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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Local people should realize extraordinary goodwill and efforts the government is exerting to build large transport facilities in far-off regions

Twantay Bridge in Twantay Township put into commission

YANGON, 25 May—The inauguration of Twantay Bridge across the Twantay Canal near Phaya Ngokto Village in Twantay Township, Yangon South District, took place at the pavilion near the bridge this morning.

The project was undertaken by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

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Taking measures to overcome various forms of destructive acts committed by internal and external elements, the government has been making self-reliant efforts to enable the motherland to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets local people at the opening ceremony of Twantay Bridge. — MNA



Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses inauguration ceremony of Twantay Bridge in Twantay Township. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for improvement of women's life

More than half of the population of Myanmar is women. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed with a view to developing their lives and at present it has more than 2.2 million members. The Federation attaches special emphasis to the principles on national affairs and national races affairs and it is carrying out the tasks in accordance with the principles on social affairs and women's affairs.

The Federation has, under it, various working groups on national races affairs, legal affairs and environment and it has been constantly engaged in the work on security and development of women, improvement of their lifestyle and social and cultural affairs.

In addition to these working groups, state, division, district and township executive committees on women's affairs have been formed to safeguard the interests of women and fulfil their social and economic requirements.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is headed by women themselves and taking all the necessary measures for the security and development of women. Moreover, it is playing an active role in national development endeavours.

Myanmar women are polite and cultured by nature and they are models where preservation of their race and national culture is concerned. Throughout history, Myanmar women have had a fine tradition of working shoulder to shoulder with men in serving the interests of the nation.

Now is the time when the work on development of women is being encouraged on all fronts and in every way possible. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is taking the lead in improving the social and economic status of women. We strongly believe that Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is one of the major national forces and it will constantly put its energies into national development endeavours and strive for improvement of women's life.

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- * 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

Concrete bridge inaugurated in Sagaing Township

YANGON, 25 May — A concrete bridge namely Chanmyay Uyin donated by family of U Maung Maung (Zeya Shwemyay Co) and Dr Nilar Thein (Eye Specialist) was inaugurated near Uyin village in Zechaung village-tract, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division on 21 May.

Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vicharin-dabhivamsa of Maha Wizatayon Monastery in Mandalay, the donor formally opened the bridge that measures 200 feet long and 20 feet wide.

The sayadaw and local residents later strolled along the bridge.

At the merit-sharing ceremony, Nyaunglaybin Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merit gained.—MNA



U Maung Maung (Zeya Shwemyay)-Dr Nilar Thein (Eye Specialist) and family donate provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida. — MNA

52nd MCF Chairman's Cup cycling race concludes

YANGON, 25 May — The final events of cycling race for the 52nd Myanmar Cycling Federation Chairman's Cup for 2006 were held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna) this morning.

Today's events were men's and women's 4000-m, 10000-m and 800-m singles. After the final events, President of MCF U Kyaw Win (Shwe Thanlwin Company) awarded best cyclist prizes along with K 50,000 each to Khaing Mar Oo (Agriculture and Irrigation) and Myint Aye (Finance and Revenue).



MCF President U Kyaw Win presents best woman cyclist award to Khaing Mar Oo (A&I). — NLM

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 25 May — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons to the service organizations shown against each from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Names	Departments
(a) U Chit Shein Chairman Social Security Board Ministry of Labour	Director-General Labour Department Ministry of Labour
(b) U Tin Aung Win Director-General Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department Ministry of Labour	Chairman Social Security Board Ministry of Labour

MNA

Myanmar judo delegation arrives back

YANGON, 25 May — With the purpose of picking up gold medals in international judo tournaments, a four-member Myanmar judo delegation led by President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun arrived back home from Japan yesterday.

The Myanmar judo delegation members held discussions on impending judo matters with officials from Japanese Judo Federation of Kodokan Judo Training Centre from 17 to 24 May.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President of MJF Dr Min Naing, the general secretary, staff officer of Sports and Physical Education Department Daw Thi Thi Shein and executives.

Vice-President of MJF U Aye Kyi, Chief Coach Capt Than Maung (Retd) and executive U Aung Myo Shein also arrived back on the same flight.

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Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Al Khun Yi presented prizes to women cyclists who won in 4800-m singles and so did Vice-Chairman of MCF U Thet Win to men and women cyclists in 1000-m singles, 4800-m group's singles and 1000-m singles.

Afterwards, Secretary of MCF U Zaw Myint and Joint-Secretary Daw Hnin Sandar Oo and officials presented prizes to men and women cyclists winners in 1600-m, 4000-m, 10000-m and 800-m singles and group's singles events.

Cyclist Myint Aye (F&R) set a new record with 6 minutes and 39.69 seconds in 4800-m group's singles event after breaking Kyaw Min Thant (A&I)'s 6 minutes and 52.24 seconds set in 2003. — NLM

Russia, China to enhance military cooperation

Moscow, 24 May—Russian Vice-Premier and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov met visiting Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army Liang Guanglie here on Tuesday. “Russia wishes to enhance exchange and cooperation between the two armies, which accords with the long-term interest of the two countries and beneficial to regional stability and world peace,” Ivanov said at the meeting. Liang believes that the China-Russia relations are better than ever. He said

China also hopes to push the cooperation between the sides further. They discussed further deepening of the political dialogue and cooperation between Russia and China both on a bilateral basis and within the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on security in the Central Asian and Asia-Pacific regions. The two officials also touched on questions of mounting an anti-terrorist exercise within the SCO in the Russian territory in 2007.—MNA/Xinhua



More than 40 of the region’s top young minds are in Singapore for an ASEAN University Network Educational Forum, hosted by Singapore for the first time since it was inaugurated in 1998, on 22 May 2006. INTERNET



Scientists have sighted a spectacular South American frog which had been feared extinct for a decade in remote Colombia, on 19 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Chavez, Ahmadinejad offer mutual support

CARACAS, 24 May—Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad offered their mutual support in a phone conference on Monday

night, Venezuela’s Communications Ministry said in a statement on Tuesday. Their conversation included the topic of Iran’s nuclear ambitions, which Chavez has publicly supported several times, according to the statement. Ahmadinejad thanked Chavez for endorsing Iran’s right to developing nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, and said the two countries shared many “ideals and goals” which “have formed strong bonds between our two nations”.

He said that independent-minded governments could, with harmony, unity and wisdom, preserve and strengthen their natural resources. “As part of the vindication of our inalienable right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful means, we will continue to act in the framework of legality and with civilized logic,” he said.

Chavez reiterated his support for Iran’s civil use of nuclear power, saying he was sure that Iran would proceed with its nuclear programme with wisdom and that Iran’s people would succeed in the field. He also called for the advancement of the joint projects Iran and Venezuela were planning. The US Government accuses Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons, an accusation which Iran denies, insisting that it wants nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. MNA/Xinhua

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Mily prosecutor says dog handler was Abu Ghraib “corrupt cop”

FORT MEADE (Maryland), 24 May—Army dog handler Sergeant Santos Cardona was part of a group of “corrupt cops” who tormented Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib Prison for their own amusement, a military prosecutor said on Tuesday.

Cardona allowed his Belgian shepherd, Duco, to bite an inmate and joined another military police dog handler in a competition to see who could make the most prisoners urinate or defecate on themselves, Major Matthew Miller said at Cardona’s court-martial. Cardona and Sergeant Michael Smith also tried to make shackled Iraqi detainees do the “doggie dance” — flailing and screaming — as they let their snarling, unmuzzled dogs lunge at the prisoners, Miller said in his opening statement.

leaked showing Abu Ghraib prisoners being abused and sexually humiliated by American military personnel. Ten US soldiers have been convicted of abuse of Iraqi inmates at Abu Ghraib. At Cardona’s court-martial, testimony was expected for the first time from Major-General Geoffrey Miller, who helped shape policies at the prison outside Baghdad. Cardona, 32, faces

16 1/2 years in prison if convicted on all charges of maltreatment of prisoners, assault and dereliction of duty. The charges are being heard by a court-martial panel of four officers and three enlisted personnel, one of whom told the presiding officer she had a fear of dog attacks. Miller said Cardona joined Specialist Charles Graner and Staff Sergeant Ivan Frederick on the 4 am-to-4 pm guard shift

and imposed “jailhouse justice” at Abu Ghraib. “They would shackle detainees — and allow a dog to snarl and bark within inches of their face,” he said. “It was done for nothing more than the entertainment of corrupt cops serving on the night shift. “This is a case about cops who were trained better, who knew better, but abused detainees at Abu Ghraib.” MNA/Reuters

The defence has said it will try to direct blame at Cardona’s superiors. “He obeyed the law, he obeyed his superior NCOs (noncommissioned officers) and he obeyed his superior officers,” Cardona’s civilian attorney, Harvey Volzer, said.

