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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects transport facilities, physic nut nurseries in Mawlaik, Kalay Districts

YANGON, 6 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West

Chairman Lt-Col Sein Ya, Deputy Director U Soe Myint Aye of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department and District USDA Secretary U Ye Win formally opened the bridge. The bridge is 143 feet long.

At the construction site of Mawlaik-Kalewa Road, Lt-Col Sein Ya reported on progress of construction task. The commander gave a supplementary report.

While in Kalay, they also attended the opening ceremonies of

Wanetchaung Bridge, Leikpok Creek Bridge, Lahaw Creek Bridge, Kyein Creek Bridge, and Yay-aye Creek Bridge.

They inspected construction of Ngamaunggyi Bridge and Thaphan Creek Bridge.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected units of Kalay People's Hospital.

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In Kalewa, they inspected construction of the two-storey building of Kalewa BEHS. Next,

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended the ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Kawzin village-tract of Kalewa Township, and another ceremony in Kyarbin village-tract of Mingin Township.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the physic nut nursery of North-West Command Headquarters at Larpot Village in Kani Township and left for Monywa. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects earth work for construction of Mawlaik-Kalewa Road. — MNA

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Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kalay Station, met Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units at Aungzeya Hall in Mawlaik Station on 3 May.

Next, they viewed rubber and physic nut saplings at the nursery of cooperative societies in Mawlaik Township. They attended the ceremony to grow physic nut plants in the compound of Basic Education High School.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected construction of Thanpho Creek Bridge on Mawlaik-Kalewa Road. It is a bailey type bridge.

Afterwards, they attended the opening of Manphalay Creek Bridge. Mawlaik District PDC



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for perpetual existence of village libraries

The intellectuals and technocrats play a pivotal role in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation that is the national goal.

It is required for the people from all walks of life including rural folks to have a wide range of general knowledge with thinking power. With this end in view, the Ministry of Information is pursuing the guidance given by the Head of State on establishment of a rural self-reliant library each in every village to widen the scope of knowledge of the people.

All the adults or youths in rural areas can now widen the horizon of their knowledge as rural libraries have been opened. Through reading, a citizen can obtain knowledge and wisdom to distinguish good deeds from evil ones and know how to spend time in an appropriate way. Moreover, he will become a reliable one who is capable of serving the interests of the State and the people.

A library can be termed a knowledge bank since a variety of books, journals and magazines are kept to read and study. It can also be a venue that serves as a bridge between publications and the people, a life-long reading room or the brain of a nation. In addition, it is a centre capable of enriching the knowledge of the people most effectively.

With widened knowledge of the people, the nation will see greater development in the agricultural, livestock breeding, education and health sectors.

Up to 18 April 2006, altogether 53,554 out of 61,949 villages all over the country have been armed with a library each. Hence, it can be said that almost every village in Myanmar has access to a library. And Myanmar is proud to be the first ever nation where the villages have been equipped with a library each.

Shan State (North) celebrated the establishment of a self-reliant library each in all villages totalling 2,589 in it with the presentation of cash and kind to the libraries at City Hall in Lashio on 2 May.

Such a significant success can be attributed to the guidance of the Head of State plus concerted efforts of the government, local people and well-wishers. Meanwhile, local people at different regions in cooperation with well-wishers and librarians are to contribute their shares to ensuring the durability of the libraries.

Such being so, local authorities, members of USDA, staff of Information and Public Relations Department and the respective library committees are to do their bit for perpetual existence of the libraries.



U Mya Than-Daw Khin San Wai of Kamayut Township recently presented K 100,000 to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board. — H

GOVERNMENT ONLINE SYSTEM

- * 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

GOS course 01/06-07 concludes



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses concluding of Government Online System (GOS) Course. — COMMUNICATIONS

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended the concluding of Government Online System (GOS) Course (1/06-07) in Nay Pyi Taw City yesterday.

The minister addressed the course conclusion

ceremony and presented completion certificates to the trainees. A total of 64 trainees attended the two-week course. After the ceremony, the minister inspected the installation of teaching aid equipment such as computers, and viewed the e-library.

MNA

Coordination Meeting between Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities held

YANGON, 6 May — The Coordination Meeting between Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level was held at Tachilek on 4 May, attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the Lao delegation led by Lao Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phongsavath Bouptha.

The two delegations cordially discussed the matters on the prevalence of peace and security in the border areas, upgrading of border checkpoints, navigation along the Mekong River and maintenance of Boundary Reference Markers. Next, they ex-



Coordination Meeting between Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level in progress. — MNA

changed views on implementation of the agreed minutes of the Fifth Meeting of Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level held in Vientiane in October 2005.

On the same day,

at the invitation of the Lao Vice-Foreign Minister, the Myanmar delegation visited the Ton Pheung Agriculture Farm and Ton Pheung Dam in Bokeo Province, the Lao

People's Democratic Republic, built with the assistance of Myanmar and donated different kinds of seeds to the farm as a gesture of goodwill visit.

MNA

U San Myint-Daw Tin Sein and family of Ward 5 in Kyaukpadaung presented K 250,000 to the funds of Shwezigon Pagoda to Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Bo Gyi on 4 May. — H

All this needs to be known

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



China set to become world's second biggest tourist nation

HANGZHOU, 5 May — China is set to become the second largest tourism economy in the world in ten years, according to a report by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC).

China's consumption and investment in the tourism industry will grow by 14 per cent year on year to 2.77 trillion yuan (346.3 billion US dollars) in 2006.

With a projected annual growth of 8.7 per cent from 2007 to 2016, China is expected to boast the second highest growth in tourism demand in the world, says the report. The China National Tourism Administration figures show China received 120 million inbound visitors last year. The number is expected to grow by eight per cent in the next five years and the country is expected to receive some 137 million

visitors by 2019 to become the world's biggest inbound tourism nation.

Safety was considered

one of the most important reasons for China's attraction to foreign tourists, said Wei Xiaolan, a researcher with

the Tourism Research Centre of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.—MNA/Xinhua

Cooked tomatoes may help fight cardiovascular disease

LONDON, 5 May — Scientists have found that cooked tomatoes contain a vital ingredient that could help in the fight against cardiovascular disease, according to the latest report on the Website AlphaGalileo.

The potential health-giving properties of tomatoes relate to the lycopene they contain and its role as an antioxidant,

the website quoted scientists from Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU)'s Nutraceutical Research Group as saying.

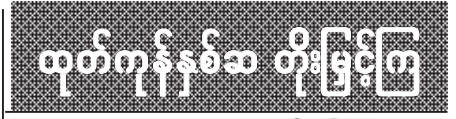
However, for the lycopene to become available to the human body, tomatoes must be cooked, preferably in some form of oil, the scientists said.

They are assessing different ways of cooking tomatoes to see which

method maximizes the lycopene availability. Cardiovascular disease is one of the biggest killers in Britain, accounting for one in three deaths in the country every year.

The LJMU is the only institution in Britain involved in the 5.2-million-euro (about 6.6-million-US-dollar) research programme to investigate the health-giving properties of cooked tomatoes.

MNA/Xinhua



Young performers dressed in traditional Chinese costume take part in the Bun Festival parade at the tiny island of Cheung Chau in Hong Kong on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET



A lamb shelters from the wind beside its mother on a dyke at Westerhever on the North Sea, northern Germany, on 5 May, 2006. The animals withstand a strong wind on a sunny day, with temperatures rising to 23 degrees Celsius (73.4 Fahrenheit).

INTERNET

Rumsfeld faces tough queries on Iraq war rationale

WASHINGTON, 5 May — Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld faced tough questions and hecklers during a stormy speech in Atlanta on Thursday, with a former CIA analyst accusing him of lying his way into the Iraq war.

Rumsfeld, an unyielding defender of the war, denied lying. He told an audience at the Southern Centre for International Studies that the Bush Administration gave an "honest opinion" that prewar Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

"I would like to ask you to be upfront with the American people. Why did you lie to get us into a war that was not necessary, that has caused these kinds of casualties? Why?" asked audience member Ray

McGovern, who had a 27-year career as a CIA analyst.

"Well, first of all, I haven't lied," Rumsfeld said.

One woman whose son was a US soldier killed in the war asked if the

Pentagon was making sure American troops were better equipped for combat. "You bet", Rumsfeld said. "And I'm so sorry about your son."

MNA/Reuters



MTV Veejay Sophia Chaudhary holds up Sony Ericsson Walkman phones in New Delhi on 3 May, 2006. The company launched three new models and speaker systems for the Indian market.

INTERNET

Lava flows from Indonesia's Mt Merapi

JAKARTA, 5 May — Lava flowed out of rumbling Mount Merapi, Indonesia's most active volcano, on Thursday but it stopped far away from inhabited areas on its slopes and in the foothills, a volcanologist said. Gunung Merapi, or Fiery Mountain, is one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the Pacific "Ring of Fire" and has been

rumbling for weeks. Experts have said an eruption could come anytime.

