibition on Friday in Shanghai on 27 April, 2006. — INTERNET

Coal mine blast kills five, injures seven in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 30 April—Five miners were killed and another seven were injured in a coal mine explosion in central China's Henan Province on Wednesday night, local government sources confirmed on Friday.

The blast occurred in a coal mine in Yegou Village of Huangdao Township in Jiaxian County when 66 miners were working underground.

Five miners were

killed. The rest survived the accident, seven of whom suffered slight injuries. The county government received the report of the blast on Thursday noon and immediately sent rescue teams to the spot.

The colliery was run by Daliushan Coal Company, a subsidiary of Henan Yuantian Corporation.

Investigation into the cause of the blast is under way.—MNA/Xinhua

China sets agenda for unifying tax for home, foreign businesses

BEIJING, 30 April — China is set to unify the income tax rate for domestic and overseas-funded enterprises, Friday's *Beijing News* reports.

Wang Yukang, deputy director of the Department of International Taxation under the State Administration of Taxation, said at a meeting in Guangzhou that the amended law on corporate income tax will be submitted to the State Council in May.

By the end of August, the amendment is expected to be submitted to the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee for review, said Wang.

According to Wang, there will be a transition period before the new law

takes effect in 2008.

China has been one of the world's major receivers of foreign direct investment for years, but with foreign businesses

establishing dominance in some fields, there has been an increase in the calls to level the playing field for home enterprises.—MNA/Xinhua

Egypt's last bird flu patient recovers

CAIRO, 1 May — The Egyptian Health Ministry has announced that the country's last bird flu patient had recovered, according to the official MENA news agency.

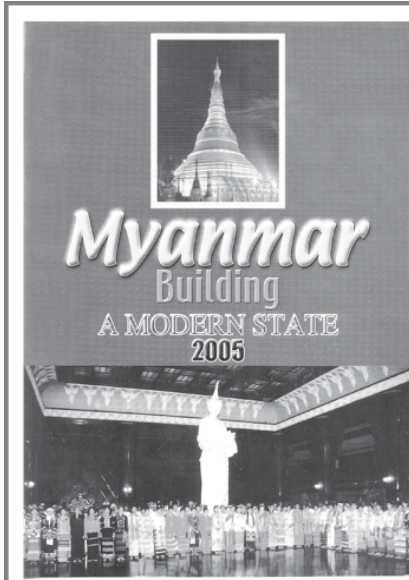
The case was an 18-year-old girl called Shaimaa Khairi el-Disouqi, who was from Kafr el-Sheikh, a governorate on the Mediterranean Sea coast, some 125 kilometres north of Cairo.

The Egyptian health authorities said that el-Disouqi would be discharged from hospital after tests showed she was completely recovered.

The girl was the eighth and last of 12 bird flu patients in this populous country in North Africa who recovered. The other four,

however, died. Egypt reported its first human bird flu case on March 18 and the second on 27 March, both of whom were women.

Egypt found its first outbreak of bird flu virus in poultry on 17 February. Soon afterward, the government has taken tough measures to curb the spread of the fatal disease. The deadly H5N1 strain has killed over 100 people worldwide since its latest outbreak in Southeast Asia in late 2003, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).—MNA/Xinhua



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Russia launches eastern pipeline construction

MOSCOW, 30 April — Russia launched the construction of its longest oil pipeline from eastern Siberia to the Pacific Ocean on Friday, the builder said in the Siberian city of Irkutsk.

"The first pipe coupling has been welded," a representative of Transneft, the project operator, was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

The construction was launched near the town of Taishet, Irkutsk region.

"This is part of the working process, but it symbolizes a lot," said Anatoly Bezverkhov, director-general of the Centre for the Management of the Eastern Siberia-Pacific Ocean (ESPO) Project, which is a subsidiary of Transneft.

The oil pipeline will run from Taishet along a 4,000-kilometre-route, to

give Russia access to countries of the Asian-Pacific Region.

Its annual capacity will be 80 million tons. The end point of the pipeline will be a transshipment terminal near the port of Nakhodka, which will be able to handle tankers with the deadweight of up to 300,000 tons.

Oil will be exported from there to Japan, South Korea and other countries.

Meanwhile, an extension of the pipeline will be built from Skovorodino to China. The oil pipeline will be completed late in 2008. The total value of the project is estimated at 16 billion dollars.