Treatment of inmates in US military prisons abroad has been an embarrassing issue for the United States since 2004, when photographs were



Singapore’s new containerized field hospitals seen recently.—INTERNET

Italian police bust international cocaine ring

ROME, 24 May—Italian police on Tuesday busted an international cocaine ring engaged in smuggling drugs from Santo Domingo and the Dutch Antillies, local media reported.

Investigators said the cocaine arrived in Catania, a city of eastern Sicily, through the northern cities of Udinese and Venice and was then distributed at one of Catania’s best known night clubs, mostly visited by young South American prostitutes. Sixteen suspects have been arrested so far, while five others are still at large, the report said. The crackdown has also resulted in the seizure of more than 10 kilos of cocaine.

According to the prosecutor’s office in Trieste, the latest anti-drug operation was made possible thanks to a tip-off from the American Drug Enforcement Administration, which had intercepted a package containing cocaine at a post office in Cincinnati, Ohio, addressed to a location in the Italian province of Udine. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran reportedly wants direct nuclear talks with US

WASHINGTON, 24 May — Iran is making explicit requests for direct talks on its nuclear programme, *The Washington Post* reported on Tuesday, citing US officials, Iranian analysts and foreign diplomats.

Senior Iranian officials have asked intermediaries to make clear to Washington their appetite for direct talks, the newspaper said.

The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, was among those approached to carry the message, the newspaper said, citing several diplomats and Saeed Laylaz, an analyst in Teheran and former government official.

According to the report, Iranian officials also made requests through Indonesia, Kuwait and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to convey their interest to Washington.

“This is a sign of changing strategy. They realize the situation is dangerous and they should not waste time, that they should reach out,” Laylaz told *The Washington Post*.

A State Department spokeswoman, Nancy Beck, said there would be no immediate comment on the *Post*'s story.

The White House has dismissed calls for direct talks with Iran to resolve the stand-off over its nuclear programme.

Iran insists it wants only to produce energy for civilian use, but Western powers led by the United States, Britain, France and Germany argue it is using a civilian nuclear programme as a cover for producing the highly enriched uranium needed

for atomic bombs.

ElBaradei arrived in Washington on Tuesday for talks with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, intelligence chief John Negroponte and top US senators.

Officials from the United States, China, Russia, Britain and France were meeting in London on Wednesday to try to

draft an offer of incentives to Teheran if it agrees to curb its nuclear ambitions, twinned with disincentives should it fail to do so.

Iran's overture follows a letter from Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to President George W Bush earlier this month. Bush dismissed the letter, saying it did not address the nuclear issue.

MNA/Reuters



US actress Halle Berry poses during a photocall for US director Brett Ratner's film 'X-Men : The Last Stand' at the 59th edition of the International Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, southern France. —INTERNET

Belarus' President threatens to ban overflights

MINSK, 24 May — President Alexander Lukashenko suggested on Tuesday that he might ban Western flights over Belarus in response to sanctions against his former Soviet state in connection with his disputed re-election.

Lukashenko issued his threat in his annual State of the Nation address to Parliament in which he rejected any notion of a

change in the policies denounced in the West and refused to consider any contact with his opponents.

“Let them fly over the Baltic states or Ukraine. We ought to close the main route through,” Lukashenko told Parliament.

“Perhaps we will lose something here. But we must show them that we are proud people.”

The United States and European Union have

barred entry to Lukashenko and other officials in response to what they say was rigging in Lukashenko's March re-election.

The President's latest comment was almost certainly in response to last month's refusal by Canada and the United States to refuel a plane carrying Belarussian Prime Minister Sergei Sidorsky to and from

Cuba.

Lukashenko said Belarus would make a legal challenge to the sanctions following the election in which he was credited with 83 per cent of the vote to 6 per cent for his nearest rival.

“Who under international conventions is empowered to limit freedom of movement?” he said.

MNA/Reuters

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South Korean children walk past a model of Scud-B missile at a museum in Seoul on 22 May, 2006. INTERNET



German file-sharers hit with criminal charges

LONDON, 24 May — German police have filed criminal charges against more than 2,000 people accused of using the eDonkey file-sharing network to share copyrighted music illegally, the recording industry's trade group said on Tuesday.

The legal action, which will also include claims for compensation under civil law, is “the biggest single action against illegal file-sharing”, according to the London-based International Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI).

The music industry has filed civil lawsuits against thousands of individual users of “peer-to-peer” file-sharing networks like eDonkey in the past several years in a crackdown against online piracy, which the industry blames for the worst downturn in its history.

Criminal prosecutions against individual users have been relatively rare. “No one should be surprised that we are stepping up our campaign in this way,” said IFPI Chairman and Chief Executive John Kennedy. “Internet piracy has hurt the whole music community in Germany, with legitimate sales falling by a third in just five years.” The charges announced in Germany are aimed at people who upload music to file-sharing networks, not those who solely download music to their computers. — MNA/Reuters

Baby found in English river was unlawfully killed

LONDON, 24 May — A newborn baby girl, whose body was found with serious head injuries in a river in central England was unlawfully killed, police said on Tuesday.

The infant, given the name Lily by police, had been wrapped in a towel, placed in a white plastic bag and left in shallow water near Stratford, Warwickshire. Detective Chief Inspector Adrian Pearson, of Warwickshire Police, said the girl was not hurt during birth. Walkers

found her body on 11 May. “Lily was someone's granddaughter, she was

someone's daughter,” he told a news conference.

MNA/Reuters

Another Vietnamese province declares FMD outbreaks

HANOI, 24 May — Vietnam's central Nghe An Province has just announced foot-and-mouth outbreaks in its territory, joining 33 localities nationwide hit by the disease, local media reported Monday. Nghe An declared the outbreaks after spotting the disease in the three districts of Nam Dan, Quynh Luu and Tan Ky, where more than 130 cattle have been infected, said the *Vietnam Agriculture* newspaper. Earlier, central Quang Ngai Province, central Da Nang city and central highlands Lam Dong Province announced foot-and-mouth outbreaks in their territories. Vietnam is intensifying control over cattle transport and trade in affected areas, surveillance of the disease and vaccination of healthy animals. — MNA/Xinhua



India finally decided to join the talks on the construction of the gas pipeline project held in Islamabad, where Iranian and Pakistani oil ministry officials have already convened to commence negotiations on the remaining issues, informed sources at the Indian Oil Ministry said. —INTERNET

Cambodia urges media to help raise awareness on HIV/AIDS

PHNOM PENH, 24 May—The Cambodian Government on Monday launched a Media Guide on HIV/AIDS, asking journalists to help enhance publicity and awareness of the epidemic in the country.

“Media plays significant role in the HIV/AIDS programme and is also a key player in disseminating true information about HIV/AIDS and changing attitude of the community toward the most vulnerable victims,” Hong Sun Huot, president of the National AIDS Authority (NAA), said at the launching ceremony.

The 186-page Guide has 21 sections, including facts and data about HIV/AIDS in Cambodia and in the world; HIV/AIDS and the media; the impact on children and young people; exploring the role of men and older people in the epidemic; HIV testing and counselling; treatment and care as well as the targets of the next 10 years.

“We need to expand media coverage rather than to cause restraint to the effort,” he added.

A formal survey in 2003 indicated that Cambodia has 123,000 HIV carriers, which is equivalent to 1.9 per cent of all adult aged between 15 and 49.

A Ministry of Health’s estimate shows an increase rate of transmission from husband to

wife among new cases. “The rising scale and pace of AIDS epidemic in the rural areas throughout the country sparks an increasing concern, particularly the spread of AIDS to housewives and its transmission to their children, which remains the most prevalent in Cambodia against the overall trend in Southeast Asia,” said Hong Sun Huot. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Coal mine gas explosion kills eight in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 24 May— Eight miners have been killed in a gas explosion at a coal mine in central China’s Henan Province, officials with the provincial administration of production safety said Wednesday.

The fatal accident took place at Siyungou Village, Chencun Town of Mianchi County at 9:00 pm on Monday, killing the eight miners and trapping others.

The unlicensed coal mine, which had been shut down by local government, restarted operation at 7 pm Monday without any approval from authorities.

The owner and executives of the mine are hiding, which makes it hard to identify the exact number of the trapped miners, the officials said.