But authorities have not yet raised the alert level from "2" to "1", which would require the immediate evacuation of people living under the volcano. "It started from 2 am (1900 GMT) and is still flowing until now to a valley 200 metres (650 feet) away from the peak," said

volcano observer Sapari Dwiyonofrom the state-run Centre for Volcano Research and Technology Development in Yogyakarta, the nearest city to the volcano. "The closest houses are 6 kilometres (4 miles) away," he told Reuters, adding the flow could only be seen from the mountain's southeastern foothill.—MNA/Reuters



The Merapi volcano emits gasses and hot ash as seen in Bebeng village near the ancient city of Yogyakarta, central Java, Indonesia, on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Bomb kills three US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 May — A roadside bomb killed three US soldiers south of Baghdad on Friday, and coalition forces shot to death three guerillas in Samarra — the site of the bombing of a Shiite shrine in February that set off a wave of sectarian killings in Iraq.

The violence came as a videotape showing the

most wanted terrorist in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, wearing American tennis shoes and struggling to fire a US-made machine gun was repeatedly broadcast on television nationwide.

The video — released Thursday by the US military to undercut al-Zarqawi's image — was strikingly different from

video posted last month on Islamist Web sites showing the Jordanian militant confidently firing bursts from the weapon like an experienced jihadist fighter.

But the US military said the images were all from the same video, which it said American troops seized in a raid last month.

Internet

ASEAN seeks ways to boost tourism development

HANOI, 5 May — Officials from 10 ASEAN member countries are convening a meeting in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City, discussing measures to boost tourism development, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Thursday.

At the four-day meeting starting on Wednesday, delegates are touching upon such issues as marketing, tourism investment, tourism standards, and manpower development.

They are discussing concrete tourism promotion

programmes, common tourism service standards, and organization of tourism investment forums.

The meeting, held by the Vietnam National Administration for Tourism, is a part of the cooperation framework of

the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua

Chrysler recalls sedans on break problems

WASHINGTON, 5 May — DaimlerChrysler AG said Friday that it was recalling about 45,000 Chrysler 300, Dodge Charger and Dodge Magnum sedans for repairs to prevent brake fluid leakage that could lead to engine compartment fires.

DaimlerChrysler said the recall affects 2006 model-year vehicles with 2.7 liter engines. In some cases, the exhaust gas recirculation tube could come into contact with the brake tubes, leading to brake fluid leaking and a fire. DaimlerChrysler spokesman Max Gates said the automaker was aware of nine reported engine fires. He said there have been no reports of crashes, injuries or property damage.

The recall will involve inspecting the rear brake tubes for damage and replacement if necessary. Technicians also will install a clip on all the vehicles to secure the brake tubes and maintain proper clearance from the exhaust tube.

Gates said owners likely

would be notified later this month.

DaimlerChrysler also said it would recall nearly 7,000 2006 Jeep Wranglers equipped with 6-speed manual transmissions because of potential problems with the clutch.

The automaker said the hydraulic clutch master cylinder rod could break, which could make it difficult for the clutch to disengage when the pedal is depressed.

Gates said the defect could prevent movement, lead to increased stopping distances and engine stalling. The company said it has received 17 complaints and no reports of crashes, injuries or property damage. Owners also are expected to be notified of the recall later in the month.

In both recalls, the vehicles will be repaired at no charge to owners.

Internet



The 1952 painting 'Vogel en Mens' (Bird and Man) by Karel Appel is seen in this image provided by Amsterdam's Stedelijk Museum on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET



In this photo provided by Mississippi State University, a newborn gray fox sits in a shirt pocket on 4 May, 2006, at the university's Wildlife and Fisheries Research and Educational Facility in Mississippi State, Miss. —INTERNET



Russian military drummers take part in a military parade training in Moscow on 5 May, 2006. Military parades and fireworks will mark the traditional Victory Day celebrated in Russia on 9 May. —INTERNET

Indonesia retains OPEC membership

JAKARTA, 5 May — Indonesia will not quit membership in the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries despite continued deficit in international oil trade, a senior official said Thursday.

"I and the Foreign Minister (Hassan Wirajuda) have agreed that we will not quit OPEC," Energy Minister Purnomo Yudiantoro was quoted by the Detikcom news

website as saying. Calls are mounting for the government to leave OPEC to save high annual fee and because the country is no longer a major oil

producer. Indonesia's oil production has fallen to 995,000 barrels per day from the budget estimate of 1.08 million barrels.

Oil and gas sector contributed revenues of 103.7 trillion rupiah (11.09 billion US dollars) in 2005, or about 25.2 per cent lower than target.

Oil trade began to gain surplus in the last few months, with the Central Statistics Agency reporting first quarter oil and gas export stood at 5.15 billion dollars against import of 3.63 billion dollars. —MNA/Xinhua

At least 5 dead in US airstrike on Iraqi house

RAMADI (Iraq), 5 May — At least five people were killed in the Iraqi city of Ramadi on Thursday in what witnesses and police said was a US airstrike on a house. The US military said it was not aware of any airstrike on a house in Ramadi but was checking the reports.

One police official said up to 13 people may have been killed. Hospital officials said five people were killed and 15

wounded. The western city of Ramadi is a stronghold of Sunni Muslim guerillas waging a campaign of bombings and shootings aimed at toppling the Shiite-led government and driving out US forces.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese stuntman pulls a rope through his mouth and nose during a show in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province on 4 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Artificial rain washes dust from Chinese capital

BEIJING, 5 MAY — Chinese technicians have artificially generated heavy rainfall to wash a layer of sand and dust off Beijing, the official Xinhua news agency said on Friday.

The Chinese capital was hit by a fierce wind storm last month which left the city cloaked in sand, much of it scooped up from the Gobi desert.

The Beijing Weather Modification Office responded Thursday with a major cloud seeding operation.

"A total of 163 pieces of cigarette-like sticks containing silver iodide were burned and seven rocket shells were launched in six districts and counties, which resulted in the heaviest rainfall in Beijing this spring," Xinhua said.

Although the science of weather seeding is controversial and some doubt its effectiveness, China often seeds clouds in an effort to end droughts in the arid north. —Internet



Astronaut Carl Walz (R) poses with children as he helps kick-off Space Day at the Air and Space Museum's Steven F Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia, on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Cambodia holds int'l telecommunications expo

PHNOM PENH, 5 May — Cambodia ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) World Expo 2006 opened here on Thursday aimed at promoting the country's development of telecommunication industry.

More than 30 companies from about 10 countries attended the two-day exhibition organized by the National ICT Development Authority (NiDA) and the International Data Group (IDG) in cooperation with the Cambodian Post and Telecommunications Ministry.

This is the second largest telecom exhibition in Cambodia. Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Sok An cut the ribbon at an

opening ceremony of the Expo.

"This exhibition is the good chance to allow the large international companies understand the Cambodia market, introduce modern products to Cambodia and reach to create the strong ICT industry in Cambodia," NiDA official Phu Leewood said.

China's Huawei Technologies, a leading telecom equipment supplier, also participated in the expo as the conference sponsor.

Huawei, developing telecom market here in Cambodia since 1999, now is the No.1 supplier in Cambodia that deployed in top two operators.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulk carrier sinks off S Africa, 26 missing

JOHANNESBURG, 5 May — Rescue teams braved ferocious winds on Thursday searching for 26 crew members missing after a bulk carrier ferrying iron ore sank in rough seas off South Africa's eastern coast.

Six of 33 crew members on the Greek-owned *Alexandros T* were rescued on Wednesday night shortly after it was lost off Port Alfred after taking on water in strong winds, rescuers said. On Thursday, rescuers in a South African military plane spotted a seventh man in the water near the scene of the sinking 285 nautical miles offshore and directed a ship to the spot.

"We recovered one more survivor today. He was on a life craft pinpointed by the South African aircraft from the air," Andre Botes, head of the search-and-rescue team told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters

Sleep apnea raises mortality risk after stroke

NEW YORK, 5 May — Sleep apnea, a common problem involving short periods when breathing stops during sleep, is often seen in stroke patients and appears to be associated with an increased risk of death, Swiss researchers report in the medical journal *Stroke*.

However, upon further analysis, the only single factor that increased the risk of death after stroke was older age.

Dr Claudio L Bassetti of Poliklinik, Zurich and colleagues note that despite being widespread, risk factors and other characteristics of sleep apnea in stroke patients are not widely known. To investigate further, the researchers initially studied 152 patients who had a stroke.

