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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects 2,400-acre special plantation zone in Sagaing Division



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint makes a speech at the meeting with officers and other ranks and their families from regiments and units of Monywa Station. — MNA*

YANGON, 7 May — Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, on his inspection tour of Monywa, Sagaing Division, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected growing of physic nut of local regiments on 4 May.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander attended growing ceremony of physic nut of division and the

command at a 2,400-acre special plantation zone in Kani Township in Monywa District. After giving a speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint encouraged those taking part in the growing of physic nut. Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kale Station, senior military officers, local authorities and guests were also present at the ceremony.

At mile post 25 briefing hall, Secretary of Division PDC Lt-Col Myo Myint reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on cultivation of physic nut in the division

and Lt-Col Soe Lwin of the command on planting of physic nut in the command.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint called upon them to cultivate 500,000 acres of physic nut in the division and 175,000 acres of physic nut would be grown in 2006, 175,000 acres of physic nut in 2007 and 150,000 acres of physic nut in 2008. All are to collectively put their efforts into action to exceed the targeted acres, he added.

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## Physic nut, rubber, seasonal crops grown in Lashio, Namtu, Mantung

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint

Hlaing, met Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Lashio Station at the hall of the command in Lashio on 5 May morning.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win viewed the farm of North-East Command, and the physic nut research

nursery. He heard reports on arrangements being made for growing physic nut plants on 500,000 acres of land in three years presented by the commander.

Next, they attended the physic nut plant growing ceremony of North-East Command.

At the ceremony, Tatmadawmen planted 100,000 physic nut saplings. So far, Shan State (North) has put 30,018 acres of land under physic nut plants. They left for Namtu and inspected thriving crops along Lashio-Namtu Road. At the local battalion in Namtu, they met officers, other ranks and family members.

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*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presents uniforms to teachers and health staff in Mantung. — MNA*

**In Mantung Township, 22,660 acres of monsoon crops have been grown in 2005-06 and 2,675 acres of cold season crops. In 2004-05 fiscal year, 658,108 baskets of paddy yielded. And, the township has 118.46 per cent of food sufficiency.**

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 8 May, 2006

## MRCS in the service of humanity

Toady, 8 May 2006, is World Red Cross Day. In honour of Henry Dunant who was a pioneer of Red Cross works and humanitarian organizations such as international Red Cross societies, national Red Cross Societies and Red Cross activities, his birthday was designated as the World Red Cross Day. Since 8 May 1948, the ceremonies to mark this day have been held yearly all over the world.

At present, there are 183 national Red Cross societies world-wide. With over 97 million members, the societies have been able to take care of over 220 million needy people who get into social troubles.

Being auxiliary forces of own nations, the national RC societies are actively taking part in humanitarian tasks such as disaster relief measures as well as health and social work programmes.

Moreover, they are taking care of war victims and participating in relief works of medical units of army as necessary in times of war.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society came into being in 1920 as Indian Red Cross Society (Branch). On 1 April 1937, it became Myanmar Red Cross Society. Myanmar on 25 August 1992 signed Geneva Agreements 1949.

The MRCS made up of offspring of the people is a social organization, and it is participating in nation-building endeavours like other national forces.

The MRCS is constantly nurturing new generation Red Cross members to become highly qualified ones. Outstanding Red Cross members who have been recognized for their outstanding performance in social field and those who have brilliantly performed the relief tasks at risk to their lives are honoured annually.

The MRCS, receiving the support and encouragement of the government, is carrying out humanitarian activities. Especially, it is engaged in such humanitarian works as improvement of health care services of the people, prevention and control of diseases and taking care of the needy.

Therefore, all the Red Cross members on whom the State rely are to earnestly engage in the humanitarian tasks with a sense of goodwill, while serving the interests of the State and the people.



(U Than Swe)-Daw Sein Myaing and family of 1st Paukzedi Lane of Mayangon Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through U Chit Myaing of the home. — H

## Abidhamma Propagation

- \* 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

## Commander inspects physic nut plantations in Namsang, Loilem

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Brig-Gen Thura Myint Thein of Namsang Station and officials, on 1 May inspected thriving physic nut plants at the nursery in Namsang Station.

Next, the commander also inspected 7 acres of physic nut plants in the station and 80 acres of physic nut plantation of the Township General Administration Department.

The commander oversaw other physic nut plantations of the Loilem District Peace and Development Council and departments concerned, and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

## Abhidhamma Propagation Association holds paper-reading session

YANGON, 7 May — As part of the 60th anniversary of Abhidhamma Propagation Association, the second-day session of the paper-reading session was held at Abhidhamma Dhamma Building in Bahan Township this morning.

Secretary of the Association (Admin) U Kyaing Myint (Maung Yan Shin) read out biographies of the resource persons.

Next, patrons of the association U Arnt Maung (Maung Arnt-MA, Bombay), Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, and Emeritus Professor (Retd) Dr Daw Khin Thein of Oriental Studies of Yangon University discussed matters related to Abhidhamma Desanas. Resource persons Saya U Aung Mon (Myat Hsu Mon) and Saya Thura Zaw read their papers. Next, the paper-reading session came to a close. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and wife being greeted by Israeli Ambassador Mrs Ruth Schatz at the reception to mark the Independence Day of Israel Saturday. MNA

## Third Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament continues

YANGON, 7 May — The Golden Belt Challenges of Third Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament, organized by Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation, continued at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna this afternoon.

Winning boxers in the tournament were Thar Shwe Thway (Taunggale) and Athe Swe (Cement Plant) in the bantamweight class, Saw The Myo (KLN), Hein Nyi Nyi (Alinyaung) and Win Tun (A&I) in the lightweight class, Saw William Thein (Mayangon), Kyei Lin Aung (Taunggale) and Saw Zwe Lay (KLN) in the light welterweight class.

The events of semifinal will be held on 13 and 14 May and the events of final on 21 May at the same venue.

**Maik Tai San (Alinyaung) and Saw William Thein (Mayangon) seen in a fight of Light Welterweight Class.**  
NLM



## Respects paying ceremony at Taunggyi University 27 May

YANGON, 7 May — The respects paying ceremony of old students majoring in Geology in 1993-96 academic year will be held in conjunction with the get-together feast at Taunggyi University at its Dhammayon on 27 May (Saturday).

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds of

the ceremony may contact Ko Than Htay Win, Tel: 081-29489, Ma Sandar Win, Tel: 081-121011, Ko Thein Zaw Myint, Tel: 081-24024, Ko Sai Soe Nyunt, Tel: 081- 60508, Ko Min Htut Oo, Tel: 081-24015, and Ko Aung Myat Soe, Tel: 01-503609 and 01-536164.

MNA

# Russian Press says Cheney speech spurs new Cold War

Moscow, 6 May — A speech by US Vice-President Dick Cheney strongly critical of the Kremlin marks the start of a new Cold War that could drive Moscow away from its new-found Western allies, the Russian Press said on Friday.

In shocked reaction to the harshest US criticism of Moscow for years, commentators said Washington had created an anti-Russian cordon of Western-aligned states stretching from the Baltic almost to the Caspian Sea.

The Kremlin, in a reaction within hours of Cheney's delivery in Vilnius, said the speech, which was full of accusations that Moscow was limiting human rights and using its energy riches to blackmail the world, was "completely incomprehensible".

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov declined to comment directly on Friday when asked about Cheney, but said the

meeting of former Communist satellites that the Vice-President had addressed appeared to be "united against someone".

The Russian Press

agreed, comparing Cheney's words to a 1946 speech by British statesman Winston Churchill in Fulton, Missouri, when he said Europe was divided by an

"Iron Curtain".

"Enemy at the Gates. Dick Cheney made a Fulton speech in Vilnius," said business daily *Kommersant's* front page headline.—MNA/Reuters



A surfer walks on Kuta beach on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, on 5 May, 2006. The island still attracted lots of tourists despite the terror attacks in recent years. —INTERNET



## India rejects amendments to nuclear deal

NEW DELHI, 6 May — India Thursday rejected suggestions by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that New Delhi accept "amendments" to the civil nuclear agreement and asserted that it will strictly go by the 18 July joint statement agreed upon between the two countries last year.

"The government of India's position remains that our commitments are those that are outlined in the joint statement of 18 July, 2005," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Navtej Sarna as saying.

He was responding to media reports that quote Rice telling Indian parliamentarians visiting the US that India should "be ready for some amendments" to the nuclear deal.

Last month India had rejected a US condition that it will terminate nuclear cooperation if New Delhi tested a nuclear

device. The clause was included in a US draft agreement on civil nuclear cooperation between the two countries.

New Delhi underlined that it had already announced a voluntary moratorium on nuclear tests.

India and the US reached a deal on civil nuclear cooperation during a visit by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Washington last July.

The deal on separating India's civilian and military facilities was clinched when US President George Bush visited Delhi in March.

MNA/Xinhua

## British troops die in Iraq copter crash

BASRA, 6 May — At least two British soldiers died when their helicopter crashed in Iraq's second city, Basra, with five Iraqis killed in a firefight after a mob attacked troops seeking to recover the crew.

An AFP correspondent at the site of the crash saw two completely burned bodies of the chopper crew. Following the clashes between civilians and British troops at the site of the crash, Iraqi police

imposed a curfew in the city from 8:00 pm (1600 GMT) to 6:00 am (0200 GMT) Sunday, British spokesman Major Sebastian Muntz told AFP.

In London, Defence Minister Des Browne said

that, "at this early stage, I can confirm the tragic deaths of a number of British service personnel."

