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Local people to join hands with officials, to extend growing rubber, pepper and physic nut for regional development

YANGON, 5 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kalay Station visited Tamu People's Hospital on 2 May.

They inspected men's ward, medical store, X-ray room, laboratory, operation theatre and OPD and provided assistance to the facility.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint donated laboratory equipment and medicines to the hospital through medical superintendent Dr Khin Maung Htay.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended the collective growing of physic nut by departments in Tamu District at milepost No 4/0 on Tamu-Myothit-Aungzeya Road near Chaungnetkyi plain in Tamu Township. Chairman of District PDC Lt-Col Win Zaw reported on progress of growing and nurturing physic nut plants in Tamu District and future plans.

They grew physic nut saplings together with departmental personnel and local people.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Tamu Border Trade Centre. Director of the Border Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce Lt-Col Myint Soe reported on tax revenues, largest imported and exported items, exporting new items and work plans. Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the staff to be loyal to the State without corrupt practices, and to avoid any



Lt-Gen Ye Myint presents operation theatre facilities and medicines to Medical Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Htay of Tamu Hospital. — MNA

acts that can harm the dignity of the nation.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the physic nut plantation nurtured by District PDC in the compound

of No 7 Basic Education Primary School in Sawbwa in Ward 5, Tamu, and gave instructions to the officials.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander attended the collective growing of physic nut plants in Kanan Model Village in Khampat Township and planted physic nut saplings. They also inspected the rubber plantation at the junction of Kalay-Tamu Road and Mawlaik-Pyaungbok-Sawbwa Yayshin Road.

They looked into progress of constructing roads and bridges on the road from Yan Myo Aung Village junction to Mawlaik-Pyaungbok-Sawbwa Yayshin Road. Lt-Col Aye Hsan of local regiment reported on work progress. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave a supplementary report.

In response, Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed the officials to upgrade Pyaungbok-Sawbwa Yayshin Road to a all-weather facility.

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In the past people in Mawlaik and Phaungpyin townships in Mawlaik District had to rely on waterway for transport. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, Mawlaik-Kalewa Road was constructed.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets authorities of Mawlaik District and Mawlaik and Phaungpyin Townships, departmental personnel and local people at Mawlaik BEHS. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost regional economy through extended growing of oil palm

Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Extended cultivation of paddy and other crops is being carried out through full utilization of land resources. Food security is ensured by extended growing of monsoon and summer paddy as well as marketable crops, thereby contributing to economic development.

With abundant vacant and fallow land, Taninthayi Division has potential for extended growing of crops that suit the region.

Similarly, work for economic development of the division is being carried out making the most of land and marine resources.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials, on 1 May inspected oil palm plantations, crude edible oil mills, roads and bridges and construction of the hospital in Kawthoung District and Bokpyin Taninthayi Division, and gave instructions on extended cultivation of oil palm and producing of palm oil.

The extended growing of oil palm is being carried out in Taninthayi Division for self-sufficiency in edible oil as the region has favourable condition for growing oil palm. The government is making all-out efforts for entrepreneurs to be able to grow oil palm on a commercial scale.

The companies of entrepreneurs are trying their utmost to meet the target of growing 500,000 acres of oil palm in Taninthayi Division. And some companies are now in the process of test-running of crude edible oil mills.

In the area of Yuzana Oil Palm Project, 17,700 acres of oil palm have been grown against the target of 20,000 acres from 1999 to 2006, and 1,800,400 saplings are being nurtured at 17 camps for growing oil palm in the region in 2006.

Likewise, Dagon Timber Ltd and Po Kaung Co are widely engaged in land preparations for extended cultivation of oil palm year after year in Taninthayi Division.

The local authorities concerned are to encourage the farmers to grow paddy extensively for self-sufficiency in Taninthayi Division, oil palm, rubber, pepper as well as physic nut plants from which bio-fuel can be extracted.

Such being so, the onus is on Taninthayi Division to boost economy of the region through extended cultivation of oil palm and other crops making better use of favourable conditions created by the government.



Daw Khin Khin and family of Thuwunna recently presented K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Thein Aung. — H

Oppose Those Relying on External Elements

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

Cash, relief items donated to storm victims of Gwa, Kyeintali in Rakhine State

YANGON, 4 May — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials went to Gwa in Rakhine State on 2 May and attended a ceremony to donate cash and kind to the storm victims of Gwa.

Officials clarified storm-affected condition and the commander and the minister made speeches later.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented K 10 million donated by HQ of USDA to Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint. The deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors donated cash and kind to the officials. The wellwishers also donated cash and relief items to the

storm victims through the officials.

U Nyi Than, a local expressed thanks for the donation.

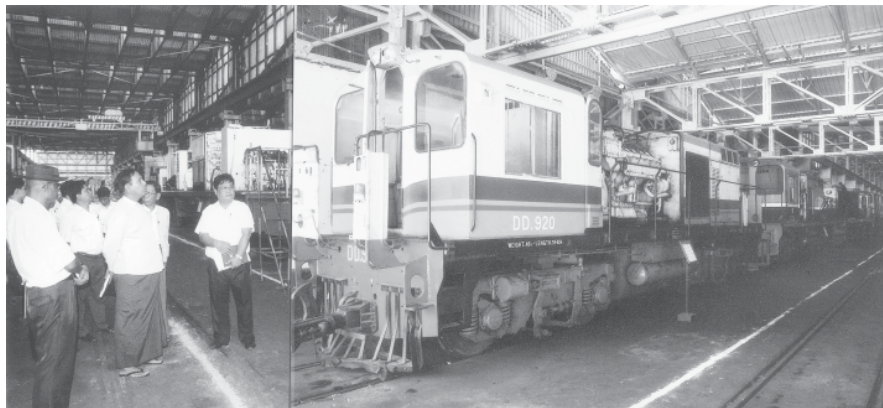
In Kyeintali, the commander, the minister and party attended the cash and kind donation ceremony. Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe donated cash to the storm victims through the commander. The deputy ministers, directors-general, managing directors and wellwishers made cash and kind donations to the victims.

Yesterday, the commander, the minister and party visited Nandaranthi Kinyon Monastery in Gwa and offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of Sangha.

The donation amounted to K 40.5 million for the storm-affected people of Gwa.

MNA

Functions of Locomotive Shed (Insein) inspected



Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin inspects assembling of locomotives at Locomotive Shed (Insein). — RAILWAY

YANGON, 4 May — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin met officials of Locomotive Shed (Insein) of Myanma Railways yesterday morning.

The deputy minister instructed them to actively perform tasks of the shed for manufacturing quality products. He inspected assembling 1,100 hp locomotives at the shed.

Next, the deputy minister inspected repairing of locomotives and other production tasks. — MNA

Bomb goes off near transformer in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — A bomb exploded at 7.55 pm yesterday near a transformer on a feeder road that leads to the towns of Penwegon and Kyaukkyi in Bago Division.

authorities have raised the alarm about the danger of destructive acts to the people in order to tighten security in cooperation with security forces.

MNA

The bomb caused a little damage to the transformer and the fence that enclosed it. Personnel concerned are in hot pursuit of the saboteurs in collaboration with the people.

In league with terrorists, insurgents are committing destructive acts by sending groups of destructive elements to blow up their targeted areas and places where it is easy planting bombs in the country. Therefore,

Five computer and graphics technicians of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Printing and Publishing Enterprise seen at the airport before departure for Thailand on 3 May to study graphics art (imagesetter) and colour printing works in Thailand. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



S Korea President appeals for independent diplomacy from US

SEOUL, 4 May—South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said on Wednesday that it is time for his country to adopt independent diplomacy from the United States.

“Now it's time to choose an independent course of diplomacy,” Roh said at a meeting of the National Unification Advisory Council in Seoul. “So far, we have made a success through dependence on the US,” the President said. “But living a dependent life is different from living independently and

maintaining a close friendship. The two countries will remain friends forever,” Roh added. Earlier on the day, South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jong-seok said his country clearly opposes any efforts to

change the regime of North Korea. The South Korean Government criticized Jay Lefkowitz, Washington's special envoy for North Korea's human rights, last weekend on his remarks that Seoul's economic cooperation and humanitarian aids to North Korea might be feeding and helping North Korea's regime.

However, Lee added “An alliance, or cooperation, is to work toward an agreement despite differences. It would be wrong to say the (US-South Korean) alliance would be broken because of this.”

According to the Unification Ministry, South Korea has provided over two million tons of rice and two million tons of fertilizer to North Korea since the late 1990s.

MNA/Xinhua

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Singapore Telecommunications (SingTel) has said its year to March net profit rose to a better-than-expected 27.4 percent on strong contributions from overseas operations.—INTERNET

BBC's Mideast coverage incomplete, misleading

LONDON, 4 May—BBC's coverage on the Middle East is inconsistent, incomplete and misleading, according to an independent study published on Wednesday.

Led by Sir Quentin Thomas, President of the British Board of Film Classification, a study panel said BBC's coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict implicitly favours the

Israeli side. The deaths of Israelis received greater coverage than Palestinian fatalities, while Israelis received more airtime on news and current affairs programmes, said the study. Only “a small percentage of Palestinian fatalities were reported by BBC News,” it said, while “the killing of more than one Israeli by Palestinians either by gun or bomb was

reported on national broadcast programmes”.

At the same time, there was “little reporting of the difficulties faced by the Palestinians in their daily lives” and a “failure to convey adequately the disparity in the Israeli and Palestinian experience, reflecting the fact that one side is in control and the other side lives under occupation”, the study added.—MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua



Airplanes fly over Barcelona during a test flight ahead of the second leg of the 2006 Red Bull Air Race World Series, on 3 May, 2006.

