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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Poland

YANGON, 3 May— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Lech Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland, which falls on 3 May 2006.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of Israel

YANGON, 3 May— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Moshe Katzav, President of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel which falls on 3 May 2006.—MNA

Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and wife arrive on goodwill visit

YANGON, 2 May — A Thai delegation led by Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and wife arrived here by air on a

goodwill visit this morning. The delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein

and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, senior Air Force officers and their wives, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attaché' Col

Prissapa Suvanatat and their wives and officials.

First, Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk took salute of the Guard

of Honour from the dais at the airport and inspected it.

At 10.30 am, Lt-Gen Myat Hein received Air Chief Marshal

Chalit Pukbhasuk and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyintha. Also present at the call were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché' Col Prissapa Suvanatat.

In the afternoon, the Thai goodwill delegation, accompanied by officials, visited Mingaladon Air Base Headquarters. Commander Brig-Gen Zin Yaw welcomed the guests and extended greetings and briefed on background history of Mingaladon Air Base Headquarters.

In the evening, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein hosted a dinner in honour of Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and wife and delegation members at Mingaladon Air Base Headquarters.

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Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3 May, 2006

Fruits of development plan for border areas and national races

The government of the Union of Myanmar is implementing development plans for border areas and national races, 24 special regions and rural areas with a view to bringing parallel development to various regions across the Union.

Border areas of Myanmar were difficult of access because of their topographical conditions. As a result, they lagged behind the other regions of the country in development. Not only that, forty years of multi-coloured insurgency brought about further delay in their development.

Since its assumption of responsibilities of the State, the Tatmadaw Government has given top priority to internal peace. The result is that 17 armed groups of national races have returned to the legal fold. On 25 May, 1989, the Central Committee for Implementation of Development Projects for Border Areas and National Races was formed with Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as its Chairman and momentum of border area development work was accelerated. In 1993, the Border Area Development Law was enacted and one of the five objectives of the Law is total eradication of poppy cultivation through the establishment of businesses in the border areas.

To improve the socio-economic status of the people in the border areas, roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, agricultural and livestock breeding camps, TV retransmission stations and communication offices have been built since 1989. A total of 81,837 million kyats was spent on these infrastructures and about eighty per cent of the amount went to the regions where poppy used to be grown. Ten years after the government started implementing the border area development plan, that is, in 1999, the 15-year narcotic drug elimination plan was initiated. Successive achievements have been gained since then.

In carrying out border area development work, construction of roads and bridges was given first priority in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State. Since 1989, in border areas, 3,181 miles of earth roads, 1,995 miles of gravel roads, 351 miles of asphalted roads, 51 bridges more than 100 feet long, 725 bridges less than 100 feet long and 26 suspension bridges have been built.

In the education sector, 1,034 new schools have been built and the number of students have increased up to 170,920, up from just over 1000 in 1988. In the health sector, 79 hospitals, 105 dispensaries and 58 rural health care centres and 140 sub rural health care centres have been opened.

We believe that the development plan for border areas and national races supervised by the Head of State himself will surely lead to greater peace and stability, higher socio-economic status of national races and total eradication of narcotic drugs.

Government's Policy

- * 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

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Poland

YANGON, 3 May— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Stefan Meller, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland, which falls on 3 May 2006.—MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Israeli counterpart

YANGON, 3 May— On the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel, which falls on 3 May 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Tzipi Livni, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel. —MNA

Educative talks for women

YANGON, 2 May — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized educative talks at Earth Industrial (Myanmar) Co Ltd in No 1 industrial estate in Dagon Myothit (South) here today.

After an introductory address by Chairperson of the company Daw Khaing Zaw, Head of Organization Department of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gave talks on the federation. Daw Khaing Zaw presented 150 membership applications to her.

Writer Ma Sanda gave talks on self-improvement to over 300 young women of the company. — MNA



Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo of MWAFF gives talks on MWAFF.
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General Secretary of UMFCCI meets foreign guests

YANGON, 2 May— General Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials, on 28 April, met Chief Economist Mr Akio Kawato of Research Institute of Development Bank of Japan and discussed matters on foreign investments in Myanmar and trade with neighbouring countries.

The general secretary and party also met Chief Representative of South and South East Asia Region of Vneshtorg Bank of

Russia Mr Oleg A Dyukov and Mr Daljeet Ahluwalia of Silver Wave Energy of India. They discussed matters relating to opportunities for investment, banking services, exchanging trade delegations and holding trade fairs.

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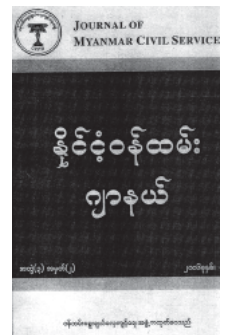
Officials of UMFCCI meeting with Mr Oleg A Dyukov of Russia and Mr Daljeet Ahluwalia of India.
— UMFCCI

Civil Service journal in circulation

YANGON, 2 May — Journal of Myanmar Civil Service No 2 Volume-3 of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board comes out today.

The journal contains the speech of the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe delivered at BEd Course No 37 of University for Development of National Races on 20 January 2006. The 171-page issue also features civil laws, article on interviewing and affairs of service personnel at home and abroad.

The book costs K 1000 per copy and is available at Building No 17 of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw, CSSTB on Strand Road, Yangon, Serpay Beikman Building on



No 2 Volume 3 of Journal of Myanmar Civil Service

Merchant Street, Book Shop of the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Innwa Book Shop on Sule Pagoda Road and Tun Oo Book Shop, Naga Book Shop and Mya Nyunt Swe Book Shop in Mandalay.

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A Chinese man leaps off a dragon boat to catch ducks during a twist to the traditional dragon boat competition held in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 30 April, 2006. Apart from competing on being the fastest team in rowing, participants are also rated on their ability to catch ducks with their bare hand. —INTERNET

Britain to reduce its troops in Iraq

AMMAN, 1 May— Britain will reduce its soldiers in Iraq to 800 next month, a spokesperson of British Foreign Ministry said here on Sunday.

Jason Benham, the spokesperson told a Press conference held in the Jordanian capital of Amman that the withdrawal of troops from Iraq depends on a

number of issues including the coordination with the Iraqi Government and the situation in the region.

Currently, about 8,000 British troops are based in four southern provinces in Iraq. Britain initially deployed 46,000 troops in Iraq since the war started in March 2003 and over 100 British

soldiers have been killed in the violence-ravaged country.

In response to a televised torturing operations in Iraq by British soldiers, the spokesperson said it was an unacceptable transgression and there will be a trial for those who committed such torturing crimes.

MNA/Xinhua

Girija Prasad Koirala sworn-in as Nepal PM

KATHMANDU, 1 May— Veteran Nepali Congress leader Girija Prasad Koirala has been sworn-in as the Prime Minister of the Himalayan Kingdom by King Gyanendra.

The oath-taking ceremony of 84-year-old Koirala took place on Sunday morning at the Narayanhiti Royal Palace.

The King administered the oath of office to the Nepali Congress leader, whose swearing-in was delayed due to his ill health. He was earlier

scheduled to be sworn-in on Friday.

Crown Prince Paras was also present on the occasion, the state-run Radio Nepal reported.

However, Royal Council Chairman Parashu Narayan Chaudhari was not invited at the oath-taking ceremony, according to sources close to Koirala. The new Prime Minister will take charge of the office from Sunday.

The King had appointed Koirala as Prime Minister. —MNA/PTI

New Israeli spy satellite transmits "excellent" images

JERUSALEM, 1 May — The Israeli spy satellite *Eros B* on Sunday transmitted back images of "excellent" quality, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Eros B, which was placed in orbit on Tuesday from a Siberian missile base atop a Russian rocket, aims to monitor Iranian nuclear project and other key defence developments, together with two other Israeli satellites, the report said. ImageSat, the company which launched the satellite, labelled the

project a success citing the high quality of the photos.

"We see people walking in streets (in the photos), not to mention cars travelling," the report quoted ImageSat's chief executive officer (CEO) Shimon Eckhaus as saying. Objects, which are at least 70 centimetres apart, can be distinguished in the satellite pictures. This indicates a marked improvement in satellite technology.

The satellite launched by the company some

five years ago could only distinguish between objects at least 1.5 metres apart. "The satellite can get a shot of any spot in the world, not just of nuclear reactors in Iran, but also of reactors in New Zealand," said Eckhaus.

