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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks in Sagaing Division



Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects a model rice field at Taganan Village, Shwebo Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Myint

Soe and personnel visited Government Technical College (Shwebo) of Ministry of Science and Technology on 13 May.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye later visited Yokepyo

Traditional Medicine Factory in Monywa sub industrial zone (Shwebo). Lt-Gen Tha Aye then met with chairman and personnel of Monywa Industrial zone (Shwebo).

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Kengtung in Shan State (East) benefiting from smooth transport and agricultural farms

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

On our tour of Kengtung, where the office of Shan State (East) is based, through Tarkaw Bridge linking Shan State (South) and Shan State (East), along with small towns such as Mongpyin, Tontah,

Pankyu and Myonge, we enjoyed natural scenes of highland paddy fields, some were still green and some, yellowish, like a picture.

The road comprises gentle slopes. Just as

we were greeted by the signboard saying “Welcome to Kengtung”, we felt relaxed and refreshed.

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The entrance road to Kengtung Airport is lush and green with flower beds and landscaping plants.



PERSPECTIVES

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Work together on precautions against natural disasters

In Myanmar, the length of time from the middle of April to that of May is the pre-monsoon period and sporadic rain or thundershowers are likely then.

According to the 17 May weather report, the southwest monsoon has already advanced into the Southern Myanmar areas and squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along the Mon-Taninthayi coast and there can be heavy rain in Lower Myanmar areas.

As there can be squalls at the beginning of the rainy season, necessary precautions should be taken to ensure that there is safety for people who live near old buildings and big trees and the vessels plying in the rivers and along Mon, Taninthayi, Ayeyawady and Rakhine coasts.

It should be noted that rain clouds, crashes of thunder and flashes of lightning are the signs that strong winds can occur in the evening. Therefore, overloading vessels or letting down rainproof sheets while they are moving should be avoided.

In Myanmar, storms can occur at the beginning of the rainy season and at the end of it. People living along the Myanmar coasts should carefully listen to weather reports. Moreover, storm-proof buildings and the quickest and safest way to them should be sought and preparations for rescue work made in advance.

In the event of storms, electric power lines and gas pipelines should be cut off and people should take shelter in safe places in their houses or in the surrounding area.

This is the time when air and water transport departments, regional organizations and people should be on alert and work together on precautions against natural disasters.

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

Cash donated to ShweThanLwin Home for the Aged



Daw Myint Myint Soe, Patron of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association presents K 2,000,000 to ShweThanLwin Home for the Aged.—MNA

YANGON, 18 May— A ceremony to donate cash to ShweThanLwin Home for the Aged, organized by Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association, was held at the Home in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the panel of patrons Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of the Foreign Minister, and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wife of the deputy Foreign Minister, members of the executive committee of the association wives of heads of departments under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wives of Ambassadors and

heads of Embassies of ASEAN member countries, members of association, officials of ShweThanLwin Company, well-wishers, guests and the aged persons.

Daw Myint Myint Soe explained the purpose of the donation, and presented two million kyats to Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Agga Maha Thirithudhamma Theingi Daw Ni of ShweThanLwin Company for the Home.

Afterwards, Daw Thin Thin Pu, age, 75, spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to an end.

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Shan Mawmyay Co honours peasants and sales agents

YANGON, 18 May— Shan Mawmyay Co organized a ceremony to honour peasants and sales agents who undertook organic farming at Strand Hotel on Seikkantha Street

in Kyauktada Township on 9 May.

First, U Nyan Linn, managing director of Shan Mawmyay Co explained purposes of undertaking of organic farming. He

presented products of Shan Mawmyay Co worth 1 million to general secretary U Ohn of Forest Resource Environment Development and Conservation Association and K 1 million worth products to director U Sein Win of Social Welfare Department. Next, the sales agents were presented with certificates of honour according to their performance.

Products of Shan Mawmyay Co that are now on the market are Zwe Myanmar natural fertilizer, Ywatein bio liquid fertilizer, Chikusan pigs and poultry liquid tonic, Chikusan fish and

prawn liquid tonic, Taw Win Ywatnu green tea, herbal diet and so on.

While carrying out organic farming together with farmers, Shan Mawmyay Co is also trying to fulfill the demand of chemical free rice, fruits and vegetables in local and international market.

Those who want to undertake organic farming, retailers and consumers of chemical free rice, fruits and vegetables may contact Shan Mawmyay Co No. 150, 49th Street (Upper), Pazundaung Street, here, Ph: 01-299728, 09-5045897.

MNA



U Nyan Linn, managing director of Shan Mawmyay Co, explains purposes of undertaking of organic farming.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

Afghan President's brother survives attack

KABUL, 18 May—A younger brother of Afghan President Hamid Karzai said he survived an attack when gunmen opened fire on his convoy and killed one of his bodyguards.

Ahmad Wali Karzai — who heads the provincial

council in troubled southern Kandahar — said the attackers opened fire with rockets and heavy machine-guns on his convoy heading down a highway near the capital Kabul.

“We were driving to Kabul. All of a sudden we were attacked from the

mountains by rockets and PK machine-guns,” Karzai told *AFP*.

“My car was in the lead, my bodyguards were driving in a separate car just behind me which was hit. One of my bodyguards was hit and later died,” he said. The politician said he had been returning to the capital from the eastern city of Jalalabad after talks with dozens of tribal elders from Kandahar.

It was not immediately clear who was behind the attack. —*Internet*

Taleban kill five policemen in SW Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 May—In latest violent attack against government interest, Taleban militants attacked police in Nimroz Province of southwestern Afghanistan killing five on Sunday, provincial governor Ghulam Dastgir Azad said.

“Two insurgents riding a motorbike opened fire on police checkpoint in Ghor Ghor area of Khashrod district at 2:00 pm local time (0930 GMT) leaving five police dead and injuring two others,” Azad told *Xinhua*. The attackers made their good escape, he added. It is the second attack of its kind against police in a single day on Sunday.

In the previous attack on police checkpoint in Gereshk district of the southern Helmand Province, six police were killed.—*Internet*

Six militants killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 May—A joint cleanup operation of Afghan and international troops Saturday claimed the lives of six armed militants in Uruzgan province of southern Afghanistan, a statement of Interior Ministry issued here Sunday said.

“Six armed rebels including a foreign fighter were killed in a joint operation of Afghan army, police and the US - led Coalition forces in Deh Rawod district,” the statement added.

Two AK-47 assault rifles and a pistol were also discovered in the operation which lasted for six hours, it said.

