

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

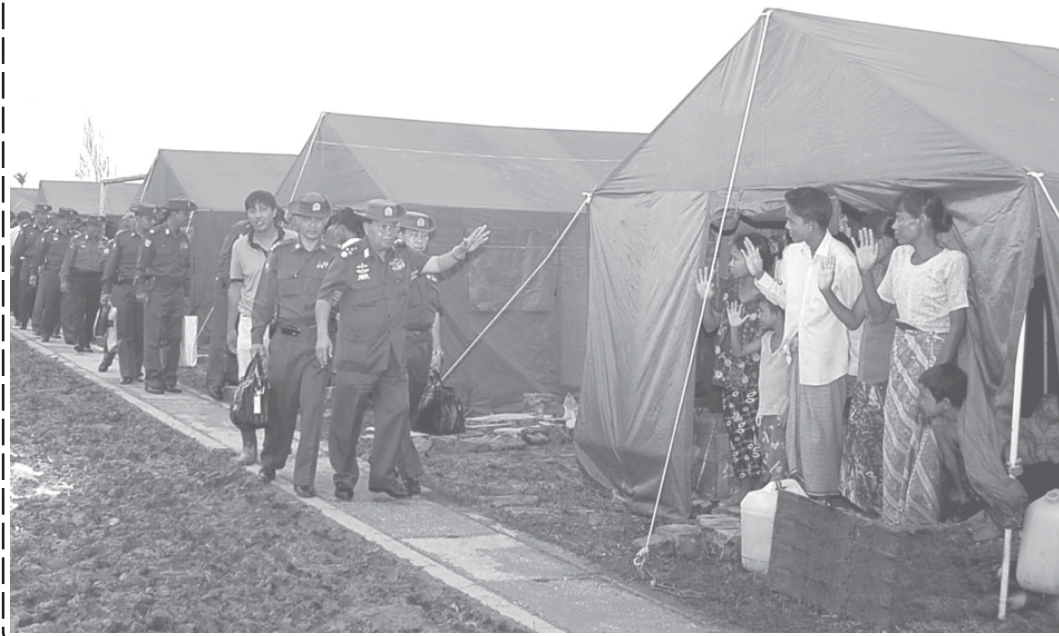
Four economic objectives

- * 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

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Parents' loving-kindness and goodwill towards offspring-2

The images of the Senior General, who continued the trip even in the untoward hours and shared joys and sorrows with local people, will always be on the mind of the local people. In addition, the loving-kindness and goodwill he showed for the people will be unforgettable for the regions and local people.

KYAW YE MIN

PRC medical team donates vehicles, medicines and medical equipment

YANGON, 30 May — Preserving the fine tradition of friendly relations between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, the medical team of the PRC gave medical treatment to storm victims in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions from 19 to 30 May. Before its departure for home, a ceremony to donate two minibuses, two ambulances, medicines and medical

equipment used in the course of relief operation, was held at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon township here this afternoon.

Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department spoke words of thanks and accepted documents relating to materials presented by Economic and Commercial Attaché Mr Tang Hai of

the PRC Embassy to Myanmar.

The vehicles, medicines and medical equipment will be handed over to the Ministry of Health.

The 50-member medical team led by Dr Xaing Shiping, gave medical treatment to 4,000 storm victims in Dedaye, Ayeyawady Division and Kungyangon and Kawhmu in Yangon Division.— MNA



Economic and Commercial Attaché Mr Tang Hai hands over documents related to donations of Chinese medical team to Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department. —MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 31 May, 2008

Strive for exceeding cultivation target of main crops

Myanmar is an agro-based country. The government is thus placing emphasis on development of the agriculture sector. Most recently, Myanmar was hit hard by the severe cyclone which caused extensive damage to farmland in some regions of Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions. Now, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are engaged in the reconstruction of storm-hit regions with the contributions of well-wishers.

Departments, companies and associations are making donations of power tillers, rice seeds and fertilizers to farmers in storm-hit regions so that they can timely start the agricultural work. For timely resumption of the agricultural work donated power-tillers are being delivered to the storm-hit regions speedily.

In the storm-hit Labutta Township, the Myanmar Agriculture Service has made arrangements to provide farmers with rice seeds and fertilizers while the Agricultural Development Bank has made arrangements to disburse loans to them. The farmers, on their part, are to make land preparations as soon as possible with the help of the Agricultural Mechanization Department, making better use of the power tillers.

The collective ploughing for the 2008 monsoon paddy season was held in Chaungphyu Village, storm-devastated Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division on 27 May. As the township is targeting to grow over 100,000 acres of monsoon paddy efforts are to be made for meeting the target with the use of the power tillers instead of cattle and farm equipment.

With the assistance of the government and well-wishers farmers are to make relentless efforts for exceeding the cultivation target of main crops. Only then, will the living standard of people improve.



Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai presents school uniforms and stationery to students in Thanlyin. —MNA

People's Desire

- * 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

Minister inspects factories in Magway Division

YANGON, 30 May—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected Thayet Cement Factory of Myanma Ceramic Industries in Magway on 25 May.

During the tour of Magway Division, the minister also inspected Winthuza Shop in Aunglan, a corn product factory in Taungdwingyi Township and a cotton ginning factory of Myanma Textile Industries in Taungdwingyi and gave instructions.

Afterwards, the



minister proceeded to Pwintphyu Township and inspected Textile Factory (Pwintphyu) and Winthuza Shop (Pwint-

phyu) and Umbrella Factory, Soft Drink Factory and Soap Factory.

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Minister U Aung Thaung inspects a corn product factory in Taungdwingyi. INDUSTRY-1

Charity stage show for storm victims

YANGON, 30 May—Myanmar Music Asiayone will organize stage show at Bahtoo Sport Grounds in Mandalay at 5 pm on 7 June.

The show, sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Limited, aims to raise the funds for the storm victims, and three well-known bands Lazy Club, Metal Zone and The Trees will

entertain together with a galaxy of star singers.

Famous singers such as Play Boy Than Naing, J Maung Maung, Chit Kaung, Harry Lin, Yin Go, Mar Rizza, Saung Oo Hlaing, Sithu Lwin, Alex, Graham, Bo Phyu, Zaw Paing, R Zarni, Phyo Gyi, Kaung Set, Pho Kyaw, Breakie, Pho Kar, Han Tun, Lin Lin, Tint Tint

Tun, She, Chaw Su Khin, Khin Phone, Yuzana, Chit Thu Wai, L Sai Xi, Mau Sapai Nyo and Lu Lu will take part in the show.

In addition, a ceremony to accept the donations will be held at City Hotel on 26th Street between 82nd x 83rd Streets in Mandalay from 2 pm to 4 pm on 6 June, and artistes will accept the donations

and present certificates of honour instead of the Association.

Those well-wishers may contact Mandalay City Hotel and Mandalay Music Asi-ayone.

Under the supervision of Myanmar Music Asiayone, the artistes will donate the funds collected at the show to the victims.

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SSA insurgents slay innocent civilians, set fire to saw mill, trawler-G in Maukmai Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—SSA (Ywetsit)'s insurgent group on 28 May evening set fire to a saw mill and a trawler-G, seized nine saw mill workers, hit and slashed to death eight of them and captured the chairman of Narhsai Village Peace and Development Council in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South).

At 5 pm on 28 May, the 25-member group of SSA (Ywetsit) arrived at U Myint Oo's saw mill in Maukmai Township and set fire to the mill and the trawler-G. They seized nine workers including Aung Naing, who were then hit and slashed to death in a

gorge, about a furlong from the saw mill. After the insurgents, thinking the workers were all dead, had left, worker Than Zaw fled the scene and hitched a ride on a bike to Maukmai Hospital. Than Zaw, who sustained multiple stab wounds and cuts, is undergoing medical treatment at Maukmai Township People's Hospital. The remaining eight workers died at the scene.

As the insurgents held the chairman of Narhsai Village PDC Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit of them, it is learnt.—MNA

Yangon Division MCWSC donates uniforms, stationery to students in Thanlyin

YANGON, 30 May —Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated school uniforms and stationery to students of the storm surviving families in Thanlyin Township on 28 May.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presented school uniforms and stationery worth

K700,000 to school heads and students at No 1 Basic Education High School in Thanlyin Township to mark the School Enrollment Week in Thanlyin Township.

