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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives DPRK delegation



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received the delegation led by Chairman of the physical education and sports leading commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Mr Pak Hak Son and members at the Government Office here today.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials. Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol and officials concerned were also present at the meeting along with the members of the delegation.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets Chairman of the physical education and sports leading commission of DPRK Mr Pak Hak Son at Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Observe the code of conduct for service personnel and defend the people in accordance with the law

Legislative, executive and judicial pillars are the lifeblood of a nation. It should be borne in mind that when these three pillars are strong, the nation is strong and, when they become weak, the nation will also become weak and it might result in the loss of sovereignty.

Similarly, only with the prevalence of law and order and security and peace, will it be possible to build a peaceful and developed nation. The staff of legislative and judicial bodies play a key role in the building of a nation and they have to see to the smooth running of executive and judicial machinery.

The law is the rules and regulations of a nation and it is up to the administrative body to see to it that every citizen abide by them. The law officers, in the execution of their duties, have to ensure that the guilty party get an appropriate punishment and defend the innocent party against a lawsuit or punishment.

The law officers who execute the duty of drafting laws have to try to the best of their ability to meet the nation's requirements in adopting, assessing and translating the laws, bylaws, rules and regulations and orders. To be able to do so, they need to be well versed in not only domestic laws but also international laws and have to constantly learn to sharpen their abilities.

Being government employees, the law officers are to strictly observe their respective code of conduct and disciplines and perform legislative duties of the State in accordance with the 2001 attorney-general laws and bylaws for smooth and just administration of justice.

We believe that the law officers will be able to contribute to the emergence of a peaceful and developed nation with a strong judicial pillar by ensuring that all the citizens abide by the law of the nation and by defending them in accordance with the law.

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

Farming, development tasks inspected in Nyaungshwe, Ywangan townships



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspects coffee plantation at extended farm of coffee of Myanma Agriculture Service in Ywangan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae went on an inspection tour of U Thura Saw Thein's milch cow farm in Thanetkha village in Nyaungshwe township yesterday.

At Heho People's Hospital, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing comforted the patients receiving medical treatment presented refreshments to them, inspected the surgical room and medical store and donated medicines to the hospital.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected maintenance of Nantpantet-Kalaw-Taunggyi road section and progress in tarring the road.

Upon arrival at Myaing village station hospital in Ywangan township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing comforted the patients, presented refreshments to them, looked into the surgical room and the medical store and donated cash to medicines and medical funds.

At Myathazin hall in Myaing village, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with local people. On

arrival at Ywangan People's Hospital, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looked into medical treatment carried out by the supervisory committee for Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare, comforted the patients, presented refreshments to them, inspected surgical room and medical store and donated medicines to the hospital.

At Bhahtoo Hall of Ywangan township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with heads of department, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people. He presented sports gear and publications to local people.

On arrival at the extended farm of coffee, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing oversaw coffee plantations and coffee saplings. At the integrated farm of Shwewahmyay, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress of agriculture and breeding tasks and generation of power by means of bio digesters.

At Shwe Than Lwin Agriculture Company, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected cultivation of perennial crops.

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Director (Education) U Saw Tun of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Ven Sayadaw Gyu Chi (General Secretary of the Dharama Drum Mountain Social Welfare & Charity Foundation, China-Taipei and Vice-president Whun Chu Chi (DDM) open two-storey school building of Basic Education Middle School in Pynhtaung village in Thanlyin Township on 6 May 2009.—NLM

Talks on tourism on 16 May

YANGON, 12 May— Under the arrangement of Union of Myanmar Travellers Association, Daw Tin Than Yu, a veteran tour guide, will give talks on "The Role of Tour Leader And Tour Guide" at Asia Plaza Hotel here at 2 p.m. on 16 May (Saturday). Anyone interested may attend the talks and enlist at the Association's office. (Ph: 559672, 559673, 545707).—MNA

MCPA's Association to hold talks on Company Act (part two)

YANGON, 12 May—Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Certified Public Accountants' Association U Win Thin will give talks on Company Act (Part two) at Training school of Auditor-General's Office at No. 1/19, Thakhin Mya Park Street, Ahlone Township at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, 31 May 2009.

Certified Public Accountants are eligible to attend the talks and will get the testimony to CPE hours. They are to register at the office of MCPA Association not later than 27 May. Those who come from states and divisions are to contact Ph-214653 in advance and registrations later than that date will not be allowed. And trainees attending CPA course (part two) may register at the training School not later than the date.—MNA



An army officer walks past the wreckage of a vehicle caught in a car bomb in the Karada area of Baghdad on 6 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Obama shocked, saddened at shooting in US camp in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 12 May—US President Barack Obama said on Monday that he was “shocked and deeply saddened” by a shooting incident in a US military camp in Iraq.

“I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear the news from Camp Victory this morning, and my heart goes out to the families and friends of all the service members involved in this horrible tragedy,” said Obama in a statement.

The Pentagon confirmed earlier the day that five US soldiers were killed in a shooting incident at the US base near Baghdad International airport.

Without providing further details, the military said that the case “is under investigation and more information will be released when it becomes available.”

Obama assured that the government is “doing everything” it can to ensure “our men and women in uniform are protected as they serve our country so capably and courageously in harm’s way.”

He also said that he has met with Defence Secretary Robert Gates to get a briefing on the situation.—INTERNET

Karzai “very serious” on ending air raids

KABUL, 12 May—Afghan President Hamid Karzai is “very serious” about a demand for foreign forces in Afghanistan to halt air raids, even though it was rebuffed by a top US security official, his spokesman said on Monday.

Afghans are furious about the bombing of two villages in Western Farah Province during a drawn-out battle last week, when bombs hit homes crowded with civilians, some of them children.

In a sign of growing public unhappiness, lawmakers on Monday demanded legal restrictions on foreign forces fighting in their country, then closed for half a day to protest against the attack.

A day earlier, hundreds of Afghans had marched against the killings, chanting “death to America.”

Karzai, who went on US television to demand an end to all air attacks, has put the death toll at up to 130 people. If his figure is confirmed, it would be the biggest such case of Western forces killing civilians since they invaded in 2001.

His plea was rejected by White House National Security Advisor James Jones, who said the United States could not be expected to fight “with one hand tied behind our back.”

INTERNET

American kills five fellow soldiers at clinic in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 May—An American Army sergeant shot and killed five fellow soldiers following an altercation at a military counseling centre in Iraq Monday, officials said. The attack drew attention to the issues of combat stress and morale among soldiers serving multiple combat tours over six years of war.

The suspect had been disarmed after an incident at the centre but returned with another weapon, according to a senior military official in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation into the shootings was ongoing.

Attacks on fellow soldiers, known as fraggings, were not uncommon during the Vietnam war but are believed to be rare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

A brief US military statement said the assailant was taken into custody following the 2 pm shooting at Camp Liberty, a sprawling US base on the western edge of Baghdad near the city’s international airport.

President Barack Obama, who visited an adjacent base last month, said in a statement that he was “shocked and deeply saddened” by the report, adding that “my heart goes out to the families and friends” of all those involved “in this horrible tragedy.”

After a meeting with Defence Secretary Robert Gates, Obama said he would make sure “that we fully understand what led to this tragedy” and will do everything possible “to ensure that our men and women in uniform are protected as they serve our country so capably and courageously in harm’s way.”—INTERNET



Map of Baghdad locating US military base Camp Liberty. A US soldier is suspected of opening fire on his comrades at the largest American base in Iraq on Monday, killing five soldiers in what was the single deadliest toll on US forces in a month.—INTERNET

Australia’s Iraq mission to formally end 31 July

SYDNEY, 12 May—Australia will formally end its military mission in Iraq at the end of July, the armed forces chief announced Monday, bringing the country’s involvement in one war to a close even as it prepares to send more troops to Afghanistan. Australia, one of the United States’ earliest and staunchest allies in the Iraq war, has already withdrawn its combat troops but several dozen Australian soldiers remain at coalition headquarters in non-front line roles.

Their work will conclude on 31 July, formally ending Operation Catalyst, as the Iraq mission is code named, joint forces head Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston said in a statement. “Australian troops have provided important support to security and stabilization operations, and have been responsible for the training of approximately 33,000 Iraqi Army soldiers, including specialist training in logistics support and counterinsurgency operations,” Houston said.—INTERNET



A boy reacts as he awaits the release of a relative from US custody in Tarmiyah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 May, 2009.

34 detainees were released by the US military in

Tarmiyah on 10 May.—INTERNET

Afghan troops kill three Taleban, arrest five including commander

KABUL, 12 May— Afghan forces in clash with Taleban militants eliminated three militants and captured five others including a commander in the southern Ghazni Province, provincial police chief Khialbaz Shirzoi said on Monday.

“The clash erupted in Qarabagh district Sunday night when Taleban attacked police checkpoint and police encountered during which three rebels and two police were killed,” Shirzoi told *Xinhua*.

Five more rebels including a local commander Mullah Fazal Ahmad were arrested, he further said.

Conflicts and violence have left 5,000 people with 2,000 civilians dead in 2008 while Taleban militants have recently vowed to launch Spring Offensive to intensify their activities, mostly in the shape of roadside bombing and suicide attacks, against the interests of government and international troops.

INTERNET

Bad economy blamed for high suicide rate in US

LOS ANGELES, 12 May—More Americans have committed suicide under economic pressure and experts predict that as the economy continues to fall, suicide rate will go higher.

