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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

Farmers urged to carry out double and tripple cropping Secretary-1 inspects upgrading of road, construction of retaining walls in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 3 May — Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by 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, this afternoon inspected tarmacking the road section from Yangon West University to Ayeywagale Village in Htantabin Township, Yangon Division, and construction of the retaining walls to prevent erosion of the circular road

caused by Kokkowa River in Htantabin.

At the work site, local authorities and officials of the Development Affairs Department reported on arrangements for expanding the road from 12 feet to 14 feet and upgrading of the road.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein instructed officials to su-

pervise work for completion of upgrading the road before the rainy season.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of the retaining walls to prevent erosion of the circular road due to Kokkowa River in Htantabin. Chairmen of District and Township PDCs and officials of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reported on progress of the construction tasks. Lt-Gen Thein Sein left instructions on construction of the retaining walls to be completed before the rainy season.

In his instructions, the Secretary-1 said that a site is to be chosen to implement the river

water pumping project in the township to irrigate farmlands.

At Htantabin Township Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met local authorities and departmental officials. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that rural development is vital for equitable development of all parts of the nation. Therefore, the Government had laid down the five rural development tasks in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. For ensuring better transport of the region, he stressed the need to construct village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads. Suf-

iciency of water for drinking and agriculture is one of the important factors in the rural development. With sufficient water double and tripple cropping can be carried out and it can contribute to economic development of the region. Furthermore, it is necessary to supply potable water to rural people.

The Secretary-1 spoke of the need to carry out full enrolment of school going age children and to nurture outstanding students to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

The nation cannot be built with illiterates. The Township Education Officer and officials are to supervise the

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Though agricultural task plays a fundamental role for economic growth of the rural areas, arrangements are to be made for carrying out not only agriculture but also livestock breeding.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects upgrading of the road to Ayeywagale village in Htantabin Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Extend cultivation of rubber

With a view to strengthening the national economy, the government is systematically implementing plans and, in doing so, it is striving for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. Agriculture, being the main livelihood of the majority of the country's population, contributes a lot to social and economic development of the people. For rapid development of the agriculture sector, the government is providing necessary assistance to farmers and national entrepreneurs in order that they will be able to do their work with the use of modern machinery.

At present, the government is encouraging the extended cultivation of ten major crops. Export items such as beans and pulses earn foreign exchange and import-substitute edible oil crops and such industrial crop as rubber can save a lot of foreign exchange. Thus, we will be able to spend more on the construction of roads, bridges, dams, factories and workshops.

Rubber is a perennial and an industrial crop. Metaphorically called Myanmar white gold, rubber can grow all over the nation except in some parts of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions. Now efforts are being made to grow rubber on one million acres.

In the integrated farm in Kengtung of Triangle Region Command, rubber saplings are being nursed. About 200,000 rubber saplings are being kept at the Myanmar white gold rubber plantation at Monglan village-tract in Kengtung township and measures are being taken to grow them on 600 acres. At that plantation, 87,000 rubber plants were grown on 320 acres in 1997 and now rubber trees on 75 acres produces latex. It is necessary to distribute rubber saplings of quality strains to local people in order that they can grow rubber on a commercial scale.

In Shan State (East), a total of 7,363 acres were put under rubber in 2005-2006 and steps are being taken to grow more on 50,986 acres in 2006-2007 and on 41,651 acres in 2007-2008.

Cultivation of rubber can create jobs for local people, increase their per capita income, contribute to economic development in the region and enhance the living standard. Moreover, growing rubber as an opium-substitute crop can wipe out the cultivation of poppy, contribute to the development of border areas and national races and the greening of Shan plateau and regulate the climate.

Therefore, we would like to call on regional authorities, local people and entrepreneurs to work in concert to be able to extend the cultivation of rubber in the interests of the nation and their own.



Under the patronage of Daw Khin Mya Mya of Room 302, Building No 12, Ayeyeikmon 8th Street, Hline Township, K 100,000 was donated recently to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark the birthday of her son Dr Nay Win. —H

Oppose those Destroying

- * 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

Construction Minister inspects progress in building Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

YANGON, 3 May — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected construction of earth work at the junction of the approach road of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) on Mandalay side and the dual road in Mandalay, tasks of the approach bridge and placing reinforced concrete tiles at the main section of the bridge this morning.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Htay Myint reported to the minister on installation of the iron frames at the main bridge, construction of the approach road and future tasks.

The minister instructed officials to supervise installation of the iron frames, take measures of worksite safety, carry out coordination tasks between both teams from Sagaing and Mandalay, and construct approach roads meeting the set standard.

Credentials presented to King of the Belgians

YANGON, 4 May — U Kyar Nyo Chit Pe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, presented his credentials to His Majesty King Albert II, King of the Belgians, on 5 April 2006, Brussels. — MNA

The bridge is being built with the 3,694 feet main section, the 1,140 feet reinforced concrete approach bridge on Mandalay bank and the 780 feet approach road on Sagaing bank, totalling 5,614 feet long. It will have 49 feet wide four-lane motorway and six feet wide pedestrian ways on either side. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

There are three arches at the main bridge. Of them, both arches on Mandalay and Sagaing have been installed, and installation of the middle arch is in progress. The pedestrian way and bridge railings are being built on Mandalay and Sagaing banks.—MNA

11th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group Meeting opened



Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin addresses opening ceremony of 11th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group Meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 3 May — The 11th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group Meeting was opened at Dusit Innya Lake Hotel this morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department and enterprises under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, officials of the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Yangon City Development Committee and Myanmar Engineering Society, delegates from the

respective ASEAN countries, representatives from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan and staff members from ASEAN Secretariat.

In his address, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin said that transportation played a vital role in the economic growth of one's country as well as the social and physical integration and prosperity of the nation. During the successive meetings, the efficient and integrated transport systems were needed for ASEAN to achieve greater regional development. Through these meetings, the fruitful results would be achieved and the cooperation, solidarity and friendship of ASEAN countries would help to overcome all obstacles. The meeting continued and it will continue tomorrow. — MNA

President of UMFCCI meets Japanese guests

YANGON, 3 May— President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint met Member of House of Representatives and Deputy Minister for Home Affairs of Japan Mr Ikuzo Sakurai yesterday and discussed matters on investment opportunities, promoting trade between the two countries and cooperation in the IT sector. Also present on the occasion were Vice-

UMFCCI President U Win Myint holds discussions with Japanese Deputy Minister Mr Ikuzo Sakurai.
UMFCCI



Presidents of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, officials and six Japanese businessmen.— MNA

Powell criticizes Washington for inadequate troop deployment in Iraq



Former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

LONDON, 2 May — Former US secretary of state Colin Powell criticized the Bush Administration for not following his advice to deploy enough troops to Iraq before the onset of the war. In an interview on the Britain's ITV on Sunday, Powell said "The President's military advisers felt that the size of the force was adequate, they may still feel that years later. Some of us don't, I don't."

"At the time the President was listening to those who were supposed to be providing him with military advice," he said. "They were anticipating a different kind of aftermath of the fall in Baghdad. It turned out to be not exactly as they had anticipated."

Powell's remarks come at a sensitive time for US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has been put on the defensive for his leadership on the war, with a number of retired generals calling for his resignation.

They claimed that Rumsfeld arrogantly ignored the advice of senior military in planning for the Iraq invasion, including General Eric Shinseki, the former Army chief of staff who in 2003 told US Congress that several hundred thousand troops would be needed for the

invasion and subsequent occupation.

But US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, when asked to address her predecessor's remarks, told CNN on Sunday that she did not remember Powell "specifically" voicing dissent on the issue of whether or not the invasion of Iraq was adequately resourced. "I'm quite certain that there were lots of discussions about how best to fulfil the mission that we went into Iraq (to carry out)," she said. "I have no doubt that all of this was taken into consideration."

MNA/Xinhua

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A relative adjusts the veil of an unidentified bride at Jalpa Mata temple in Rajgarh, about 155 kilometres (96 miles), northwest of Bhopal, India, on 1 May, 2006. —INTERNET

37 kilos of drugs seized in raids in Thailand

BANGKOK, 2 May— Thai police and US anti-narcotics agents have seized about 37 kilos of crystal methamphetamine when they raided two beachfront houses which had been converted into small factories for packaging drugs for export in Thailand's resort city of Pattaya, the Bangkok Post newspaper reported on Monday.

Along with the drug "ice", instant coffee parcels, canvas shoes, sandals, packaging materials and equipment were also seized in the Sunday raid. Police said the "ice" was being wrapped and hidden in coffee and shoe products. "Some of these speed pills would have also been sold here to tourists in Pattaya," said Suwit Janittikul, deputy chief of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB). — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese contestants lay their hands on a car during a promotion southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 1 May, 2006. The contestants are competing to see who will be able to keep their hand on the car for the longest time. —INTERNET

German hostages freed in Iraq after three-month ordeal

BAGHDAD, 2 May— Two German hostages were released in Iraq after a three-month ordeal as the US military said its troops had killed 10 foreign "terrorists" in the war-ravaged country.

Berlin announced that the two gas engineers Rene Braeunlich, 32, and Thomas Nitzschke, 28, had been freed after they were seized outside a refinery in northern Iraq on 24 January. German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said from Chile that he had spoken to the hostages and they were doing relatively well under the circumstances.

The two were working for a German company when they were abducted, a few weeks after US journalist Jill

Carroll was abducted in Baghdad. She was released on 30 March.

The kidnapers of the Germans, who said they were members of a group called Ansar al-Tawheed wal Sunna (Followers of Unity and Prophetic Tradition), issued several demands to the German

government in the past three months.

In a video released on the Internet in April they threatened to mete out "punishment" to Braeunlich and Nitzschke unless all Iraqis held in US prisons were released.