After the crash, as ground troops moved in to recover the helicopter crew, two British tanks and a Land

Rover were set on fire by an angry crowd.

Shooting broke out between civilians and British troops, and five Iraqis, including two children, were killed, Basra police Lieutenant Haider Abdel Mahdi said. Another 28 people were wounded.

The AFP correspondent who witnessed the fight said a mob fired rockets at the British vehicles.

One soldier was wounded by a shrapnel and an AFP photographer was hit in the leg by a rubber bullet. "We still have not recovered the helicopter and also do not know the exact casualties."

Muntz said the clashes were restricted to the site of the crash, which occurred at 11:55 am (0755 GMT). — INTERNET



British soldiers rush to the scene of a helicopter crash site in Basra, 550 km (341 miles) south of Baghdad, on 6 May, 2006. A British military helicopter was shot down by a rocket in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Saturday, Iraqi police said. —INTERNET

Tourists view large ice sculptures in Mochou Lake Park in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 5 May, 2006. Many people came to the ice sculpture exhibition in Mochou Lake Park, to experience a world of ice in the beginning of summer. — INTERNET

## Two black boxes of crashed Armenian jet detected

Moscow, 6 May — Two black boxes of Armenia's Airbus A-320 which crashed off the Russian Black Sea coast on Wednesday morning have been spotted by French experts, an official

from Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said on Thursday.

"French experts finished their work by finding black boxes. They claim to have spotted two black boxes at a depth of 680 metres not far

away from each other," Lieutenant-General Sergei Kudinov, chief of the Emergency Situations Ministry's southern branch, was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## 2,418 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 May — As of Saturday, 6 May, 2006, at least 2,418 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 1,901 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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

The British military has reported 104 deaths; Iraqi police reported the deaths of four more British soldiers in a helicopter crash Saturday. Italy has reported 30 deaths; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, Denmark three; El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Romania, one death each.—Internet

## Iranian cleric says US, UN can't bully Iran

TEHRAN, 6 May — Iran will not be pushed into abandoning its nuclear fuel work by United States pressure or a United Nations resolution, an influential cleric said on Friday.

Ahmad Khatami also told worshippers at Friday prayers in Teheran that any country which chose confrontation with Iran would regret the move "for ever".

France, Britain and Germany, with US backing, have drafted a UN resolution that demands a halt to Iran's nuclear fuel programme, which they fear is aimed not only at power stations but also at arms. Teheran denies the charge. "The US and the Security Council can rest assured that Iran is not a country to retreat in the face of bullying resolutions," Khatami said.

Khatami, no relation of the former liberal president Mohammad Khatami, is a hardliner who sits on the Assembly of Experts, the body of 86 clerics that constitutionally supervises Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"Iran is a strategically sensitive part of the region. Be assured that Iran's insecurity means insecurity for the Middle East and the

smoke will sting your eyes too," he added, in remarks broadcast live on state radio. Iran is the world's fourth biggest oil exporter and often warns any action against it will ramp up oil prices beyond levels developed economies can bear. It also holds a strong military vantage point over the world's main oil-tanker

nexus, the Strait of Hormuz, and Israel is within range of its ballistic missiles.

"If you take the path of confrontation instead of the path to negotiations ... you should know that the reaction of the great Iranian nation will be something that the enemy will regret for ever," Khatami added.

MNA/Reuters



Hyundai cars are seen at a port ready for the shipment in the south Indian city of Chennai on 5 May, 2006. —INTERNET



Fire fighters continue to douse the burnt remains of a hangar at Brussels' international airport on 5 May, 2006. A fire broke out at Thursday night in the maintenance hangar, which injured five people and damaged four aircrafts.—INTERNET

## Five bodies found in western Iraq

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 6 May — Five bodies riddled with bullets were found in Iraq's western volatile city of Ramadi on Friday morning, a local police source told Xinhua.

"Residents in the al-Jazeera area of Ramadi found five unidentified bodies on a local road and the victims were shot dead," said the source from the Anbar provincial police, where Ramadi is located.

The bodies showed signs of torture with bullet holes in the heads and chests, the source added.

A wave of sectarian reprisal attacks and killings between Iraq's Shiite and Sunni communities has swept across the country in the wake of a bomb attack that destroyed a major Shiite shrine in northern Iraq on 22 February.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai singer Tata Young poses with the award for Favourite Artist Thailand at the MTV Asia Awards in Bangkok on 6 May, 2006. INTERNET

## Three killed in Fla high-rise collapse

BAL HARBOUR, 6 May — A support frame collapsed at a high-rise construction project on Saturday, killing three workers who became trapped in quick-drying concrete as co-workers dug to try to free them, authorities said.

The workers were on

the 27th level of the building, pouring its concrete roof, when the supporting frame structure below them gave way, dropping them to the 26th floor, said Capt Al Cruz of Miami-Dade Fire Rescue.

A 3-foot layer of hardening concrete

completely encased one worker and partially buried the others, fire rescue officials said.

The cause of the frame collapse was not immediately determined.

The identities of the three workers killed were not immediately known.

A fourth worker was taken to a hospital with suspected heart trouble, authorities said.

A message left for the construction company Boran Craig Barber Engel Construction Co, of Naples, was not immediately returned.

Internet



Three workers were killed when the wooden and metal frame seen in the centre of the photo, collapsed burying them under three feet of cement at a high rise hotel-condo project in Bal Harbour, Fla on 6 May, 2006.—INTERNET

## Armenian Airline loses second "Airbus" in two days

YEREVAN, 6 May — An Airbus A320 plane belonging to Armenian air company Armavia and identical to its airliner which crashed two days ago, burned down overnight in Belgium during maintenance works, an Armenian official said on Friday.

The plane, made in 1996, was being serviced by Sabena Technics, said Armenian civil aviation spokeswoman Gayane Davtyan, giving no further details.

"This was a reserve airliner. We hope this accident will not wreck our overall flight schedule, and we will try and make up for the losses," said Armavia Press secretary Zhasmin Vilyan. Russia's ORT First Channel television ran video footage of a smouldering plane body and an engine painted in Armavia's hallmark white and orange colours. It said four local workers had been injured in the accident.—MNA/Reuters

# Singapore ruling party returned to power with near sweep

SINGAPORE, 6 May — Singapore's ruling party won all but two seats in the 84-member parliament in general elections, giving Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong a resounding mandate to govern for another five years.



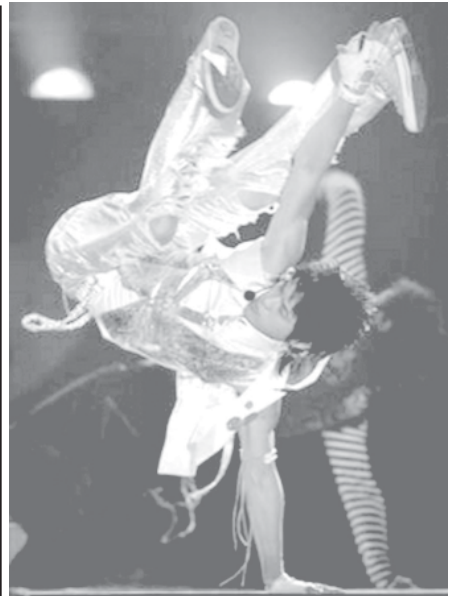
Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (C) waves to voters while bodyguards stand alert upon his visit at a polling station in Singapore. Singapore's ruling party won all but two seats in the 84-member parliament, giving Lee a resounding mandate to govern the city-state for another five years. —INTERNET

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," the 54-year-old son of Singapore's founding father Lee Kuan Yew told supporters after the widely expected victory of the People's Action Party (PAP).

The British-educated former brigadier-general led the PAP in an election for the first time. He was appointed almost two years ago to replace Goh Chok Tong in a pre-arranged leadership reshuffle.

Lee's 82-year-old father and Goh, 64, who both served as top advisers to the previous cabinet, retained their parliamentary seats after running unopposed. In a news conference, Lee said the new PAP team elected Saturday, which included fresh faces recruited from the private sector and civil service, could steer Singapore for the next 15 to 20 years. Referring to the sometimes acrimonious campaign, Lee said "now that elections are over we should come together again as one people."

The PAP's victory was never in doubt and the vote was regarded as simply a referendum on the prime minister's performance. — Internet



South Korea's Se7en performs at the MTV Asia Awards in Bangkok on 6 May, 2006. Se7en won the Favourite Artist Korea Award. —INTERNET



A protester dressed as a clown demonstrates outside the US Embassy during an anti-war rally in Athens, on 6 May, 2006. —INTERNET

## Iran reiterates right on civilian nuclear technologies

MOSCOW, 6 May — Iran has right to having civilian nuclear technologies as a signatory to the nonproliferation treaty, visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said in Azerbaijan's capital of Baku on Thursday.

"We insist on this. This is the decision of the Iranian people. The world community should not ignore the rights of countries to civilian nuclear power development. We hope that the UN Security Council will not adopt a resolution on Iran," Mottaki was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news

agency as saying. Mottaki described the discussion of Iran's nuclear problem in the UN Security Council as a political decision. He believes that Iran's civilian nuclear policy is "a technical issue". "Iran's nuclear programme should be discussed at the International

Atomic Energy Agency, ... The technical side of nuclear power should not be politicized by any single country," he said. He compared the current tensions over Iran's nuclear problem with those that flared 55 years ago, when Iran nationalized the oil industry. —MNA/Xinhua

## Annan calls for direct US-Iran nuclear talks

UNITED NATIONS, 6 May — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the United States on Thursday to enter direct talks with Iran over Teheran's nuclear ambitions, saying this step could lead to an acceptable resolution of the crisis.