According to local media, Afghan security forces are preparing to launch a operation to set back the rebels of these districts in Taliban's former stronghold Helmand, Kandahar and Zabul provinces ahead of the second presidential election set for August 20 this year.—*Internet*



The remains of hundreds of bodies believed to be those of Iraqi Kurds have been found in a three mass graves in southern Iraq, a human rights ministry official said on Saturday.—*INTERNET*



File photo shows a truck carrying construction equipment smoulders after being set on fire by insurgents in the Kunar Valley in eastern Afghanistan.

INTERNET

Blast hits Egypt military depot, casualties unclear

CAIRO, 18 May—A large blast struck a military camp and arms depot near the city of Ismailia east of the Egyptian capital on Sunday, witnesses and an Arabic TV channel reported, but the extent of any casualties was not clear.

The Arabic-language news channel Al Arabiya said there were “reports of injuries and possible fatalities” from the depot blast but said it was unlikely that this was caused by an “act of terrorism.”

One source told Reuters that some people were wounded but none killed. Another said there may have been deaths. An Interior Ministry official said he had no information about such an incident.

One witness told Reuters by telephone the explosion struck Abu Sultan military camp, about 20 km (13 miles) south of Ismailia, which lies on the Suez Canal. He added that armored personnel carriers had blocked roads leading to the area.—*Internet*

Afghan troops capture Taleban commander

KABUL, 18 May—Afghan troops supported by international force have captured a Taleban commander along with his four men from Taleban birthplace Kandahar of south Afghanistan, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

“During a joint operation involving Afghan police, Afghan army and Coalition forces, launched in Arghandab district two days ago, Mullah Nasim along with four of his men were arrested,” Daily Arman-e-Millie writes. The daily quoting Interior Ministry added there were no casualties on Afghan and Coalition forces.—*Internet*

Afghan soldiers kill three civilians

KABUL, 18 May—A group of Afghan army soldiers opened fire in a market in eastern Afghanistan early Monday, killing three shopkeepers, police said.

The three soldiers are being held in an army compound following the shooting in Jalalabad, the capital of Nangarhar province, said provincial Police Chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub Salangi. A police spokesman had previously said four were arrested.

Salangi did not provide further details, saying they are still investigating.

A spokesman for Nangarhar's governor confirmed three dead civilians and one wounded.—*Internet*

Premature explosion kills five suicide bombers in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 May—Five suicide bombers were killed in Ghazni province of southern Afghanistan Saturday night as the explosive materials in their jackets went off prematurely, provincial police chief said Sunday. “The incident took place in Waq haz district in a house which had been destroyed, five suicide bombers including two Arabians were killed,” Khial Baz Shirzai told *Xinhua*.

He added that the huge explosion did not damage other residential houses in the area. Shirzai further said that another would-be suicide bomber was also detained by police in the Gilan district on Sunday.—*Internet*

Jordan, Shell reach oil exploration deal

SOUTHERN SHUNEH, 18 May—Jordan and Royal Dutch Shell PLC signed a concessionary agreement Sunday to explore for oil in the country's vast oil shale deposits.

Jordanian Oil Minister Khaldoun Qteishat and Shell Vice Chairman Malcolm Brinded signed the deal on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum in Jordan.

Shell will spend \$540 million in the project's preliminary exploratory

and assessment phase before commercial operation.

Jordan, which sits atop an estimated 40 billion tons of oil shale deposits, imports 95 percent of its energy needs.

Qteishat said the "long-term concessionary agreement will take many years to prove and study" whether Jordan's reserves will produce the badly needed oil.

Qteishat said the agreement will be sent to

parliament for final approval next month.

Brinded said Shell will examine the most promising of Jordan's 21 oil shale locations and "hone in on the area that is most promising" for its pilot programme.

Jordan also signed 12 other agreements on the sidelines of the three-day conference, which ends Sunday.

Internet

Morocco sheds jobs but hangs on in financial storm

SALE, 18 May — Clamor fills the factory as workers bent over their industrial sewing machines stitch together women's garments at galloping speed. Yet the vast workshop is only half full, its blank benches a testimony to how the global financial meltdown swings back at the developing world.

Morocco's diverse, open economy has served as a model to poorer nations in Africa and the Arab world, but it has also left the country exposed to global downturn as trade with the rich world shrinks. And many are now watching whether the ripple effects of international finance could turn nasty in a developing nation like this north African kingdom with strong political and migration ties to Europe.

Moroccan authorities fear some 20,000 jobs are being cut in the textile industry, about 10 percent of the national total. Others have vanished in the tourism industry, the backbone of the coastal country's economy. Carmaker Nissan froze plans for a car plant promising thousands more positions. Remittances are down, too, as Moroccans working in Europe face layoffs.

"We're worried more cuts will follow," said Naima Arour, shouting to make herself heard over the hammering of her sewing machine. "Without work, we starve here," she said, barely lifting her eyes from the collars she was hastily fixing to women's blouses.

Internet



In this photo taken on 12 March, 2009, workers are seen at Abdelhai Bessa's textile factory in Sale, Morocco.—INTERNET

These cars have got to go: Dealer cuts mean deals

DETROIT, 18 May— At 789 Chrysler lots across America sit 44,000 potential bargains, cars and trucks that are stuck between shellshocked dealers and a troubled company that no longer wants their services. The dealers have just a few weeks to sell

the Chryslers, Dodges and Jeeps or risk losing thousands of dollars on them, giving people who want a car on the cheap a serious chance for a deal.

"You've got some very good negotiating power," said Dave Champion, director of automobile testing for Consumer Reports magazine. "(Dealers are) really looking to shift this

inventory. It's just stacking up all around them."

On Thursday, Chrysler LLC asked a New York bankruptcy court to end its franchise agreements with the dealers, casting them aside so the automaker can move forward as a new company with a leaner network of about 2,400 showrooms.

Internet

Oil hovers above \$56 as rally peters out

SINGAPORE, 18 May— Oil prices hovered above \$56 a barrel Monday in Asia as traders backed off last week's push to above \$60 amid signs of weak crude demand.

Benchmark crude for June delivery was up 19 cents to \$56.53 a barrel midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Monday, the contract dropped \$2.28 to settle at \$56.34.

A series of lower fore-

casts for world oil consumption last week undercut investor optimism that a global economic recovery was imminent. The International Energy Agency, the US Energy Information Administration and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries all cut crude demand expectations.

The outlook for the US economy also turned darker last week after dismal news on unemployment and housing were

reported. Retail sales fell unexpectedly in April.

"The fundamentals of oil remain quite gloomy," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst at consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "The retail sales results show the US economy is still struggling."