Putin ordered on

Wednesday that the Transneft moves the pipeline 40 kilometres away from Lake Baikal instead of initial 800 metres. It will now go outside Baikal's water intake and seismic zones, which was a major demand of ecologists and local authorities.

MNA/Xinhua

Millions of children suffer malnutrition in LatAm, Caribbean

MEXICO CITY, 30 April — Some 8.8 million children under five are suffering chronic malnutrition in Latin America and the Caribbean, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said on Friday.

In a report entitled "Latin American Malnutrition", part of its larger bulletin named *Challenges*, the organization said malnutrition had stunted the growth of 16 per cent of the region's population.

In Guatemala, the country most seriously affected, 46 per cent of the children born between 1995 and 2002 suffer chronic malnutrition, beating the

averages seen in Africa and Asia. In Honduras, the figure was 29 per cent.

Andean nations suffered similar levels of malnutrition: Ecuador's statistic was 27 per cent, Bolivia's 26 per cent and Peru's 25 per cent.

The rural poor are the most vulnerable to hunger, with indigenous groups or Afro-Latinos worst hit. These groups also tend to suffer from poor education as well as bad access to drinking water and sanitation.

ECLAC called on governments to implement long-term, integrated development policies.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iguana peers from its cage at a live reptile exhibition in Irun, Basque Country on 29 April, 2006.—INTERNET

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China successfully tested a low-to medium-speed magnetic levitation train, the first domestically developed one in the country, in Chengdu, capital city of Southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 30 April, 2006. The test maglev train is 11.2 meters long, 2.6 meters wide and 3.3 meters high. It ran steadily on a 425-meter-long experimental line. With a weight of 18 tons, the test train can hold 60 people. It can travel at speeds of up to 160 kilometers per hour. INTERNET

China's state pension fund allowed to invest overseas in May

BEIJING, 30 April — China's State Security Fund Council said Saturday it has been approved by the Chinese Government to begin to invest overseas as of 1 May of this year.

The move was made possible after the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security and the People's Bank of China, the country's central bank, approved provisional regulations governing the overseas investment of the fund last month. The regulations will be effective as of 1 May. The fund was set up in 2000 by the Chinese

Government as a strategic reserve for its ageing population, and its total asset was valued at 201.02 billion yuan (25.1 billion US dollars) by the end of 2005. The fund mainly comes from budgetary allocation from the Ministry of Finance, revenues from sales of shares of State-owned firms listed overseas. According to the investment plan unveiled

last month, up to 800 million US dollars will be used for share investment in overseas markets while up to 300 million US dollars will be invested overseas in products with fixed returns. Overseas investment will help the fund to explore more investment opportunities, diversify investment risks and maintain and increase the value of the fund. MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft shares suffer biggest one-day drop since 2000

LOS ANGELES, 30 April — Microsoft Corp shares dropped more than 11 per cent Friday, their biggest percentage decline in almost six years.

The stock, a component of the Dow Jones Industrials Average, fell 3.10 US dollars to 24.15 one day after the company reported fiscal third-quarter profit and sales that lagged Wall Street expectations. The drop at one point was the largest one-day loss since Microsoft lost a key US antitrust court ruling in 2000, and reduced the company's market worth by more than 33 billion dollars.

More than half a billion shares traded hands Friday, the second-highest volume in Microsoft's two decades as a public company. The maker of the ubiquitous Windows computer operating system and Office business applications said it would spend more on other software, as sales growth of its two big products slows. Microsoft "dropped a bomb on investors with ridiculously high levels of

spending" for next year, according to Credit Suisse analyst Jason Maynard. The Richmond, Washington-based company, did not provide specific estimates for its spending plans, but analysts estimated Microsoft would spend as

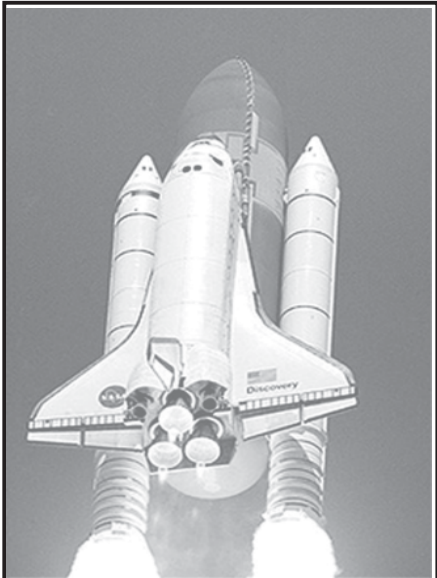
much as two billion dollars more than they had expected in the coming fiscal year. The spending plans prompted Microsoft to issue a profit forecast for its upcoming fiscal year that was well below analyst estimates.—MNA/Xinhua