Three days after the stroke, about 17 per cent of the patients had evidence of sleep apnea and related problems. As time passed, the breathing problem resolved in 40 per cent

of patients. A variety of factors, including older age, being male and having diabetes and high blood pressure were more common in the patients with sleep-related breathing problems. Many of the stroke patients required long-term treatment with a breathing therapy called continuous positive airway pressure.

As noted, the risk of death after stroke rose as the patient's sleep-related breathing problems worsened. Twenty-two per cent of stroke patients with severe breathing impairment died compared with 8 per cent who had minimal or no breathing difficulties.

Still, the researchers point out that further analysis identified age as

the only independent risk factor for death.

MNA/Reuters

A bird drinks from a tap in the north Indian city of Chandigarh on 5 May, 2006. INTERNET



Latin America's leaders back Bolivia gas nationalization

PURTI IGUAZU, 6 May — South American leaders are making peace with Bolivia's decision to nationalize its natural gas sector, hoping to diffuse tensions sparked by the Andean nation's radical petroleum industry takeover.

The leaders of Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia also agreed to open talks on new prices for Bolivia's natural gas at a summit Thursday in the Argentine city of Puerto Iguazu. At the summit, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva suggested that state-owned company Petroleo Brasileiro SA could reverse its decision, announced a day earlier, to freeze investment in Bolivia because of the nationalization decree.

"As a company, it will always invest wherever it sees a chance to obtain a return for its investments," Silva said after meeting with Bolivian President Evo Morales, Argentine

President Nestor Kirchner and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in this city along the border with

Brazil. Upon his return to Bolivia, Morales told reporters the leaders

"expressed their great solidarity and said they would keep investing."

Internet



Lockeed Martin President and CEO Robert Stevens helps kick-off Space Day at the Air and Space Museum's Steven F Udvar-Hazy Centre in Chantilly, Virginia, on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET



Miner smiles after he was rescued from a blasted mine in Yuxian county in north China's Shanxi Province, on 4 May, 2006. Twenty-five miners were in the mine when the blast took place and all of them were rescued. The reason of the blast is still under investigation. —INTERNET

Thai King receive UN award

BANGKOK, 5 May — Thailand's revered monarch Bhumibol Adulyadej will be presented with a United Nations award later this month for its dedication to the development of the country and the welfare of its people.

The United Nations Development Programme Human Development Lifetime Award will be granted to the King at the presence of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan at Klai Kangwon Palace in Hua Hin on 26 May, said Deputy Prime Minister Surakiart Sathirathai.

The award, in the form of a silver footed tray, is in recognition of the King's efforts to develop the country. He is the first monarch to win the award.

After arrival on 25 May, Annan will meet caretaker Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra at Government House and attend a lunch reception on 26 May before meeting the King in the afternoon.

The government will ask the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to assist in hosting a seminar on "His Majesty and

Development", on 26 May.

Annan will speak on development and the UN's recognition of the King's devotion.

The preparations were well in hand for the Royal Barge Procession next month to mark the 60th anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne. Monarchs and heads of states from across the world will attend the ceremony, said Surakiart.

MNA/Xinhua



A monk walks past turtles sitting in buckets during a ceremony as the temple prepares to release the animals into the sea in celebration of the Buddha's Birthday at a Buddhist monastery in Beijing, China, on 5 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese Premier urges pursuit of democracy, science

BEIJING, 5 May — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Tuesday that democracy and science are important for China to transform itself into a modernized country and the two things must be pursued.

Wen paid a visit Thursday to Beijing Normal University, one of the most prestigious universities in China, celebrating the Chinese Youth Day with the

students and young teachers. The Premier said that China should create a democratic atmosphere that can ensure people's rights to vote, to make decision, to participating

in management and to exercise supervision.

"We must enable everybody to fully grow up in an environment of equity, justice and freedom," according to

Wen, adding that the country will also provide a platform for people to criticize and supervise the government.

In addition, the country should encourage scientific innovation, and education is the base of fulfilling those goals, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

WHO confirms 13th human bird flu case in Egypt

GENEVA, 5 May — The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed on Thursday a 13th human case of bird flu in Egypt, a woman who remains hospitalized in Cairo.

The Egyptian Health Ministry announced the case on Tuesday and the Cairo-based US naval medical research unit, known as NAMRO, has certified the sample tested positive for the H5N1

virus, the WHO said in a statement.

The 27-year-old woman, who was hospitalized with pneumonia on May 1, is in "stable condition", it said.



A pair of twin sisters show themselves in Lubo Park of Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 4 May, 2006. The first Jiangsu twins talent television show was held there on Thursday, 50 pairs of twins performed singing and dancing or musical talents, to compete for the awards of best talents, perfect unison, etc.—INTERNET

Corpse tumbled out of empty rum barrel in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 5 May — Hungarian builders who drank their way to the bottom of a huge barrel of rum while renovating a house got a nasty surprise when a pickled corpse tumbled out of the empty barrel, a police magazine website reported.

According to online magazine www.zsaru.hu, workers in Szeged in the south of Hungary tried to move the barrel after they had drained it, only to find it was surprisingly heavy and were shocked when the body of a naked man fell out. The website said that the body of the man had been shipped back from Jamaica 20 years ago by his wife in the barrel of rum in order to avoid the cost and paperwork of an official return. According to the website, workers said the rum in the 300-litre barrel had a "special taste" so they even decanted a few bottles of the liquor to take home. The wife has since died and the man was buried in a proper grave.

MNA/Reuters

Her infection is linked to exposure to diseased poultry during a recent visit to the Manoufiya Province, outside Cairo, it added. "While there, she stayed in a household where numerous chickens were slaughtered."

Egyptian officials said earlier this week that she was being treated with the antiviral Tamiflu.

There have now been 206 human cases of bird flu in nine countries including Egypt since late 2003, and 113 deaths, according to the United Nations Health Agency.

MNA/Reuters

Oil price hike brings Asia serious challenge but chances remain

HYDERABAD (India), 5 May — The dramatically soaring oil price seems to drive many Asian countries mad but, according to Asian Development Bank Chief Economist Ifzal Ali, it could be a chance for some of them to change their way of using unrenewable petroleum.

Oil price hike remains one of the major risks for Asian economy in the next two years, Ifzal Ali said here Thursday. "If the crude price increased by 10 US dollars a barrel in near future, GDP growth of the whole Asia would count down by 0.6 per cent. And for China, it could be 1 per cent."

Some of Asian countries have coped with the problem by giving

subsidies to either consumers or oil companies, which are owned by the state, Ali said, but it will not be sustainable.

Asian countries need to reduce the subsidies to the oil sector though it would raise oil price in their domestic market, Ali said.

Subsidy reduction will save a large amount of budget and allow the government to adopt a more focused policy to cope with

the problem, for example, relocating the money to people that need assistance most, he added.

High energy price could be a chance for countries with low efficiency of energy use to change their way of growth, he said, adding that the countries that has high efficiency of energy use will take the advantage in the current situation.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo provided by the USGS, a helicopter flies past a new 'slab' rock growth in the crater of Mount St Helens, on 28 April, 2006. If the skies are clear as forecast, volcano watchers who turn out for the reopening of the Johnston Ridge Observatory on 5 May, 2006, may get a view of a hulking slab of molten rock.—INTERNET

YMBA Centenary

Myo Tha Khin

The centenary of the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) founded on 10 May 1906 is around the corner. Although other associations that had emerged ceased to exist, YMBA continues to function till today thanks to its adherence to the national cause. Its objective — the promotion of the race, language, religion and education — is so sincere and unblemished.

YMBA was founded after the whole nation had been under subjugation for over 20 years. Hence the association desired independence, disliked to see race, language, religion and education being oppressed, and wished to alert youths. Hence it can be said that the final struggle for independence sprang from the YMBA as the nation regained independence 42 years after its formation. After the independence, the association totally discarded politics, and solely concentrated its efforts on participating in the national cause with might and main.

Patriotism is the love for the race. The nation and the national races will vanish if there is no patriotism. There are over 100 national races living in weal or woe in the country since yore. Myanmar

has many national races, hence, non-disintegration of national solidarity is the national cause of Myanmar.

To respect the language means to love it. Because of the influence of the colonialists' language during the time, the association laid down the objective to love the language.

The association chanted the slogan to promote religion because the colonialists were committing acts of sacrilege. After the occupation of Yangon, the colonialists in 1826 used as a fort and stationed troops on the whole Theingontara Hill where the Shwedagon Pagoda is located.

YMBA put the matter of prohibiting shoe wearing on the pagoda platform as the foremost priority in 1908. It was so agonizing for Myanmar during the time as there were signboards reading "Foot wearing is prohibited except Europeans at pagodas". It was Justice U Thein Maung who dared put down the old signboard of the colonialists and put up a new one reading "No one is allowed to wear shoes". When the uppermost part of Shwemawdaw Pagoda fell to the platform due to a massive earthquake in Bago in 1930, the then Brit-

ish governor came to see the pagoda wearing his shoes. Secretary of YMBA U Thein Maung rallied a mass meeting at the Jubilee Hall in Yangon in protest against the governor's act. Since then the British refrained from the act of wearing shoes at pagodas.