Crude has risen from below \$35 a barrel in March, boosting gasoline and other oil product prices just as the US economy is fighting to emerge from a severe recession.—Internet



People walk past during a storm at the beach in the city of Cape Town, South Africa on 16 May, 2009. Cape town emergency personnel have been placed on stand by due to stormy weather around the Western Cape over the weekend.—INTERNET

Bali receives more Chinese tourists in March

JAKARTA, 18 May — Indonesia's famous resort received 21,492 tourists from China in March, surging by 88.16 percent month-on-month, the Jakarta Post reported on Monday.

The increase, which is expected to continue in the following months, has placed China as the third largest contributors of tourists to Bali only after Japan and Australia, said Ida Komang Wisnu, head of the Bali Statistic Office.

He said that China represents one of the island's new markets, with the increase in March the most significant compare with other expanding markets.

"The increase in Chinese tourists is influenced by the opening up of direct flights from Bali to several cities in China," he said.—Internet



A handout picture shows electric cars moving on a road embedded with a power strip during a test drive at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) in Daejeon, about 160 km (100 miles) south of Seoul, on 13 May, 2009.—INTERNET



As the International Museum Day draws near, tourists and local residents came to the new exhibition hall of the Suzhou Garden Museum to know more about history and culture of the famous Suzhou gardens.

XINHUA

Hong Kong air passenger traffic up 4.1%

HONG KONG, 18 May—Hong Kong air passenger traffic saw a mild growth of 4.1 percent in April, the Airport Authority said on Sunday. The mild passenger growth was mainly stimulated by a rise in local residents' travel during the Easter holidays.

Resident traffic saw a 40 percent year-on-year increase in the month, while overall visitor traffic fell 9 percent amid the economic downturn.

In contrast to rise in passenger traffic, air cargo

traffic contracted prominently in exports to all major markets, down 27 percent on last year. Imports also shrank 16 percent, with cargo volumes from South East Asia and Japan dropping the most.

Transshipment cargo fell 7 percent year-on-year, while the corresponding figures for China's Taipei and the Chinese mainland saw double-digit declines.

Cargo volume has recorded a consistent drop of 20 percent in the last three months. Over the past four

months, passenger traffic fell 4.3 percent year-on-year, to 15.5 million. Cargo throughput and air traffic movements dipped 22 percent and 5.9 percent respectively.

The authority's Chief Executive Officer Stanley Hui said the aviation industry worldwide has yet to show signs of recovery as the gloomy economic outlook continues to dampen travel demand. This uncertainty has been worsened by the recent H1N1 influenza A outbreak.—Xinhua

One killed, one injured in shooting in western Canada

OTTAWA, 18 May—One man was killed and another injured in a shooting Saturday night in western Canada that police suspect is a targeted hit, reports reaching here said on Sunday.

The shooting took place in the washroom of a hotel located near the city of Surrey in British Columbia Province, a police spokesman said.

The two men were

rushed to hospital, where one victim, a 34-year-old later died. The second victim, at 28, was still in critical condition Sunday afternoon.

The initial investigation indicates the two victims did not know each other. The shooting has all indications of a targeted hit, but it is not known which victim was the intended target, police said.

Police are looking for a male suspect in his early 20s who was seen fleeing the hotel through the rear of the building moments after the shooting took place.

It was not clear whether the incident was related to gangs or the drug trade.

Surrey is close to Vancouver, where gang and gun crimes have claimed dozens of lives this year.

Xinhua



The A/H1N1 patient surnamed Bao (2nd R, Front) poses for a photo with his girlfriend (1st R, Front), his father (3rd R, Front) and medical staff in Chengdu, capital of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 17 May, 2009.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China-assembled A320 plane makes test flight

TIANJIN, 18 May—The first Airbus A320 plane assembled in China's northern city of Tianjin took off at 10:45 am Monday for a test flight, from the Tianjin Binhai International Airport.

The plane is due to be delivered to the domestic

Sichuan Airlines by the end of June, said Jean Luc Charles, General Manager of the Airbus (Tianjin) Final Assembly Company Ltd.

The test flight will take four hours.

The Tianjin-based assembly company is ex-

pected to deliver a total of 11 A320 aircraft this year. Starting from 2011, the company will be able to produce 48 A320 planes every year, said Jean Luc Charles.—Xinhua

Official data shows Israeli economy in recession

JERUSALEM, 18 May—Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) announced Sunday that the country is officially in a recession. According to CBS's data, Israel's gross domestic product fell by 3.6 percent in the first quarter of 2009, following a 0.5 percent drop in the last three months of 2008. The formal definition of a recession is two consecutive months of negative economic growth. Israeli business sector revenue fell at an annual rate of 4.2 percent in the first quarter of 2009, following a 1.6 percent drop in the last quarter of 2008 and a 1-percent rise in the third quarter of 2008, the data showed. Imports of goods and services dropped 21.8 percent in the first quarter of 2009, while exports decreased by 14.4 percent, the date said.

Per capita expenditure was down 6 percent in the first three months of 2009 and investment in the Israeli economy decreased by 7.8 percent during the same period, according to the data.—Xinhua



Contestant Alyona performs Chinese zither during the Moscow round of the the "Chinese Bridge" competition, a Chinese-language proficiency contest for foreign college students in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 17 May, 2009.—XINHUA

Brazilian President arrives in China for state visit

BEIJING, 18 May—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva arrived here on Monday, kicking off his 3-day state visit to China.

In a written interview with Xinhua ahead of his visit, President Lula said he understands that the Brazil-China strategic partnership consists of three key elements, namely, trade, scientific cooperation and coordination in international affairs.

He said the strategic partnership, established in 1993, could broaden the cooperation between the two countries and other emerging ones, and may even lead to a new global economic, scientific and trade landscape in the 21st century.—Xinhua

Vietnamese PM to visit Japan

HANOI, 18 May—Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung will pay an official visit to Japan from 21 to 23 May, 2009, said a report of the government website on Monday.

During the visit, Dung will also attend the 15th international conference "The Future of Asia" in Tokyo, said the report. According to the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times*, the Vietnamese PM will deliver his speech at the plenary session of the conference, and exchange views with other government leaders on measures to navigate the ongoing global economic crisis.