China adopts law to ensure farm produce safety

BEIJING, 30 April— China's legislature, the Standing Committee of the National People's

Congress (NPC), on Saturday voted for a law on farm produce quality safety, nailing down a series of measures to ensure farm produce safety.

The law will go into effect on 1 November. An official with the Legislative Affairs Commission under the NPC Standing Committee said on Saturday that the environment at the production areas of farm products always influences the quality of farm products.—MNA/Xinhua



Space Shuttle Discovery

US shuttle to fly in July as planned

WASHINGTON, 30 April — NASA has decided to fly *Discovery* as planned in July despite pending problems with the insulation foam covering metal brackets that anchor pressurization lines and cables on the outside of the external fuel tank.

Tests have failed to find a way to stop these so-called "ice frost ramps" from falling off during launch. "The decision was to fly these ice frost ramps as is, knowing that we can expect to have some small foam loss that could pose a risk," shuttle project manager Wayne Hale told a televised news conference. Any breakaway pieces, however, are not expected to constitute a significant threat to the shuttle or its crew. A trunk of insulation foam falling from fuel tank during *Columbia's* liftoff hit the shuttle's wing, leading to its disintegration during reentry into the earth's atmosphere in February 2003.

The incident had forced the shuttle fleet to be grounded and modifications of the fuel tank. However, the foam problem emerged again during *Discovery's* launch in July 2005, the first shuttle flight since the *Columbia* tragedy, and forced a second redesign of the fuel tank, which removed two wedges of foam intended to shield cables and pressurization lines from buffeting winds during the shuttle's supersonic climb to orbit.

MNA/Xinhua

FAO's LatAm meeting calls for mechanisms to fight hunger

CARACAS, 30 April — The regional meeting of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Friday called for the creation of mechanisms to help the region's poorest nations.

The call, initiated by Venezuela, was included in the final declaration issued at the end of the five-day 29th regional FAO conference on Latin America. The number of malnourished people rose to 14.1 million between the 2001-2003 period from 12.7 million in 1990-1992 in Central America and the Caribbean region, while the figure dropped in most parts of the world, said FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf at the conference. Diouf also said economic growth in Latin America and the Caribbean region were favourable for reducing hunger. The region registered a 3.8-per-cent growth rate in 2005, compared with 5.9 per cent in 2004.

The 29th Latin American and Caribbean conference of the FAO began on Monday in Caracas, with ministers from 33 Latin American and Caribbean countries attending to discuss topics ranging from food

security and hunger and poverty relief. The conference is the largest regional gathering organized by the FAO. The next will be held in 2008 in Brazil. MNA/Xinhua



Many people visit the rose wall at Baiyun Park in Guiyang, the capital city of China's Guizhou Province, on 30 April, 2006. The beautiful flower wall is made up of 199 thousand roses to celebrate the Labor Day holiday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Brazil soccer squad to play post-World Cup friendly with Kuwait

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 May— Brazil's national soccer team will meet its Kuwaiti counterpart for an 7 October friendly, the Brazilian Soccer Federation (CBF) said in a Sunday statement.

The match will be in Kuwait City and will be the second post-World Cup friendly for Brazil, which is booked to play Norway in Oslo on August 16.

The Kuwait match was originally planned for October 2005, but had to be shelved because the European football clubs which employ most of the Brazil national squad would not release players from their planned league games, and because Kuwait's team did not qualify for the World Cup.—MNA/Xinhua



Juventus' Pavel Nedved of the Czech Republic, right, is tackled by Siena's Matteo Paro as Alessandro del Piero of Juventus looks on, during an Italian first division soccer match between Siena and Juventus at the Artemio Franchi stadium, in Siena, Italy, on 30 April, 2006.—INTERNET

European soccer stars to play friendly in Eindhoven

BRUSSELS, 1 May— A soccer friendly between European stars and former Dutch professional players is scheduled in the Eindhoven stadium of the Netherlands on 9 May, Dutch media reported on Sunday.