In 1927, the representatives of the association led by U Ba Pe, U Pe and U Su went to India to make a nine-point demand to the colonial secretary Montagu. Included in the nine points was a demand to establish a university in Myanmar that met the required standard. At present, the association is presenting awards to students who passed the matriculation examination with highest marks in the whole of Myanmar and who get highest marks in Myanmar.

The association is holding tests on the Mangala Sutta or 38 Blessings annually and presenting prizes to winners to improve the morals and manners of youths. This year marks the 57th anniversary. It has also been conducting the Abhidhamma course and presenting awards to outstanding trainees since 1967.

At the 60th anniversary of the association, Sir Maung Gyi sent a message, saying that he and other youths collectively founded the association in 1906 with the aim of vitalizing nationalism and national spirit and striving for social affairs, public relations, education, health, language, religion and culture according to the traditions and customs of the nationalities, while removing all the alien ideas, culture and opinions.

We honour the centenary of the YMBA by reasserting the slogan "Love the race, respect the language, promote the religion, and support the education."

(Translation: TMT)

The centenary of the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) founded on 10 May 1906 is around the corner. Although other associations that had emerged ceased to exist, YMBA continues to function till today thanks to its adherence to the national cause. Its objective — the promotion of the race, language, religion and education — is so sincere and unblemished.



U Win Oo-Dr Daw Cho Cho and family of Inya Road, Kamayut Township, donate K 250,000 for offering gold foils to Shwezigon Pagoda to Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Bo Gyi on 4 May. — H

ADB looks to work with China in rural development, clean energy

HYDERABAD (India), 6 May — Asian Development Bank (ADB), known for funding highway projects in China, is keen on working with the country on rural development and clean energy, a senior ADB official said here Friday.

The ADB has rearranged the programmes in China as the country has decided to change its pattern of economic growth in the new 11th five-year plan of economic and social development, C. Lawrence Greenwood Jr., Vice-President of ADB, told *Xinhua* here Friday.

"We hope to help China realize its goal of building a harmonious society," said Greenwood who was here for the annual meeting of ADB Board of Governors.

The ADB will look more on the development of rural roads, which can help boost the economy and change people's life in the remote countryside, he said. The development bank has supported lots of

projects in transport sector in China for the past decades. They benefitted not only big companies but also the poor people because the highway network had helped drive the local economy and provided chances for rural people to work in the cities more easily, he added. The ADB is also "enthusiastic" to work with China in vocational training of people in less developed west and central China so that they can find skilled jobs in rich east China, Greenwood said.

In a country struggling to meet its need of energy, the ADB will work more on developing clean energies like biogas and wind power in China, he added.

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The new Kalewa-Mawlaik Road (36 miles) saves 40 miles.—MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint views Wanet Creek Bridge on Mawlaik-Kalewa Road. (News on page 1) — MNA

Relief supplies provided for cyclone-hit households in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 6 May — A ceremony to provide relief supplies for cyclone-hit households in Hlinethaya Township took place at BEPS No-6 in Hlinethaya Township this morning. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremony.

First, Yangon North District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min explained relief operations and supplies. Next, the commander expressed thanks to wellwishers and accepted cash and relief supplies worth K 30,750,000 including items worth K 11.5 million donated by Myanmar Red Cross Society and K 17.5 million by World Vision.

So far, departmental and social organizations and public wellwishers have donated K 18,496,645 and relief supplies worth K 45,095,750 to the victims. **MNA**



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts relief supplies worth K 11.5 million for cyclone-hit households of Hlinethaya Township donated by MRCS. — MNA

IWT Managing Director inspects Mya Ayeya Market Ship

YANGON, 6 May — Managing Director of Inland Water Transport U Soe Tint inspected security measures, shops and commodities at Mya Ayeya Market Ship and two tugs at Botahtaung Jetty this morning.

The market ship and two tugs carrying rice, edible oil, salt, foodstuff, personal goods, furniture and commodities for departments concerned weighing 1,273 tons left here today for Mandalay. **MNA**



IWT Managing Director U Soe Tint inspects shops on board Mya Ayeya Market Ship that will leave Yangon for Mandalay.

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Development of Htantabin Township inspected

YANGON, 6 May — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected development of Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, this morning.

Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) is carrying out the upgrading of the road near Yangon West University in Htantabin Township.

The CEC member inspected construction of the retaining walls to prevent bank erosion. He also viewed Htantabin Township Hospital. Next, Col Maung Pa attended a

physic nut growing ceremony at Htantabin Township USDA. **MNA**

Ayeyawady Division holds ceremony to provide relief to storm victims

YANGON, 6 May — A ceremony to provide relief supplies to storm victims of Ayeyawady Division was held at Ayeya Shwewa Hall in Patheingyi on 3 May.

Patron of the Management Committee for Natural Disasters Preparedness in Ayeyawady Division Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung gave a speech.

Next, the commander accepted 178 bags of rice and clothes donated by regiments and units through Command Staff Colonel Col Tint Swe; K 2 million by Ayeyawady Division PDC through Secretary Lt-Col Thein Hlaing; K 65 million by World Vision through in-charge Dr Saw Aik Bin; K 4,281,000 and 40 bags of rice by Myaungmya District PDC; K 2.5 million and 40 bags of rice by Patheingyi District PDC; K 2.2 million and 40 bags of rice by Pyayon District PDC; 50 bags of rice by Maubin District PDC; K 3 million by Royal Garden Co; 250 bags of rice by Ayeyawady Division Rice Millers' Association; and other wellwishers.

Chairman of the Management Committee for Prevention against Natural Disaster Commissioner of Ayeyawady Division General Administration Department U Than Win spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, senior military officers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

Today's donations amounted to K 105,592,000, 598 bags of rice, 3,450 items of clothes. Any wellwisher may contact the Ayeyawady Division PDC. — **MNA**

NLD's political activities,...

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Therefore, they had no opportunities to dedicate themselves to the tasks in the interests of local people and to regional development tasks. In consequence, they felt very isolated in the society.

They found that the NLD relied on external strength and not on internal strength and they no longer accepted the fact that the party criticized the State holding negative views and ignoring the present development of the State.

They said they wanted noble and sincere position that serves the interest of the nation and the people and supported the seven-point Road Map and the National Convention. They did

not wish to associate with a group of people who are political opportunists. That was why they resigned from the NLD and had closed down Mabein Township NLD beginning 1 May.

Mabein Township NLD was set up with 21 members. Now altogether 13 party members including Chairman U Khin Htay resigned from the NLD of their own volition. Vice-Chairman-1 U Nyan Shein (Bahe Village, Momeik) and Vice-Chairman-2 U Nyo Hmaing (Ward-1, Momeik) have moved to other areas and Joint-Secretary U Tin Maung is serving his prison terms.

Secretary U Aung Bo and members U Maung Win, U Khin Maung Htain, U Maung Nge and U Myint Oo had passed away. — **MNA**



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects nurturing of physic nut plants in Meiktila Industrial Zone. — MNA

Regional development inspected...

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On arrival at the briefing of Asia World Co in Kyaukme Township, Member of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council District Police

Commander Police Lt-Col Sein Lwin reported on cultivation of physic nut and stockpiling of seeds and Project Manager of Asia World Co Daw Nan Kyali on traffic flow at the toll gate.

Brig-Gen San Myint Oo of regional station gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on supervision of correct data at different levels. Daw Nan Kyali reported on paving of road and collection of toll.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said priority is being given to ensuring smooth and secure transport and upgrading of Union Highway and roads for regional development. He told the officials to maintain the roads and bridges, and to complete the project in time.

There are about 800,000 people living in Kyaukme. Altogether paddy was grown on 85,530 acres in 2005-2006 and 9,553,425 baskets of monsoon paddy were produced. In Kyaukme District out of 30,000 acres of physic nut, 8,341 acres were grown in 2005-2006.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected construction of 470-foot Hsipaw Bridge on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway and 296-foot Sint-in Bridge.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived back in Lashio where they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and officials.—MNA

A&I Minister inspects Myogyi multi-purpose dam project

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo visited Myogyi multi-purpose dam project site being undertaken near Myogyi Village, Ywangan township, Shan State (South), on 30 April. Director of Construction-7 of the Irrigation Department U Myo Tun reported to the minister on earth work for construction of the main dam, construction of other facilities and conducting of geological survey. The minister stressed the need for timely completion of the project and meeting the set standard.

