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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than observes products of extended industrial zone in Pyay. — MNA

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

Over 40,000 acres put under monsoon paddy in Thayawady District

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 29 May — Kyungale village-tract in Letpadan Township, Bago Division (West), grew 3,000 physic nut plants on 26 May.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, together with Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and officials, visited the local people planting physic nut plants at Nyaungbinkwin near the village-tract. The township

in Thayawady District in the division will put 11,100 acres of land under the plant in 2008-2009.

At Taguntaing village, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a report on harvesting and winnowing of summer paddy, and monsoon paddy plantation, presented by the commander and officials. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than spoke of the need to grow monsoon crops according to targets and to cultivate physic nut from manageable scale to commercial scale for producing biodiesel for farm machinery.

Thayawady District has already grown over

40,000 acres of monsoon paddy out of the target of 760,000 acres.

During stopover in Pyay, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with division agriculture co-ordinators, saying that Myanmar Agriculture Service, Irrigation Department and Settlements and Land Records Department should make coordinated efforts to supply water for crops in Bago Division (West). As in the previous year, the division should strive to meet the crop targets including three-million-acre mark for monsoon paddy.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets Tatmadaw members and families of Pyay Station. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Quality jade, gems and pearl special sales

The gems industry of the Union of Myanmar is developing rapidly. In the past, exploration and extraction of gems was carried out by only the State but now the government and national private gems companies are engaged in this business on a joint-venture basis.

Phakant area of Kachin State, Hkanti area of Sagaing Division are well-known jade belts in Myanmar. Although these areas are situated far apart, they have the same bed-rock. Mogok has been famous as a ruby land since the time of Myanmar kings and precious stones have been extracted for hundreds of years. In Mongshu and Pyinlon gem lands, joint-venture extraction of jade and gems are being carried out on a wider scale and it has been found that production is considerably high.

Like jade and gems, the production of pearl is also encouraging. Pearl has been cultured in Myanmar waters for many years and the State and national entrepreneurs are now working together in pearl culture for mutual benefits. As many as hundreds of thousands of pearls have now been produced.

The 2006 Myanmar jade, gems and pearl special sales are going to be organized at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon from 20 June to 4 July. Companies that have officially organized registered for exploration and extraction of jade and gems and joint-venture companies are taking part in the special sales.

The auction for pearl and the 43rd Myanmar Gems Emporium held in February and March this year respectively were complete success. And we believe that the special emporium will boost the sales of jade, gem and pearl lots by offering products of good quality to gems merchants.

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World No-Tobacco Day

(31-5-2006)

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တွန်းလှန်နိုင်ဖို့ ဒို့ကြိုးစား”

Tobacco: deadly in any form or disguise

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

People's Destiny

- * 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

Ottwin, DaikU and Bago Townships grow physic nut plants

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 May — A physic nut plants growing ceremony was held at 100-acre plantation in Shwelaung village-tract in Ottwin Township, Bago Division on 25 May. It was attended by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife, local authorities and farmers.

The commander and wife distributed physic nut plants to those present.

The commander, wife and party planted physic nut saplings at designated places and encouraged those taking part in the ceremony.

Later, the commander viewed ploughing of 3,000 acres land to cultivate monsoon paddy. A total of 21,000 acres of physic nut will be cultivated within

3 years in Ottwin Township.

A similar ceremony was held at West Kyaiksakaw village in DaikU Township in the division. A total of 19,200 acres of land will be put under cultivation of physic nut.

Similarly, a physic nut growing ceremony was held at Wahmayan village-tract in Bagon Township.

The commander and wife viewed the successful operation of a quadruplet at Bago People's Hospital and provided K 100,000 for the parents of the quadruplet.

Later, the commander, wife and party greeted the expectant mothers and presented iron tablets and nutritious food to them.

MNA

Men's and Women's Age-wise Swimming competitions conclude



An official of MWSF presents prize to a winner.—NLM

YANGON, 29 May — The last day's matches of men's and women's age-wise swimming competitions for the trophy of Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee for 2006 were held at the National Swimming Pool on U Wizara Road this afternoon.

After the events, a prize presentation ceremony followed. Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation (Swimming) Daw Mu Mu Win presented prizes to winners of men's senior 400-m singles and men's and women's 400-m singles (age 13 and 14). Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Nyan Tun gave away prizes to winners of men's senior 200-m singles and men's and women's 200-m freestyle (age 13 and 14). Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Swimming Federation U Cho Maung awarded prizes to winners of men's event (age 13 and 14) and men's and women's senior 100-m backstroke.

Similarly, Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Maung Win awarded prizes to winners of men's event (age 11, 12, 13 and 14) and women's event (age 13 and 14) 100-m event (backstroke) while Secretary of MSF Assistant Director of SPED U Kyaw Oo gave away prizes to winners of 50-m backstroke of men's and women's (age 9 and 10) and 25-m backstroke of women's U-8. Likewise, General Secretary of MSF U Kyaw Oo gave away a prize to Ye Myint Hein who set a new record (one minute and 12.9 seconds) in 100-m breaststroke by breaking Yan Lin Aung's record (one minute and 15.62 seconds in 2002). Responsible personnel of the Ministry of Sports and MSF also presented prizes to winners from remaining matches. — NLM

Mayor inspects construction tasks in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May — Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, accompanied by officials inspected Tar Factory of MCDC on 25 May.

Later, the mayor also inspected sanitation work in Maha Aungmyay Township, repaving of 56th road in Chanmyathazi Township with asphalt and construction of No 4 water works in Aungmyaythazan Township and attended to the needs.

Upon completion of the water works, the people would have easy access to 2 million gallons of safe drinking water.—MNA

UMFCCI Vice-President leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 29 May—Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Aung Lwin and CEC member U Tun Aung this morning left here by air for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to attend the Hanoi World Bank ASEAN Secretariat Workshop to be held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 30 and 31 May. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of the federation U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.—MNA



Family of Daw Yin Saing of No 10 (B) in Ahnawrahta Housing Estate, Hledan in Kamayut Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home.—H

Austria, China celebrate 35th anniversary of diplomatic ties

VIENNA, 28 May—A grand reception was held in the Chinese Embassy in Vienna to mark the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Austria on Friday.

Hans Winkler, state secretary of the Austrian Foreign Ministry, was among more than 400 guests present at the reception hosted by Ambassador Lu Yonghua.

In his opening speech, Lu highly praised the China-Austria relations in all fields as a good example of cooperation

between countries with different social systems.

Over the past 35 years, he said, with the efforts of both sides, diplomatic and economic cooperation between the two countries had been constantly expanded. "Trade volume between the two countries has been growing, and reached 2.49 billion euros (3.26 billion US dollars) in 2005. China has been the biggest trade partner of Austria in Asia," he added.

Winkler highly praised the contribution of late Chinese premier Zhou

Enlai and other Chinese leaders of the first generation involved in the development of China-Austria relations.

He also acclaimed the economic achievements made by the Chinese after the implementation of its reform and opening up since the late 1970s, and gave his assurance that the Austrian Government would consistently promote friendly cooperation with China.

MNA/Xinhua

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Performers wearing 'chu' culture masks play drums during the opening ceremony of the Chu Yuan and Dragon Boat Festival in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province on 27 May, 2006. —INTERNET

UN sends supplies to Indonesian quake victims

UNITED NATIONS, 28 May— The United Nations is sending aid to victims of the Indonesia earthquake, including medical goods, tents and water supply equipment, UN officials said on Saturday.

The 6.2 magnitude quake struck at dawn on Saturday when many were still in bed, killing an estimated 3,000 people. It was the third major temblor to hit Indonesia in 18 months, the worst being the quake on 26 December, 2004, and the resulting tsunami that left some 170,000 people dead or missing.

UNICEF, the UN Children's Fund, said it had sent staff to the

earthquake area and was sending thousands of tents, tarpaulins and lanterns, as well as water supply equipment.

More goods will follow, including medical supplies for the injured, said Ann Veneman, the agency's executive director. "So often in natural disasters children and the elderly suffer disproportionately

because they are least able to react quickly," she said.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he was "deeply saddened by the loss of life, the hundreds of injuries and destruction suffered by the people of Indonesia." He also offered to mobilize an international response if required.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Michelle Yeoh, left, and American actress Eva Longoria arrive for the awards ceremony at the 59th International Film Festival in Cannes, southern France, on 28 May, 2006. —INTERNET

More than 1,000 UK soldiers desert since Iraqi war

LONDON, 29 May— More than 1,000 British soldiers have deserted the armed forces since the Iraq war started in 2003, according to a BBC report on Sunday. During 2005 alone, 377 soldiers deserted and are still missing, the report said. So far this year another 189 are on the run. Some 900 have evaded capture since the Iraq war started, BBC world affairs said. The report comes as Britain's Parliament debates a law that will forbid military personnel refusing to participate in the occupation of a foreign country. Member of Parliament from Labour Party, John McDonnell, told the

Parliament last week there had been a tripling in cases over the past three years.

He was speaking in a debate about new laws which would make refusal to take part in the occupation of a foreign country punishable by a maximum life sentence in prison. It is unclear how many soldiers are deserting because they do not want to go to Iraq and how many are doing so because of personal reasons such as family problems.

Flight Lieutenant Malcolm Kendall-Smith was sentenced to eight months in prison last April for refusing to follow orders in connection with

a deployment to Iraq.