He said the Iranians may have been holding back in previous negotiations with EU powers Britain, France and Germany, and might be more forthcoming if the United States were at the table.

He made the suggestion in an interview on The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer on US public television stations.

Annan has long been pushing for a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear activities. While Iran insists it wants only to produce nuclear power, the West accuses it of seeking nuclear arms under cover of a peaceful nuclear programme.

Britain, France and Germany, with US backing, on Wednesday circulated a draft UN Security Council resolution demanding that Iran suspend its nuclear activities. The draft text is written under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter that would make its demands legally binding under international law, and sponsors have warned they would push for targeted sanctions if Teheran continued to defy the demands.

"If everybody — all of the stakeholders and the key players — were around the table, I think it would be possible to work out a package that would satisfy the concerns of everybody," Annan said when asked whether it was time for the United States to get involved in direct talks. — MNA/Xinhua

## US helicopter crashes in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 May — A US helicopter crashed while on combat operations in Afghanistan, killing all 10 American soldiers and crew on board, the military said on Saturday.

The CH-47 Chinook crashed late on Friday near Asadabad, the capital of the mountainous eastern province of Kunar.

The U.S. military said there was no indication

the crash was a result of enemy fire. Taliban insurgents, however, claimed they shot down the helicopter.

"The remains of 10 servicemen were found in the aircraft. There were

no survivors," said US military spokeswoman Lieutenant Tamara Lawrence, adding the cause was being investigated.

Insurgents shot down an MH-47 — a special

forces version of the CH-47 — with a rocket-propelled grenade in Kunar in June last year. All 16 US troops on board were killed.

US forces and Afghan government launched an offensive in Kunar last month. Insurgents have long been active in the province on the Pakistani border.

The United States has more than 19,000 troops in Afghanistan, battling insurgents and hunting for their leaders. It is aiming soon to cut its troop numbers to 16,500 as reinforcements from fellow NATO members take over more responsibilities.

President Hamid Karzai said he was deeply saddened by the deaths in Friday's crash.



A US helicopter is seen manoeuvring over the mountains in the district of Manugay about 30km (18 miles) north of Asadabad the capital of Kunar Province, Afghanistan. A US CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed while on combat operations in eastern Afghanistan, the US military said on Saturday. —INTERNET

Internet



Chinese people look at computer screens at an Internet cafe in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, recently. —INTERNET

## China to have 60 million bloggers by end of 2006

**BELING, 6 May—** Blogging is booming in China with the number of bloggers expected to hit 60 million by the end of this year.

China is the world's second-largest Internet market after the United States with more than 110 million users.

A survey by Chinese search engine Baidu.com put the current number of blog, or Web log, sites at 36.82 million which are kept by 16 million people, the official Xinhua news agency said on Saturday.

The number of Chinese bloggers is expected to hit 60 million by the end of this year, Xinhua said, quoting a report on China's media industry by the prestigious Tsinghua University.

Zhang Xiaorong, strategy development director of "Bokee," which was set up in 2002 and claims the biggest share of China's blogging market,

said his company adds about 100,000 blogs a day.

"The expected 60 million bloggers would account for more than half of China's 110 million netizens," Xinhua quoted Zhang as saying.

The university report forecast the number of bloggers in China would hit 100 million by 2007. Xinhua did not elaborate.

Internet

## Giant elephant makes a big noise near Downing Street

**LONDON, 5 May —** A giant mechanical elephant and an oversized mannequin threatened to disrupt coverage of Britain's government reshuffle, momentarily diverting attention from the post-election shake-up.

The 12-metre-tall (39-foot) tall pachyderm came face-to-face with a 5.5-metre-tall "little girl" in London's Whitehall, a stone's throw from Blair's Downing Street office where ministers were learning their fate.

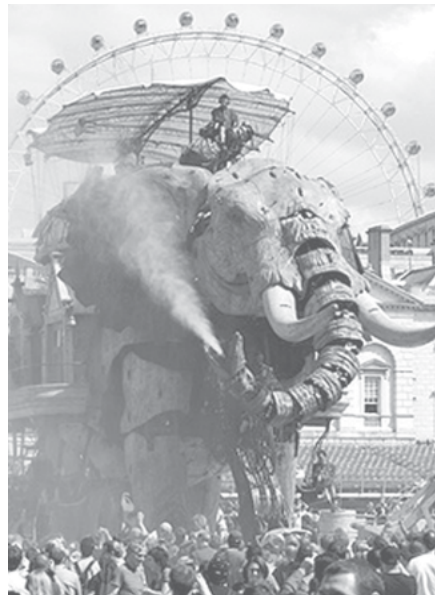
But the rocket from which the girl emerged, complete with flying helmet and goggles, caused such a stir that it had some television news channels reporting

"breaking news" of a loud bang heard in central London.

Once it was discovered the bang came from French theatre company Royal de Luxe's oversized models, focus returned to the reshuffle.

The figures are designed to illustrate the story of a rich sultan who commissioned an inventor to create a time-travelling machine.

Internet



A large robotic elephant entertains the crowds in central London during an outdoor theatre production called "The Sultan's Elephant," by Royal De Luxe.—INTERNET

## Russia says undecided on whether Iran is a threat

**Moscow, 6 May—** Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Friday Moscow has yet to decide on whether Iran should be considered a threat, saying it would be guided by UN nuclear experts on the issue.

He was responding to remarks from his Iranian counterpart, Manouchehr Mottaki, that Russia and China "had officially told us... (of) their opposition to sanctions and military attacks" against the Islamic Republic.

"We have made no such announcements. In such an important and serious area like nuclear non-proliferation, we can make a decision only based on the opinions of experts," Lavrov told reporters.

"The inspections that have been held in Iran do not allow us to conclude

that Iran has the technology to create weapons of mass destruction. But on the other hand, these inspections do not allow us to make the opposition conclusion."

He spoke a day after discussion started between the five veto-holding members of the UN Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — over a resolution demanding Iran curb its nuclear ambitions.

MNA/Reuters

## Autopsy report says teen suffocated at Florida boot camp

**MIAMI, 6 May—** A 14-year-old boy whose beating by guards at a Florida boot camp was captured on videotape died of suffocation "due to actions of the guards", but not because of the beating, according to a second autopsy released on Friday.

The autopsy found Martin Lee Anderson died because his mouth was blocked and he inhaled ammonia fumes, which resulted in a spasm in his vocal cords and a blockage in his airway.

People who viewed the videotape have said it appeared the guards administered ammonia capsules to try to keep Anderson conscious.

Anderson's death on January 6 at a Panama City juvenile detention camp stirred a storm of controversy when a videotape of the beating was made public and a medical examiner found he died of internal bleeding from sickle cell

trait, a previously undiagnosed blood disorder.

That finding, by Bay County Medical Examiner Dr Charles Siebert, was widely discredited and outraged Anderson's relatives and civil rights groups.

The second autopsy, performed by Hillsborough County Medical Examiner Dr Vernard Adams, said the beating by the guards left bruises, but did not contribute to Anderson's death.

"Martin Anderson's death was caused by suffocation due to actions of the guards at the boot camp," Adams said in a written statement.

MNA/Reuters

## After gorilla escape, Dallas gets safer

**DALLAS, 6 MAY—** Two years after a gorilla leaped out of his enclosure and attacked three people before being shot dead, the Dallas Zoo is reopening part of the exhibit with new safeguards.

The zoo spent \$2.2 million to renovate the exhibit, including higher walls topped with electrified wire. Half the exhibit opens Saturday; the full exhibit opens in June.

Jabari, a western lowland gorilla, jumped over 12-foot walls and, during the roughly 40 minutes he was on the loose, the 13-year-old animal bit a toddler and two others before police killed him.

"You don't ever get past anything like that — it's such a vivid memory — but we have certainly used it as a springboard to make a lot of changes," said zoo director Rick Buickerood.

The escape resulted in a nationwide rethinking of gorilla exhibits.

A cooperative that manages gorilla popu-

lations at more than 200 US zoos rewrote gorilla care and housing guidelines.

Dallas Zoo officials conducted a 3-month investigation and found that Jabari got a running start and sailed over a

12-foot-wide trench, clearing the wall and an electrical wire atop it.

Some experts speculate Jabari may have been doing a "display run," a showy charge that younger males perform for females or other audiences. Others say

he could have been motivated by fear, anger or desire to breed.

Zoo officials could not find evidence of human error, such as open doors, or any objects that could have aided his escape.

Internet



Dr Todd Bowsherler, mammal curator at the Dallas Zoo, looks in on Jenny, a 51-year-old gorilla, on 5 May, 2006, at the glassed-in viewing area where visitors can interact with the zoo's four gorillas face-to-face.—INTERNET

# Universal Assistance Through Volunteering

*Aung Kyaw Hsan (MRCS)*

The 8th of May is the World Red Cross Day. As a gesture of honouring Henry Dunant, the founder of Red Cross movement, and helping all the world people bear in mind such humanitarian organizations as international Red Cross societies and national Red Cross societies and Red Cross movements, the date of his birth, 8 May, has been designated as World Red Cross Day, and it has been celebrated around the world since 8 May 1948.