Ronan Bell, a 35-year-old Venice resident in California, killed himself last month at a beach pier.

On 16 April, a pharmacist opened fire at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in California, killing two co-workers, including a Redondo Beach resident, before shooting himself. Police cited the “tension going on in our

society” as a contributing factor. Not only the poor in the US committed suicide. The new trend is that wealthy business people and professionals who have been caught in the recession also preferred to end their own lives. New York lawyer William Parente killed his wife and two daughters before killing himself in a Maryland hotel room 19 April. He had reportedly lost about 27 billion dollars for his clients.

What shocked the US and even the world is the news that the finance chief of troubled US

mortgage giant Freddie Mac, David Kellermann, was found dead on 22 April after apparently committing suicide.

Kellermann, promoted to acting chief financial officer last September after the government took control of the company, was found hanging in the basement of his home in an affluent Washington suburb.—*Internet*



Men clean up at a warehouse heavily damaged in a fire in Basra, Iraq, on 11 May, 2009. A huge fire erupted at a wholesale market in central Basra Sunday night, damaging as many as twenty different warehouses.—INTERNET

PetroChina to raise 100b yuan for major business in 2009

BEIJING, 12 May—Jiang Jiemin, Chairman of PetroChina Company Limited, said on Tuesday that PetroChina plans to raise 100 billion yuan (14.71 billion US dollars) through debt financing in 2009 to support major strategic projects including oil exploration and development, oil refining and overseas business. The financing plan is waiting for permission of the annual shareholders meeting held on Tuesday.—*Internet*

Ex-soldier deserves death for crimes

PADUCAH, 12 May—Federal prosecutors say a former soldier convicted of raping and murdering an Iraqi teenager and killing her family deserves a death sentence because the crimes were so heinous.

Assistant US Attorney Marisa Ford asked jurors on Monday to sentence former Pfc Steven Dale Green to die. Defence attorneys say Green didn't act alone, and that none of the other soldiers involved faced such a harsh sentence.

The 24-year-old Green, a former 101st Airborne Division soldier from Texas, was convicted last week in the 2006 attack on a 14-year-old girl and her family in Mahmoudiya, Iraq.

Jurors are expected to hear testimony for much of the week before deciding if Green receives a death sentence or life in prison without parole.—*Internet*

Argentina denounces British claims to Falklands

BUENOS AIRES, 12 May—Argentina has angrily rejected British moves to extend its rights over the seabed off the coast of the Falkland Islands, which the two countries fought a war over in the 1980s.

Argentina's foreign minister said the British claim—submitted to the United Nations to extend the limits of the continental shelf off the islands people here call the Malvinas—was “unacceptable.”

“The British insistence in assuming extended competence over the Malvinas, South Georgia and Southern Sandwich Islands and their surrounding maritime areas is unacceptable and inadmissible,” Jorge Taiana said.

“Such competences only correspond to the sovereign state: the Republic of Argentina.”

The British submission, which would allow it to exploit natural resources in the relevant areas, relates to the ocean floor around the Falklands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

Under international law, states have jurisdiction over the seabed up to 200 nautical miles off their coasts but this can be extended up to 350 nautical miles through application to the UN commission.—*Internet*

Thousands flee Somalia's capital after fighting

MOGADISHU, 12 May—Thousands fled their homes in Somalia's capital on Monday after at least 35 were killed over the weekend in some of the worst fighting in weeks, while masked Islamic fighters were seen heading toward Mogadishu. A reporter saw people fleeing in taxis, pickups and trucks stacked with suitcases, mattresses, furniture and other belongings. Residents in northern Mogadishu reported sporadic fighting but there were no immediate reports of casualties on Monday.

“Some of them do not know where to go. They need urgent help,” said Ali Sheik Yasin Fadhaa, the vice chairman of the Elman Human Rights Organization.

He said staff throughout Mogadishu had counted 5,200 people fleeing on Monday.

A total of 17,200 people have fled the capital since Saturday, Fadhaa said.

Asha Yakob said she was fleeing her northern Mogadishu neighbourhood of Fagah with her children for a safer part of the capital.

Internet

Somali pirates free Greek-owned ship

NAIROBI, 12 May—Somali pirates have freed a Greek-owned chemical tanker they seized in late March this year with 18 Filipinos and a Russian captain aboard, a regional maritime official confirmed on Monday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa's coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP) said the Panama-flagged MT Nipayia was set free on Saturday.

“The Greek owned

ship with Filipinos and a Russian captain were freed on Saturday and the vessel has reached safe waters. All the crew members are safe but it's not known whether ransom was paid,” Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone.

The chemical-oil products tanker was seized on 25 March with a gross tonnage of 5,357 was empty when it was captured some 450 miles (720 km) from Somalia's south coast, the owner

said. It was en route from Madagascar to the Persian Gulf and commandeered to the coastal location of Garacad.

Mwangura also confirmed that the pirates released a British-owned, Italian-operated cargo ship seized more than a month ago.

Maritime reports said the pirates let the ship go after getting the ransom money they requested, but it is unclear how much that was.

Internet



A Japan Airlines plane sits on the tarmac at Los Angeles International airport after one of the jet engines sucked up a cargo container. JAL Flight 61 had been leaving the gate at around 1:30pm (2030 GMT) when the unidentified object blocked one of the engines, according to Los Angeles World Airports, the agency which operates the airport.—INTERNET

China, Kuwait issue communique, stressing trade, energy resources co-op

BEIJING, 12 May—China and Kuwait issued a press communique here on Tuesday, highlighting cooperation on trade, energy resources, education, and on tackling the financial crisis. The communique said that both nations were satisfied with the current economic and trade cooperation, and they emphasized more cooperation on communication, telecommunication, and construction projects, and encouraged mutual investment.

In the communique the two countries said they would strengthen cooperation on education, culture, and sports to promote mutual understanding and friendship.

They also pledged to promote coordination and communication in international and regional organizations and push forward exchanges between China and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

The communique says

they exchanged views on the global financial crisis and its impact, and Kuwait praised China's constructive role in coping with the crisis.

The two sides also vowed to continue the long-term, mutually beneficial cooperation on energy resources, says the communique. China expressed appreciation for Kuwait's effort to safeguard the stability of the world energy market.

Xinhua



Pupils attend a class at a primary school in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 11 May, 2009. Most of Mexican pre-school educational institutions as well as primary and secondary schools resume classes on 11 May after days of closure due to the influenza epidemic. —XINHUA

Unemployment in OECD countries raises to 7.6%, Spain leading

MADRID, 12 May—Spain led in March the unemployment rate of the countries from the Organization of Economic Cooperation for Development (OECD) as registering 17.4 percent of unemployment, according to information given by the organization on Monday. In the OECD, the unemployment rate was of an average of 7.6 percent.

In the European Union (EU) the unemployment raised 0.2 points as going from 8.1 percent on February to 8.3 percent in March, while in the euro zone the unemployment was 8.9 percent in March and 8.7 percent in February.

Besides Spain the OECD countries with more unemployment in that period were Ireland, 10.6 percent, Slovak Republic, 10.5 percent, Hungary, 9.2 percent, France, 8.8 percent, Portugal, 8.5 percent and Sweden, 8 percent.

Meanwhile in Germany the unemployment rate reached 7.6 percent, United Kingdom, 6.6 percent, 0.2 percent more in both countries than in February.

Outside Europe the OECD countries the unemployment rate was of 8.5 percent in the United States, 4.8 percent in Japan, 4.7 percent in Mexico and 3.7 percent in South Korea.—Xinhua



A journalist takes photos at a photo exhibition in Hong Kong, south China, on 11 May, 2009. A photo exhibition in memory of the first anniversary of the 12 May, 2008 earthquake opened in Hong Kong on Monday.—XINHUA

Time needed for resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

JERUSALEM, 12 May—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday expressed his hope that the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks would be resumed in "next few weeks," but analysts said that the resumption will still take some time.

"We want peace with Palestinians, we want both Palestinians and Israelis to live together in peace side by side, we want to start peace talks with the Palestinians in the next few weeks," said Netanyahu in Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on Monday noon at a joint press conference after a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. He is on his first foreign visit since he took office in late March. Dr Jonathan Spyer, an expert on Middle East affairs and Israeli-Palestinian affairs, told Xinhua that time is needed for the resumption of the peace talks, which have been halted since the end of last year when the 22-day devastating Gaza war broke out.

"At the moment, I think the remarks made by Netanyahu indicate that he is a bit optimistic about the prospect of the talks," said the expert on the phone, who is affiliated to Global Research in International Affairs (GLORIA) Center at the Inter-Disciplinary Center in Herzliya.—Xinhua

China's rise opportunity for world

BEIJING, 12 May—The so-called "threat of China" is a misinterpretation of the development of China, said Lionel Vairon, CEO of the CEC Consulting and a former French diplomat.

"My view on China's development is very simple, namely, that the rise of China is an opportunity for the world," added Vairon, also the author of "Threat of China?" during an exclusive interview with Xinhuanet on Monday.

He added, "In fact, the west probably did not realize this before 2008 during which they still saw China as a 'problem.'"

"However, presently, influenced by the global financial crisis, (some western countries) believe like what an English newspaper said yesterday that 'China is the beacon of hope.'"

Explaining that China's economic growth is "an important factor" for the development of the West, he said, "The current economic situation in China is not bad, so the growth of China's economy means that we have a hope to recover (from the financial crisis)."