The CEO went on to say that "there's no place of which it can not take a picture. Is there terror only in Sudan? We also have a picture of an air force base in Sudan."

MNA/Xinhua



Zhang Juncai, at 2.42-metre-tall, left, billed as the world's tallest person, posing with Liang Yong, weighing 215 kilogrammes and billed as Asia's heaviest man during a show held at a safari in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 30 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Immigrants demonstrate economic clout

CHICAGO, 1 May— A lot of work wouldn't get done without them. As nationwide demonstrations by immigrants thinned the work force in businesses from meat-packing plants to construction sites to behind the counter at McDonald's, economists said there can be no dispute that immigrants—

including those who came into the country illegally—wield significant clout in the US economy.

"If illegal immigration came to a standstill, it would disrupt the economy," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy. "It would lead to higher prices for many goods and services, and some things literally

would not get done. It would be a major adjustment for our economy, for sure."

Another economist, Diane Swonk, said it would be an economic mistake to restrict entry and work rights when revising immigration policy.

"Given the obvious hardship of having

illegal aliens flooding in, we also know they are critical to the functioning of the US economy," said Swonk, chief economist at Chicago-based Mesirow Financial.

"To be turning our backs on people who want to work is kind of silly in an environment where you've got tight labour markets and we're getting older and need younger people to work."

While the full impact of the one-day Day Without Immigrants boycott was hard to immediately gauge, it was palpable in some industries with a heavily Hispanic work force. On-the-job turnout was dramatically lower at some locales in the meat-packing, masonry, restaurant and landscaping businesses, and numerous firms closed for the day as immigrants, legal and illegal, took the day off for rallies and marches.

Internet



An elevated passenger train passes over a street jammed with demonstrators during a march through downtown Chicago, on 1 May, 2006, to show support for immigrant rights. The demonstration is part of a nationwide action.

INTERNET

2,405 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 1 May— As of Monday, 1 May, 2006, at least 2,405 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,889 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is one higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Monday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 104 deaths; Italy, 30; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each. —Internet

Thousands join protest march in New York

NEW YORK, 1 May — Tens of thousands of people took to the New York streets chanting anti-war songs and slogans to oppose what they called Bush Administration's "reckless, dangerous and wrong" policies.

Celebrities, politicians and labour leaders joined the common people in the 'March for Peace, Justice and Democracy' here demanding troop withdrawal from Iraq, opposing attack on Iran over nuclear issue and supporting rights of all people, including immi-

grants and women, to live in dignity.

Saturday's demonstration was aimed to show the strength and diversity of the opposition to the Bush Administration's policies and send a clear message that there was a need for "change" in

Washington.

The 'United for Peace and Justice Coalition', which organized the protest and claims to represent some 1500 organizations countrywide, estimated that more than 350,000 people participated in one of the biggest marches in Manhattan. Police declined to estimate the number of marchers who packed some ten blocks of the city.

MNA/PTI



Demonstrators participate in a rally to protest proposed legislation to reform US immigration laws in New York's Union Square, on 1 May, 2006. INTERNET

Missing S African plane found in Ugandan border

JOHANNESBURG, 1 May — A South African chartered plane which went missing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) was found crashed on the mountains bordering Uganda on Sunday.

Phindiwe Gwebu, spokeswoman for the South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), said the plane, a *Cessna Caravan* light plane carrying two crew members and a passenger, was found on the Ugandan side of the Rwenzori Mountains at 8:45 am.

She said the CAA would request for permission from their counterparts in Uganda to investigate the crash. Contact with the plane, chartered by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), was lost on Friday after it had taken off from Goma in the eastern DRC flying to Bunia.

Earlier on Saturday, WFP spokesman Peter Smerdon said a wreckage was sighted on the mountains' Margherita peak, the third highest summit in Africa at 5,109 metres above sea level.

MNA/Xinhua

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A South Korean protester from the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU) holds a banner against the free trade agreement deal between US and South Korea at a rally to celebrate International Labour Day, or May Day, in Seoul on 1 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Brazil's Army drafts water buffalo for Amazon role

SAO PAULO, 1 May—Brazil's Army has started drafting a low-tech but effective transporter for its Amazon operations to complement its modern military arsenal—water buffalo.

The sturdy horned animals can easily carry supplies and munitions in remote areas where there are no roads, fuel is scarce, or rivers are too shallow

to navigate, officers say.

"The buffalo have had excellent operational results and increased the distances we can cover," General Eduardo Dias da Costa Villas Boas, the chief of the Brazilian Army in the Amazon, said on Friday.

They weigh about 500 kg (1,100 pounds) and can carry the same amount, he added. Brazil has some 27 military bases securing its

rugged Amazon border, a dangerous frontier abutting seven nations that stretches 11,200 km (6,800 miles)—three times the length of the US border with Mexico.

The army has to contend with diamond smugglers, cocaine traffickers, clashes between loggers and Indians, and Colombian guerillas who sometimes hide out in Brazilian territory.

Supplies arrive at the bases by plane or boat, but to reach outlying training and patrol operations, they must be moved along narrow trails through thick jungle.

Other pack animals, such as mules, were considered but they would have needed special food and been more prone to disease. Each base along the border was sent three water buffalo last year.

The programme will be expanded once tests of newly designed cargo packs are completed.

Internet



Brazilian Army soldiers learn to ride water buffalos from a military police officer (C) as part of a new programme to employ the animals in remote border posts where there are no roads for trucks, on Marajo Island in Para State, part of the Brazilian Amazon in this file photo.—INTERNET

Strong earthquake rocks Chile

WASHINGTON, 1 May — An earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter Scale rocked northern Chile on Sunday, the US Geological Survey reported.

The quake struck 55 kilometres northwest of the town of Copiapo, and 724 kilometres north of the country's capital of Santiago, at 1917 GMT. The tremor occurred six kilometres below the surface.

The strong quake was followed shortly by a moderate 5.2-magnitude one at a depth of 10 kilometres off the shore of Atacama, 710 kilometres north of Santiago at 1926 GMT.

There have been no reports of injuries or damage so far.

Chile is located at the western coast of South America which is active seismically.

MNA/Xinhua

Drought hits China, affecting 10 million people

BEIJING, 1 May — China is suffering sustained drought as over 10 million people have been facing drinking water shortage since mid-April, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said here on Sunday.

A total of 16.6 million hectares of cropland have been struck by severe drought in most parts of northern China regions and southwestern Yunnan Province, the headquarters said. The current drought affects 2.1 million hectares more than the average in the same period of past years, the headquarters said.

Meanwhile, 7.88 million heads of livestock have also suffered from the

shortage of drinking water, it said. Since mid-April, most parts of northern China provinces and regions have rarely seen rainfalls and experienced frequent strong winds, including Hebei, Inner Mongolia, Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning.

Hebei Province is suffering its worst drought in 55 years, with 520,000 people having seasonal difficulty to access drinking water and 2.3

million hectares of cropland affected.

It is estimated that the province will lack 5.2 billion cubic metres of water in the first half of this year, according to Hebei Provincial Department of Water Resources.

In Yunnan Province, a quarter of the cropland, or 1.06 million hectares, have been hit by drought. In addition, 3.38 million people are suffering drinking water shortage.—MNA/Xinhua



An Israeli chef cooks a 25-metre (82 feet) sausage in a restaurant at Herzliya near Tel Aviv on 30 April, 2006. The sausage was made with the help of 8 people during 4 hours it was made out of 20 kg (44 lbs) of meat, 3 kg (6.6 lbs) of fat and 4 kg (8.8 lbs) of spices.—INTERNET

“LA Times” rack destroyed after movie promo confused with bomb

NEW YORK, 1 May—The newspaper promotion (promo) for Tom Cruise starred ‘Mission Impossible III’ cost the *Los Angeles Times* a coin operated newspaper rack when the police blew up one of them mistakenly thinking that the box which played the theme song of the film was a bomb.

The machine was programmed to play the theme song of “MI-III” every time a customer put coins to buy a copy of the newspaper but some buyers were startled to see the red plastic box with wires protruding from it attached to the interiors of racks. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s arson squad blew up a newspaper rack

in a suburb 56 kilometres north of downtown Los Angeles after being called to the scene Friday by an alarmed individual who thought he had seen a bomb. *Times* officials said the devices were placed in 4,500 randomly selected news boxes in Los Angeles and Ventura counties in a venture with Paramount Pictures designed to turn the “everyday news rack experience” into an “extraordinary mission.”