German media said in April said the hostage-

takers were demanding a 12-million-dollar ransom for the pair's release, although Berlin refused to comment on the report.

Inhabitants of the two men's hometown of Leipzig in eastern Germany had been holding vigils since the men were abducted.

The engineers, on short-term contracts to install machinery, were seized as they travelled by car from their lodgings to the nearby high-security Baiji refinery compound, 200 kilometres (130 miles) north of Baghdad.

A third German national and an Iraqi who were also in the car escaped as the kidnappers thought they were both locals.

Internet



A man taking part in an April 2006 vigil for the German engineers Rene Braeunlich and Thomas Nitzschke holds a poster of the two hostages reading "Please Help Us." —INTERNET

Beijing recovers from dusty weather

BEIJING, 2 May—Holidaymakers in the Chinese capital will embrace a clear sky as of Tuesday after wind dispersed the dust that choked the city at the beginning of the week-long May Day holiday.

Air quality in Beijing hit "hazardous" levels on Monday after a haze of dust from southeast of Beijing hovered over the city from Sunday afternoon, said the Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau.

It rated the air quality as level five, the highest on the bureau's classification system, when the city normally issues warnings to elderly people and children to stay indoors and avoid strenuous activities.

However, the air quality turned better on Tuesday as moderate gale blew away the dust and other floating particulates, according to the Beijing Meteorological Bureau.

MNA/Xinhua

Man killed by grizzly bear in northern Canada

OTTAWA, 2 May — A 28-year-old Canadian man was attacked and killed by a grizzly bear on Friday as he worked in a bush near the capital of the country's northern territory of Yukon, local media reported on Monday.

The man from Quebec Province was working for a mining company about 30 kilometres east of Ross River, a town located to the northeast of the territorial capital Whitehorse.

Jean-Francois Pag was marking mineral claims with two other men when he failed to return to their work camp. A helicopter search located the body later.

Police say Pag was apparently attacked after coming within five metres of a bear den that contained two cubs. They believe the sow probably attacked Pag to protect its young, and say the man was likely killed instantly. The mother bear and cubs were killed at the scene by police and conservation officers. — MNA/Xinhua

Plane crashes in Russia with 100 aboard

Moscow, 2 May— An Armenian plane carrying at least 100 people aboard crashed in bad weather early Wednesday off Russia's Black Sea coast shortly before it was to

land, emergency officials said. There was no sign of survivors.

The *Airbus A-320*, which belonged to the Armenian airline Armavia, disappeared

from radar screens just under four miles from the shore and crashed after making a turn and heading toward the Adler airport near the southern Russian city of Sochi, Emergency Situations Ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov said.

He said preliminary information indicated there were 114 people aboard. Earlier, Russian news agencies reported the plane was carrying 92 passengers, including five children, and eight crew.

Wreckage from the plane was found not far from the shoreline, Beltsov said. The *Interfax* news agency reported about three hours after the crash that rescue teams at the site pulled the body of a woman from the sea.

The plane disappeared from radar screens at about

2:15 am local time, the *RIA-Novosti* agency reported. It was flying from the Armenian capital Yerevan to Sochi, a resort city on the Black Sea in southern Russia, *ITAR-TASS* reported.

Rescuers found parts of the plane about four miles from the shore, along with empty lifejackets — an indication that passengers had no time to put them on, *ITAR-TASS* quoted an unidentified local emergency official as saying.

The rescuers were working in a driving rain, Russian news agencies reported, and Beltsov said weather conditions were poor at the time the plane went down. He did not say whether authorities believe the weather caused the crash.

Internet



An Armenian Airlines aircraft carrying about 100 people on a flight from Yerevan to the Black Sea resort of Sochi has disappeared from radar screens, *ITAR-TASS* news agency, monitored by the BBC, said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

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South Korean bee farmer Ahn Sang-kyu, who is swarmed with 180,000 bees which he released, jumps on a mock Japanese flag at his protest in Seoul against Japan's sovereignty claims over the desolate islands called Tokto in South Korea and Takeshima in Japan on 2 May, 2006.—INTERNET

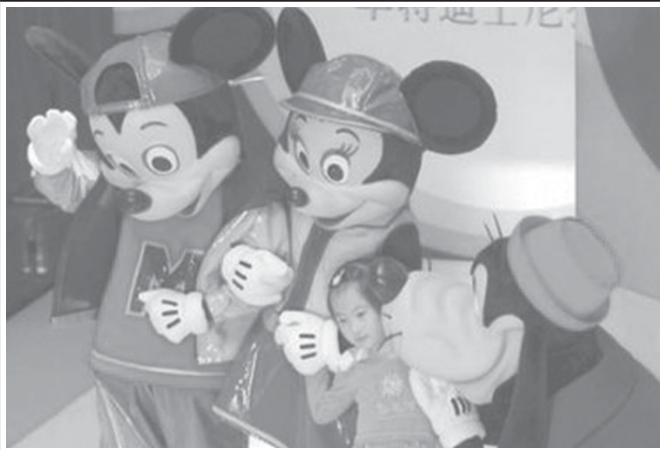
China to launch Chinese learning portal website

BEIJING, 2 May— China will launch a portable website this year to offer Chinese learning courses and supplementary materials online to support Chinese learning across the world. "More than 30 million people outside China are learning Chinese. Traditional classroom instructions alone cannot cope with such a huge demand," said Shao Yipeng, an official with the Department of Teaching and Research of the China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (NOCFL). — *MNA/Xinhua*

Four Chinese killed in ship accident in Malacca waters

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 May — Four Chinese workers have been killed on Monday during an explosion aboard a Singapore-owned oil tanker, the Chinese Embassy to Malaysia confirmed.

An explosion, believed to be an accident, occurred Sunday evening aboard the Singapore-owned 300,000-tonnage oil tanker *SUVA* as it travelled in the Malacca Straits waters on its way to the Middle East with 12 Chinese repair workers on the tanker, the embassy said. Four Chinese workers were killed immediately aboard the ship when the explosion took place at 5:30 pm on Sunday, with another one suffering minor injury, the embassy said. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A girl poses with Micky Mouse (1st L), Minnie Mouse (2nd L) and Goofy during a commercial promotion for the May holidays in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 2 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Huge bronzeware unearthed in N-W China

LANZHOU, 2 May— A large ancient bronze ornament has been unearthed by a farmer

while building a greenhouse in northwest China's Gansu Province.

The item — at 1.18 metres tall, weighing 150 kilogrammes and with its largest circumference at 3.42 metres — looked like a huge goblet, said Li Daxiang, deputy curator of the city museum in Wuwei.

It was found in Zhangyi town, Liangzhou District, where a local farmer was bulldozing in an empty area, and struck something hard and unmovable, he said. The ornament is being kept in the warehouse of the city's cultural heritage authorities, awaiting expert research and evaluation.

MNA/Xinhua

Nine killed in road accident in India

NEW DELHI, 2 May — At least nine people were killed on Monday when the vehicle, in which they were travelling, lost control and overturned in Hooghly District of West Bengal in east India, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

Police said that a group of 14 people were on their way to Tarakeswar in Hooghly District to offer prayers at the well-known Shiva temple there. The accident occurred near Chinsurah, about 50 kilometres from Kolkata, capital of West Bengal, on Delhi Road as a cyclist suddenly came in front of their vehicle.

The vehicle skidded off the road, hit a tree and overturned, killing six people on the spot, including the cyclist.

MNA/Xinhua



Italian fire fighters wearing protective clothing take part in an attack drill inside Florence's Pitti Palace, central Italy, recently. A thief disguised as a security guard on Tuesday duped the unsuspecting staff of the top Italian art gallery into giving him more than 200,000 euros (137,000 pounds), local media reported.—INTERNET

Thief disguised as guard robs Italy museum

ROME, 2 May—A thief disguised as a security guard on Tuesday duped the unsuspecting staff of a top Italian art gallery into giving him more than 200,000 euros (137,000 pounds), local media reported.

The thief showed up on Tuesday morning at the

Pitti Palace, a grandiose renaissance construction in central Florence and one of Italy's best known museums, wearing the same uniform used by employees of the security firm which every day collects the institution's takings.

After the cashier staff

gave him three bags full of money, he signed a receipt and calmly walked out.

The robbery was only discovered 30 minutes later, when the real security guards turned up to collect the money.

The museum declined comment.—*Internet*



Models display the 71-inch plasma display panel (PDP) television of LG Electronics in Seoul. South Korea's LG Electronics said it topped global sales of PDPs in the first quarter of the year, regaining the crown from Japan's Matsushita Electric Industrial.—INTERNET

Denmark plans to withdraw some troops in Iraq

STOCKHOLM, 2 May—The Danish Government is planning to reduce one fifth of its contingent to the international coalition in Iraq by autumn, said reports reaching here on Monday from Copenhagen.

The plan to withdraw 100 of the 500 soldiers stationed in Iraq would leave Denmark unable to field an entire brigade, and the government is in the

midst of seeking a partner to supply the extra forces, TV2 reported, quoting an unofficial government plan. The Foreign Minister, Per Stig Moeller, said he would not comment about the plan before it became official. In January, Parliament voted to extend the Iraq mission until 1 July. The opposition Social Democrats voted for the extension but warned at that time that they would not vote to keep the force in Iraq past that date.

Party leaders, speaking at Labour Day celebrations around the nation on Monday, gave the news lukewarm reception. They were pleased that the

government was drawing down its forces, but said the move should have come earlier.

"The Danish forces have increasingly become a part of the problem, not a part of the solution," said party chair Helle Thorning-Schmidt.

Mogens Lykkesøft, the party's former chair, said the only acceptable withdrawal was a complete one by 1 July.

"But it is good that the government has begun to consider a force reduction. That means they understand that, in the long run, Denmark's presence there is useless."