Xinhua

Nepal, India to hold talks on petro pipeline

KATHMANDU, 12 May—Nepal and India are set to hold bilateral negotiations on constructing 40-km petroleum pipeline between Amlekhgunj and Raxaul on Wednesday in Kathmandu.

According to Tuesday's myrepublica.com, the meeting will last for two days, during which officials from Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) and Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) will finalize the capital, technical and institutional structure of a joint venture company that they will form to execute the project.

NOC chief Digambhar Jha told myrepublica.com that the IOC team is arriving here later on Tuesday and the two sides will negotiate the structure and modus operation of the JV company and also the technicalities of construction and operations of the pipeline.—Xinhua



A total of 56 red heart-shaped decorations are seen to commemorate the first anniversary of the devastating Wenchuan earthquake near the Zhongshan Station on the Antarctica, on 12 May, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China's exports sink, but factory investment rises

SHANGHAI, 12 May—China's exports plunged 22.6 percent in April from a year ago, the sixth straight monthly decline, the government said Tuesday, while a torrent in bank lending meant to boost the economy lifted spending on factories and other fixed assets.

April's decline in exports, to \$91.9 billion, is bigger than March's 17 percent drop and suggests China's trade sector has yet to see much relief from the prolonged drought in demand brought on by the global downturn.

But there were some glimmers of positive news even in the trade figures. While exports of heavy machinery and other industrial equipment continue to fall, recent increases from the previous month in exports of clothing, shoes, plastics and other labour-intensive consumer goods suggest some recovery in demand, economists say.—*Internet*

Ford to sell 300 million common shares

DETROIT, 12 May—Ford Motor Co(FN) said on Monday that it would sell 300 million common shares and use part of the proceeds to pay off its healthcare obligations to the United Auto Workers under the terms of a recently concluded deal with the union.

Ford also said it expects to grant to the underwriters — Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan and Morgan Stanley — a 30-day option to buy up to 45 million shares of common stock.

Ford shares fell 4.6 percent to \$5.80 in after-market trade following the stock offering. At that price, the new shares would raise about \$1.7 billion for Ford.

Ford is the only US automaker that has not sought government aid.

Internet



A visitor touches a craftwork made of marine organisms during the International Ocean Science, Technology and Industry Exhibition, part of the World Ocean Conference (WOC), in Manado of Indonesia, on 11 May, 2009. —XINHUA

Six GM executives sell more than 200,000 shares

DETROIT, 12 May—Six General Motors Corp executives recently sold more than 200,000 shares of the automaker as GM moves toward issuing new equity to give large stakes to the US government and a United Auto Workers retiree health care trust fund.

Four group vice presidents and two vice chairmen sold nearly 205,000 shares Friday and Monday at prices ranging from \$1.45 to \$1.61 per share.

GM shares closed Monday down 17 cents at \$1.44.

Spokeswoman Julie Gibson says the sales don't show a lack of faith in the company. She says GM has disclosed publicly that shareholders run the risk of significant dilution or possibly losing their investments in a potential bankruptcy filing.

"They're not operating with any knowledge that other people don't have," she said. The executives

had a short window of Friday through Tuesday to sell the shares, she added.

GM has offered bondholders 10 percent of the company's equity in exchange for wiping out \$27 billion in debt. The company also is negotiating with the US government for a potential 50 percent share of GM stock, and with the UAW to take 39 percent in exchange for half of the \$20 billion that the company owes the trust fund.—*Internet*

Microsoft plans to sell Windows seven this year

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—Microsoft Corp on Monday announced that Windows 7, next version of its operating system, is on track for sale by 2009 holiday season.

It is anticipating that Windows 7 "will be available to customers in time for the holiday shopping season," the software giant said in a press release.

"With early RC (Release Candidate) testing and extensive partner feedback we've received, Windows 7 is tracking well for holiday availability," said Bill Veghte, senior vice president of the Windows Business at Microsoft.

To get Windows 7 out on the market as quickly as possible may help Microsoft do some damage control on its brand, which has been tarnished by the backlash against Windows Vista, current version of its operating system, some analysts said.—*Internet*



Palestinian fruit vendors balance watermelons on their heads as they try to attract customers in the West Bank town of Ramallah.



An Orangutan points at a painting it just painted at the zoo in Heidelberg, southwestern Germany. The paintings by the Orangutans will be auctioned for the benefit of the zoo's monkey house.

Vegetarian options urged for school lunch

The 15-year-old daughter of Montel Williams is featured in a television ad urging that vegetarian options be offered in US public schools.

In the TV commercial, Wyntergrace Williams urges Congress to amend the Child Nutrition Act to include meatless meals.

"Some of us don't eat right," Wyntergrace says in the commercial. "Fast food, junk food — sometimes, even our school lunches have too much fat and cholesterol. More than 80 of Americans believe that vegetarian meals should be available in schools to children who want them, a recent survey conducted by Opinion Research Corporation found."

The commercial, produced by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, will air on local network affiliates in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington during morning news shows, children's programmes and "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," a statement said.

One third of marriages in NZ end before 25th anniversary

One third of the couples in New Zealand break up before they reach their silver wedding anniversary, or the 25th anniversary, according to the country's official statistics agency on Tuesday.

The number of marriages recorded last year rose by 400 to 21,900, the Statistics New Zealand said.

But the Family Court granted 9,700 divorces last year - just under the annual average of 10,000 for the past decade.

The agency said a study of divorce statistics showed that about a third of those who married in 1983 were divorced before the time of their 25th anniversary.

Half of the marriages that dissolved in 2008 lasted 13.4 years or more. The median age of divorce was 44.5 for men and about 42 for women.

Tsunami may have hit NYC area 300 BC

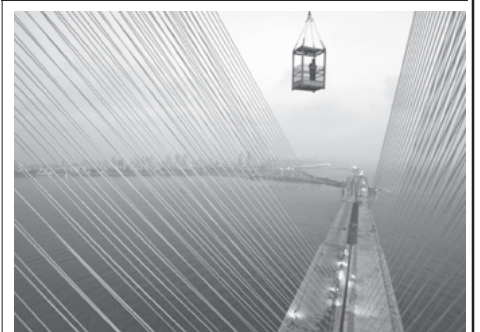
Scientists are postulating a huge wave — a tsunami — slammed into the region that is now New York City about 2,300 years ago.

The researchers say they've found evidence of a powerful ocean wave dumping sediment and shells across Long Island and New Jersey, and depositing wood debris far up the Hudson River, the BBC reported on Monday. Further testing will be done to rule out other possible causes for the upheaval, such as an unusually large storm, the British network said.

Steven Goodbred of Vanderbilt University said sediment core drillings turned up large gravel, marine fossils and other materials dating to about 300 BC. The evidence seems to rule out a storm, pointing instead to massive wave action, he said.

"If we're wrong, it was one heck of a storm," Goodbred said.

NEWS ALBUM



A worker goes up in a lift above the Bandra-Worli sea link project in Mumbai, India. The infrastructure for the south-bound link of the 2.75-mile-long cable-stayed bridge that links Bandra and the western suburbs of Mumbai with Worli, seen in background, and central Mumbai, was completed on Tuesday.

Manaung enjoying economic growth with agricultural farms and fisheries

Article & photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win



Successful Hsinpadetha (6) species groundnut farm in Be-in Village, Manaung Township.

Recently I made a boat trip to Manaung known with six different names through the Manaung River.

Soon after my arrival



Chief Engineer U Khin Soe of Kyaukpyu District Public Works.

at the township, I learnt about regional development from Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Nyi Nyi Lwin, Chief Engineer U Khin Soe of Kyaukpyu District Public Works, and Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Oo Saw Tun.

Township Manager of Township Myanma Agriculture Service U San Aye and Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Maung Maung Soe conducted me round the 200-acre Hsinpadetha (6) groundnut farm at Plot No 856 in The-in Village.

The township is surrounded by seawater, but it manages to achieve the targeted sown acreage of cold season crops, edible oil crops and kitchen crops.

“Our township has an area of 129,309 acres. We grow paddy in 36,613 acres, cold season crops, and edible oil crops and kitchen crops in 27,416 acres. We have 2758 acres of silting farms, 264 acres of nipa palm farms, 6162 acres of gardens, and 13 acres of hilly farms. We grow various species of crops on all arable lands,” said Township PDC



Those responsible supervise construction of 130 feet long Panchaung Bridge.

Chairman U Nyi Nyi Lwin.

Manaung Township is formed with Manaung, Ye, and Tail islands, five wards, 36 village-tracts, and 138 villages with a population of more than 90,000.

In 2008-2009 fiscal year, it got 1,906,148 baskets of paddy from

27,933 acres of monsoon paddy fields. It grows 4608 acres of beans and pulses, 1257 acres of pepper and 510 acres of rubber.

In the first quarter, it produced 540 viss of sea prawns, 450 viss of sea fish, 730 viss of lobsters, 154 viss of crabs, 5200 viss of salted fish and 5000 viss of fish. So, local fishermen are doing well in their businesses.

Local people collectively constructed the 51 miles and three furlongs long road that goes round Manaung Island near the sea in 1991,

and health care of local people. So, on his tour of the region in February 2008, Prime Minister General Thein Sein gave instructions on sooner renovation of all the roads in poor conditions on Manaung Island in Rakhine State. In compliance with the instructions, Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye assigned duties on renovation of the bridges and the circular road to responsible persons.