Internet



An excavator removes debris from the ruins of a house at the Imogiri District in Bantul, near Yogyakarta, on 28 May, 2006. Rescue workers dug desperately for survivors on Sunday and hospitals struggled to cope with the thousands of injured, a day after an earthquake killed more than 4,600 people on Indonesia's Java island. —INTERNET

Pakistan issues 5,000-rupee note

ISLAMABAD, 28 May — The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Friday launched the highest denomination currency note of 5,000 rupees and a newly-designed bill of 10 rupees, and announced that all other notes would be replaced by the end of the year, according to a Dawn newspaper report on Saturday.

SBP governor Dr Shamshad Akhtar addressing a Press conference after the launching ceremony faced a volley of questions from media personnel who insisted that the 5,000-rupee note reflected a sharp decline in the value of the rupee. Currently one US dollar equals about 60 rupees. "Printing of 5,000-rupee notes is nothing to do with inflation. It does not reflect that prices have gone up," she said. The proposal to issue 5,000-rupee note was approved by the Cabinet in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua



Hungarian pilot Peter Besenyei flies his Edge 540 aircraft during the Red Bull Air Race at Berlin's Tempelhof Airport on 27 May, 2006. US pilot Kirby Chambliss won the race ahead of Besenyei and US pilot Mike Mangold.

INTERNET

Family of British nerve gas victim wins compensation

LONDON, 28 May—The family of a British soldier who died over 50 years ago after taking part in a deadly nerve gas experiment have finally won compensation for his death. Ronald Maddison died after having droplets of the lethal agent sarin dabbled on his arm at a chemical warfare laboratory in southern England in 1953. He was just 20 years old. The government at the time, led by Winston Churchill, ordered an inquest into the death which concluded he had died due to misadventure. Maddison's family have campaigned against the verdict for years and in 2004 won a ruling from a coroner's court which said the Royal Air Force man was a victim of "unlawful killing". The Ministry of Defence confirmed on Friday it had agreed to accept that verdict and pay compensation. "We very much regret the unfortunate death of Ronald Maddison," an MoD spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters



The Ariane-5 ECA launcher, carrying Thai and Mexican telecommunications satellites, lifts off from the Kourou base in French Guiana on 27 May, 2006. The Ariane 5 ECA rocket, a heavy-duty version of the European Space Agency's (ESA) workhorse Ariane 5 series which can carry a payload of up to 10 tonnes, placed Mexico's Satmex 6 and Thailand's Thaicom 5 into preliminary orbits.—INTERNET

China, Austria sign manifesto to promote student exchanges

BEIJING, 27 May — China and Austria signed a joint manifesto to enhance higher education co-operation on Friday.

The manifesto aims to increase students and scholar exchange programmes, strengthen scientific research collaboration, and promote language learning and joint academic degree recognition.

More than 60 delegates from China, Austria and other European countries discussed the opportunities offered by higher education co-operation in a seminar after the signing ceremony.

The event was organized by China's Ministry of Education and supported by the Austrian Presidency of the European Union, the Delegation of the European Commission in Beijing and Beijing Foreign Studies University.

European Union Ambassador to China Serge

Abou told the seminar: "Educational exchange is one of the best and effective ways to consolidate and intensify person-to-person contact." "Along with various

exchanges between colleges, enterprises from both sides should also be active in supporting scientific research," said Education Minister Zhou Ji. —Internet

Britain's crime rate soars as criminals walk free

LONDON, 29 May — The level of violent crime has been rising in England and Wales while convictions for violent offences have been plummeting since Labour Party came to power in 1997, according to *The Observer* investigation.

The investigation, published on Sunday's *Observer*, shows that recorded rapes of females were at 6,281 in 1997 and the figure increased to 12,867 in 2004-2005. At the same time, the conviction rate for rape was at 9.2 per cent in 1997, but down to 5.5 per cent in 2004-2005.

The robberies recorded were at 63,072

in 1997, as compared to 88,710 in 2004-2005, while the conviction rate for robbery was at 10.2 per cent in 1997, down to 8.9 per cent in 2004-2005, the investigation said.

The woundings or other acts endangering life were recorded at 12,531 in 1997, up to 19,425 in 2004-2005, but the conviction rate was at

14.8 per cent in 1997, compared with 9.7 per cent in 2004-2005.

The *Observer's* analysis shows that violent crimes in Britain are getting worse and the chances of criminals being caught are lower than ever. The record presents a fresh political challenge to the Labour government.

MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong singer Karen Mok smiles as she poses for photographers during a promotional event of a jewellery shop in Hong Kong on 28 May, 2006. —INTERNET

WHO tests show Indonesian girl died of bird flu

JAKARTA, 28 May — A 10-year-old Indonesian girl who died on Tuesday in the city of Bandung was killed by the H5N1 bird flu virus, a senior health official said on Saturday, citing results from a WHO-accredited laboratory in Hong Kong.

"The girl is confirmed by the WHO as well as the local lab," I Nyoman Kandun, director-general of communicable disease control, told *Reuters*.

The girl's 18-year-old brother, who also died on Tuesday, tested positive locally for H5N1 this week, but was not considered a bird flu case by the Hong Kong laboratory.

"It's a borderline case, he tested negative for some procedures. It may be because of the procedure of specimen collection, handling, maybe the Hong Kong lab had problems. We had the same experience before in another case," Kandun said.

This latest confirmation of the cause of the girl's death would bring the death toll in Indonesia from bird flu to 34, and the worldwide total to 125.

Although the brother would not be classified as a case of H5N1, Kandun said the teenager exhibited the same clinical symptoms as his sister.

MNA/Reuters

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Malaysia urges NAM member countries to play due role

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 May — Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar on Saturday urged member countries of the 45-year-old Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) to play their due role actively instead of questioning the continued relevance of the movement.

In a world dominated by one super power, the NAM's existence is vital in efforts to further promote and strengthen multilateralism while checking unilateralism "which is encroaching more and more on the international scene", Albar said.

The Foreign Minister made the remarks when opening the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials for the Ministerial Meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre. Noting the fact that the movement's relevance has

been persistently questioned, both by NAM members as well as its critics, since the end of the Cold War, Albar stressed these questioning remarks and acts have done a disservice to the movement to the point of undermining it.

In fact, NAM's current large membership of 114 bears the clear testimony to its continued relevance, said Albar, adding two more members will be added during the meeting.

He urged those

member countries to continue to wage their struggle to achieve the goals set up by the NAM and address challenges facing the movement.

"The objective reality of today's world is that the existing international systems and institutions are still heavily tilted towards the developed countries, while the developing world continues to be sidelined or marginalized and is left behind in an ever-widening gap," Albar said. — MNA/Xinhua



Bobby Allison stands near a new NASCAR interactive board game at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, NC, on 27 May, 2006. —INTERNET

Fire put out in Pakistan natural gas town

QUETTA (Pakistan), 28 May — Firefighters put out a blaze in Pakistan's main natural gas town after suspected militants blew up two pipelines that disrupted supplies but caused no casualties, officials said on Saturday.

The fire that erupted late on Friday night gutted some 50 shops in the town of Sui in southwestern Baluchistan Province, where the country's largest gas field is located. "The fire has been brought under control and engineers have reached the site to do damage assessment," a local police official told *Reuters*.

A spokesman for the state-owned Pakistan Petroleum Ltd which owns the Sui gas field, said there was a temporary disruption in supplies after the incident.

Officials of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Ltd (SNGPL), which is responsible for gas distribution from the field, said supplies to some power plants in the central province of Punjab were affected after the attack. "We have already started restoring the supplies and hopefully the situation will normalize pretty soon. No other commercial or domestic users were affected anywhere else in the country," said KW Shariq, SNGPL general manager for transmission.

The fire caused no damage to the gas field on the outskirts of the town, officials said. — MNA/Reuters

Chavez pledges \$1.5b in energy investment in Bolivia

SHINAHOTA (Bolivia), 28 May—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez pledged 1.5 billion US dollars in energy investments in impoverished Bolivia on Friday, receiving a hero's welcome from coca farmers who applauded his anti-US message.

Shouts of "Viva Venezuela!" rang out as Chavez, clad in an Andean-style red poncho and wool hat, spoke in Shinahota, a dusty town in the coca-growing Chapare region some 370 miles (600 kilometres) southeast of La Paz. Chavez' investment promises marked his latest effort to spread his oil largess—Venezuela is the world's fifth largest crude exporter—and boost his political influence across Latin America with moves that have included offering neighbours cut-rate oil deals and offers to buy their debt. Chavez addressed the crowd flanked by leftist allies Bolivian President Evo Morales and Cuban Vice-President Carlos Lage and used the occasion

to denounce US President George W Bush, saying he had "given the green light to conspire against the Bolivian democracy". Morales, a former coca farmer, has formed close ties with Chavez since being elected in December. "Bolivia has found its path because the Bolivian people have found the leader they were lacking," said Chavez, congratulating Morales on his 1 May decision to put Bolivia's energy industry in state hands.

MNA/Reuters



Joseph Bearstail, a member of the Sioux tribe from Preston, Conn, wears a costume with eagle feathers as he performs a traditional dance during the American Indian Arts Festival at the Rankokus Indian Reservation on 27 May, 2006, in Westampton, NJ. Culture, art and dance from various Native American Indian tribes are featured at the Memorial Day Weekend-long festival.—INTERNET

UN conference backs crackdown on illegal fishing

UNITED NATION, 28 May—Delegates to a UN conference reviewing a 1995 treaty aimed at protecting dwindling ocean fish stocks urged governments and regional fisheries managers on Friday to intensify their efforts to crack down on illegal and unregulated catches.