Rescue work is in full swing, according to the officials.

MNA/Xinhua

Morales ally rejects Bush’s democracy concerns

LA PAZ (Bolivia), 24 May — A close ally of Bolivian President Evo Morales rejected comments by US President George W Bush expressing concern about “the erosion of democracy” in Bolivia, state news agency *ABI* reported late on Monday.

Bush said on Monday he was concerned about democracy in oil- and gas-rich Venezuela and Bolivia, where leftist Morales was elected with 54 per cent of the vote in December on pledges to nationalize the energy industry. Bolivia’s senate leader, Santos Ramirez, said the government was keeping its election promises.

He said Bush had made his comments because “Bolivia and Latin America are no longer the servile democracies that tolerate poverty and surrendering our sovereignty.”

December’s resounding election of Morales, a leader of the country’s coca farmers, follows a leftward trend across Latin America where freemarket economic policies have done little to eradicate grinding poverty.

US relations with Venezuela have been fraught with tension and Morales has formed close ties with his ideological ally Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who regularly trades insults with Washington.

Morales’ nationalization of Bolivia’s natural gas-dominated energy sector on 1 May drew concerns from foreign investors and some governments, but the US public response was merely for spokesmen to cautiously express concern over the potential economic impact.

Bush made his remarks in response to a question at a speech to the National Restaurant Association about what his strategy was with oil-producing countries not friendly to the United States, such as Venezuela and Bolivia.

Bolivia, South

America’s poorest country, has the region’s biggest natural gas reserves after Venezuela — the world’s No 5 oil exporter. Chavez is due to visit Bolivia later this week to sign a series of bilateral deals, including

energy cooperation.

Morales regularly attacks the United States in his speeches but his government and US embassy officials have said they have a positive relationship.

MNA/Reuters



Trucks are piled up in the traffic accident on an expressway linking Beijing and Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 23 May, 2006. The death toll rose to nine, and the seriously injured increased to 16 in a dozen of pileups here on Tuesday. —INTERNET



Singapore’s Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, who is in Japan for a six-day visit, has had a warm exchange of views with some of the country’s top business leaders on 22 May, 2006. INTERNET

33 alive Vietnamese fishermen, 15 dead bodies go ashore

DA NANG CITY (Vietnam), 24 May — Vietnam’s rescue ships Tuesday brought ashore 33 exhausted local fishermen who had struggled for a week in Typhoon Chanchu. Another 15 dead bodies were also brought back to land.

After being brought ashore by two rescue ships of Vietnam’s Maritime Search and Rescue Coordination Centre Region 2 based in central Da Nang City on Tuesday afternoon, both dead and alive fishermen were taken to the Da Nang General Hospital.

“Our two rescue ships

received 15 dead bodies and 33 exhausted alive fishermen in the sea waters some 320 nautical miles from Da Nang. A Navy ship has received three other dead bodies and healthy fishermen. It will go ashore tomorrow (May 24),” the centre’s vice director Tran Van Long told *Xinhua*.

On Tuesday afternoon, Quang Nam, Deputy Prime Minister Pham Gia Khiem, among some other senior officials and thousands of people from Da Nang and its neighbouring province, received the fishermen at the Han River’s port.

“Let’s share this pain. We’ve tried our best, although we should draw

lessons (from the incidence caused by the typhoon),” Khiem said at the receiving ceremony.

After the ceremony, local people rushed to the hospital where the exhausted fishermen were given medical care, and the dead bodies were identified and taken home by their relatives.

“Out of 15 dead bodies, 10 from Quang Nam and three from Da Nang have been recognized. Only two have remained unrecognized. We will resort to DNA tests to identify them. The alive fishermen are just tired, not injured,” the hospital’s vice director Tran Quang Hieu told *Xinhua*.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven die from drinking contaminated water in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 May—Drinking water contaminated by sewage has been blamed for the deaths of seven people in eastern Pakistan, an official said on Tuesday.

The sewage is thought to have contaminated the water supply in a poor, densely populated part of the industrial city of Faisalabad, according to District Coordination

Officer Suleman Khan. Hundreds of others were sickened by the water who have been admitted in government and private hospitals. The victims are mostly children, who are suffering from stomach problems, vomiting and diarrhoea, Khan said.

Meanwhile, local media have put the death toll at 12. Sewage seeped out of rusty pipes and into nearby drinking water pipes, which were also rusty, in parts of Faisalabad.

The drinking water supply systems in Pakistan’s cities are often poorly maintained, and their pipes sometimes run near waste water outlets.

Khan said that several officials had been suspended for their negligence which led to the outbreak of the disease.

MNA/Xinhua



Employees of animation companies dressed up as cartoon figures celebrate the opening of the Shenzhen Yijing National Cartoon and Animation Industry Base in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, on 19 May, 2006. —INTERNET

India, Pakistan start talks over contested glacier

NEW DELHI, 24 May— India and Pakistan resumed talks on Tuesday about control of the Siachen glacier in Kashmir, where thousands of troops are holed up in bitterly freezing temperatures, as part of efforts to improve ties between the nuclear-armed foes.

The two-day talks in New Delhi over the world's highest battlefield follow local media reports in the past few months that the two sides were inching towards a

blueprint for a troop pullout, though officials are tightlipped.

Both sides fielded large teams of bureaucrats and military officers, headed by their respective defence secretaries.

Thousands of soldiers have died in Siachen, high in the Himalayas, with more fatalities due to freezing temperatures, high altitude sickness and avalanches than to enemy fire.

The Siachen talks — part of a wide-ranging peace process — comes a

day ahead of a two-day peace conference involving Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and some Kashmiri separatist groups in Srinagar, the main city in India's Jammu and Kashmir state.

Hundreds of armed police and soldiers were on high alert in Srinagar ahead of Singh's visit after the city was hit by four grenade blasts on Monday, killing one person and wounding 24.

MNA/Reuters

Some areas near Merapi now seen safe

JAKARTA, 24 May— Some regions near Indonesia's rumbling Mount Merapi volcano are now considered safe although the alert level for the entire area is still at its highest, an official said on Tuesday.

Merapi, located in the centre of the country's main Java Island, has been rumbling for weeks and scientists say a major eruption could come anytime.

The area around it was placed on red alert on May 14, and villagers in the

immediate vicinity told to evacuate to shelters.

The subsequent declarations of safety have prompted local governments of areas near the eastern slope to allow evacuees to return to their homes.

"The danger zones have been localized... in the western and southern foothills of Merapi. Other zones are safe," said Triyani, an official at the state-run Centre of Volcanological Research and Technology Development in Yogyakarta, the

closest city to the volcano.

However, she said any place less than seven kilometres (four miles) from the mountain's crater is still hazardous.

"If they want to go home, go ahead. But if they want to stay at shelters, we will accommodate them," said Syamsudin, who heads the social services office in Boyolali regency, east of Merapi. Around 7,000 Boyolali residents had been evacuated due to Merapi's red alert.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam has nearly 500 gold mines

HANOI, 24 May — Vietnam has spotted 500 gold deposits and verified reserves totalling 300 tons in 30 of the deposits, local media reported Tuesday.

Most of gold mines are located in northern mountainous provinces including Hoa Binh, Thaa Nguyen, Bac Can, Cao Bang and Lang Son, *Young People* newspaper quoted a report of the Vietnamese Trade Industry.

According to the industry's assessment, Vietnam should establish a gold complex with annual gold production capacity of one ton in the Doi Bu area in Hoa Binh.

The Na Pai area in Lang Son has an estimated gold reserve of 30 tons, but the country finds it hard to exploit gold there, since the exploitation requires complex technologies.

Now, all gold exploiting businesses in the northern mountainous region have stopped operation, since their outdated technologies have resulted in low economic efficiency and big loss to natural resources, said the news-

paper.

Vietnam's first gold plant with an annual refining capacity of 180,000 tons became operational in central Quang Nam Province in early April. The plant, owned by a joint venture between two local companies and a Canadian one, is exploiting ores from the Bong Mieu gold mine with an estimated reserve of at least eight tons of gold to produce 600 kilos of the precious metal annually.

MNA/Xinhua

More Chinese-language teachers needed for world demand

BEIJING, 24 May — China's Ministry of Education warned on Monday that there are now less than 1 per cent of the five million professional Chinese-as-a-second-language teachers that are expected to be needed over the next five years.

The number of foreigners learning Chinese around the world is expected to hit 100 million in 2010, according to the ministry's National Office for Teaching Chinese as a

Foreign Language.

At a ratio of one teacher for every 20 students, five million teachers will be required, far exceeding the 40,000 working now around the

world, the office estimated.