MNA/Xinhua

17 missing in gold tailing landslide in N-W China

XI'AN, 2 May—At least 17 people were missing, and another five injured as a large amount of gold ore tailings engulfed their houses Sunday in Northwest China's Shaanxi Province, the local government said Monday.

The accident happened at about 6:40 pm when a dam containing drosses of processed gold ores collapsed in a gold mine in Zhen'an County of Shangluo City, according to the municipal government of Shangluo.

The landslide rushed down the dam and buried about 40 rooms of nine households, leaving 17

residents missing.

The five injured have been hospitalized.

The accident took place when the dam is undergoing the sixth heightening project to increase its capacity.

The dam, belonging to the county-level Gold Mining Co Ltd, with an original capacity of one million cubic metres, had been heightened for five times since the company was established in 1993 with a daily processing capacity of 300 tons of gold ores. More than 130 local residents have been evacuated from the site of the accident and resettled elsewhere.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors watch a tiger jumping fire-rings at a tour area in Xiangfan, China's Hubei Province on 2 May, 2006.

INTERNET

Former Swiss famous skier murdered

GENEVA, 2 May—A former famous Swiss skier, Corinne Rey-Bellet, has been shot dead at her family's home in Canton Valais, local media reported on Monday.

An unknown attacker killed the 33-year-old, who retired from top-level skiing in 2003, and her brother on Sunday night.

The attack occurred in the resort of Les Crosets. Rey-Bellet's mother was also seriously hurt by

gunfire and is now in hospital.

Cantonal police said the still unidentified attacker, a man who entered the house before opening fire, fled the scene when they arrived. A manhunt is still underway.

Rey-Bellet, married since 2002, lived in Canton St Gallen with her husband, a private banker, and had a two-year-old son. Police spokesman Renato Kalbermatten said police were trying to find the husband. "We'd really like to get in touch with him," Kalbermatten said.

Swiss Ski Federation spokesman Marc Walti said the news came as a big shock. Rey-Bellet was considered one of the world's best skiers when she retired three years ago.

MNA/Xinhua

US audit report reveals failures in Iraq rebuilding efforts

WASHINGTON, 3 May—An audit report by a US congressional watchdog cited a series of failures in the US-led reconstruction efforts in Iraq, US media reported Tuesday.

One of the major blunders mentioned in the report by the Office of Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, points to a crucial programme to train 20,400 Iraqis to guard key oil and electricity infrastructure sites.

The programme ended in failure last year, with only about half that number actually trained and millions of US dollars worth of automatic weapons, armoured cars, night-vision goggles, and other equipment unaccounted

for. US officials who ran the training effort kept so little documentation on how they spent the 147 million dollars allocated for the programme.

The report also highlights failures in the effort to build and refurbish hospitals and health centres across rural Iraq. Because of poor government oversight and the underperformance of a private

contractor and its subcontractors, a 186-million-dollar project to construct 150 primary health care centres had managed to complete just six of the centres at the time the audit was prepared.

Critics said the latest report provides more evidence that poor planning and inadequate oversight caused the rebuilding effort to stumble.—MNA/Xinhua

Taleban attack on civilian car kills one, wounds two in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 May—Suspected Taleban militias in their latest wave of violence targeted a civilian car Sunday in the southern Helmand killing one person and injuring two others besides taking away the vehicle, a local official confirmed on Monday.

"Taleban mercenaries opened fire on a Corolla car Sunday killing one innocent civilian and wounded two others and took away their car," Shah Jahan the district chief of Khanshin District told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua

Train collision injures 45 in Egypt

CAIRO, 3 May—A cargo train collided head-on with a passenger train on Monday in Sharqiya governorate, 65 kilometres north of Cairo, injuring 45 people, the official MENA news agency reported.

The passenger train coming from Cairo en route to Zaqaq, capital of Sharqiya, crashed into a cargo train from Zaqaq to Cairo in northern Sharqiya, said MENA.—MNA/Xinhua



A guest looks at a wax figure depicting late movie star Bruce Lee at the soft opening of Madame Tussauds, a waxworks museum, on 1 May, 2006 in Shanghai, China.—INTERNET

Japan to withdraw Iraq troops at same time with Britain, Australia

Tokyo, 3 May — Japan's Defence Agency Director General Fukushima Nukaga said that Japan will withdraw its non-combat troops deployed in southern Iraq at the same time that British and Australian troops are pulled out, *Kyodo News* agency reported on Tuesday.

Nukaga told the United States officially for the first time on Monday in Washington that Japan will pull out its 600 ground troops from the southern Iraqi town of Samawah when British and Australian forces withdraw their forces, the agency quoted a Japanese official

as saying.

But Nukaga, speaking at a top US-Japan security meeting of defence and foreign ministers, noted that Japan intends to keep its Air Self-Defence Force unit in Kuwait to continue its mission to airlift supplies to Iraq with C-130 transport planes.

As for factors in deciding the pullout, Nukaga cited the political process, transfer of security roles to Iraq, movements of British, Australian and other multinational forces, and reconstruction work, *Kyodo News* said.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis gather near damaged vehicles after a bomb attack in Baghdad, on 2 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Jakarta wants world to fulfill bird flu aid pledges

Jakarta, 3 May — Indonesia, the country with the most bird flu deaths this year, has not yet received funds donors have pledged to fight the disease that could cripple the world if it grows into a pandemic, a minister said on Tuesday.

Bird flu has killed at least 24 people in Indonesia since 2003, but many ordinary Indonesians are unaware of its global impact and have not taken extra steps to combat the disease.

The Indonesian Government understands the bird flu threat but lack of resources and commitment at the grassroots level have impeded efforts to deal with the virus, international health officials say. "We are still waiting for the money that was pledged in

Beijing," said Indonesian chief social welfare minister Aburizal Bakrie, referring to the 1.9 billion US dollars that international donors pledged at a January conference in Beijing.

"Up until now, there is not a single cent (that has gone) to Indonesia."

He said Jakarta needed 300 million US dollars a year to fight the spread of the H5N1 avian influenza virus in the vast country of more than 17,000 islands.

He made the remarks during a handover of a part of the 500,000 Tamiflu treatment courses promised by Japan to the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which will stockpile them in Singapore. —MNA/Reuters



The first riders on what is billed as the world's tallest merry-go-round spin on 1 May, 2006 at Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Star Flyer tops out at 70 metres (230 feet) above the ground and swings at speeds of up to 70 kph (43 mph). —INTERNET

Japan mulls matchmaking ads to boost birth rate

Tokyo, 2 May — Alarmed by a falling birth rate and rapidly aging population, Japanese policymakers are thinking about allowing TV ads for matchmaking agencies in the hope that an increase in couples will result in more kids. Japan's population shrank in the year to October for the first time since 1945, heightening worries about economic decline due to a smaller workforce supporting a growing number of pensioners.

An official at the Trade Ministry said Tuesday that the ministry is considering allowing advertisements for matchmaking agencies to be shown on television, which is currently forbidden.

"Compared to newspapers, where such ads can currently run, the impact of television is much greater," the official said.

"One cause of the falling birth rate is later marriages, or no marriage at all, so we see promoting marriage as one good way of dealing with this problem."

Policy makers, once wary of pushing the issue for fear of echoing wartime efforts to boost the birth rate, have said the next five years are crucial for efforts to halt the population decline. According to recent Health Ministry data, the average age of women on their first marriage has been creeping steadily upwards, from 25.8 in 1988 to 27.8 in 2004. —Internet

Thousands of tourists visit Three Gorges Dam during Golden Week

Yichang, 3 May — More than ten thousand travellers visited the Three Gorges Dam, the largest of its kind in the world, in central China on the first day of the Golden Week holidays.

Xu Ting, an executive with the Tourism Development Company of the Three Gorges Dam, said their business will be very flourishing as an increasing number of tourists are interested in this huge project, which is expected to be completed this year.

The company has made a plan to combine the dam with the Three Gorges' natural scenery into one golden route for tourists.

Local officials estimated that the number of travellers visiting the Three Gorges Dam during the seven-day holidays might rise between eighty thousand and

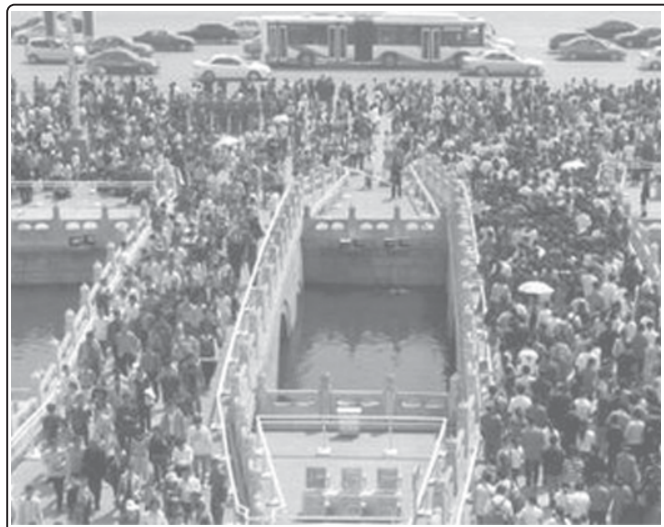
one hundred thousand.

According to local statistics, the dam received twenty-two thousand

travellers during the first four months of this year, up 43 per cent over the same period of last year. An

estimated 1.1 million travellers will visit the Three Gorges this year.

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Thousands of travellers cross bridges to and from the Forbidden City during the second day of Labour Day holidays in Beijing on 2 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Study shows GM cotton needs low pesticide use, safety

Los Angeles, 3 May — A genetically modified (GM) cotton with insect-killing toxic proteins may require less pesticide use while keep the overall crop yields, scientists reported on Monday.

This transgenic cotton, called Bt cotton, has been inserted a gene to produce *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) toxin, a naturally occurring insecticide that kills the major cotton pest pink bollworm.