The 57 nations that have ratified the pact agreed all fishing vessels on the high seas should carry equipment enabling them to be tracked by satellite. They also said

governments should put more independent observers on boats and take steps to ensure that fish unloaded at their ports had been legally caught.

But the weeklong meeting came to no conclusions on how to deal with a significant global oversupply of commercial fishing vessels, said US Ambassador for Oceans and Fisheries David Balton, who chaired the conference.

The conference was due to end late on Friday with a vote to adopt a final declaration. The vote was delayed while delegates discussed the timing of the next review conference.

Fishing nations generally agree there is an overcapacity that threatens ocean stocks. But rich and poor countries are divided over how to cut back on the number of boats.

Developing nations accuse industrialized countries of over exploiting sea life and want to be able to build up their own fleets even as the rich nations are required to cut back.

The treaty, while approved by the UN General Assembly in 1995, entered into force just five years ago. With the pact in effect for so short a period, Balton said delegates felt it was too soon to consider revisions.

Instead, they concentrated on improving its enforcement and implementation, he said.—MNA/Reuters

Spain smashes British-run timeshare racket

MADRID, 28 May—Spanish police have smashed a British-run timeshare racket on Spain's Costa del Sol that swindled up to 15,000 people and earned criminals around 18 million euros (23 million US dollars), police said on Friday.

Police in the beachside

city of Malaga arrested many of its leaders—four Britons, two South Africans, one Belgian and a Norwegian—during "Operation Trafalgar". One of the South African men is alleged to have masterminded the scam.

"These sums represent more than 90 per cent of fraud involving the resale

of timeshares on the Costa del Sol that we have seen in recent years," a police statement said.

Fraudsters used 300 companies and employed more than 1,000 people to run a number of different scams that preyed upon timeshare owners and others interested in buying, most of them from Britain.

Offering timeshare owners the chance to sell their time slots to potential buyers, the group tricked owners into transferring money to pay for legal and management costs.

In another scam, fraudsters sold the same holiday home to different people and doubled their money by taking both the seller's and buyer's funds. They even swindled some victims a second time by posing as lawyers offering

legal services to recoup money stolen in the original fraud.

Police said the fraudsters set up telemarketing operations in modest, unmarked offices for a few months at a time before disappearing and reappearing at a new location. The Costa del Sol has long been dubbed the "Costa del Crime" by the British tabloid Press because of its reputation as the favoured retirement spot for big-time British criminals.

During searches police said they found contracts, lists of thousands of properties, bank account references and a gun.

Around 750,000 Britons live in Spain, the British Embassy estimates, the majority of them on the coast.

MNA/Reuters



Children dance during traditional 'Mayo Ya' celebrations in Bluefields, 450 kms (280 miles) southeast of Managua, Nicaragua, on 27 May, 2006. This week-long festival which takes place at the end of May is derived from old English customs to celebrate the arrival of the rain and the end of the drought.—INTERNET

Eight killed in lightning in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 28 May—Eight persons were killed, seven others were injured in lightning in southwestern Satkhira and southern Pirojpur of Bangladesh on Friday night and Saturday. When reached by phone, Sunil Baran, an official in southern coastal Pirojpur District, 310 kilometres from Dhaka, said three fishermen were killed by lightning while they were

fishing in a river. Another fisherman was wounded. The victims died on the spot.

Ruhul Quddus, an official in southwestern Satkhira, 343 kilometres from Dhaka, said five people were killed and six others were injured in lightning in the district.

He said two persons were killed while they were standing under a tree during a storm near

a village market. They died on the spot. Another man was hit by thunderbolt while he was returning from a market at around 9:00 Friday night. Two others were struck by lightning when they were working on their crop land. The injured persons are undergoing treatment at Satkhira hospital.

MNA/Xinhua



Women take their children to a dispensary for polio drops in Singimari, about 30 kilometres (19 miles) west of Gauhati, India, on 28 May, 2006. The World Health Assembly has urged polio-endemic countries of Nigeria, Pakistan, India and Afghanistan to step up their efforts to eliminate polio.—INTERNET



Meisho Samson (front) ridden by Japanese jockey Mamoru Ishibashi leads Admire Main (behind Meisho Samson) in the home stretch to win the 73rd Japan Derby at Tokyo Racecourse in Fuchu on the outskirts of Tokyo on 28 May, 2006. Meisho Samson clocked a time of 2 minutes, 27.9 seconds to finish by neck's length ahead of Admire Main in the 2,400 metre race in the blue ribbon race for three-year-olds, local media reports. —INTERNET

Good oil found on Lake Akbert in Uganda

KAMPALA, 28 May—Efforts to explore oil in Uganda have gained momentum following the discovery of a carbon dioxide free oil well on Lake Akbert by an Australian company.

An official with the Ministry of Energy, quoted by New Vision on Saturday, confirmed the finding at Mputa II, Kaiso-Tonya on Lake Akbert by Hardman Oil and Gas Company.

The relevant tests on the oil were conducted last week. The oil is now at appraisal level to assess its environmental impact, ascertain its flow in the reservoir and pipeline

construction and storage.

Ernest Rubondo, the assistant commissioner in charge of petroleum in the Ministry of Energy, revealed that the oil contains hydro-carbons that certify its purity as the standard commercial fuel. "The local petroleum sector is promising despite the international crisis. All indicators show that there is a chance to get commercial wells in plenty and this is encouraging," he said.

He added that many oil wells were discovered in the Lake Akbert region but they contained carbon dioxide, which is a negative element in petroleum exploration.

He did not specify the exact time-frame when drilling starts, saying, "it is a transitory process but on fast track."

He named Waraga I, Turaco I, Turaco II, Turaco III, Mputa I and Mputa II, all around Lake Akbert bordering the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the east of Uganda, as the current oil exploration sites.

Rubondo said Neptune, Heritage, Energy Africa and Hardman were the firms licensed to drill and explore the oil.

He explained that another well, Turaco III, was at appraisal level and the government had injected 200,000 US dollars in surveying and mapping potential oil fields, adding that drilling firms would require between 3 to 8 million dollars to install oil facilities and begin production.

MNA/Xinhua

Floods destroy homes, kill six in Morocco

RABAT, 28 May — Floods caused by torrential rains have destroyed homes and left six people dead in a poor region of southeast Morocco, officials said on Saturday.

Three nomads were killed when the cave they were sheltering in collapsed near the town of Rich in the region of Er-Rachidia, while three other people died in Merzouga on Friday, according to state news agency MAP.

It said many of the destroyed homes were made of pise, a mixture of dried clay and gravel or straw. Emergency services were on the scene but many roads were blocked and several villages still cut off on Saturday afternoon, according to members of a local human rights group.

They said 60 homes had been seriously damaged by the floods.

MNA/Reuters



A girl stands in the wind blown spray of a fountain in downtown Kabul, Afghanistan, on 28 May, 2006. —INTERNET

OECD calls on Central America to build common strategy

MEXICO CITY, 28 May — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has urged Central America to develop a common strategy to boost economic integration.

The Paris-based OECD issued a report on Friday stating that the Central American Integration System (SICA), which was established in 1993 and includes seven nations, must be reformed to play a responsible role, and called on the nations to promote tourism, logistics, agriculture, textiles and light engineering, in order to make good use of their natural resources.

The region displays significant differences in wealth between and within nations, high levels of poverty, vast disparities between rural and urban

economies, and a very large informal economy, the OECD said, adding that the region must boost the education and training of its workers.

"The countries must integrate to create markets and opportunities," said Mario Pezzini, head of the OECD's governance and regional competition division, via a video conference from Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

He also proposed a development distribution plan, focused on narrowing disparities and creating development funds. — MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter crash in southern Russia kills one

Moscow, 28 May — An Mi-2 helicopter crashed in Russia's southern Krasnodar Territory on Saturday, killing the pilot and injuring some others, the regional branch of the Emergencies Ministry said.

The incident happened at 4.38 pm Moscow Time (1238 GMT), 30 kilometres northeast of the city of Belorechensk, the TAR-TASS news agency reported.

The helicopter belonged to a local resident and was on a pleasure trip. Anatoly Khmyz, the duty officer of the Emergencies Ministry's branch in Krasnodar Territory said.

While approaching for a landing, the helicopter suddenly started falling from 100 metres above the ground. The pilot died and one of the passengers was hospitalized in severe condition. Two other passengers — the son of the helicopter's owner and his wife — refused to be taken to hospital.

Police have sealed off the area and started an investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

Ten killed in road accidents in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 28 May — Five people died when the vehicles in which they were travelling were involved in a head-on collision in the North-West Province, South Africa, police said on Saturday.

Only the drivers of the two cars survived the crash on Friday afternoon and were taken to Swarttruggens Provincial Hospital, the police said.

In five other separate accidents in the East Rand, near Johannesburg, on Friday, five people were killed instantly.

Police spokesman Kobeli Mokheseng said that on Friday afternoon a 33-year-old male

motorist was killed as his vehicle crashed into a wall in the Germiston suburb of Lambton after apparently fainting in his car.

Around two hours later, a 25-year-old motorcyclist died in a collision with a delivery vehicle at the corner of Dekema and Sheffield roads, also in Germiston.

The driver of the vehicle was seriously injured and taken to the

Union Hospital in Alberton.

On Friday evening a pedestrian crossing the M2 was flung into the back of a delivery vehicle that had hit him, said Mokheseng.