The game is set to be the first of an annual friendly to be played ahead of the UEFA tournament final in one of the participating cities. The goal is to reunite big football stars from the past and to try and get EFPA's mission known in Europe.

The EFPA (European Former Football Players Associations), the first European association of former professional football players, has presented Terry Venables and Josep Maria Fuste as coaches of the European team.

The two coaches have called up a large number of great players to represent Europe. Fernando Hierro, Jean-Pierre Papin, Enzo Scifo, Mario Basler, Zvonimir Boban and former PSV star Gica Popescu are just a few of the former players that make appearances for the EFPA team.

They will face a side of former Dutch professional players, with, among other

players, the PSV Van de Kerkhof brothers and coach Jan Reker. The EFPA are backed by Barcelona head coach Frank Rijkaard and his club.

The town of Eindhoven, co-host of the UEFA Cup final, is involved in the organization of the friendly between the EFPA and the team of former Dutch professional players.

The friendly is under the auspices of the UEFA. MNA/Xinhua

Uruguayan soccer team Nacional extends lead in National League

MONTEVIDEO, 1 May— Uruguayan team Nacional extended its lead in the country's soccer league at the end of Sunday's play, the ninth playing day in the soccer league's calendar, with only five more playing days left.

Nacional beat River Plate 2-0 on Sunday, and has now earned a total 22 points, three more than second-placed Defensor Sporting, and has one less game lost than Sporting. River deployed good footballing tactics, but was unable to trouble Nacional, whose strong forwards overwhelmed local rivals.

Nacional's Juan Albin scored in the 26th minute and was followed by Luis Suarez' 68th minute goal, showing, according to winger Diego Jaume, that Nacional had definitively put behind it the 2-1 loss against Brazilian team Internacional in the

Libertadores Cup. Nacional must win with at least two goals when it plays Internacional in Monday's return match in Porto Alegre.

Elsewhere in the Uruguayan league, Central Espana and Defensor Sporting drew 1-1, with goals from Santiago Silva in minute 30, and Pablo Di Fiori in minute 66. Penarol lost 3-1 to Liverpool in their first game with Mario Saralegui as manager.

Danubio beat Miramar Misiones 3-1, Deportivo Colonia beat Wanderers 2-1, Tacuarembó beat Renistas 1-0 and Rampla Juniors and Cerrito drew 2-2. MNA/Xinhua



Christian Suess from Germany, left, Wang Liqin from China play during their semi final match between Germany and China at the World Team Table Tennis Championships in Bremen, northern Germany, on 30 April, 2006. Germany was defeated by 3-1.—INTERNET

Clippers' brand receives NBA Sportsmanship honour

WASHINGTON, 1 May— Elton Brand of the Los Angeles Clippers received the NBA Sportsmanship Award on Sunday. Brand, who has helped put the Clippers one win away from the semifinals of the NBA Playoffs after a 3-1 lead over the Denver Nuggets, got 83 first-place votes and 2,326 points for the Award.

All-Star center Shaquille O'Neal of the Miami Heat received 73 first-place votes and 2,080 points. O'Neal was followed by another All-Star Yao Ming from the Houston Rockets in the voting.—MNA/Xinhua

Colombian national soccer team to play 5 friendly games

BOGOTA, 1 May— Colombia's national soccer team, which has not qualified for the World Cup, will play five friendly games in May and June, manager Reinaldo Rueda said on Sunday, adding that the players in the

friendly would all be footballers who play for foreign teams.

Rueda, a native of western Colombia's Valle del Cauca, added that the team would meet in Bogota on 17 May before heading on to the United States on 21 May.

Colombia will play two friendlies in the United States, against Ecuador on 24 May in New York, and against Romania in Chicago on the 27th.

The team will then fly to Europe to face Poland on 30 May in the Czech Republic, against Germany on 2 June in the German town of Monchengladbach, and Morocco on 4 June in the Spanish city of Barcelona.

Rueda said that the players would be called up on 8 May.