The cotton has been planted in US state of Arizona since 1996. According to a latest research by scientists at the University of Arizona, for any given level of pesticide use, transgenic cotton had higher crop yields than non-transgenic cotton, and it showed no significant impacts on the biodiversity of non-target insects compared with

natural cotton.

However, overall crop yields were similar, largely because the higher use of insecticides with non-transgenic cotton helped control important pests not controlled by Bt cotton, according to the researchers.

These findings, coming from the first large-scale study that simultaneously examined how growing Bt cotton affects yield, pesticide use and biodiversity, appeared in the 1 May issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Over two years, the researchers studied 81 commercial fields in a 6,600-square-kilometre region in Arizona, where natural cotton, and two strains of transgenic cotton were planted.

MNA/Xinhua

World Vipassana Pagoda, a symbol of Myanmar-India friendship

Myo Wai Phyo

Every day we can see international visitors marvelling at the awe-inspiring Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, Myanmar, one of the wonders of the world.

In Mumbai, a city of 15 million people and the commercial hub of India where Buddhism originated, is the World Vipassana Pagoda, a replica of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. The replica is under construction in a 25-acre compound. The height of the World Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai is 325 feet, a foot lower than the Shwedagon.

The project to build the World Vipassana Pagoda was conceived in the mind of U Goenka in his relentless efforts to pay the gratitude he owed to India, where the invaluable Buddha Dhamma flourished together with the vipassana.

U Goenka learned vipassana (meditation) from Sithu Tharay Sithu U Ba Khin who had inherited and preserved the original method of vipassana. Afterwards, U Goenka became a vipassana teacher, running hundreds of vipassana practising centres, including 130 vipassana practising retreats in 70 countries. At the retreats and centres are the people from various faiths who come there to enjoy real peace and tranquillity under the shade of Buddha Dhamma.

Eight Ovadacariya Sayadaws of the pagoda including Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Jotipala of Kyatkhat Waing monastery in Bago, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa of Maha Aungmyebonsan monastery in Bahan Township, and Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara of Maha Withutayama monastery of Magway, held the stake driving ceremony of the pagoda in October 1997. Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara and other Myanmar Sayadaws also attended the ceremony.

The pagoda will be completed in December next year. Donations totalling about US \$ 23 million

(one billion rupees) will be spent in building the pagoda. The pagoda will contain a 280-foot diameter cave with no supporting columns. It will be the largest rock cave in the world. Unlike other pagodas, it will not be a solid brick structure, but with a spacious cave in which thousands of yogis can practise vipassana at the same time.

The pagoda will also house a multimedia centre where the original Buddha Dhamma will be available in

position (estimated value K 7 million); eight 5.5-foot high standing Buddha statues; and 28 Buddha statues in various mudras (posture).

The governments of the two countries are contributing all-round assistance to the pagoda project with might and main. And the Myanmar members of the Sangha on their part are acting as the Ovadacariya Sayadaws to supervise the construction work. There are also plans to hold a Buddhist conference at the

Maha Bodhi Association of India has donated sacred relics of Gotama Buddha to be enshrined in the pagoda. Buddhists in Myanmar will also donate materials to the pagoda. They include: 850 marble rocks with the size of one cubic metre each for flooring the pagoda compound; 150,000 square feet of parquet for laying the floor of the cave; required timber for crafting Myanmar decorations and 90 door frames; the sacred gold umbrella; stone Buddha statues including twenty-eight 2.5 feet high vipassana-practising Buddha statues; an 18-foot high Buddha statue in sitting position (estimated value K 7 million); eight 5.5-foot high standing Buddha statues; and 28 Buddha statues in various positions of mudra.

tapes and where films and video plays will show the Buddha's life story. We believe that the centre will help propagate the Dhamma.

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pagoda after its completion.

Recent goodwill visit of the Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam to Myanmar has further enhanced the existing friendly relations between the two countries and the two peoples.

Every Myanmar can contribute donations for the successful completion of the World Vipassana Pagoda that is under construction in Mumbai, India.

Donors can contact International Dhamma Giri Vipassana Association at No 77, Shwebontha Street, Yangon, or dial 245327 or 245101; Dhamma Zawti Vipassana Yeiktha, Wingaba Yele Monastery on Ngahtatkyi Pagoda Street, Yangon (Phone: 549290, 546660); and Dhamma Mandapa Vipassana Yeiktha in the compound of Bhamo Monastery, Bawdigon, Mandalay.

The pagoda being built with the donations of international wellwishers and Myanmar people, will become a magnificent religious structure helping strengthen and perpetuate the existing Myanmar-India goodwill relations when completed.

(Translation: TMT)

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with local authorities and departmental officials at Htantabin Township PDC Office. — MNA

Farmers urged to carry out double...

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educational tasks such as teaching of lessons in line with curricula drawn by the Ministry of Education, qualification of teachers, study of students, fulfilment of school furniture and teaching aids, and upgrading of the school building. In addition, local authorities are to cooperate with Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross Society for providing health education tasks and health care serv-

ices to the local people. And, it is necessary to organize the rural people to take part in the control of six common diseases.

Though agricultural task plays a fundamental role for economic growth of the rural areas, arrangements are to be made for carrying out not only agriculture but also livestock breeding. Township level officials are to provide close supervision to the local growers for extending agricultural tasks from double to triple cropping so as to earn more income.

Due to growth of the State economy, salaries of the employees had been raised. Tasks are

being carried out to control the price hike of commodities.

The Secretary-1 stressed the need to produce rice, edible oil, meat and fish and vegetables and practise thrifty for ensuring stability of commodity prices. All are to participate in growing physic nut plants that can fulfil fuel requirement of the country. Township level officials are to make field trips to the rural areas for achieving success in five rural development tasks.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein left Htantabin and arrived back here in the evening. MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects bank erosion and construction of retaining walls at Htantabin circular road. — MNA

Relief provided to cyclone victims

YANGON, 3 May — Social organizations today provided cash and medicine for cyclone victims in the outskirts of Yangon.

At the cash donation ceremony held in Hlinethaya Township, officials of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) and wellwishers presented cash amounting to K 1.9 million and medicines through responsible personnel.

Chairman of Hlinethaya Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Thein explained damages to factories, buildings and houses owing to the fierce winds of the tropical

cyclone which slammed into the Ayeyawady delta and the outskirts of Yangon over the weekend.

After the ceremony, Vice-President of MWAFF Daw Khin Thet Htay and party encouraged the victims

temporarily accommodated at No 6 Basic Education Primary School in Hlinethaya Township.

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MWAFF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and executives cordially greet cyclone victims at the ceremony to present relief supplies to storm victims. — YCDC

Myanmar favourite to enter Futsal semifinal

YANGON, 3 May — The AFF Futsal Championship 2006 took place at Indoor Stadium Huamark in Bangkok, Thailand, this afternoon.

In the Group (A), Myanmar Futsal Team trounced Brunei Futsal Team 7-2 by showing its brilliant Futsal skills. Tomorrow afternoon, Myanmar Futsal Team will meet Defending Champion Thai Futsal Team in the last match of the group. — MNA

Cyclone Mala leaves 18 drowned, 14 missing in Kyangin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — Heavy rains fell in some parts of Myanmar and there had been strong winds and torrential rains along the coastal regions and southern part of Rakhine State and rivers were flooded due to the blow of Cyclone Mala that occurred in middle east of Bay of Bagel.

The sudden flow of water left 18 people drowned — 8 men and 10 women and 14 were missing — 6 men and 8 women from neighbouring villages of Chaungsone in Kyangin, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Division about 5.30 pm of 29 April.

As soon as it had happened, departmental personnel went to these villages and they carried out relief and health care services. The local people made arrangements to render assistance. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo views growing of physic nut plants of social organizations, departmental personnel, students and local people in Kawthoung. — MNA

All the people, locals to carry...

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of 1,431,619 acres of land to companies for growing oil palm in Taninthayi Division, tasks for ensuring local food sufficiency, and efforts being made for meeting the target of 200,000 acres of rubber, 500,000 acres of oil palm, and 36,041 acres of pepper. Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe and party met oil palm entrepreneurs at the hall of Kawthoung Station and discussed extended cultivation of oil palm in 2005-06 and growing of physic nut plants.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Yuzana Edible Oil Factory in Thaketa Township

YANGON, 3 May — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence today inspected the newly opened four tax-free mar-

kets in Yangon North District and Yangon East District. As four more tax-free markets were opened, the number of the markets

in Yangon reaches 10. The tax-free markets were established for the people to be able to buy basic food at reasonable prices.



Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint donates edible oil to be used in social welfare activities through Lt-Gen Myint Swe. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Yuzana Edible Oil Factory of Yuzana Co Ltd. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by 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, this morning went to tax-free markets in Hlinthaya and Shwepyitha Townships, Yangon North District, and in Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) Townships, Yangon East District, and urged officials concerned to supervise the markets for the sales of goods in accordance with rules and regula-

tions.

After their inspection tour of the markets, they proceeded to Yuzana Edible Oil Factory of Yuzana Co Ltd in Thaketa Township. At the factory, Lt-Gen Myint Swe called for more production of quality edible oil and fulfilled the requirements.

Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint donated edible oil to be used in social welfare activities through Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the mayor. — MNA

General features of terrorists sent to Myanmar exposed

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — Terrorists are committing destructive acts in various means with the sinister intention of disturbing peace and stability of the nation and the rule of law, inflicting death and injury to innocent people and causing public alarm.

At present, Peter (a) Peter Aung of ABSDF terrorist organization opens an office at Parmwe 5th Street, Parsetaung Ward, Chiangmai, Thailand. He in collusion with Nyo Ohn Myint of NCUB, Saw Hla Htay of KNU brigade 7, and Shan Thwe and Sai Gyi of SSA-S is hatching destructive plans.