It is most encouraging that over 97 million Red Cross volunteers of the national Red Cross societies of 183 countries managed to alleviate human suffering of more than 220 million victims all over the world. The World Red Cross Day, an auspicious day, is observed to honour Red Cross volunteers who contribute towards human beings in successive eras. On such an auspicious occasion, the entire Myanmar sees World Red Cross Day commemorative competitions, awarding ceremonies, dissemination of humanitarian principles and values, basic and advanced first aid courses, FA instructor courses, community-based first aid (CBFA) courses (instructors / multiplier), commemorative exhibitions and humanitarian activities.

National Red Cross Societies of 183 coun-

tries, members of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, are celebrating the World Red Cross Day through humanitarian contributions today. This year's World Red Cross Day motto is "Universal Assistance Through Volunteering".

Henry Dunant, who was born in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 May 1828, came from a devout and charitable Calvinist family. He was an eyewitness of the Battle of Solferino (1859), which was the most violent of its kind in Europe at that time, which resulted in nearly 40,000 casualties.

He cared for wounded soldiers without distinction of race or creed. He wrote a book "A Memory of Solferino" in 1862 based on a memoir of his experiences, in which he advocated the establishment of an international network of volunteer relief agencies. Due to his ideas, the five-member committee (now International Committee of the Red Cross) was formed in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1863.

The ICRC validates every national Red Cross society whose formation is in conformity with the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement. So far, the number of valid national Red Cross societies has reached 183. In 1919, these societies were combined into the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (previously League of Red Cross Societies). A total of 192 nations ratified the International Humanitarian Law, which came into existence on 12 August, 1949.

Red Cross Movement means humanitarian activities that are carried out in line with the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross Movement — humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality — by ICRC, IFRC, and national Red Cross societies. Those who carry out humanitarian activities for vulnerables and victims in consonance with the seven principles

within the framework of the law are Red Cross volunteers. Indeed, Red Cross volunteers play a major role in realizing the objectives and aims of the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

The MRCS came into being as a branch of Indian Red Cross Society in 1920. When Myanmar was politically separated from India in 1937, it was recognized as the Myanmar Red Cross Society. The ICRC recognized it in the same year. The Society was admitted to the IFRC on 23 May, 1946. The Myanmar Red Cross Act was enacted in 1959, and the Myanmar Red Cross Bylaw, in 1962. Myanmar signed four Geneva agreements in 1992.

These historic evidences depict that the MRCS is dedicated to world Red Cross movements standing shoulder to shoulder with international Red Cross societies, and has been unremittently discharging humanitarian activities in accordance with the laws and bylaws. It has now existed for 86 years as a humanitarian organization with fine traditions.

The MRCS works across the country to alleviate human suffering through three work programmes — promoting health, preventing diseases and providing help to those in distress. Its vision is to be the leading community-based humanitarian organization throughout Myanmar acting with and for the most vulnerables at all times. Its mission is "Through its nationwide network of volunteers, the Myanmar Red Cross Society will work to promote a healthier and safer environment for the people of Myanmar giving priority to the most vulnerable communities and individuals. Red Cross volunteers are making sustained efforts to translate these noble objectives and work programmes into reality.

The MRCS has a good reputation for sacrifices and brilliant performances by its members, as evidenced by Red Cross Sergeant Saing Aung Hlaing Myint (1977) who won Henry Dunant Award, and Major Daw Khin Ohn Mya (1963), Nurse Staff Officer Daw M Yaw Nam (1993) and Midwife Daw Thein Yee (1995) who won Florence Nightingale Award. There are a large number of Red Cross members and volunteers in States and Divisions, districts and townships who made and have been making sacrifices. I write this article in honour of such Red Cross members and volunteers on the occasion of the World Red Cross Day.

I would like to exhort new generation Red Cross members and volunteers to step up humanitarian work in conformity with the motto "Universal Assistance Through Volunteering" so that the MRCS will become Well Functioning National Society.

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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander planted physic nut at designated places and viewed round growing of physic nut.

On arrival at physic nut plantations of Monywa Industrial Zone, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party grew physic nut there.

The 2,400 acres special plantation zone is near the junction of Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa motor road and Alaungdaw Kathaha motor road. About 65,000 acres of land would be put under cultivation of physic nut. As yet, 2,400 acres of physic nut have been grown and this year cultivation of 15,000 acres of physic nut will be under way.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party

attended a collective growing ceremony of physic nut at Chaungma Model village in Kani Township. The commander reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on cultivation of physic nut in the model village. After growing physic nut, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander encouraged the locals participating in the ceremony.

After visiting physic nut nursery plantation in the village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint left instructions there, where 2000 physic nut grafts and 48,000 seeds have been sown.

They also visited physic nut plantation of Sagaing Division Police Force and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to quality physic nut seed plantation of the com-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint views physic nut nursery in Chaungma Model Village of Kani Township. — MNA

mand near Monywa Airport and inspected the plantation, where 7130 physic nut plants have been grown.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with servicemen of Monywa Station in Zeyathiri hall of the station. — MNA

## Cash donated for World Buddhist Vipassana Cave Pagoda



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay and family donate K 1 million to World Buddhist Vipassana Cave Pagoda through Bandoola U Shwe and U Thuang Pe. — CULTURE

YANGON, 7 May—The Ministry of Culture presented cash donations for World Buddhist Vipassana Cave Pagoda, replica of Shwedagon Pagoda built in Mumbai, India, at the National Museum here this morning, attended by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung.

Also present were Director-General of Department of Culture Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Director-General of Archaeological Department U Kyaw Win, Rector of University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe, staff members of the ministry, well-wishers and others.

Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung explained the purpose of the donations.

Next, Dhamma teacher U Thuang Pe clarified matters on the pagoda.

This was followed by cash donations—K 1 million by Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Lay and K 200,000 by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and wife Daw Myint Myint Wai.

Today's donations amounted to K 2.16 million. The donations were made by the minister, the deputy minister and other well-wishers.

MNA

## Prizes of Radio Quiz awarded

YANGON, 7 May — MRTV is broadcasting about the salient points of ASEAN through radio programmes at 9.45 am on Saturdays for implementing ASEAN in Action Project.

The radio quiz for February, 2006 took place on 4 May morning and enthusiasts took part in it.

Nan Huanlio of Kengtung Township won first prize, Ma May

Thaw Tar Oo of Dagon Township, second, Ma Aung Aung Nwe of Tamway Township, third and Ma Htoo Nander Oo, consolation prize in the quiz. Prizes were awarded to winners by officials.

Those wishing to participate in radio quiz being held monthly, may enlist at MRTV on Pyay Road regardless of age and qualification.

MNA

## Growing of physic nut plants inspected in Gangaw, Kalay Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May —Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye inspected the physic nut nursery in the compound of Kyaw Station Hospital in Gangaw Township on 29 April.

Gangaw Township Forest Department is nurturing 110,000 physic nut saplings.

On arrival at Hmantaw Village, the commander heard reports on preparations for growing physic nut plants to be undertaken by Kalay Industrial Zone and Kalay Township USDA

presented by officials.

The commander inspected Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kyawswa Village and presented exercise books and sports gear to students and Village USDA.

Next, he attended the physic nut growing ceremony in Myauksee Village. In Khontoe Myotha Village, the commander presented exercise books, periodicals and sports equipment to students and Village USDA.

Later, the commander inspected land reclamation for growing 150 acres of physic nut near Melok Village.

MNA

## New model Canon digital copiers introduced

YANGON, 5 May — New model Canon digital copiers exported by Accel International Co Ltd and Canon (Singapore) Pte Ltd was introduced with demonstration at Traders Hotel this morning.

Accel International Co Ltd Managing Director Mr Alvin extended greetings and Canon (Singapore) Pte Ltd President and Chief Executive Officer Mr Kevin Ogawa made opening speech. Next, Sale Manager

Daw Naw Mar Nay Htoo explained the new model Canon copiers.

The detailed information can be inquired for purchase at No 422-426, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Tel: 202092-96. Canon showrooms are kept open No 7-8, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township Tel: 243036-38, No 6 SY Building on Butagyi Road, Mandalay Tel: 02-36014, 398 and No 6/44-6-45 Pyinmana and Yangon-Mandalay Highway Tel: 067-22347, 22801. — MNA



New model Canon digital copiers being introduced by Sale Manager of Accel International Co Ltd Daw Naw Mar Nay Htoo. — MNA





Lt-Gen Kyaw Win addresses the meeting with departmental personnel and social organizations in Mantung. — MNA

**Physic nut, rubber, seasonal...**

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At the hall of the local battalion in Mantung, they met departmental personnel and social association members. Local national race leader U Aik Mone reported on regional development tasks, and officials on progress of the township.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed them to strive further for development of the region, and participate in growing physic nut and rubber in the region.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented the fruit basket to U Aik Mone and uniforms to teachers and health staff.

The commander handed over cash assistance of the State to Lt-Col Myo Hla of the local battalion and national race leader U Aik Mone.

In Mantung Township, 22,660 acres of monsoon crops have been grown in 2005-06 and 2,675 acres of cold season crops. In 2004-05 fiscal year, 658,108 baskets of paddy yielded. And the township has 118.46 per cent of food sufficiency.

The township has put 79 acres of physic nut plants against the target of 500 acres.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Mantung Township Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, they viewed development of the township.

At Teingyar Minkhaung Hall of the local battalion, they met Tatmadawmen and family members and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

**Information Minister inspects tasks of IPRDs in Mandalay Division, Shan State (North)**

YANGON, 7 May — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan left Nay Pyi Taw City on 1 May. At Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department, the minister inspected information functions and met staff.