Japan is now one of the biggest providers with Official Development Assistance (ODA) and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) for Vietnam.—Xinhua



A *Silvia* butterfly perches on a plant in Galleria Borghese's tearoom in Rome on 13 May, 2009. The gardens are hosting a springtime educational event entitled "Tea with the butterflies" running from 9 April to 23 May, which allows visitors to sip tea in an atrium filled with the colourful insects. — Internet

Fatah, Hamas to establish joint forces in Gaza

CAIRO, 18 May—The Palestinian factions of Fatah and Hamas, currently holding the fifth round of reconciliation talks in Cairo, agreed on Sunday to form joint security forces in the Gaza Strip, said a senior Fatah official at the talks.

"Hamas and Fatah agreed to form joint security forces in Gaza, which will be in charge of the security service in

Gaza until January," Nabil Shaath, a leading Fatah delegate, said in a statement at the end of Sunday's talks.

He added that representatives of all the Palestinian factions will come to Cairo for the final round of reconciliation talks on 5 July, when the draft document of a unity deal would be discussed.

"On 7 July, the day of the signing of the final

agreement, a committee of Egyptian and Arab officers would go to Gaza to supervise the rebuilding of Palestinian security forces," he said.

The pan-Arab al-Jazeera satellite TV quoted Egyptian sources assaying that Cairo insists the draft agreement of the current round of talks be presented to the final round of talks on 7 July.—Internet

Obama nominates Indian American for US attorney in NY

WASHINGTON, 18 May — A Punjab-born Indian American lawyer has been nominated by President Barack Obama as the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York, considered the most prestigious federal prosecutor's post outside Washington.

A Harvard graduate, Bharara currently is Chief Counsel for Senator Charles Schumer from New York. Obama announced the nomination of Bharara along with four other nominations for various US attorneys—

Tristram Coffin, Jenny Durkan, Paul Fishman, John Paul Kacavas and Joyce Vance, the White House said.

"This group of men and women have distinguished themselves as fair, tenacious and respected attorneys throughout their careers in both public and private service," Obama said in a statement. "They will serve their country with distinction as US Attorneys and it is my honour to nominate them for these esteemed positions", he said.

If confirmed by the

Senate, Bharara would lead an office that is considered the most prestigious federal prosecutor's post outside Washington, with a focus on securities fraud, white-collar crime, public corruption and terrorism, *The New York Times* reported.

Named the 2007 South Asian Lawyer of the Year by the North American South Asian Bar Association, Bharara served as Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts from 2005 to 2009.—MNA/PTI

Businesses damaged in firebombings in Athens

ATHENS, 18 May—Various car dealerships, security companies and shops were damaged in a series of firebombings by unknown attackers here Sunday morning, local media reported.

The attacks caused extensive damage as fire broke out in a SKODA car dealership.

The car dealerships,

SUZUKI and SKODA, are major suppliers of patrol cars and motorcycles to Greek police.

Several security companies and shops selling security systems were also damaged in the firebombings.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks.

In Greece, groups of

anarchists frequently set fire to symbols of state authority, banks, government buildings and cars with foreign license plates, to protest government economic and social policies.

The attacks have been intensified since the shooting of a teenager by a police officer in December 2008.—Internet



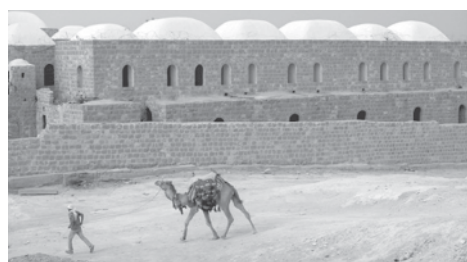
A young Chinese girl looks at the Barbie dolls representing European countries on display at an exhibition in Beijing, China. More than 2,000 Barbie dolls will be exhibited in Beijing in celebration of Barbie's 50th anniversary.

NJ man says burglar used razor, took life savers

Whiskers were one clue that the burglar wasn't in it just for the money. A police told he came home to find someone had broken into his house and taken \$500 from a bedroom dresser. But that wasn't all. The man's razor had been used and whiskers were left all over the sink. Some Life Savers were also missing. The man told police the burglar had left behind black socks on the floor next to his bed. There has been no arrest.

53 pounds of packed cocaine found on Texas beach

Beachcombers found more than seashells while strolling on a Texas beach: two dozen neatly wrapped packages of cocaine. Jefferson County Sheriff's Lt Troy Tucker said drug smugglers have been known to use freighters and the cocaine may have been kicked overboard to avoid detection. The sheriff's department was working with federal agencies Wednesday to try to determine the source of the 53 pounds of cocaine, worth about \$500,000. KFDL-TV reported the cocaine was found Tuesday west of Sea Rim State Park, in the Sabine (suh-BEEN') Pass area. It was found by people looking for debris, such as metal, that washes ashore. Their names weren't released.



A Palestinian leads his camel in the haze next to Nabi Musa Mosque near the West Bank town of Jericho, on 4 May, 2009. Desert wind blew sand in the air during a heat wave in parts of Israel and the Palestinian Authority on Monday.

New bird found in eastern Nepal

Ornithologists have found yet another species of bird in Koshi Tappu Wildlife Reserve area in Sunsari district in eastern Nepal, local media reported on Friday.

According to myrepublica.com, the new bird has been identified as Daurian Redstart (*Phoenicurus aureoreus*).

According to a press statement issued by Bird Conservation Nepal, two ornithologists found the bird for the first time in the country in one of the islands of Koshi River on 25 Dec, 2008. Since then the ornithologists have seen this bird at least three times again. They have recorded around 750 bird species in the country — more than any other ornithologists' total for this country — so far.

The bird forms part of a large bird

family known as Muscicapidae. This species is known to be found in India, China, Myanmar, Russia, Japan and few South East Asian countries during winter.

Experts believe that this species may be a migratory species to Nepal. The habitat of the bird may not have been surveyed properly in the past. Further surveys are recommended in the area. With this find, Nepal now has 864 species of birds. The bird is believed to be a regular winter visitor to eastern Nepal, said the report.



Cosima Scheiding runs with a horse dressed in a traditional Bavarian Dirndl costume in the eastern Bavarian village of Kirchberg im Wald. Bavarian designer Hildegard Bergbauer, who creates Dirndl dresses for women, also makes and sells Dirndl outfits for home pets and horses.

Doctor receives package with 36 pounds of pot

Police are trying to determine who sent a Stockbridge physician a large quantity of marijuana. Police said the doctor thought the package contained a birthday present but inside the cardboard box was 36 pounds of pot wrapped in cellophane. The doctor, whose name was withheld, called police. A Henry County police spokesman said the marijuana was worth between \$36,000 to \$40,000 on the streets. Police said the box was sent from Texas.