But these days, “anything a little odd-looking arouses suspicion,” *Times* publisher Jeff Johnson said. The devices were not supposed to be seen by the public, said John O’Loughlin, *The Times*’ senior vice-

president for planning. “This was the least intended outcome. We weren’t expecting anything like this.”

Newspaper executives said the “singing news racks” were the first of their kind. They are scheduled to be in operation through 7 May. The Tom Cruise movie is to open on 5 May.

MNA/PTI



A visitor to a shopping mall walks past a seven-foot-high model of a soccer ball, on display to promote the upcoming World Cup Soccer 2006 in Germany, during a promotion for the event in Hong Kong on 1 May, 2006.—INTERNET

India engineer’s body found in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 May—Afghan local authorities have found the body of Indian hostage Suryanarayan hours after his execution by suspected Taleban militants in southern Zabul Province, a local official confirmed Sunday. “We found the body this morning,” Mohammad Mir, the district chief of Shah Joi District, told *Xinhua*.

Earlier, Taleban’s purported spokesman Qari Yusuf Ahmadi claimed from unknown location that the fundamentalist fighters opened fire and killed the engineer on the spot after he attempted escape from detention centre.

He also added that the leadership of Taleban was sorry of the incident as the dateline was yet to over.

Taleban-linked militia kidnapped the Indian engineer Friday and gave a 24-hour dateline for his release on Saturday that ends on Sunday at 6 pm.

The militias also linked his release with the packing and withdrawal of Indian companies from Afghanistan. Suryanarayan’s execution

is taking place amid the arrival of an Indian delegation to seek his release and ensure the security of Indian nationals living in Afghanistan.

Afghan officials have yet to comment on the subject.

MNA/Xinhua

Hail, rainstorms kill 12 in E China province

JINAN, 1 May—Hail and rainstorms have killed 12 people and caused huge economic losses in east China’s Shandong Province since last week.

The natural disasters hit the province’s five cities of Heze, Linyi, Zaozhuang, Jining and Liaocheng from Wednesday to Friday.

According to the provincial department of civil affairs, 2.18 million people have been affected by the disasters, among whom 12 died and 58 others were seriously injured.

The hail and

rainstorms destroyed 3,243 houses and brought harm to 155,000 hectares of farmland, resulting in a direct economic loss of 2.2 billion yuan (271 million US dollars).

The provincial government has already sent working teams to the disaster-hit areas to organize relief work and relocate the homeless.

MNA/Xinhua



A Bulgarian boy examines a dead dolphin washed up on the Black Sea coast near the city of Varna, some 450 km (280 miles) northeast from the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 30 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Iran-Pakistan-India gas agreement to be signed by June

MUMBAI, 1 May—The Indian Government on Sunday said it expects to sign the final agreement for the ambitious 7.4-billion-US-dollar Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project by June this year during a ministerial meeting in Teheran.

“The Iranian Deputy Oil Minister is visiting New Delhi tomorrow. Many issues related with the drafting of the agreement will be discussed in his meeting with the Union Petroleum Minister,” Petroleum secretary M S Srinivasan told reporters here Sunday.

He said technical

experts from the three countries are meeting in the third week of May, for finalizing a framework agreement on implementation of the gas pipeline project, which would be later signed at the ministerial meeting in Teheran.

Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Mohammad Hadi Nejad Hosseinian,

who is presently in Pakistan, held talks with Pakistani petroleum secretary Ahmad Waqar on the project yesterday.

Hosseinian, who had asked Pakistan to push the project for an early implementation, discussed a pricing formula and technical details with the Pakistani representative.

MNA/PTI

China stresses safety during Labour Day vacation

BEIJING, 1 May—The general office of the State Council issued a notice Sunday to stress safety during the upcoming Labour Day vacation from 1 to 7 May.

According to the notification, government departments should pay great attention to safety work during the holiday.

The safety of tourism, transportation, fire prevention should be guaranteed. According to the notification, a thorough inspection of ships and cable cars should be carried out before hosting travellers. Tourism sites should control the total number of visitors and

prevent accidents caused by crowds. It also demanded that government departments should ensure safe production of coal mines, dangerous

chemicals and combustible products. Prevention of forest fire and flood were also mentioned in the notification.

MNA/Xinhua

Bungling policeman nabbed for bank robbery

BERLIN, 1 May—A German policeman was nabbed for a bank robbery after he used his girlfriend’s car for the heist, authorities said Thursday.

By using his girlfriend’s car, he “might as well have left his business card, it was really stupid,” said Horst Roos, spokesman for state prosecutors in the western city of Trier. Police quickly discovered the boyfriend of the car’s owner was on the Trier police force, and recognized their colleague’s likeness in video footage of the masked robber.

When the 52-year-old heard he had fallen under suspicion, he confessed -- just a day after the armed raid.—Internet



Bavarian highland folk dressed in traditional clothes ride a horse drawn May tree to the site of its erection near the village of Inzell, Germany, on 1 May, 2006. May trees are traditionally set up all over Bavaria on 1st May. Ribbons are attached and dances are held around the pole.—INTERNET

Statute to end schistosomiasis takes effect

BEIJING, 2 May — A state-issued statute intended to wipe out the wasting disease, schistosomiasis, commonly known as snail fever, in China came into effect on Monday.

Approved by the State Council on 22 March, the Statute on Prevention and Control of Schistosomiasis is designed to beef up efforts to fight the disease.

Eliminating the freshwater snail that carries the disease is one of the major substantial control measures, as it is the intermediate host of the blood fluke, which causes the disease.

Officials detected 10.58 million square metres of new snail habitats last year, up 0.44 per cent over 2004 when China had 3.85 billion square metres of snail habitats, according to

figures from the Ministry of Health.

The statute underlines the urgent need for better treatment of human and animal waste, as this is a key transmission channel.

Its detailed instructions for local authorities include: — water supply systems and toilets in rural areas to be renovated to make sure fluke eggs are eradicated;

— fishermen to be provided with basic preventive medicine, boats to have septic tanks, and sanitary toilets to be built on river and lake banks;

— livestock to be kept in enclosures in

affected areas and banned from known snail habitat areas, and stock waste is required to be treated before being discharged. Local authorities relying on a common water system or in isolated regions should coordinate prevention and control measures, said an official in charge of the Legislative Affairs Office under the State Council, or the central government.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists visit the newly reopened Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing on 1 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Oil tops \$72 after weekend refinery fire in Italy

LONDON, 2 May— Oil prices rose above 72 US dollars a barrel on Monday in the aftermath of a refinery fire in Italy.

IPE Brent crude futures had risen 66 cents to 72.68 dollars by 11:00 GMT while US light, sweet crude posted 59 cents higher at 72.47 dollars a barrel.

Prices surged after a weekend fire shut ERG group's Impianti Nord refinery in Sicily. The refinery's capacity stood at 160,000 barrels per day. Its shutdown sparked fears about inadequate refining capacity.

The blaze also added to the concerns about violence in Nigeria, Africa's top oil producer, and other volatile issues such as the nuclear standoff between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

MNA/Xinhua

Zanzibar sends dead dolphin samples to Sweden for analysis

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 2 May— Zanzibar has sent samples of dead dolphins to Sweden for analysis before establishing the cause of the mysterious deaths of some 400 bottlenose dolphins along its coast.

Narman Saleh Jiddawi, a researcher from the marine sciences institute of the University of Dar-es-Salaam, said in Zanzibar that the samples had to be sent to foreign countries in that the analysis needs to be done in well-equipped laboratories in order to get reliable results, local media reported on Monday.

The researcher disclosed that the dolphins had vomited before they died on the beaches. It was the first time in Zanzibar history that dolphins die in large numbers unexplained for in the Indian Ocean Archipelago.

Dolphins are a tourist attraction in Zanzibar, where tourists come to watch and even swim with dolphins in the seas.