Chairperson of Thanlyin Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyi Pyar Win reported on tasks which have been carried out in the township.—MNA

EU rejects US claims of violating WTO rules

BRUSSELS, 30 May—The European Commission on Wednesday rejected US claims that the European Union (EU) broke World Trade Organization (WTO) rules on information technology products. Earlier Wednesday, the US Government filed a case to the WTO, alleging the EU violated WTO's Information Technology Agreement (ITA) by levying tariffs on computer screens and other information technology products. "The US claim that the Customs classification applied by the EU to certain technological

goods is not justified under the ITA is unfounded," the EU's executive arm said in a statement.

The dispute centres on which products are covered under the ITA, signed in 1996 to eliminate tariffs on a range of high-tech goods to boost trade.

For example, the EU argued that the ITA gives duty-free treatment to computer monitors, not to monitors for consumer electronics such as TV or DVD players. As new technologies emerge, problem arises when LCD computer monitors are equipped with a Digital

Visual Interface to allow use with consumer electronics.

"Where changes in technology have given a product multiple functions—for example, a digital photo camera that also records large amounts of high-quality video—then these products in many cases are objectively different products falling outside of the original product categories covered by the ITA," the commission said.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police officers inspect a crater as firefighters clean the road with water in the al-Ghabat area of central Mosul, Iraq, on 29 May, 2008, after a suicide bomber drove his car up to police officers and detonated his explosives killing 3 police officers and wounding 4 police officers and 5 civilians.—INTERNET



Space shuttle Discovery sits ready on launch pad 39a for the STS-124 mission to the international space station at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla, on 29 May, 2008. Discovery is scheduled to launch on Saturday.—INTERNET

New Delhi braces for violent quota protests

NEW DELHI, 30 May—An ethnic Indian group demanding job quotas blocked highways leading to the national capital on Wednesday, threatening to bring its protests to New Delhi, the sixth day of demonstrations that killed 37 people.

Violent protests have roiled the western state of Rajasthan where at least 36 members of the Gujjar community were killed after police fired to quell rioting. A policeman was lynched. The Gujjars, already considered a disadvantaged group, want to be reclassified further down the complex Hindu caste and status system so they qualify for

government jobs and university seats reserved for such groups.

The government reserves about half of all seats in state colleges and universities for lower castes and tribal groups to flatten centuries-old social hierarchies, in what has been called the world's biggest affirmative action scheme. Gujjar protesters have squatted on roads and rail tracks in Rajasthan with bodies of some of those killed in the police firing for almost a week, saying the bodies would not be cremated until the government relented.

MNA/Reuters

Philippines seizes huge drugs shipment

MANILA, 30 May—Philippine police have seized more than 700 kilos of high-grade methamphetamines worth nearly 100 million US dollars in what is believed to be the country's biggest ever drugs haul, officials said on Wednesday.

Errol Pan, regional police chief, said the drugs were discovered on Tuesday after two boxes, each containing about 10 kilos of methamphetamines, were found floating on a river near Subic, a port north of Manila. The boxes were traced to a company renting warehouses in the Subic area.

A van inside one of the warehouses yielded 66 similar boxes filled with methamphetamines. Another warehouse was found to contain 88 kilos of the drug.

MNA/Reuters

Morocco seizes over 3.47 tons of hashish

RABAT, 30 May—Morocco has seized 3.477 tons of hashish on a rubber boat apparently bound for Europe on the Mediterranean coast, state MAP news agency reported on Wednesday.

In one of the biggest hashish hauls of the North African country, the Moroccan marine on Tuesday night intercepted the tons of hashish arranged in 128 parcels and put in an inflatable boat with three strong engines, local authorities was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

French serial killer gets life sentence

CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES (France), 30 May—Self-confessed killer Michel Fourniret and his wife Monique Olivier were sentenced to life in prison on Wednesday in one of the worst serial murder cases in recent French history. The couple showed no reaction after the court in northern France found Fourniret, dubbed the "Ogre of the Ardennes", guilty of killing and raping or attempting to rape seven women and girls aged between 12 and 22 from 1987. The case, among the most gruesome seen in

France since World War II, helped lead to a shake-up of the way French police investigate serial murders including better coordination between different authorities.

Fourniret, 66, will be able to seek a reduced sentence, according to

very strict conditions, but only after serving 30 years in jail. Given his age, he is unlikely to ever walk free.

Olivier, 59, must spend at least 28 years in jail for the part she played in some of the murders and a rape, the court said.

MNA/Reuters

Man killed by shooting near school in Toronto

OTTAWA, 30 May—A man was killed during a shooting that happened near a high school Wednesday in Canada's biggest city Toronto, police said. The man, about 20 years old, was shot several times in the chest while he was outside Blessed Mother Teresa Catholic Secondary School in the city's eastern end. He was rushed to hospital but was pronounced dead.—MNA/Xinhua

Afghan policemen and security force gather at the site of a suicide bomb blast in Afghanistan's southern city of Lashkar Gah on 28 May, 2008.
INTERNET



Three ASEAN nations start joint mechanism on Malacca Straits

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 May — Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia have started implementing the co-operative mechanism to protect the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, local newspapers reported on Wednesday.

The implementation of the Cooperative Mechanism for the Straits of Malacca and Singapore was officially announced here at a forum on Tuesday, Nanyang Siang Pau said.

The implementation

would strengthen the roles of the three littoral states of the Straits in safeguarding one of the most important shipping lanes in the world, Malaysian Transport Minister Ong Tee Keat said when he officiated the forum on the mechanism.

The mechanism is said to be an initiative under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which was adopted 26 years ago with an aim to promote

voluntary cooperation between the littoral states and users of the Straits in enhancing safety of navigation and environmental protection of the Straits.

Under the cooperative mechanism, the three littoral states and user states of the Straits agreed to set up the Aids to Navigation Fund, which will be managed by Malaysia for the next three years on a rotating basis.

Xinhua



Volunteers play with Peng Shanghan, a 10-month old boy from Beichuan County, in Jiuzhou Indoor Stadium temporary resettlement zone, in Mianyang city of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 28 May, 2008. Over 100 volunteers from all over the country, offered psychological assistance and organized collective activities for the children there. —XINHUA

Hamas says no progress in prisoners swap with Israel

GAZA, 30 May — A senior Islamic Hamas movement leader denied on Tuesday that a progress was made in the indirect talks with Israel to exchange Palestinian prisoners for a captured Israeli soldier in Gaza. "So far, nothing has been changed and the situation is as it is," Osama al-Mzeini, a senior Hamas leader who is well-informed told reporters in response to earlier reports that a progress of prisoners swap

has been made.

Israeli corporal Gilad Shalit was captured by Hamas movement's armed wing and two other armed groups in Gaza in an attack on an Israeli Army base on the border between Israel and southeastern Gaza Strip in June 2006.

Egypt has been mediating between Israel and Hamas movement to release Shalit for releasing several hundred Palestinian prisoners in addition to

women, children, aged and sick prisoners from Israeli jails. "Hamas movement has presented a list prisoners it wants to free, but Israel has rejected to release all of them and has only agreed on a few number of them," said al-Mzeini.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Filipinos create PC game about ASEAN cultures

MANILA, 30 May — Filipino engineering and computer science professors have developed a computer game that allows Asians to familiarize themselves with countries in the

region, media reports said on Wednesday.

Patterned after the popular computer game Tomb Raider, the game, developed by professors from the Philippines' De La Salle University,

features a storyline that will familiarize players about the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Philippine TV network GMA News reported.

ASEAN Quest's main objective is to help restore ASEAN's power line after a strong typhoon from the Philippines wreaked havoc on neighbouring Southeast Asian countries. However, to rebuild the power line, the player needs to hurdle "mini games" such as the Temple Mini Game whose objective is to restore a temple destroyed by a superstorm.

Another challenge is the Nuclear Waste Mini Game where the player assumes the role of an agent tasked to look for missing nuclear waste.

Xinhua



Rescue workers check the area where a helicopter crashed into a building in Panama City, on 29 May, 2008. —XINHUA

Greek Parliament ratifies constitution revision process

ATHENS, 30 May — The process on the revision of the Constitution was concluded with a vote by the Parliamentary plenum on Tuesday night leading to the adoption of three proposals concerning changes.