NEWS ALBUM

Kengtung in Shan State (East) benefiting from smooth transport and agricultural farms

Article: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*; Photos: *Htay Aung (Kyemon)*

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Standing at an altitude of 2710 feet, Kengtung, a multi-cultural town, has an area of 2100.45 square miles and a population of 242,167.

With favourable conditions for agricultural farming, Kengtung is the commercial hub of the region and enjoys food surplus. There, housing estates are well-



Kyauktaing Junction of Kengtung is decorated with landscaping trees.



Kanyin (dipterocarpus alatus) tree on Thittabin Mountain in Kengtung.

organized with houses, departmental buildings, markets, schools and hospitals, thus reflecting

the living standard of local people getting higher.

In an interview, a local as well as Assistant

U Aung Htay Kywe said, "We work together with the Township General Administration Department to keep our township clean and pleasant. We also collaborate with related departments for renovation of the roads, supply of safe water, and health care."

Noticed that the main roads in Kengtung were wide and were kept clean. In particular, Kengtung-Tachilek Road and Kengtung-Mongla Road were as fine as the main roads in Yangon and Mandalay. Moreover, the newly-built road to Kengtung Airport was found grand. The fine roads inside and outside Kengtung reflected the smooth transport of the region. Conducting me round Naungkun Market, U Aung Htay Kywe of the township DAC and Chief Engineer U Myo Min Than explained that the market used to be messed with illegal sellers; and that then the committee was renovating it. I saw

that Myoma, Naungwan, Yankham and Naungpan markets were bustling with trade activities.

Chief Engineer U Myo Min Than said that in 2008-2009 fiscal year they managed to upgrade seven rural into tarred roads and construct rural gravel roads; and that the region's transport had improved a lot.

He said that in order to supply safe water to urban people, Kwephyan and Nang Khin Nwe water supply enterprises have set up 960 taps in the region.

We went around the town and saw Naungton Lake in the centre of the town. Around the lake are shade trees such as Yaytamar (cedrela febrifuga) and gold mohur trees. And it is fenced with a brick wall. So, it is free from rubbish and the water is clear.

Then, we drove onto the Thittabin Mountain. On both sides along the road are large trees. When we got to the summit, we

were surprised by a large Kanyin (dipterocarpus alatus) tree. The stone plaque said that it was grown in the time of King Alaung Mintraygi in 1115 Myanmar Era. So, it is now 256 years old. It is 218 feet high and is 36 feet and eight inches in circumference.

We took some documentary photos of Kengtung from the compound of the Myanma

towns.

Unlike in the past, Kengtung has got many infrastructural buildings for development in the time of the Tatmadaw government. Now, it is enjoying significant development with smooth transport, thriving agricultural farms, and marked increase in trade as fruits of the guidance of the Head of State that all parts

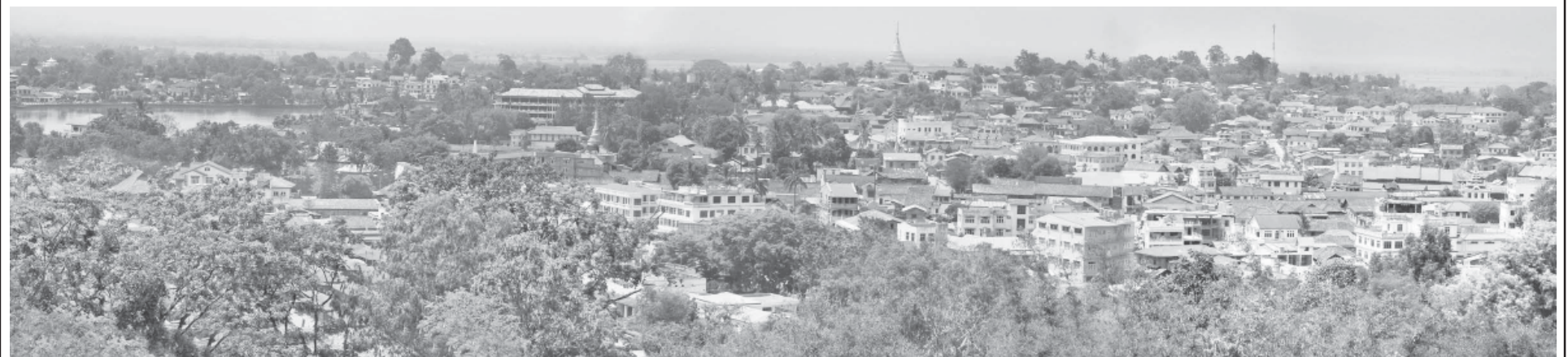


U Aung Htay Kywe, Assistant Director of Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee.

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of the Union will enjoy equitable development.

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A panoramic view of Kengtung.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development...

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected renovation tasks of Maha Nanda Lake in Pauk-kaung village-tract of Shwebo Township being carried out by Irrigation Department. Lt-Gen Tha Aye also inspected beautifying tasks and progress of Shwebo in a motorcade.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also visited Ayadaw-2 Water Pumping Project near Magyisauk village in Ayadaw Township, Monywa District being implemented by

Water Resources Utilization Department of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Lt-Gen Tha Aye then inspected irrigation of water from artesian well No.1 of Water Resources Utilization Department in Myaynat village of Ayadaw Township.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected construction of Union Highway from Homes for the Aged to Kyweye Junction in a motorcade and visited Aung Theikdi briquette factory of Thiha Tun Co Ltd in Obotaung village, Monywa.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also inspected upgrading of road at the corner of Kanthya Street and Kyweye Street on Union Highway.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited foundry and machine tools factory of Thiha Tun Co Ltd in which he inspected production of different kinds of machine tools, power tillers and automobiles. On arrival at physic-nuts grinding mill of Monywa Division Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected grinding of physic-nuts and manufacturing of natural fertilizer from the wastes of physic-nuts.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye then met with industrialists of Monywa Industrial Zone and stressed the needs for higher output of the factories.

MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of EU Mr David Lipman and wife at the reception to mark European Union Day at the office of European Union in Yangon on 18 May.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attends 42nd annual meeting of Asian Development Bank.—F&R

F & R Dy Minister attends 42nd annual meeting of ADB

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe arrived back here after attending the 42nd annual meeting of Asian Development Bank held in Bali, Indonesia, from 1 to 5 May.

The 42nd meeting kicked off at International Convention Centre in Bali on 4 May with an address by President of Indonesia Mr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Delegates from member countries of ADB, officials from ADB and invited guests

attended the meeting.