Local fishermen said that the waters close to

Zanzibar have been migratory paths for several species of dolphins including the Indian Ocean bottlenoses and the Indo-Pacific Ocean humpbacks.— MNA/Xinhua



An artwork constructed out of 780 soccer stadium chairs stands at Nuremberg's 'Hauptmarkt' on 1 May, 2006. The controversial large sculpture by Munich artist Olaf Metzel, covers the famous Gothic fountain 'Schoenen Brunnen' and will stay installed until the end of the Soccer World Cup 2006 in Germany.—INTERNET



Workers tend to a lettuce field near Salinas, California on 30 April, 2006.

INTERNET

Explosion kills five in east Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 2 May — One Sri Lanka Navy soldier and four civilians were killed in an explosion carried by suspected Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka's eastern port town of Trincomalee Monday morning, the defence officials said.

The explosion which occurred at about 9:45 am (0415 GMT) also injured three sailors and two civilians. Initial reports showed that the blast was caused by a claymore mine fixed to a bicycle, parked on the road side.

The bomb went off when the soldiers on a road clearing operation began examining the bicycle.

Analysts say tit for tat attacks are taking place between the government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam since last Tuesday's suicide assassination attempt on Sri Lanka's Army Chief Sarath Fonseka.

MNA/Xinhua

Five die in mudslide in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 2 May — At least five people died on Monday in mudslide in eastern Nepal, state-run Radio Nepal reported.

"At least five people died after being buried in a mudslide at Satyarjhoda Village of Sunsari District, some 400 kilometres east of Kathmandu," the radio said. The local residents were killed when they were collecting clay in the morning, the radio said.

Another person was injured in the incident.

The injured has been admitted at BP Koirala Institute of Health Science at Dharan city of the district, the radio said. — MNA/Xinhua

Nine killed in Uttaranchal paper mill fire

NEW DELHI, 2 May — At least nine people were killed and 35 others injured when a fire broke out in a paper mill in Uttaranchal in north India on Monday afternoon, officials said.

An explosion in a private paper mill on Kashipur-Moradabad highway was followed by fire, killing nine people, *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Udham Singh Nagar District Magistrate Rakesh Sharma as saying.

The injured were rushed to a hospital, while the condition of at least nine of them was described as serious.

The rescue operations were on even as the fire was on, the official said.

The cause of the fire at the factory, about 80 kilometres from Nainital, was yet to be ascertained, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Looking forward to building of home for aged in Kengtung

Sai Thein (Kengtung)

Under the arrangement of Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, a home for the aged for 25 grandmas and 25 grandpas will be built in Kengtung at a cost of K 100 million. Locals as well as departments will contribute donations to the home for the aged located at Ward 4 on Ring Road in the town. At the project site is a billboard requesting donations for the home for the elder persons in need of help.

As I am now entering 60, I too is becoming an aged person. My hair has turned grey. I am turning to religion to lead a peaceful and tranquil life. I have exerted efforts for building the home, organizing the public to make donations for the plan.

A person who contributes efforts whether physically, mentally or financially will gain merits in his present life and also in the future existence. The Buddha taught mankind the benefits of doing meritorious deeds. If we forget to do meritorious deeds, we will not become worthy human beings.

As for us, the homes for the aged are the places where we can gain merits by helping aged persons physically and financially. Roughly, a pensioner, who has turned 60, can be called an elderly person. In the world countries the retirement age is usually between 55 and 65. In Myanmar it is 60, which in the past was 55.

In the countries enjoying longer life expectancy, they mostly put people who reached 65 and above in the bracket of aged persons. People are different from one another physically or mentally when they grow old. Some people look younger than their age and some older than their age. Some of the 60 year olds are mentally active like 45-year olds, and some as inactive as the 70s suffering from stresses and strains. Over 60s can prevent old age to

the most possible degree by leading a happier and healthier life.

Old age is natural, which normally does not cause physical or mental damage immediately to a person, but brings gradual loss of health and fitness to each person. Death and suffering do not come only at old age, but also at younger age. There are persons in this world who can work till 90 or even 100. The most important thing for human beings is mental health and

Their five senses have become less active. Hence, elderly persons are worth donating.

We should have sympathy for the elderly persons taking refuge in the homes for the aged as our real parents.

So long is the Samsara that we human beings were relatives in one way or another in one or more than one of the past existences. In this regard, catering for the aged persons is like looking after our own

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The deed of building a home for the aged is a donation for the elderly persons who do not have a home. It is a noble deed providing the right assistance to the right person at the right time. The degree of merit of a donation depends on the sincerity and nobility of a person who accepts the donation.

Whatever life he had passed in the younger age, anger, greed and desire are dying down in the minds of elder persons. They are turning to religion as a relief as they had no one to rely on and no place to shelter them.

parents. So, donating a home for the aged is indeed a meritorious deed.

People of our country have been building homes for the aged with goodwill and generosity in their hearts. We can witness a grand home for the aged in Myitkyina, Kachin State. People are setting up trust funds for the homes for the aged in other places all over the nation including Lashio and Bhamo. I have also attended the opening ceremony of a home for the aged in Mahlaing, Meiktila District, Mandalay Division, in upper Myanmar, in the early 2004.

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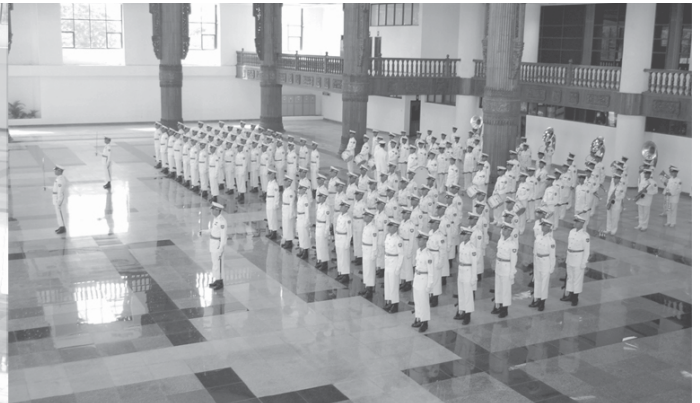
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**Commander-in-Chief (Air)
Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife
welcome Thai delegation led
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Air Chief Marshal
Chalit Pukbhasuk and wife**



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein (R) welcomes Air Chief Marshal of Thailand Chalit Pukbhasuk. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Air Chief Marshal of Thailand Chalit Pukbhasuk take the salute of Guard of Honour. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein receives Air Chief Marshal of Thailand Chalit Pukbhasuk (L) at Zeyathiri Beikmann in Yangon. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein (L) shakes hands with Air Chief Marshal of Thailand Chalit Pukbhasuk (R) at Zeyathiri Beikmann in Yangon. — MNA

Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief ...

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Also present at the dinner were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife

Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Com-

mand Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife, Commander of Mingaladon Air Force Base Headquarters Brig-Gen Zin

Yaw and wife, Brig-Gen Ye Chit Pe of Mingaladon Station and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot

Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché' Col Prissapa Suvanatat. Before and during dinner, those present were entertained with songs and music.

Later, the Thai goodwill delegation visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donations for the funds of the pagoda. — MNA



Air Chief Marshal of Thailand Chalit Pukbhasuk and party visit Defence Services Museum. — MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein hosts dinner in honor of Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and party at Mingaladon Air Force Base. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects the runway of Kalay Airport.— MNA

Kalay Station plans to put 5,200 acres ...

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acres of land under physic nut plants.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the pig farm

of Kalay Station and instructed the officials to step up the breeding tasks to further distribute pedigree pigs to not only regiments and units but also to the people.

At the meeting in Aung San Hall in Kalay Station with officers of regiments and units of Kalay Station and their families, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called

for their participation in the five rural development tasks, demonstration of agriculture and livestock farms to become models to local people, extended growing of physic nut and cultivation of other suitable crops. He also inspected the nurturing of rubber and physic nut saplings at the nursery near Aung San Hall. — MNA

**Make use of electronic media, print media to counter and rebut false accusations against nation
USDA Joint Secretary-General addresses opening ceremony of Basic Journalism Course No 5**

YANGON, 2 May — The opening ceremony of Basic Journalism Course No 5, organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the meeting hall of USDA Headquarters this morning.

Present on the occasion were Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min, CEC Members Minister Thura U Aye Myint, Yangon Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister U Thein Sein, Deputy Minister U Nyan Tun Aung, Vice-Mayor U Maung Pa, heads of department, course instructors and trainees.

First, Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min delivered an opening speech on the occasion, saying that USDA was standing tall as a national force among the citizens in the country and implementing the national goal laid down by the Government for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed democracy-flour-



Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min addresses the opening ceremony of Basic Journalism Course No 5.— MNA

ishing country. Since the establishment of the association, five objectives, four basic principles, four oaths and 11 codes of conduct and 14 tasks prescribed were followed and future tasks laid down were implemented every year. USDA could strongly build its associations from the central level down to grassroots level during over 12-year period and was participating in nation-building

endeavors in full swing. Local people joined hands with USDA in its nation-building tasks. So far the membership of USDA rose to over 23.1 million. USDA has been nurturing its members to become qualified ones by conducting courses and workshops. USDA was shaping a future State by bringing up its members to be good and able citizens. Some foreign news agencies holding negative

views were not only broadcasting fabricated news by taking advantage of technology gap but also interfering in internal affairs. So USDA members were to counter such false accusations by making use of electronic media and printed media.

He said peace and stability, strong national economy and human resources were three factors indispensable for building a peaceful modern developed nation. The people were enjoying peace and stability due to the strengthened national consolidation. The Government, the people and the Tatmadaw were carrying out development tasks day and night. Moreover they were building the national economy through internal

strength.

He added that arrangements were being made for promotion of national education and development of human resources. The country was rich in natural resources necessary for development. Sound foundations of peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, strong economy and human resources were at hand in the country.

With the implementation of development tasks, seven-step Road Map was laid down to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. USDA members were doing their bit for realization of the State's future policy. Union patriotic spirit meant Our Three Main National Causes. Efforts

were being made for flourishing of Union patriotic spirit. The trainees were to discharge the duties assigned. They were to try to learn the lectures given by the instructors during the course to become qualified public relations personnel on whom USDA could rely.

They were to shoulder their duties for realization of 12 objectives, seven-step Road Map and future tasks of the association upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

After the ceremony, Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min and CEC members cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 52 trainees are attending the nine-week course.

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North-East Command organizes physic nut growing ceremony

YANGON, 2 May—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the growing ceremony of physic nut plants in the 100-acre model farm of the command on 28 April.

They observed the demonstration of a generator operated and stove run with the use of physic nut oil. They planted physic nut grafts into plastic bags.

They presented plastic bags of physic nut saplings to departments and visited the ceremony and inspected physic nut plants. On arrival at the physic nut research farm of the command, they heard reports by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials on arrangements for growing physic nut in the upcoming rainy season and means being sought to produce quality physic nut oil. The commander and the minister inspected the farm.

In meeting with the staff of the Ministry of Forestry at the office of the deputy general manager of the

Myanma Timber Enterprise in Lashio, the minister elaborated on objectives of the ministry, preventive measures against illegal timber extraction and bribes, and importance of carrying out the duties with a sense of duty.

On 29 April, he met the staff of the ministry in Muse.

At the office of Mansi Township Forest Department, the township staff officer reported on measures for exposing illegal timber extraction, and plantations of trees. The director and deputy director of Kachin State Forest Department gave supplementary reports. The minister assessed the reports and inspected the nursery.

At the manager's office of timber extraction area of the Myanma Forest Department in Bhamo, he heard reports by officials on plantations of trees, prevention of illegal timber extraction and progress of timber extraction. The minister gave instructions on timber extraction tasks. Next, he met with the staff.

He also met the staff of the Ministry of Forestry at the director's office of Kachin State Forest Department.

On 30 April, he held a meeting with the ministry's staff at the office for rafting of the MTE in Shwegu.

Yesterday, he visited the timber extraction site in Setkalar reserved forest and inspected timber plantations in Shwegu reserved forest in Shwegu Township.

Next, he visited the 1,500-acre teak plantation of Momentum Wooden Way Co, the teak nursery, the 450-acre teak plantation, and rafting station of the company in Mabein Township.

Upon arrival at the 500-acre teak plantation of Indawn reserved forest in Htigyaing, Director U Ye Tint of Sagaing Division Forest Department reported on the plantation. The minister stressed the importance of nurturing teak plantations yearly, and inspected the teak nursery. He also inspected Mya Taungya rafting station in Htigyaing and No 15 sawmill (Tanga) in Madaya. — MNA

Culture Minister makes tour of inspection in Bagan



Culture Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung inspects architectural works for rebuilding of Arimadanapura Golden Palace. — CULTURE

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung on 30 April inspected re-construction of Arimadanapura Golden Palace of King Anawrahta in Bagan Archaeological Zone and visited the archaeological museum.

Officials concerned

reported to the minister on the construction tasks for 2005-2006 fiscal year.

During his tour of inspection, Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung also inspected renovation of some stupas in the zone and the construction of the stone pillar on which a record for the renovation

of 1,175 stupas from 1995 to 2005 will be inscribed.

The minister yesterday went to Nyaung U Township and visited a 15-foot-diameter tamarind tree and 40-acre Ingyin forest. He also visited Thitsawadi Pagoda and donated cash to the Pagoda Board of Trustees. — MNA

YMBA to celebrate centenary

YANGON, 2 May — Young Men's Buddhist Association will celebrate its centenary at National Theatre in Dagon Township on 9 May and

at YMBA in Pazundaung Township on 10 May.

The historical articles and documentary photos of the association will be displayed at

YMBA from 11 to 13 May, and there is no entrance fee to the centenary exhibition. YMBA was established on 10 May 1906. — MNA

Award-winning book published

YANGON, 2 May — Sarpay Beikman Book Association published an award-winning book "Yadana Thon-thwe" (The Three Gems) for its members today.

Compiled by U

Thaung Ngwe, the book won the first prize in Sarpay Beikman Manuscripts Award (Arts category) for 2002.

The book is available for the members in Yangon at association

at 529/531 Merchant Street. Copies are distributed to places outside Yangon.

Membership applications are available at the association.

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Pyi Myanmar Journal marks 10th anniversary

YANGON, 2 May — A ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of Pyi Myanmar Journal was held at Yuzana Garden Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this evening.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, departmental officials, officials of social organizations, literati, mediamen and those from journals and magazines.

Chief Editor of Thutaswezon Publishing House Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife donated K 200,000 for the 4th MWJA Conference through Chairman U Hla Myaing



Chief Editor Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife present K 200,000 for 4th conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association through MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung). — MNA

(Ko Hsaung). Next, the staff of Pyi Myanmar Journal were presented cash awards and dinner

was hosted to those present. Later, a lucky draw programme followed. — MNA

Lucky draw of Khind Electrical & Electronic held

YANGON, 2 May — The lucky draw of Khind Electrical & Electronic was held at Seingayha Super Centre on Pyay Road here on 29 April.

The ceremony was attended by Managing Director of Khind & Electrical & Electronics U Kyaw Kyaw, Director of Seingayha Super Centre U Aung Zaw

Myint, sale agents from various townships, customers, journalists and guests.

Those present were entertained by Hip Hop, Too Big, Helay, Yelay, Examplez, Big Bag and Khaymiko Dancer groups.

There were over K 10 million worth lucky draws including two refrigerators each worth K 1.8 million and two air conditioners.

The lucky draw winners are to take out their prizes at Show Room 1 of Khind Electrical & Electronic.

The ceremony was managed by Star Space Media & Advertising.

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Lucky draw of Khind Electrical & Electronic taking place at Seingayha Super Centre. — MNA

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Funeral tea leaves three dead, poisons 16 in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 1 May — A funeral turned even more tragic when a milk tea served to mourners ended up killing three and sending 16 others to hospital in Tekes County, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on Saturday.

The government of Kazak Autonomous Prefecture of Ili said that 19 women between the ages of 79 and 27 began feeling dizzy, nauseous and had difficulty breathing after drinking milk tea at the host's home on Saturday morning. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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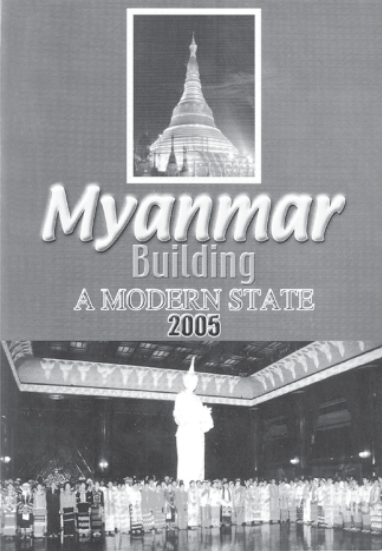
Ancient tombs discovered in N-W China

XI'AN, 1 May — A dozen of tombs, with the oldest dating back more than 600 years, have been discovered in Lueyang County of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

Covering a total area of 60 square metres, the tombs, discovered at the

construction site of a local power plant, belonged to the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) respectively.