Later that night, at Kempton Park, the driver of a double cab bakkie died after being hit from behind by a vehicle whose driver apparently lost control on the R21.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese policemen evacuate a woman from a flooded area in Wugang, central China's Hunan Province on 26 May, 2006. A torrential rain lashed the city this week, China Daily reported. —INTERNET

Myainghaywun Elephant Camp

Article by Htay Aung (Kyemon) & photos by Asia Green

Now, special attention is paid to environmental conservation in the long-term interests of world people. Myanmar has been stepping up the protecting of forests and biological diversity in it.

With respect to the environmental conservation, the National Commission for Environmental Affairs established in 1990 is joining hands with congenial ministries and private companies for protection of forests, biodiversity, mountains and watershed areas in

the nation.

Ecotourism seeks to minimise environmental damage and help conserve diversity of fragile habitats. So, ecotourism ensures a balanced existence of environment and human beings.

In an interview about Myainghaywun Elephant Camp of Asia Green Travels and Tour Co Ltd, in-charge Dr Soe Myint said that the company hired 20-acres of Myainghaywun Elephant Research Camp in Okkan protected forest, Thayawady timber extraction region, Bago

Division (West) of the Myanmar Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry based on joint venture on 1 April 2005 and launched Myainghaywun Elephant Camp; that the camp is 72.5 miles from Yangon and has five double rooms for local and foreign tourists for night stops; that arrangements are being made for building five more two-unit double rooms; that at the camp, hot and cold showers are available along with Chinese and Myanmar dishes; and that Kayin traditional dance pro-



Tourists enjoy riding elephants in Myainghaywun Elephant Camp.

grammes are presented to the foreigners at night.

He continued to say that now the camp has 13 elephants that can entertain the visitors; that visitors can tour nearby timber extraction camps riding an elephant; that visitors can make short or long trips, go mountaineering in the jungle, take a bamboo raft along the creek that links Paunglin Dam and Ngamoeyek Dam in the rainy season, and study the way of life of the elephant keepers; and that visitors can watch more than 100 species of birds in the camp, study over-60-year-old Pyigadoe (ironwood tree) plan-

tations in the north of the camp, and tour Bago Yoma mountain range and nearby villages.

He added that a health care centre has been set up with a wide range of medicines in the camp for the elephants; that a small keddah has been built to control elephants if they go wild a programme is presented to explain how to feed supplementary foods to the elephants with poor health; and that equipment for draught elephants and pack elephants.

Myainghaywun Elephant Camp is situated in the west of Bago Yoma mountain range. Near the

camp are tropical deciduous forests, and in the forests, there grow a wide range of species of hardwood including teak, Pyingadoe (ironwood tree) and Ingyin (pentacme suavis) along with various species of bamboo.

In conclusion, Dr Soe Myint said that in conserving forests, the company has been disseminating knowledge to local people of nearby villages including company staff for balanced existence of environment, trees and biodiversity.

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Mahouts helping the elephants take bath in a stream in Myainghaywun Elephant Camp.

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A calf seen with its mother and other elephants.

Over 40,000 acres put under monsoon paddy in Thayawady...

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and officials took part in planting physic nut at a plot near Pyay airport. They also conversed with the people putting 50 acres of land under physic nut. Bago Division (West) has already put 7,526 acres of land under physic nut against the target of 36,900 for 2006-2007.

At the extended area of the Pyay industrial zone, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard a report on erection of a 66/11 kv generator and power distribution plan for industries. He also observed production of parts for light trucks, and husk-fired engines that can mill rice and oil crops, and generate power. The following day, he met with Tatmadawmen and families of Pyay station, urging them to join hands with the people for the successful implementation of the rural development project and to grow physic nut according to target.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party planted physic nut together with the local people, Tatmadawmen and social organizations who were cultivating the plant on 600 acres of land at Titook Village in Dhammakauk village-tract in the township. The village-tract has already grown 5,000 acres of physic nut. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents physic nut saplings to responsible persons of social organizations in Letpadan Township.

MNA

USDA Secretary General leaves for Vietnam



USDA Secretary General U Htay Oo and party being seen off at the airport on their departure for Vietnam. — MNA

YANGON, 29 May— At the invitation of the President of Vietnam Union of Friendship Organization, a delegation led by Secretary General

of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo left here by air for Vietnam this morning.

The delegation

was seen off at Yangon International Airport by USDA CEC member U Maung Pa, responsible persons of USDA headquarters.—MNA

School enrolment activities held in Yangon

YANGON, 29 May— Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a ceremony to mark school enrolment activities for school age children at No 6 BEHS in Botahtaung Township, Yangon East District this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, MWAFF Vice Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay, Parton of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai, directors-general of the ministry of education, responsible officials, headmasters, teachers and students.

At the ceremony, the minister extended greetings. Later, the

officials doanted exercise books and stationery to studends in townships of Yangon East District and Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the purpose of the donation. The Township Education Officer U Tint Lwin spoke words of thank.

Similarly, the

school enrolment activities were held at No BEHS in Thanlyin Township in Yangon South District. School equipment donated today are worth K 7.2 million for Yangon East District and K 9.2 million for Yangon South District.

MNA

USDA CEC member gives lecture on national policy

YANGON, May 29— Central Executive Committee member of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein today gave lecture on national policy and matters related to the development of the State at No 18 Basic Organization Course in Sangyoung Township USDA office.—MNA

Commander inspects extension of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road

NAY PYI TAW, 28 May— Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye arrived at the briefing hall of special road construction-13 in Lwegyi Village in Pinlaung Township on 23 May. Engineer in charge U Htay Lwin reported on extension of Pyinmana-Pinlaung two-lane road.

After inspecting construction tasks, the minister went to the construction site of Leinli Creek suspension bridge in Leinli Village. Officials reported on the site chose for construction of the bridge and finding of an axis road.

Next, the commander visited the site for construction of Pinlaung-Konhong Road. Officials of road

construction-13 reported on construction work to the commander, who then gave necessary instructions.

Later, the commander inspected cultivation of 150,000 physic nut plants in Pinlaung Township, cultivation of 100,000 physic nut plants in Kalaw Township and the physic nut plantation in Ingaung Village in Sikhong village-tract. — MNA

Basic Management Course opened

YANGON, 29 May— A ceremony to open the Basic Management Course sponsored by the Management Department of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District this afternoon.

It was attended by Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai, President Daw Khin Myo Thu and executives, the YDWAO members, Patron of Yangon West District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Ni Ni Sein, course instructors

and trainees.

Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai made a speech on the occasion and greeted the trainees.

The one-week course is being attended by 65 trainees from townships of Yangon West District.—MNA

Gifts for Mandalay General Hospital

YANGON, 29 May— A ceremony to present cash donations for hospital equipment including patient monitor worth K 6.3 million to be donated to Mandalay General Hospital was held at the office of the hospital on 24 May.

Present on the occasion were Medical Superintendent Dr Maung

Win, Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Tin Tin Moe, Matron Daw Khin Yi, Professor Dr Sein Myint, Professor Dr Daw Khin Maw, Professor Dr Khun Soe Moe, Professor Dr Nyan Tun, officials and well-wishers.

The medical superintendent accepted the donations—K 2.3 million donated by Maung

Kyaw Thiha and sister Ma Thiri Swe of Yangon, K 1 million by U Ya Haing-Daw Aye Yin of Mandalay, K 1 million by U Than Shwe-Daw Tin Ohn, K 1 million by U Htay Lwin-Daw Htay Htay Myint and K 1 million by U Maung Sein and family and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.—MNA

Coord meeting of BSI, PD held



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo addresses the coordination meeting of Bureau of Special Investigation and Prisons Department. — MNA

YANGON, 29 May — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo addressed a coordination meeting of Bureau of Special Investigation and Prisons Department held at Drug Elimination Museum this morning.

Present on the occasion were directors -general, deputy directors -general, directors, staff officers and the head of CID and police brigadier generals of

Myanmar Police Force and officials. Addressing the meeting, the minister stressed the need for upholding of Our Three Main National Causes and nationalistic spirit, law enforcement measures, security measures, response to attacks of foreign media and exposing of crimes and cultivation of physic nut plants and participation of departments in boosting livestock breeding. — MNA

Minister inspects power stations

YANGON, 29 May — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, together with Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Power Supply Committee, visited Hlawga natural gas-fired power station yesterday and inspected operations of machines at the station. At the meeting hall, the station manager reported to the minister on generating and supply of electricity.

The minister stressed the need for full supply of power to the public and successful implementation of power supply tasks. Next, the minister went to Ywama natural gas-fired power station where the manager reported on operations of machinery and electric power distribution. The minister called on officials to closely supervise power supply tasks and actively cooperate in realizing the



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects construction tasks of sub-power station in Hlinethaya. — MNA

ministry's set objectives as the State has spent large amount of money on building power supply stations.

Later, the minister visited 230 KV Hlinethaya sub-power station and inspected building of power grid and gave necessary instructions to officials. —MNA

Industry-2 Minister inspects Indagaw Industrial zone

YANGON, 29 May—Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin yesterday inspected Indagaw Industrial zone in Indagaw region, Bago Division, where Managing Director U Aung Kyi of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services reported to him on progress of work and tasks to be carried out.

The minister gave instructions on finishing work and presenting work progress to officials concerned.

On arrival at foundry workshop of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries, the minister heard a report presented by Managing Director U Soe Thein and officials on process of the workshop and iron frames produced.

The minister gave instructions on production of various kinds of iron frames meeting the set standard.