The plenum ratified three out of the 38 revision proposals on behalf of the large majority of deputies of the ruling New Democracy, Communist Party of Greece (KKE), Radical Left Coalition (SYRIZA) and Popular Orthodox Rally (LAOS) parties, while the main opposition PASOK Party was absent. A transitional clause contained in the previous Constitution, that had become unnecessary due to its implementation, is removed from the new Constitution. According to Athens News Agency, the new Constitution will

be implemented upon publication of the relevant bill and resolution in the Government Gazette, during the next 10 days, while at least five years must pass for a new revision of the constitutional chart to take place. —Xinhua



Southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 28 May, 2008.

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Pakistan celebrates anniversary of nuclear tests

ISLAMABAD, 30 May — Pakistan Wednesday celebrated the 10th anniversary of its nuclear tests, describing the day as "historic in the nation's quest for security".

"Pakistan has taken its responsibilities as a nuclear weapon state seriously. We have not relented in our pursuit for creating a peaceful global and regional environment," a Foreign Office statement said.

Titled "A Decade of Responsibility and Restraint," the statement said, "at all levels bilaterally and multilaterally, we have endeavoured to promote the cause of peace, disarmament and non-proliferation".

It also said that Pakistan had initiated additional proposals for mutual confidence building as well as promoting regional stability.

Xinhua

Mexico's airline opens twice-weekly flights to Shanghai

MEXICO CITY, 30 May—Aeromexico, the largest airline in Mexico, has opened twice-weekly flights between the Mexican capital and Shanghai, China, an

Aeromexico spokesman said Tuesday.

The flights will facilitate bilateral economic, cultural and tourism exchanges between the two countries, said the

spokesman.

The opening of the flights "is very important for reinforcing relations between Mexico and China, especially due to the occasion of the Olympic Games in Beijing", he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Calderon unveils Nat'l plan to boost eco growth

MEXICO CITY, 30 May—Mexican President Felipe Calderon announced a national plan on Tuesday to boost the country's economic growth to 5 per cent by 2012.

The National Program of Funding to Development 2008-2012 is expected to stimulate investment and boost economic growth in Mexico by raising public income, strengthening public finances and improving finance systems, said Calderon.

The program, announced by the president during a meeting with his Cabinet ministers, entrepreneurs and union leaders, will also seek to strengthen the role of banks in development projects.

Low economic growth in Mexico, about 3.2 per cent in 2007, is largely due to insufficient growth in total productivity and assets, said Calderon.

The president said the programme is expected to increase annual investment in Mexico from 21.7 per cent in 2006 to more than 25 per cent by 2012.

MNA/Xinhua

Portugal calls for EU action against high oil prices

LISBON, 30 May—Portugal urged the European Union on Tuesday to take action against record-high oil prices, warning of the "worrying impact on economic growth." The Economy Ministry said in a statement that Economy Minister Manuel Pinho had written to the European Commission's Vice President, Gunther Verheugen, and Slovenian Prime Minister Andrej Vizjack to find measures to curb high oil prices.

"In the short term, we need to identify possible responses," Pinho said in the statement.

Slovenia currently holds the rotating EU presidency.

The minister urged greater efforts to create a single European energy market, greater energy efficiency and greater use of renewable energies. —MNA/Reuters

Tuna at Tokyo's Tsukiji fish market. Rising fuel costs may force one third of ocean-going long-line tuna fishing boats across the world to halt operations, an industry group said recently.

INTERNET



An Air Asia Airbus A320 sits on the tarmac while another Air Asia aircraft taxis at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang. AirAsia said on 29 May its net profits defied spiralling fuel prices to leap 86 percent in the first quarter, but that rising costs would impact on profit margins in the future.—INTERNET

Russia raises natural gas supply to Turkey

ANKARA, 30 May—Russia's gas giant Gazprom raised daily natural gas supply to Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official Anatolia

news agency reported.

Gazprom raised the amount of natural gas transferred to Turkey to 30 million cubic metres per day, a statement by Gazprom spokesman Sergey Kupriyanov was quoted as saying.

Kupriyanov said in the statement that Gazprom decided to send additional natural gas to Turkey after a blast cut a Iran-Turkey pipeline on Monday. Around 22 million cubic metres of natural gas was transported to Turkey via the Blue Stream pipeline per day before the blast.

Gazprom is one of the world's largest gas

companies basically focused on geological exploration, production, transmission, storage, processing and marketing of gas and other hydrocarbons. Its mission is to provide effective and well-balanced gas supply to Russian customers and to safely implement long-term gas export contracts.

The 1213-kilometre-long Blue Stream is a major trans-Black Sea gas pipeline that carries natural gas from Russia into Turkey. By 2010, Blue Stream is expected to operate at full capacity, delivering 16 billion cubic metres of gas per year.—MNA/Xinhua

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ECONOMIC NEWS

Benelux nations to renew economic cooperation treaty

BRUSSELS, 30 May—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg have reached an agreement on a new Benelux treaty to replace the existing one in 2010, Dutch paper *Financieel Dagblad* reported on Tuesday.

The new treaty, which will "modernize and strengthen" the existing partnership, will be signed by the government leaders of the three countries at a ceremony in The Hague on June 17, Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said in Brussels on Monday, following talks with his Belgian and Luxembourg counterparts.

The treaty establishing the Benelux Economic Union was signed in 1958 and came into force in 1960. Aimed at promoting the free movement of workers, capital, services and goods in the region, the treaty expires in 2010. The Benelux was the first group of countries to engage in genuine economic cooperation in Europe. Its founding contributed to the founding of the European Union. —MNA/Xinhua



Glide OS 3.0 is the Complete Mobile Desktop Solution. Glide is one compatible file and information management system and one compatible set of applications for all of your devices. Glide runs on Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, Solaris, Android, BlackBerry, the iPhone, Palm, Symbian and Windows Mobile.

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Tripartite Core Group formed to assist rehabilitation programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee today issued the News Release No. 9 dated 30 May 2008. The full text of the news release is as follows:-

News Release No. 9

1. An ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference participated by the UN Agencies, International Organizations and donor countries was held on 25 May 2008 in Yangon to assist the victims in the areas affected by Cyclone Nargis which hit Myanmar on 2 and 3 May 2008 causing extensive loss of lives and property. The Conference decided to establish the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) comprising three representatives each from the Government of the Union of Myanmar, the ASEAN and the United Nations Organization. The TCG will assist the rehabilitation programmes for the victims of Cyclone Nargis and coordinate among the Government of the Union of Myanmar, the ASEAN and the United Nations Organization.
2. The Tripartite Core Group representing Myanmar comprises Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; U Aung Tun Khaing, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement; and U Than Aye, Deputy Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu has been appointed as Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG).

Date : 30-5-2008

Place: Nay Pyi Taw

The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee



A storm victim family enjoys meals at relief camp in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

U Hton Gold Shop donates cash to storm victims



U Hton family provides cash assistance for storm survivors.—MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay presents stationery to students.—MNA

MWAF donates stationery, school uniforms to school-age children

YANGON, 30 May—Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized a ceremony to donate stationery and school uniforms to the school-age children at the Padamyia hall of Thanlyin No 1 Basic Education High School in Yangon South District on 28 May.

First, MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an address.

Next, the vice-president, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and heads of departments of MWAF presented stationery and school uniforms to the school-age children.

Afterwards, Yangon South District Education Officer U R Mya Lwin reported on school enrollment matters to them. —MNA

YANGON, 30 May—To reconstruct the hall for Yogis at Aungthukha Dhamma Yeiktha hit by the storm in Bogyoke Village in Thanlyin Township, member of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association U Hton (U Hton Gold Shop) donated K 2 million to mark his 86th birthday, on 28 May.

Moreover, he donated K 3.65 million including K 1 million for the storm victims through the MGEA, K 100,000 each to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital, Orphanage Parahita Tiger School, Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor, Kyimyindine School for the Blind, Mary Chapman's School for the deaf and dumb and the Mental Health Specialist Hospital and K 50,000 to renovation to Kyaikkasan Pagoda. —MNA

Six special appeal cases judged

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (YANGON) U Thein Soe, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (YANGON) U Khin Myint and U Myint Thein sitting at court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw), delivered judgment of (six) special civil appeal cases on 26 May. And then they heard (five) special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judicial Law, 2000.—MNA

UMFCCI donates relief supplies to storm victims

YANGON, 30 May—President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-President U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives visited Hleseikgyi and Kyondat village tracts of Dedaye Township on 25 May.