INTERNET

“World's oldest person” celebrates 128th birthday

SAN AGUSTIN, 4 May—Friends and relatives of Cruz Hernandez gathered on Wednesday to celebrate her 128th birthday, a milestone that might make her the world's oldest person. Hernandez, who relatives say spends most of her time dozing and no longer speaks, was surrounded by some 200 people at her party, some bearing a cake and others

dressed as Salvadoran mythological heroes.

According to national records, Hernandez was born on 3 May, 1878, in one of the country's central provinces, where she gave birth to 13 children. She now has 60 grandchildren, 80 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great grandchildren.

National birth registry officials sent Hernandez's documents to the

Guinness World Records organisation last year but have yet to hear whether the case was accepted.

Guinness claims Ecuadorean Maria Esther de Capovilla is the world's oldest living woman at age 116. According to the organisation, the longest any woman has ever lived is 122 years. The oldest man was 120 when he died in 1986.

Internet

Second man dies after “racist” London arson attacks

LONDON, 4 May—A second man has died after an arson attack on a convenience store last week that police have said was part of a series of racist attacks on Asian-run shops in south London. Police named the dead man on Wednesday as Hamidi Hamidullah, 31, an Afghan national who worked in the same store in Clapham Road as Khizar Hayat who also died in the blaze.

On Tuesday, detectives arrested a 33-year-old man from the Stockwell area in connection with Hayat's murder and the linked arson attacks on

three stores which Scotland Yard has said were racially motivated.

The fire bombings all occurred in the last three

weeks, culminating in the deadly attack on the Price Cutter Food and Wine store in Clapham Road last Thursday.—MNA/Reuters



Visitors to the ‘Dream Party’ festival in Tokyo line up to buy a new DVD software of Japanese animation Scarlett sold at 9,240 yen (US\$81) on 4 May, 2006. —INTERNET

India, Pakistan agree to launch cross-LoC bus, truck services

NEW DELHI, 4 May — Setting new milestones on the road to a soft border, India and Pakistan on Wednesday agreed to launch another cross-border bus service as well as a truck service across the divided halves of Kashmir to boost trade and popular contacts between the two countries.

The two sides also went ahead with their discussions on modalities over how to make functional the meeting points along the Line of Control (LoC) to enable divided families to meet each other, the Indo-Asian News Service reported.

The two countries had agreed on this arrangement in the aftermath of a massive earthquake that killed several thousands in

Pakistani and Indian Kashmir last year.

“Both sides also agreed to start the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad truck service to facilitate cross-Line of Control (LoC) trade in the first half of July 2006,” said a joint statement at the end of the two-day technical-level talks on enhancing interaction and cooperation across the LoC.

They also exchanged

indicative lists of goods for trade, which could include items like pashm shawls and carpets.

The truck route is meant only for products made or grown in Kashmir, official sources said.

Delegations from chambers of commerce from both sides of the LoC will finalize various aspects of cross-border trade soon.—MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria to celebrate World

Museum Day

ABUJA, 5 May — Nigeria is to join other countries of the world to celebrate 18 May as the World Museum Day, a high-ranking official said here on Wednesday.

Dapo Sijuade, a spokesman for the National Commission for Museum and Monuments (NCMM), told reporters in the capital Abuja that 18 May “is a day set aside to look at issues relating to the museums and other related matters.”

MNA/Xinhua



A Handout photograph shows Toshiba Corporation's HD DVD player at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, on 4 Jan, 2006. A survey of high-volume DVD users by online DVD trading company Peerflix Inc on Wednesday showed that about one in five may buy high-definition DVD players or discs in 2006.—INTERNET



Men work on a submarine at the Exomos factory in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 4 May, 2006. Exomos is a manufacturer of submersibles and next generation water craft.—INTERNET

New York sees worst fire in decade

NEW YORK, 4 May — Firefighters are still fighting the city's worst fire in a decade, excluding the World Trade Center disaster in 11 September, at a vacant warehouse along the East River waterfront in Brooklyn on Tuesday.

The fire which started early morning, sent plumes of thick black

smoke over the city that could be seen for miles, as hundreds of firefighters worked to gain control of the situation. But officials with the Fire Department said the fire will not be completely extinguished for another 24 hours.

“They're warehouses and there are materials in there that are very flammable,” said Fire

Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta.

“A lot of radiant heat from the fire, so it was a difficult fire to fight. And our firefighters had to be careful how close they got.” Flames enveloped the complex of seven vacant warehouses, blocking out the morning light and filling the neighbourhood with acrid smoke, and collapsing

several building walls.

The commissioner said they will not evacuate the area, but asks people to stay away as much as possible to make it easier for the firefighters.

So far eight firefighters have minor injuries. Two firefighters were taken to a nearby hospital and the others were treated at the scene.—MNA/Xinhua



New York City firefighters battle a waterfront warehouse fire in Brooklyn, New York on 2 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Market explosion in Baghdad wounds at least 15

BAGHDAD, 4 May— A bomb went off at a busy popular market in Baghdad's northern neighbourhood on Wednesday, wounding at least 15 Iraqi civilians, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

“A explosive charge detonated at the Nasr popular market in the mainly Shiite neighbourhood of Shula, wounding 15 civilians,” the source said on condition of anonymity. The explosion occurred when the Iraqi Parliament convened under tight security measures in the heavily-fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad.

The Parliament is scheduled to choose a committee to draft the assembly's internal regulations.

MNA/Xinhua



A US armoured vehicle burns after a roadside bomb exploded targeting a US patrol west of Baghdad on 4 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Family kicked out of buffet restaurant

DES MOINES, 4 May— Wendy Dershem may think twice before leaving that egg roll on her plate at her next Chinese buffet. The Des Moines woman, her boyfriend and her two children were kicked out of a restaurant last week after management accused her of leaving too much food on her plate.

“They told us we are not welcome there anymore,” said Dershem, a repeat

customer at the Dragon House buffet. “We waste too much food. But the buffet is all you can eat. And you know kids. They won't always eat everything and they want something else.”

Dershem said she paid her \$5.95 fee on Saturday but was abruptly told to leave after eating one plate of food.

Employees said they had been watching her family on previous trips to the restaurant and were fed

up with her habits.

“They just take one bite and throw it away,” said cashier Lin Huyen. “They take four egg rolls and crab ragoon, take one bite of egg roll and throw the whole plate. That is wasting food.”

Dershem said she was shocked by the scolding and complained to management when she paid her check. “It was embarrassing.— If it's a one-stop buffet, post it,” she said.—Internet

Singapore Cos forecast better business conditions

SINGAPORE, 3 May — Companies in Singapore are expecting better business conditions to come in the next six months ending September this year, according to the results of surveys released by the Singapore Government Tuesday.

A net weighted balance of 26 per cent of manufacturers are optimistic about their business outlook for the period, up from the 15 per cent as recorded three months ago, while 64 per cent forecast the same business conditions in the next six months as before, a quarterly poll by the Economic Development Board (EDB) showed.

The poll, which surveyed some 401 manufacturing establishments with a responding rate of 94 per cent, also

indicated that firms in the transport engineering and electronics clusters are more optimistic about their business outlook than those in other clusters.

A net weighted balance of 23 per cent of manufacturers surveyed expect higher output in the second quarter than in the first one of 2006, while a net weighted balance of 14 per cent of these firms are predicting an increase in employment from April to June this year.

As for the services

sector, an overall net balance of 25 per cent of companies expect improved business climate for the next two quarters, up from the 19 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of last year, according to a separate survey by the Singapore Department of Statistics (SDS).

MNA/Xinhua



A group of children wait for their flu vaccine at the Children's Hospital in Panama City, Panama, on 3 May, 2006. The Panamanian government is beginning a campaign to vaccinate children between 6 and 23 months to prevent the flu. —INTERNET

Thai private, public sector urged to attract M-E investors

BANGKOK, 3 May — Thai Caretaker Foreign Minister Kantathi Suphamongkhon on Tuesday called on the

private and public sector to turn the current oil price crisis into an opportunity by persuading investors of Middle East countries to invest in Thailand, *The Thai News Agency* reported.

Speaking before attending a Cabinet meeting, he conceded the United Nations' plan to inspect nuclear weapons in Iran would worsen the oil price crisis, which could affect all countries including Thailand. He said all parties concerned had attempted to the utmost to prevent the nuclear conflicts from escalating. Should the

problem drag on, Thailand would be definitely affected.

Because of this, he wanted the private and public sector to take this opportunity to persuade Middle-East investors to invest in Thailand because they are already interested in shifting their investment from the West to Asia.

He said the Foreign Ministry was ready to give full assistance in all matters to the private and public sector's organizations, which want to invite investors from the Middle East to invest in Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua

Foreign Ministry says German hostages freed in Iraq

BERLIN, 3 May — Germany's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday that two German hostages held in Iraq since January had been freed after more than three months in captivity.

"I am very pleased to inform you that the two kidnapped men from Leipzig, Rene Braeunlich and Thomas Nitzschke, have been freed today," Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said in a statement. Steinmeier said the hostages were expected to return to Germany on Wednesday. He said they were unharmed after their ordeal and appeared to be in stable condition.

"After spending more than three months under inhumane conditions they are in German care," added Steinmeier, who was on an official visit to Chile.