Authorities have received information that the group has sent four terrorists — Sai Nom (a) Sai Nan, Saw Kanyaw Htoo, Ma Yi Yi Kyaw and Ma Aye Aye Yi to Yangon via Taunggyi in March 2006.

General features of the four terrorists are: Sai Nom (a) Sai Nan: age about 35, fair complexion, wide forehead, hair little curly, and height about 5 feet 4 inches tall; Saw Kanyaw Htoo: about 35, fair complexion, has a stoop, pimples on face, about 5 feet 4 inches tall; Ma Yi Yi Kyaw: about 30, native Yangon, appearance still under investigation; and Ma Aye Aye Yi: about 30, native Yangon, appearance still under investigation.

ABSDF terrorist organization also sent five bombers led by Thet Tun of Lubaungthit, and another four bombers led by Aung Ko Naing to Yangon. Their general features are: Thet Tun: about 33; he usually wears diamond earrings and gold watch, about 5 feet 8 inches tall; Aung Thiha: about 32, short hair, scar on

right cheek, about 5 feet 9 inches tall; Ma Moe Moe Aye: about 26, with the hair style of a man, usually wear a jade ring on her left middle finger, about 5 feet 4 inches tall; Ma Thuza: about 26, brown complexion, slender face, hair touching her shoulder. usually wears gold earrings, about 5 feet 3 inches tall; Ma Nan Thida Oo: about 26, fair complexion, round face, long hair touching the middle part of the back, about 5 feet 3 inches tall; Aung Ko Naing: about 24, brown complexion, shaved hair, usually wears a silver ring each on the left thumb and left little finger, about 5 feet 6 inches tall; Aung Zaw Moe: about 22, fair complexion, hair with a parting, thick eyebrow, square face, about 5 feet 3 inches tall; Sai Tun Tun: about 20, long hair, slender face, some pimples on face, strong body, usually wears a thick gold ring on left ring finger, about 5 feet 9 inches tall; Nyi Nyi Naing: about 22, brown complexion, about 5 feet 3 inches tall.

Three bombers led by Khun Ye Naung were sent to Mandalay and another three to Mawlamyine.

The bombers are planning to commit terrorist acts in harmony with the aboveground politicians.

The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the people are trying to expose the terrorists. Any information about terrorists or their plans may be sent to Yangon (01-379661) Mandalay (02-36982), Mawlamyine (057-21034) and Nay Pyi Taw (067-412005).

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NLD never shows positive attitude...

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grabbing State power; that its announcements were indeed not in conformity with the desire of the people nor unacceptable to them; that they considered such announcements to be incitements to cause unrest in the nation; that local people in the region had enjoyed fruitful results of unprecedented development and witnessed stability and community peace; that they were in support of the stance that can really serve the interests of the people and the nation and they wanted to play an active role in harmony with the people in regional development tasks hand in hand with local administrative bodies; so they resigned from the NLD and party duties; originally Kyaukme Township NLD was formed with 17 members and all the 15 members including Township chairman U Hla Maung signed the letter of their own volition to leave the party; that U Ohn Myint (Member, Ward 1, Kyaukme) had moved to other region and U Tin Maung (Member, Ward 1, Kyaukme) had passed away; and that they had already closed down their office. — MNA

All villages in Shan State (North) have been facilitated with library each



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing addresses ceremony to mark establishment of rural self-reliant library each in all villages of Shan State (North). — MNA

YANGON, 3 May—Shan State (North) celebrated the establishment of a rural self-reliant library each in all

villages in it along with the presentation of cash and kind to the libraries at City Hall in Lashio yesterday.



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts donations from a wellwisher. — MNA

U Myint Than (a) Al Phyu died of epilepsy despite intensive care of physicians

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — U Myint Than (a) Al Phyu died of epilepsy at 8.25 pm yesterday at Thandwe District People's Hospital while serving prison term in Thandwe prison in Rakhine State.

U Myint Than (a) Al Phyu was sent to prison according to law on 2 November, 2005 for helping form Shan State Intellectuals Advisory Council together with SNLD chairman U Khun Tun Oo.

While serving prison term, his health condition worsened suddenly due to epilepsy on 23 March, and he was placed under the close care of physicians of Thandwe District People's Hospital.

He was warded at the Thandwe District Hospital on 26 March as his illness showed no signs of recovery despite the intensive care he was receiving. A stroke left him paralysed his right part of the body.

While receiving medical care at the hospital, there appeared an abscess tumour about the size of a betel nut on his right part of the chest. He underwent surgery on 3 April and 7 April. He was also given four bottles of blood transfusion and necessary medical aid. Although the abscess tumour was cured, he sometimes lost consciousness due to epilepsy. So he was oxygenated and given medical aid. He died as the epilepsy worsened.

In addition to the intensive care of the physicians, he also received close attendance of his younger brother U Nyi Nyi Lwin and son Naung Naung Thurein at the hospital. But he died at 8.25 pm yesterday while his younger brother was near him. Officials buried his body at Thandwe in accord with the tradition. — MNA

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing said that intellectuals and intelligentsia are playing an important role in implementing the State's goal—building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. It is required for the people from all strata of life including rural folks to have a wide range of general knowledge with thinking power.

The Ministry of Information is pursuing the guidance given by the Head of State on establishment of a rural self-reliant library each in every village to enhance people's reasoning power and knowledge.

All the adults or teenagers in rural areas can widen the scope of their knowledge as rural libraries have been opened. Through reading, a citizen can gain knowledge and ability to distinguish between wholesome actions and unwholesome ones, will know how to spend time beneficially and will be a reliable one with good moral conduct.

A library is a building in which collections of books, journals and magazines are kept for people to read, study or borrow. So, a library can be called a knowledge bank, a centre that serves as a bridge between publications and the people, a lifelong reading room, or the brain of a nation. And it is a centre that can strengthen the knowledge of the people most effectively.

Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing presented the benefits of literacy. Minister for Infor-

mation Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that in the knowledge age Myanmar will suffer undesirable effects unless it can catch up with other nations. So, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, libraries are being opened to enlarge the horizon of knowledge of the people. With increasing knowledge of the people, the nation will enjoy greater development in the agriculture and livestock breeding, education and health sectors. The plan to open rural self-reliant libraries was launched in 2004-2005. So far, 53,554 out of 61,949 villages have been served with a library each. Therefore, it can be said that every village in Myanmar has enjoyed a library. And Myanmar is proud to be the first-ever nation where all the villages have been equipped with a rural self-reliant library each. Such a significant success is due to the guidance of the Head of State, and collaborative efforts of the government, local people and wellwishers. Hence, if such combined effort is exerted similarly, success can be achieved in implementing other national concerns. He urged all to employ harmonious effort of the three sides in implementing national duties. **Sustained endeavours are to be made for long-lasting and sustainable progress of the facilities. To meet this aim, five tasks — to organize rural residents to read publications regularly, to practise a system of borrowing books village-wise to increase the number of publications of a library, to raise funds, to continue tasks to establish a building if there has not**



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing accepts donations from a wellwisher. — MNA

been a library building, to install more furniture in the libraries, and to produce reliable librarians — are to be carried out. And these tasks are to be done by, four forces — local authorities, Union Solidarity and Development Associations, library committees of respective villages, and staff of the IPRD.

National race leader U Mahtu Naw presented K 600,000; national race leader U Lwe Maung, K 300,000; 13 wellwishers, K 1.2 million; U Saw Naing of AAA Co, K 1 million; U Than Win of Ruby Garden Co, U Thein Myint of Ngwe Yi Pale Co, U Maung Myint of Sein Wut Hmon Co, U Maung Win and family of Double Golden Horse battery factory, U Sai Aung of Shwe Taw Win Co, and U Sai Kyu of Namt Paung Village, K 500,000 each to the commander.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint presented K 2.5 million donated by North-East Command; Lt-Col Kyaw

Shwe of Shan State (North) PDC, publications worth K 3 million; wellwishers, 10 21-inch colour TV sets; Managing Director U Sai Mon of Shan Yoma Ayechanyay Co, ten 21-inch colour TV sets; Chairman of Lashio District PDCLT-Col Than Tun, five 14-inch colour TV sets; and U Sai Khun Saw of Lashio District USDA, five 14-inch colour TV sets to the minister.

Other wellwishers donated cash and kind to the libraries.

The commander, the minister, wellwishers and guests observed documentary photos on activities on opening of rural self-reliant libraries.

At the ceremony, 70 departments and wellwishers donated K 6.1 million, 42,883 various books valued at more than K 28.7 million; and 33 colour TVs and 101 radios worth about K 5.4 million.

The donations will be kept by respective committees for sustainable development of the libraries. — MNA

UN reports undernutrition kills 5.6 mln children each year

UNITED NATIONS, 3 May — About 5.6 million children die every year in part because they are not getting enough of the right nutrients, and 146 million children are at risk from dying early because they are underweight, a UN report said Tuesday.

The report, entitled Progress for Children: A Report Card on Nutrition released by UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), showed that undernutrition is the result of insufficient food intake, repeated infectious diseases and lack of care.

Undernutrition stunts children's growth and development and, in girls, their later ability to bear healthy children, the report said.

It also noted that the rate of underweight children under five has fallen only slightly since 1990, which showed that the world is failing children and still far off track for achieving the UN Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger by 2015.

Despite progress in some countries, averages of developing countries have dropped just 5 percentage points in the last 15 years with 27 per cent of children in these countries underweight.

Nearly three quarters of the 146 million children suffering from undernutrition live in just 10 countries, and over half in just three countries including Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

Although the international community promised to halve the number of children who are underweight by 2015, the Millennium Development Goal will not be achieved unless the world takes action on the issue, it noted. — MNA/Xinhua

After La Nina Philippines braces for rainy season

MANILA, 3 May— The effect of the La Nina weather pattern in the Philippines is nearly over but the country should prepare for the start of the rainy season in the second half of May, a senior meteorologist said on Tuesday.