Archaeologists excavated a number of gravestones carving with names and titles of the tomb owners, among which the owners of a double-coffin tomb enjoyed high-rank status in late period of the



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China succeeds in maglev train test

CHENGDU, 1 May — China on Sunday successfully tested a low-to medium-speed magnetic levitation train, the first domestically developed one in the country, in Southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The test maglev train is 11.2 metres long, 2.6 metres wide and 3.3 metres high. It ran steadily on a 425-metre-long experimental line in the provincial capital of Chengdu.

"The successful test of the train shows that

China has mastered the technology of low-to medium-speed maglev trains," said Zhang Kunlun, deputy director of the School of Electrical Engineering of the Southwest Jiaotong University in Chengdu.

The maglev train is developed by a maglev research team of the university, one of China's key engineering universities. The cost of this maglev train is low, and is suitable for urban traffic, Zhang said.

With a weight of 18

tons, the test train can hold 60 people. It can travel at speeds of up to 160 kilometres per hour, according to Zhang, also a maglev expert with the Ministry of Science and Technology.

China is expected to build a 175-kilometre-long maglev railway this year between Shanghai, the country's largest metro-polis, and Hangzhou, a famous tourist destination and capital of East China's Zhejiang Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Illegal emigration gang sentenced in E China

WENZHOU, 1 May — A 20-member gang that organized illegal cross-border emigration for more than 100 people, received sentences ranging from six months to 12 years in prison from a local court in East China's Zhejiang Province.

Jin Guoping, head of the gang, and 19 others were charged with organizing illegal emigration of more than 100 people from Wenzhou, a coastal city in Zhejiang, and from Fujian Province between 2002 and 2004, according to the Intermediate People's Court of Wenzhou.

The court said the gang obtained visas by cheating embassies or consulates in China from European countries such as France and Austria. The gang also used fake identification to obtain passports. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Int'l Horticultural Expo kicks off in northeast China

SHENYANG, 1 May — The China Shenyang International Horticultural Exposition opened on Sunday in the northeastern province of Liaoning, with more than 2,500 guests from home and abroad present at the opening ceremony.

The exposition, with the theme of "man live in harmony with nature", is scheduled to last six months and expected to attract 10 million visitors from home and abroad,

said mayor Yang Yazhou of provincial capital Shenyang. The venue of the expo, the Shenyang International Horticultural Garden, boasts 980 varieties of trees and more than 7,000 species of flowers, said the expo's organizing committee.

The garden covers

an area of 246 hectares, featuring a 125-metre tall lily-shaped sculpture and a 12,000-square-metre rose hall, which boasts more than 3,500 varieties of roses from Japan, India, Russia, the Netherlands, France, the United States, Bolivia, Australia and Kenya. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Cambodians dig the site of an ancient tomb in a rice field at the Domrey Poun commune in Prey Veng Province. As tomb raiders plunder Iron Age treasures — beads, gold ornaments and even the bones from burial mounds — archaeologists warn that Cambodia's rich pre-Angkorian heritage will be in difficulty. — INTERNET

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Natural birth could be good for baby's digestion

LONDON, 1 May—Researchers have found evidence that baby mice squeezing through the birth canal swallow bacterial molecules that help their gut grow healthily, according to the latest issue of the *Nature*.

The finding suggests that kids born by Caesarean might miss out, the science magazine said.

Swarms of friendly bacteria normally live in our guts, and cells lining the intestinal tubes do not attack them, researchers in Germany were quoted as saying.

The researchers have found that, in mice at least, these intestinal cells "learn" not to harm the bugs sometime around birth.

The researchers extracted intestinal cells from mice embryos before birth and exposed them to a component of bacteria,

and the embryonic cells reacted and produced inflammatory molecules, they said, adding but the same gut cells from one-day-old newborn mice or adult mice did not.

The researchers think that bacterial scraps naturally slopping around in the birth canal and mother's feces are swallowed by the baby mice as they make their entry into the world. These molecules pass down in to the gut, where they stimulate the gut cells; a single exposure is enough to teach the cells to tolerate friendly bugs in the future.

To show this, the researchers looked at the responses of gut cells of baby mice born both naturally and by Caesarean. Those born through the vagina fired up an inflammatory response in the two hours after birth, a sign that their cells had been stimulated by bacterial molecules. In contrast, babies born by Caesarean did not show signs of such activation.

But feeding these babies fragments of bacteria after their birth did fire up this response, the researchers said.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare bird found in central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 2 May — The rare bird of Mussi Sikeedi species that was believed to disappear from Nepal was found in central Nepal, bird experts said here Monday.

"The bird was found in the Mulkhola area of Chure mountain in Royal Chitwan National Park of Chitwan District, some

100 kilometres west of Kathmandu," Hem Subedi, member of the Birds Education Society, a non-governmental organization, said in a Press statement.

British Birds Expert Hockson Bryn had first discovered the bird in Nepal 200 years ago.

"Later, this bird was

believed to have disappeared from Nepal," Subedi noted.

According to a data, there are 541 species of birds found in national parks, watershed area, forest, lakes and other area replete with natural heritage in Chitwan District, the statement added. — MNA/Xinhua

LUSAKA, 1 May — The Zambia AIDS Law Research and Advocacy Network (ZARAN) has said that 90 per cent of workers infected with HIV/AIDS in work places have been discriminated due to lack of anti-AIDS policies in most companies.

In a statement released in Lusaka on Saturday, ZARAN communication officer Paul Sichalwe said Zambian businesses and government departments need to implement effective HIV/AIDS policies to stem the increase in discrimination cases. — MNA/Xinhua

Implementing non-discriminative policy against "AIDS" urged in Zambia



A man passes a plant to his wife over a sandbag dyke in the flooded village of Spantov, about 85 km (53 miles) southeast of Bucharest, Romania, on 30 April, 2006. Romania is struggling to prevent a humanitarian disaster after floods around the Danube River this month left at least 4,000 homeless, authorities said on Sunday.—INTERNET



A member of the Young Olympia Aide and New Look Social Aid and Pleasure Club dances in a second line parade at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans on 30 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Vietnam determined to launch first satellite in 2008

HANOI, 1 May — The Vietnamese Government has selected May 2008 as the deadline for launching the country's first communication satellite, a local official told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

The government has asked the Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group to do necessary works so that the medium-sized satellite named *Vinasat*, which will span its coverage over Vietnam, other Southeast Asian countries, Japan, the Korean Peninsula, part of China, eastern Oceanic and the South

China Sea, will be launched no later than 23 May, 2008, a senior official from the state-owned group said, declining to be named.

The government has also decided to invest 2,885 billion Vietnamese dong (nearly 182.6 million US dollars) in manufacturing and launching the *Vinasat*. Of

the investment, 20 per cent will come from its investor, the state-owned group, and the rest from loans, the official said.

A satellite control station will be established in Hoai Duc District, northern Ha Tay Province and a standby one in Ben Cat District, southern Binh Duong Province.

MNA/Xinhua



Four little penguins walk towards the ocean after being released at Sydney's North Curl Curl Beach on 28 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Japan plans to launch two spy satellites

Tokyo, 1 May — Japan plans to launch two information-gathering satellites with *H-2A* rocket in July and early next year respectively to form an always-on space-based surveillance system, local media reported on Monday.

The two new spy satellites will join two others already in orbit and

will be able to photograph any location in the world at least once every 24 hours, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* newspaper said, quoting unnamed government sources.

Since several years ago, Japan has planned to set up a space-based observation system with two optical and two radar-sounding satellites.

However, due to a failed deployment of the second pair in 2003, there are only one pair of satellites in orbit at present.

Japan will launch the new pair separately, the report said, with the optical one in July 2006 and the radar-sounding one in January or February 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Arsenal's captain **Thierry Henry** scores a goal from a freekick during their English Premier League soccer match at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, in England on 1 May, 2006.—INTERNET

FIFA President unveils FIFA Goal Projects in Senegal

DAKAR, 2 May— FIFA President Sepp Blatter on Monday launched the new office building of the Senegalese Football Federation as part of the world soccer governing body's Goal Project.