Zhang Xinsheng, Vice-Education Minister, said that despite the worldwide shortfall, China has plenty of

Chinese teachers.

About 10,000 students majoring in Chinese graduate each year, and 1,500 more professionals graduate as teachers of Chinese as a foreign language from 33 universities and colleges in China, according to Zhang.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi oil firm Aramco backs green house gas cut

DHAHRAN (Saudi Arabia), 24 May— Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, signalled on Monday it would help the fight against global warming through research on cutting carbon dioxide emissions in the oil and gas industry. Experts at a first regional conference on technologies to limit greenhouse gases blamed for global warming said winning over Saudi state oil giant Aramco would be a major step forward in convincing governments and industry of their cause.

Negotiators from 163 nations are meeting in Germany this week for talks on extending the UN's Kyoto Protocol on measures to ward off disastrous climate changes such as more heat waves, droughts, floods and rising sea levels.—MNA/Reuters

Blaze kills five children in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 May— A home fire killed five children in southeast Brazil on Monday, local media reported. The fire broke out in Vacaria in the southeastern state of Rio Grande do Sul on Monday morning, local fire brigade said on Monday.

The five children, aged between one and six, were in the care of their eldest brother, 13, who managed to escape the fire and survived.

Their mother, who works as a domestic, was on her way to work at the centre of the city at the time of the fire.

Local fire department said the most likely cause of fire in the wooden home was the candles used for illumination. — MNA/Xinhua

Over 100 feared dead in Thai northern flooding

BANGKOK, 24 May — More than 100 people were feared dead in flash floods till Tuesday which ravaged through many northern provinces of Thailand during the last several days, officials were quoted by

Thai local media as saying.

Uttaradit, Sukhothai, Phrae and Lampang provinces of northern Thailand are now reeling in the face of the inundation, caused by heavy downpours over

the past few days.

At least 100 people were killed by the disaster and another 200 victims injured, local officials were quoted by Thai English newspaper *The Nation* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescuers equip a large diameter water pipe at the Xinjing Coal Mine in Zuoyun County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 23 May, 2006. By 6 pm on Tuesday, about 4,600 cubic metres has been pumped out of the mine, and water level in it began to fall. More pumps are to be used to speed up the pumping as 57 coal miners were still trapped by an underground flood since 18 May, 2006.—INTERNET

Improving network of roads in Shan State

Sai Thein (Kengtung)

The present era witnesses the strength of the harmonious endeavours the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are exerting for national modernization and progress and improvement of the country's living standard.

The development of rural areas, where the majority live, has direct relations with urban prosperity. In other words, rural development means the national development.

The projects the government has been implementing on a wider scale cover rural transport facilitation, clean water supply for consumption and agriculture, and health,

education and economic development of villages.

One of the rural developments we have witnessed is the paved entrance road to Yanlaw model village in Kengtung Township, eastern Shan State, and the Yanlaw-Kahtaik rural road opened on 26 March this year.

Tar provided by Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, labour, technical and mechanical assistance of the regional unit of the Directorate of Military Engineering and the public participation, all, made the emergence of the 3600-foot entrance road a reality.

And the allotted funds of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs,

labour, technology and heavy machinery of Public Works and local people were the forces behind the successful granite-laying of the Yanlaw-Kahtaik rural road.

Transport is the foundation of national, provisional or regional development, while regional security stands as the initial step towards ensuring smooth transport.

The years following 1988 have seen the prevalence of peace and security almost in the entire Shan State, with the restoration of the rule of law as the noticeable result.

The opening of the upgraded 114-mile Tarkaw-Kengtung section of the Taunggyi-



A section of Kengtung-Mongpyin-Tarkaw new road.

Kengtung Union Highway in July 2005 can be seen as another booster for regional progress.

When bad weather made flying to Kengtung impossible in the past, travellers to the town had to experience difficulties due to poor road transport all along the journey that usually took days to reach the destination.

Sometimes a traveller would have to walk miles to the nearest village to buy rice or something to eat as they were running out of food during the long and difficult journey. Besides, Malaria was another drawback.

Poor roads caused damage to the vehicles, triggering the hike in transport charges and eventually the commodity prices.

But now, thanks to the upgrading of the 114-mile Tarkaw-Kengtung section, Taunggyi-Kengtung journey has become possible within 12 hours for large trucks or passenger coaches. The commissioning of the Thanlwin River Bridge (Tarpur) on Kutkai-Tamoenye-Mongsi-Tarshwehtan road to the border on the east bank in northern Shan State in May 2005 led to the opening of the shortest road between northern and southern Shan State on 6 June the same year.

At present, there is Dokhtawady River Bridge (Nawngkhio) on Nawngkhio-Yaksawk-Shwenyaung road. In the past, it took 15 days for heavy trucks travelling on deteriorating Taunggyi-Tarkaw-Mongpyin-Kengtung road to reach the destination. In the rainy season the road had to be temporarily closed due to landslides.

The rapid development of border towns including Kengtung and Mongla together with the growing trade, the rising traffic and the completion of Tachilek-Kengtung-Mongla road

prompted the government to upgrade the Taunggyi-Kengtung Union Highway.

Opening of Mongpyin-Kengtung Road has helped facilitate Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road. A network of roads and bridges are now linking all the major towns in southern Shan State, northern Shan State and eastern Shan State. The entire Shan State now has direct road access to Mandalay Division.

Moreover, roads in the entire Shan State has paved the way for increased border trade with the People's Republic of China, Thailand and Laos and created brighter prospects for further progress of the state itself.

Officials have also been making arrangements for improvement of roads linking districts, towns and villages during the field tours. A network of roads in the entire Shan State are, in fact, infrastructures for regional development.

(Translation: TMT)

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An aerial view of Kengtung-Mongpyin-Tarkaw Road.

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 In the previous successive periods, secluded regions did not see large bridges across rivers and creeks and roads that called for heavy investments, heavy machinery and advanced technologies. Local people should realize extraordinary goodwill and efforts the government is exerting to build large transport facilities in secluded regions.

The government has been spending huge investments, manpower, heavy machinery and

At the same time, it has been implementing the border areas and national races development project, the 24-region development project and the five rural development tasks harmoniously for equitable development of all parts of the Union and reducing the development gap between one region and another. In the process, the Tatmadaw, the government and the people are making endeavours in concert and as a result, respective regions have witnessed many basic foundations for devel-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends the ceremony to open Twantay Bridge. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party pose for documentary photo together with officials of the construction project and locals at the opening of Twantay Bridge. — MNA

technologies in road and bridge projects with the genuine goodwill to ensure better transport and swift flow of commodities and to raise economic, education, health and social standards of local people in the regions that lagged behind in development due to poor transport.

He said that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on implementation of development projects and infrastructures needed for national development in all the strategic regions across the nation and construction of necessary infrastructures region-wise

after making reviews on the requirements of respective regions. Adhering to the guidance, the government is constructing such large

Thanks to the clusters of river and creek-spanning bridges and roads the Tatmadaw Government has built in the townships in Ayeyawady Division



Local resident Dr Thein Zaw Myint. — MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

MNA

transport facilities systematically to link Dalla, Twantay, Kungyangan and Hlinethaya Townships with Yangon.

that had to mainly rely on waterways for transport in previous successive periods as well as in Dalla, Twantay and Hlinethaya

tion and development. In its efforts to enter a new age smoothly, it has laid down plans to systematically integrate the sound foundations of political, economic and social progress that will always safeguard Our Three Main National Causes.

Thanks to united endeavours of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people, sound political foundations based on national unity, sound economic foundations based on economic, agriculture and industrial enterprises run by nationalities, and sound social foundations based on patriotism, unity, Union Spirit and the spirit to cherish and preserve national culture are emerging firmly in the nation.

The nation today is enjoying all-round progress together with the prevalence of State stabil-



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win. — MNA

Townships, local people can travel and transport commodities easily. So, it can be said that the transport sector has turned a new page.

The government has been in the process of setting up a discipline-flourishing democratic state enjoying peace and stability and moderniza-

ity and the rule of law. Nationalities should make harmonious efforts while accepting the task of further developing and handing over the sound foundations to the future generations.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said Twantay Bridge is the (See page 9)



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26th over 180-foot bridge built by the government in Yangon Division. The government is also building No 2 Thanlyin Bridge on Bago River, Kamakyi bridge spanning Ngamoeyeik Creek and Kayan Creek Bridge.