Nathaniel Cruz, head of the weather branch of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration, said the sweltering heat experienced in most parts of the country in April coincided with a significant drop in rainfall.

"La Nina is already in a decaying stage," Cruz told Reuters by telephone.

"But even if La Nina is about to end, we should be prepared for the coming of the rainy season which will start in the second half of May until September."

About 20 typhoons hit the Philippine archipelago each year, seven of which cross the country, mostly during the rainy season. Two tropical cyclones have already swept through the Southeast Asian country this year.

La Nina, which is associated with increased rainfall, storms and flooding in most parts of Asia, was felt in the Philippines from December till March.

During that time, most parts of the Philippines experienced above average rainfall, Cruz said.

Mudslides triggered by heavy rains entombed a community of 1,800 in Guinsaugon on Southern Leyte Province, about 675 kilometres (420 miles) southeast of Manila, in February.

MNA/Xinhua



Besiktas' Okan Buruk screams when fouled by Deniz Baris (R) of Fenerbahce in their Fortis Turkey Cup soccer final at Ataturk Stadium in Izmir on 3 May, 2006. — INTERNET

Fugitive Brazilian murderer arrested near Boston

BOSTON, 3 May — A Brazilian fugitive convicted of two murders including the assassination of a union leader in the remote Brazilian Amazon was arrested in Massachusetts, federal authorities said on Tuesday.

Jose Serafim Sales,

40, also known as Barrerito, was apprehended without incident near Boston on 25 April following an investigation by US and Brazilian authorities, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said. Sales, who escaped prison in March 2000, was convicted of shooting in 1991 Expedito Ribeiro de Souza, who defended rural workers against rich landowners in the remote Amazon.

The killing in the jungle town of Rio Maria triggered protests by US environmentalists who said Brazil's government was failing to protect defenders of the Amazon rain forest. Sales, who was also convicted of another murder in the Rio Maria area and charged with a third, was sentenced in 1995 to 25 years in prison. A local Amazon landowner was convicted in 2000 of hiring Sales to kill de Souza.

MNA/Reuters

Building near Philippine Presidential Palace catches fire

MANILA, 3 May— Heavy fire swallowed a building and its adjacent area which is within 100 metres from Malacanang, or the Philippine Presidential Palace, here on early Tuesday evening, making it a disaster to the local residents.

Fire flame once reached at least 10 metres high in a breeze. The high-level alarm attracted more than 15 firetrucks from the Malacanang area and other districts, with their loud sirens heard across the Pasig River where the Palace sits.

After it broke out at around 6:40 pm, the flame seemed restive but was put under control by water cannons of the firefighters past 7:30 pm.

The building that was still burning in smoke does not belong to the government's property, an official of the Malacanang Press Office told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua



The Yahoo headquarters in Sunnyvale, California, is seen in this undated file photo. Software giant Microsoft Corp has held discussions to buy a stake in Internet media company Yahoo Inc to compete against Google Inc, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Mexico's First Lady wins damages for divorce story

MEXICO CITY, 3 May — Mexican First Lady Marta Sahagun won 178,000 US dollars in damages against an Argentine author and a Mexican magazine on Tuesday for invasion of privacy in an article about the breakup of a previous marriage.

A Mexican court ruled that *Proceso* weekly news magazine and writer Olga Wornat damaged Sahagun's reputation by publishing part of a petition she wrote to the Catholic Church in the 1990s asking for the annulment of her marriage to a Mexican businessman.

The 2005 article, the reproduction of part of a book by Wornat, de-

tailed the breakdown of her marriage to Manuel Bribiesca, including descriptions of their waning sex life.

After that marriage was annulled, Sahagun, a devout Catholic, married President Vicente Fox in 2001. She did not dispute the facts of the article but said that publishing it was demeaning to her.

Another court ruled in March that the same book

by Wornat, *Damned Chronicles From A Devastated Mexico*, libeled one of Sahagun's sons by alleging he made a fortune from shady government-funded building contracts.

Sahagun, the President's former press secretary, married Fox in a surprise ceremony a year after he won an election that ended 71 years of one-party rule. — MNA/Reuters



A man (R) walks past a display of paintings by students for the preservation of the ozone layer in Bangalore, in 2002. Optimism that Earth's protective ozone layer, ravaged by chemicals in the 20th century, may be restored within the next couple of decades is premature, according to a study. — INTERNET

Hyundai to sign investment deal with Czech Republic

PRAGUE, 2 May— South Korea's automaker Hyundai would sign an investment deal with the Czech Republic in spite of the company's chief having been arrested during an embezzlement probe, the Czech Trade and Industry Ministry said on Monday.

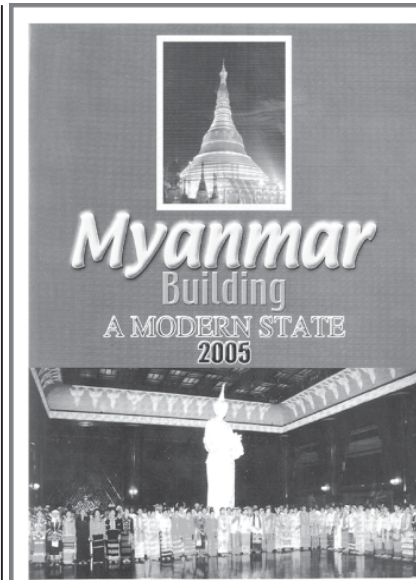
The signing ceremony of the one-billion-euro (about 1.26 billion US dollars) deal, the largest single foreign investment in the Czech Republic, would probably be held mid-May, the ministry said.

The agreement en-

visages establishing a Hyundai assembly plant near the capital of Prague.

The deal was in danger of being aborted as Hyundai Motor's Chairman Chung Mong-koo was detained on 28 April as part of an investigation of bribery allegations.

The 68-year-old chairman is under suspicion of embezzling about 130 billion won (about 137.2 million dollars) to establish a slush fund for bribery and is believed to have caused 390 billion won (about 412.6 million dollars) worth of damage to the company's interests. — MNA/Xinhua



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Locals stand on stilts during a performance to celebrate May Day at a park in Kaifeng in central China's Henan Province on 1 May, 2006.

INTERNET

Annan calls for peace agreement in Darfur without delay

UNITED NATIONS, 2 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has urged parties in Darfur, Sudan to reach agreement without delay, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Monday.

In a statement released by his spokesman, Annan said he has taken note of the expiration of the 30 April deadline at the Inter-Sudanese Peace Talks on the conflict in Darfur.

"He urges the parties, particularly the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), to redouble their efforts and to come to an agreement without delay, so that the suffering and destruction in Darfur can be brought to an end," the spokesman noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed, four injured in China air crash accidents

BEIJING, 2 May — Two people were killed and four injured in two air crashes on Monday in the provinces of Jiangsu and Hubei respectively in China.

A light aircraft crashed while carrying out a sight-seeing mission in Liangzihu Island of E'zhou City in Hubei at 10:00 am on 1 May, the first day of the seven-day golden week holidays. Three people aboard the plane were slightly injured, according to sources with the Aviation Safety Office of the General Administration of Civil Aviation.

At 11:20 am on the same morning, a glider crashed in the Suqian City of Jiangsu. Two died and one injured. The two airplanes were not registered at aviation department and their flights were not approved, sources with said.

The General Administration of Civil Aviation and the State Administration for Work Safety have demanded their local branches in the two provinces to investigate the accidents.

The causes of the accidents are still under investigations.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland's former president linked with intelligence service

WARSAW, 2 May — Poland's public television TVP reported on Sunday that former president Wojciech Jaruzelski once worked for the Polish military's

intelligence service.

Newly disclosed documents showed that Jaruzelski had worked for the military intelligence service, the TVP said, citing chief of

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the national commemoration research institute. According to the revealed archives, Jaruzelski registered in the intelligence service in 1946, and the registration data also included a nickname, his birth date and information about his father. The report said some content in the documents on Jaruzelski's cooperation with the intelligence service had been deleted, and only pieces of records on the margins of these papers were left.

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Beijing bans cigarette selling at newsstands

BELING, 2 May — Beijing municipal authorities showed red light to cigarette selling at newsstands which are star-studded in the country's capital to ensure safety and curb fire risk, according to two regulations on tobacco retails which went into effect on Monday.

Jointly issued by the Beijing Municipal Administration of Production Safety and the Tobacco Monopoly Bureau, the regulations specify essential facilities for the outlets of companies engaged in tobacco retails.

The requirements have ruled out possibility for poorly-equipped houses such as newsstands to get licence for tobacco retails due to their questionable safety conditions.

Instead of makeshift shanties, all outlets shall be located in building with a fire resistance rating of no less than third grade. And the external wall shall

be at least 25 centimetres thick, the regulations said.

Meanwhile, makeshift materials are banned for the roof and combustible materials for inner wall decoration and suspended ceiling.

The regulations, as well, set burglarproof door or other metal doors that measures no less than 1.2 metre in width as a prerequisite for the outlets.

"Each two tobacco stands shall be located at least 150 metres apart in bustling avenues," the regulations read.

The regulations also demanded at least two powder fire extinguishers in each outlet, and a device

for GPS monitoring system in each vehicle for tobacco transportation.

Tobacco retailers are obliged to provide training on safety production to its staff and equip them with necessities to ensure occupational safety, according to the regulations.