At PyinOoLwin District IPRD, the minister met information staff of PyinOoLwin, Madaya, Singu, Tagaung, Thabeikkyin and Mogok Townships, and gave necessary instructions.

At Kyaukme District IPRD, the minister heard reports on their respective tasks, and gave instructions on durability of rural libraries.

The minister delivered an address. He said that realizing goodwill of the State, employees are to



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan making speech at the meeting with information staff of PyinOoLwin, Madaya, Singu, Tagaung, Thabeikkyin and Mogok Townships at PyinOoLwin District IPRD. — MNA

work two or three times harder to achieve greater success in shouldering the duties. All are to practise thrifty method. The employees should carry out agriculture and livestock breeding on a manageable

scale not only to save some money for the family but also to contribute toward boosting production of the nation. The staff are to organize the people to follow the same method to save money, through

mass media. Service personnel must always be in touch with political, economic and security measures of the nation by studying matters related to press conferences and perspectives, articles and news

from newspapers. Furthermore, they are to lead the entire people through media so as to wipe out the dangers of external, aboveground and underground destructionists. In addition, the staff are to

strive for achieving success in economic, education and health plans of the State. In conclusion, the minister urged them to make efforts for durability of self-reliant village libraries. — MNA

**Myanmar delegation leaves for ROK**

YANGON, 7 May — At the invitation of Deputy Korean Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Mr Park In-kook, Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left here by air yesterday to attend the Myanmar-Korea Bilateral Consular Affairs Coordi-

nation Meeting at the Deputy Minister's Level to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Director-General U Phae Thann Oo of Consular and Legal Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Assistant Director of Min-

ister's Office U Kyaw Thi Wa and Head of Branch 1 U Myint Soe.

While staying in the ROK, Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Minister U Maung Myint will also visit Honorary Consulate General of the Union of Myanmar in Busan.

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Win Tun (A&I) (L) and Shwe Naing Tun (Mwe Hawk Min) seen in a fight of Lightweight Class quarter-final. (News on page 2)

NLM



**23rd Bo tree water pouring festival of Shwedagon Pagoda on 11 May**

YANGON, 7 May — The 23rd Bo tree water pouring festival will be held on the precinct of the Shwedagon Pagoda on 11 May, Fullmoon Day of Kason 1368 ME. Arrangements are to be made for pouring water to Bo trees at the four corners of the pagoda.—MNA



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation for building the refectory from a wellwisher. (News on page 16) — MNA*

**Mawlamyine highway bus terminal opens**

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May — A highway bus terminal was opened in Hline Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State, on 1 May, attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife.

At the opening ceremony, officials explained construction of the terminal and presented documents related to the terminal building to Director U Aung Kyaw Nyein of Mon State Development Affairs Committee. The commander formally unveiled the sign-

board of the terminal and an official explained transport programmes. Mawlamyine District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Tin Aung and Director of Honetauk Construction formally opened the bus terminal. Next, the commander and wife and party greeted passengers on board the buses and bus stands, restaurants and stores. The two-storey bus terminal with 98 rooms is 600 feet by 280 feet. The bus terminal was constructed by Honetauk Construction.

MNA

**LBVD issues reminder regarding restocking programme in bird flu-affected poultry farms**

YANGON, 7 May — From the first week of March 2006 the bird flu occurred in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. As a result, 340,000 chickens and 320,000 quails from 545 farms in 13 townships were culled. The spread of the bird flu had been under control since early April. Some of the farm owners wish to start restocking programme.

Regarding restocking programme in bird flu-affected poultry farms, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) issued a reminder to breeders.

**Spraying pesticides:** Spraying pesticides in poultry farms has been conducted according to schedules since the occurrence of the bird flu.

**Diagnosis of the disease/surveillance of chicken health:** Measures on collection of samples of chicken and quail farms in the area of the destroyed farms, spread of the bird flu, regular diagnosis in laboratory and surveillance of chicken health in other poultry farms are being taken.

**Restocking:** According to the Animal Health Code of the World Animal Health Organization, suggestions of FAO experts and experience based on the bird flu-hit countries, observation will be carried out

for at least two months in order to prevent the reoccurrence of the bird flu. Only when the situation is safe will restocking programmes and provision of chicken and feedstuff be implemented.

**Bird flu free area:** Necessary measures are to be taken for announcement of Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions as bird flu free areas according to the Animal Health Code of the World Animal Health Organization if there is no further outbreak of the disease in those divisions in six months.

**Cooperation with international experts on bird flu:** Under the FAO programme two experts on bird flu from Australia and Britain arrived in Yangon on 6 May. They will make field trips to the restricted townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions for two months and discuss control of the disease in cooperation with LBVD staff.

**Preventive measures and bio security:** The sub-committees comprising LBVD, Health Department, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and township and village authorities will carry out preventive measures, bio security and educative activities for farmers in cooperation with FAO, UNICEF, ICE information, communication, education on Knowledge Attitude Practice (KAP).

**Establishment of supporting communication system:** Communication Network such as Animal Production and Health Information System in ASEAN Countries (APHISA), World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS) and ASEAN Region Animal Health Information System (ARAHIS) will be established.

**Warning of animal health:** Therefore the LBVD has informed Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and breeders that arrangements for restocking programme will be made if the farms have been free from bird flu for about two months. Only chickens and quails of farms, registered at the LBVD, which are free from the disease, will be permitted to raise. Illegally imported chickens and quails and those which fail to register at LBVD and have no animal health certificate will not be permitted to raise at the farms. — MNA

**Fire breaks out in Ward 1 of Kamayut Township**

YANGON, 7 May — A fire broke out starting from gas stove upstairs of a women's hostel at No 49 (A-1) on Aungmya Thaya Road in Ward 1 of Kamayut Township at 7.38 pm today.

A total of 12 fire engines of Myanmar Fire Brigade put out the fire. Therefore, the blaze died out at 8 pm. Only upstairs of the hostel caught fire. Fire fighters put the fire under control in no time. Hence, it did not spread.

Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials arrived at the scene of the fire and supervised fire fighting and relief measures. It was learnt that there were no human death and loss of property in the incident. — MNA

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**Shan State (East) WAO donates books to village library**



*Patron of Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyu Kyu Hla donates books on general knowledge to a librarian.*

KENGTUNG, 1 May — As part of an effort to enhance the general knowledge of local people, Patron of Shan State (East) Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Shan State (East) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Kyu Kyu Hla on 9 April opened the village library in Lwemwe, Kengtung Township and donated books on general knowledge including Women's Affairs Magazine to a librarian.

Kyemon

**Librarianship and e-library application course opens**



*The opening ceremony of Librarianship and e-Library Application Course in progress at Kyaukpadaung Township IPRD.*

KYAUKPADAUNG, 20 April — A ceremony to open the Librarianship and e-Library Application Course conducted by Kyaukpadaung Township Information and Public Relations Department was held on 20 April at the hall of No (1) BEHS in Kyaukpadaung Township. Altogether 70 librarians of village libraries are attending the course.

Kyemon

**Bridge on village-to-village road opens**

TAZE, 30 April — The opening ceremony of Aungsinhantee Bridge across Shwegu Creek that lies on the village-to-village road of Ywama-Nyaungzigon-Boat village-tract in Taze Township was held on 27 March 2006. The bridge worth K 4.5 million was constructed with contributions of K 3.4 million by local people, and K 1.1 million by Township Development Affairs Committee. The wooden bridge is 118 feet long, 12 feet wide and 8 feet high. — Kyemon



Indonesian children play in front of their tents at a refugee camp in the village of Kemalang near the city of Yogyakarta, central Java on 6 May, 2006. Hot lava flowed on Friday from Indonesia's rumbling Mount Merapi, which experts say could erupt at anytime, threatening thousands of people in the country's Central Java heartland.—INTERNET

## ASEAN labour ministers agree on closer cooperation

SINGAPORE, 7 May — The labour ministers from 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and their dialogue partners from China, South Korea and Japan agreed to continue with their cooperation here Saturday.

They discussed current and planned joint labour initiatives at the fifth ASEAN Plus Three (ASEAN+3) Labour Ministers Meeting held here on the day, according to a joint statement issued at the meeting.

It is hoped that these projects will help “support sustained economic growth in their respective countries and the region through human resource development and employment creation,” the statement said.

The continuation of the High-Level Social Security Seminars, which are jointly coordinated by China and the ASEAN, is one of the initiatives to be carried out. This year's seminar will be held in China's Qingdao with a focus on employment injury insurance.

Reiterating the importance of occupational safety and health in pursuing economic development and growth, the ministers are expected to explore areas for closer collaboration among their countries in this aspect.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The next ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting will be held in Thailand in 2008.

MNA/Xinhua

## Doctored Course on Buddhism to be opened soon in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 May — The Lumbini Buddha University (LBU) of Nepal is set to run Doctored Course on Buddhism aiming to address the crunch of teaching manpower on the subject at the higher level, an official at LBU said here Saturday.

The newly opened semi-government university in Tenhawa Village of central Parsa District, some 100 kilometres south of Kathmandu, has asked 15 students who applied for the course to submit their research proposals, Kedar Shakya, LBU registrar, told reporters.

Students from Thailand, Japan, Sri-Lanka, Germany, America and Russia have also contacted for seeking enrollment in the three-year doctored

course, Shakya revealed. The students of Buddhism applying for a doctor degree need not do Masters in Philosophy as a prerequisite, according to the LBU.