The bridge over Twantay canal linking No 5 Highway in Hlinethaya industrial estate and Dalla-Twantay road ensures direct transport between Yangon City and Dalla, Twantay, Kawmu, and Kung-yangon townships in Yangon South District, and Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Bogale

townships in Ayeyawady Division, without needing to use Z-craft to cross watercourses. The facility cuts time in transporting rice, beans and pulses and fishery products to Yangon, thereby, serving the interest of Yangon Division as well as the nation.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun said that up to now the government has built 215 over 180-foot bridges in the nation — 195 by the Construction Ministry, 11 by Directorate of Military Engineers, seven by Rail Transportation Ministry and two by Electric

Power Ministry. The government has built 2044 under 180-foot bridges during the same period. A local also spoke words of thanks.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party cordially greeted those who attended the ceremony.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge. The Secretary-1 unveiled the plaque.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party posed for photo together with the local people. They also inspected the facility.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein pressing the button to unveil the stone plaque of Twantay Bridge. — MNA

The suspension bridge, 3570 feet long, has a 1365-foot approach road on either bank. It

supports a 28-foot motor road flanked by four-foot pedestrian lanes. The waterway under it is 45 feet

high and 700 feet wide. It can withstand up to 60 tons.

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School enrolment activity launched in Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 25 May — Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the Dagon Myothit (South) Township school enrolment activity at BEHS No 2 this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai gave an opening speech. Township Education Officer, U Min Sein, explained the enrolment activities.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai and Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department accepted K 3.3 million from wellwishers.

Afterwards, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai, Director-



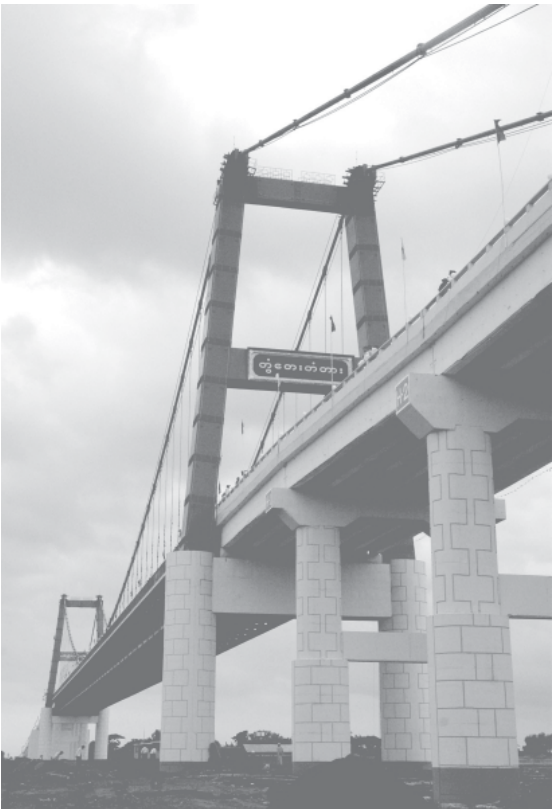
Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai presents stationery to a schoolboy. — MNA

General U Aye Kyu and Chairman of Yangon East District PDC Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein presented school equipment and stationery to students.

Headmaster U Hla Chaw expressed gratitude.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai and guests viewed enrolment of students at the school.

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Twantay

Bridge in

Twantay

Township.

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Ministry of Sports holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Sports was held at Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Also present at the meeting were the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department, the deputy director-general and officials.

The minister called for successful

implementation of sports policies laid by the State and of the work policies of the ministry.

The director-general later reported on work being carried out in the divisions and states. The deputy director-general gave supplementary reports.

After hearing reports, the minister attended to the needs.

The minister presented stipend to the offspring of the staff of the ministry.—MNA

Minister inspects Women's Development Centre in Kamayut



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visits a workshop of Social Welfare Department. — MNA

YANGON, 25 May — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe arrived at Women's Development Centre on Thanlwin Street yesterday afternoon.

At the hall of the development centre, Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing reported to the minister on functions made by the centre. Next, the minister met with principals of schools and de-

partments under the ministry and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister and party inspected women care centre, textile booth, loom workshop and sale booth.

MNA

Forestry Minister oversees preparation for timber sales

YANGON, 25 May — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung today went to Kan-3 raft jetty in Ahlon Township and

Satsan raft jetty in Pazundaung Township and inspected timber which will be put on sale through tender system.

Logs are categorized at the raft jetties where sales of logs will be held.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects timber for sale through tender system. — MNA

School Enrolment Week launched in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — The School Enrolment Week for 2006-07 academic year was launched at No 1 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department, No 2 Basic Education Department Col Aye Lwin and officials, Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence, departmental

officials, wellwishers, parents and students.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein explained activities on school enrolment for 2006-07 academic year and enhancement of education sector.

Pyinmana Township Education Officer U Hla Htoo reported on preparations for the School Enrolment Week.

The minister, the deputy minister and officials presented school stationery and uniforms to students. Next, the minister accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Next, the minister, the deputy minister and party proceeded to No 6 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw. They provided school stationery and uniforms to students.

The minister inspected installation of multi-media accessories at the school and gave necessary instructions.

At No 5 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw, the minister met teachers, parents and students and gave stationery, textbooks and school uniforms to the students and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Myanmar Brewery Ltd donates cash to MHH, four social welfare schools

YANGON, 25 May — Myanmar Brewery Ltd donated K 2.5 million each to Mental Health Hospital in Ywathagyi, four schools under the Social Welfare Department and the women development association here.

At the cash donation ceremony held at the Mental Health Hospital, Mr David Teng of Myanmar Brewery Ltd presented K 2.5 million to Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Zaw Sein Lwin.

Employees of Myanmar Brewery Ltd

and wellwishers also donated cash and kind to the hospital at the ceremony.

In the afternoon, Myanmar Brewery Ltd held its second session of the cash donation ceremony at Karaweik Pal-

each to School for the Disabled, School for the Blind, the association for the development of women (Wingaba), Youth Parahita (Tiger) School and School for Orphans (Pale Myothit) through personnel concerned.



Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd) of Myanmar Brewery Ltd presents K 2.5 million to School for the Blind. — MNA

ace Hotel here. At the ceremony, Mr David Teng and General Manager of the company Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd) presented K 2.5 million

Today's cash donation amounted to over K 36.5 million including K 4 million contributed by owners of restaurants in Yangon. — MNA

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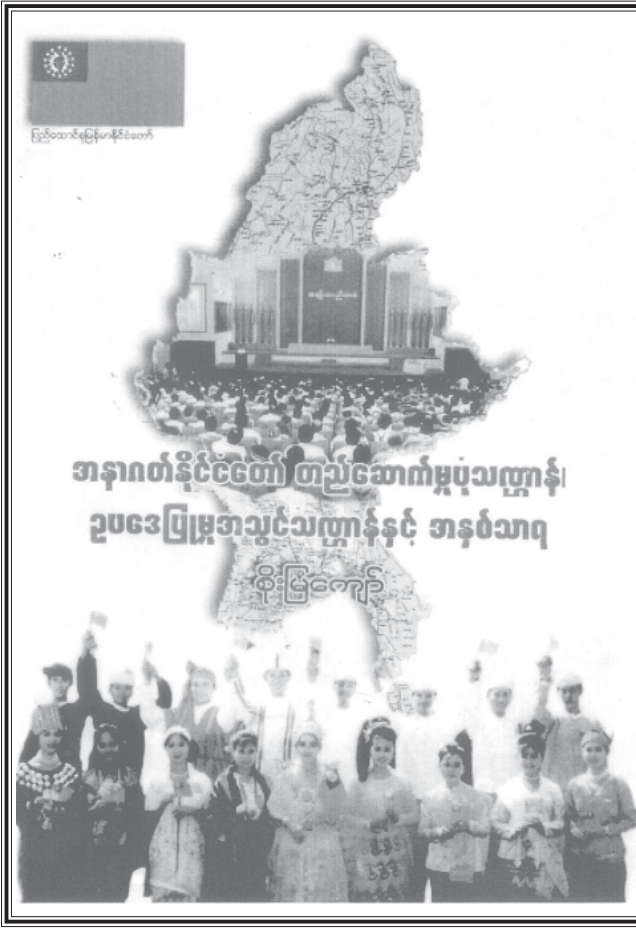
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Cash and books donated to self-reliant library in Hlegu



Information Department Head Daw Kyi Kyi Win of MWAFF explains the purpose of the donation at the ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 25 May — The Information Department under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated various kinds of books and cash to Yaungni U self-reliant library in Wanetkon Model Village in Hlegu Township this morning.