Upon their arrival, they met the storm victims and consoled them. Next, they donated bags of rice,

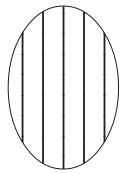
tarpaulin, drinking water bottles, solar lamps, medicines, soaps, foodstuff and clothing to the storm victims and robes to monasteries. The donations were K 40.9 million in total. The UMFCCI is organizing internal and external donors to provide cash and kind to the storm victims in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions while making arrangement to deliver relief items to the storm victims.—MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects sanitation task

YANGON, 30 May—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected laying concrete on pavements along Pyay road in Kamayut Township and dredging of drains for proper flow of water on both sides of Pyay road near junction of Parami and Pyay roads in Mayangon Township this morning.

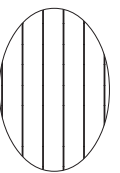
The mayor gave instructions on durability of pavements and construction of drains and attended to the needs.

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Relief aids donated by IFRC arrive at Yangon International Airport.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects dredging of drains near junction of Parami and Pyay roads.—MNA

More international aids arrive at Yangon International Airport

YANGON, 30 May—IL-67 flight carrying 34.69 tons of office-used equipment, tarpaulins, two generators, three 1000-litre oil barrels, four 1000-litre water tanks, eight oil filling pumps, eight extinguishers and toilet-used equipment donated by Cambodia-based WFP, five C-130 flights carrying 52.43 tons of six life-boats, medical equipment and plastic rolls donated by the USA, DC-8 flight carrying 37.423 tons of tarpaulins donated by Switzerland-based Doctors Without Borders, two AN-12 flights carrying 29.59 tons of medical

equipment, kitchen-used equipment and water purifying tablets donated by WFP, two A-310 flights carrying 73.765 tons of plastic rolls and blankets donated by UK and DC-8 flight carrying 39.794 tons of medicines, mosquito nets and tarpaulins donated by Dubai-based IFRC arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

Relief aids donated from abroad have been sent to storm-battered regions by vessel, helicopter and vehicle.—MNA

Cash continuously donated to storm victims

YANGON, 30 May —Chairman of the Financial Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted cash donated by wellwishers for the storm victims at the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township today.

At the donation ceremony, U Chit Sein-Daw Kyin Myaing of Hline Township donated K 100,000, members of the Commission for Holding Referendum

K 780,000, U Tin Sein and Daw Hla Myint of Mingaladon Township K 100,000, Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association K 2,115,000, U Thein Zan and family of South Okkalapa Township K 25,000, All States International Co Ltd K 1 million, U Tin Maung Aye-Daw Khin Mya Mu of Kyauktada Township K 100,000, students of University of Medical Technology (Yangon) for 2007-08 K 208,000, eight entrepreneurs K 500,000, Col Kyaw Thein (Retd) and family of Ngwe Kyaryan Avenue K 110,000, U Hla Shwe-Daw Thaug Han of Hline Township K 50,000, Western Command K 20 million, Rakhine State PDC K 10 million, Padetha Ward 8 of PyinoLwin Township K 111,000, 63 companies that are carrying out joint venture tasks with UMEHL K 251.1 million, Mr Inaki R de Azua, Artech Group K 8,840,000, Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein (Retd) of Shwepyitha Township K 150,000, Mr & Mrs Tan Ti Hor and family of Tian Seng Hang Trading Co Sdn Bhd 5000 FECs, S\$ 100,000 accepted at the Myanmar Embassy in Singapore, Italian-Thai Development Public Co Ltd of Thailand US\$ 99,500, Mitsubishi Corporation (Yangon Branch) 10,000 FECs, Olam International of Thailand US\$ 2,885.50, the company in joint venture of UMEHL US\$ 200,000.

Today's donations amounted to K 395,253,000, US\$ 302,385.50, FECs 15,000 and S\$ 100,021.83. — MNA

Sixty-one members of Kachin State Red Cross Society pose for a documentary photo on 28 May before their departure for Pyapon and Bogale townships to take part in distribution of relief supplies, rescue and rehabilitation tasks and health care for storm victims, under the arrangement of Myanmar Red Cross Society.—MNA



Parents' loving-kindness and goodwill towards offspring-2

Kyaw Ye Min

(Continued from yesterday)

Senior General Than Shwe and party left Kyonda Village in Dedaye Township for Pyapon in Pyapon District, and inspected rehabilitation tasks. At Saya Zawgyi Hall, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe gave an account of work progress. In response to the report, the Senior General gave guidance on measures for expediting the works. Next, the Senior General inspected the shelters of the victims at relief camp (1) and consoled them. He also inspected processes for purifying water through earthen pots for supply of safe water to the victims, and reconstruction of Pyapon People's Hospital.

The Senior General arrived at Dedaye in Pyapon District at 12.15 pm and inspected the conditions of the town and rehabilitation tasks by car. On arrival at the control office on Bogyoke Street, the Senior General heard reports by Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi on progress of rescue works in Dedaye, and Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, on sufficiency of rice, resumption of rice mills, regeneration of farmlands, and reconstruction of embankments. After giving guidance, the Senior General inspected the relief camp near Dedaye Bridge and comforted the storm victims.

In his guidance, the



Senior General Than Shwe consoles a child at Mawlamyinegyun Township People's Hospital. —MNA

Senior General said that the government alone would not be able to build a new nation; that in the process, the concept that the new nation could be built only when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw worked together was the nation's policy; that since the assumption of State duties, the Tatmadaw had been building the nation in collaboration with the government and the people in accordance with that policy; that up to that day, the nation had braved and surmounted various forms of crises and difficulties

through the might of the three forces; that measures were being taken through collaboration of the three forces to reconstruct the nation in the aftermath of the natural disaster; and that more steps would continue to be taken in line with the concept to build the nation in future, so it was sure that success would be achieved in the long run like at present. The guidance is worthy of serious consideration. It is the Head of State that has understood well the nature of the people. So, his vision and concepts well deserve recognition and admiration.

They are indeed invaluable work guidelines for us.

In the afternoon on 20 May, the Senior General left Yangon by special Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived at Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Division at 12.35 pm. Accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, the Senior General proceeded by helicopter and arrived at Labutta at 3.50 pm. He inspected Yadana Dipa relief camp in Yadana Dipa sports grounds and comforted the victims.

He also encouraged the doctors and health staff of

the medical team, doctors and nurses of the clinic, and the Thai medical team. Next, he proceeded to Labutta People's Hospital and consoled the victims receiving medical treatment in the outpatient department and male ward.

At Bayintnaung hall, Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut, who was closely supervising the undertakings for rehabilitating Labutta region, gave an account of work progress. The Senior General gave guidance on attending to the needs in the relief and rehabilitation works in

accordance with the requirements of the region concerned.

In the evening, the Senior General left Labutta by car for Myaungmya. In fact, it was not convenient for him to proceed by helicopter. So, out of desire to meet all the victims, he made a lot of effort to get to the region by car. Upon arrival at Myaungmya, he went to relief camp No. 4 at Myanmama Basic Education High School-4 and cordially greeted and comforted the victims.

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Senior General Than Shwe comforts storm victims at a relief camp in Pyapon Township. —MNA

Parents' loving-kindness and goodwill towards offspring-2

Kyaw Ye Min

(from page 8)

He also held a meeting with officials of the relief camp, members of social organizations and local residents. Next, he proceeded by car and arrived back at Patheingyi at night. The images of the Senior General, who continued the trip even in the untoward hours and shared joys and sorrows with local people, will always be on the mind of the local people. In addition, the loving-kindness and goodwill he showed for the people will be unforgettable for the regions and local people.

On the morning of 21 May, Senior General Than Shwe left Patheingyi by Tatmadaw helicopter and arrived at Mawlamyinegyun in Ayeyawady Division at 9.30 pm. Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on progress of relief and rehabilitation tasks in Mawlamyinegyun, and requirements. The Senior General gave guidance in response to the report, and inspected the condition of the town by car. At the township people's hospital, he comforted the victims receiving treatment.

The Senior General arrived at Bogale in Pyawon District at 11.20 am. At the control office, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported on progress of relief and rehabilitation undertakings in the town. The Senior General gave guidance on stepping up the tasks after laying down programmes in accordance



Senior General Than Shwe comforts patients at Bogale Township People's Hospital. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe comforts storm victims at a relief camp in Labutta Township. —MNA

with the objectives for relief and rehabilitation and preparedness against natural disasters, and soonest construction of roads that go to the coastal areas. Next, he inspected the sample of low-cost houses for the storm victims under the rehabilitation and reconstruction work programme. He also consoled the patients in Bogale Township People's Hospital.