Chief Engineer U Khin Soe conducted me round the site in Be-in Village-tract at which a 130' x 12' bridge was being

constructed at a fund of K 179.5 million.

I also visited the 16-bed Hsarchet hospital project on the circular road of Manaung Island that the Department of Health under the Ministry of Health is undertaking at a fund of K 200 million. On completion, the facility will be able to expedite providing health care to local people.

The executive officer of the Township Development Affairs Committee clarified that the committee got over 27.4 million kyats or achieved 105.50 per cent in 2008-2009 financial year; that during the period, it constructed one mile and seven furlongs

two bridges, two miles and three furlongs long rural roads, and four rural bridges, and dug wells in 10 villages.

Manaung Township is surrounded by Ganabba Myeni, Palengu, Tawkyet, Naga Shwemee, and Thankyauk mountains. A salient tradition of the township is that local people do not take part in the water festival and preserved Precepts in the Thingyan period instead. Commencing the 2nd Waxing of Tagu, single women and men celebrate the water festival for two days, and married people, one day. Overall, Manaung is a lovely township.

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U Nyi Nyi Lwin, Chairman of Manaung Township Peace and Development Council.



Hsarchet Station Hospital Project site in Manaung Township.

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Being the eyes or mirrors of the people, the courts are to clearly see the life of the people, to be considerate of and to represent them. At a time when work is under way in the process of transition to democracy efforts are to be made for reforming the judicial system in order to win the trust and respect of the people, he said.

In view of the weaknesses and defects it is vividly seen that there were such undesirable factors due to individual persons rather than system, rules and procedures. However, some weaknesses were rife because of inefficiency, negligence and undisciplined approaches to work rather than morals and ethics of an individual. Thus, it is required to systematically train and nurture the judges at different levels, he added.

He stressed the need for those who are involved in judiciary to develop the habit of exercising the judicial system to be in line with the democratic lifestyle. It should be borne in mind that the judgements passed by the court must be free from corruption and should be a salutary lesson.

Although a judge should be far too lenient with the accused he is to inevitably pass a deterrent sentence on those who had committed heinous crimes that are detrimental to the nation and the people. Being the ones representing the State's courts, the judges are to cooperate with law officers and members of Myanmar Police Force in

order to give a helping hand to the people through the practice of patience, politeness, integrity, fairness, reasoning and uprightness, he said.

The Prime Minister spoke of the need for the judges to ensure prevalence of law and order and contribute their shares in the building a new and modern nation realizing the policy and tasks of the State.

It is known to all that the State Peace and Development Council is making all-out efforts for building the nation into a modern and developed one. As the entire people had approved the State constitution, the government is in the process of building sound political, judicial, economic and social foundations that are in conformity with a new and modern nation that will soon emerge in line with the new constitution.

Community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order are indispensable in striving for the nation to be prosperous and the people to enjoy the fruitful results of development. Therefore, the judges in the discharge of duties in judiciary are the most responsible persons in ensuring the community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order. As such, the judges need to try their best to keep judicial pillar upright through the observance of probity, integrity and ethics of a judge bearing in mind the deterrent principles of shame and fear such as uprightness, fairness and consideration.

The courts are the places where losses and grievances of individuals and societies are dealt

with. The judges are responsible for guarding against all kinds of dangers to national unity and development and public interests and passing appropriate sentences to those who do such harmful acts.

They will be able to contribute to "prevalence of law and order, community peace and public interests" only if they decide in accordance with the law. It is necessary for the judges to carry out their duties in accordance with "freedom of justice", one of policies of the judicial system. For the judges to be able to do so, it is necessary that respective regional organizations and responsible personnel cooperate with the judges.

There has been a strong and systematic judicial system in Myanmar from time immemorial. Myanmar kings issued the law, the penal law, Code of Laws, rulings and royal decrees and appointed judges for administration of justice. Today also, the Supreme Court appoints judges at township-, district- and state/division-levels and see to it that there is smooth and fair administration of justice in accordance with the law, rules and regulations and directives.

If the people come to know that the courts solve their problems and difficulties by making right decisions in the presence of the public, the courts will become places of refuge.

The main purpose of the judicial system is to maintain justice and harmony in the relationship of the people and make sure that there is a good balance between rights and responsibilities.

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Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe makes speech at work coordination meeting of Mandalay Division Police Force.—MNA

Coordination meeting of Mandalay Division Police Force held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The Work coordination meeting of Mandalay Division Police Force was held at Aung San Hall of Mandalay Division Police Force on 4 May, attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe. The commander made a speech on the occasion and presented insignia to police members who have got one-step promotion.

After that, the commander

delivered a speech at the work coordination meeting for holding 150th founding anniversary of Yadanarbon held at the meeting hall of Mandalay City Development Committee office. The commander gave necessary instructions after hearing the reports presented by the Mayor and those in charge of sub-committees on preparations made by their committee.

The commander and the mayor accepted donations and presented certificates of honor to donors.—MNA

MTF President's Cup tennis tournament to be held

YANGON, 12 May—Myanmar Tennis Federation has organized to hold MTF President's Cup tennis tournament at Theinbyu Tennis Court from 20 to 25 May.

The tennis categories are team event, men's singles and doubles, women's singles, doubles aged 55 and over and men's and women's U-10, U-12 and U-14.

There must have at least 6 or 7

participants in one team. MTF has arranged to provide K 30,000 each to a club team and K 10,000 each and accommodation to a participant.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament may contact MTF (Tel-372360, 381991/992 extension-0) not later than 18 May. A responsible person from each team is to attend the fixture drawing ceremony to be held at MTF Office at 2 pm on 19 May.—MNA

Officers Management Course No. 3 opens

YANGON, 12 May—A ceremony to open Officers Management Course No. 3 was held at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo made a speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion

were member of CSSTB U Win Aung, Director-General of Civil Service Affairs Department, rector of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), pro-rectors, heads of departments, course instructors and deputy directors and assistant directors level trainee from the ministries. A total of 60 trainees are attending four-week course.

MNA



Member of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo makes a speech at opening ceremony of Officers Management Course No. 3.—MNA

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The courts are required to use their judicial powers only in the interests of the people. For this objective to be achieved, the courts will have to cooperate with administrative personnel. The administrative and judicial systems cannot operate separately but need to be in harmony to be able to protect public interests.

In deciding criminal cases, it is important that the guilty get the appropriate punishment and the innocent receive the rights they are entitled to according to the law.

It is heard that some courts delay their hearing of criminal cases, which require the interrogation of the accused in custody. Therefore, it is necessary for the judges who will hear such cases to communicate and coordinate with respective organizations that file lawsuits and prisons for fair and speedy administration of justice. It is the duty of the judges to find the best way to solve the problem delays and improve the judicial system.

There are many cases on bribes between citizens and between organizations, and some cases to be heard according to civil law are judged according to criminal law. Some cases are found evident that the culprit has committed criminally, but are handed down according to civil law. It is, therefore, required of courts to judge the cases in accordance with the law only after finding out strong evidences.

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criminal cases, every convicted culprit is to be sentenced to a term in proportion to the offence. Nonetheless, some judges handed down disproportionate sentences, so there were many letters of complaint reporting on cases of misconduct and anonymous complaint letters. Therefore, judges have to hand down proportionate sentences in accordance with the directives and orders issued by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court also needs to give lessons to and punish such unjust judges and to revive cases on which unfair sentences have been handed down and deliver proportionate judgments on them.

The government has promulgated the law amending civil ruling law and the law amending term and discipline act to expedite delivering judgments on civil cases. The Supreme Court has bestowed courts at various levels with greater authority to achieve the goal. However, civil cases are still pending unnecessarily in courts at different levels. So, civil cases are to be judged in accordance with the law correctly and promptly.

Some civil execution cases are delayed on the ground that it is required to ask for security from local authorities to implement the cases. It is to ensure that local bodies are not asked for security if unnecessary,

and the demand should be fulfilled promptly for security if necessary. Local authorities are to extend a helping hand for security in that regard.

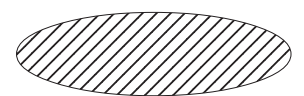
In civil cases on fixed assets, necessary evidences such as documents, blueprints, and government grant are to be submitted. In such cases, related departments are urged to cooperate with courts.

Judges are those who have to carry out judiciary matters, enjoying reasonable rates of salaries from the public funds. So, they must not accept bribes from clients. In that regard, the Supreme Court has issued directives, requisition orders and orders for several times to wipe out bribes and partialities. All judges are not to commit any forms of bias.

Some clients and lawyers approach judges through various ways in civil and criminal cases to gain favours. They try to influence judgments. Judges are urged to stay away from bribery.

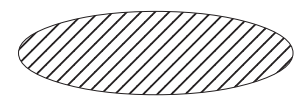
In conclusion, he exhorted judges at various levels responsible for judiciary matters in building a modern, developed democratic nation to work hard with political awareness for flourishing of public judiciary system, as aspired by the people; to deliver judgments promptly and correctly; and to protect public interests with the law by staying away from bribes.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects development tasks in Chaungson Township



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects cold storage factory of Mawlamyine Holdings Ltd in Mawlamyine.

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 12 May — Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, met with departmental officials and townselders in Chaungson Township in Mon State on 10 May.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on regional development tasks.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party viewed use of bio-battery in the village. On his inspection tour of the 25-bed hospital in Chaungson

Township, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw comforted the patients receiving treatment there and presented cash assistance to them.