MNA/Reuters



The Beaconsfield Gold Mine is shown on 4 May, 2006, as a rescue operation continues to free two men trapped at the mine at Beaconsfield, Australia. The miners, Todd Russell, 35, and Brant Webb, 36, have been trapped nearly a kilometer (3,000 feet) underground for more than a week. —INTERNET

Annan urges new global forum against bioweapons

UNITED NATIONS, 3 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan called on Tuesday for a global forum on biological terrorism, saying current treaties were too weak and governmental and commercial initiatives too scattered. "The approach to fighting the abuse of biotechnology for terrorist purposes will have more in common with measures against cyber-crime than with the work to control nuclear weapons," Annan said in a 32-page report.

The report to the 191-member General Assembly was a quest to develop the world's first comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy. The assembly can make a decision on the blueprint

and begins consultations next week. Many of the proposals relate to how nations can build up their political, legislative and financial bodies to fight terrorism, and points to existing UN agencies for technical help.

A September 2005 UN summit of world leaders asked Annan for a blueprint of how to combat global terrorism.

Annan said biological agents were the "most important, under-addressed threat relating to terrorism" and required the involvement of government public health, industrial, science and civil society.

A Biological Weapons Convention, opposed by the United States as being too weak, has no follow-up

verification mechanism and no inspections as in chemical and nuclear treaties. —MNA/Reuters

Iran says uranium purity boosted to 4.8%

TEHERAN, 3 May — A top Iranian official has confirmed on Tuesday that Iran had enriched uranium up to 4.8-per-cent purity, the *ISNA* news agency reported. "Iran has successfully produced enriched uranium up to 4.8 per cent. This level can satisfy Iran's demand to produce nuclear energy fuel," Chairman of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Gholam Reza Aghazadeh was quoted as saying. "Purity of more than 5 per cent is not on agenda now," he said, but adding Iran will deploy more than 3,000 centrifuges to upgrade enrichment work soon. —MNA/Xinhua



Tourists walk on the Longquan Mountain covered by azalea in Danzhai County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 1 May, 2006. The azalea blossoming on the mountain attracted many tourists during the May Day holidays. —INTERNET

Experts warn nearly 150 types of bird flu pose threat

SINGAPORE, 4 May — While the world focuses on battling the spread of the deadly bird flu, nearly 150 different strains of the virus with the potential to cause a global pandemic were laying in wait, scientists warned on Wednesday.

"It is dangerous just to focus on H5N1," Hiroshi Kida, of Japan's Hokkaido University, said on the sidelines of a bird flu conference in Singapore organized by the *Lancet* medical journal.

Kida said H5N1 virus — responsible for 113 deaths around the world — was one of at least 144 potential different strains which posed a threat to humans.

The different strains were possible because of

combinations of proteins within the virus.

All the strains were present in ducks, which act as carriers often without showing any flu symptoms, he said. "None of the... subtypes can be ruled out as potential candidates for future pandemics," Kida told the conference.

Bird flu viruses are a threat to humans because we have no natural immunity to most of them and because they can jump directly from birds to people

— just as one strain did in 1918, triggering a pandemic in which an estimated 50 million died.

In 2003, an outbreak of highly pathogenic H7N7 bird flu infected 89 people in Holland and killed one. Bird flu strains H9N2, H7N2 and H7N3 have also infected people.

MNA/Reuters



An advertisement of Malaysia's DiGi.Com is displayed at a mobile phone shop in Kuala Lumpur on 4 May, 2006. Shares in Malaysia's smallest cellphone firm, DiGiCom Bhd, jumped to another record high on 4 May 2006, after it beat forecasts with its first-quarter result released on 3 May 2006 night. —INTERNET

World oil prices to stay high through 2007

WASHINGTON, 4 May — World crude oil prices are expected to stay high through 2007 because of strong petroleum demand, limited surplus oil production and refining capacity and concerns about supply disruptions due to geopolitical risks in countries like Iran, the US Energy Information Administration said Wednesday.

The EIA said none of these "forces that contribute to current high crude oil prices will ease significantly in the near future, so our best forecast is that crude oil prices will remain elevated through 2007".

The Energy Department's analytical arm also said in its weekly review of the oil market, "Strong growth in the world economy, and particularly in China and the United States, has fuelled the need for more oil, thus putting upward pressure on prices".

US oil prices have stayed above 70 dollars a barrel also due to fear among traders that the West's dispute with Iran over its restarted nuclear

programme could disrupt that country's oil exports and a large part of Nigeria's oil exports remains halted because of militant violence.

"The situation in Nigeria may continue for many months (and) market concerns about a possible supply disruption from Iran are likely to remain through at least this year if not into next year," the EIA said. — MNA/Reuters



Devotees congregate in front of the seven-story wooden Ratomachindra Chariot in Patan, a suburb of Katmandu, Nepal, on 4 May, 2006. The chariot is pulled around by devotees in a plea for prosperity and good crops. —INTERNET

900-year-old tombs discovered in N China region

HONOLULU, 4 May — Archaeologists have discovered an unprecedented large group of 900-year-old tombs in Horinger County in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

The tombs, dating back to the Liao Dynasty (916-1125), were excavated in the ancient city of Tuchengzi, said Li Qiang, head of the archaeology team. He said it was the

largest group of Liao tombs ever discovered at the southern foot of the Yinshan Mountains running west-east through Inner Mongolia.

A vase and a kettle made of brown vitreous enamel were among 14 ornate porcelain and six ceramic items found at the site, said Li. He said 18 of the 21 tombs excavated were made of brick and the rest were earthen.

"The tombs are placed in order and decorated with frescos, indicating that members of an upper-class family were buried here," said Li, adding the discovery might provide insights into life in Tuchengzi during the Liao period.

MNA/Xinhua

Coal pit gas accident kills 11 in S-W China

GUIYANG, 4 May — Eleven miners were killed in gas deflagration at an illegal coal pit in Yi-Hui-Miao Autonomous County of Weining, southwest China's Guizhou Province.

Rescue workers have found the dead bodies and are carrying them to the ground, said sources with Guizhou Provincial Bureau of Work Safety.

According to the sources, the accident took place around 8 p.m. Tuesday and was reported to the Guizhou Provincial Bureau of Work Safety early Wednesday.

A team sent by Guizhou Provincial Bureau of Work Safety and Guizhou Provincial

Bureau of Coal Mine Safety rushed to the site to help handle the aftermath of the accident.

Cause of the accident is under further investigation.

Like gas blast, gas deflagration is also listed as a major hazard for the coal mining industry, as the burning produces a great amount of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and intense heat.

MNA/Xinhua

Death toll rises to 12 in Fallujah suicide attack

BAGHDAD, 4 May — Death toll from a suicide bomb attack in Iraq's western restive city of Fallujah earlier on Wednesday rose to 12 and up to 25 others were wounded, a local police source told Xinhua.

"A suicide bomber wearing an explosive-belt blew himself up among a crowd of people at an Iraqi police recruitment center in Fallujah," the source said on condition of anonymity. Earlier, a police source said that the blast killed at least five people and wounded more than 20 others.

The Sunni-dominated Fallujah, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, has witnessed sporadic guerilla attacks against the US and Iraqi Army forces despite US-Iraqi military operations in the city to stamp out attack. —MNA/Xinhua

28 Russians killed in Armenian jet crash

MOSCOW, 4 May — Twenty-eight Russian citizens were aboard the Armenian Airbus A-320 that crashed near the Black Sea resort of Sochi, the Russia news agency reported on Wednesday.

The list of passengers, placed in the hall of the International Airport Zvartnots of Yerevan, capital city of Armenia, showed it.

Updated reports said the Airbus A-320 of the Armenian airline that crashed in the Black Sea near the resort town of Sochi had 113 people on board, including six children and eight crew, said Viktor Beltsov, spokesman for Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry. Twenty-five bodies of those killed were found after the crash, Beltsov was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers prepare buns with Chinese character 'Peace' on top at Cheung Chau island in Hong Kong on 4 May, 2006. The Bun Festival hold on 5 May which is the traditional event celebrating the islanders' deliverance from famine centuries ago and is meant to placate ghosts and restless spirits. —INTERNET

To be destructive and constructive or black and white

Yebaw Soe Win Hlaing

Is human history developing or deteriorating? To know the answer to this question requires a look to the future after reviewing the past human deeds. There are people who say that it is developing and seeing further evolution, while others are saying that the deteriorating human history is on the road to ruin. Answers may be varied as opinions diverge greatly on this issue.

A single assumption whether it is good or bad about human conditions, that are so diverse among people of thousand different races in over 200 countries around the world, will be totally wrong. Because it will be only an oversimplification. Extreme generalization of greatly diverse situations will result in failure. The world had witnessed and is still witnessing such deeds. During the period from 1920 to 1990, communism or the proletariat-based class struggle was on the move to rule the whole world as a single system. Its popularity then was awful and its effects reached every corner of the globe. But it met with its end after existing for a certain length of time. Its effects left Myanmar impoverished for nearly 50 years. When the force to maintain the international balance of power fell after 1990 there came out the West group, with the US as the head, under the banner "New World Order". Since then the group has been waging a free-wheeling political, economic and social colonization plan in the whole world at will under cover of human rights and democracy.

Some call this process "globalization" or "free world". Sweet words. Nations not following the group's political system, but according to their own culture and history will be its enemy. The group names every nation different from it the enemy. It then will bully the country.

The group demands others to open their doors for its every export, while permitting imports only after standardizing them with its own yardstick,

and saying that the practice is just. Any country that does not obey it will meet with isolation, sanctions and troubles.