Next, he cordially greeted and comforted the victims at the relief camp in No. 1 BEHS, and inspected the clinic. He observed the rehabilitation and reconstruction works, and measures for resumption of fisheries and saltern enterprise by car. In the afternoon, the Senior General helicoptered to Patheingyi. Then, he left Patheingyi by special Tatmadaw flight and arrived at Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

During the inspection tour, the Senior General gave guidance on compilation of lists of ravaged houses, religious buildings, schools, hospitals and departmental offices and projects to be laid down for rehabilitation and development undertakings according to the lists. He also instructed officials concerned to set up routes for transportation of rice,



Senior General Than Shwe comforts storm victims at a relief camp at No. 1 BEHS in Bogale. —MNA

edible oil and salt for the victims and gave guidance on rendering necessary assistance for local people to resume their transport services, farming and fisheries, thus encouraging local people and winning the admiration of the entire people.

In compliance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, three phases – relief, rehabilitation and disaster preparedness—are systematically under way in priority. Up to date, the government has spent huge funds amounting to over 70 billion kyats. As the first phase, the government gave priority to emergency supplies such as food, shelter and medical care for the victims. The Senior General also gave guidance on construction of seasonal huts for resettlement of the victims in their home towns, provision of sufficient number of plastic sheets, construction of strong buildings in the dry season, and adequate supply of CI sheets for the existing houses. His loving-kindness and goodwill for the people is much better than that a parent has for his children. As a matter of fact, he is dedicating his life to a prosperous future of the nation's population of over 57 million people.

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(To be continued)

Maj-Gen Tha Aye looks into regional development tasks in Myeik

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence during his tour of Myeik, Taninthayi Division, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Kabin dam project in Myeik Myothit on 25 May.

At the briefing hall of the project, Managing Director U Hla Than of Pyae Phyo Tun Company Limited and In-Charge Engineer U Kyaw Lin briefed Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party on accomplishment of the project tasks. Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and party inspected construction tasks at the project.

Kabin dam was built at a cost of over K 380 million. It is 35 feet in height and 470 feet in length. It can store 45 million gallons.

Upon arrival at University of Technology (Myeik) project, Principal U Aye Min Tun and In-Charge Engineer U Thein Tun of Civil Tech Construction Company briefed Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party on progress in building the university. After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave instructions on striving for timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standards and greening tasks for the university.

At the briefing hall of Myeik Myothit Project, Secretary of Taninthayi Division PDC U Than Win briefed Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party on construction tasks of Myeik Myothit and company entrepreneurs tasks being carried out.

Next, the commander gave a supplementary report on remaining construction tasks. Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions and looked into construction tasks of Myothit, incoming and outgoing of cargo vessels and berthing of vessels at the jetties.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye paid homage to Maha Theiddhi Pagoda and donated cash. Afterwards, he visited monasteries in Myeik and paid homage to Sayadaws and donated provisions and cash to them.

Later, he inspected the 1000-ton Cold Storage of Pyae Phyo Tun Company Ltd, and rubber production of Pho Lamin Company. And he attended the work coordination meeting of Taninthayi Division Agriculture Supervisory Committee. Next, members of Supervisory Committee briefed Maj-Gen Tha Aye on condition of regional rice security and cultivation of 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy. After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs. Myeik District held the coordination meeting of road

works. In-Charge engineers briefed Maj-Gen Tha Aye on progress of road works while Division Superintending Engineer U Hla Soe and Chief Engineer U Zaw Win of the Public Works and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave supplementary reports.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye attended to the needs and gave instructions on ensuring smooth and secure transport and focusing on timely completion of the road works meeting the set standards.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with service personnel of Development Affairs Department at division, district and township levels and gave a speech on the occasion.

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Repaired Basic Education High School No. 5 seen in Labutta Township.—MNA

Communication services inspected in...

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He comforted the storm victims in Kyaiklat, provided cash for storm-stricken staff and exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance to the school children of the staff.

On 27 May, he visited Pyapon auto exchange and presented exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance to the school children of the staff.

In Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun, he gave

instructions on reconstruction of microwave tower and repairs to telephone lines. In meeting with the staff of MPC of Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun, he presented exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance to the staff's school children.

During the inspection tour around Dedaye, Kungyangon and Kawhmu on 28 May, he gave instructions on programmes to be laid down as soon as possible to reconstruct ravaged post office, telegraph office and auto exchanges. He also provided exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance for staff's school children.—MNA

Thai Medical Team provides medical treatment to storm survivors in Labutta

YANGON, 30 May — Under the arrangement of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a medical team from Thailand and a medical team of Myanmar provided medical care to storm victims at a relief camp set up in Yadana Dipa Sports Ground in Labutta Township on 23 May.

Afterwards, Thai medical team led by Chairman of Thailand Red Cross Society Dr Pichit Siriwan also provided medical treatment to patients at the 5th-mile relief camp and met with members of Red Cross Societies from Ayeyawady and Magway divisions who are volunteering at the relief camp. The medical team from Thailand also inspected sanitation tasks and construction of fly-proof latrines at the 5th-mile relief camp near Kyaukmaw Village in Labutta Township.

Firefighters of Myaungmya District Fire Services Department volunteered for transportation of 5 tons of medicines donated by Thailand to the 5th-mile relief camp on 26 May.

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Relief aid donated at home and from abroad to storm victims seen at a relief camp in Maubin Township.—MNA





Doctorate students of University of Fine Arts of Budapest work on a project by Janos Huebler and Nemere Kerezsi entitled 'The Concrete' that involves as many as some twelve thousand books embedded in concrete, in the Centralis Gallery of Budapest, on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Obama expects to clinch nomination next week

CHICAGO, 30 May— Senator Barack Obama said on Wednesday he expected to become the Democratic US presidential nominee after next week and he is considering an overseas trip that may include Iraq.

After a hard-fought primary season against rival Democrat Hillary Clinton, Obama said the general election race will begin in earnest next week after the last two nominating contests are held

in South Dakota and Montana.

Talking to reporters on his plane from Denver to Chicago, Obama was asked if the race for the November general election against Republican John McCain begins after Tuesday's votes. "Yes," he responded. Asked if he will be the winner of the Democratic nomination at that point, he said, "I believe so."

The Illinois Senator, 46, predicted he would be

in a "pretty strong position" to clinch the nomination after a Saturday meeting by party officials and Tuesday's votes. On Saturday, Democratic officials will work on a compromise over disputed nominating contests in Michigan and Florida. Obama said a resolution on how to seat those delegates would be important to "put the Michigan/Florida issue behind us".

MNA/Reuters

Iran urged to reassure Int'l community over N-programme

PARIS, 30 May— The latest report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has confirmed the concerns of the international community regarding Iran's nuclear programme, the French Foreign Ministry has said, at the same time urging Teheran to suspend its uranium enrichment activities.

In a detailed report, the IAEA has described a number of activities that could be construed as having a "possible military dimension" within the context of the Iranian nuclear programme, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday, noting that the

multi-lateral agency had described these activities as "seriously worrying".

The report notes that Iran has not suspended its uranium enrichment activities, which is in violation of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, according to a statement published by the ministry.

In contrast to the demands of the international community, "the country has done the opposite by accelerating

its enrichment activities in both quantitative and qualitative terms," said the ministry.

"This information goes to confirm the concerns of the international community regarding Iran's nuclear programme," said the statement, which once again called on "Iran to take all the necessary measures to restore confidence regarding the exclusive peaceful purpose of its nuclear programme."

MNA/Xinhua



The 21.5 metre-long replica of a Phoenician ship is seen in its incomplete state in Arwad island, an ancient Phoenician city state just off the Syrian coast on 27 May, 2008. —INTERNET

Scientists find strange ring circling dead star

WASHINGTON, 30 May—Using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, scientists have found a bizarre ring of material around the magnetic remains of a star that blasted to smithereens, NASA reported on Wednesday.

The stellar corpse, called SGR 1900+14, belongs to a class of objects

known as magnetars. These are the cores of massive stars that blew up in supernova explosions, but unlike other dead stars, they slowly pulsate with X-rays and have tremendously strong magnetic fields.