Colombia's last World Cup appearance was in Italy in 1990, when it held then Federal Republic of Germany to a draw. MNA/Xinhua



Seo Yoon-hee of South Korea returns the shuttlecock against Xu Huaiwen of Germany during the women's singles badminton tournament in the Yonex Thomas and Uber Cup in Sendai northeast of Tokyo, Japan on 30 April, 2006. Xu won the match 8-21, 14-21.—INTERNET

Bamako's Djoliba AC sacks Ivorian coach

DAKAR, 1 May— Ivorian Monghehi Ghehi Francois, the coach of the Malian Premier League club Djoliba AC of Bamako, has been sacked for poor performances, the Malian media said on Sunday.

According to a club official in Bamako, the former defender and captain of the Ivory Coast "Elephants" in the 1980s, was sacked on Sunday for the poor performances exhibited by Djoliba AC over the past weeks.

Ousted last week from the national cup by Salif Keita Centre (CSK), Djoliba AC with 27 points presently holds third place of the national Premier League behind arch-rival Stade Malien of Bamako (31 points) and Club Olympic of Bamako (30 points). The sacking of Francois, who had been leading Djoliba AC since the start of the season, is not new in Mali.—MNA/Xinhua

Maradona stars again in Argentina-Brazil "showball" match

BUENOS AIRES, 1 May— Argentina's biggest soccer star of the 1980s, Diego Maradona, starred again, helping Argentina achieve a 4-3 win in "showball" over Brazil, in the northern Argentina city of Corboda, local media reported on Sunday.

The Cordoba Cup, whose final took place on Saturday night, hosted a series of friendly matches between national teams in showball: a version of soccer which takes place on a 42x22 metre pitch surrounded by barriers which send the ball straight back onto the field of play, creating a much faster game which almost never stops.

Maradona scored Argentina's third

goal, from the game's second penalty, in the second half of the match after Brazilian goalkeeper Zetti saved a goal from the Argentina national team's former captain earlier. The game took place in the Orfeo Superdrome, and saw goals from Argentina's Alejandro Mancuso, Matias Almeyda and Diego Sonoro; and from Brazil's Airton and Paulo Sergio who scored two penalties. —MNA/Xinhua



Tottenham Hotspur's goalkeeper Paul Robinson, right, beats Bolton Wanderers' Abdoulaye Faye to the ball during their English Premier League soccer match at the White Hart Lane stadium, London, on 30 April, 2006.—INTERNET



Wellwisher U Titoe, Chairman of Myanmar Mann Fisheries Company, and wife Daw Nan Ei Ei San and family donate K 3 million to the Pantawinttaung Sayadaw. —MNA

Donations invited to build meditation hall

YANGON, 1 May— A ceremony to donate cash for building meditation hall in Pantawinttaung Tawya in Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division was held on 27 April at Fish market in Kyimyindine Township. Wellwisher U Titoe, Chairman of Myanmar Mann Fisheries Company, and wife Daw Nan Ei Ei

San and family donated K 3 million to the Pantawinttaung Sayadaw. Members of the Board of Directors also donated rice, edible oil and pure water to the Sayadaw.

Those who wish to make donation for building the meditation hall may contact phone number 055-20259.

MNA

Direct air flights between Nigeria, China proposed

LAGOS, 1 May — Nigeria had proposed establishing direct air flights to China to boost socio-economic activities and open up investment opportunities between the two countries, Nigeria's Federal Minister of Aviation Babalola Borishade has said.

Borishade said the proposal was a directive from Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, who had instructed his ministry to strengthen the Nigeria-China relationship through cooperation in all facets.

“Already a proposal for the Bilateral Air Services Agreement between the two countries has been sent to China,” Borishade said Friday during a meeting with a Chinese business delegation led by Jia Lianchao, deputy governor of Henan Province, north China.

The Aviation Minis-

ter noted that all the political hurdles had been cleared, while the technical aspects of the agreement were being finetuned.

The China-Nigeria economic relations and trade have seen remarkable growth over the past years with the two-way trade volume having increased to 2.83 billion US dollars in 2005.

A direct air link between the two countries is believed to be a great help for the business of an estimated 50,000 Chinese who are doing trade in the West African country.