Next, the minister inspected construction tasks. Myogyi Dam is to store water from already-constructed Zawgyi Dam and Kyankham Dam that is to be built in Yaksawk township and other water-catchment areas near Myogyi Dam. On completion, Myogyi Dam will provide 500,000 acre feet of water to Zawgyi irrigated areas in Kyaukse District and 400,000 acre feet of water to Meikhitla plain and it will generate 24 megawatts. — MNA

Special gems emporium slated for 20 June-4 July



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses coordination meeting for special gems emporium. — MNA

YANGON, 6 May — A coordination meeting for the special gems emporium to be held in June/July 2006 was held at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning, with an address by Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn

Myint.

It was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members of the Central Committee and gem merchants.

In his speech, Minister Brig-Gen

Ohn Myint called on those present to make discussions and suggestions for the jade, gems and pearl special sales in June and July. Arrangements are being made for setting up the Gem Merchants Association, he added. The minister urged all to harmoniously take part in the tasks to organize the

special gems emporium to be held in June/July.

Managing Director U Thein Swe presented reports on arrangements for holding the special gems emporium to be held at Myanmar Convention

Centre from 20 June to 4 July 2006. Later, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, central committee members and gem merchants made suggestions concerning the emporium. Next,

officials of the respective sub-committees reported on the completion of their tasks. The coordination meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. — MNA

High-yield hybrid paddy harvested

YANGON, 6 May — A harvesting ceremony of KAMA-3, KAMA-4, KAMA-5 Super-hybrid and High-yield hybrid paddy took place at Min Lwin Gone village in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division

yesterday.

Chief Executive Mr Lin Guodong of Yuan Longping Heigh Tech Agriculture Co, Ltd and an official explained the hybrid paddy and KAMA-3, 4 and 5 to those present.

KAMA-3 hybrid paddy yields 172 baskets per acre, KAMA-4 hybrid paddy 148 baskets per acre and KAMA-5 hybrid paddy 156 baskets per acre.

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Myanmar Paddy Producers' Association Chairman U Sein Win Hlaing and party inspect hybrid paddy plantations in Hlegu Township.

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Certain anti-government groups attempting to drive a wedge between the government and the people

YANGON, 6 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 held a meeting with the staff of the Information Ministry in Shan State (North) at Shweli Yadana Hall in Lashio on 2 May afternoon.

Staff officers of Lashio, Muse, Kyaukme and Kunlon District Infor-

Film Division) reported on work progress.

The minister said that in response to the goodwill of the Head of State and the State, governmental personnel are to work two or three times harder to achieve greater success in shouldering the duties. And they are to work to the best of their ability to accomplish 14 work programmes the ministry has laid down for 2006. Measurers are to be taken in line with the five work programmes laid down for

media campaigns so that the people can be aware of the acts of local axe-handles and destructive elements, and to join hands with the people in protecting the motherland from dangers of saboteurs.

The commander said that the government is rendering assistance to help accomplish the objectives of the Ministry of Information. He pledged that the government will continue to provide necessary assistance for substantial improve-



USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets USDA members of Shan State (North) in Lashio.—MNA



mation and Public Relations Departments, and Hsenwi, Tangyan, Mongyai, Namkham, Kutkai, Mongkoe, Manhiro, Tahmoeny, Nawngkhio, Hsipaw, Namtu, Namhsan, Moemeik, Mabein, Manton, Kongyan and Hopang township IPRDs, and the head of Lashio TV retransmission station and officials from Lashio sub-printing house, post office, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (Documentary

sustainable progress of rural self-reliant libraries in respective townships.

Government staff are to be knowledgeable about today's politics in the nation. Nowadays, internal and external destructive elements and certain local organizations under the influence of the colonialists are waging three-pronged attacks of politics, underground and aboveground on the nation. The personnel are to conduct

ment of rural self-reliant libraries in Shan State. He underscored the need of the staff to organize mobile libraries and hold talks through media to enhance the knowledge and intellectual power of local people in border areas. They are also to make clarification on nation-building endeavours the government is making to the local people. In conclusion, he urged the information personnel to participate actively in the

border areas development tasks.

Member of the Central Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Patron of Shan State (North) USDA Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and USDA Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with members of Shan State (North) USDA at USDA hall in Lashio on 3 May morning.

Also present on the occasion were the secretary and executives of Shan State (North) USDA, secretaries and executives of Lashio District and Township USDas, those in charge of township and ward USDas and Shan State and district level departmental heads.

The commander dealt with success achieved due to cooperation of local people and USDA members for regional de-

velopment, and efforts being made by the members being imbued with Union Spirit and the spirit of national solidarity in the interests of the nation and the people. He called on the members to speed up their participation in the tasks for community peace and prevalence of law and order.

The secretariat member said that according to today's politics, necessary measures are to be taken in advance for preventing destructive acts from growing. And the already-achieved development momentum is to be maintained. Certain anti-government groups are anxious to seize State power although they made no contribution to national development tasks. They are attempting to drive a wedge between the government and the people. Certain internal and external destructive elements in collusion with certain local organizations under the

influence of the colonialists have launched three-pronged attacks on the nation — politics, underground and aboveground. The staff are to crush the acts of the destructive elements who are under the domination of external elements hand in hand with the people.

The major strength of the Association is organizing power. Organizing tasks and success are interrelated. All the members should try to become regular organizers and builders. In organizing the people, the members are to lay down principles and show practical efforts and personal attachment, and in building the nation, they are to collaborate with local administrative bodies and local residents to successfully implement the seven-step Road Map. They should also take steps to achieve qualitative achievement and adhere to the objectives, codes of conduct and oaths. — MNA

The personnel are to conduct media campaigns so that the people can be aware of the acts of local axe-handles and destructive elements, and to join hands with the people in protecting the motherland from dangers of saboteurs.

Central Institute of Transport and Communications inspected

YANGON, 6 May — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min arrived at Central Institute of Transport and Communications in Meiktila yesterday.

Principal of the institute U Thein Swe reported on the aims of the institute, organizational set-up, conducting of training courses, uplift of instructors' sufficiency and welfare of the staff.

The minister gave instructions on turning out outstanding trainees. Next, the minister inspected grape plantation for welfare tasks.

At Aung San Hall, the minister met the principal, staff and trainees and gave necessary instructions.

The minister viewed practical and theoretical works of trainees at the main lecture hall. — MNA

Soeharto gets blood transfusion, reportedly in critical condition

JAKARTA, 6 May — Indonesia's long-serving former president Soeharto was reportedly in critical condition after being hospitalized Thursday evening, with doctors saying on Friday that he was getting blood transfusion.

Soeharto, who turns 85 in June, was hospitalized for intestinal bleeding that caused haemoglobin level in his blood dropped below the normal level, presidential medical team head Dr. Mardjo Soebiano said at a news conference at the Pertamina Hospital here.

"We are now struggling to stop the bleeding and giving blood transfusions in stages to increase the haemoglobin level," he said.

Mardjo said Soeharto has suffered intestinal bleedings several times since the last time he got a stroke three years ago.

Soeharto was hospitalized only hours after he received a surprise visit by former Malaysian leader Mahathir Mohamad and appeared without his walking stick.

He has ruled the country for 32 years before nationwide rallies following the bitter financial crisis led to his ouster

in 1998.—MNA/Xinhua

China, EU to hold 5,000 business talks at S-W China trade fair

CHENGDU, 6 May — Approximately 850 small and medium-sized firms from China and the European Union (EU) are expected to hold 5,000 face-to-face business talks during an investment and trade fair slated for November 9-10 in Chengdu, capital of Southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The organizing committee has received applications from 836 Chinese

companies involved in agriculture, tourism, health care, environmental protection, factory equipment, construction equipment, information technology and electronics.

A team of Chinese and EU experts will select 500 qualified Chinese companies and 400 EU companies to attend the fair, the largest in the history of Sino-EU economic cooperation.

Despite recent trade disputes, China-EU trade exceeded 200 billion US dollars last year and EU has become China's largest trade partner.

The 2006 Sino-EU investment and trade fair will be at the joint sponsorship of the European Commission, the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and the Sichuan provincial government.

MNA/Xinhua



Three Gorges Dam becomes popular tourist site among Chinese

YICHANG, 6 May — The Three Gorges Dam, the largest of its kind in the world, in central China has become a popular tourist site which attracted an estimated 100,000 tourists in the week-long May Day holiday, a travel agency executive said on Friday.

Some 13,000 people visited the dam on Thursday, the fourth day of the May Day "golden week"

for tourism, and the number of tourists is expected to hit a record high of 100,000 in the week, said Xu Ting, an executive with the Tourism Development Company of the Three Gorges Dam.

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More people will visit the dam this year as the temporary cofferdam is to be demolished in June and

the water level of the Three Gorges reservoir will rise from 139 metres to 156 metres in October, Xu said.