"I was flipping through archived Spitzer data of the object, and that's when I noticed it was

surrounded by a ring we'd never seen before," said Stefanie Wachter of NASA's Spitzer Science Centre, who found the ring serendipitously. Wachter is lead author of a paper about the findings in this week's *Nature*. Wachter and her colleagues think that the ring, which is unlike anything ever seen before, formed in 1998 when the magnetar erupted in a giant flare. They believe the crusty surface of the magnetar cracked, sending out a flare, or blast of energy, that excavated a nearby cloud of dust, leaving an outer, dusty ring.

This ring is oblong, with dimensions of about seven by three light-years. It appears to be flat, or two-dimensional, but the scientists said they can not rule out the possibility of a three-dimensional shell.

MNA/Xinhua

Somalia sends troops to free seized Dutch ship

BOSASSO, 30 May — Somali authorities said on Wednesday they had sent troops to a Dutch-owned ship seized by pirates and were prepared to use force if necessary to release the vessel.

Gunmen seized the MV *Amiya Scan* and its nine Russian and Filipino crew as it passed through the Gulf of Aden on Sunday, the latest in a string of pirate attacks off the coast of the anarchic country.

"We will use force to release the ship if necessary. We have sent troops on two ships towards Ras Bina, 470 miles east of Bosasso, where the Dutch ship is being held," Adde Muse, president of the Puntland, a relatively stable Somali Region, told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters

Canadian police find five dead in home, baby alive

CALGARY (Alberta), 30 May — Two small children and three adults were found dead in a suburban Calgary house on Wednesday in what police are calling a domestic homicide, without releasing details of how they were killed.

Officers also found a one-year-old girl alive in the home, located in a well-kept neighborhood in the Western Canadian city, when they entered to check on the residents at mid-morning.

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An aerial view of houses flooded by hot mud from the crater of a mud volcano in Porong, East Java Province on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET



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Nay Pyi Taw Ph: 067 407581, 407577

Hammas still awaits Israeli response on Egypt's proposal

GAZA, 29 May—The Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, is still awaiting Israeli clarifications on questions raised by the Islamic movement regarding an Egyptian offer for a ceasefire in the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, a spokesman said on Wednesday.

Taher al-Nounou, spokesman for the

deposed Hamas government, added that the questions were delivered to the Egyptian mediators when a Hamas delegation visited Cairo last week.

He added that Hamas' stance regarding the ceasefire will not alter. "The lull is mutual, simultaneous and comprehensive...it cannot be discussed without

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Four million children born in Pakistan every year

ISLAMABAD, 29 May—Four million children are born in Pakistan every year, the study of a seminar pointed out the southern city Karachi on Tuesday.

Organized by the Department of Population Sciences and Sociology, University of Karachi at the campus, the seminar issued an statement that eight children are born in the country every minute.

It said that about 80 per cent of the births are handled by the traditional

birth attendants at home. Because of this a woman dies in every 20 minutes, according to the *Associated Press of Pakistan*.

The statement further pointed out that the maternal mortality rate is 25,000 to 30,000 every year mostly because of high blood pressure, infection and accidental abortion etc.

In India and Pakistan maternal mortality per 100,000 is over 500 and

350 in Bangladesh, 41 in Malaysia, 92 in Sri Lanka and 76 in Iran. As many as 160,000 to 200,000 new born babies die every year in the country.

According to Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat, chairman of the Department, the main causes of death of women at the childbirth are high birth rate, anemia, untrained traditional birth attendants, lack of health facilities, ignorance etc.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi Sunni Arab bloc suspends government talks

BAGHDAD, 29 May—Iraq's main Sunni Arab political bloc said on Wednesday it had suspended talks to rejoin the Shiite-led government after a disagreement with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki over a cabinet post.

"We have suspended negotiations with the government and pulled out our candidates," said Salim al-Jibouri, spokesman for The Accordance Front. He said the decision was taken after Maliki objected to

one of their proposed candidates for a cabinet position.

The Accordance Front pulled out of the national unity government last August, demanding the release of mainly Sunni Arab detainees in Iraq's jails and calling for a greater say in security matters.

Persuading the bloc to rejoin the government has been a main aim of US policy in Iraq and is seen as a crucial step towards reconciling Iraq's warring factions. Sunni Arabs have little voice in a Cabinet dominated by Shiites and Kurds.—MNA/Reuters

New Zealand apologizes to Vietnam War veterans

WELLINGTON, 29 May—New Zealand formally apologized on Wednesday to its Vietnam War veterans for unfair and harsh treatment they received on their return.

Prime Minister Helen Clark, who demonstrated against the war as a student in the 1970s, made a statement in Parliament that it was time to acknowledge the service and sacrifices made by the soldiers.

"The Crown extends to New Zealand Vietnam Veterans and their families an apology for the manner in which their

loyal service in the name of New Zealand was not recognized as it should have been, when it should have been, and for inadequate support extended to them and their families after their return home from the conflict," Clark said in a prepared statement, agreed with veterans' organizations.

Veterans exposed to the Agent Orange defoliant used to destroy jungle cover used by North Vietnamese and Viet

Cong have also received compensation.

New Zealand, then a close ally of the United States, became involved in the Vietnam war from 1962 with a non-combat contingent, but later sent infantry and artillery units in the mid-1960s.

Nearly 3,900 members of New Zealand's Armed Forces served in Vietnam. Thirty seven were killed and 187 wounded. The last troops were withdrawn in 1972.—MNA/Reuters

Russian children pose with a wooden figure of Cheburashka, a popular fairy tale character, at a Moscow kindergarten, on 29 May, 2008.

INTERNET



Scientists create cancer detecting nanoparticles

WASHINGTON, 30 May—Scientists from Brown University has created the smallest iron oxide nanoparticles to date for cancer detection by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), the university announced on Tuesday.

The research team created peptide-coated iron oxide nanoparticles about 8.4 nanometres in overall diameter. Then they injected the particles into mice and successfully tested their ability to locate a brain tumour cell called U87MG.

The magnetic nanoparticles operate like tiny guided missiles, seeking and attaching themselves to malignant tumor cells. Once they bind, the particles emit stronger signals that MRI scans can detect.

The results have been published online this week in the Journal of the American Chemical Society. Nanoparticles are important in MRI detection because they enhance what scientists refer to as the “contrast” between the background, such as water molecules in the body, and a solid mass, such as a tumour.

They plan to test the particle’s ability to bind with other tumour cells in further animal experiments.

MNA/Xinhua



A view of a piece of metal from an unidentified flying object found by fishermen southwest of Kampot Province near the Cambodia-Vietnam border, 91 miles west of Phnom Penh, on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET

UNICEF eyes child survival, urges to help African children

YOKOHAMA, 30 May— The UNICEF called Wednesday for concerted international efforts to improve child survival and help African children to have adequate access to healthcare.

The world has made progress in child survival during recent decades, reducing global under-five deaths to less than 10 million in 2006 for the first time on record, said a UNICEF report released at the Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD).

But as child deaths overall have fallen, Africa has seen rising numbers since the 1970s, said the report entitled “The State of Africa’s Children 2008,” UNICEF’s first document on African children.

Providing data and analysis of Africa’s situation, the report proposes concrete actions and programmes to improve child survival and urges all stakeholders, including governments and international organizations, to strive for the goals of maternal, newborn and child survival.

The three-day TICAD conference opened Wednesday in Japan’s southeastern port city of Yokohama. Representatives from 52 African countries, 55 international organizations and 16 regional agencies from Africa are present at the quinquennial event, under the theme “Toward a Vibrant Africa: A Continent of Hope and Opportunity.” — MNA/Xinhua

Exhibition on new Acropolis Museum opens in Athens

ATHENS, 30 May — An exhibition depicting the construction and features of the new Acropolis Museum opened at Athens International Airport on Tuesday.

Titled “The New Museum of the Acropolis—Soon a new destination”, the exhibition gives visitors from around the world a foretaste of the new museum, expected to open to the public later this year.

Open 24-hours and accessible to everyone at the airport, the show will run until February 2009, providing up-to-date information on preparation work for the museum, as well as its exhibits and services.

In his address during the inauguration ceremony for the exhibition, Greek Culture Minister Mihalis Liapis said the new Acropolis Museum, as a thematic museum built

within the Acropolis archaeological area and on the remains of ancient Athens, will be a rare landmark on the map of world museums.