The ceremony was held at the post-primary school, and it was attended by Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Deputy Head of Department Daw Mya Mya and members, members of the Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and local people.

First, Head of Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win explained the purpose of the donation.

Next, Head of the department Daw Kyi Kyi Win donated K 50,000 and 1,010 books, Head of Yangon Division WAO Information Department Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt K 30,000 and 200 books, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Mya Thin 500 copies of periodicals, Hlegu Township PDC Chairman U Khin Maung Win K 50,000, Hlegu Township WAO Chairperson Daw Hla Hla Win one clock and 100 books, MWDC Factory K 30,000, Myanma Petroleum Product Enterprise of Hlegu Township K 30,000, Hlegu Township USDA K 20,000, Forest Department, Land Record and Resettlement Department, MEPE, Development Affairs Committee, No 136 Bus Line, No 135 Bus Line, Myawady Bus Line

and Wanetkon Village WAO K 10,000 each and a wellwisher from Wanetkon Village 70 books to Chairman of the Library Committee U Thein Lwin who spoke words of thanks.

Today's donations amounted to K280,000, 1,680 books and one clock.

Later, they visited the library. — MNA

Cartoon and painting contests to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held

YANGON, 25 May — Cartoon and Painting Contests to mark 2006 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking organized by Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division Narcotic Drug Abuse Control at No 2 Latha BEHS this morning.

The contests are divided into four groups with the different titles — under-10 age, 10-15, 15-20 and above-20 and the officials of the supervisory committee supervised the competing of the contestants.

Altogether 117 people took part in the cartoon and painting contests and the poster contest continues at the same venue tomorrow. — MNA

Chief Justice, Attorney-General call for speedy administration of justice in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Attorney-General U Aye Maung on 23 May afternoon met with lawyers in Magway and Minbu districts at Magway Division Law Office and called on them to see to speedy administration of justice in the division.

Before the meeting with lawyers, they also met with judges and law officers of Magway Division, District and township courts and Minbu District court at the hall in Magway and discussed legal and judicial matters and codes of service personnel.

During their tour, U Aung Toe and U Aye Maung inspected courts in the division. — MNA

Entries invited to article and colour photo contests

YANGON, 25 May — With a view to disseminating lofty aims and activities of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to the people, the MWAFF will organize the article and colour photo contests to mark the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2006.

The entry for the article contest must be the one which has never been printed and it must be between 30,000 and 50,000 words. The contestant is to send two copies of manuscripts together with two licence size photos and a brief biography. The entry must be own creation.

The contestant may participate in the colour photo contest with his works measuring 10" by 14", together with two licence size photos and brief biography.

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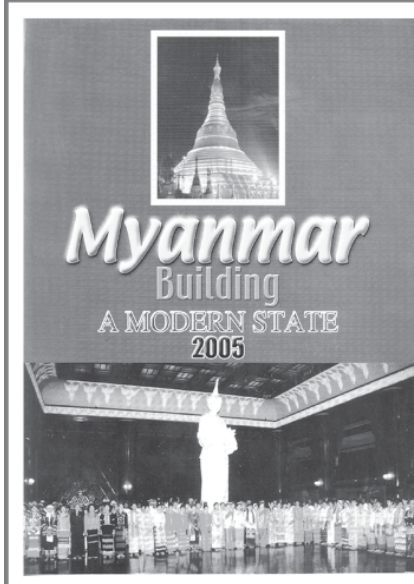
LUANDA, 24 May—French and Brazilian oil companies have been selected to explore two offshore oil fields in Angola respectively, local media reported on Tuesday.

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Vietnam needs investment of \$3b for garment industry

HANOI, 24 May—Vietnam needs to invest three billion US dollars in its garment and textile industry from now to 2010, local newspaper *People's Army* reported Tuesday.

Of the money, over 2.27 billion dollars will be spent on weaving and dyeing projects, 443 million dollars on garment ones, about 200 million dollars on manpower training, and some 180 million dollars on developing textile and

garment materials, the paper quoted sources from the country's Industry Ministry as saying.

After Vietnam joins the World Trade Organization (WTO), hopefully late this year, it will export more garments and textiles, especially to the United States, and attract more foreign investors in the domestic apparel industry, Deputy Industry Minister Bui Xuan Khu said recently.

As a WTO member, Vietnam will lure more

foreign investors into Vietnam in making garments and textiles and then exporting them to their countries, and companies in a third country into placing orders for apparel items produced in Vietnam, he said. The country is estimated to reap 5.5 billion dollars from exporting garments and textiles, mainly to the European Union and the United States, in 2006, up 14.6 per cent against 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil reports strong April job creation

BRASILIA, 24 May—Brazil registered 229,803 new jobs in April, raising to around 569,500 the total number of new jobs in the year to date, the Labour Ministry said on Tuesday.

Taking the figures into account, the government is justified to estimate some 1.4 million jobs could be created in 2006, compared with 1.25 million in 2005 and 1.4 million in 2004, said Labour Minister Luiz Marinho.

By the end of the four-year presidency of Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Brazil will

see the creation of 5 million new jobs, he added.

Analysts believe that the strong job creation was stimulated by falling interest rates, strong exports, increasing government civil engineering projects and good results in commercial agriculture.

The manufacturing sector offered nearly 78,500 new jobs in April, while the service sector generated around 87,500

MNA/Xinhua

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S-W China launches joint programme to help brain paralytics

NANNING, 24 May — A Chinese-foreign cooperative programme was launched here on Sunday to help China's brain paralytics and the mentally challenged get better therapy and education.

It is the 16th National Day for Helping the Disabled Day on Sunday. The programme is conducted by the Disabled Persons' Federation of China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and international organizations for aiding the handicapped.

The programme will take four years. The international organizations for aiding the handicapped will do survey and research in this region, based on which they will set up a database and information system for brain paralytics

and the mentally challenged. Specific aiding plans will then be designed according to analysis of the database and information system.

Statistics show that 70 per cent of China's brain paralytics and mentally challenged children live in poor regions.

"Due to poor economy and lack of resources of rehabilitation, education and information, many children in Guangxi do not have opportunities to get timely treatment as well as education," Li

Xiaofeng, an official with the regional disabled persons' federation said.

This programme aims to help these children live and study as normal children and it is also considered a step to implement the country's goal of providing rehabilitation service for every disabled by 2015, Li said.—MNA/Xinhua



Yamaha's Stefan Everts has taken pole position for the MX1 class at the Grand Prix of Japan on 21 May, 2006.—INTERNET

German, US scientists develop combo vaccine against bird flu

LOS ANGELES, 24 May — An efficient and cost-effective combo vaccine for limiting bird flu in poultry and preventing its spread to humans has been developed, German and US scientists reported on Monday.

Genetically engineered from a weakened bird virus called Newcastle disease virus (NDV), the new vaccine can protect against not only the highly pathogenic H5 avian influenza, but also the Newcastle disease, said the researchers from German Federal Institute for Animal Health and the Intervet company based in the United States.

Their report was published in the 22 May issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Newcastle disease, an economically important viral disease of poultry, is currently controlled by routine vaccination. The researchers said they produced this combo vaccine by inserting a bird flu gene into the NDV genome.

Through genetic engineering, the researchers led by Angela Roemer-Oberdoerfer inserted the hemagglutinin gene H5 of the highly pathogenic avian influenza strain H5N2 into the NDV viral genome. Thus, they actually produced a new virus called NDVH5m.

The resulting recombinant virus induced antibody production against both NDV and avian influenza and protected chickens against

these diseases after exposure to lethal doses of both viruses, the researchers said.

"Immunization of chickens with NDVH5m induced NDV and Avian Influenza Virus (AIV) H5-specific antibodies, and protected chickens against clinical disease after challenge with a lethal dose of velogenic NDV or highly pathogenic AIV, respectively," they wrote in the paper.

The new study de-

monstrates the possibility of designing affordable and effective vaccines against multiple poultry diseases, they added. These dual vaccine strategies may also provide methods for controlling the growing public health threat of avian flu.

"Recombinant NDV-H5m is suitable as a bivalent vaccine against NDV and AIV and may be used as marker vaccine for the control of avian influenza," the researchers said.—MNA/Xinhua



Two young single people perform at a matchmaking gathering in the Shiji Park in Shanghai, east China, on 20 May, 2006. A matchmaking gathering held in the park attracted tens of thousands of people on Saturday.—INTERNET

China to breed more rare Manchurian tigers

HARBIN, 24 May — The Manchurian Tiger Park, the world's biggest artificial breeding base of the rare feline mammal, will have 100 more baby tigers this year, which will bring the number of tigers in the park to more than 700 by the year-end.