They also visited the 16-bed station hospital in Ywalut Village in the township and presented cash assistance to the patients.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw went to Ywalut Village and viewed the handicrafts produced in the village, and planted physic nut plants.

They also went to the village of Daung-U in the township and inspected the husk-fired power plant at the village.

On his visit to

Muyitkalay Village in the township, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw provided cash assistance to the patients undergoing treatment at the 16-bed hospital and inspected extended construction of the delivery room and the medicine store.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party arrived back in Mawlamyine and inspected the extended construction of Strand Road in Mawlamyine. They also visited the cold storage factory of Mawlamyine Holdings Ltd in Mawlamyine and gave instructions to responsible personnel of the factory. — MNA

Development tasks in Mingaladon Township inspected

YANGON, 12 May — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the ring road in Mingaladon Township, and maintenance of the dividers

near the junction of Yangon-Bago Road, growing of Cedrela febrifuga, dredging of drains for proper flow of water. Next, the mayor looked into the arrangements for moving

the new Htaukkyant Yadanar market to other place.

Afterwards, the mayor oversaw the maintenance of the brick wall of Hlawga Lake.

MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects renovation of brick wall of Hlawga Lake.—YCDC

Intellectuals and intelligentsia to stand firmly by Our Three Main National Causes and position of the nation Special Refresher Course No. (12) for Faculty Members commences

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May—The Special Refresher Course No 12 for Faculty Members was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an opening speech on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, members of CSSTB, departmental heads, members of division, district and township PDCs, the rector of CSSTB (Upper Myanmar), the pro-rectors, heads of department, lecturers, assistant lecturers, demonstrators and faculty members.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Chan Nyein said projects of enhancing national education have been laid down in a systematic way and qualified human resources are being nurtured in the drive for building a new modern developed nation in line with the motto of "To build a modern developed nation through education".



Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers speech at Special Refresher Course No 12 for Faculty Members at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).—MNA

In a bid to strive for bringing up qualified new generation youth for the future state, teachers from universities and colleges are doing educational research works benefiting the country besides carrying out academic matters. Such refresher courses will help strengthen national conviction.

With the aims of nurturing qualified human resources, the 30-year long-term plan is being implemented. There are 12 visions for national education promotion project dividing into six sectors of human resources, application of technology, research works, constant-learning society, enhancement of education, preservation and safeguarding national norms and values.

The higher education sector was reformed after 1988. The number of universities and colleges has increased to 158. New universities and colleges are being extended and some, upgraded.

In an effort to scrutinize international high learning research works, research-related equipment has

already been installed at universities and colleges in all parts of the country. Computer training centre, multimedia lecture room and language lab are also being built at universities and colleges.

With the aim of enabling the youth to pursue higher education in various regions of the Union, the government is improving the higher education sector through a variety of measures such as upgrading the syllabuses, prescription of combined subjects and branches of subjects, and establishment of PhD courses.

Due to the infra-structural buildings in the education sector, ICT buildings and educational atmospheres across the nation the government has built for promotion of national education, teacher trainees have access to the opportunities to conduct advanced studies and nurture and train students of younger generations.

The trainees are to constantly learn from the lessons throughout the Myanmar history that had adverse effects to the national cause owing to the

divide-and-rule policy the colonialists exercised, and many attempts to directly copy the political and economic patterns of foreign countries that are opposed to the historical background of the motherland and national prestige and integrity.

They are to inspire younger generations, who will shoulder the duties to restore and enhance the already-achieved stability and peace, national unity and development momentum of respective regions, to cultivate a strong sense of nationalistic fervour.

Making good use of stability and peace achieved due to national reconsolidation, the government has launched the rural development project, the border areas and

national races development project, and the 24 special region development project. The people are now enjoying the taste of progress of respective regions and development regions.

Today, many countries are facing undesirable effects of rapid changes in science and technology. So, intellectuals and intelligentsia have to stand firmly by Our Three Main National Causes and the position of the nation that stands with national character and norms. The trainees are to stay in touch with latest techniques and technologies in the global community in the interest of the nation and the people, and to remain vigilant with national awareness against the attempts certain powerful countries are

making under the pretext of globalization to wield influence over developing countries.

In conclusion, the minister urged the trainees to try constantly to remain highly qualified in their teaching, with thorough conviction of the uphill tasks of promoting national education; to equip themselves with the belief and concepts of serving national interests in discharging duties in the higher education sector; and to make systematic studies to be able to accomplish national duties in the education sector with Union Spirit to inculcate younger generations, who will be shouldering duties, with a sense of nationalistic spirit. Altogether 386 trainees are attending the five-week course.—MNA

Volunteers honoured

YANGON, 12 May — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development

Affairs Col Thein Nyunt yesterday honoured volunteers who performed development tasks in storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division at the City Hall in Patheingyi.

Fourteen mobile community development teams comprising engineers, doctors, agriculturalists and veterinarians had disseminated knowledge

on health, farming and collecting safe drinking water and gave medical care to villagers during the field trips to Kyaiklat, Dedaye, Pyapon, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta and Ngapudaw in Ayeyawady Delta from 12 January to 2 May.

Divided into 14 mobile community development teams, a total of 70 volunteers educated 230,518 villagers in 992 villages seven townships and provided medical care to 13,640 villagers in the storm-hit villages. They also vaccinated 9298 drought cattle during the field trips.—MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt delivers address at ceremony to honour members of mobile community development teams.

MNA





President of the Cambodian Supreme Court Dith Munty ploughs during the annual royal ploughing ceremony in Phnom Pehn, capital of Cambodia, on 12 May, 2009. The ceremony is an ancient royal rite of Cambodia to mark the traditional beginning of the rice-growing season and wish for a better harvest in the year.—INTERNET

US trade deficit rises in March

WASHINGTON, 12 May—The US trade deficit rose to 27.6 billion US dollars in March, the first monthly increase since July, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

The March deficit was slightly lower than the 29 billion US dollar gap that economists had expected and was 5.5 percent higher than February's revised trade gap of 26.1 billion US dollars, which had been the lowest since November 1999.

The rise in the trade deficit came as the global recession cut sharply into sales of American exports.

For March, exports of goods and services fell 2.4 percent to 123.6 billion US dollars, the lowest level since August 2006. Sales of US farm products, civilian aircraft,

telecommunications equipment, semiconductors, and domestic autos and auto parts all dropped.

Meanwhile, imports declined one percent to 151.2 billion US dollars in March, the lowest level since September 2004. Oil

imports, however, rose 6.2 percent to 17.2 billion US dollars, the highest level since January.

For 2009, economists expect the US trade deficit to shrink significantly as the recession depresses demand for imported products.—INTERNET



An Afghan school girl cries as she receives treatment in a hospital after she felt sick in a school in Kapisa province, eastern Afghanistan, Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Officials and doctors say 89 Afghan schoolgirls have been hospitalized in the third case of alleged gas poisoning in eastern Afghanistan in less than three weeks.—INTERNET

Over 60 people ill due to "mysterious" disease in mid-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 12 May -- More than 60 people at Jaimakashala in Rolpa district in mid-western Nepal have been taken ill due to a mysterious disease that spread in the village three days ago.

According to Tuesday's eKantipur.com, most of the victims are women, elderly and children. An official at the District Public Health Office informed that a team of health workers has been dispatched to the

disease-hit area, some 270 km west of Kathmandu, to take stock of the situation and to offer treatment to the sick.

All patients have similar symptoms of acute headache, fever and vomiting up blood, a health worker said. He said that the disease may have been caused due to consumption of polluted water and inadequate sanitation.

With no health worker at the local health post, the

patients could not receive treatment on time.

INTERNET

Software industry loses \$53 bln worldwide from piracy in 2008

SINGAPORE, 12 May —The software industry's worldwide monetary value losses from piracy grew 11 percent to 53 billion US dollars in 2008, according to a study released here on Tuesday.

This is the first time that the industry's monetary value losses from piracy broke the 50

billion level, according to the findings of the Sixth Annual Global Software Piracy Study by the Business Software Alliance and IDC, a global market research and forecasting firm.

The study showed that the worldwide personal computer (PC) software piracy rate rose from 38 percent in 2007

to 41 percent in 2008, mainly due to PC shipments growth in high-piracy countries.

In the Asia-Pacific region, the average PC software rate increased to 61 percent in 2008, up from 59 percent of the previous year, with losses reaching over 15 billion US dollars.

INTERNET

20 dead as US, Afghans battle suicide bombers

KABUL, 12 May—Eleven Taliban suicide bombers attacked government buildings in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, sparking running gunbattles that killed at least 20 people and wounded three US troops, officials said. US and Afghan troops freed 20 hostages taken by the insurgents.

The assault began around 10 am when a suicide bomber in a burqa attacked the governor's compound in Khost, an eastern city on the border with Pakistan that houses a major American base. That blast was followed soon after by a suicide car bomb explosion, said Wazir Pacha, the spokesman for the provincial police chief.

US forces attending a nearby meeting responded to the attacks and killed an unknown number of militants, said Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker, a



Afghan security men stand near a damaged police check post following attacks on government buildings in Khost province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Teams of suicide bombers and insurgents attacked government buildings in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, sparking running gun battles in a major Afghan city, officials said.—INTERNET

US military spokeswoman.