Next, the minister inspected the production process of aluminium wires of Myanmar Machine Tools and Electrical Industries where Managing Director U Kyaw Win and General Manager U Than Ngwe conducted him round the place.

The minister left instructions on meeting the target and the set standard.

Afterwards, he inspected production of electric motors and gave instructions on regular production of the motors and seeking the market.

At the Automobile Electric Equipment Factory, the minister inspected production of spare parts and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Physic nut plants grown, cash donations accepted in Thongwa

YANGON, 29 May — CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung arrived at Thongwa Township this morning and attended a collective growing of physic nut plants carried out by Township USDA members.

Next, the minister attended a third cash donation ceremony to build Township Sasana Beikman and accepted cash donation K 18.6 million. The cash donation was made for three times and a sum of cash donation amounted to K 39.6 million. After the inspection of construction of Sasana Beikman, the minister gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Myanmar Hockey Federation delegation leaves for Macao

YANGON, 29 May—A Myanmar Hockey Federation delegation led by Vice-President of MHF U Kyaw Naing (Foreign Affairs In-charge) left here by air this morning

for Macao, the People's Republic of China to attend workshop on development of hockey clubs of Asian Hockey Federation to be held from 29 May to 1 June there.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of MHF Brig-Gen Myo Myint (Retd), executives and others.

During their stay in Macao, they will hold discussions with those from India, Republic of Korea and Japan in addition to Asian Hockey Federation for development of Myanmar hockey techniques.

The delegation members are Joint Secretary of MHF U Kyaw Thein Htay and Executive U Kyaw Min.—MNA



Myanmar Hockey delegation members seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for China to attend Hockey workshop. — MNA

DONATE BLOOD

Cash donated for school enrolment

YANGON, 29 May — Organized by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to donate cash for the school enrolment was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Sangyoung Township yesterday.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai explained work being done for the school enrolment.

Later, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department also clarified facts about the school enrolment.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepted K 1.45 million donated by the wellwishers.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai and the director-general also accepted K 4.324 million donated by the wellwishers.

The commander, his wife and the director-general presented text books and stationery to township education officers from 13 townships in the



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts the cash donated by a wellwisher.

MNA

district.

After that, Daw San Nu, District Education Officer spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Minister inspects hotels in Yangon

YANGON, 29 May—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and officials this morning visited Summit Parkview hotel and officials reported to him.

Later, the minister inspected Yangon International hotel, Pan Sea hotel and Savoy hotel. At Yuzana Condo tower, the minister heard a report by vice-president of Myanmar Tour Association and gave instructions.—MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt makes a speech at the coordination meeting for upgrading the development affairs tasks on 27 May.

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အမှတ်(၁)စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန မှ

ထုတ်ကုန်ပစ္စည်းများအရောင်းကိုယ်စားလှယ်ပေးအပ်ခြင်း

၁။ အမှတ်(၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ထုတ်လုပ်သော အဝတ်အထည်၊ စားသောက်ကုန်၊ ဆေးဝါးနှင့် လူသုံးကုန်ပစ္စည်းများအား ဝင်းသူဇာအရောင်းဆိုင်များတွင် ဆိုင်တင်ရောင်းချလျက်ရှိပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ ဆိုင်တင်ပစ္စည်းအမယ်များအား အရောင်းကိုယ်စားလှယ် ယူလိုသူများသို့ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်ပေးအပ်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၂။ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်ယူလိုသူများအား အောက်ဖော်ပြပါအချက်အလက်များဖြင့် ဆောင်ရွက်ပေးသွားမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ -

(က) မိမိဝယ်ယူလိုသော ပစ္စည်းတန်ဖိုးနှင့် ညီမျှသော မိမိပိုင် (အိမ်၊ မြေ၊ ရွှေ၊ ငွေ)တို့အား အာမခံအဖြစ် တင်ဆောင်ရမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(ခ) အာမခံ တင်သွင်းထားသော တန်ဖိုးအတွင်းရှိ ပစ္စည်းများအား ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဂ) မိမိတတ်နိုင်သလောက် ပစ္စည်းအမယ်နှင့် အရေအတွက်အား ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဃ) ကိုယ်စားလှယ်ယူလိုသော ပစ္စည်းအမယ်အား သက်ဆိုင်ရာစက်မှုလုပ်ငန်းများသို့ လာရောက် ဆွေးနွေးနိုင်ပါသည်။

(င) မိမိဝယ်ယူလိုသော ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးအစားအား မိမိလိုချင်

သော ပုံစံဖြင့် ထုတ်လုပ်ပေးလေ့ရှိပါက ညှိနှိုင်းဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

(စ) တစ်လတစ်ကြိမ် ယူသည့်စနစ် (သို့မဟုတ်) အဟောင်းကုန် အသစ်ယူစနစ် ကျင့်သုံးနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဆ) နိုင်ငံတော်စီမံကိန်းသုံး ထုတ်ကုန်ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးနှင့် ဆရာဝန်ညွှန်ကြားချက်အရ သုံးရသော ဆေးဝါးများမှအပ ကျန်ပစ္စည်းများအား ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဇ) ဝင်းသူဇာဆိုင် မတင်သော အင်္ဂတေပစ္စည်းများနှင့် မီးခတ်ပစ္စည်းများလည်း ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဈ) အသင်း/အဖွဲ့ ပုဂ္ဂလိက မည်သူမဆို လွတ်လပ်စွာ ကိုယ်စားလှယ်အဖြစ် လျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ည) ကိုယ်စားလှယ်အရေအတွက်ကို သတ်မှတ်ထားခြင်း မရှိပါ။

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အမှတ် (၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန

NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR DISTRICT NEWS

Mohnyin District gets new court

MOHNYIN, 16 May — An opening ceremony of newly-built Mohnyin District Court was held on 16 May in front of the new building. Director-General U Bo Kyi of Supreme Court (Mandalay) and Kachin State Judge U Htein Win cut the ribbon to open the court and Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt unveiled the signboard of the new building. Mohnyin District Judge U Win Aung reported on construction of the new building and Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt delivered a speech.

It was attended by Mohnyin District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Aung Din and members, Mohnyin Township PDC Chairman U Zaw Min Han and members, township level officials and responsible persons. The Mohnyin District Court measuring 82 feet and 36 feet was built at a cost of K 15 million in 2005-06 fiscal year. — Kyemon



Director-General U Bo Kyi and Judge U Htein Win cut the ribbon to open newly built Mohnyin District Court.

IPRD D-G inspects district, township offices

YAMETHIN, 20 May — Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing and party inspected the site for construction of new building for Pyawbwe Township IPRD and attended the needs on 6 May. The director-general met Staff Officer U Ye Nyunt and service personnel of Yamethin District IPRD. He explained 14 objectives of the Ministry of Information and urged them to carry out development of self-reliant libraries with goodwill. Director-General U Chit Naing gave instructions on maintenance of the office and nurturing of physic nut plants. — Kyemon

Tailoring course opens in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 20 May — An opening ceremony of the tailoring course co-organized by Shwegyin Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization was held on 6 May at the office of Township MCWA in Bago District, Bago Division, with an address by Chairperson Daw Myint Myint of Shwegyin Township MCWA.

It was also attended by executives of Shwegyin Township MCWA, members of Shwegyin Township WAO, course instructors and trainees. Altogether 20 trainees are attending the four-week course. — Kyemon



Shwegyin Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Myint Myint and executives look into the learning of trainees on tailoring.

China signs treaty with Namibia on combating crimes

BEIJING, 29 May — China has signed 21 bilateral judicial assistance treaties on criminal matters with 21 countries, which will enhance China's judicial cooperation with the international community, sources from the Ministry of Justice said.

The latest one was signed between China and Namibia on 26 May during the China visit of Namibian Minister of Justice, Attorney General Pendukeni Iivulathana.

This treaty will provide an important legal foundation for future bilateral cooperation in such fields as law enforcement and fight against transnational organized crimes, State Councilor Zhou Yongkang said here on Monday when met with Iivula.

China is actively carrying out judicial cooperation with foreign countries in recent years. Since 1993, China has signed extradition treaties with more than 20

countries.

On 29 April, China signed an extradition treaty with Spain, the first one between China and developed countries, which will help China weave a global extradition net to bring back corrupt officials who have fled abroad to seek asylum in developed countries in Europe and North America and pave the way for more such judicial cooperation with other Western countries.

According to Zhou, the Chinese Government is willing to work with the Namibian side to further enhance bilateral judicial cooperation, promote and ensure trade and personnel exchanges, and to deepen friendly cooperation between the two countries.

Iivula said Namibia will continue to strengthen cooperation with China side, especially in the judicial field. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Indonesia declares state of emergency after quake

JAKARTA, 29 May — The Indonesian Government declared a state of emergency after an earthquake killed more than 4,600 people on Java Island and pledged to complete "reconstruction and rehabilitation" within a year.

Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla said after a Cabinet meeting that the three-month emergency period was aimed at providing food, healthcare and shelter to an estimated 50,000 people displaced by the disaster. — *MNA/Reuters*

Passenger fatally stabbed on British express train

LONDON, 29 May — A passenger was stabbed to death on a British express train on Saturday, becoming the latest victim of a series of recent knife crimes that has seen two schoolboys stabbed — one fatally — over the last few days.

British Transport Police (BTP) said the passenger was travelling on the 10.05 am Glasgow in Scotland to Paignton in Devon Express when they were stabbed.