MNA/Xinhua



Assembly line of a plant of Hyundai Motor is seen in Asan, about 110 km south of Seoul, on 2 May, 2006. Hyundai Motor, facing a cash-for-favours probe that could disrupt its global ambitions, said on Tuesday its April sales rose 2.5 percent from a year ago, helped by higher exports. —INTERNET

Portuguese killed in bull run

LISBON, 2 May — A Portuguese died of injury sustained on Sunday during a bull run event in central Portugal, *Jornal de Noticias* daily reported Monday.

The 50-year-old man was gored in the chest by a bull's horns during the bull running event in Samora Correia, a town some 50 kilometres northeast of Lisbon, and he died later in hospital, the newspaper said.

The 25-hour event will end at 5 p.m. (1700 GMT) on Monday, attracting some 20,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua

DNA tests free man from life imprisonment in US

WASHINGTON DC, 2 May — Thanks to DNA tests, a man serving a life sentence for a 1988 murder reunited with his family Monday after almost two decades behind bars, according to

reports from Pittsburgh.

Drew Whitley had been in jail shortly after a 22-year-old woman was shot death outside her restaurant in 1988.

He got a life sentence in 1989 when a witness identified him based on the shape of his face and his walk, and a crime lab technician said his hair exhibited similarity with hair in a mask found nearby the crime scene.

With DNA tests not available in 1989, results released last week showed Whitley's DNA did not match DNA from hairs found in the killer's mask. And Whitley's murdering charges were dropped on Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

Giant Ferris wheel in E China expected to create world record

NANCHANG, 2 May — A huge Ferris wheel, higher than the world's record of London Eye, began to receive travellers Monday in East China's Jiangxi Province.

The developer of the Ferris wheel, located in the provincial capital of Nanchang, said application procedures for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records is underway. The wheel is 160 meters in height — 25 metres higher than the London Eye on the south bank of the River Thames in Britain, and 153 metres in diameter — 25 metres longer than its British peer.

With a total investment of 57 million yuan (7.1 million US dollars), the wheel, or the Star of Nanchang, is decorated with 6,500-metre-long lights that could produce a magnificent scenery at night.

The wheel project boasts reliable security equipment and professional staff trainings, and a number of emergency treatment plans have been prepared to ensure travelers' safety, according to the developer of the project. — MNA/Xinhua



Paramilitary policemen take part in a training exercise at a military base in Hefei, eastern China's Anhui Province on 30 April, 2006. China's Army recruits can look forward to a better night's sleep thanks to a new regulation banning chronic snorers from enlisting, local media reported. —INTERNET

Spanish language network to be formed across four nations

MADRID, 2 May — The second Spanish Language Cities Meeting ended on Sunday in Valladolid with an agreement to create a network for promoting and unifying the Spanish language.

The Network of Spanish Language Cities, as will be known, is to be made up of Argentina's Rosario, Spain's Valladolid, Mexico's Zacatecas and Colombia's Cartagena, said Angeles Porres, Valladolid's acting mayor.

MNA/Xinhua

14 injured in van-car collision in eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 May — At least 14 people were injured Monday, five seriously, as a van collided with a car in eastern Malaysia.

The incident happened around noon in Kuching, capital of Sarawak State, when the van driver, Mohammad Shokri Ahmad Sauzi, 48, lost control of his van after trying to overtake a vehicle.

Mohammad Shokri was seriously injured in the accident. Also seriously injured were the car driver, Wabby Remis, 38; her father, Nojie Poan, 60, and her two children aged 10 and 15 respectively, the *Bernama* news agency reported.

The five people have been admitted to a local hospital for treatment.

Two other passengers of the car received outpatient treatment, together with the van driver's seven children aged between seven and 15. Mohammad Shokri had just fetched his children from school before the accident took place, said the report. — MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani earthquake survivors walk on a hanging bridge which was damaged in the quake in the earthquake-devastated town of Balakot, 180 km (112 miles) from Islamabad on 2 May, 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Washington Nationals pitcher Mike O'Connor delivers a pitch in the Nationals 6-2 victory over the New York Mets in their baseball game on 2 May, 2006, at Shea Stadium in New York.—INTERNET

Bundesliga match reports

BERLIN, 3 May—Brief reports of Bundesliga matches played on Tuesday:

Hertha Berlin 1 — Bayer Leverkusen 5

Leverkusen won their sixth straight match and opened up a five-point lead over Hertha in the race for fifth place and a spot in the UEFA Cup next season.

Dimitar Berbatov scored twice in the 27th and 28th minute after Juan put the visitors in front five minutes into the match before Marcelinho pulled one back four minutes before halftime. Carsten Ramelow and Bernd Schneider each got second half goals.

Nuremberg 5 — Borussia Moenchengladbach 2

The victory gave Nuremberg 40 points to move clear of the relegation zone and coach Hans Meyer said he would extend his contract after his team erupted for four second-half goals.

Slovakia's Robert Vittek scored twice, while Jan Polak, Iwan Sajenko and Stefan Kiessling had one each for Nuremberg. Ze Antonio and Wesley Sonck scored in the 34th and 36th minute for Moenchengladbach.

Hanover 96 1 — Borussia Dortmund 2

Dortmund kept their slim hopes for a UEFA Cup spot alive with the victory at Hanover, who with 36 points remained uncomfortably near to the drop zone in 12th place, only five above 16th place Kaiserslautern.

After Germany defender Per Mertesacker put Hanover ahead one minute before halftime with his third goal of the season, Czech midfielder Tomas Rosicky equalised with a fine free kick one minute before the hour and Christian Woerns scored the winner for Dortmund in the 81st minute. —MNA/Reuters

Hamburg beat Cologne to stay on Bayern's heels

BERLIN, 3 May—Hamburg SV kept up the pressure on Bayern Munich down the home stretch of the season with a 1-0 win at Cologne on Tuesday that cut the Bundesliga leader's margin on top to just



Cologne's Marco Streller, left, struggles with Hamburg's Bastian Reinhardt during the German first division soccer match between 1.FC Cologne and Hamburger SV at the Cologne Rheinenergie Stadium on 2 May, 2006. —INTERNET

two points.

Bayern, who play VfB Stuttgart at home on Wednesday, have 70 points and a game in hand to HSV, who have 68 points. Hamburg's victory means that Bayern cannot clinch their 20th German championship until Saturday at the earliest.

Bayern can restore their five-point lead with a victory over Stuttgart. They play at Kaiserslautern on Saturday, where they could claim the championship no matter what Hamburg do in their final two matches. The season ends a week later on 13 May.

An own-goal by Cologne's Lukas Sinkiewicz in the third minute was the difference for Hamburg. The Germany defender deflected a cross from Iran's Mehdi Mahdavia past his own goalkeeper Alexander Bade.

Cologne, fighting off relegation and unbeaten in their last five matches, dominated much of the rest of the match and Hamburg were lucky to come away with three points. Christian Lell missed in the seventh minute while Germany striker Lukas Podolski's shot in the 71st minute flew just above the goal. —MNA/Reuters

Reid header guarantees Blackburn UEFA Cup place

LONDON, 3 May—A header from Steven Reid secured Blackburn Rovers a spot in next season's UEFA Cup with a 1-0 victory over English champions Chelsea on Tuesday.

Blackburn's victory handed Chelsea, who secured their second successive Premier League title on Saturday, their fourth league defeat of the season and sparked huge celebrations at a packed Ewood Park. Reid's 43rd minute effort moved sixth-placed Blackburn to 60 points and ensured their nearest rivals Newcastle United, who are on 55, cannot overtake them with only one game remaining.

"We're delighted and it's been a huge effort and sometimes you don't get what you deserve but tonight we got what we deserved," Blackburn coach Mark Hughes told Sky Sports. "This season we've built on the qualities we showed last season and we're in Europe now and we'll see how far we can progress next season."

Jose Mourinho made eight changes to the side that clinched the title three days ago and it showed early on as they struggled to make an impact in the first half.

David Bentley missed a great chance to put Blackburn ahead in the 28th minute when his deflected header shot past an open goal.

At the other end, a left-footed effort from a sliding Eidur Gudjohnsen hit the post seven minutes later after Geremi put in a great pass in front of the

Icelandic striker.

Two minutes before the break, Reid claimed the only goal of the match in bizarre circumstances. His team mate Robbie Savage had appeared to have directed a spectacular curling free kick from the left side of the box into the bottom corner of the net. But Reid was quick to point out that he was the last man to have had any contact with the ball, jumping up from the crowded area in the box to nod in the header.

Unaware Reid had got the final touch, Savage rushed to rejoice with the fans and was shown a yellow card for his over-zealous celebrations.

Reid limped off in the 70th minute and had to be substituted when he pulled up clutching his back after turning awkwardly on his ankle.

Chelsea enjoyed most of the possession follow-

ing the interval but keeper Brad Friedel preserved Rovers' lead with his athletic saves.

The London club were denied a penalty after Blackburn substitute Aaron Mokoena tugged Hernan Crespo to the ground in the box but the incident went unpunished.

"Blackburn deserve to be in UEFA Cup but they didn't deserve to win like this," said a disgruntled Mourinho. "We deserved two, maybe even three penalties but (not being given) the Crespo penalty was ridiculous as the lineman was in front."

MNA/Reuters



Blackburn Rovers' Steven Reid (L) and Robbie Savage celebrate the opening goal against Chelsea during their English Premiership soccer match at Ewood Park, Blackburn, England. Reid secured Blackburn Rovers a place in next season's UEFA Cup with a first half header that brought Chelsea's title celebrations to an abrupt end as they were at the wrong end of a 1-0 defeat.—INTERNET

United frustrated in bid to secure second spot

LONDON, 2 May—Manchester United's bid to secure second place in the Premier League and automatic entry into the Champions League suffered a blow when it was held 0-0 at home by Middlesbrough on Monday.

Three first-half goals gave Arsenal a 3-0 victory over relegated Sunderland—Thierry Henry setting up two and scoring one to keep the Gunners in the hunt for fourth place.