MNA/Xinhua

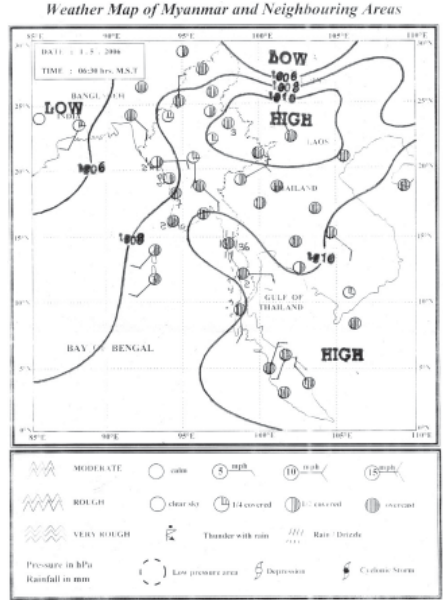
Meningitis outbreak kills 2 in N-W Nigeria

LAGOS, 1 May — An outbreak of Cerebral Spinal Meningitis (CSM) in Tangaza in Nigeria's northwestern state of Sokoto has caused the death of at least two people, including a student, the official News Agency of Nigeria reported Saturday.

While many infected people are being treated at the Tangaza General Hospital, the Sokoto state government has dispatched a medical team with equipment and the required medicines to curtail the spread of the disease.

Dr Abdulrazaq Gandi, director of Primary Healthcare of the Ministry of Health, also led another “follow-up” team to the area on Friday. “Adequate CSM vaccines have been sent to the local council for the vaccination of the people,” he said. According to Principal Medical Officer at the Tangaza General Hospital Dr Danmalam

Chede, the situation has been brought under control thanks to the prompt intervention made by the state government and the local council to curtail the epidemic. Meningitis is an inflammation of the meninges of the brain and the spinal cord, most often caused by a bacterial or viral infection and showing such symptoms as fever, vomiting, intense headache, and stiffness in the neck. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 1 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Mon State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (11°C) to (12°C) below normal in Kachin and Shan States, (9°C) to (10°C) below normal in Magway and Bago Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) below normal in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.41) inches, Putao (1.02) inches and Gwa (0.87) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 1-5-2006 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 30-4-2006 (6.5) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 1-5-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, nil at Kaba-Aye and nil 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 (4) mph from Southwest at (13:20) hours MST on 30-4-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 2-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar broadcast schedule for Tuesday, 2 May. View on today. 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်... 8:00 am 6. အတိတ်ဟောင်း... 8:05 am 7. Song of yesteryears... 8:15 am 8. အကညိုရုံ... 8:20 am 9. ရုပ်ပြန်ရေထဲကံတော်... 8:30 am 10. International news... 8:45 am 11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV... 4:00 pm 1. Martial song... 4:15 pm 2. Song for uphold National Spirit... 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use... 4:45 pm 4. အထောင်တန်ဆောင်ပညာရေး ရုပ်ပြန်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ... 5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races... 5:15 pm 6. ခံစားနားဆင်... 5:25 pm 7. “သတိနဲ့ယုံ အသိနဲ့ပြင်”... 5:30 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy... 6:00 pm 9. Evening news... 6:30 pm 10. Weather report... 6:35 pm 11. အတိတ်ဟောင်း... 6:45 pm 12. သားငါးနဲ့ပြီး ပြည့်အကျိုး... 6:55 pm 13. The mirror images of the musical oldies... 7:00 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားကလောင်များ... 8:00 pm 15. News... 8:15 pm 16. International news... 8:30 pm 17. Weather report... 8:45 pm 18. နိုင်ငံခြားကလောင်များ... 9:00 pm 19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar broadcast schedule for Tuesday, 2 May. Tune in today. 8.30 am Brief news. 8.35 am Music: -Alive again... Cher. 8.40 am Perspectives. 8.45 am Music: -Take control... 8.50 am National news / Slogan. 9.00 am Music: -Suspicious Mind... Gareth Gate. 9.05 am International news. 9.10 am Music: / Slogan. 1.30 pm News / Slogan. 1.40 pm Lunchtime music -Miss you finally... Jrade Mark -Right here waiting... Richard Marsx. 9.00 pm English Speaking Course Level (1) Unit (5). 9.10 pm Article. 9.20 pm Weekly Sport Reel. 9.30 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Gina... Johnny Mathis -The lonely teen... John D loudermilla -Thisismysong... Retula Clark. 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

Swimming pool, recreation centre open at Kandawgyi Park



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils signboard of Kandawgyi swimming pool and recreation centre. —MNA

YANGON, 1 May — Kandawgyi swimming pool and recreation centre in the education zone of Kandawgyi Park opened today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the opening ceremony held in the park.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Chairman of Yangon West District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and Managing Director of Woodland Co Ltd U Win Aung formally opened the swimming pool and recreation centre.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveiled the signboards of the facilities. The commander and party visited the swimming pool and recreation centre.