"Officers went to Oxenholme railway station, near Kendall in Cumbria but there are no other details," a BTP spokesman said. Concern over knife attacks has grown in recent years and earlier this week a knife amnesty began in a bid to rid the streets of thousands of weapons.

On Friday a 14-year-old schoolboy in Birmingham was stabbed in the abdomen and last week a promising footballer, 15-year-old Kiyon Prince, knifed to death trying to stop a fight outside his school gates in London.

Earlier this month part-time policewoman Nisha Patel-Nasri was knifed to death outside her London home.

Statistics show that 6 per cent of all violent crimes nationally are knife-related and out of 820 homicides in 2004/05, 236 involved sharp instruments. In London alone, there were 12,589 knife-related incidents last year. — *MNA/Reuters*

Earthquake rocks southern Luzon Strait

HONGKONG, 29 May — An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter Scale shook the southern part of the Luzon Strait at about 5:02 pm (0902 GMT) Sunday, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory Sunday.

The epicentre was determined to be located at 19.2 degrees north latitude and 121.2 degrees east longitude, about 510 kilometres north of Manila, Philippines.

There has been no immediate casualty report by the Press time.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



Japanese fans hold a banner as they wait for US pop star Michael Jackson's arrival outside an orphanage in Tokyo on 28 May, 2006. Jackson visited a Tokyo children's home on Sunday and told a group of 140 excited children 'I love you' in Japanese. — INTERNET

Berlin station stabs victims given HIV prevention

BERLIN, 29 May — Twenty-eight people stabbed on a crowded street by a drunken German teenager are receiving protective treatment for the next four weeks after it emerged that one victim was HIV positive, authorities said on Sunday.

A drunken knife-wielding teenager stabbed randomly at people leaving a ceremony to dedicate Berlin's new central rail station just before midnight on Friday and injured 28 in a 10-minute orgy of violence before he was stopped by security guards.

All but four of the 28 people injured in the attack were released by Sunday. Fifteen of the 28 had critical wounds when taken to a nearby hospital on Friday.

The attack came as a shock to Ger-

many less than two weeks before the World Cup soccer tournament opens, casting a shadow over the fireworks, concert and light show celebrations to open the new station that some 500,000 people watched.

"We've started HIV prophylaxis with 28 people," Charite hospital head doctor Dirk Schuermann told *Reuters*. "The chances of an HIV infection through a knife wound is three in 1,000. The prophylaxis can reduce the risk by another 80 per cent." — *MNA/Reuters*

ADB President assures assistance following earthquake in Indonesia

MANILA, 29 May — Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Haruhiko Kuroda on Sunday offered ADB's sympathy and assistance following a strong earthquake hit the island of Java, Indonesia on Saturday morning.

"On behalf of the Asian Development Bank, I offer my deepest sympathy and condolences to the people of Indonesia, and to the families of the victims," an ADB report quoted Kuroda as saying.

The ADB is closely monitoring the situation through its resident mission in Jakarta, Kuroda

said, assuring the Government of Indonesia of ADB's fullest support and cooperation in rebuilding lives affected by the devastating earthquake near Yogyakarta, central Java.

The ADB can draw on long experience of dealing with disasters, including the recent Asian tsunami, which also hit Indo-

nesia, as well as the South Asia earthquake.

Early reports said that more than 3,000 people were killed and thousands more were injured in the earthquake. There is also extensive damage to the buildings and other infrastructure around the ancient city of Yogyakarta.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Moldovian cargo plane intercepted by Italy's warplane

ROME, 29 May — An Italian Air Force fighter jet on Saturday intercepted a Moldovian cargo plane which entered Italian air space without filing all its flight plans, the Air Force said.

The Moldovian cargo plane, which flew from Libya into Italian air space, was intercepted by Italy's *F-16* fighter jet in the skies above Ponza, a small island off Italy's west coast.

The *F-16* escorted the cargo plane to its destination, Rimini Airport on Italy's

east coast, the Air Force said.

An investigation has been launched to find out why the Moldovian *Aeronord* cargo plane's crew had not communicated their flight plans to the Eurocontrol centre as they were supposed to. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A Chinese couple celebrate their wedding in Nanjing, eastern China's Jiangsu Province, on 28 May, 2006. Some Chinese have chosen 28 May to get married as the Chinese pronunciation of the date sounds like 'Wo Liang Fa' (Both of us get rich). — INTERNET

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Five charged in 10-year telemarketing scam in Canada

OTTAWA, 28 May—Canada's federal regulators have charged five people and three companies with scamming more than 150 million Canadian dollars (135 million US dollars) from more than 50,000 Canadian and American businesses over a decade. The individuals, who are principals or decision makers in the companies, are accused of running telemarketing operations that sold listings in business directories that did not exist or were useless, Don Mercer, assistant deputy commissioner of the federal agency Competition Bureau, told reporters Friday.

The bureau alleges the telemarketers contacted small—and medium-sized businesses in Canada and the United States, claiming

that they were updating information in their business directory listings and implying that the business had ordered a listing in the past. Mercer said the tactic is called a "presumed sale", and it takes advantage of people's trust. With amounts like 300 Canadian dollars (270 dollars) at stake, companies sometimes did not pay much attention to the spending.

At the peak in 2002, the three companies with similar names—Datacom Marketing Inc, Datacom Direct Inc and Datacom Marketing Inc—duped over 50,000 Canadian and American businesses out of more than 23 million Canadian dollars' (21 million dollars) worth of business, the bureau said.—MNA/Xinhua



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Uganda's non-coffee exports value rises to \$59m
 KAMPALA, 28 May—The value of Uganda's non-coffee exports has increased to 59.27 million US dollars in March from 52.55 million dollars in February, with fish and maize fetching the highest value, according to a Bank of Uganda (BOU) report.
 Saturday's *New Vision* daily quoted the report as saying that fish exports fetched 17.2 million dollars in March from 13.4 million dollars in February on the back of increased demand from the international market.
 BOU's research department director David Kihangire attributed the trend to the good quality of Uganda's fish products while consumers resort to fish amid panic of mad cow and bird flu diseases.
 "There has been a need to shift from poultry and beef and the best alternative is fish," he said.
 MNA/Reuters

Britain probes report more foreign prisoners released
 LONDON, 28 May — Britain's Interior Ministry is looking into reports that hundreds of mentally-ill criminals have been released from secure mental hospitals without being considered for deportation.
 The *Sun* newspaper said on Saturday that police were trying to track down 500 foreign nationals, including rapists, murderers and child sex offenders, who have been released from mental hospitals.
 The Home Office (Interior Ministry) said it

was not able to comment precisely on the newspaper report because it does not know the exact numbers of people who may be involved. It said an investigation has begun to get hold of the data.
 "Historically there has been no automatic system to record the nationality of mentally-ill offenders," a ministry spokesman told *Reuters*.
 "Officials are going through the files to see who might be eligible for deportation."
 MNA/Reuters

Russia, Tajikistan to boost border defence cooperation

Moscow, 28 May—The Russian and Tajik presidents on Friday pledged to strengthen their cooperation in defence, counter-terrorism and anti-drug trafficking, the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS reported.

The two countries would set up a border-defence cooperation plan which was of strategic importance to Russia, the Russian President Vladimir Putin told a Press briefing after a meeting with his Tajik counterpart Emomal Rakhmonov in Sochi, a tourist resort in southern Russia.

His country was willing to work with other partners in helping Tajikistan's efforts to resume the latter's border defence force by providing support in personnel training, technology and equipment, Putin said.

Meanwhile, Rakhmonov said Russia's help would boost the security of the border between the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as Tajikistan has a long border line with Afghanistan.

Russia would help Tajikistan in the fight against drug-trafficking, extremists and cross-border crimes, said Rakhmonov.

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WHO launches global alliance to overcome medical shortages

GENEVA, 28 May— The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched a new global alliance aimed at overcoming the severe shortage of medical workers worldwide, said a Press release posted Friday on the WHO website.

The new group, named Global Health Workforce Alliance, will work together and mobilize key stakeholders engaged in global health to help countries improve the way they plan for, educate and employ health workers.

The secretariat of the new group will be hosted by the WHO, the Press release said.

The alliance will also promote increased funding for medical training and exchanges of students and teachers between the developed and the developing world.

The WHO has cited a

worldwide shortage of doctors, nurses and other medical workers which totals four million overall and includes 2.3 million in the developing world.

It said in a report published last month that in 57 countries, serious shortages of medical workers were hampering vaccination programmes for children, pre-natal care, and AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis treatment.

Of the 57 countries, 36 are in sub-Saharan Africa.

The initial partners of the new alliance include the WHO itself, the World Bank, the Bill & Melinda

Gates Foundation, the Canadian International Development Agency, the European Commission, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, the Global Equity Initiative at Harvard University, the International Council of Nurses, the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and others.

MNA/Xinhua



A black rhino grazes in Kenya's famed Tsavo East National Park. Kenyan authorities have launched a massive manhunt for poachers suspected of killing rare black rhinos in the wildlife reserve.—INTERNET

Researchers say chimp poop reveals AIDS origins

WASHINGTON, 28 May— Researchers who picked up and analyzed wild chimp droppings said recently they had shown how the AIDS virus originated in wild apes in Cameroon and then spread in humans across Africa and eventually the world.

Their study, published in the journal *Science*, supports other studies that suggest

people somehow caught the deadly human immunodeficiency virus from

chimpanzees, perhaps by killing and eating them.

"It says that the

chimpanzee group that gave rise to HIV ... this chimp community resides in Cameroon," said Beatrice Hahn of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who led the study.