The university is yet to start courses in Buddhist studies at the intermediate and bachelor levels.

“The development of

curriculum for the courses is nearing completion and the courses will be introduced within this year,” Shakya said.

He said that the courses of bachelor and master level would also be of three years duration but Academic Council of the University is yet to take a decision.

The demand of man-

power specializing in Buddhist religion from the foreign educational institutions was very high, he said.

“The first World Buddhist Convention held in Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha in western Nepal, had endorsed the proposal of instituting a Buddha University,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

## UN staffer shot and wounded in eastern Chad

ABECHE (Chad), 7 May — A Spanish UN aid worker has been shot and wounded in eastern Chad as attacks on humanitarian staff intensify in the Central African country next to Sudan's troubled Darfur, aid officials said on Saturday.

A man dressed in military fatigues jumped down from a pick-up truck and shot the aid worker at close range in the arm on Friday night in the town of Abeche, before making off with her United Nations jeep, officials quoted witnesses as saying.

“This is the first time that an aid worker has been injured in an attack here,” said Claire Bourgeois, who heads the UN opera-

tions in Abeche. “We really need the authorities to ensure our security.”

Attackers ranging from Army defectors and rebels to common bandits have been taking advantage of a security vacuum in eastern Chad in recent months.

Friday's theft was the 24th time a humanitarian vehicle has been stolen but the shooting has set aid workers on edge.

MNA/Reuters

## Heat wave kills 9 in east India

NEW DELHI, 7 May — At least nine people have died of sunstroke in Orissa, east India in the past month with the mercury crossing 40 degrees Celsius in some parts of the state, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Saturday.

Three people died in Angul District and two in Sambalpur in western Orissa, an official of the state revenue control room said.

At least one death each was reported from the districts of Bolangir, Cuttack, Ganjam and Jagatsinghpur, he said.

The Sundergarh Town has recorded the highest temperature of 42 degrees Celsius.

The meteorological office Saturday said that rain and thundershowers were likely in some parts of the state in the next 24 hours, bringing relief to the people.—MNA/Xinhua



Models present a creation by International designer Guy Laroche during the Fashion Elevation inside a shopping mall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 6 May, 2006.

INTERNET

## Govt starts work to free detained guerillas in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 May — The Nepali Government has started collecting information about the detained anti-government guerillas for their release to carry on with the peace process, an official at Home Ministry (HM) said here Saturday.

“The preliminary estimates have revealed that there are about 700 guerillas who are behind bars and could be released through different legal processes,” Bal Krishna Prasain, secretary at HM, told reporters.

The government was

collecting information on what charges the guerillas leaders and cadres were being detained, kept under custody and whatever other processes were being undertaken, Prasain revealed.

The detained guerillas will be released through different legal processes on the basis of their offences, Prasain said. It might take some days to release the guerillas after complete information regarding their conditions of arrest is acquired, Prasain said.

MNA/Xinhua



Actors dressed as US soldiers take part in re-enactment of last days of World War II in former western Czechoslovakia as a part of the Pilsen Liberation Festival 2006 in Pilsen, Czech Republic, on 6 May, 2006. —INTERNET

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**Nigeria seizes 15 kilos of narcotics at Abuja Airport**

ABUJA, 6 May— Nigeria's National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has seized 15 kilos of narcotics from 14 persons at the Abuja International Airport since the beginning of this year, a NDLEA official said Friday.

"The drugs about 15 kilos in all were concealed in the stomach of the 14 arrested persons who arrived the airport with different international flights between January and April this year," said Hamza Umar, NDLEA's officer-in-charge at the airport. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 11th May (Thursday) Full Moon of Kason 2006, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.  
 Central Bank of Myanmar

**American teen dies para-sailing in southern Chinese island**

SANYA (Hainan), 6 May— A 15-year-old American girl of Chinese descent has died in a para-sailing accident in south China's island province of Hainan, local authorities said Thursday.

The young tourist plunged into sea while para-sailing at about 3 pm on Wednesday at a seaside resort in Sanya City, sources with the local hospital and health bureau said. She was rushed to hospital suffering chest injuries but died two hours later at the Sanya People's Hospital.

The girl, Liu Peiling, was from California, an official with the Sanya Health Bureau said.

Liu's body has been flown to Shanghai on Wednesday night at the request of Liu's parents.

Para-sailing involves a participant wearing a parachute soaring many metres in the air while being pulled by a high-speed watercraft.

Para-sailing at the Great East China Sea Sight-seeing Zone, has been suspended as the investigation into the accident continues. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Venezuela withdraws ambassador to Peru**

CARACAS, 6 May— Venezuelan Ambassador to Peru Cruz Martinez has been withdrawn home on Thursday, Venezuelan state news agency *ABN* reported on Thursday.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Wednesday that in view of the rifts between Venezuela and Peru, he decided to recall his country's ambassador to Lima. —MNA/Xinhua

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**Reservation Manager**  
**Bayview Beach Resort Hotel**

The bereaved family of U Don William De Silva (a) U Soe Lwin, who went asleep in Jesus May 1 2006 at 05:45 hours, express their heartfelt thanks to Captains Wilk, U Than U and U Thet Naing, U Johnie and staff of Uniteam Marine Company, staff of Bayview Beach Resort Hotel who rendered all necessary assistance, and friends and relatives, far and near, for their kind necessary assistance, enquiries in person and by telephone in addition to sending floral tributes in connection with the recent bereavement. The family regret the inability to thank all friends and relatives far and near individually.

**The bereaved family**

**ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting focuses on OSH**

SINGAPORE, 6 May— The 19th Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Labour Ministers Meeting was held here on Friday with the theme of occupational safety and health (OSH).

Labour ministers and senior officials from the ASEAN member countries recognized that OSH is an integral part of a country's development and that OSH policies and programmes should be an important element of ASEAN labour cooperation, according to a joint communique issued at the end of the meeting.

The participants agreed to continue their support for the work of the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network, which was set up in 2000, and to include "strengthening of OSH capacities and standards" as an additional priority area in the ASEAN Labour Ministers Work Programme. An ASEAN Policy Dialogue on National OSH Frameworks and Management Systems is expected to be convened to discuss pertinent OSH challenges and developments in the region. —MNA/Xinhua

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### China warns tourists against spitting overseas

BEIJING, 6 May — Some Chinese tourists have been warned that while spitting, slurping food and jumping queues may merely disgust people at home, they are sometimes not tolerated abroad, Xinhua news agency said on Friday.

The increasing number of Chinese tourists travelling abroad may be a huge new source of income to destination countries, but that will not prevent complaints against individuals from reflecting badly on all of China, Xinhua said.

“The media in Singapore reports that hotel staff are upset with Chinese tourists spitting in their rooms and smoking in bed,” it said. “...Singapore airline companies also criticized Chinese tourists for talking loudly and being

very rude. Even Hong Kong newspapers have pointed out that some Mainlanders lack manners and social graces.” Beijing residents said last year spitting in public was what they could not stand most about living in the Chinese capital, followed close behind by dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets.

Beijing has launched a campaign to make its citizens more “civil” in the run-up to hosting the

2008 Olympics.

Games organizers have repeatedly said the city needs to teach its people to stand in line, stop spitting and littering and generally be better mannered.

Past efforts to stamp out the spitting habit, like a 2003 campaign to help curb the spread of SARS, have not been very effective, partly because many people believe clearing the lungs and firing away is good for your health.—MNA/Reuters



American magician David Blaine presses his wrinkled and cracked palm on the face of the glass sphere filled with water where he is spending seven days and nights underwater at the Josie Robertson Plaza at Lincoln Center in New York, on 5 May, 2006. Blaine, who is now on his fifth day underwater, receives regular treatment for his skin from his medical team. At the end of the stunt titled 'Drowned Alive,' Blaine will attempt to hold his breath under water longer than any other human has ever accomplished.—INTERNET

### Pakistani channel to showcase Amitabh Bachchan films

MUMBAI, 6 May — A string of Bollywood films featuring superstar Amitabh Bachchan will be shown on television in Pakistan this month, as New Delhi and Islamabad mix diplomacy with culture to push a flagging peace process.

Indian films are a rage in Pakistan but, until recently, could not be screened due to a 40-year-old ban. Last month, Pakistan relaxed the ban and allowed screening of two Bollywood films.

A private television channel has now lined up a “Festival of Amitabh Bachchan” films from 13 May. “He is the biggest film star of our times and is loved by fans and audiences globally,” Salman Iqbal, the president of ARY Digital Network, said in a

statement on Friday.

“This is another step to help open more avenues to bridge gaps between the two countries.” Last month, Bachchan told Reuters in an interview he welcomed the rare screening of Indian films in Pakistan.

“We do believe we are the same culture, the same people. We are divided by a line that has put us into two different nations that cannot be removed and it should not be,” he said.

MNA/Reuters



Lipizzaner Stallion Neopolitano Bonaira with horseman Redha Gharsa rehearse for the opening of their 36th Anniversary UK tour at the NEC Arena in Birmingham, England, on 5 May, 2006.—INTERNET

### Experts say detailed pre-planning for flu pandemic important

SINGAPORE, 6 May — Experts attending the Lancet Asia medical forum on flu pandemic in Singapore stressed Thursday that detailed pre-planning for the threat is very important.

The experts agreed that the problem the world is facing is not whether a flu pandemic will occur, but when it will occur and how to prepare for it.

Roy Anderson, Professor of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at Imperial College in London, said at a media briefing that a flu pandemic will have an unprecedentedly serious impact on the world if it does happen.