China lengthened its three major public holidays, the Spring Festival, May Day and National Day, from three days to seven days each in 1999, which has created three so-called "golden weeks" for tourism.

About 66,000 people visited the dam during the May Day "golden week" last year. The number of tourists to the dam has increased by 40 per cent every year since it opened to tourists in 1997.

In the first four months of this year, the dam received 220,000 travellers, up 43 per cent year on year.

Launched in 1993, the Three Gorges Project is a 185-metre-high dam that will house 26 generating units on both banks of the Yangtze River. The project will be completed in 2009 and generate 84.7 billion kilowatt hour of electricity annually.—MNA/Xinhua

Australia's exports reach record high in March

CANBERRA, 6 May — Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade Mark Vaile on Friday said the highest level of exports in March illustrates that Australia's exports are on track to reach record highs in 2005-06. Australia's exports reached 16.1 billion Australian dollars (12.33 billion US dollars) in March, according to figures released by Australian Bureau of Statistics earlier Friday.

"This continues a strong export performance over the past nine months," Vaile said in a statement.

Australia's exports grew by more than 16.8 per cent in the nine months to the March quarter and are on track to reach record highs in 2005-06 financial year (1 July, 2005 to 30 June, 2006), he said. Merchandise exports (in original terms) in the year to March were up 31 per cent to North Asian trading partners, with a 45-per-cent increase in exports to China's Mainland, a 28-per-cent increase in exports to Japan and a 28-per-cent increase in exports to Taiwan.—MNA/Xinhua



A hippopotamus stays under water to cool itself at a zoo in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 4 May, 2006. Summer has set in South Asia, with Bangladesh recording 38 degree Celsius (98 degrees Fahrenheit) on Thursday.—INTERNET

S Africa's new maritime helicopter makes maiden flight

JOHANNESBURG, 6 May — The first of four Super Lynx 300 maritime helicopters being built for the South African Air Force (SAAF) and Navy made its maiden flight at Yeovil, England, on Thursday.

South African Press Association reported that it was a specially designed and equipped maritime helicopter that will see service with the South African Navy's new Valour-class frigates.

The SAAF's version of the Super

Lynx 300 aircraft reportedly has a high level of South African sourced avionics and mission equipment, making it the most advanced version of the Super Lynx 300 helicopter developed and produced so far.

Alan Johnston, managing director of military programmes at Agusta Westland the manufacturer, said that the Super Lynx 300 would enter service with the SAAF next year.

MNA/Xinhua



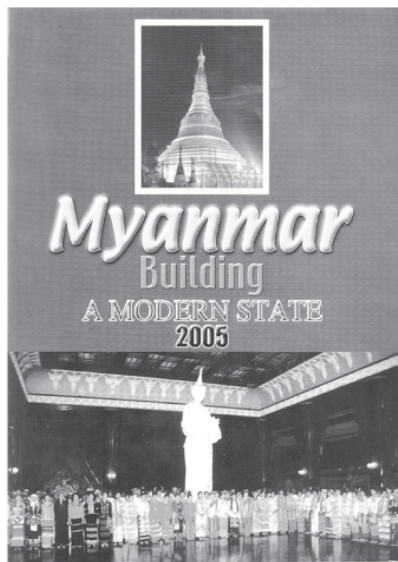
Souvenirs with images of the late Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito printed on them are put on display at a cafe in Banja Luka on 4 May, 2006. Tito died 26 years ago on 4 May, 1980.—INTERNET

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**Most
Indonesians
to live in cities
by 2010**

JAKARTA, 5 May—Rapidly increasing urbanization and uncontrollable urban population growth will drive more and more Indonesian people into cities, with a recent survey indicating that by 2010 over 50 per cent of population will reside in urban areas.

The research conducted by the Urban and Regional Development Institute (URDI) also projects that by 2025, the urban population will grow to 60 per cent, *The Jakarta Post* daily reported Thursday.

Considering that the current growth of urban population has reached 4.4 per cent per year, which far exceeded the total population growth of 1.7 per cent per year, Indonesia would not be an agrarian state for much longer. "Population growth in rural areas has been negative since 2000 because of the fast growth of urbanization levels."
MNA/Xinhua

US lawyer says CIA row hits US-Europe intelligence work

BRUSSELS, 5 May—Allegations that CIA flights through Europe carried detainees bound for ill-treatment are damaging transatlantic intelligence cooperation, a lawyer acting for the US State Department said on Thursday.

Speaking before heading the defence of US practices at the UN Committee against Torture in Geneva, John Bellinger reiterated Washington's position that it does not outsource torture or transfer suspects abroad expecting torture.

Europe," he told a news briefing.
EU lawmakers are due in Washington next week to probe allegations of secret detention centres and flights in Europe for terror suspects. Bellinger is among those they will

meet.
Bellinger said he did not have any information as to how many flights there had been, but the suggestion that a large number had detainees aboard was "absurd".
MNA/Reuters

Malaysia to establish Agriculture Quarantine, Inspection Centre

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 May— Malaysia will set up Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Service (MAQIS) to simplify the quarantine procedures and ensure the quality and safety of imported agricultural products, a senior official said Thursday.

The move is to merge the functions and roles of several government departments and agencies into one body, said Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.
Currently, checks on imported agricultural produce are carried out by different departments and agencies under the Agriculture Ministry, the Health Ministry and the Prime Minister's Department, Muhyiddin told reporters.
MNA/Xinhua

Rescuers break through to trapped Australia miners

CANBERRA, 5 May—Rescuers reached two Australian miners on Thursday being trapped a kilometre underground for nine days, but said it was unlikely the small rescue tunnel could be widened enough to free them before the weekend.

A 20-centimetre (8-inch) diameter pilot hole has been made, but must now be widened to one metre (three feet).

A special tunnelling machine, which grinds through rock and is much safer than blasting or drilling, was used to dig 16 metres (52 feet) through solid rock to reach the miners.

The men, trapped after a cave-in in a gold mine in the small town of Beaconsfield on the southern island of Tasmania, were found on Sunday huddled in a small metal cage.
Mine manager Matthew Gill said that work to enlarge the hole was unlikely to start until late on Thursday because it would take most of the

day to fit the larger blade to the drill.
MNA/Reuters



Kasih, a female orangutan born on 27 Jan, 2006 looks out from her mother's embrace at the Phoenix Zoo, on 1 May, 2006. —INTERNET

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Earthquake strikes Tonga, tsunami warning issued

LONDON, 5 May—An earthquake measuring 8.1 hit the Tonga islands, the US Geological Survey (USGS) website said on Wednesday and a tsunami warning was issued for Fiji and New Zealand.

The warning said it was not known if a tsunami had been generated by the quake but that any such wave would have hit Suva, Fiji, at 1713 GMT and Gisborne, New Zealand, at 1821 GMT.

"It is not known that a

tsunami was generated. This warning is based only on the earthquake evaluation. An earthquake of this size has the potential to generate a destructive tsunami," said the Pacific Tsunami Centre said.

The earthquake was at 4.26 am local time (1526 GMT) and was at 16.1 kilometres (10 miles) depth, said the website monitored in London.

A police officer in Tonga told Britain's Sky Television it was the largest tremor for over 20 years but there were no immediate reports of damage. He said electricity went out though later came back.

MNA/Reuters



NASA workers wait to remove the space shuttle Discovery from the back of a modified Boeing 747 at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 21 August, 2005. NASA managers decided on Thursday to skip a launch pad test of the shuttle Discovery's redesigned fuel tank because of the risk the test itself could damage the tank. —INTERNET

Official says mega sound may have killed dolphins in Zanzibar

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 May — Mega sounds from seaquakes and warships may have caused the deaths of hundreds of dolphins around the Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar, according to reports reaching here on Wednesday.

Mussa About Jumbe, director of the Zanzibar Fisheries Department, said that initial investigation had listed as possible causes of dolphin deaths the mega sound resulted from seaquakes and warships.

Researchers have found more dead dolphins in the mangrove bushes along the Zanzibar shores and the total death toll of dolphins in Zanzibar have

therefore been revised to be between 700 and 800 heads, according to the same official.

Jumbe said that earthquakes in Madagascar and Tanzania in recent months may have set off tremors under water known as seaquakes.

Seaquake-caused mega sound may confuse and even disorient dolphin's sonar system.

MNA/Xinhua

UN says unclean fuels kill 1.5 mln people per year

GENEVA, 5 May — Half the world's population burns wood, coal, dung and other solid fuels to cook food and heat their homes, exposing them to dangerous smoke that kills 1.5 million people a year, the UN health agency said on Thursday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said women and children in Africa and Asia were especially vulnerable to indoor air pollution from open fires and poorly ventilated stoves.

Children make up 800,000 of the 1.5 million people who die each year from polluting household fuels, women account for 500,000 deaths and the remaining 200,000 are men.