Myanmar delegation also participated in the meeting of the high ranking officials from the Southeast Asia, special meeting of ASEAN+3 countries, the meeting of the deputy ministers of the finance and central banks of ASEAN+3

countries, the special meeting on investment and the meeting on infrastructure network of ASEAN and World Bank.—MNA

U Aung Thein, managing director of Jumbo mosquito coil introduces new product Jumbo Super Mosquito coil. (News reported).

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Regional development tasks in Sittway Township inspected

YANGON, 18 May— Chairman of the Rakhine State Peace and Development Council and Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe visited Kyetaw village, Sittway Township yesterday morning. They met with local people from Kyetaw, Pyaiseik and Shwe Pyitha villages at Kyetaw Basic Education Post-Primary school. After hearing report by local people, the Commander and the Ministers fulfilled the requirements, and explained the situation on the use of bio-batteries for lighting villages.

Next, the Commander presented bio-batteries and clothes, Minister U Aung Thaug presented K 500,000 for repairing of Kyetaw Basic Education Primary School, 100 bags

of cement for Kyetawwama Basic Education Primary School, 50 bags of cement for Shwe Pyitha village Basic Education Primary School, 500000 kyats for Kyetawwama Dhammayon and Shwe Pyitha monastery each and 50 bags of cement for Pyaiseik village monastery, and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe 65 CI sheets for Shwe Pyitha Dhammayon and 200 CI sheets for monastery and 100 CI sheets for Pyaiseik village monastery, and Director-General of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Zan Hla exercise books, publications and clothes for villagers.

They cordially greeted local people.

Then, the Commander and Ministers arrived at Yaychanpyin village, they met local people from Maungnipyin, Yay-

chanpyin, Kyettawpyin and Ohnyaybaw villages.

After hearing the report, they fulfilled requirements.

Commander Maj-Gen Thaug Aye presented bio-batteries for lighting the village and clothes, Minister U Aung Thaug K 1 million for Yaychanpyin Basic Education Primary school, 100 bags of cement for Kyettawpyin Basic Education Primary school, 50 bags of cement for Maungnipyin and Ohnyaybaw Basic Education Primary schools each and 575 plastic commodes for villages, and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe bio-batteries and clothes, 100 CI sheets for Maungnipyin and Ohnyaybaw Basic Education Primary schools, and Director-General of CSSTB U Kyaw Zan Hla exercise books, publication and clothes to villagers.

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Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese industrial delegation

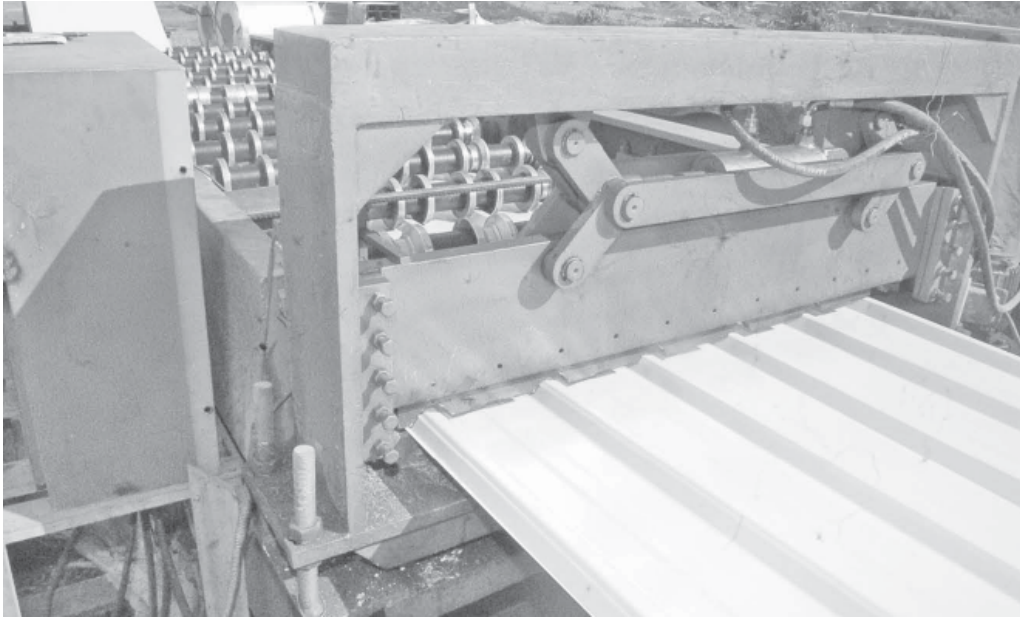
NAY PYI TAW, 18 May — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received the Chinese delegation led by Ms Luo Yan, President of China CAMC Engi-

neering Co Ltd, at the ministry here today.

The meeting focused on completion of the projects being carried out by the Company in Myanmar ahead of

schedule and they discussed matters related to the future cooperation between Ministry of Industry-2 and China CAMC Engineering Co Ltd.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects upgrading of roads in Kayin State, tyre factory project in Bilin



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence inspects Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 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, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council

Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental officials, inspected the condition of Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) on 16 May.

After the inspection tour, they went to University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) and Lt-Gen Khin Zaw presented sports equipment and gifts to the

principal of the university.

Afterwards, they visited the village of Barkap and inspected the physic nut plantation in the village.

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected the upgrading of the road to University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an).

They also inspected paving of asphalt on Thaton-Hpa-an road section and Yangon-Myeik road section being carried out by Shwethanlwin highway Co.

At the briefing hall of the Co, the managing director of Shwethanlwin Co reported on road works for

Kyeikto-Mawlamyine road section and Thaton-Myainggalay road section.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw visited radial tyre factory project in Bilin where the director of Myanma Industrial Construction Services reported on construction work for the project.

The factory manager

of Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries reported on types of tyres to be manufactured by the factory and machinery to be equipped at the factory.

After the briefing, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw visited the factory project construction site of the Ministry of Industry-2.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attends the opening ceremony of Pakhan Seikkan road in Hinthada.—MNA

Minister supervises development tasks in Hinthada

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, on 11 May, attended the opening ceremony of Pakhan Seikkan gravel road paved by the Township Development Committee in Hinthada.

With the emergence of the 2320 feet long and 12 feet wide gravel road, over 60 thousand locals from 23 wards and 8 villages in Hinthada now have transportation access

to Pakhan jetty in all season.

Next, the Minister met with locals and presented them with 50 LED lamps, generator charger and explained how to make waste-used batteries. The Minister then inspected construction of classrooms in Alesu village No.1 BEMS in Hinthada Township.

The Minister also demonstrated how to make and use waste-used batteries in Nathmaw

village.