The park has more than 200 female tigers at baby-bearing ages, among which at least 50 will give births this year, said Wang Ligang, general manager of the park in Harbin, capital of

northeast China's Heilongjiang Province.

Manchurian tigers give births after a 105-day gestation period, and those living in the wild will not mate before their cubs are two years old, according to Wang.

However, a captive Manchurian tiger gives two births in a year in the care of human beings, Wang said.

The park was established in 1986 with only 8 Manchurian tigers and the population is now

620, accounting for nearly half of the total in China.

A survey by Chinese, American and Russian experts, organized by the United Nations Development Programme, found in 1999 that only five to seven wild Manchurian tigers were known to exist in Heilongjiang Province which is their original home.

MNA/Xinhua

Edmund Hillary blames climbers for Everest death

WELLINGTON, 24 May — Edmund Hillary, the first man to climb Mount Everest, has blamed the commercialization of climbing the world's highest mountain for the death of a British climber, a newspaper reported on Wednesday.

New Zealand's Hillary, who conquered the summit in May 1953 with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, said he would have abandoned his

own summit bid if another climber's life had been in danger. "I think the whole attitude towards climbing Mount Everest has become rather horrifying," *The New Zealand Herald* newspaper quoted him as saying.

"The people just want to get to the top. They don't give a damn for anybody else who may be in distress."

British climber David Sharp died on the mountain

last week, apparently after reaching the summit and getting into difficulty on the way down, while several parties — including that of New Zealand's Mark Inglis who became the first double amputee to reach the 8,850 metre (29,035 foot) peak — passed him by. "On my expedition there was no way you would have left a man under a rock to die," said Hillary.

MNA/Reuters

A visitor views a porcelain vase at an exhibition of duplicate national treasures in Hefei, Capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 23 May, 2006. Some 50 pieces of duplicate national treasures, selected by China National Museum and Beijing Palace Museum were demonstrated in Hefei on Tuesday, including porcelains, enamels and paintings of Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasty, attracting many local residents.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Eto'o believes African team can win World Cup

TEL AVIV, 25 May— Barcelona and Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o believes an African team can win the World Cup in Germany.

Despite the absence of Nigeria and Cameroon at next month's tournament, Eto'o said there was plenty of potential in the African teams that have qualified — Ghana, Angola, Tunisia, Togo and Ivory Coast will.

"I think all the African teams that are there are there for a reason. They have the means to live their dreams and go all the way. But they need to believe," Eto'o told Reuters.

He was speaking during a visit to Israel to promote a joint Israeli-Arab youth soccer initiative aimed at bringing the divided communities together.

"Because of their potential I think everyone is putting their hopes in the Ivory Coast," said Eto'o, singling out the Ivorian defence for special mention.

Eto'o said he was impressed by Arsenal's young Ivorian defenders Kolo Toure and Emmanuel Eboué during Barcelona's victory over Arsenal in the Champions League final.

"They are very good. They are playing at an international level already — among the best," he said.

Makedonija Skopje lift domestic cup for first time

SKOPIE, 25 May — A spectacular late goal by Filip Ivanovski gave Makedonija Skopje a 3-2 victory over Skendija Tetovo on Wednesday to clinch a first Macedonian Cup triumph. Skendija led twice, only for Makedonija to hit back and clinch victory with Ivanovski's solo effort a minute from time.

Artim Polozani fired Skendija ahead in the 59th minute but Makedonija equalized thanks to a Vasko Stefanov own goal. Nuri Mustafi restored Skendija's lead with 12 minutes remaining before substitute Marjan Belcev made it 2-2 five minutes from time.

MNA/Reuters

Eto'o said he was disappointed that he was not going to the World Cup with Cameroon, particularly after Barcelona's fine season when they also won the league title.

"I think that everything I have done with the club is not compatible with the fact that I am not going to the World Cup." The World Cup begins on 9 June. — MNA/Reuters

Anderlecht sign Egypt captain Ahmed Hassan

BRUSSELS, 25 May — Champions Anderlecht completed the signing of Egyptian captain Ahmed Hassan on Wednesday.

"Hassan was signed on a free transfer from Turkish First Division club Besiktas and has agreed a contract of two years," Anderlecht CEO Herman van Holsbeeck told Reuters.

The 31-year-old midfielder captained Egypt to the African Nations Cup in January when he was named player of the tournament. He joined Besiktas in 2003.

MNA/Reuters



Players of Kenya's Ulinzi club celebrate their victory over defending champion Uganda's SC Villa club in their quarter-final match at the Central and East African Club Soccer Championship, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 23 May, 2006. The match ended with a 1-1 tie. Kenyan won through penalty shootout 3-1 and advanced into the semi-finals.

INTERNET



Players of the Young Africans Club from hosting country Tanzania act right before the kick-off of their quarter-final match against Police of Uganda at the Central and East African Club Soccer Championship, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on 23 May, 2006. The Young Africans, known in Tanzania as Yanga, lost 1-0 to Police to bow out.

INTERNET

Things can only get better for Germany

GENEVA, 25 May — The lack of witnesses to Germany's first World Cup warm-up match in Switzerland was just as well.

Germany struggled to beat Servette Geneva 2-1 in a 70-minute practice match on Tuesday, with Michael Ballack and Gerald Asamoah getting the goals. The match was played behind closed doors with no media allowed in, but assistant coach Joachim Loew was open with his criticism on Wednesday.

"We've started badly," Loew said. "We played too deep and too square. That gave the opposition time to get back. We did some things well but not for the whole game."

Loew's only excuse was that players have hardly had the ball at their feet since leaving Germany over a week ago. "We couldn't keep up with the tempo required," he said.

"Some of the players didn't have the freshness that they will have in two or three weeks. But we've really only been training with the ball on two days."

The good news for Germany was Christoph Metzelder's return to training on Wednesday. The Borussia Dortmund defender had been struggling with a calf injury. "It went well," Metzelder told reporters. "I should be back to normal next week."

Germany will have another chance to impress on Thursday when they take on the Servette junior team.

The World Cup hosts arrived in Geneva on Sunday after a short "regeneration" camp in Sardinia, when the players spent more time working on their sunbathers than they did with the ball. They will stay in Switzerland until May 30, apart from a brief trip back into Germany for a friendly international against Luxembourg in Freiburg on Saturday. — MNA/Reuters

Ireland suffer Chile defeat in Dublin

DUBLIN, 25 May — Manuel Iturra's second-half goal gave Chile a 1-0 victory over Ireland in a friendly international at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday.

Iturra drove in from six yards after Ireland's defence failed to clear a Mark Gonzales free kick awarded for a trip by Steven Reid on Luis Jimenez.

Defeat was a blow for new Ireland manager Steve Staunton who began his reign in charge with an impressive 3-0 victory over World Cup qualifiers Sweden in March. Ireland came closest to an equalizer after 80 minutes when Chelsea's Damien Duff latched on to a header from substitute Jason Byrne but his shot from 12 metres was saved by Chile goalkeeper Claudio Bravo.

Chile almost stretched their lead just before full time when Jimenez pounced on a skewed clearance from Richard Dunne but smashed his shot just wide. Neither Ireland nor Chile qualified for the World Cup.

MNA/Reuters

Roberto Carlos confident Brazil can win title again

WEGGIS (Switzerland), 25 May — Brazil's Roberto Carlos has confidently predicted that the champions have an 80-per-cent chance of retaining the World Cup in Germany.

"It's not being big-headed, it's the reality," he told reporters before Brazil's first serious pre-tournament training session in the Swiss resort of Weggis on Wednesday.

"We're the current world champions and everyone considers us to be favourites. This will be demonstrated with our quality, confidence, determination and professionalism on the pitch." "The possibility of winning a title is 80 per cent," said Roberto Carlos, who has endured three seasons at Real Madrid without winning a major trophy. "The Brazilian team is different to the clubs, all the bad things go away," he said.

"This could be my last World Cup and it could be my best because I feel happy and confident."

Brazil trained in front of a paying crowd who filled about three-quarters of the 5,000 capacity, purpose-built arena with a mixture of visiting Brazilians and curious locals.

Brazilian media have speculated that

the arena, with less than two metres separating the pitch from the seats, could disturb Brazil's players.

However, coach Carlos Alberto Parreira has said he will only close off practice if the public become too boisterous.

"We're used to all this euphoria," said Roberto Carlos. "It's the same at Real Madrid. We're going to do things well to leave the fans with a good impression."