A certain country with best aerospace technology, largest deployment of naval forces, most powerful military, and strongest economy in the world has many reasons to be haughty, and so arrogant is the nation that it wishes to destroy every state that is not its minion.

Really a matchless power, with enough financial strength to order minions to serve its wishes such as staging demonstrations in front of an embassy of a country it dislikes. The power has a large number of stooges. There are Myanmar young men and women earning their living through sincere means of labour in Thailand, Malaysia, Japan etc. But few are willing to serve the power's orders if they get money more than to earn a living, without knowing the real situation.

We see no reason people like Aung Bala, Win Khet, Maung Thara, Maung Swan Yi, Dr Lwan Swe and Tin Maung Than do not know the benefits of living under the financial aid of the West intelligence and domination network as they now are leading an easy life.

They are not stupid, but cunning persons earning their living wrongly. In Myanmar, they are loathed for their bad deeds the people have already known. There is no way they do not know the West's actual schemes behind its generous aid, the bloc has been providing at the expense of much labour and time. The Western powers are not helping those Myanmar expatriates out of goodwill, but just for the economic prospects they see. Once a school teacher said that learning history is not to become stupid. Even though intelligent and born and brought up in Myanmar, expatriates are stupid enough to make verbal and written comments to ignite a commotion that could cause anarchy, death

and destruction, while sharing with other terrorists the money they receive for their misdeeds. I pity them for their misdeeds that tarnish their own image and biography.

Those expatriates are committing conspiracies knowingly. By now, they will see all the sinister schemes of their masters, and will come to know that they cannot go away with those misdeeds to destroy the nation and the people.

Sure, they will see and also hear that their perpetration never has any effect on the nation's administration, instead it is pushing the poor and grassroots into the inferno of abject poverty.

In this age of transparency, why are they pretending to be innocent? Lies no more have the magical power to make people believe the tricks.

Are they shamelessly making a mountain out of a molehill? Who will believe them?

Myanmar people are intelligent enough to differentiate between black and white, and destructive attempts and constructive endeavours.

Moreover, powerful media alone is not enough to take advantage of everything.

We all know what is right and what is wrong, justice and injustice and loyalty and betrayal.

The persons who are serving the national interest and developing the nation and those trying to cause disturbances and destruction are of the two different groups lying at opposite poles.

Let alone the expatriate mercenaries break laws, it's time they differentiated the meritorious deeds and evil deeds. Whether deeds are evil or meritorious they always follow the doer. The shade of a person following him can be seen only under the sun light.

Everybody knows that those expatriates are in the darker side of the world who cannot see their own shade following them. Besides, misdeeds have greater degree of perilous effects.

Acts to disturb and frighten others, and cause instability and commotion under alien payrolls are no other than evil deeds.

Are they going to spend the rest of their lives in a foreign country? Have they planned to live till their death in America? Do they know they cannot get away with their evil deeds against the nation?

Albeit the easy way of life they are having as stooges, they cannot lead a good life in their next existence because of their evil acts. As they have already realized their misdeeds, they should discard them and mend their ways to become good persons.

(Translation: TMT)

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Local people to join hands with officials, to extend...

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They visited Letsaykan Tawya Monastery in Mawlaik Township and offered alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. They also made cash donations for the monastery through Chairman of Mawlaik District PDC Lt-Col Sein Ya.

Next, they inspected the microwave station of the Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at mile post No 17. Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented cash awards and foodstuff to the staff.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with local

authorities, departmental officials, service personnel, social organizations and village elders at the BEHS in Mawlaik. Officials reported on development tasks and requirements region-wise. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance to fulfil the requirements.

He presented K 300,000 for construction of an embankment in Kya-in Village, exercise books and sports gear to Mawlaik BEHS, and cash awards to pom pom troupe and band troupe. He said that in the past people in Mawlaik and Phaungpyin townships in Mawlaik District had to rely on waterway for transport. In the time of the SPDC, Mawlaik-Kalewa Road was constructed. Transport plays an important role in the five rural development tasks. Only with better

transport will economic, education and health sectors develop. He called on local people to join hands with officials and departmental personnel and to extend growing suitable crops such as rubber, pepper and physic nut on a commercial scale for regional development.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited the students studying at multimedia classrooms of the school.

They also visited Mawlaik District People's Hospital and attended to the needs.

Wellwishers donated K 1.9 million to the hospital through Lt-Gen Ye Myint and medical equipment and medicines through Dr Khin Maung Lay. MNA

Agricultural farms in Shan State (North) inspected

YANGON, 5 May— Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited the 1,000-acre physic nut farm of Hnin Hnin Khaing Co Ltd on No 3 highland on Lashio on 2 May.

In charge of the farm U Kyaw Myint reported on reclamation of 1,000 acres of vacant and virgin lands and putting 145 acres under physic nut plants. The commander gave instructions on nurturing more physic nut

saplings by the command for distribution of sufficient number of free physic nut seeds, seedlings and grafts and agricultural methods to local farmers and entrepreneurs, calling for speedy growing of physic nut plants in respective districts, townships and villages.

It was followed by the growing of physic nut saplings. The commander and the minister and high-ranking officials and local national race leaders presented physic nut saplings to the people.

The commander and the minister planted physic nut saplings at the

designated places and inspected the collective growing of 50,000 saplings, progress of growing physic nut saplings and thriving plantations.

On arrival at the 10-acre sugarcane research farm of Bala Min Htin Co Ltd on No 4 highland, they inspected progress of land preparations for growing sugarcane, observed sugarcane stems displayed at the research booth, and stockpiling of high-yield sugarcane strains.

In charge of the farm U Khin Maung Myint reported on arrangements for planting high-yield



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing distributes physic nut plants to an official. — MNA

sugarcane strains whose per acre yield is 50 tons, and future plants. The commander and the minister called for extended growing of high-yield strains of sugarcane.

At the model mixed-crop plantation of physic nut, pineapple and coconut in the 1,000-acre zone of No 1 highland in Lashio, they inspected thriving plantations of 118,800 physic nut saplings, 125,000 pineapple plants and coconut.

Next, they proceeded to the 30-acre model plantation of high-yield strain sugarcane in the seed production zone and inspected growing of sugarcane and thriving sugarcane plantations.

On 3 May, the

commander, the minister and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint inspected thriving plantations in the 500-acre honey orange farm of the command in Lashio.

They also looked into the plantation of 12,000 physic nut plants in the 10-acre model physic nut farm of local regiment in Lashio Station.

On arrival at the 100-acre model physic nut farm of the command, they inspected thriving physic nut plantations, and mixed plantations of Thitseint (belleric myrobalan) and physic nut.

Afterwards, they headed for the 100-acre model physic nut farm and inspected the nurturing of 360,000 physic nut

seedlings and 120,000 grafts. The commander instructed the officials to grow physic nut saplings in the rainy season, meet targeted acreage and make efforts to make sustainable progress.

A target has been set up for Shan State (North) to grow physic nut on 500,000 acres, and so far, 21,821.72 acres have been put under physic nut. The plants are now yielding fruits and they can be harvested in the first week of June. Then the physic nuts will be distributed to local regiments and units and private companies and physic nut oil will be extracted from the seeds to be used in place of diesel for farm machinery. MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing (L) and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan (R) pour water on a physic nut plant. — MNA

Time fixed for YMBA Centenary changed

YANGON, 5 May — Due to the changes in the time of commencement of the Centenary of YMBA, those who have received invitation cards to attend the ceremony are to arrive at the National Theater in Yangon at 7 am on 9 May.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses opening of Golden Belt Challenges for Third Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna Friday. SPED

Lt-Gen Maung Bo on tour of inspection of Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 5 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on 2 May opened the new building for Dhamma Wijaya Pariyatti Monastery in Bokpyin in Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division.

At the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard and the stone inscription of the two-storey building, and Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Swe and Brig-Gen Thura

Thet Oo Maung of Bokpyin Station formally opened the building. The new building is 110ft long and 30 ft wide. After the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party presented offertories to Presiding Sayadaw of the monastery.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the extended construction of bridge across Chaunglamai River at mile post No 147/3 and 147/4 on Kawthoung-Myeik Road. He called for the maintenance of the bridges on the road before the rainy season. He inspected the condition of the road section of

Bokpyin-Pyigyimandaing and oil palm cultivation on both sides of the road.

On his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Maung Bo also inspected the People's Hospital in Pyigyimandaing Town and provided cash assistance to patients receiving treatment at the hospital.

In Pyigyimandaing Town, he met with employees of the General Administration Department and urged them to perform the tasks of the department dutifully.

At the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe contributed K 1 million to the



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents offertories to a Sayadaw at a ceremony to open the new building of Dhamma Wijaya Pariyatti Monastery in Bokpyin. — MNA

fund of the renovation of the bridge at the entrance to the town.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Maung Bo went to the road construction site of the Public Works between mile post no 87/3 and 87/4 on Bokpyin-Taninthayi Road and fulfilled the requirements. According to the report of senior engineers at the construction site, the Public Works divided the over 96-mile long Bokpyin-Taninthayi Road into three sections and is carrying out the construction tasks of the road as well as the maintenance tasks of bridges along the road.

During his inspection tour in Taninthayi

Division, Lt-Gen Maung Bo also inspected the oil palm projects of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Kanbawza Co Ltd in Taninthayi Township.