"But that doesn't mean the epidemic originated there because it didn't," Hahn, who has been studying the genetic origin of HIV for years, said in a telephone interview.

"We actually know where the epidemic took off. The epidemic took off in Kinshasa, in Brazzaville." Kinshasa is in the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire, and faces Brazzaville, in Congo, across the Congo River.

Studies have traced HIV to a man who gave a blood sample in 1959 in Kinshasa, then called Leopoldville. Later analysis found the AIDS virus.

In people, HIV leads to AIDS but chimps have a version called simian immune deficiency virus that causes them no harm. Humans are the only animals naturally susceptible to HIV.

HIV has been found in captive chimps but Hahn wanted to show it could be found in the wild, too.

Her international team got the cooperation of the government in Cameroon and they hired skilled trackers. The trackers managed to collect 599 samples of droppings. Hahn's lab found DNA, identified each individual chimp and then found evidence of the virus.

MNA/Reuters

Murdoch's "Times" of London to launch US edition

LONDON, 28 May— *The Times*, Rupert Murdoch's London-based newspaper, is launching a US edition next month that will be printed at facilities owned by its News Corp sibling the *New York Post*.

"This is a key moment in the development of *The Times* as an international media brand," *Times* editor Robert Thompson said in a statement.

"We have seen a large increase in our *Times* Online readership in the US and the appearance of the newspaper on the streets of New York marks the next stage in our print and web expansion." The launch is set for 6 June, the week of the soccer World Cup kicks off in Germany.

The US edition of the *Times*, with a one US dollar cover price, will join the *Financial Times* and a weekly edition of the *Guardian* as British newspapers publishing in the United States. Thompson was responsible for a major US expansion of the *Financial Times* when he worked at the Pearson-owned paper.

The *Times* is the second-best selling "quality" newspaper in Britain, behind its arch-rival the *Telegraph*, owned by the Barclay brothers.

MNA/Reuters



The USS Chung-Hoon pulls into Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, on 25 May, 2006. The \$1 billion destroyer is named after the late Rear Adm Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon, who was born and raised in Honolulu. Chung-Hoon, who died in 1979, received the Navy Cross for his leadership after a kamikaze attack in 1945 left several of his crew dead and his ship, the USS *Sigsbee*, severely crippled.—INTERNET

British music group "Sanctuary" sacks CEO

LONDON, 28 May — Sanctuary, the world's

biggest independent music label and home to Elton John, said on Friday it had sacked Chief Executive Andy Taylor in the wake of how he handled the company's financial accounts last year.

"The board's decision to remove Mr Taylor followed their conclusion that certain of the prior year adjustments made in the 2005 accounts should have been presented as a correction of fundamental errors and not as changes in accounting policy," the company said in a statement.

Taylor has been replaced by Frank Presland, chief executive

of Twenty-First Artists Management, which was acquired by Sanctuary last year.

Presland, 62, has worked as a solicitor specializing in music and copyright for over 25 years and advised acts such as the Beatles, Dusty Springfield, the Troggs and Elton John. He will hold the CEO post for the rest of the year at which point the position will be reviewed, Sanctuary said.

Sanctuary shares were up 7.1 per cent at 49 pence in early trading, valuing the company at around 108 million pounds (201.9 million US dollars).—MNA/Reuters



The cars of PJ Chesson, left, and Jeff Bucknum show damage after contact in the opening laps of the Indianapolis 500 auto race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on 28 May, 2006, in Indianapolis.—INTERNET

SPORTS



French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, left, and French national soccer team captain Zinedine Zidane pose with Zidane's No 10 jersey at the training camp of Clairefontaine, near Paris, on 28 May, 2006. The French team is training for the upcoming soccer World Cup in Germany where they will play against Switzerland, Korea and Togo in Group G. —INTERNET

Ukraine crush hapless Costa Rica 4-0

KIEV, 29 May— Ukraine received a perfect send-off to the World Cup on Sunday when they crushed fellow qualifiers Costa Rica 4-0 in their final warm-up on home soil.

Ukraine, who have qualified for their first finals, had to make do without injured captain and striker Andriy Shevchenko but they still struck three times in the opening 40 minutes.

Serhiy Nazarenko opened the scoring in the 29th minute, capitalizing on a fumble by Costa Rica goalkeeper Wardy Alfaro.

Andriy Vorobei made it 2-0 five minutes later, cutting through a feeble Costa Rica defence and Maxim Kalnychenko added a third five minutes before the interval.

Olexiy Belik finished off the hapless visitors with the fourth 13 minutes after the break.

Despite the emphatic victory Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin was

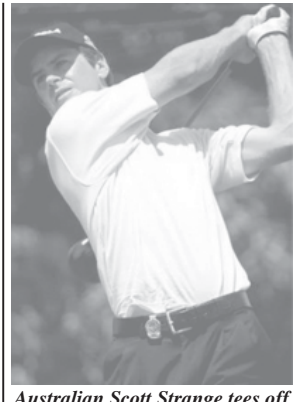
not totally pleased with his team's performance.

"In a warm-up the result doesn't count," he told reporters.

"What really counts is discipline on defence, team work and the ability to play an all-round game. We need to work on all those aspects of the game."

Shevchenko, the 2004 European Player of the Year, is still recovering from a knee injury he sustained playing for his club AC Milan earlier this month but is expected to be fit for Ukraine's World Cup opener against Spain on June 14.

Costa Rica will need to improve quickly as they face hosts Germany in the World Cup's opening match on June 9. — MNA/Reuters



Australian Scott Strange tees off on the 15th hole during the final round of the 90th Philippine Open at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Manila on 28 May, 2006. Strange won with a final round of two-under-par 70 at the Philippine Open.

INTERNET

Strange secures solid win in Philippines

SINGAPORE, 29 May— Australian Scott Strange eased to a five-shot victory at the Philippine Open with a final round two-under-par 70.

Last season's Myanmar Open champion claimed his second Asian tour title with an eight-under-par 280 at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club's East course on Sunday.

"I feel pretty excited. It was tough out there," said Strange, who picked up a cheque for 31,700 US dollars. "The weather was pretty exhausting, four days of it and to come through with this trophy and a win, I'm pretty excited about it,"

Korean rookie Park Jun-won finished runner-up, his best performance

Ecuador slump to 2-1 defeat against Macedonia

MADRID, 29 May— Ecuador slumped to a disappointing 2-1 defeat against Macedonia in their final warm-up game before the World Cup in Madrid on Sunday.

The loss was particularly worrying for the South Americans because of an injury to goalscorer Carlos Tenorio and a nerve-riddled performance from keeper Edwin Villafuerte. Tenorio put Ecuador ahead with a fine solo goal in the 19th minute, but Macedonia were gifted an equalizer when Villafuerte fumbled a cross and allowed striker Goran Maznov to poke the ball home on the half hour.

The Ecuador striker was carried off on a stretcher with a leg injury midway through the second half and Macedonia grabbed the victory eight minutes later when defender Igor Mitreski blasted home from the penalty spot after Aco Stoikov went down in the area.

MNA/Reuters

Last-gasp penalty gives Croatia draw with Iran

OSIJEK (Croatia), 29 May— A Marko Babic penalty deep in stoppage time salvaged a 2-2 draw for Croatia against Iran in a World Cup warm-up international on Sunday.

Iran, who are also in the finals in Germany, were on the verge of a notable victory when their goalkeeper Ebrahim Mirza slid into one of his own defenders and then clipped Croatia's Ivica Olic as the ball ran free.

Bayer Leverkusen's Babic calmly converted the kick. Iran took the lead after 21 minutes when a shot from Mohammad Nosrati was not cleared and the ball fell to Ali Karimi who drove it into the net.

Croatia drew level 10 minutes later when Jurica Vranjes' cross was knocked back by Hajduk Split's Niko Kranjcar and Dado Prso shot past Mirza. The match became disjointed after the break with both sides making several replacements.—MNA/Reuters

since turning professional in January.

Strange moved up to 10th place on the Asian Tour's order of merit.

MNA/Reuters

Hornish beats Andretti to win Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS, 29 May— Sam Hornish junior blasted past rookie Marco Andretti at the finish line to win the Indianapolis 500 on Sun-

day by the second closest margin ever.

Hornish, who started from the pole, finished a car length ahead of 19-year old Andretti, whose father Michael was third.

"That kid drove a heck of a race and he raced me clean," Hornish said in Victory Circle. It was a record 14th victory for car owner Roger Penske. Defending champion Dan Wheldon of Britain led for most of the race before finishing fourth.

On lap 150 of the 200-lap, 500-mile (800-kilometre) race Hornish attempted to leave the pits with the fuel hose attached to his Dallara/Honda.

Although he stopped to have his crew remove the hose, Indy Racing League officials called a drive-through penalty.

"It's been a long month, and not everything went our way as we saw today," Hornish said.

After chasing down Andretti on the final lap an attempted pass in turn three failed, he backed off and made a run off the last turn and ultimately took the lead near the finish line, holding off the 19-year-old rookie by .063 of a second.

"I almost won this thing. I don't know where Penske (Hornish) came from, but I guess they were saving it," Marco Andretti said. "It's a bummer. I've got to take advantage of every shot I get out here, I really do because second is nothing." Michael Andretti, 43, came out of retirement in 2003 to finish third, less than one second behind his son.