The Minister inspected wells and lakes in wards and villages of the township, tube wells in Ywathagon and Tanhlagyi villages and demonstrated lighting with waste-used batteries.

The Minister met with local people from Sipin, Tagwa, Zhongdon, Zigon, Chaungpya, Leti and Ayema villages and demonstrated lighting with the use of waste-used batteries.—MNA

Bangladeshi delegation winds up visit to Myanmar

YANGON, 18 May — Bangladeshi delegation led by Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Dr. Dipu Moni left here yesterday by air after concluding the goodwill visit to Myanmar.

They were seen off at

the airport by Deputy Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Oo, Charge d' Affaires ai Mr. Md. Golam Mostafa, Military Attache' Brig-Gen A.N.M Shawkat Jamal, ndc, psc of the Embassy of the

People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday morning and donated cash to the funds of the pagoda.

Afterwards, they visited the tomb of King Zafa Sha.—MNA

Journalism Course (2/2009) to be opened

YANGON, 18 May— Myanmar Writers and Journalists' Association (MWJA) will open Journalism Course (2/2009) in the third week of June. Those wishing to attend the course must be at least matriculation exam

passed, those between 20 and 35 with over two years experience in media as a reporter or higher level. The six-week course which starts from 8:30 am and ends at 11:30 am costs K 30,000.

Applicants are to

apply at MWJA, No.529 2nd Floor on Merchant Street, Sarpay Beikman Building here by 4 pm on 5 June together with the recommendation letter of CEO or CE of respective journals and magazines.

MNA

Body movements can influence problem solving

CHICAGO, 18 May — Swinging their arms helped participants in a new study solve a problem whose solution involved swinging strings, researchers report,

demonstrating that the brain can use bodily cues to help understand and solve complex problems.

The study is the first to show that a person's ability to solve a problem can be

influenced by how he or she moves.

“Our manipulation is changing the way people think,” said University of Illinois psychology professor Alejandro Lleras, who conducted the study with Vanderbilt University postdoctoral researcher Laura Thomas, his former graduate student.

“In other words, by directing the way people move their bodies, we are—unbeknownst to them—directing the way they think about the problem.”

Internet



Subject doing math problems with arms swinging.

Notification on unregistered traditional medicines

The Ministry of Health is conducting laboratory tests on traditional medicines for the people to use quality and potent medicines that are harmless to them. In that regard, people are hereby informed that the following traditional medicines currently in the market are the ones incapable of guaranteeing potency as they have been unregistered, and they do not suit the people.

SN	Medicines	Origins
1.	Black cat brand physical tonic	No address
2.	Five lotus brand Yesin blood purifier	Five lotus medical house 79/Namyin, Mogaung
3.	White dove brand Kachin blood tonic	Dove pharmaceutical industry Myitkyina
4.	Hammer-sickle brand Pain killer powder industry	Hammer-sickle pharmaceutical
5.	Thamadaw Digestion powder	Thamadaw medical hall Mogaung market
6.	Kyaw brand Asthma killer	No address
7.	Paediatric medicine	Ngwesabai medical house Sanpya Ward, Namma, Kachin State
8.	Shwelayaung brand Infantile ailment killer	Thamadaw medical house Mogaung market
9.	Woman blood purifier	Bawathit medical house 155/Dukataung Ward, Myitkyina
10.	Women blood purifier	No address
11.	Cross-bow brand Gastric killer	Wanya medical house 105/Ward-3, Waingmaw
12.	Mucus removing lotion	Shwegonwin medical house Sangyoung, Yangon
13.	Five lotus brand Blood purifier	79/Namyin, Mogaung
14.	Yawlayba Digestion powder	Yawlayba medical house 36/Ward-12, Thitsa Road, Kanbe Yankin Township, Yangon
15.	Diamond key brand Pain killer	Diamond key pharmaceutical industry 37/A, 20th Street, Latha Township, Yangon
16.	Hypertension reducer	No address

The people are advised not to purchase medicines that are not registered at the Traditional Medicine Department of the Ministry of Health and purchase and use the registered ones only.

The medicine distributors and medicine shops are not to distribute and sold the unregistered ones, and if they fail to do so, action will be taken against them according to law.

Ministry of Health

Old genes can learn new tricks



Two Onthophagus taurus males. Armin Moczek and Debra Rose's study suggests several genes involved in making legs and antennae were co-opted to make the beetles' horns. Horns are a novel trait that is unique to horned beetles.

BLOOMINGTON, 18 May — A popular view among evolutionary biologists that fundamental genes do not acquire new functions has been challenged by a new study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Indiana University Bloomington biologist Armin Moczek and research associate Debra Rose report that two ancient genes were "co-opted" to help build a new trait in beetles -- the fancy antlers that give horned beetles their name. The genes, *Distal-less* and *homothorax*, touch most aspects of insect larval development, and have therefore been considered off-limits to the evolution of new traits.

In the two horned beetle species Moczek and Rose studied, the genetic sequences of *Distal-less* and *homothorax* were hardly different, suggesting the two genes have retained their unique identities because of selective pressures not to change. —Internet

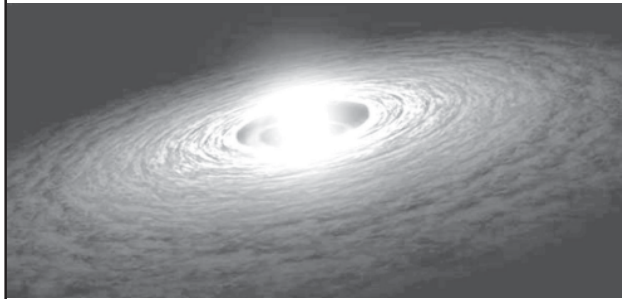
Myanmar weightlifting contingent leaves

YANGON, 18 May— Myanmar Junior Weightlifting Team this morning left here by air for Thailand to participate in the 1st World Junior Weightlifting Championship to be held at Chingmai from 19 to 24 May.

The team comprises leader U Htay Win, coach Joint Secretary of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation Daw Win Win Maw, and players Kay Khine (YCDC), Ma Aye Cho (Sports and Physical Education Institution-Mandalay) and Moe

Thuza (Sports and Physical Education Institution-Yangon) and Secretary of the Federation and Assistant Director U Myint Shwe of the Sports and Physical Education Department who will act as umpire Grade-1.—MNA

Spitzer catches star cooking up comet crystals



The image shows a young sun-like star encircled by its planet-forming disk of gas and dust. The silicate that makes up most of the dust would have begun as non-crystallized, amorphous particles.