Blatter, who arrived in the Senegalese capital late Sunday, also signed an accord for setting up a development center to train football technicians, referees, as well as administrative and medical staff.

This facility is also part of the Goal Project initiated by Blatter to assist FIFA's member associations.

The Goal Project has been launched in 190 countries and regions out of the 206 member associations affiliated to FIFA. Meanwhile, Blatter also announced a new programme "Win in Africa with Africa" for the development of football on the continent, to be launched after the World Cup finals in Germany.

The FIFA World Cup finals will be held for the first time on the African soil by South Africa in 2010.

The FIFA delegation, which also includes African Football Confederation (CAF) President Issa Hayatou and the Goal Project Office head Mohamed Bin Hammam, leaves Dakar late Monday for Praia, Cape Verde.—MNA/Xinhua

English Premier League standings

LONDON, 2 May— Following are the standings from the English Premier League after matches played on Monday (tabulated under games played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against and points):

1. Chelsea	36	29	4	3	72	20	91
2. Manchester United	37	24	8	5	68	34	80
3. Liverpool	37	24	7	6	54	24	79
4. Tottenham Hotspur	37	18	11	8	52	36	65
5. Arsenal	36	18	7	11	61	28	61
6. Blackburn Rovers	36	17	6	13	48	42	57
7. Newcastle United	37	16	7	14	46	42	55
8. Bolton Wanderers	36	14	10	12	47	40	52
9. West Ham United	37	15	7	15	50	54	52
10. Wigan Athletic	37	15	6	16	43	48	51
11. Everton	37	14	7	16	32	47	49
12. Charlton Athletic	37	13	8	16	41	51	47
13. Fulham	36	13	6	17	46	56	45
14. Middlesbrough	36	12	8	16	47	56	44
15. Manchester City	36	13	4	19	42	43	43
16. Aston Villa	37	9	12	16	40	54	39
17. Portsmouth	37	10	8	19	36	59	38
18. Birmingham City	37	8	10	19	28	49	34
19. West Bromwich Albion	37	7	8	22	29	56	29
20. Sunderland	36	2	6	28	23	66	12

Note:

- 1-2: Champions League / EC I
- 3-4: Champions League preliminary round
- 5-6: UEFA Cup
- 7: UEFA Cup depending on domestic cup
- 18-20: Relegation —MNA/Xinhua

China retains Swaythling Cup at world table tennis

BREMEN, 2 May— The Chinese men paddlers whitewashed South Korea 3-0 to retain the Swaythling Cup at the 48th World Team Table Tennis Championships in Bremen, Germany on Monday.

Ma Lin's 3-0 victory over Lee Jung Woo put China on the top of the awarding platform in front of the full-capacity stadium. "I was a bit nervous at the start because I lost yesterday, but adjusted myself later as my coaches had confidence-boosting talks with me last night," Ma said.

"I felt quite easy and fluent later," he said.

Wang Hao won an easy opener over Oh Sang Eun 3-0 (11-6, 11-8 and 11-4) in the opening rubber before top-ranked Wang Liqin scored a hard 3-2 victory over Olympic champion Ryu Seung Min.

Wang Hao blanked Oh 11-6 despite a tight race at the initial stage, and took the second set 11-8.

The Chinese paddler, who looked in very good

form, unleashed powerful attacks against the South Korean top player to win the third 11-4 and to seal the match in just 15 minutes. South Korea called time-out when the scores were 4-0 with Wang Hao in the lead, yet Oh could not find a way out.

Wang told reporters that what made him to even in face of difficulties was "a stable mood".

"Whatever happened, I will use the strategies prepared before-hand."

In the second rubber, Wang Liqin beat Ryu 11-8 at their first encounter, but lost the second and third 9-11 and 8-11.

The two famous player drew roars of cheers from the fully-packed audience as they displayed excellent skills. In the second set, Wang Liqin was 1-5 behind, but he gradually narrowed the distance 2-5, 3-5, 3-6, 4-6, 5-6, 6-7.

When Wang boost a score to 8-9, a dramatic show appeared: they could not find the ball for a while. When the play resumed, Wang lost the hard set at 9-11.

Wang led the third before Ryu reversed the situation and won at 8-11.

After 1-2 behind, Wang went into the fourth race 1-3 behind, but he dashed bravely to the fore at 5-4 and then made it at 11-9.

In the fifth crucial set, Wang led all the way to 11-7 and won the game at 3-2, leaving China 2-0 over South Korea.

In the third rubber, Chinese Ma Lin lagged behind over Lee. He made it 4-4 and kept in the fore 7-5 to win the first set 11-9.

Ma, who lost his semi-final match against Germany's Timo Boll on Sunday, led by four points before lost five points in a row. However, Ma overtook Lee 7-6 quickly and surged to 11-7 in the second set for a 2-0 commanding lead.

In the third set, when Ma led 3-0, the Korean team called time-out.

Ma lost three points to settle for the 4-all tie. From 5-5, Ma made the most of his spins to control the match before sealing it at 11-7.—MNA/Xinhua



Spanish tennis player **Rafael Nadal** holds up the trophy after winning the Barcelona Open tournament in Spain on 30 April, 2006. Nadal defeated Tommy Robredo of Spain.—INTERNET

Chinese boxers win in Cuban Olympiad boxing tournament

HAVANA, 2 May— Chinese boxers scored two early wins in the third Cuban Olympiad's boxing competition with fly-weight world champion Zhou Shi Ming beating local champion Diosveli Vargas, and Li Yang beating Cuba's Vladimir Diaz, according to local media reports.

Li and Zhou were the only two of China's 16 boxers to score notable victories in the first two days of competition. Zhou was rated 24-3 on points in the 48 kilos category, while Li scored 13-8 in the 57 kilos category.

The boxing tournament, which is taking place in Havana's Sports City, had attracted 66 foreign boxers including 22 from Venezuela, 16 from China, 11 from the Dominican Republic, three from Kazakhstan and two from El Salvador.

MNA/Xinhua

Wang rejoins Chinese national team after public apology

BEIJING, 2 May— Three years and a half after being expelled from the national team, Chinese basketball player Wang Zhizhi released a written apology to home fans here on Sunday for his decision of turning down national duties.

On the same day the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) put Wang's name on a 18-member squad which was to start a training camp in Beijing next week in preparation for the World Championship slated for August in Japan.

"I want to say sorry to all once again. I was wrong, please forgive me," Wang said in the three-page written apology. "Please give me a chance to start again."

MNA/Xinhua



Maria Kirilenko of Russia reacts during her match against **Martina Hingis of Switzerland** at the J&S Cup tennis tournament in Warsaw on 1 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Chivas sign defender Olvera on loan for Libertadores Cup

MEXICO CITY, 2 May— Mexican soccer club Chivas said on Monday that it has acquired the service of Santos Laguna defender Jose Antonio Olvera for its Libertadores Cup quarter final against Colombia's Independiente de Santa Fe.

Olvera, who has been called up by Mexican national team coach Ricardo La Volpe, will join the Guadalajara team on a loan basis on Wednesday. Chivas said it will sign him only if he performs well in the Santa Fe game, where the Mexican team is already leading 3-0.

With this hiring, Chivas has completed its quotas of three transfers allowed by Libertadores organizers Conmebol. The first two were Juan Pablo Rodriguez and Edwin Borboa. —MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal's **Emma Burke (L)**, **Lianne Sanderson (C)** and **Kelly Smith** celebrate after winning the English Women's FA Cup final soccer match against Leeds United at The Den, Millwall, London on 1 May, 2006. Arsenal won 5-0.—INTERNET

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S Korea criticizes US official over intervening inter-Korean ties

SEOUL, 2 May — The South Korean Unification Ministry on Sunday denounced Jay Lefkowitz, US President George W Bush’s special envoy for human rights in North Korea, over intervening in Seoul’s internal affairs including humanitarian aid to Pyongyang.

“Lefkowitz seems to be trying to put a brake on the mood of inter-Korean reconciliation,” an official of the ministry told *Yonhap* on condition of anonymity.