Htoo Trading Co Ltd has cultivated 1,050 acres of oil palm in 2005-2006, and 800 acres will be grown this year. Kanbawza Co Ltd has grown oil palm on 6,100 acres so far.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also inspected the construction of Town Hall in Taninthayi. It is a one-storey building and 100 ft long and 40 ft wide.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard and stone inscription of newly constructed monastery in Bokpyin, Taninthayi Division. — MNA

Taninthayi Division must be oil...

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be used at trawlers and small-scale agricultural machinery. Hence, all the people should grow physic nut plants as national duty.

At Myeik University, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on academic and management matters of the university presented by officials. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Government had raised salaries of service personnel including faculty members. Therefore, teachers are to nurture students to become outstanding persons. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected construction of buildings at the university.

A total of 3,382 students are pursuing education at 13 subjects at the university. The construction of the main building has completed by 89.90 per cent.

At the briefing hall of Myeik Myothit Construction Project near Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge, departmental officials reported on construction of the circular strand road, reclamation of the plots, requirements of heavy machinery, building of the jetty at the port area of the Myothit and construction of three dams and seven sluice gates.

The commander briefed him on drawing of the town plan of Myeik Myothit, plan for fishery business and departmental buildings.

After fulfilling the requirements, Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed them to implement the project meeting the set standard. They viewed Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge and Kyaukphya-Kabin Circular Road.

Next, they also inspected water supply facili-

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ties for Myeik Myothit.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived at the site for construction of Wood-based Factory to be built by EHS Group and Wood World Co Ltd in Myeik Myothit.

While in Myeik, they inspected construction of jetties and land reclamation for plots of the town. They viewed construction of Government Technological College (Myeik) in the new town.

Managing Director U Ohn Myint of Civil Tech Co Ltd reported on construction of three-storey building. GTC (Myeik) is located by Myeik-Yangon Road near Kabin Village of Myeik Myothit.

At the hall of Coastal Region Command Headquarters, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental officials, social organization members, rubber, oil palm and fishery entrepreneurs, and gave instructions on development of Taninthayi Division.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe presented reports on economic, education, health, social and agricultural matters and land and water resources of the division.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Taninthayi Division is rich in land and water re-

sources. For growth of the State economy, efforts are to be exerted to enhance agricultural, industrial and fish and meat sectors by utilizing land and water resources.

Entrepreneurs in the division are to set the aim that Taninthayi Division must be the oil bowl of the nation. In doing so, departmental personnel are to take part in their respective sectors for rendering assistance to realizing the aim. Therefore, departmental personnel and entrepreneurs are to make concerted efforts to develop the region by using agricultural, livestock breeding and transport facilities. He stressed the need to reclaim vacant and virgin land for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy, rubber, oil palm and pepper. Departments concerned and entrepreneurs are to join hands in harmoniously carrying out regional development tasks.

The seven-step Road Map had been laid down and is being implemented for emergence of a State constitution. Therefore, all are now to perform respective tasks in accordance with the principles of the democracy. It is necessary to strive for development of fishery sector to extend export items. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged all to take part in their sectors to realize the aims of the National Convention.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met officers, other ranks and family members of Myeik Station at Yan Taing Aung Hall of the command headquarters.

Next, he inspected development of Myeik and the Strand Road. He viewed documentary photos on expanding the Strand Road. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party left Myeik and arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA

Commander, Mayor inspects sanitary tasks in Yangon City



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin view repaving of a road in Bahan Township. — MNA

YANGON, 5 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected sanitary task and paving of roads in Yangon City this morning.

The commander and the mayor inspected repaving of West Race Course Road in Bahan

Township. They later went to Tamway and Bahan Townships, and inspected dredging of the drains. The commander and the mayor also oversaw repaving of Anawratha Street with asphalt and dredging of drain along Bo Sun Pak Street, and left instructions there.

MNA

Indian delegates conclude visit

YANGON, 5 May — The visiting delegation of 26 trainees of Naval Higher Command Course of the Republic of India left here for home by air this morning.

They were seen off at the airport by military officers of National Defence College and Defence Services Medical Academy, Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel J.S Chopra and officials.

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A trainee of Naval Higher Command Course shakes hands with an officer before departure for India at the airport.

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D-G of IRD meets businessmen



Director-General U Hsan Tun of Internal Revenue Department talks at a meeting with businessmen. — MNA

YANGON, 5 May — Director-General U Hsan Tun of Internal Revenue Department met with businessmen of gold and jewellery shops, supermarkets, stores and restaurants at Internal Revenue Department on 4 May and officials of Union of Myanmar Federation Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the same

avenue on 5 May.

The director-general made a speech first and held discussions on tax with the businessmen later. He urged them to pay tax to the government regularly. And he answered questions from those present.

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Businesses need to file return of income

YANGON, 5 May — All cooperative societies, companies, joint venture enterprises and other taxpayers having income amounting to K 30,001 and above in 2005-06 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society, at respective Township Revenue Offices not later than 30 June 2006.

According to Income Tax Directorate of Internal Revenue Department, persons having income amounting to K 30,001 and above solely under the head 'salaries' in 2005-06 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than 30 June, it is learnt. — NLM

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Wellwishers contribute books, cash to self-reliant library

MANDALAY 30 April — As part of an effort to enhance the general knowledge of local people in Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division, wellwishers on 8 April donated books and cash to Phan-mi-eim (Glass Lamp) Library in Tagama Village in Kyaukpadaung Township.

At the book donation ceremony held at Aungmyaythazan Township Information and Public Relations Department, wellwishers from the township presented over 1,700 books on general knowledge and cash to In-charge of the library Sayadaw Ashin Thuriya Dhamma Nañña Siddhi. — *Kyemone*



A wellwisher presents cash for Phan-mi-eim (Glass Lamp) Library through In-charge of the library.

43 residents in Myitkyina receive first-aid skills

MYITKYINA 10 April — A First-Aid Training Course No 1/2006 (Basic Level) conducted by Red Cross Committee of Myitkyina District, Kachin State, was concluded in mid-March at Indone Village in Myitkyina.

A total of 43 trainees participated in the course and Head of Kachin State Red Cross Committee presented certificates to them. — *Kyemone*



Head of Kachin State Red Cross Committee presents a kit to an official at a concluding ceremony of First-Aid Training Course.

Paung Hospital equipped with generator

PAUNG 30 April — With a view to providing the best medical care, the People's Hospital in Paung, Mon State, was equipped with a generator donated by wellwishers on 17 April.

The generator worth K 500,000 will supply power to the hospital's operation theatre and to the hospital. — *Kyemone*



Paung Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tun Mya speaks words of thanks at a generator donation ceremony. — MNA

Sasana Arzanis to be honoured on 27 May

YANGON, 5 May — The Ministry of Religious Affairs will organize the ceremony to honour members of the Sangha who passed the 58th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, here, at 8 am on 27 May.

At the ceremony, alms and offertories will

be donated to members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, 73 monks who passed the 58th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination, totalling

221 members of the Sangha.

Those wishing to donate provisions to the Sayadaws may contact Director U Tun Hla of Religious Affairs Department, Tel: 660766; the donation centres, west and east of Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin, beginning 1 May 2006.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects Htone Bo-Myitnge Shortcut (dual tracks)

YANGON, 4 May — The ceremony to honour the Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association that received the second prize for outstanding performance in the activities of the association, the third prize for best paper and outstanding performance for environment and health

awarded by MMCWA, took place at Mandalay International Airport on 2 May, attended by Mandalay Division PDC Chairman, Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw.

Next, the commander and Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han went to Htone Bo-Myitnge shortcut (dual tracks) construction project being un-

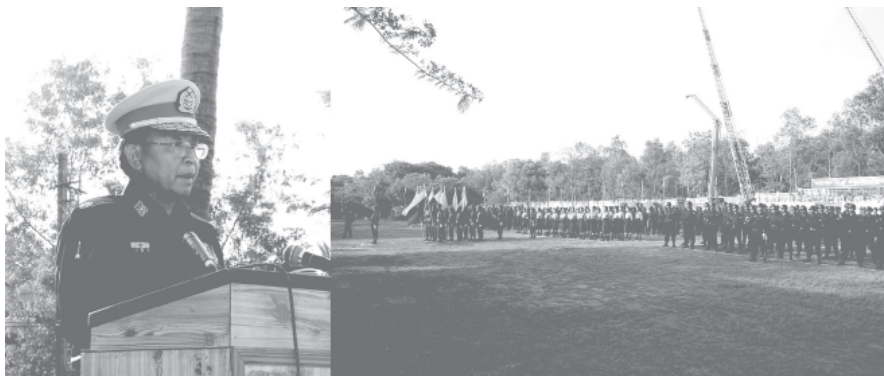
dertaken by Asia World Co Ltd and gave instructions on timely completion.

Htone Bo-Myitnge Shortcut (dual tracks) is 9 miles and 3 furlongs long and 51.2 percent of the task has been completed.

Later, the commander inspected 16-mile check point in Patheingyi Township and left necessary instructions.

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60th Anniversary Fire Services Day observed with skills demonstrations



Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint addresses 60th Anniversary Fire Services Day Parade. — MNA

YANGON, 5 May — The Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement observed the 60th Anniversary Fire Services Day at the parade ground of FSD in Mayagon Township this morning.

Parade Commander Deputy Director U Aung Kyaw Myint presented the parade columns to Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Re-

lief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint.

Next, the deputy minister delivered an address. Afterwards, the demonstration on rescue and fire fighting drills were performed.

At Thida Hall, the commander of the company representing Fire Brigade included in Myawady Column at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade handed over the second

model prize shield to the Director-General of FSD.