"Day in day out, and for hours at a time, women and their small children breathe in amounts of smoke equivalent to consuming two packs of cigarettes per day," the WHO said. Yet in a report entitled "Fuel For Life: Household Energy and Health", the Geneva-based agency said it could cost as little as 6 per US dollars family to install better-insulated and fuel efficient stoves in

developing countries.

"Making cleaner fuels and improved stoves available to millions of poor people in developing countries will reduce child mortality and improve women's health," WHO Director General Lee Jong-wook said. —MNA/Reuters



A caged baby rabbit sits with stuffed animals as potential prizes for a game of chance at Ritan Park in Beijing on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Report says Child labour declines 11% in the world

ABUJA, 5 May — A report issued here on Wednesday by the International Labour Organization (ILO) showed that there is a decline in child labour for the first time in the

world.

"The actual number of child labourers fell by 11 per cent between 2000 and 2004 from 246 million to 218 million," said the report.

"What's more, the number of children and youth aged between 5-17 trapped in hazardous work decreased by 26 per cent to reach 126 million in 2004 as against 171 million in the previous estimate," it added.

According to the report entitled "The End of Child Labour: Within Reach", among younger child labourers aged between 5-14 years old, the reduction was even more pronounced at 33 per cent. The report attributed the reduction in child labour to increased political will and awareness and concrete action particularly in the area of poverty reduction and mass education which led to a worldwide movement against child labour.

MNA/Xinhua



This undated photo provided by the US Fish and Wildlife Service shows a polar bear resting with her cubs on the pack ice in the Beaufort Sea in northern Alaska. —INTERNET

Scientists probe Atlantic, find new species of life

OSLO, 5 May — Scientists have found about 10-20 new species of tiny creatures in the depths of the Atlantic in a survey that will gauge whether global warming may harm life in the oceans, an international report said on Thursday.

The survey, of tropical waters between the eastern United States and the mid-Atlantic ridge, used special nets to catch fragile zooplankton — animals such as shrimp, jellyfish and swimming worms — at lightless depths of 1-5 kilometres (0.6-3 miles).

"This was a voyage of exploration ... the deepest parts of the oceans are hardly ever sampled," said Peter Wiebe, the cruise's scientific leader and senior scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic

Institution in the United States.

"We found perhaps 10-20 new species of zooplankton," he said of the 20-day voyage by 28 scientists from 14 nations in April.

Most life, including commercial fish stocks, is in the top 1 kilometre of water, but the scientists said the survey showed a surprising abundance even in the depths. The survey will provide a benchmark to judge future changes to the oceans.

New finds among thousands of zooplankton species caught included six types of ostracods, a shrimp-like creature, and other species of zooplankton such as swimming snails and worms.

Zooplankton are animals swept by ocean currents, mostly millimetres-long but ranging up to jellyfish trailing long tails.

Among 120 types of fish caught, the scientists found what may be a new type of black dragonfish, with fang-like teeth, growing up to about 40 centimetres (15 inches), and a 20-centimetre-long great swallower, with wide jaws and a light-producing organ to attract prey.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Anderlecht win 28th Belgian title

BRUSSELS, 6 May—Anderlecht beat Zulte Waregem 3-0 on Friday to win their 28th Belgian First Division title. Second-placed Standard Liege slipped up at home to Ghent, losing 2-0 on the final day of the season.

Anderlecht finished top with 70 points from 34 games. Liege had 65, a point more than last year's champions Club Bruges.

The winners qualify for the Champions League with the runners-up entering the third qualifying round of Europe's elite club competition.

Third place earns a UEFA Cup spot.—MNA/Reuters

Leeds held by Preston in playoff semifinal

LONDON, 6 May—Leeds United's hopes of returning to the Premier League hang in the balance after they were held 1-1 by Preston North End in the first leg of their Second Division promotion playoff on Friday.

Preston, who lost to West Ham United in the playoff final last season, took the lead three minutes after halftime when David Nugent fired home from inside the penalty area.

American international and former Preston player Eddie Lewis equalized for Leeds after 74 minutes, curling a free kick past goalkeeper Carlo Nash.

The second leg takes

place at Preston on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

Passarella says no hard feelings with Corinthians

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 May—River Plate coach Daniel Passarella said there were no hard feelings after they knocked Brazilian champions Corinthians out of the Libertadores Cup.

Passarella, captain of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning team and their coach in 1998, was fired by Corinthians last year just 15 games into a one-year contract.

"I want to say that everyone from Corinthians gave me a warm welcome and wished me luck before the game," he told reporters in a chaotic interview broadcast on Bra-



Denmark's Martin Lundgaard (R) hits the shuttlecock past his teammate Jens Eriksen during their men's doubles semifinals match against Malaysia's Chan Chong Ming and Koo Kien Keat at the Thomas Cup badminton tournament in Tokyo on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET

zilian television. Despite being ravaged by injuries, River came from behind to win Thursday night's game 3-1 in Sao Paulo and qualify for the quarterfinals 6-2 on aggregate. The match was stopped in the 83rd minute by a crowd riot.

But Passarella denied that River, who won the trophy in 1986 and 1996, could be considered candidates for the title after eliminating one of the pre-tournament favourites.

"I don't want us to be considered favourites but I don't want us to be considered dead and buried either," said Passarella,

whose side lost all their away games as they struggled through the group stage. —MNA/Reuters



China's Na Li strikes a forehand to Argentina's Gisela Dulko during their Estoril Tennis Open quarterfinals match on 5 May, 2006, in Oeiras, outside Lisbon, Portugal. Na Li defeated Dulko 6-3, 6-1. —INTERNET

Robben expects to stay at Chelsea

COBHAM (England), 6 May—Netherlands winger Arjen Robben expects to stay at Chelsea next season and refuses to worry about rumours of big-money signings at Stamford Bridge.

"I'm never concerned because I always go from my own qualities. I have a lot of confidence in myself and I'm not afraid for my place," Robben told reporters after training on Friday.

Robben has helped Chelsea to their second Premier League title in a row but his form has been erratic at times this season, leading to newspaper speculation that he could be allowed to move to compatriot Martin Jol's Tottenham Hotspur.

"Of course you know at Chelsea that you can't play every game because it's a world class squad and maybe with extra world class players coming in it's going to be even harder."

Germany midfielder Michael

Ballack is likely to join Chelsea next season and Jose Mourinho is also looking for a striker to strengthen his multi-national squad.

Robben dismissed speculation about a move away from Stamford Bridge and said he is already thinking ahead to next season.

"I have three years left on my contract," he said. "I'm more satisfied by last season than I was by this season and I want to do more."

"That's why I'm looking forward to next year — because I think and I'm sure that I can do more than I did this time. I'm very confident and really looking forward to next season and hope to win prizes again."

MNA/Reuters

Klinsmann calls up 9 players for fitness checks

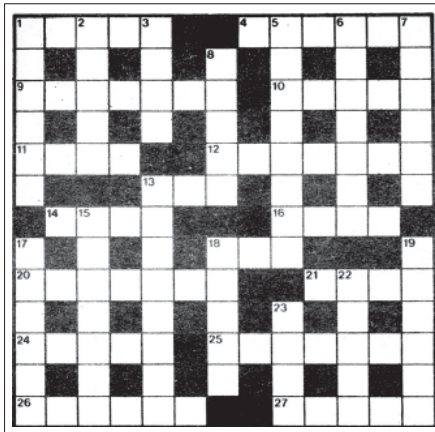
FRANKFURT, 6 May—Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann has called up nine World Cup candidates for fitness tests next week after they all missed out on checks last month.

Schalke 04's Fabian Ernst, Gerald Asamoah and Kevin Kuranyi, Bastian Schweinsteiger and Philipp Lahm of Bayern Munich, Miroslav Klose and Torsten Frings of Werder Bremen, Hannover 96 defender Per Mertesacker and Wolfsburg striker Mike Hanke were the nine called up for tests, the German Football Association said on Friday.

The nine players missed the April checks because of club commitments or injury. Klinsmann will name his squad for the World Cup on 15 May. The hosts kick off the World Cup with a Group A match against Costa Rica in Munich on 9 June.

MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Garden herb
- 4 Tennis player
- 9 Fruit farm
- 10 Airman
- 11 Footway
- 12 Antarctic bird
- 13 Point
- 14 Church recess
- 16 Require
- 18 Drunkard
- 20 Torture
- 21 Tiller
- 24 Positive plate
- 25 Copy
- 26 Gloomy
- 27 Stealing

DOWN

- 1 Circus group
- 2 Pleasure boat
- 3 A cheese
- 5 Interpreter
- 6 Bird of prey
- 7 Navyman
- 8 Skilled
- 13 Absconder
- 15 Pig-like
- 17 Unintelligent
- 18 Strict
- 19 Force of blow
- 22 Banish
- 23 Small promontory

Curbishley wishes McClaren all the best as England manager

LONDON, 6 May—Charlton Athletic's outgoing manager Alan Curbishley wished Steve McClaren well on Friday as England's next head coach and said he does not expect to be involved with the national team after the World Cup.