“While speaking on human rights, he just turned a blind eye to the difficult situation the people of North Korea are now facing.—MNA/Xinhua

Immigrants in New York join nationwide protest march

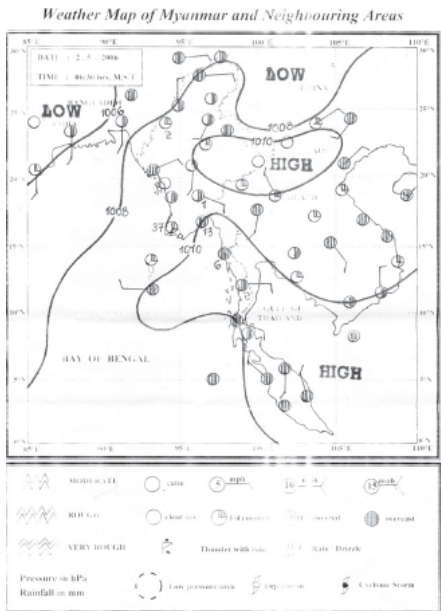
NEW YORK, 2 May — Immigrants in New York city joined a nationwide boycott called “A Day Without Immigrants” Monday in a bid to show the importance of immigrant workers to the US economy and ask for legalization of illegal immigrants.

In each of New York City’s five boroughs, hundreds of immigrant workers and their supporters took work breaks shortly after noon to link arms with their supporters along city sidewalks.

“This will symbolize the interdependence of all of us, not just immigrants, but all of society,” Chung-

Wa Hong, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition said earlier. Over 100 Chinese American business people, wearing white T-shirt with the slogan “Stand up for Immigrants,” gathered at the statue of Lin Zexu, a Chinese national hero who led the campaign to ban opium imported by the British traders, for a protest rally. Some elected officials, including Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, and Manhattan President Scott Stringer, were also present to show their support for the immigrants.

In her speech, Velazquez said the existing immigration system cannot be fixed by setting up walls along the borders and deporting illegal immigrants. The issue before the whole nation is not about party politics, or elections, but what is right for America as a nation. At 12:16 pm demonstrators formed a human chain and began to march along East Broadway for about 20 minutes to commemorate 16 December, 2005, when the US Congress passed a bill that seeks to make illegal immigrants felons.—MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 2 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in the Shan State, lower Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Mawlaik (39°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyapon (1.93) inches, Pathein (1.46) inches and Bago (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-5-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 2-5-2006 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 2-5-2006 was (82%). Total sunshine hours on 1-5-2006 was (5.2) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 2-5-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (5.87) inches at Mingaladon, (6.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.51) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (15:15) hours MST on 1-5-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 3-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 3-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Members of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) Garrison in HK Special Administrative Region (SAR) present an anti-terror drill during an opening event in Hong Kong, China, on 1 May, 2006. The PLA Garrison in HKSAR opened the barracks to the public on Monday.—INTERNET

Wednesday, 3 May
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဌာန ဝုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တီပီငှက်ဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်(မင်္ဂလာသုတ်)</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>6. မြန်မာ့ပြည်ထောင်စု ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p>	<p>8:15 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:25 am</p> <p>8. မြန်မာ့မိုးဒုလ္လဘလှမ်းအားကျောက်ရေတွင်းနိုးကျော်တံတား</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>10. Let’s Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အသံသင်တန်းအဖွဲ့ဝင်များ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရှုကွေဒေအသံပြု) (ရှုကွေဒေ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Song of national races</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. Classical song</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. “သတိရှိယှဉ် အသိရှိပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဝါးခယ်မရီဆောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျန်း၊ မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီကွန်း၊ ပြည့်စုံ၊ နိုင်နီ၊ ရွှေစည်၊ ဆောင်းနင်း၊ ဝေ၊ ရိုင်း၊ ရခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေးပြေဦး)</p>
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ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုန်းစိုး

5:45 pm

8. ရွှေပန်းလင်အာဇာနည်အစဉ်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်

7:00 pm

12. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:10 pm

13. Musical programme

7:25 pm

14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:35 pm

15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

7:45 pm

16. “ပုံပြုမှု စုံစုံလင်စုံပြောရာ မင်းတိုင်ပင်”

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ တေရုမအကြိမ် (၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအနုပညာအဖွဲ့အစည်း ပြိုင်ပွဲ “ဝိမ္မာဇာတိတော်ကြီး” (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း) (ပထမပိုင်း)

21. The next day’s programme

Wednesday, 3 May
Tune in today

<p>8.30 am Brief news</p> <p>8.35 am Music: -To be you</p> <p>8.40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8.45 am Music: -Lovely</p> <p>8.50 am National news / Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -If you wanna party</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9.10 am Music: -With you</p> <p>1:30 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>1:40 pm Lunchtime music -Don’t walkaway</p> <p>9.00 pm Variations on a tune -Always on my mind</p> <p>9.15 pm Article</p> <p>9.25 pm Music at your request -Don’t fall in love</p> <p>9.45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10.00 pm PEL</p>

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Israel

YANGON, 3 May— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ehud Olmert, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the State of Israel which falls on 3 May 2006. —MNA

The 4,480 ft by 100 ft runway of Kalay airport was extended to a 5,500-foot facility in 1995-96, and it was resurfaced in 2005-2006.

Kalay Station plans to put 5,200 acres under physic nut plants Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Kalay Airport



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence meeting with officers, other ranks and their families of regiments in Kalay Station. — MNA



YANGON, 2 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected Kalay Airport in Sagaing Division on 30

April.

At the lounge of the airport, Kalay District Senior Engineer U Saw Han of Public Works reported on progress of resurfacing and upgrading

of the runway in 2005-2006 fiscal year. Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into the work site and gave instructions on the project. The 4,480 ft by 100 ft runway was extended to a 5,500-foot facility in 1995-96, and it

was resurfaced in 2005-2006.

He attended the growing of physic nut plants at Kalay Station. Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of the station gave an account of

the work. Lt-Gen Ye Myint planted physic nut saplings together with the officials. He also inspected the farm, which is scheduled to be put 5,200 (see page 9)

NLD instead of serving the locals' interest, has posed threat to regional peace, stability Eight resigned members feel they are good for nothing, living as separate class aloof from people always opposing the government and the nation, while following the wrong way

They resign from NLD as they do not need to work with it whose main aim is to grab power it covets too much

YANGON, 2 May — Eight members of Hsipaw Township National League for Democracy in northern Shan State resigned from the party after submitting a collectively signed letter to Hsipaw Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission of their own volition at the end of April 2006.

U Myint Swe, vice-chairman 1, Kon Kyaung village, U Kyaw Aye, vice-chairman 2, Taungmyo Ward, U Zaw Tun, secretary, Zay Ward, U Myint Aung, township organizer, Myanmar Ward, U Tun Tun Maung, township organizer, Pantaing North Ward, U Sai Tun Naw, township

organizer, Namhunwe village, U Sai Tun Lin, township organizer, Twante village, and U Sai Hsai, member, Monglin village, of the township, also presented a report on their resignation in the letter.

In the letter they said that they joined the NLD in August 1988, with the aim of serving the locals' interest through clean party politics; that but the NLD instead of serving the locals' interest in view of the nation development, had been gradually becoming a threat to regional peace and security; that they were dissatisfied with the NLD as they had become a good-for nothing group living as a

separate class aloof from the people always opposing the government and the nation; that they did not accept the NLD's stance to rely on aliens, and ignore the internal strength, while slandering the nation from the destructive point of view and turning a blind eye to the national developments; that their region had been achieving peace and stability as never before thanks to the leadership of the government and the endeavours of the local authorities, that paved the way for the national race armed groups to exchange arms for peace, and to join hands in the regional development undertakings; that

they resigned from the NLD as they loved the policy that actually serve the interest of the nation and the people, and they did not need to work with the group whose main aim was to grab power it coveted too much.

Initially, the Hsipaw Township NLD was formed with 17 members. Now eight persons led by U Myint Swe had resigned from the party, other members U Ohn Myint, U Tint Swe and U Sai Tin Aung had left the township, and another member U Ohn Kyaw had passed away. Hence there are now only five members left at the township NLD.

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Weather Forecast for 3-5-2006

Nay Pyi Taw City & neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon & neighbouring areas

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Mandalay & neighbouring areas

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INSIDE

Old age is natural, which normally does not cause physical or mental damage immediately to a person, but brings gradual loss of health and fitness to each person. Death and suffering do not come only at old age, but also at younger age.