Khost residents hid from booming explosions and running street clashes that lasted until 5 pm. At least eleven insurgents and nine others — including police and civilians — died, the Defence Ministry said.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed that 30 suicide bombers had attacked the government buildings.

A US spokesman summed up the chaos in the midst of battle: "A lot of stuff is going on right now."

INTERNET

British unemployment jumps to 7.1%

LONDON, 12 May—Britain's unemployment rate hit 7.1 percent in the three months to March as the number of people claiming jobless benefits jumped to 2.22 million,

official data showed Tuesday. The data was published one day early due to an error, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) announced separately.

"The unemployment rate was 7.1 per cent for the three months to March 2009, up 0.8 (percentage points) over the previous quarter and up 1.8 (percentage points) over the year," the ONS said in a statement.

The number of unemployed people increased by 244,000 over the quarter and by 592,000 over the year, to reach 2.22 million.

"These are the largest quarterly increases in the unemployment level and rate since 1981."

INTERNET



A vehicle burns following a suicide attack in the northern city of Kirkuk, 255kms from Baghdad. A suicide bomber aboard a small pick-up truck slammed into an Iraqi police patrol, killing six people and injuring 14, police said.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV FU KANG SHAN VOYNO (81)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FU KANG SHAN VOYNO (81) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S. P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO., LTD**
Phone No: 256919/256916/256912

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV KMA II VOYNO ()**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KMA II VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W(3) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S KMA SHIPPING CO., LTD**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV SINAR BANTEN VOYNO (049)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR BANTEN VOYNO (049) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
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MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED(TENDER NOTICE)**TENDER. IFB No. 28/ Local/2009**

Supply of Tyre, Oil, and General Items (10 lots) are invited from Local Suppliers by FEC Currency.

CLOSING DATE will be on 26th May 2009 at 12:00 hr.

Tender documents are available at the following addresses:

70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar

Tel: (95) 1 514194 to 7; Fax: (95) 1 514208; email: miccl@miccl.com.mm

Site: Tel: (95) 71 22225/6; Fax: (95) 71 22522; email: supply@miccl.com.mm

Sealed Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the closing date.

Queries can be done between 10am to 4pm at Supply Department; Tel: (95) 71 22225/6;

email: supply@miccl.com.mm before the Tender Closing Date.

MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED(TENDER NOTICE)**TENDER. IFB No. 27/ Overseas/2009**

Supply of General, Pump, Electrical & Caterpillar Spares (13) lots are invited from Overseas Suppliers by CIF Yangon Basis, Euro or Singapore \$ Currency, by LC Term.

CLOSING DATE will be on 26th May 2009 at 12:00 noon.

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INVITATION TO TENDER**TENDER NO. 2 (T) AMD-FR (2009-2010)**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of the following stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr;No	Description	Quantity
1.	Engines for Power Tiller & Reaper	1 Lot
2.	Component parts for Power Tiller & Reaper	5 Lot
3.	Raw Material for Power Tiller & Reaper	4 Lot

2. **Tender closing date (29.5.2009) (Friday) (16:00 HR)**

3. Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township, Yangon during the office hours .

4. For further details please call 680959, 682046 Ext.323.

Director General
Agricultural Mechanization Department

Venezuela seizes two tons of cocaine, arrest three

CARACAS, 12 May—Venezuelan authorities have seized nearly two tons of cocaine and arrested three suspects in their largest drug bust in months, the country's top counter-drug official said Monday.

Police and soldiers discovered 4,370 pounds (1,983 kilograms) of cocaine during a raid on a ranch in central Miranda state on Saturday, said National Anti-Drug Agency director Nestor Reverol. A Colombian and two Venezuelans were detained.

Anti-drug initiatives under President Hugo Chavez have been a sore point between Venezuela and the United States since 2005, when Chavez suspended cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration after accusing its agents of espionage — an accusation the DEA denies. US officials say Venezuela has become a major transshipment point for Colombian cocaine under Chavez.

Reverol hailed the action as blow against smugglers using Venezuela to ship drugs to the United States and Europe.—*Internet*

US clean tech venture investments down 63 percent in first quarter

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—US venture capital investments in clean technology plunged 63 percent in the first quarter of this year, showing that the global economic downturn caught up with investors across the industry, accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP said in a report released on Monday.

In the first quarter, US clean tech companies raised 277 million US dollars in 24 deals, representing declines of 63 percent in terms of capital and 48 percent in deals compared to the same period a year earlier.

However, the report found that venture capitalists boosted their investments in energy storage, making it a bright spot in the clean tech industry.

Energy storage sector raised 114 million dollars in the first three months, more than double the amount in the year-ago period.

"Despite the intense challenges of raising capital during the past four months, government initiatives and corporate commitments are points of light for clean tech companies," Joseph Muscat, a director at Ernst & Young LLP, said in a statement.

Government funding has begun to enter the market. For example, US Department of Energy recently rewarded grant to Solyndra, a cylindrical photovoltaic systems manufacturer based in California.

Internet

Heavy rains leave 3,850 people homeless in Guatemala

MEXICO CITY, 12 May—Heavy rains have left 3,850 people homeless in two Guatemalan Provinces, according to news reaching here on Monday.

The worst hit area was Chisec in the province of Alta Verapaz, where 2,300 people have been affected and 404 houses have been destroyed, according to the National Disaster Reduction Coordination.

In Dolores in the neighbouring Peten Province, 1,550 people have been forced to leave their homes and 288 houses have been damaged.

The disaster reduction coordination said it had set up committees to coordinate with regional authorities in coping with the situation.

The rains over the weekend were caused by humid air that could also trigger downpours across the country in the coming days, according to weather forecast.—*Internet*

Japan's Nissan posts first loss under CEO Ghosn

TOKYO, 12 May—Nissan Motor Co, Japan's number three automaker, announced Tuesday its first annual loss in almost a decade and said it expected to stay in the red this year because of slumping sales.

Nissan, which is 44 percent owned by France's Renault, logged a net loss of 233.7 billion yen (2.4 billion dollars) in the year to March, against a year-earlier profit of 482.3 billion yen. It is the automaker's first loss since the fiscal year 1999 when chief executive Carlos Ghosn was parachuted in by Renault to rescue the company from the brink of bankruptcy. Nissan's annual sales fell 9.5 percent to 3.41 million vehicles in the last business year to March

It posted an operating loss of 137.9 billion yen, against a year-earlier profit of 790.8 billion yen, as revenue fell 22 percent to 8.44 trillion yen.—*Internet*

High health costs hit women hardest

CHICAGO, 12 May—Most working-age women in the United States have too little health coverage, and often forgo needed care because of cost, US researchers said on Monday.

They found that seven out of 10 women have no insurance, not enough insurance or are in debt because of medical bills.

“More families are making difficult choices between needed health care, making payments on mortgages or credit card debt and purchasing basic necessities,” said Karen Davis, president of the Commonwealth Fund, a private health policy group that conducted the research.

President Barack Obama renewed his push for healthcare reform on Monday at a joint ap-

pearance with the American Medical Association, America’s Health Insurance Plans and the American Hospital Association. The trade groups have pledged to reduce the annual growth of health spending by 1.5 percentage points, which they say will save \$2 trillion over 10 years.

Members of Congress who will shepherd healthcare reform through the process have promised to have a bill by the end of the year.

The Commonwealth Fund team said rising health costs hit women harder because they have lower average incomes and spend more on healthcare than men, and because they use the health system more often than men.

Internet



Space shuttle Atlantis lifts off on a mission to NASA’s Hubble Telescope from its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 11 May, 2009.—INTERNET

C366 cellular phone causes consumer frenzy

CARACAS, 12 May—A new C366 cellular phone launched Sunday by a Venezuelan-Chinese joint venture caused consumer frenzy with President Hugo Chavez calling for calmness.

“Do not break down shop doors”, Chavez told his weekly radio and television programme “Hello President”, presenting the new phone which costs 30 bolivars (14 dollars) and has a camera and an MP3 player, considered to be typical features for phones costing hundreds of dollars, along with the normal functions such as games, a calculator and an address book. Also on the show, Chavez made his first call using the phone, also known as the Vergatario, to his mother, Elena Frias, and gave her a model of the cell phone as a Mothers’ Day gift.—MNA/Xinhua

US shuttle Atlantis lifts off on mission to upgrade Hubble Space Telescope

WASHINGTON, 12 May—The US space shuttle Atlantis lifted off Monday with seven-member crew onboard from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, on a mission to upgrade the 19-year-old Hubble Space Telescope for the last time.

The blastoff occurred at 2:01 pm EDT (1801 GMT). It is NASA’s second space shuttle flight in 2009 and the 30th flight for Atlantis.

The seven astronauts are commander Scott Altman, shuttle pilot Gregory C Johnson and mission specialists Michael Good, Megan McArthur, John Grunsfeld, Michael Massimino and Andrew Feustel. According to NASA TV, about two

minutes and five seconds after liftoff, the twin solid rocket boosters assisting Atlantis’ launch into space have separated as planned from the shuttle’s external tank. The reusable boosters will fall back toward the Atlantic Ocean, where they will land under parachutes and be retrieved by recovery ships. They are equipped with cameras to record the performance of Atlantis’ external tank and any foam loss seen during its ascent.

Atlantis is expected to reach Hubble on Wednesday. Its 11-day mission is the final shuttle flight to Hubble.

The seven-member crew will enhance the observatory and ensure cutting-edge science.