Forward Ronaldinho said: "We want to give back some of the affection we've received from the supporters but we know when it's time to work, we have to work."

"It's this happiness which gives us pleasure from playing for Brazil."

"All I want is to do my best for Brazil and come back with the title once again." Earlier, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said FIFA president Sepp Blatter visited the team at their nearby hotel and had lunch with officials including CBF president Ricardo Teixeira. Brazil, who have won a record five World Cups, face Croatia, Australia and Japan in their Group F first round matches at the tournament, which starts on 9 June. — MNA/Reuters

Palestinian PM vows to avoid civil war

GAZA, 25 May — Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh on Tuesday vowed there would be no civil war in the Palestinian territories and urged rival forces from his Hamas group and President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah to show restraint.

Clashes have intensified between Hamas and Fatah since the Islamist-led government deployed a new 3,000-member paramilitary unit last week.

"Civil war is a term that does not exist in the Palestinian dictionary. I assure the people that these incidents can be overcome," Haniyeh told reporters before attending talks in Gaza between various factions aimed at defusing tensions.

The battle for control of security in Gaza has raised fears of civil war, which could cripple the Palestinian Authority and strengthen Israel's position to unilaterally impose final borders with the Palestinians in the absence of peace talks.— MNA/Reuters



Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera, who was on a bilateral visit to Japan from 17 to 21 May met his Japanese counterpart Tarō Aso in Tokyo on Friday. Aso pledged the Japanese Government's support to the Sri Lanka Government's efforts in realising sustainable peace, through its continuing engagement as a co-chair of peace, reconstruction and development.—INTERNET

Congo arrests 30 foreigners in suspected coup plot

KINSHASA, 25 May — The Democratic Republic of Congo said on Wednesday it had arrested about 30 foreigners, including Nigerians, Americans and South Africans, in a suspected coup plot ahead of elections scheduled for 30 July.

"About 30 people claiming to work for a security company have been arrested. They say they were working for the company but our information suggests they had other intentions," government spokesman Henri Mova Sakanyi told Reuters.

"They wanted to destabilize the institutions of the country, that means a coup attempt."

Sakanyi said the group had been arrested a few days ago but did not give any details other than that they worked for security firm.

"There are Nigerians, Americans and South Africans. They will be tried in court," he said.

A Western diplomat confirmed the nationalities.

"They have been accused of being mercenaries as they have all come back from Iraq," the diplomat said.

Long-awaited presidential and legislative elections are due in Congo on 30 July after repeated delays.

They will be the first multi-party polls in four decades in the vast Central African country.

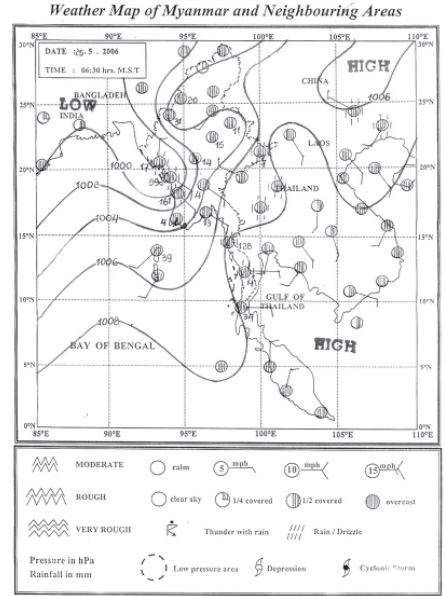
MNA/Reuters

HEAVY RAINFALLS WARNING

(Issued at 14:00 hours MST on 25th May 2006)

According to the observations at 12:30 hrs MST today, Southwest Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Bay of Bengal. Under the influence of this, isolated heavyfalls are likely in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Taninthayi, Magway and Mandalay Divisions within next 24 hours commencing noon today.

Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.



WEATHER

Thursday, 25 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest Monsoon has advanced into the Central Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Magway Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayah State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Kayin State, (7°C) below normal in Shan and Mon States, and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Hkamti (38°C) and Myitkyina (37°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Launglon (7.48) inches, Thandwe (6.42) inches, Dawei (5.55) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.64) inches, Gwa (2.24) inches, Kalewa (2.01) inches, Minbu, Hpa-an and Kalay (1.73) inches each and Yamethin (1.38) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2006 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 25-5-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-5-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 24-5-2006 was (0.2) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 25-5-2006 were (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.5) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (14.06) inches at Mingaladon, (17.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (18.74) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southeast at (13:45) hours MST on 24-5-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Kayah and Chin States, fairly widespread in Shan State, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



- Friday, 26 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
 - 7:50 am
 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
 - 8:00 am
 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 8:05 am
 7. The mirror images of musical oldies
 - 8:15 am
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
 - 8:20 am
 9. မနီဆောင်တံတား (ချင်းပြည်နယ်)

- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆာသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုကွေ့ဇာ) သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ (ရှုကွေ့ဇာ)
- 4:45 pm
 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:05 pm
 6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm
 7. "သတိနဲ့လှုပ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဝါခယ်မရဲဇာခေါ်၊ ဘုန်းလျှောက်၊ မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီလွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးစိုင်း၊ ဘေးခင်၊ နေဝင်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း၊

- နိဂုံးအရည်၊ အင်းရစ်လေပြေငြိမ် (ခါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:30 pm
 8. Song of yesteryears
- 5:45 pm
 9. ဘက်နဲ့ပွဲ ပြီးတိုးတက် ခုတ်ကြီးချောင်ကျေးလက်
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာထိရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မန်ဂွန်းလှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရှေ့ဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 18. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးမိတ္ထာသာရာဝိသင်္ခါ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတ္တာဘဝနာပျားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 19. The next day's programme



- Friday, 26 May
Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
 - 8:35 am Music: -Love you inside out
 - 8:40 am Perspectives
 - 8:45 am Music: -Needles & pins
 - 8:50 am National news / Slogan
 - 9:00 am Music: -Move it
 - 9:05 am International news
 - 9:10 am Music: -Painter man
 - 1:30 pm News / Slogan
 - 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -A place in the sun -More like the movies -Rain & tears
 - 9:00 pm WOM -Songs from Philippines, Latin America, Brunei, Belgium
 - 9:15 pm Music
 - 9:25 pm Music at your request
 - 9:45 pm News / Slogan
 - 10:00 pm PEL

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Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, ministers, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the Yangon Mayor, heads

of department, officials of social organizations and local residents.

The Secretary-1 in his speech said that the newly-built facility is the most important part of Dalla-Twantay-Hlinethaya Road. It is also the first-ever bridge that links Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon townships with Yangon City via Hlinethaya Road.

The opening of the Twantay Bridge has led to the completion of Dalla-Twantay-Hlinethaya Road, and will serve the interests of local people.

It indicates the genuine goodwill and unremitting efforts the govern-

ment has exerted to link Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon townships and all the villages on the other bank of the Hline River with Hlinethaya Industrial City.

The significant development momentum of Hlinethaya Industrial City that has linked with Yangon City due to the emergence of Hline River-crossing bridges such as Bayintnaung, Aungzeya and Shwepyitha will definitely enhance the development of Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon townships and the villages along the road.

Moreover, linking between Twantay and Kungyangon townships and Ayeyawady Division through the Dedaye Bridge has created another exit for Ayeyawady Division. And Yangon is now easily accessible from Dedaye, Pyapon and Bogale townships.

So, Ayeyawady Division can transport commodities and passengers to Yangon through the new exit for Dedaye-Kungyangon-Twantay-Hlinethaya Road. Besides, that has linked with the pre-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Twantay Bridge at the opening ceremony. — MNA

Facts about Twantay Bridge

- * The suspension bridge, 3,570 feet long, has a 1,365-foot approach road on either bank.
- * It supports a 28-foot motor road flanked by four-foot pedestrian lanes.
- * The waterway under it is 45 feet high and 700 feet wide.
- * It can withstand up to 60 tons.

Nationalities should make harmonious efforts while accepting the task of further developing and handing over sound foundations to future generations



Newly-inaugurated Twantay Bridge. — MNA

vious exit for Maubin-Hlinethaya-Yangon No 5 Union Highway. The link between the two exits will make considerable contribution towards commodity flows and transportation of passengers between southern part and northern part of Ayeyawady Division as well as between Ayeyawady Division and Yangon Division. Local people in Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon townships and along the road will enjoy the fruitful results.

Taking measures to overcome various forms of destructive acts committed by internal and external elements, the government has been making self-reliant efforts to enable the motherland to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations.

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