Director-General U Myint Tun of FSD accepted US\$ 23,300 for transport charge of a fire engine donated by the office of Mayor of Osaka of Japan donated by U Te Za of Htoo Companies Group through Director Daw Khin Aye Thit; K 1 million by Thirti Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Soe

Thein-Daw Khin Cho Ohn (Deputy Director of the Attorney-General's Office); K 500,000 by U Yin Htwe Thet of Reliance Fire System Services Co Ltd; K 300,000 by Daw San San Yi of Europ Containes Myanmar; K 259,000 by U Tin Maung of Sandi Traditional Medicine; K 200,000 by U Aye Thant of Prine Boss Co Ltd; K 100,000 each by U Zaw Win of Best Supporting Services Co Ltd and U Zaw Weik of Fisca Co Ltd.

Next, the Director-General and Deputy Director General Yebala U Ko Ko Hlaing presented prizes to four outstanding fire brigade members.

Also present on the occasion were Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thaug of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and officials.

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Fire brigade members demonstrate rescue skills and fire fighting drills at the 60th Anniversary Fire Services Day. — MNA

Doekwin Farm in PyinOoLwin inspected

YANGON, 5 May — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Doekwin Agricultural Farm in PyinOoLwin Township on 30 April afternoon.

National entrepreneurs cultivate medicinal orchids at the farm. They perform plant propagation of the orchids through tissue culture method. Myanmar Agriculture Service distributes 200,000 saplings of orchids to the local florists.

The minister viewed species of medicinal orchids at the farm, and attended to the needs of the florists. — MNA

Talks on national policy and State's development given

YANGON, 5 May — USDA CEC Member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a talk on the national policy and the State's development to the 80 trainees of the No 24 Basic Organizing Course opened at Yankin Township USDA Office this afternoon. — MNA

Summer Buddhism Culture Course opened

YANGON, 5 May — The opening ceremony of second summer Buddhist Culture Course and the prize-presenting to those who passed the first Buddhist Culture Course took place at Shwe Nyaung Pin Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township on 23 April.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw of Ward Sangha Nayaka Committee and provisions were donated to Sayadaws. Next, the prizes were awarded by Sayadaws to 18 distinction-winners of the course and to 31 winners of the course by Ward PDC chairman and members and officials of social organizations. Later, the ceremony ended after sharing the merit gained. — MNA

Entire NLD practising "Look West" policy...

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central. The 62 persons quit the NLD as the CEC has no ability to lead and the future is bleak.

The 62 presented their letters of resignation to the chairman of Township Election Sub-commission of own volition. After the ceremony, U Saw Htay extended greetings,

saying that he quit the NLD because of his old age. His efforts were for democracy. The government has been endeavouring for emergence of a new democratic state in accord with the seven-point policy. All should work together with the government for the success of the policy. — MNA

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Fish fossils found in China may shed light on origin of man

BEIJING, 4 May— Chinese scientists announced that fossils of fish species that lived more than 405 million years ago in southern China may shed light on the origin of modern human beings.

Secrets of the ancient creature's skull were unveiled Thursday by Chinese scientists in the latest issue of the British Nature magazine.

Zhu Min and his team of researchers at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), found the fossils of the ancient fish twice in 2001 and in 2002 in Qujing of Southwest China's Yunnan Province, according to a report of the China Daily.

In the following three years, Zhu and his colleagues discovered that the creature was one of the most ancient species of fish, the only kind found with

aspects of two different types of ancient fish.

One, the ray-finned bony fish, includes the majority of modern fish species; while the other, the lobe-finned bony fish, allegedly "crawled" out of the water millions of years ago to evolve into today's reptiles and human beings.

The link between the two has been missing, casting doubt on the evolution of ancient fish, Zhu said. Zhu and his fellow researchers gave the ancient fish species a Chinese name "Chenxiao Miman Fish", which literally means "Fish of the Dawn".

"The name shows our respect for our teacher Zhang Miman, an academic at the Chinese Academy of Sciences," Zhu said. The discovery of the species is an exciting step forward for researchers on the evolution of ancient fish, Zhu said. —MNA/Xinhua

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China claims nearly half of world's parkinsonism patients

BEIJING, 4 May— Nearly 1.7 million Chinese are suffering from parkinsonism, accounting for nearly half of the total four million patients in the world, an epidemiology survey made by Chinese experts shows.

The survey, published in the newly issued Lancet, is made by Zhang Zhenxin, an expert of the Beijing Union Medical College Hospital.

According to the survey, the incidence of parkinsonism for Chinese men over 60 years old is 1.7 per cent, while that for female over 60 is 1.6 per cent, compared to the world average of 10 per cent.

Many patients confirmed during the survey have never got any diagnosis or treatment, said the report.

Pakinsonism is a progressive nervous disease occurring most often after the age of 50 and characterized by muscular rigidity, tremor, and impaired motor control. — MNA/Xinhua

WHO warns Asia, Africa weak on bird flu control

GENEVA, 4 May— Most countries in Asia and Africa already hit by bird flu continue to have weak surveillance programmes for detecting the deadly virus in both humans and flocks, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Tuesday. The United Nations agency also said that the virus spread to 32 countries since February marked "the fastest and most extensive geographical spread" of any avian influenza virus since the disease was first reported in 1878.

Migratory birds are partly responsible for the dramatic recent spread to new areas, bringing to 48 the number of countries

with H5N1 virus in domestic or wild birds, according to the WHO. This had complicated control measures in animals as eliminating it in wild birds was "considered impossible".

"...Surveillance of both human cases and poultry outbreaks remains weak in most affected countries in Africa and Asia," said a WHO report, prepared for its annual assembly of 192 member states being held in Geneva from 22-27 May.

Shigeru Omi, WHO director for the Western Pacific, told Reuters earlier in Jakarta that Indonesia — the nation with the most bird flu deaths this year —

had the will to combat the disease but far-flung provinces of the huge archipelago had fallen short at putting plans into action. — MNA/Reuters

Senior judge killed in western Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 May— An Afghan senior judge was killed Tuesday night in the western province of Farah, an official confirmed Wednesday.

Two unidentified gunmen opened fire at Shaikh Ahmad, deputy judge of Farah Province, as he walked out from a mosque, Provincial Governor Ezatullah Wasifi told Xinhua.

Shaikh was shot dead at the site while two gunmen escaped by a motorbike, added the governor. The investigation was under way while no one has claimed the responsibility for the attack. However, Wasifi blamed "the enemies of Afghanistan", a term used to refer to Taliban, had killed Ahmad.

MNA/Xinhua

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Manuel Uribe sits on his bed at home in Monterrey, Mexico in a 17 January, 2006 file photo. Uribe, who at 550 kilograms (1,212 pounds) is possibly the heaviest person in the world, hopes to travel to Italy for a life-saving operation to shed weight. —INTERNET

Half-tonne man seeks life-saving surgery

ROME, 4 May—A Mexican man who at 550 kg is possibly the heaviest person in the world hopes to travel to Italy for a life-saving operation to shed weight.

Manuel Uribe, bedridden for the past five years, cannot stand on his own and will need a special flight to take him from Monterrey, Mexico to Modena, where a surgical team has offered to perform an intestinal bypass free of charge.

"I can't walk. I'm can't leave my bed," the 40-year-old Uribe, who weighs the same as five baby elephants, said in a recent telephone interview.

"I'm trying to reduce my weight a bit right now so I can be in the right condition for the operation." Uribe made an impassioned plea for help earlier this year on Mexican television, saying he weighed a more normal 130 kg until aged 22 and did not know what

happened to him. The broadcast drew the attention of doctor Giancarlo De Bernardinis, who visited Mexico with a medical team to examine Uribe in March. Bernardinis, whose biggest patient to date weighed 350 kg, told *Reuters* he plans a gall bladder, intestinal bypass procedure that will allow Uribe to pass food more quickly without so many calories being absorbed. Bernardinis planned to perform the surgery in Modena as early as this month, although a Mexican health official doubted Uribe would be ready for a trip to Europe that quickly.

Uribe's case puzzled doctors since his cholesterol and blood-sugar levels are normal,

despite his extreme obesity. "His heart works very well. He has some respiratory difficulty because of his obesity, but in strict terms, he's well," said Marco Anibal Rodriguez Vargas, the director of hospitals in the Mexican state of Nuevo Leon.

Rodriguez Vargas said Mexican hospitals still hoped to treat Uribe themselves, but added Uribe would ultimately decide what to do.

Uribe said it was just a matter of time before he went to Italy: "Are we going? Yes. We're going. But the doctors will decide when." The operation would last four to five hours and would likely require Uribe to spend one month in Italy.

Internet

China develops robot for extra-high tension power line inspection

SHENYANG, 4 May — China's first robot for inspection of extra-high tension electricity transmission lines has been developed in Shenyang, capital of northeastern Liaoning Province.

The robot, which can move freely on and examine conditions of

500 kilowatt power transmission lines, is the first of its kind in the world, according to the inventor, the Shenyang Institute of Automation (SIA) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

With growing demand for power supply, higher requirements for power supply

security and stability call for replacement of human operation in the inspection of extra-high voltage power transmission lines.

The Shenyang institute's invention of the robot was funded by the 863 programme, China's high technology advancement plan initiated in March 1986, and the Northeast China Grid Company. It took the SIA over four years to turn out the prototype.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia conducts its first double lung transplant

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May—Malaysia has undergone the first double lung transplant in the history of this country, local media reported Wednesday.

The National Heart Institute (NHI) conducted the transplant on April 26,

in collaboration with the Institute of Respiratory Medicine (IRM).