Internet

Cuba reports first confirmed case of A/H1N1 flu

HAVANA, 12 May—Cuba reported its first confirmed case of A/H1N1 flu on Monday, authorities said.

The infected person was a Mexican student studying in Cuba, who returned to Cuba from Mexico on 25 April after vacation, the Cuban Healthy Ministry said in a statement broadcast by national television.

Thirteen other Mexican students, who had had close contact with the infected person, were tested for the flu, the

statement said. All these students had shown flu-like symptoms, but only one was confirmed to have the A/H1N1 flu. The statement did not disclose the location where the students were quarantined.

According to the Health Ministry, 84 people from eight countries were found to have shown flu-like symptoms, and a total of 511 people, including those showing symptoms and those having had contact with them, have been tested for the flu.

Internet

Confirmed A/H1N1 flu cases rise to nine in Italy

ROME, 12 May—The number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu in Italy has risen to nine over the weekend and only one case was the virus contracted by someone who had not visited Mexico, where the flu originated, Italian health officials said on Monday.

According to the World

Health organization (WHO), there are currently 4,697 confirmed cases of the new flu in 30 countries.

The United States has the highest number of confirmed cases with 2,532, followed by Mexico with 1,626 and Canada with 284.

Internet

Thailand confirms first A/H1N1 flu case

BANGKOK, 12 May—Thailand’s Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said here on Tuesday that the country had a first confirmed A/H1N1 flu patient, however, the patient has already recovered.—Internet

Brazilian president calls for calmness despite increase in flu cases

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May—Despite a growing number of A/H1N1 flu cases, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva called for calmness on Monday, saying there is no reason to get into panic. During his weekly radio programme “Breakfast with the President,” Lula said the flu is not “the size it seemed to be” since it does not spread all over the world as predicted.

The president warned that people should be careful about the lethal virus.

Lula said his government is intensifying efforts in monitoring the country’s airports and treating the infected patients.

On Sunday, the Health Ministry confirmed two more cases of the flu in Brazil, bringing the toll of confirmed cases to eight, according to the World Health Organization.

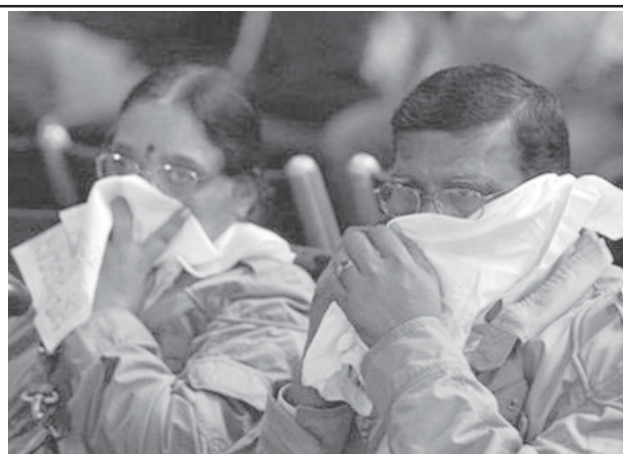
The two are middle-aged women from the states of Rio Grande do Sul and Rio de Janeiro respectively.

Internet

10 new cases of A/H1N1 flu confirmed in Britain

LONDON, 12 May—Ten new cases of the A/H1N1 flu were confirmed on Monday in Britain by the Department of Health, bringing the total number of infected patients to 65. A statement from the Health Department said all the 10 new cases were in England. The two cases in London included an adult and a child who were both close contacts of previously confirmed cases.

Among the four cases from East of England, an adult and a child were returning travelers. Another adult was a close contact of a previously confirmed case, while the source of infection for the fourth still remained under investigation by the Health Protection Authority.—Internet



Two Indian tourists cover their faces to protect themselves against swine flu as they arrive at Los Angeles International Airport.—INTERNET

Three new cases of A/H1N1 flu confirmed in Spain

MADRID, 12 May—The Spanish Health Ministry reported three new cases of A/H1N1 flu on Monday, bringing the total number of the cases to 98.

A further 22 people are being checked for possible cases of the virus. That figure has dropped dramatically since last Friday, when there were 40 suspected cases of the deadly flu.

The ministry said that all of those infected have responded well to treatment and that nobody needs to be retained in hospital.

Internet

SPORTS

Caldwell honoured
as Scotland's bestCeltic defender
Gary Caldwell

GLASGOW, 12 May—Celtic defender Gary Caldwell was Monday named as Scottish Premier League Player of the Season, just a day after he scooped the Scottish Football Writers' award.

The manager of the season award went to Csaba Lazslo for his work in keeping Hearts in the top three for most of the season as dominant Celtic

and Rangers slugged away in their own inter-city title race. Hibernian striker Steven Fletcher picked up the accolade of young player of the year.

Caldwell said: "It's great, it's always nice to get awards. It's good to get some reward for your personal performances. "But football is a team game and there's still a reward I want for the team at the end of the season. That would really cap my season off.

"I think it would be my worst season here if we don't win the league because we have won it for the last two seasons."—Internet

Wiese faces probe
over Hamburg tauntsWerder Bremen goalkeeper
Tim Wiese

FRANKFURT, 12 May—The German Football Federation (DFB) on Monday opened an inquiry into the behaviour of Werder Bremen goalkeeper Tim Wiese following his side's 2-0 win over Hamburg on Sunday.

The DFB's disciplinary commission launched the procedure after viewing a video of Wiese celebrating with Werder fans after the final whistle.

Perched on the fence separating the pitch from the terraces, the German international brandished a megaphone to join in with the home fans' chants, shouting "Shit on Hamburg!" The DFB has asked Wiese to submit a written account of what happened.

Werder and Hamburg are the two biggest clubs in northern Germany and have a strong rivalry.

The teams have met four times over the last three weeks, with Werder eliminating Hamburg from both the German Cup and the UEFA Cup at the semi-final stage.

Werder's victory on Sunday severely dented Hamburg's hopes of winning the league and qualifying for next season's Champions League.

Werder face Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk in the UEFA Cup final in Istanbul on 20 May.—Internet

Sharapova comeback set
for Warsaw

PARIS, 12 May—Maria Sharapova has announced her return to singles action after an eight-month injury layoff in the Warsaw WTA tournament starting on 18 May.

The former world No.1 and highest money-earner in women's sport has been sidelined with a shoulder injury since last summer missing last year's Wimbledon and US Opens as well as this year's Australian Open. She has repeatedly postponed her comeback over the last few weeks but did play one losing game in the doubles tournament at Indian Wells in March.



Maria Sharapova

"I am very happy to report that I will make my singles return to the tour in Warsaw, Poland, the week of 18 May," the 22-year-old Russian said on her website www.maria-sharapova.com.—Internet

Murray keen to improve
tennis rankingBritain's Andy Murray
returns a ball to Argentinian Juan Monaco

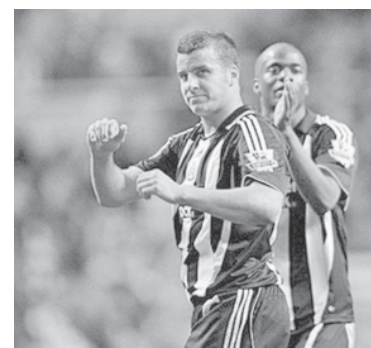
MADRID, 12 May—Andy Murray is proud of his new world number three ranking, achieved for the first time Monday as the Scot prepares for his start at the Madrid Masters. But the 21-year-old is hoping for more to come and won't be satisfied with a British best as his skyrocketing career lifts to greater heights. "I'd be prouder if my name was in the middle of them (Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer)," said Murray. "I've been on a very good run the last eight or nine months, I think the ranking reflects that.

"To get close to those two or to get in between Roger and Rafa is a tough thing to do. They have had the top two spots for the last five or six years. It's an incredible run that both of them have been on.—Internet

Newcastle beat Middlesbrough,
stay afloat in Premier League

NEWCASTLE, 12 May—Alan Shearer experienced his first victory as Newcastle United's manager when precious goals from Steven Taylor, Obafemi Martins and Peter Lovenkrands ensured a 3-1 success over Middlesbrough in a St James' Park relegation battle.

They are goals that could be worth up to 50 million pounds (70 million dollars) to Newcastle, who would lose a substantial portion of their income if they drop out of the Premier League.—Internet

Newcastle United's English
defender Steven Taylor (L)
celebrates after beating Middlesbrough 3-1 in their English Premier League football match at St James' Park in Newcastle.—INTERNETMan United and Barcelona players lose
UEFA appeals

GENEVA, 12 May—UEFA's disciplinary body confirmed Monday that Manchester United midfielder Darren Fletcher will miss the Champion's League final on May 27 along with Barcelona defenders Eric Abidal and Daniel Alves.

European football's governing body said in a statement that the body rejected protests by both clubs against the suspensions. "All three players are therefore suspended for one UEFA club competition match and will serve their suspensions when Barcelona FC meet Manchester United FC in the UEFA Champions League final in Rome on 27 May," it added.

Fletcher was suspended for the final against Barcelona after collecting a red card in United's semi-final victory against Arsenal last week.

Abidal also received a red card dur-

ing the Spanish side's semi-final against Chelsea, while Alves collected a yellow card for his second match in the Champion's League. United manager Alex Ferguson had pressed ahead with his protest even though he acknowledged that it had little hope of success.

Television replays indicated that Fletcher had made a legal challenge on Arsenal's Cesc Fabregas but Italian referee Roberto Rosetti awarded a penalty against United and a straight red card against the player.