MNA/Reuters



China's Zuo Man, who pairs with Zhang Ying, receives the ball during the 3/4th place match against top-seeded Juliana Felisberta Silva and Larissa Franca of Brazil at China Shanghai Jinsan Open beach volleyball tournament on 28 May, 2006 in Jinshan District in Shanghai, China. Silva/ Franca pair beat Zhang/Zuo pair 21-14, 21-12. —INTERNET

Haas wins maiden major in playoff at Oak Tree

HOUSTON, 29 May— American Jay Haas clinched his third consecutive title on the Champions Tour by winning the Senior PGA Championship in a playoff at Edmond, Oklahoma on Sunday.

The 52-year-old edged out compatriot Brad Bryant with a par at the third extra hole after the pair had finished level on five-under-par 279 on another hot, blustery day at Oak Tree Golf Club. PGA Tour veteran Haas got up and down from a greenside bunker and sealed his maiden victory in a major championship when Bryant missed a par putt there from five feet.

"This is pretty sweet, but I feel bad for Brad," Haas told reporters after winning his fifth title at senior level. "He played a lot of good shots today. He deserves it just as much. He's been playing awfully well."

"I tried my darndest to win a major on the PGA Tour but it didn't happen," added Haas, a veteran of

three Ryder Cups and two Presidents Cups who turned professional in 1976.

"I won't even say this is the next best thing, this is just like one of them to me. It had a major championship feel and the crowds were unbelievable this week."

Four off the pace overnight, Haas slipped further back with bogeys at the second and third before a spectacular run of five birdies from the fourth put him two ahead by the turn.

"Six in a row is the most I've ever done, but never in a major tournament, never right by the lead," he said. "I had some stretches and everything, but to do it on this golf course and to get in the hunt was unbelievably special." —MNA/Reuters



Russia's Dinara Safina jubilates after winning her first round match against Russia's Vera Zvonareva during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 28 May, 2006. Safina won the match 6-3, 7-5.

INTERNET



People enjoy the beach at the mouth of the Merrimack River, on 27 May, 2006 on Plum Island in Newburyport, Mass.—INTERNET

Children face same conditions as adults at Guantanamo

WASHINGTON, 29 May — Up to 24 children may have been held up at the US prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and many of them face the same conditions and interrogations as adult inmates, the *Time* magazine reported Sunday.

The number of prisoners under 18 could have been higher as date-of-birth data are imprecise, *Time* said.

"Many of these youths were subject to the

same conditions and interrogations as the adults," it said.

"Some kids — including three Afghans thought to be 10, 12 and 13 when they arrived — were segregated from adults, allowed to play sports and given lessons," it said.

"But in many ways, they were viewed as no different from their grownup fellow inmates," the magazine said.

Some children in-

mates at the prison have claimed through their lawyers that they have been beaten or abused, it said.

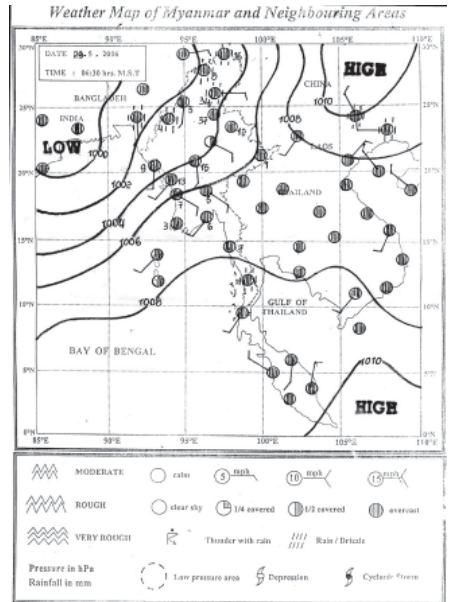
International laws, including the Geneva Conventions, require that child prisoners be separated from adults and given education. The US federal law has similar requirements. Some 460 prisoners are held at Guantanamo, which opened after the US-led war in Afghanistan in 2001. —MNA/Xinhua

Significant Water Level Bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 29-5-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level (646) cm of Ayeyarwady River at Myitkyina shows a rise of (291) cm (about 10-feet) within (24) hrs. The Ayeyawady water level may rise about (210) cm (about 7-feet) at Bhamo, Katha, Mandalay, Sagaing and Nyaungoo above the present water level during the next (2) to (6) days.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level (478) cm of Chindwin River at Hkamti shows a rise of (291) cm (about 10-feet) within (48) hrs. The Chindwin water level may rise about (210) cm (about 7-feet) at Homalin and Mawlaik, and (150) cm (about 5-feet) at Kalewa and Monywa above the present water level during the next (2) to (5) days.



WEATHER

Monday, 29 May, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kayin State, scattered in Mon State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division and wide spread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (4.17) inches, Kyauktaw (3.46) inches, Katha and Phayapon (1.85) inches each, Bhamo and Mogok (1.45) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 28-5-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 29-5-2006 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-5-2006 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 28-5-2006 was (5.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 29-5-2006 were (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.23) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (14.45) inches at Mingaladon, (17.99) inches at Kaba-Aye and (19.14) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 28-5-2006.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the North, Central Bay and generally moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-5-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls is Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-5-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-5-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 30 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Powerful thing... Thisha Yeaswood
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Girl in your dreams...M,M
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Do you remember...A
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Here for you... Firehouse
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -Where you are... Jessica Simpson
- Have you ever been in love... Lelene Dion
- Am I the only one... Mare Anthony
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (I) Unit (9)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm -Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure -If life is so short... the Moffats
- This one's for you...OTT
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 30 May
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ ဖဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟောရှင် ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဟောသဒ္ဒမ္မ ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. ကဗျာပန်ဆုယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am
 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. Song for yesteryear

- 8:20 am
 8. လဂွမ်းပြင် ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Let's go
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
 4. အဆားသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတ်ယူနစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
 6. စံစားနားဆင် တေးဂီတတိုင်
- 5:25 pm
 7. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရှာစားရေးဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းစေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:30 pm
 8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:45 pm
 12. သားငါးစွန့်ပြီး ပြည့်အကျိုး
- 7:00 pm
 13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:10 pm
 14. မြန်မာ့ပုဂံနန်းဆယ်မျိုး (ပန်းတော့)
- 7:15 pm
 15. The mirror images of musical oldies
- 7:30 pm
 16. "ကုန်စည်တိုးပွား တွဲတေး တံတား"
- 7:35 pm
 17. အတိတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:45 pm
 18. တိုက်ပွဲကာကွယ်ရေး စီမံကိန်း တင်တိုင်ရုံ
- 8:00 pm
 19. News
- 20. International news
- 21. Weather report
- 22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အိပ်မက်ကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 23. The next day's programme

Redouble efforts to meet the aims

Minister inspects factories in Bago Division

YANGON, 29 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected sales of Winthuzha Shop in Bago, Bago Division yesterday and gave instructions.

On arrival at Tapioca Powder Factory of Myanma Foodstuff Industries in DaikU, the minister inspected tapioca plantations. The minister called upon the officials to grow the tapioca on manageable scale, to transform manual farming into mechanized one and to reclaim more virgin lands for growing physic nut plants.

Later, the minister oversaw extension to the factory and maintenance of machinery equipment and gave instructions on future work.

He also met with the officials of the factory and discussed matters related to work being done with them.

The minister went to Zeyawady Distillery in Zeyawady, met the officials and the staff and left instructions.

The minister proceeded to Zeyawady Sugar Mill and inspected samples of cane carrier chain slat, roller shell, secondary fan feed pump bearing housing and others.

In meeting with the officials of the factory, the minister heard reports on stockpiling of sugarcane from during the period from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007 financial year, production and distribution of sugar and measures to be taken in 2006-2007 financial year.



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects machinery equipment in Zeyawady Sugar Mill.

INDUSTRY-1

In response to the reports, the minister called upon them to redouble their efforts to meet the aims of the factory.—MNA

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YANGON, 29 May — Fifty-four members including three executives of Myitkyina Township National League for Democracy in Kachin State collectively resigned from the party after presenting the signed letters to NLD headquarters, and the respective local authorities.

They presented their resignation in person to the Myitkyina Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission on 10 May.

U Aung Nyein, on behalf of the 54, explained the reason behind their resignation, saying that they quit the party of own volition as they have witnessed the government working overtime to realize the firm political, economic and social objectives, while keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, which is the national policy. They with their own eyes have seen the education, health, transport and clean water supply in the villages, the successful results from the government's rural development project. Even in border areas, rural-urban gap is narrowing significantly.

Not with words, but with deeds the government has been laying a firm foundation for health, education, transport and socio-economy. They after

making a resolve to join hands with the Tatmadaw and the people as a force in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, quit their party functions. He reiterated that all of them have made the resignation not because of other's urging, but because of their own view that time has arrived for changing their belief and opinions. The government has internationally proclaimed the seven-point future policy programme of the state, and the National Convention has already completed 70 per cent of the tasks. At a time when the emergence of a modern and developed nation is not far, the NLD's acts are incompatible with time and conditions against the interests of the nation and the people. They quit the NLD as they totally lose interest in the party whose main self-seeking misconduct is to grab power which it has long coveted.

Joint secretary of the township NLD U Soe Aung presented the letters of resignation and the office equipment they used in performing party functions to the chairman of Township MPDGESC.

Chaired by U Khin Maung Win of the township NLD, the collective resignation ceremony was also attended by officials and local authorities.

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With respect to the environmental conservation, the National Commission for Environmental Affairs established in 1990 is joining hands with congenial ministries and private companies for protection of forests, biodiversity, mountains and watershed areas in the nation.

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