The double lung transplant recipient is a 37-year-old man who was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. A 24-member team led by

Mohamed Ezani Md Taib, NHI's clinical director of the heart-lung transplant programme, started the surgery at around 1:30 am local time and completed the whole process at 9:30 am local time (0130GMT).

MNA/Xinhua

Arctic town builds 20-kilometre anti-reindeer fence

HAMMERFEST (Norway), 4 May — Fed up with reindeer wandering the streets, one of the world's most northerly towns is building a 20-kilometre (12-mile) fence to keep the animals out.

"Having reindeer walking around sounds exotic but it isn't for those who live here," Alf Jakobsen, the mayor of the port of Hammerfest on the tip of the Norwegian Arctic, told *Reuters*.

"We've just begun building the fence. Reindeer are a big nuisance, they come into town, get into (hotel and business) receptions, into churches, into the traffic," he said.

"The reindeer around here have become too tame."

Pointing out of the window of his office in the town of 9,600 people, he said there had once been 50-100 reindeer on the

grass in the square outside his office.

"We have just started building the fence," he said, adding that it would probably be completed this year.

Jakobsen said he knew of no other town in the world with an anti-reindeer fence.

The wire fence, about 1.4 metres (4.6 feet) high, would run 20 km through the barren hills on the side of the town not open to the sea and cost 2-2.5 million Norwegian crowns (325,900 US dollars-407,400 US dollars).

The municipality would install grates on roads into the town.

The reindeer were apparently attracted by grass in some municipal parks — a break from lichen that is the staple diet of the animals during the cold and dark winter months.

MNA/Reuters

Scientists say ozone layer shows sign of recovery

LONDON, 4 May — The ozone layer is showing signs of recovering, thanks to a drop in ozone-depleting chemicals, but it is unlikely to stabilize at pre-1980 levels, researchers said on Wednesday.

Depletion of the earth's protective ozone layer is caused by the chemical action of chlorine and bromine released by man-made chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are used in aerosol sprays and cooling equipment.

Ozone-depleting chemicals were banned by the 1987 Montreal Protocol which has now been ratified by 180 nations.

"We now have some confidence that the ozone layer is responding to the decreases in chlorine levels in the atmosphere due to the levelling off and decrease of CFCs," said Dr. Betsy Weatherhead, of the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"Not only is the ozone layer getting better, we feel it is due to the Montreal Protocol," she

added in an interview.

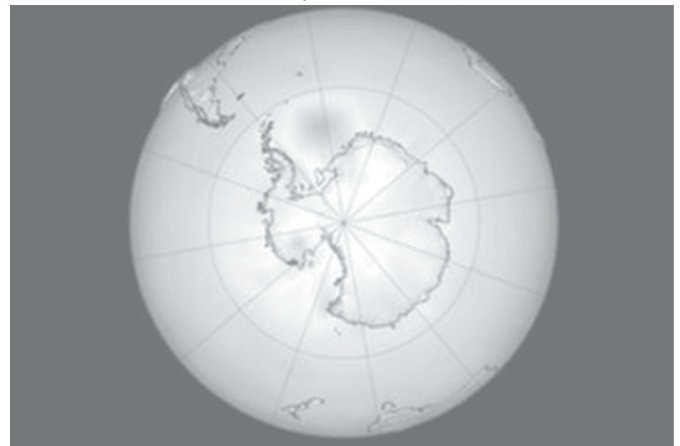
The depletion of the ozone layer, which absorbs most of the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet radiation,

increases the risk of skin cancer and cataracts in humans and may harm crop yields and sea life.

Despite the signs of recovery, Weatherhead,

who reported the findings in the journal *Nature*, said people should still protect themselves from harmful ultraviolet rays.

MNA/Reuters



Anomalous temperature averages in Antarctica are illustrated in an undated illustration. The ozone layer is showing signs of recovering, thanks to a drop in ozone-depleting chemicals, but it is unlikely to stabilize at pre-1980 levels, researchers said on 3 May 2006. —INTERNET

SPORTS

McClaren named new England boss

LONDON, 5 May — Steve McClaren will be the next England manager, the Football Association said on Thursday.

The Middlesbrough manager will take over when Sven-Goran Eriksson steps down after the World Cup finals in Germany.

McClaren's appointment comes six days after Luiz Felipe Scolari, the FA's first choice to succeed Eriksson, pulled out of the running because of media intrusion. McClaren was 45 on Wednesday and is Eriksson's assistant.

"This is the biggest honour that any coach can have and is obviously the highlight of my career," said McClaren, who has signed a four-year contract from August 1, taking him up to the 2010 World Cup.

"It's a massive challenge and one that I welcome. I have hugely enjoyed my time at Middlesbrough and am very grateful to the club. However, this was an opportunity I couldn't refuse."

Eriksson said: "I have worked closely with Steve ever since I came to England and know how good a coach he is. He is well-liked and well-respected by the players and staff.

"I have no doubt that he has all the credentials to be very successful in the job and wish him all the best."

McClaren secured the top job after seeing off English coaches Sam Allardyce and Alan Curbishley, plus Northern Irishman Martin O'Neill. —MNA/Reuters

Real climb to second with 3-2 win over Racing

MADRID, 5 May — Real Madrid climbed above Valencia into second place in the Primera Liga on Thursday with a 3-2 away win over relegation-threatened Racing Santander.

Roberto Carlos scored from the penalty spot after 33 minutes and Roberto Soldado and Robinho extended the lead after the break.

But Racing staged a stirring comeback with Sergio Matabuena scoring twice in the last 14 minutes as the visitors wobbled.

Real have 69 points with two games left to play, one ahead of third-placed Valencia, who lost 2-1 away to Real Mallorca on Wednesday.

Valencia's defeat allowed Barcelona to retain their Primera Liga title, as their 1-0 win at Celta Vigo saw them climb to 79 points with a game in hand.

Osasuna are fourth on 65 points after beating Atletico Madrid 1-0.

At the foot of the table, Racing stay 17th, one point above the relegation places.

Real laboured to string together moves early on in Santander and were missing Ronaldo and Julio Baptista up front.

They always looked the side more likely to score, however, and earned the breakthrough after 33 minutes when Robinho went down in the area under a challenge from Pablo Pinillos. — MNA/Reuters



China's Na Li strikes a forehand during her Estoril Tennis Open second round match against Katerina Bohmova of the Czech Republic on 4 May, 2006, in Oeiras, outside Lisbon, Portugal. Li defeated Bohmova 6-1, 6-0. — INTERNET

Barcelona retain Primera Liga title

MADRID, 5 May — Barcelona retained their Primera Liga title on Wednesday after second-placed Valencia lost 2-1 at struggling Real Mallorca while they went on to beat high-flying Celta Vigo 1-0 in the evening's late match.

Leading striker Samuel Eto'o scored his 25th goal of the season to earn Frank Rijkaard's side a victory that left them with an unassailable 11-point lead over their rivals who have just two games left to play.

Barca, who have a game in hand, top the table on 79 points, Valencia have 68 from 36, two ahead of Real Madrid who visit struggling Racing Santander on Thursday.

Osasuna, who won 1-0 at Atletico Madrid, occupy the final Champions League place a point further behind Real and five ahead of Celta.

It is the Catalan club's 18th league title and they are the first team to successfully defend the crown since they won back-to-back titles in 1998 and 1999 under another Dutch coach Louis van Gaal.

Rijkaard's team have the chance to cap a brilliant season with a European triumph as they play Arsenal in the Champions League final in Paris on May 17.

Barcelona's players were told they had won the title as they left the pitch at halftime against Celta and the substitutes celebrated by throwing water over each other. —MNA/Reuters



Valencia player Ruben Baraja, right, jumps for the ball against Real Mallorca player Angelis Basinas, from Greece, during their Spanish League soccer match at San Moix Stadium in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, on 3 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Ajax's Huntelaar top of the young players in Netherlands

BRUSSELS, 5 May — AFC Ajax's Klaas Jan Huntelaar on Wednesday won the Johan Cruyff Award after being named the Netherlands' Young Player of the Year.

The Eredivisie's 33-goal top scorer took seven votes from a panel of judges. PSV Eindhoven's Jefferson Farfan received four votes. "Huntelaar is a true goal-scorer and has done three special things in one season," said Cruyff.

"First he has scored the most goals, secondly he has coped with his mid-season transfer from Heerenveen to Ajax, and after that he has dragged his new club out of trouble." —MNA/Xinhua

Arsenal considers legal action against Sunderland's Smith

LONDON, 5 May — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said Wednesday the club was considering legal action against Sunderland defender Dan Smith after his foul left Abou Diaby out injured for nine months.

France Under-19 international Diaby was ruled out after Smith's dangerous lunge. Diaby suffered a fractured, dislocated ankle.

Diaby, 19, will miss the Champions League final against Barcelona in Paris on 17 May. "I felt, having watched the game, that there were bad intentions there and I will take legal advice to take this game further," said Wenger. — MNA/Xinhua



Anthony Runia of the Netherlands competes on the rings during the qualification round at the 27th European Artistic Gymnastics championships in Volos, Greece on 4 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Reyes double gives Arsenal 3-1 win over Man City

LONDON, 5 May — Two goals from Jose Antonio Reyes gave Arsenal a 3-1 win at Manchester City on Thursday and closed the gap on Tottenham Hotspur to a point in the battle for the final Champions League qualifying spot.

Substitute Reyes slotted home from Emmanuel Eboue's cross in the 78th minute and six minutes later bent the ball left-footed around City goalkeeper David James into the top corner.