The museum would be an added attraction for visitors to Athens, said Liapis, as the government wants the city to become more than a transit destination by presenting its cultural heritage and modern artistic endeavours. —MNA/Xinhua



An artist impression of the 375-million-year-old placoderm fish is seen in this undated image released by Museum Victoria. Australian scientists unveiled on 29 May, 2008, the fossilised remains of the oldest vertebrate mother ever discovered, a 375-million-year-old placoderm fish with embryo and umbilical cord attached.—INTERNET

Canadian couple arrested for selling baby on Internet

OTTAWA, 30 May— A couple has been arrested after allegedly offering to sell a seven-day-old baby girl on the Internet for 10,000 Canadian dollars (10,000 US dollars), Canadian police said Tuesday.

Police in the western coast city of Vancouver were tipped off Friday by a woman who phoned to complain about the ad on the Craigslist website, which described the baby as “very cute,” and said it was looking for a good home.

Through the cell phone number posted on the website, police

eventually found the baby in a Vancouver West End apartment, which was occupied by four adults including a 23-year-old mother who was breastfeeding the infant

when police arrived.

The mother and a 26-year-old man were arrested and initially charged with public mischief.

MNA/Xinhua

Young boy in Bangladesh recovers from bird flu

GENEVA, 30 May — An infant in Bangladesh contracted H5N1 bird flu and survived, in the South Asian country’s first human infection with the virus, the World Health

Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday.

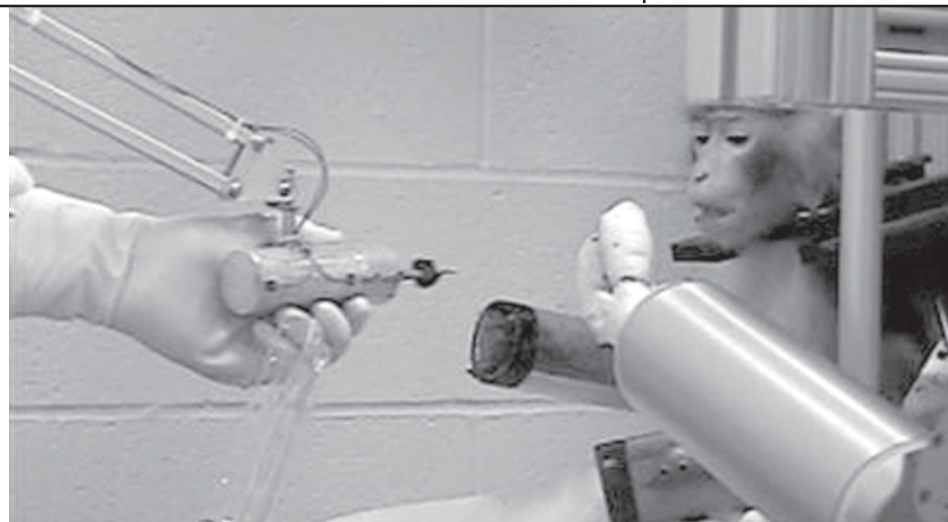
In a statement released in Geneva, the United Nations agency said a 16-month-old boy from Komalapur, Dhaka, developed symptoms in late January and then recovered.

“The case was exposed to live and slaughtered chickens at his home,” the WHO said. “Specimens have been

collected from his family members and neighbours. All remain healthy to date.”

The H5N1 virus has infected millions of birds in much of Asia, Africa, and some parts of Europe. Public health experts fear it could spark a human pandemic if it mutates into a form that passes easily between people.

MNA/Reuters



A monkey named Arthur controls a robotic arm using brain signals to pluck a marshmallow from a skewer and stuff it into his mouth during an experiment at the University of Pittsburgh in a file photo.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Uzbekistan's Otabek Masharipov competes on the parallel bars during the qualification competition at the World cup in Artistic Gymnastics in Moscow on 29 May, 2008.
INTERNET

Capello praises Terry after England victory

LONDON, 29 May — England coach Fabio Capello said he was delighted with England's 2-0 win over the United States and praised John Terry's role in the success at Wembley Stadium on Wednesday.

The Italian coach, speaking to reporters in his rapidly improving English, said: "I am very happy for John Terry and very happy for the way we played.

"He had a very good game. He's a leader for Chelsea and a leader for the national team."

Terry was one of seven players in the starting lineup who took part in the Champions League final between Manchester United and Chelsea last Wednesday when he was left traumatized after his missed penalty in the shootout cost Chelsea the chance of winning the final.—MNA/Reuters

FIFA lifts Iraqi Football Association suspension

SYDNEY, 30 May — Iraq's World Cup qualifier against Australia will go ahead as planned this weekend after FIFA agreed to temporarily lift their suspension.

The match had been in doubt after FIFA announced on Monday it was suspending the reigning Asian champions in response to their Government's decision to dissolve their National Olympic Committee.

However, FIFA agreed to revoke the ban after the Iraqi Government provided written assurances that it had not dissolved the Iraqi Football Association (IFA).

FIFA released a statement on Thursday confirming it had lifted the ban so Sunday's World Cup qualifier would proceed but warned Baghdad that it was only provisional and had conditions attached.

FIFA said it still had concerns over the Iraqi Government's attempts to control its national federations and has called for a delegation from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and the IFA to join it in Zurich to discuss the issues.

"This letter is a positive step, however it does not fully answer all of FIFA's concerns about the governmental attempts to control the Iraqi federations and the Iraqi National Olympic Committee," the FIFA statement said. —MNA/Reuters



Tunisia's Selima Sfar returns the ball to Venus Williams at the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET



Brazil's Jade Barbosa competes on the beam during qualification competition at the World cup in Artistic Gymnastics in Moscow on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Italian champions Inter Milan sack coach Mancini

MILAN, 30 May — Inter Milan coach Roberto Mancini has been sacked, the Italian champions said on Thursday. Media reports have said Jose Mourinho, out of work since leaving Chelsea in September, is poised to take over.

Mancini's future had been in doubt since Inter's defeat by Liverpool in the last 16 of the Champions League in March, when he said he would quit at the end of the season only to change his mind the next day.

"FC Internazionale have informed Roberto Mancini that he has been sacked as coach, in particular because of the comments made by the coach at the end of the Inter-Liverpool match," a statement on the club website (www.inter.it) said. —MNA/Reuters

LDU hold America away in Libertadores

MEXICO CITY, 29 May — Ecuadorean champions LDU held America to a 1-1 draw away from home in the first leg of their South American Libertadores Cup semifinal on Tuesday.

Forward Luis Bolanos gave LDU, the first Ecuadorean team to reach the last four since 1998, the lead in the 63rd minute before Enrique Esqueda levelled 10 minutes later.

Both teams had a player sent off in a bad-tempered game that produced several skirmishes and blatant time-wasting from the visitors.

Champions Boca Juniors host Fluminense in Buenos Aires on Wednesday in the other tie.

Bolanos had the two best first-half efforts with shots from similar positions just outside the penalty area. The first was turned away by America goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa and the second clipped the outside of the post.—MNA/Reuters

Italy to stick with trusted trident

FLORENCE (Italy), 30 May — Italy will start the friendly against Belgium with their usual three-pronged attack, coach Roberto Donadoni said on Thursday, although changes in formation are possible after experiments in training.

Friday's match in Florence is Donadoni's last chance to hone his tactics ahead of next month's Euro 2008 tournament in Austria and Switzerland. "We will start off with the trident even if we decide upon the actual lineup in training tomorrow morning," Donadoni told reporters.

Luca Toni is expected to be the lone frontman with Alessandro Del Piero and Antonio Cassano, both recalled to the squad after long absences, pushing for a start in the wide berths.

"Those two are in good condition and this makes

me happy. We will try to let everyone play a little," Donadoni said.

The trident was not always effective in Euro 2008 qualification and Donadoni has talked at length about the need to be flexible. Media reports said the coach experimented with three at the back in Thurs-

day's training.

Earlier, the world champions were addressed by Italian referees' chief and former top official Pierluigi Collina, who told them to especially avoid dangerous tackles, diving and insulting the referee next month.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Spain's Albert Montanes during their second round match at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris on 29 May, 2008.
INTERNET



Jennie Lee of the US tees off on the 17th hole, during a practice round for the Curtis Cup, The Old Course, St Andrews, Scotland, on 29 May, 2008.—INTERNET

Cuca quits Botafogo for second time in eight months

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 May — Cuca quit as coach of Botafogo for the second time in eight months on Thursday as Brazil's coaching merry-go-around claimed its sixth victim in little more than two weeks.