He emphasized that governments worldwide need to analyze the situation, identify their policies and speed up actions to deal with the complex problem which involves not only health and

agriculture, but also education, energy, transportation and food supply. He added that government departments should join up efforts to work out a uniform and detailed plan for the whole country.

Jai P Narain from the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Southeast Asia noted that the WHO has been rendering technical assistance to countries in the region to help them mobilize resources, build up pandemic management capacity at the country level and share information and experience among them.

MNA/Xinhua



The first edition of 'First News' newspaper, Britain's first newspaper for children, is seen among other newspapers at a news stand in London, on 5 May, 2006. The tabloid-format First News is a national weekly paper aimed at an audience of nine to 12-year old children, with a smiling David Beckham on the cover and more serious news awaiting young readers inside.—INTERNET

### US representative Kennedy seeking drug addiction help

WASHINGTON, 6 May — One day after he crashed his car near the US Capitol, Representative Patrick Kennedy, son of Massachusetts Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy, said on Friday he would seek treatment for a long-term drug abuse problem.

“This afternoon I am travelling to Minnesota to seek treatment at the Mayo Clinic to insure that I can continue on my road to recovery,” Kennedy, a Rhode Island Democrat, told reporters. Kennedy said he was a patient last winter at the clinic, receiving care for an addiction to prescription pain medicine.

His announcement came shortly after a US Capitol Police report showed Kennedy, 38, was charged with three driving violations

after he crashed his car into a Capitol Hill security barrier early on Thursday.

In an earlier statement, Kennedy said he had become disoriented because of medicine and sleeping pills. He said he had not consumed any alcohol before the incident.

Kennedy said he had been “fighting this chronic disease since I was a young man” and wanted to continue working for his constituents in Rhode Island.—MNA/Reuters

### NASA says “La Nina” should not affect Atlantic hurricanes

WASHINGTON, 6 May — La Nina, a Pacific Ocean phenomenon that can help form Atlantic hurricanes, is not expected to be a factor this season, good news after last year's disastrous storm season.

La Nina, Spanish for “the girl”, refers to a pattern of usually cold surface temperatures in the eastern tropical Pacific. In North America, it has been known to contribute to droughts in the West and to spur hurricanes in the East.

That happens because La Nina tends to push high-altitude jet stream winds to the north, away from the customary hurricane-forming areas, David Adamec, an oceanographer at NASA's Goddard Space

Flight Centre outside Washington, said on Thursday.

Jet stream winds can rip the tops off developing hurricanes, and without those winds, hurricanes can form unimpeded, Adamec said by telephone. “La Nina gives a little extra kick, keeping the jet streams away,” he said.

There have not been strong La Nina patterns in the past two years, Adamec said, but “it has not helped the situation”.

MNA/Reuters

# SPORTS



Crystal Palace's Emerson Boyce, right, challenges Watford's Marlon King for the ball during their Coca-Cola Championship play-off semi-final first leg soccer match at Selhurst Park in London, on 6 May, 2006.—INTERNET

## Barca celebrate title with 2-0 win over Espanyol

MADRID, 7 May— Barcelona celebrated winning their second successive Primera Liga title in front of their own fans by beating city rivals Espanyol 2-0 in the Nou Camp on Saturday.

The Champions League finalists reclaimed the title away to Celta Vigo on Wednesday, but were in no mood to help out their relegation-threatened neighbours.

Espanyol defender Daniel Jarque scored an own goal after 20 minutes and Ronaldinho doubled the lead soon after the break as his side cruised to victory.

Barcelona moved on to 82 points, 13 ahead of second-placed Real Madrid who play Villarreal in the Bernabeu on Sun-

day. Kings Cup winners Espanyol remained 15th with 38 points, two above the relegation zone with two games left.

UEFA Cup finalists Sevilla secured a comfortable 2-0 win over relegated Malaga, that put them fifth on 62 points.

Brazilian midfielder Renato scored the opener after 18 minutes with a 25-metre drive and Fernando Sales rounded off the win in the 90th minute with a goal on the break.

Later on Saturday Va-

lencia, in third on 68 points, can climb above Real if they beat Atletico Madrid at home.

Barcelona were given a champions welcome in the Nou Camp with Espanyol lining up to applaud their opponents on to the pitch.

Coach Frank Rijkaard rested goalkeeper Victor Valdes and gave Spain

midfielder Xavi his first place in the starting line up since coming back from a serious knee injury.

The home side were determined to enjoy the occasion without overstretching themselves, and were helped by an early goal which put the pressure on a nervous-looking Espanyol.

MNA/Reuters

## Austria Vienna secure league title for 23rd time

AUSTRIA, 7 May— Austria Vienna clinched their 23rd league title on Saturday with a 2-1 home win over Wacker Tirol.

Austria's only remaining rivals, Salzburg, were beaten 2-1 at home by third placed Pasching — handing the title to the side from the capital with one round of matches remaining. Austria went ahead after 18 minutes when a shot from Czech midfielder Libor Sionko was deflected into the Wacker goal.

The visitors drew level from a free kick five minutes later, but Slovakian striker Filip Sebo ensured a happy ending for the home side with a short-range strike in the 59th minute. The Viennese side will be hoping to complete the double on Tuesday when they take on the league's second-bottom team Mattersburg in the Austrian cup final. — MNA/Reuters



World Boxing Council (WBC) Minimumweight Champion, Japan-based Den Junlaphan (R), popularly known as Eagle Kyowa, of Thailand lands a punch on challenger Rodel Mayol of the Philippines during their 12-round title bout in Tokyo on 6 May, 2006. Junlaphan defeated Mayol by an unanimous decision.—INTERNET

## Bayern win 20th German title, defend double

FRANKFURT, 7 May— Bayern Munich won the German title for the 20th time and completed a historic "double double" when closest rivals Hamburg SV were beaten 4-2 at Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

Bayern could only manage a 1-1 draw away to Kaiserslautern, but Hamburg's failure to get the win they needed left them six points off the pace with one game left to play.

Felix Magath's side become the first to successfully defend a Bundesliga and German Cup double, after beating Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0 in the Cup final in Berlin last Saturday.

At halftime in the penultimate round of matches, Bayern looked to be heading for trouble.

They trailed Kaiserslautern to a Halil Altintop goal, while Hamburg were leading 2-1 at Hertha with goals from Piotr Trochowski and Benjamin Lauth.

Hertha equalized through Alexander Madlung in the 55th minute, however, and despite having Andreas Neundorfer sent off four minutes later they clinched victory with goals from Nico Kovac and Marko Pantelic.—MNA/Reuters

## CS Sfaxien in surprise Champions League win

JOHANNESBURG, 7 May— Blaise Koissy's second half goal earned CS Sfaxien yet another surprise comeback victory as they eliminated Royal Armed Forces of Morocco away to qualify for the last eight of the African Champions League.

The Tunisian side won 1-0 in Rabat on Saturday for a 2-1 aggregate victory to match their unexpected achievement in the previous round where they also bounced back.

They completed an aggregate win after a draw at home in the first leg to eliminate Daring Club Motema Pembe of the

Democratic Republic of Congo last month.

Sfaxien's achievement on Saturday was made even more remarkable by the fact that they played with 10 men only from the 22nd minute when defender Bechir Mechergui was sent off.

Ivorian striker Koissy scored 13 minutes into the

second half of the match.

The Tunisian side are joined in the league phase by holders Al Ahli of Egypt and their predecessor as continental champions Enyimba of Nigeria.

Emad Moteab scored twice as Al Ahli grabbed four first half goals against Renacimiento of Equatorial Guinea in Cairo on Saturday. The other two came from Emad Al Nahas and Mohamed Aboutrika as the Egyptian club won 4-0 on aggregate.

MNA/Reuters

## Lille humble Lyon B team 4-0, Marseille held

PARIS, 7 May— Ambitious Lille moved close to securing a Champions League preliminary round berth with a 4-0 victory on Saturday over Ligue 1 title-winners Olympique Lyon who effectively fielded a B team.

With one game remaining, the northern side are third in the table on 61 points, two ahead of Olympique Marseille who were held to a 2-2 home draw by relegated Racing Strasbourg.

In the final round of matches next weekend, Marseille will need a win at runners-up Girondins Bordeaux and hope that Lille lose at fifth-placed Stade Rennes.

Lille opened the scoring against Lyon with a 35th-minute goal by midfielder Geoffrey Dernis after a nice one-two with Mathieu Bodmer.

After the interval, striker Peter Odemwingie struck twice in three minutes and Jean Makoun completed the rout in the dying minutes.

Lyon, who have already set a Ligue 1 points record of 81, rested goalkeeper Gregory Coupet, influential defenders Cris, captain Claudio Cacapa, midfielder Mahamdou Diarra and inspirational playmaker Juninho.

Marseille, playing their third match in a week including last week's defeat in the Cup final, went in front when teenage striker Samir Nasri slotted in a 30-metre shot three minutes into the second half.

MNA/Reuters

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Nacional secure UEFA Cup spot with draw at Setubal

LISBON, 7 May— Nacional earned a place in next season's UEFA Cup when the team from the Madeira Island drew 1-1 at Vitoria Setubal in their final Portuguese Premier League game of the season on Saturday.