Curbishley also said Glenn Roeder should not be given the vacant Newcastle United manager's job on a full-time basis as long as he does not have the requisite qualifications.

Curbishley was interviewed for the England job, but missed out to Middlesbrough manager McClaren, who was confirmed as the Football Association's choice on Thursday to take over from Sven-Goran Eriksson after the World Cup.

"I wish Steve McClaren all the best as England manager and I think it is a great appointment for the country," he said.

"Nobody has said anything to me about being involved

below Steve, so I wouldn't expect that to come about and I don't think it will," said Curbishley, out of work after Sunday's Premier League visit to Manchester United when he steps down as Charlton manager after 15 years.

"I was just happy to be interviewed for the (England) job and we all gave it our best shot, but for a little while I felt I was out of the frame to actually get it," he told reporters.

"But I said all along that I hoped the next England manager was English and I just hope that Steve is a success so that process continues in the future."

MNA/Reuters



US LPGA star Paula Creamer slips to 42nd at the midpoint of the Salonpas World Ladies on 5 May, 2006 at Tokyo Yomiuri Country Club. Creamer saw her hopes of winning her third title in Japan fade after a 76 that left her 10 shots adrift of the leader. —INTERNET

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World Red Cross Day
8th May, 2006

“Universal assistance through Volunteering”
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မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ ကြက်ခြေနီအသင်း



Francesca Schiavone of Italy (L) congratulates Kim Clijsters of Belgium after the latter won their quarterfinal match at the J&S Cup Tennis Tournament in Warsaw on 5 May, 2006. Clijsters won the match with 6-4, 6-4.

INTERNET

Eight-month-old African baby miraculously survives five-storey fall

JOHANNESBURG, 6 May — An eight-month-old baby miraculously survived a five-storey fall after his mother trapped in a blazing building in central Johannesburg could do nothing to save him but throw him down, local media reported on Friday.

Major Johannesburg newspapers frontpaged the dramatic rescue on Wednesday afternoon, when the five-storey residential building caught fire, allegedly sparked by a lovers' tiff.

Shocked onlookers watched as a panic-stricken woman paced a burning balcony on the fifth floor, holding her baby boy tightly and screaming.

A group of people on the ground asked the woman, Thandiwe Mviko, to throw the baby down and assured her that he would land safely, either in one of their arms or on a mattress they had laid out on the ground, said a report of *The Star*.

As flames grew bigger and bigger, Mviko could do nothing but throw her baby, the newspaper said.

As the child plummeted Michael Ndlovu, a man on the ground, realized that the baby was going to miss the mattress. Ndlovu then strengthened his hands and concentrated. Luckily the baby came rolling right into his hands.

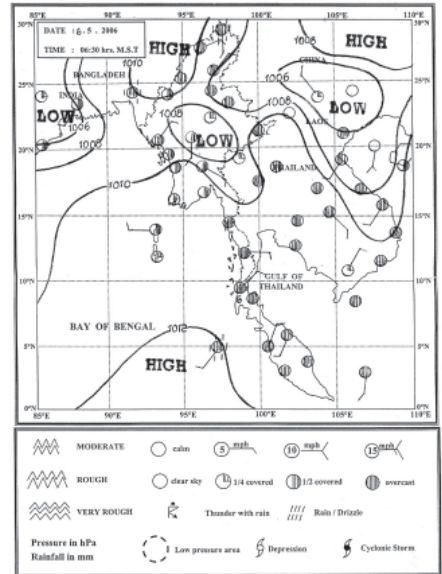
A picture in another newspaper, *Sowetan*, captured the very moment when the baby fell, with his mother on the balcony looking down and many on the ground stretching out their arms.

The baby was later X-rayed to determine whether he had sustained any internal injuries and has been released from hospital on Wednesday.

During the commotion, a five-year-old physically disabled boy was also rescued from the raging fire, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Minbu, Magway and Pakokku (41°C) each, Monywa and NyaungU (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Mogkok (1.85) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.06) inches, Kanbalu (1.02) inches, Homalin (0.35) inch, Kawthong (0.24) inch, Lashio (0.15) inch, Ann (0.08) inch and Namsam (0.40) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-5-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 6-5-2006 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 6-5-2006 was (72%). Total sunshine hours on 5-5-2006 was (10.6) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 6-5-2006 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 (7) mph from Southwest at (11:15) hours MST on 5-5-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 7-5-2006: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States and Yangon Division 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 7-5-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-5-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-5-2006: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 7 May
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Saydaw U Oaktamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am**
6. အရေပြင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
7. သူ့ခင်သတ္တန်တောက်သည့် သခင်တန်ခိုးပေါက်တား
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme

- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:35 am**
4. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"
- 11:55 am**
5. Myanmar video feature: "မိတော" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နန္ဒ)
- 1:50 pm**
6. ကျေးလက်ဒေသ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး လမ်းညွှန်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှု ဝါးဆိပ်ကျေးရွာ
- 2:00 pm**
7. အတိတ်ပြင်ပွဲ
- 2:10 pm**
8. ဘိုးဒီးဒီးရေလှောင်တစ်
- 2:20 pm**
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm**
10. "အေးနာလိုက်တာ" (ကျော်စံ၊ ကျော်စာနည်လှိုင်၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်စန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 2:40 pm**
11. အတိတ်ပြင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm**
12. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm**
3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခမေ၊ သတ္တမောင်အောင်မြန်း) (ရက္ခမေ)
- 4:45 pm**
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm**
5. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
6. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
7. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
8. Discovery
- 6:45 pm**
9. Agricultural source country's development
- 6:55 pm**
10. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးစေဆောင်ရာ နားခံပြောချက်
- 7:00 pm**
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကောင်းခြင်းအိပ်မက်" (အဆိုဒီး-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm**
12. News
- 8:10 pm**
13. International news
- 8:20 pm**
14. Weather report
- 8:30 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရစ်မိပြီဆိုရင်" (အဆိုဒီး-၄၂)
- 8:40 pm**
16. The next day's programme



Sunday, 7 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Baby come back
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -Missing
- 8:50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -Heart of an angel
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am** Music: -Crazy for you
- 1:30 pm** News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Children's delight -Story for children "The honest daughter" -Songs for children
- 9:00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Music: -Love is gift -My friends
- 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

Regional development inspected in Kyaukme Township



State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Hsipaw Bridge. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and officials left Nay Pyi Taw City for Meiktila local regiment on 3 May.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw.

On their way to Mandalay Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and officials inspected 40 acres of physic nut plants in Meiktila Industrial Zone and arrived in Mandalay in the evening.

On 4 May, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected summer paddy and other crops on Nawngkhio-Kyaukme-Lashio Road and roads and bridge works. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected development of Nawngkhio.

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NLD's political activities deviate from the path of correct political conviction NLD fails to give instructions and assistance to members to participate in regional development tasks It places too much reliance on external elements Members no longer wish to associate with a group of political opportunists All members of Mabein Township NLD resign

YANGON, 6 May—All the 13 members of Mabein Township National League for Democracy in Shan State (North) including chairman U Khin Htay collectively signed the letter of resignation of their own volition on 1 May and sent it to the National League for Democracy (HQ) and respective local administrative bodies on 4 May.

They are U Khin Htay (chairman, Mabein), U Pwe Maung (treasurer, Mabein), U Hla Thaw (member, Mabein), U Than Pe (member, Mabein), Daw Nyein Yin (member, Mabein), U Mya Maung (member, Mabein), U Ba Tun (member, Mabein), U Maung Zaw (member, Mabein), U Maung Ni (member, Mabein), U Sein Lin (member, Mabein), U Tun Yin (member, Mabein), U Aung Pe (member,

Mabein) and U Than Lwin (member, Mabein).

In the letter, they said that Mabein Township NLD was reconstituted on 25 March 2002. Since the time when the township NLD came into existence, they have become members of the party with the aim of just getting involved in the party politics so as to effectively serve the interests of local residents. Now, political activities of NLD have deviated from the path of correct political conviction and have produced no fruitful results. Within the NLD are personal attacks, deterioration of unity among the members and sectarianism. Moreover, they had been isolated from the people due to lack of instructions and assistance of the party to take part in regional development tasks.

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Weather Forecast for 7-5-2006

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.

INSIDE

The association chanted the slogan to promote religion because the colonialists were committing acts of sacrilege. After the occupation of Yangon, the colonialists in 1826 used as a fort and stationed troops on the whole Theingontara Hill where Shwedagon Pagoda is located.