Victory would have confirmed United as runner-up to Chelsea, who captured a second successive title with a 3-0 rout against them at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy squandered several good chances and had a second-half penalty denied by Boro keeper Brad Jones as UEFA Cup finalist Boro held on for a deserved point.

United goes into the final round of the season with 80 points, one more than third-placed Liverpool. It hosts Charlton Athletic on Sunday while Liverpool travels to Portsmouth.

Sunderland suffered more misery at the Stadium of Light as Henry's free kick was headed into his own goal by Danny Collins after 29 minutes and then the Frenchman set up Cesc Fabregas for the second before tucking a free kick inside the near post two minutes before the break. —MNA/Xinhua



American golfer Michelle Wie looks at her driver shot during the Pro-Am golf match of SK Telecom Open 2006 in Incheon, west of Seoul, on 3 May, 2006. Teenage golfer Wie will compete with male golfers in the SK Telecom Open from 4-7 May.—INTERNET

Confident Parreira names Brazil team for World Cup opener

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 May—Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira confidently named his starting line-up on Wednesday for his team's opening World Cup match against Croatia next month.

Parreira, whose side play Croatia on June 13 and face Australia and Japan in their first round group, will field his so-called magic quartet of Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Adriano and Kaka.

Injury and fitness-permitting, the world champions' team will be the one that started the World Cup qualifier against Venezuela in October, Brazil's last competitive match.

"To start the Cup, it will be the quartet," Parreira told reporters.

"The team which starts the Cup will be the same one which finished the qualifiers, we have to be coherent."

"Afterwards, during the course of the competition, the results and performances will determine whether or not it's necessary to change," Parreira added.

MNA/Reuters

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Nepali cyclist has visited 90 countries, regions so far

KATHMANDU, 3 May — Nepali cyclist Pushkar Shah has travelled 90 countries and regions by bicycle till Monday, general secretary of World Cyclist Foundation of Nepal (WCFN) said here on Tuesday.

“While completing his 90-country-visit, Shah has covered 134,000 kilometres through bicycle,” Dhruba Paudel, general secretary of WCFN, a non-governmental organization of Nepal, told *Xinhua*.

Shah, 39, has arrived Democratic Republic of Congo, the 91st country since he started his world tour from Nepali capital Kathmandu on 27 November, 1998, Paudel said.

With the slogan of “World Peace and Love”, Shah plans to see 150 countries and regions of the world in 11 years on a bicycle, according to Paudel.

Shah has been distributing the soil of Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha in western Nepal, along his journey to extend the message of Buddha.

After completing his world tour on bicycle, Shah plans to scale Mount Everest, the highest peak of the world, with flags of the countries and regions he had visited.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong wind warning

(Issued on 3rd May, 2006)

Before the establishment of Southwest Monsoon, squalls which may be accompanied at times by hails with isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the afternoon/evening over most of the country. The downburst winds may occur at times from the towering clouds. Surface wind speeds in squalls may reach (40) to (50) mph.

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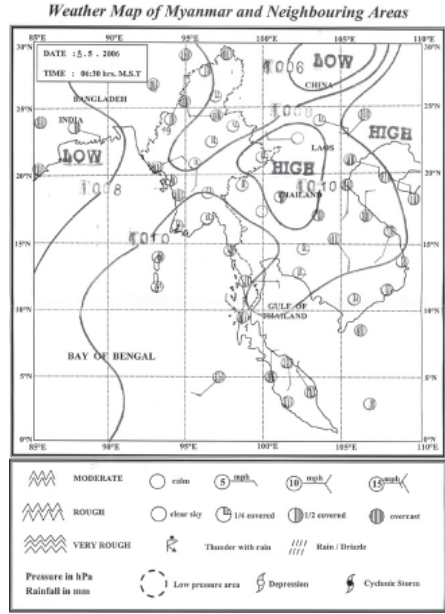
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Arsenal's Lianne Sanderson celebrates her goal against Leeds United during their English Women's FA Cup final soccer match at The Den, Millwall, London, on 1 May, 2006. Arsenal won 5-0.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 3 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) below normal in Yangon Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (1.38) inches, Kyauktaw (0.79) inch Kalewa and Thaton (0.75) inch each and Pakokku (0.28) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-5-2006 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 3-5-2006 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 3-5-2006 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 2-5-2006 was (8.1) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 3-5-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (8) mph from South at (15:00) hours MST on 2-5-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 4-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of day temperatures are likely Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 4-5-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-5-2006: Possibility to isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-5-2006: Partly cloudy.



Thursday, 4 May
View on today

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 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:25 am
 9. စိုက္ခတ်ရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV (Junior Class—I)
- 9:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အထောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးဖြူ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:25 pm
 7. Cute little dancers
- 5:35 pm
 8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
 9. “ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ” ရာဇာဓိပတိ၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ

- 5:50 pm
 10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းဖြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:40 pm
 14. ဝင်ငွေတိုးတက်ရရှိဖို့ နိုက်ပျိုးစွမ်းအားမြှင့်တင်ဖို့
- 6:50 pm
 15. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:55 pm
 16. ကျေးလက်ဒေသ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးလင်းရေးမြို့နယ်၊ ဒါးဆိပ်ကျေးရွာ
- 7:05 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဖန်ပန်းလှလှ” (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
 18. News
- 8:05 pm
 19. International news
- 8:10 pm
 20. Weather report
- 8:15 pm
 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရှေ့နေ” (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:20 pm
 22. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ် (၁၀)မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဏ္ဍာဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 8:25 pm
 23. The next day's programme



Thursday, 4 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - She's been good to me
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Bring me to life
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - Everything my heart desires
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - Time'll tell
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunchtime music
 - Memories are made off
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pouri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
 - Could this be love... Jennifer Lopez
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

All the people, locals to carry out growing physic nut as a national duty

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends physic nut plant growing ceremonies in Kawthoung Township

YANGON, 3 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and officials, attended the ceremony to grow physic nut plants of regiments and units in Kawthoung Station on 30 April. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented physic nut saplings to regiments and units.

They viewed participation of Tatmadawmen and family members in growing physic nut saplings. They also attended the physic nut growing ceremony of Kawthoung at Shwepyitha Hill in Kawthoung.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke on the occasion. He said that nowadays, the world

use fuel within limits. With the farsightedness, Head of State Senior General had given guidance on extending cultivation of physic nut plants on a commercial scale so as to produce bio-diesel.

Therefore, all the people and locals are to carry out growing physic nut as a national duty. Physic nut oil can directly be used in diesel engine. Hence, it will supply fuel requirement of the region. Production of bio-fuel can save a half cost of imported fuel. The money saved can be spent on construction of many bridges similar to Ayeyawady River crossing bridges. He urged departmental personnel and local people to grow physic nut plants exceeding the target acres in the district and the township.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected nurturing of physic nut saplings at the compound of Kawthoung Hospital.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents physic nut saplings to regiments and units of Kawthoung Station through officers.

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At Bayintnaung Hall in Kawthoung Station, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental personnel and oil palm entrepreneurs of Kawthoung District and Township. Local authorities and departmental officials reported on progress of the district and township.

The commander briefed him on allotment (See page 9)

NLD never shows positive attitude to whatever the government is doing

All members of Kyaukme Township NLD resign to participate in regional development tasks

YANGON, 3 May—All 15 members of Kyaukme Township National League for Democracy in Shan State (North) on 30 April resigned of their own accord from the NLD by sending letter of resignation they had collectively signed to Kyaukme Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-Commission.

They are U Hla Maung (Chairman, Ward 6, Kyaukme), U Soe Win (Vice-Chairman, Ward 8, Kyaukme), U Kyaw Win (Vice-Chairman, Ward 6, Kyaukme), U Maung Maung (Secretary, Ward 6, Kyaukme), U Nyunt Shwe (Joint-Secretary, Ward 3, Kyaukme), U Ganga Bahadur (Treasurer, Ward 4, Kyaukme), U Soe Win (a) U Teik Bahadur (Organizer, Ward 1, Kyaukme), U Nyan Shein (Organizer, Ward 1, Kyaukme), U Kyaw Than (Organizer, Ward 2, Kyaukme), U Khin Maung Myint (Organizer, Ward 3, Kyaukme), U Myo Myint (Organizer, Ward 1, Kyaukme), U Mya Than (Organizer, Ward 2,

Kyaukme), U Tin Ngwe (Organizer, Ward 1, Kyaukme), U Htay Lwin (Organizer, Ward 8, Kyaukme) and U Sai Win Khaing (Organizer, Ward 1, Kyaukme).

In the letter, they said that the Kyaukme Township National League for Democracy was reconstituted in 2002 with the aim of just getting involved in party politics as member of the NLD in the interests of local people; that having a glance at the activi-

ties of the NLD, it can be found that it never had positive attitude but was criticizing with negative attitude to the government's efforts to disrupt national development; that they were completely dismayed by the NLD's announcements stipulating its demands to be fulfilled not later than 17 April and demands, not later than 27 May as the announcements were ultimatum to the government with the intention of (See page 9)

Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal and wife leave

YANGON, 3 May — A Thai goodwill delegation led by Royal Thai Air Force Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and wife left here by air this afternoon.

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 saw off the goodwill delegation at Yangon International Airport.

At the airport, Lt-Gen Myat Hein presented a photo album and a video tape of the goodwill visit to Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk.

The Thai delegation arrived here yesterday to pay a goodwill visit. MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt bid farewell to Thai Air Chief Marshal Chalit Pukbhasuk and party at the airport. — MNA

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Governments of Myanmar and India are contributing all-round assistance to the pagoda project with might and main. And the Myanmar members of the Sangha on their part are acting as the Ovadacariya Sayadaws to supervise the construction work. There are also plans to hold a Buddhist conference at the pagoda after its completion.