Fifth-placed Arsenal have 64 points with one game to play. They host Wigan on Sunday in the final match at their Highbury ground, while north London rivals Tottenham travel to FA Cup finalists West Ham.

Even if they finish in fifth spot, Arsene Wenger's team could still make the Champions League next season if they beat Barcelona in the final of the competition on 17 May. — MNA/Reuters

Nike rule out changes to Rooney boots

AMSTERDAM, 5 May — Nike is not planning to make any changes to the design of its "90 Supremacy" football shoe, which England striker Wayne Rooney was wearing when he broke his foot last week.

Responding to intense media scrutiny from the British Press, and Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson's request that Nike take another look at the boot to make sure that it did not play any part in the injury, Nike said it was not to blame for Rooney's multiple bone fractures.

"I think it is very convenient to blame the shoe," Nike (NKE.N) spokesman Charlie Brooks told Reuters.

The injury, at Manchester United's 3-0 defeat at Chelsea on Saturday, threw into question whether Rooney would be in England's squad at the World Cup in Germany next month.

"If he hurt his hamstring we would not be talking about the shorts he was wearing," Brooks said. —MNA/Reuters



Germany's Xu Huaiwen eyes the shuttlecock during her semifinal match against Olympic champion Zhang Ning of China at the Uber Cup badminton tournament in Tokyo on 4 May, 2006. Zhang won the match. —INTERNET

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“Universal assistance through Volunteering”
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မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ ကြက်ခြေနီအသင်း



Filipino mothers carry their babies as they join a simultaneous breastfeeding record at a Manila gymnasium on 4 May, 2006. Exactly 3,738 mothers in Manila joined in simultaneous breastfeeding to establish a new record which was aimed at encouraging mothers that there's no substitute for mother's milk. The current Guinness World Record holder was organized by the city of Berkeley Women Infants Program in Berkeley, California when 1,130 mothers simultaneously breastfed their babies on 3 August, 2002.—INTERNET

South Korean President reshuffles senior secretaries

SEOUL, 5 May — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun replaced five out of the 13 senior secretaries on Wednesday.

Roh's spokesperson Jung Tae-ho told reporters that the President promoted four officials to senior presidential secretary on civil affairs, personnel affairs, civil and social affairs as well as government inno ation.

Kim Sun-hwa, a professor at Soonchunhyang University, was appointed as the senior presidential secretary for science and technology affairs, Jung said.

The other eight top presidential secretarial posts were not mentioned in Wednesday's reshuffle.

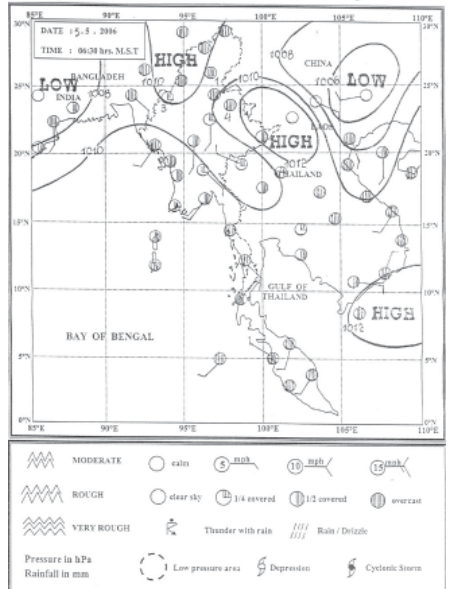
“It's natural to appoint as staff those who have an

insight into the President's philosophy because the President has to concentrate on the stable completion of state affairs rather than launching new projects,” said a senior official at the presidential office on condition of anonymity.

The Yonhap news agency quoted officials of the presidential office as saying that the appointments indicate Roh's efforts to distance himself from local politics and focus on state affairs ahead of next month's mayoral and gubernatorial elections.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 5 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State, Eastern Shan State, upper Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in Yangon Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each, Monywa, NyaungU and Magway (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (3.51) inches, Kanbalu (0.55) inch and Lashio (0.40) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-5-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 5-5-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 5-5-2006 was (75%). Total sunshine hours on 4-5-2006 was (10.5) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 5-5-2006 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 (4) mph from Southwest at (21:20) hours MST on 4-5-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 6-5-2006: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2006: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for second weekend of May 2006: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw City and Mandalay Division and possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 6 May
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓန္ဓတော်က၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 - To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 - အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 - နဂါးရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:20 am
 - အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
 - International news
- 8:45 am
 - Happy and educational English summer course MRTV (Junior Class)
- 11:00 am
 - Martial song
- 11:15 am
 - Musical programme

- 11:30 am
 - News
- 11:40 am
 - Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 - နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"
- 12:20 pm
 - ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပေသော
- 12:30 pm
 - "အဖြူရောင်မေတ္တာ" (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ရီဆယ်၊ ဆုပိုပိုအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)
- 1:30 pm
 - ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုနှင့်စံပြုရေးအဖွဲ့ မင်းတိုင်သင်
- 1:40 pm
 - အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:50 pm
 - Dance of national races
- 2:10 pm
 - ပေါက်တံတား (ရေပြာ) နှင့် ပေါက်တံတား (အုန်းတော)
- 2:20 pm
 - အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:35 pm
 - "အနိုင်အနွဲ့" (ဝိစိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နီ.နီ.မူ)
- 2:40 pm
 - ဝမ်းပိုရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 2:45 pm
 - International news
- 4:00 pm
 - Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - အကဖြိုင်ပွဲ

- 4:35 pm
 - Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
 - အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တပည့်များ (စာတည်းအဖွဲ့ဖြူ) (စာတည်း)
- 5:00 pm
 - မြင်းဖြူခင်သိန်းအေး ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ ရောင်ခြေခန်း
- 5:15 pm
 - Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
 - "မင်းမော်ဝိသုကော" (ဇရာ၊ ဂုဏ်ကျော်ကြည်၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ကြုံကြုံသင်း၊ အေးအေးအိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေစင်ထိုက်)
- 5:35 pm
 - Games for children
- 6:00 pm
 - Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - Discovery
- 6:50 pm
 - Musical programme
- 7:00 pm
 - ဖွံ့ဖြိုးစည်ပင် ကာလီစံပြုရေးအဖွဲ့တစ်ဖွဲ့
- 7:10 pm
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကောင်းမြင်းအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 8:00 pm
 - News
- 8:00 pm
 - International news
- 8:00 pm
 - Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
- 8:00 pm
 - The next day's programme



Saturday, 6 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Is it love you are after
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -And the best you are
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Forget me not
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Heaven must be missing an angel
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunchtime music -I love you because
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news review -Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Taninthayi Division must be oil bowl of the nation

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects development facilities in Myeik



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of the dam in Myeik. — MNA

YANGON, 5 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the physic nut growing ceremony of Myeik District in the compound of Myeik Airport on 3 May morning.

Together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed documen-

tary photos on physic nut growing ceremonies of townships in Taninthayi Division, saplings and seeds and grafts.

Taninthayi Division has put 181.46 acres under physic nut plants in Myeik District, 337.96 acres in Dawei District and 119.33 acres in Kawthoung District.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that as price of oil is rising with acceleration,

industrialized countries will face fuel problems soon. Myanmar spends a large amount of foreign currency due to importing fuel. Producing bio-diesel from physic nut oil is a precious gift for the country. Therefore, the Head of State had given guidance that all States and Divisions are to cultivate physic nut on 500,000 acres each of land within three years. In the research works, physic nut oil can

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**Entire NLD practising “Look West” policy, relying too much on aliens
NLD pouring bad blood on Myanmar people
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Sixty-two members resign from NLD
All will work together with government
building a democratic state**

YANGON, 5 May — Sixty-two members of the National League for Democracy of Shwepyithar Village National League for Democracy in Singu Township, Mandalay Division, resigned from the party of own volition after submitting their signed letters of resignation to the NLD headquarters and the local authorities on 2 May.

The collective resignation ceremony held at the village was attended by Chairman of Singu Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission U Kyaw Swa, Secretary U Hla Tun, Joint Secretary U Yi and six members, U Saw Htay who had already resigned from the NLD and representative-elect of Singu Township constituency.

Ma Htoo (a) Ma Khin Hnin Swe who resigned from the party emceed the ceremony and Chairman of Shwepyithar Village NLD U Thaug explained the purpose of the resignation.

U Thaug said that factional divisions occurred in the NLD and at present it has deviated from democracy practices. He revealed a misdeed of the

NLD, saying that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party arrived at the township in May 2003. He said, she and her group did not make any arrangements for regional development, instead, poured bad blood between the Myanmar people in accord with the policy of Western colonial countries. There appeared antagonism between the townspeople as well as among the Myanmar citizens. The nation will develop only when there is national unity. But the entire NLD was practising the policy of “Look West” and were relying too much on aliens. As explained by the Minister for Information at a press conference during the previous month, the NLD central executive committee members did not keep their word to attend the National Convention. In addition, they were slandering the Convention. Only now, they are using the words “dialogue” and “national reconciliation”, but not for democracy, just for self-centred ism and extreme self interest. All the 62 persons were disappointed with the deeds of the NLD

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**Weather Forecast for
6-5-2006**

Nay Pyi Taw & neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.

Yangon & neighbouring areas

Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Mandalay & neighbouring areas

Partly cloudy.

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Some call this process “globalization” or “free world”. Sweet words. Nations not following the group’s political system, but according to their own culture and history will be its enemy. The group names every nation different from it the enemy. It then will bully the country.