Cuca announced his resignation one day after his side lost on penalties to Second Division

Corinthians in the Copa Brasil semi-finals.

He previously left the club in October but returned only 10 days later when his replacement Mario Sergio himself resigned.

"I'm leaving my home, Botafogo has been a very important club in my career," Cuca told a media

conference. "I'm not going to return in a few days like I did last time."

The flurry of coaching changes began on 14 May when Geninho quit Atletico Mineiro. He was followed by Alexandre Gallo, who left Figueirense on 18 May and replaced Geninho the following day.

MNA/Reuters

သတိပေးနို့ဆော်ချက်

ယခုရာသီကာလသည် ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သည့်အချိန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ မသန့်ရှင်းသော ရေသောက်သုံးခြင်းနှင့် မသန့်ရှင်းသော အစားအသောက်များစားသုံးခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဝမ်းလျှော ဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

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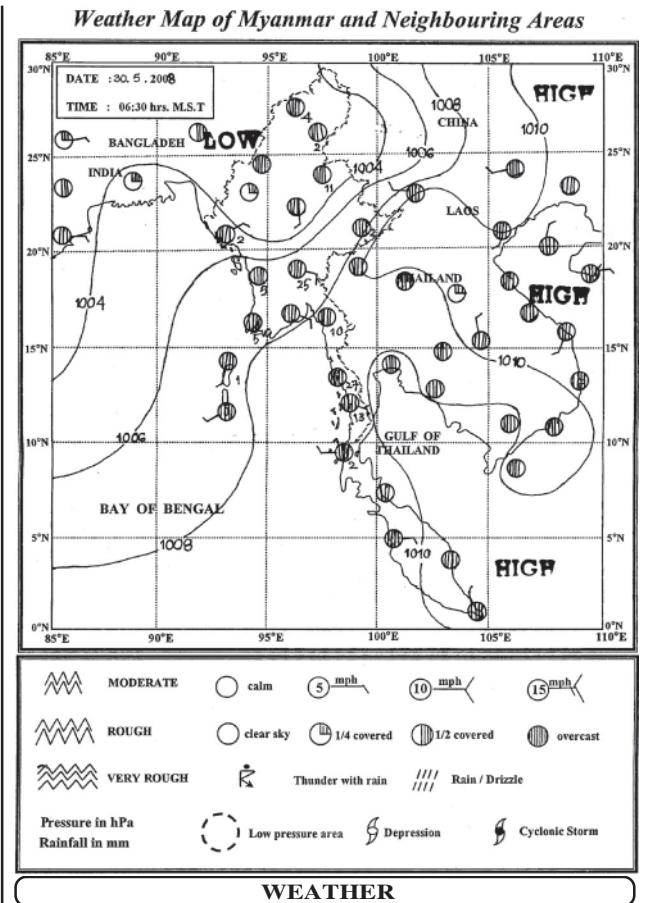
* ဝမ်းလျှောဝမ်းပျက်ရောဂါကို ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက်

- ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ထားသောရေ(သို့) ကျိုချက်ထားသော ရေကိုသာလျှင် သောက်သုံးကြရန်၊
- သန့်ရှင်းလတ်ဆတ်သော ပူနွေးသည့်အစားအသောက်ကိုသာ စားသုံးကြရန်၊
- ယင်နားစာမစားရန်နှင့် အစားအသောက်ကို ယင်မနားအောင် ဖုံးအုပ်ထားကြရန်၊
- ကလေး၊ လူကြီးအားလုံး သန့်ရှင်းသော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကို သုံးစွဲကြရန်၊
- အစာမစားမီနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးကိုင်တွယ်ပြီးတိုင်း လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်အောင်ဆေးကြောကြရန်၊
- အညစ်အကြေးများကို စနစ်တကျ စွန့်ပစ်ကြရန်၊

(ထုံးဖြူးခြင်း၊ မြေဖုံးခြင်း၊ မီးရှို့ခြင်းများကိုဆောင်ရွက်ရန်)

* ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက အနီးဆုံးကျန်းမာရေး ဌာနသို့အမြန်ဆုံးပြသရန်နှင့် လူနာများတွေ့ရှိက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန သို့ အမြန်ဆုံးသတင်းပေးပို့ကြပါရန် နို့ဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Friday, 30 May, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hour MST:
 During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon is advancing in the Northern Myanmar areas, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State and weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State. Day temperatures were (5°C) above May average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) above May average temperatures in Mandalay Division, (3°C) below May average temperature in Shan State and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.52) inch, Hpa-an (3.03) inches, Loileim (2.01) inches, Thaton (1.96) inches, Namhsan (1.74) inches, Dawei(1.11) inches and Tounggoo (0.98) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-5-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 30-5-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-5-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 29-5-2008 was (3.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-5-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, and Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (28.70) inches at Mingaladon, (33.66) inches at Kaba-Aye and (40.67) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (18:30) hours MST on 29-5-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-5-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuous onset of Southwest monsoon are likely in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-5-2008: One or two rain thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-5-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of April 2008: During the coming weekend, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division.

သောက်သုံးရေနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ သတိပေးနို့ဆော်ချက်

* မသန့်ရှင်းသောသောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေများကြောင့် ပြည်သူ့အများ

ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှောရောဂါအန္တရာယ် ကျရောက်နိုင်ပါသည်။

* သောက်ရေ၊ သုံးရေမှန်သမျှကို ကျိုချက်၍ ဖြစ်စေ၊ ကလိုရင်းဆေးခပ်ပြီးမှဖြစ်စေ သောက်သုံးပါ။

* ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ သောက်သုံးရန်မသင့် ဟု ကြေငြာထားသော သောက်ရေသန့်များကို မသောက်သုံးသင့်ပါ။

* ရေသန့်ပင်ဖြစ်လင့်ကစား မသက်သာပါက ရေကိုကျိုချက်ပြီးမှသောက်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Saturday, 31 May
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am**
 5. Musical programme

- 8:30 am**
 6. International news
- 8:45 am**
 7. “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာအနုပညာကမ္ဘာ” (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊လွင်မိုး၊ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ လှအိန္ဒိယ၊ ဝမ်းပိုး၊ ဇရာ)
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial Song
- 11:20 am**
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
 3. Games for children
- 12:00 noon**
 4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:50 pm**
 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

- 1:50 pm**
 6. လောကနိတိ (၅) “မေတ္တာအတိမ်အနက်ကို ချိန်ဆက်၍ ကြည့်သောအခါ” (ပိုင်စေရ်ထွန်း၊ စည်သူတင်စိုး၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ခင်ဇာမြည်ကျော်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)
- 2:10 pm**
 7. Cute little dancers
- 2:20 pm**
 8. Musical programme
- 2:45 pm**
 9. International news
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
 2. Dance of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
 3. Musical programme

- 4:45 pm**
 4. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
 5. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
- 6:00 pm**
 6. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 7. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 8. အလှူရာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:05 pm**
 9. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
 10. News
- 11. International news**
 12. Weather report
- 13. လပတ်မိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဇလဗေဒခန့်မှန်းချက်**
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာထောင်ချောက်” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)**

Make donations to the storm victims

- Everybody may make donations freely.
- Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

Wellwishers from States and Divisions continuously making donations



NAY PYI TAW, 30 May—Officials today accepted cash and kind worth K 411,896,150 donated to the storm victims including cash and kind worth K 1,096,250 by wellwishers from Shan State (South), K 12,499,000 and relief supplies worth K 10,023,000 by departments concerned and wellwishers from Mon and Kayin States, K 22,323,888 by wellwishers from Sagaing Division, clothes and foodstuff worth K 701,900 for the fifth time by wellwishers from Mandalay Division, K 251.1 million for the fifth time by the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and K 114,153,000 by wellwishers through the Financial Subcommittee.

So far, the wellwishers have donated cash and kind worth K 10,598,902,814. — MNA

Relief camp in Kyonda Village in Dedaye Township gets solar power.

MNA

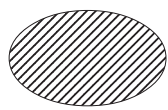
Communication services inspected in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 30 May—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun held a meeting with the staff of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at the auto-exchange in Myaungmya on 25 May.

He provided exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance to the school children of the staff.

On arrival at Labutta in the afternoon, he gave instructions on soonest repairs to the town post office, telegraph office and auto-exchanges. He presented exercise books, ball pens and cash assistance to the school children of the staff.

(See page 10)



A library

seen after

being

repaired in

Bogale.

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