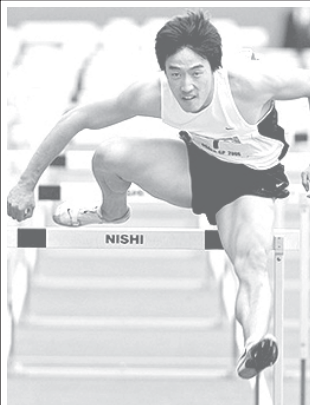
Alexander Goulart helped secure fifth spot in the table when the Brazilian striker put Nacional in front after 69 minutes.

Setubal, in seventh position, equalized when defender Auri headed in a corner five minutes from time.

Sixth-placed Boavista drew 1-1 at home to champions Porto.

Argentine striker Lisandro Lopez put Porto in front before Boavista levelled through winger Paulo Jorge with 18 minutes left.

MNA/Reuters



Liu Xiang of China clears a hurdle in the men's 110m hurdle race at the IAAF Japan Grand Prix in Osaka recently. Liu won the race with a time of 13.22 seconds.—INTERNET

### Pakistan dismisses US statement on Pak role in counterterrorism

ISLAMABAD, 7 May — Pakistani Army spokesman Shaukat Sultan has dismissed as “absurd” a statement by a US counterterrorism envoy that parts of Pakistan were a “safe haven” for militants but Pakistan was not doing enough to arrest them.

Sultan made the remarks on Saturday after US Ambassador in charge of counterterrorism Henry Crumpton

said in the Afghan capital of Kabul that parts of Pakistan are a “safe haven” for militants and Osama bin Laden was more likely to be hiding there than in Afghanistan.

Crumpton said that US officials continue to believe that bin Laden is somewhere the Afghan-Pakistani border, and was more likely to be on the Pakistani side.

MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal's Thierry Henry poses with the Barclays player of the season award at their training ground in north London on 5 May, 2006. He received the award for being the most successful player in the English Premier League.—INTERNET

### 100 nations ratify treaty on plant genetic resources for food

ROME, 7 May — Iran has ratified the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, bringing the number of countries that have officially accepted the treaty to 100, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced here on Friday.

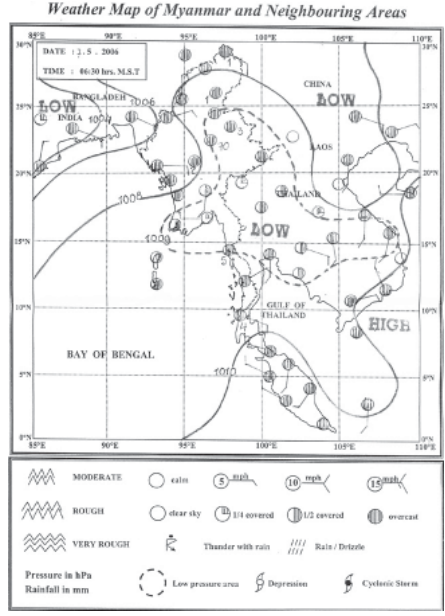
The treaty, which was approved by the FAO Conference in November 2001, came into force on 29 June, 2004.

The FAO's Director-General Dr Jacques Diouf said that “this is a legally binding treaty that will be crucial for the sustainability of agriculture. The treaty is an important contribution to the achievement of the World Food Summit's major objective of halving the number of hungry people by 2015”.

The main objectives of the international treaty are the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of their use, in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity, for sustainable agriculture and food security.

According to Clive Stannard of the Interim Secretariat for the Treaty, “this record speed and level of ratification is an indication of the huge importance that countries attach to the objectives of the treaty to ensure that plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which are vital for human survival, are conserved and sustainably used and that benefits are equitably and fairly distributed.”

The first session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will take place in Madrid, Spain, from 12 June to 16 June. This will be the first occasion in which the contracting parties to the treaty will meet to discuss its implementation. — MNA/Xinhua



### WEATHER

**Sunday, 7 May, 2006**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Magway Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (42°C), Myingyan, Nyaung U, Minbu and Magway (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Mandalay (2.75) inches, Mawlaik (1.50) inches, Maungtaw (0.87) inch, Kyaukse (0.82) inch and Sagaing (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-5-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 7-5-2006 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 7-5-2006 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 6-5-2006 was (9.8) hours (approx).

Rainfalls on 7-5-2006 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 (6) mph from Northwest at (17:00) hours MST on 6-5-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of the 8-5-2006:** Rain or thundershowers are likely scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 8-5-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-5-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-5-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**TV Myanmar**

**Monday, 8 May**  
View on today

**7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

**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. Song of national races

**8:05 am**  
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**  
7. Cute little dancers

**8:20 am**  
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:25 am**  
9. ကျောက်တစ်လုံး၊ ရေတူရေလှောင်တစ်

**8:30 am**  
10. International news

**8:45 am**  
11. Grammar made easy

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in Reading

**4:45 pm**  
4. အစားသင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ညာရေး ချစ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**5:00 pm**  
5. Dance variety

**5:10 pm**  
6. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာစာပေလေ့ကျေးလက် စားသုံးများ

**5:25 pm**  
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

**5:35 pm**  
8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

**5:45 pm**  
9. “ဆွေမျိုး တော်ပေမယ့်” (ဒုရိယားတင်လင်း၊ ဆောင်း အိမ်ခြံလွန်း၊ ဗေဒ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

**5:50 pm**  
10. ကမ္ဘာ့ကြက်ခြေနီနေ့၊ စားများ

**6:00 pm**  
11: Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
12: Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
13: Industrial achievement

**6:45 pm**  
14. Musical programme

**7:00 pm**  
15. တိုးတက်သာယာစိန်တော့ စံပြုကျေးဇူး

**7:05 pm**  
16. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဗဟုဇာနည်” (အပိုင်း-၉)

**8:00 pm**  
17. News

**8:10 pm**  
18. International news

**8:20 pm**  
19. Weather report

**8:30 pm**  
20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ “အိမ်မက်ကမ္ဘာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

**8:40 pm**  
21. The next day's programme

**Radio Myanmar**

**Monday, 8 May**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news

**8:35 am** Music: -Mambo No. 5

**8:40 am** Perspectives

**8:45 am** Music: -Everything my heart desires

**8:50 am** National news & Slogan

**9:00 am** Music: -Bring me to life

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music -Time'll tell

**1:30 pm** News & Slogan

**1:40 pm** Light time music -Colours of the world -Let it be me

**9:00 pm** Spotlight on the star -Cartoons

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:15 pm** Music

**9:30 pm** Golden Land melody

**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

## 87th birthday of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery Sayadaw observed

YANGON, 7 May — A ceremony to mark the 87th birthday of Pali Tekkatho Nyaungdon Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana was held at the monastery on Old Yedashe Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Bhaddanta Indaka and members of the Sangha, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, local authorities and wellwishers.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana, and donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

Next, the cash donation ceremony for construction of the refectory was held. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accepted K 500,000 donated by Pariyatti Sasanapala Association Chairman U Chit Aye on behalf of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana; K 5 million by U Thein Win-Daw Ni and family of Shwe Thanlwin Family; K 3.2 million by U Hla Maung-Daw Khin Hnin Wai (999 Family); K 2 million by U Kyi Win-Daw Yi Yi Aye and family; and K 500,000 each by U Chit Hmway-Daw Myint Myint Yi (Thabyenyo Construction Materials), and U Kyaw Min-Daw Mu Mu Htwe and family.



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe offers alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA*

Later, Lecturer Sayadaw Bhaddanta Naradabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. — MNA

## NLD critical of State's nation-building efforts, development work holding negative views

### Turns blind eye to interests of the State and the people, constantly committing misdeeds

YANGON, 7 May — Sixty-seven members of Shwegu Township National League for Democracy in Bhamo District, Kachin State, including members of the Township Organizing Committee U Zaw Win, U Ye Myint and U Ohn Myint resigned of their own accord from the party by sending their resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned. The 67 NLD members submitted their resignations to Shwegu Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommittee and held a ceremony to resign en masse from the party on 4 May afternoon.

The ceremony was attended by the chairman and members Shwegu Township MDGES, the township judge, law officer, the head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department, the head of Township Health Department and local people totalling 80. Kyuntaw Village NLD Secretary U Nyunt Maung acted as master of ceremonies.

Next, Shwegu Ward-1 NLD Chairman U Tha Htay, on behalf of the resigning members, explained why they resigned from the party. He said they (NLD members) joined the party with the aim of doing

party politics with sincerity and serving the interests of the region and the people. However, the NLD, relying on external elements, was criticizing the State's efforts for nation-building and development work holding negative views. NLD (HQ) itself never directed its members to participate in the tasks for regional development. And the members had distanced themselves from the people. Moreover, there were more personality cult, disunity, sectarianism and attacks within the party. NLD's political activities were deviating from the correct path of political conviction. In addition, NLD had more links with groups of exiles, insurgents and terrorists. U Tha Htay said NLD was turning a blind eye to the interests of the State and the people and constantly committing wrongdoings. That was why they resigned from the party, he said.

Later, U Ye Myint (Ward-2, Shwegu), member of Township Organizing Committee of Shwegu Township NLD, presented the resignation letters together with office equipment to the chairman of Shwegu Township MDGES.

MNA

### Weather Forecast for 8-5-2006

**Nay Pyi Taw & neighbouring areas**

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

**Yangon & neighbouring areas**

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Mandalay & neighbouring areas**

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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*Henry Dunant, who was born in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 May 1828, came from a devout and charitable Calvinist family. He was an eyewitness of the Battle of Solferino (1859), which was the most violent of its kind in Europe at that time, which resulted in nearly 40,000 casualties.*