The swimming pool is 32 metres long and 17.3

metres wide. The depth of the pool, which can hold up to 170,000 gallons of water, is from three feet to nine feet. Near the swimming pool stands a 264-foot by 66-foot two storey-building housing a changing room, a gymnasium and a coffee shop on the ground floor, and a 700-seat capacity multi-purpose hall on the first floor. Swimming courses will be also opened at the pool.

MNA

NLD inept at performing its duties to show correct way to regional development, national consolidation, nation-building tasks Tangyan Township NLD members resign en masse

YANGON, 1 May — All 12 members of Tangyan Township National League for Democracy in Shan State (North) resigned en masse from the party by sending their letter of resignation to NLD (Lashio) and Tangyan Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission on 30 April.

They were U Hsan Win (Chairman of Ward-1, Tangyan), U Aung Pu (Vice-Chairman of Mongpat Village, Tangyan), U Hsan Tun (Vice-Chairman-2 of Ward-1, Tangyan), U Aik San (Member of Ward-3, Tangyan), U Sai Ko Ko (Member of Ward-6, Tangyan), U Kham Hsaung (Member of Mankat Village, Tangyan), U Sai Hsan Byaing (Member of Mankat Village, Tangyan), U Sai Tun Kya (Member of Mankat Village, Tangyan), U Sai Ngo (a) U Sai Kyaw Naing (Member of Mongpat Village, Tangyan), U Zaw Min Oo (Joint-Secretary of Ward-1, Tangyan), U Sai Hsa (Member of Ward-2, Tangyan) and U Tun Thein (Treasurer of Ward-4, Tangyan).

In the letter, they said Tangyan Township NLD was formed in 1988 with 12 members led by Chairman U Hsan Win. From its inception to carry out party duties, the objectives of the party were to implement party politics in collaboration with the local people and to strive for social improvements of the people. However, it was found that NLD was inept at performing its duties to show the correct way to regional development, national consolidation and nation-building tasks. The government on its part has been striving its utmost in the interests of the State and the people. So, it can be witnessed that all the national people are now enjoying fruits of development. The NLD members gave priority to personality cult and ism, which caused deep divisions within the party. Consequently, the letter says, the 12 members resigned from the party on 6 April. As all the 12 members had resigned of their own accord from the party, Tangyan Township National League for Democracy office was closed on 13 April.

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Ex-SNLD member U Sai Hpa (a) U Sai Hla Pe accepts “non-disintegration of the Union” as main requirement Has been at odds with SNLD over the party’s leaving of National Convention Supports National convention, resigns from SNLD as CEC member and representative-elect

YANGON, 1 May — U Sai Hpa (a) U Sai Hla Pe, central executive committee member (organizer) of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, representative-elect of Kyaukme Township Constituency 1, had been considering his resignation from the party since 1992, as he lost interest in it.

As he was aloof from the party functions and had no interest at all to serve them any more, U Sai Hpa (a) U Sai Hla Pe, holder of citizenship scrutinizing card No 12/Takana (Naing) 090312, resigned from the CEC member of the party and representative-elect of Kyaukme Township Constituency 1. He submitted his letter to quit from SNLD as a member and a representative-elect to Kyaukme Township Multiparty General Election Sub-Commission Office on 7 April and to quit from

the SNLD as a CEC member to the party headquarters in Yangon.

He also submitted his resignation as a representative-elect to Multiparty General Election Commission in Yangon in person and on own volition on 30 April. In the letter he submitted to the Multiparty General Election Commission in Yangon, he wrote that he lost interest in the SNLD’s functions that were against his own will after the party left the National Convention; that as he was distant from the party functions and had no interest at all in the party operations, he quit from the party responsibilities, CEC member and representative-elect; that in view of the national solidarity, he accepted “non-disintegration of the Union” as the main requirement; and that he supported the on-going National Convention. — MNA