"We understand the system and honestly believe the referee made the right decision at the time. From his angle and from where I was, I thought it was a penalty myself," said Ferguson.

"But from the replays it is obvious Darren managed to get his leg round and flick the ball away from Fabregas," he added.—Internet



File photo shows referee Roberto Rosetti, left shows Manchester United's Darren Fletcher, right, the red card during their Champions League semi-final second leg soccer match against Arsenal at the Emirates stadium in London.—INTERNET

Injured Serena pulls plug after avoiding fine

MADRID, 12 May—Sluggish and injured Serena Williams lost her third consecutive clay match to crash out of the Madrid Masters after pulling the plug while trailing 4-6 to Francesca Schiavone in the first round Monday.

The exit of the second seed leaves Williams in a precarious position without a victory on the dirt heading into the May 24 start of Roland Garros.

"After the first set I did not want to risk anymore. I'm hoping to be ready for Roland Garros," she insisted.

Williams, who also lost in Marbella and last week in Rome and has suffered with thigh and knee injuries, effectively stayed on court for 45 minutes to avoid a 75,000 fine which the WTA would have imposed for failing to play the new tournament.



US Serena Williams smiles during a press conference at the ATP Madrid Open claycourt tournament. Williams withdrew from a match against Italian Francesca Schiavone after suffering an injury on her right knee.—INTERNET

Internet



Young visitors pose in front of an illusionary art work of a gorilla with its mouth wide open that is drawn at the corner of an exhibition room at the Trick Art Museum at the foot of Mount Takao on the outskirts of Tokyo, Japan, on 3 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Former Nazi death camp guard arrives in Germany

MUNICH, 12 May—An 89-year-old former Nazi death camp guard arrived in Germany Tuesday after his deportation from the United States, vowing to fight charges that he assisted in the murder of over 29,000 Jews.

After losing a months-long battle to stay in the United States, John Demjanjuk landed in a specially-chartered plane at an isolated area of Munich airport where he was met by officials from the state prosecutor's office. Photos showed Demjanjuk—who his family says suffers from kidney disease and blood disorders—lying down with tubes in his nostrils, dressed in a leather jacket and a baseball cap.

Doctors accompanying him on the overnight flight from Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport said he slept for most of the journey, according to prosecutors.

Germany issued a warrant for Demjanjuk's arrest on 11 March on charges of helping to murder 29,000 Jews during his time as a guard at the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1943.

However, Demjanjuk's lawyer, Ulrich Busch, said his client denied that he was in Sobibor.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (13.5.2009) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

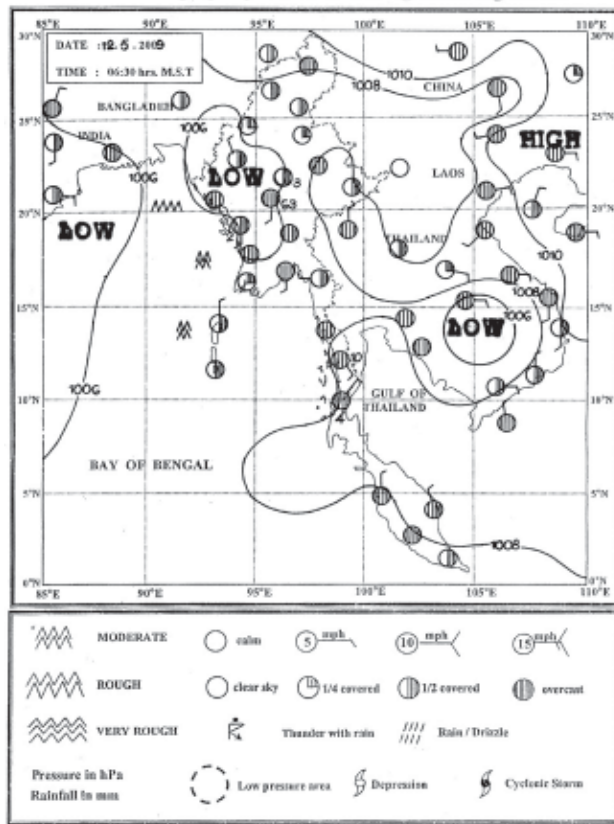
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
- * Myanmar Traditional Art, Silversmith
- * Floating Village Mingalar Garden Resort
- * Shopping with Torchlight
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
- * Myanmar Traditional Pavilion Painting
- * Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * 50-ton Paper Mill (Thabaung)
- * Myanma Indigenous Ornamental Fish (Part-1)
- * Field Trip to Tagaung
- * Unique Style of Kachin Dress
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat...
- * Road to Mingun
- * Myanmar Traditional Art, Silversmith
- * Floating Village Mingalar Garden Resort
- * Shopping with Torchlight
- * Myanma Indigenous Ornamental Fish (Part-2)
- * Let's Make...Fresh Instant Mohinga
- * The Venerable Baw Kyo Pagoda
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 12 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Mon State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, isolated in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) below May average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44°C) and Minbu (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Theinzayat (2.56) inches, Meiktila (2.48) inches, TadaU (Aviation) (2.05) inches, Shwegyin (1.26) inches, Pinlaung (0.98) inch and PyinOoLwin (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 12-5-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-5-2009 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 11-5-2009 was (3.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 12-5-2009 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (2.48) inches at Mingaladon, (3.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (5.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Northeast at (21:30) hour MST on 11-5-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, isolated in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-5-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Wednesday, 13 May View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်၊ ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော် မူသောဥပ္ပိတသဒ္ဓိဝါဠိတော်
- 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 6. “ချစ်သောမြေ၊ ချစ်သောရေ” (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နှင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 8:20 am
 7. မြန်မာ့ကြွေကြွေယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
 3. Classical song
- 4:30 pm
 4. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား

- ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
 - 4:40 pm
 5. Dance of National Races
 - 4:45 pm
 6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
 - 5:00 pm
 7. Songs to uphold National Spirit
 - 5:05 pm
 8. Musical programme
 - 5:20 pm
 9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
 - 5:30 pm
 10. မြင်ရသူတိုင်းရင်မှာစွဲ အင်းလေးမြန်မာ့သစ်ခွပန်းပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)
 - 5:45 pm
 11. စူပါတေးသံ ချစ် ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၁)

- 6:00 pm
 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့
- 6:55 pm
 15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်နှင့်
- 7:30 pm
 16. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင့်ပြင်
- 8:00 pm
 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း “အရိပ်မဲ့နွေ” (ဒွေး၊ သားညို၊ မြတ်ကေသိအောင်၊ သဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ပြည့်ဝ)



Judgements passed by court must be free from corruption and should be a salutary lesson

Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Supreme Court judges, state, division judges



Tun, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the Deputy Chief Justice and the Deputy Attorney-Generals, the Supreme Court judges, heads of department, directors-general of the Supreme Court and the office of the Attorney-General, heads of office, directors, the state and division judges, deputy di-

rectors, assistant directors and judicial officers.

In his speech, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that he had already clarified the salient points as to the objectives of the State, the building of the nation through the exercise of the legislative, executive and judicial pillars, the pivotal role of the law staff in

nation-building endeavours and morals and ethics at yesterday's meeting with the law officers from the states and divisions.

He said that today he would explain matters related to keeping the judicial pillar upright, swift and right judicial process, attitude towards the people and dos and don'ts as well as a reliable organization that can be put to test in the building of a future nation.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein addresses the coordination meeting of Supreme Court judges and state and division judges.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 May— Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the work coordination meeting of the Supreme Court judges and the state and division judges held at the meeting hall of the Supreme Court here at 3 pm today and made a speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla



Engineered moss can produce human proteins

ZURICH, 12 May — ETH Zurich researchers have shown that mosses and humans share unexpected common characteristics. These evolutionary relics could be useful in the production of therapeutic proteins. At first glance, mosses and human beings have little in common. The moss *Physcomitrella patens* is small, pale green, immobile, and uses sunlight as its

energy source. Humans are large, mobile, and need to obtain energy by eating vegetable or animal foods.

Transferring mammalian genes into moss

This made the result of the experiments carried out by researchers in the group led by Martin Fussenegger, Professor of Chemical and Bioengineering at ETH Zurich, all the more astonishing. In collaboration with researchers at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau, the PhD student Marc Gitzinger carried out tests to see what happens when unmodified human or mammalian genes are inserted into the moss genome.—Internet



The bryophyte *Physcomitrella patens*.

Battery-powered vehicles to be revolutionized by new technology

MONTREAL, 12 May — Thousands of small electric scooters, bicycles and wheelchairs throughout Europe and Asia are powered by LifePO4 — a material used in advanced lithium-ion batteries developed by Université de Montréal researchers.

“It’s a revolutionary battery because it is made from non-

toxic materials abundant in the Earth’s crust. Plus, it’s not expensive,” says Michel Gauthier, an invited professor at the Université de Montréal Department of Chemistry and co-founder of Phostech Lithium, the company that makes the battery material. “This battery could eventually make the electric car very profitable.”

Internet



A battery-powered car with Süd-Chemie team.

Significant day temperature

Chauk	44°C
Minbu	42°C

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Theinzayat	2.56 inches
Meikhtila	2.48 inches
Tada-U	2.05 inches
Shwegyin	1.26 inches
Pinlaung	0.98 inches
PyinOoLwin	0.59 inches