SCIENCE DAILY, 18 May — Scientists have long wondered how tiny silicate crystals, which need sizzling high temperatures to form, have found their way into frozen comets, born in the deep freeze of the solar system's outer edges. The crystals would have begun as non-crystallized silicate particles, part of the mix of gas and dust from which the solar system developed.

A team of astronomers believes they

have found a new explanation for both where and how these crystals may have been created, by using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope to observe the growing pains of a young, sun-like star. Their study results, which appear in the 14 May issue of *Nature*, provide new insight into the formation of planets and comets.

The researchers from Germany, Hungary and the Netherlands found that silicate appears to have

been transformed into crystalline form by an outburst from a star. They detected the infrared signature of silicate crystals on the disk of dust and gas surrounding the star EX Lupi during one of its frequent flare-ups, or outbursts, seen by Spitzer in April 2008. These crystals were not present in Spitzer's previous observations of the star's disk during one of its quiet periods.

"We believe that we have observed, for the first time, ongoing crystal formation," said one of the paper's authors, Attila Juhasz of the Max-Planck Institute for Astronomy in Heidelberg, Germany. "We think that the crystals were formed by thermal annealing of small particles on the surface layer of the star's inner disk by heat from the outburst.—Internet

Medicinal plant, St John's Wort, may reduce neuronal degeneration

MADRID, 18 May — A research team from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) has carried out a study entitled, "Hypericum perforatum. Possible option against Parkinson's disease", which suggests that this plant with antidepressant properties has antioxidant active ingredients that could help reduce the neuronal degeneration caused by the disease.

In the last few years, the idea that the excessive numbers of free radicals has an important role in the complex etiology of Parkinson's disease has spread. Post-mortem investigations have revealed evidence of lipid peroxidation as well as

oxidative damage to the DNA of brain proteins in patients suffering from the disease. —Internet



Hypericum perforatum.



LOORRS unlimited super lite driver Joey Granatelli flips as he crashes in round 3 of the Lucas Oil Off Road Racing Series in Wittmann, Ariz, on 2 May 2009.—INTERNET

Vietnamese rice export continues to reach record high

HANOI, 18 May—Vietnam has so far this year exported 2.57 million tons of rice, bringing home revenue of 1.05 billion US dollars, said a report of the Vietnam Food Association on Monday.

In the first two weeks of May, the country exported 280, 827 tons, worth 117.62 million US dollars, said the report.

The figure shows the ever-high record rice export volume of Vietnam despite the global economic downturn, according to the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* on Monday.

The association proposed the government to increase by 200,000 tons to 5.2 million tons of rice for export this year from the previous target of 4.5 to 5 million tons due to the expected high yield from this year autumn-summer and winter-autumn harvest.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore non-oil domestic exports drop 19% in April

SINGAPORE, 18 May—Singapore's key non-oil domestic exports (NODX) declined by 19 per cent in April over the same period last year, following the 17 per cent decrease in the previous month, the official data showed on Monday. International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore), the country's trade-promotion agency, said in its monthly report that the decline was due to lower electronic and non-electronic exports. On a year-on-year basis, electronic NODX contracted by 26 per cent in April, identical to the decline in the previous month. The decrease was largely due to lower domestic exports of parts of integrated circuits, personal computers and disk drives.

Non-electronic NODX decreased by 15 per cent in April, following the 12 per cent decline in the previous month. The contraction was led by reduced domestic exports of petrochemicals, pumps and disk media products.

MNA/Xinhua

Recession threatens US progress in child wellbeing

CHICAGO, 18 May—Hard economic times are hitting the United States' youngest citizens, threatening to roll back decades worth of gains in health, safety and education, according to a report released on Monday.

It suggests the country's most severe recession in a generation, which has cost more than five million American jobs since it began in late 2007, is having a drastic impact on children. "Our projections show that virtually all the progress made in family economic well-being since 1975 will be wiped out," Ken Land of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and colleagues wrote in 2009 Child Well-Being Index and Special Focus

Report.

The annual report, sponsored by the Foundation for Child Development, a private child advocacy group, measures economic, health, safety and social factors affecting children

and teens. Based on current estimates, the report projects that the current recession will pare median annual family incomes back to 55,700 US dollars by 2010, down from 59,200 US dollars in 2007.—MNA/Reuters



Mexican wrestler Lil Chicken looks like a pollo loco as he fights off one of Los Cavaliers' luchadores at the Lucha Vavoom Cinco de Mayo show in Los Angeles, on 5 May. Lucha Vavoom combines elements of theatrical Mexican masked wrestling with American burlesque. INTERNET

US military probes Blackwater Kabul killing

KABUL, 18 May—The US military is investigating a shooting incident in which four contractors from the re-named firm formerly called Blackwater are accused of killing an Afghan man after a traffic accident, a spokesman said on Sunday.

The firm said it had fired the four men for failing to follow regulations. A lawyer for the four men said they were being held against

their will by the firm in Kabul. The North Carolina firm, which once had a lucrative contract to defend US diplomats in Iraq, has changed its name to Xe Services and lost its Iraq contract this year.

It gained notoriety in Iraq after its staff killed 17 civilians in Baghdad during a traffic incident in 2007. One Blackwater guard has pleaded guilty to manslaughter and other charges over that incident and five others are awaiting trial.

"At this time, we can confirm an incident involving some of our off-

duty contractors for Paravant in Afghanistan," Anne Tyrell, spokeswoman for the firm, said in an e-mail to *Reuters*. She identified Paravant as a subsidiary of Xe, the renamed firm.

US military spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Christian Kubik said the four men were employed to train Afghan troops. After being involved in a car crash in Kabul on May 5, they fired on an oncoming car that they saw as a threat, wounding three Afghans, one of whom died two days later, Kubik said.—MNA/Reuters



A man positions roasted pigs dressed as a bride and a groom during an annual roasted pig festival in Manila, Philippines, on 17 May, 2009. INTERNET

New York City closes 9 schools over A/H1N1 concerns

NEW YORK, 18 May—Three more schools in Queens of New York City will be temporarily closed over A/H1N1 flu concern, thus bringing the total schools closed over the concern to nine, the city announced Sunday.

Starting on Monday, the newest closings are in addition to three other schools that will not be open this week as well as three others that were closed last week.

Local channel NY1 quoted Scott Harper of the New York City Department of Health as saying Sunday that "We've been monitoring schools for absenteeism and cases of influenza-like illness that present to the school nurses on a daily basis and these three schools as we looked at their numbers over the last few days looked like it would be prudent to close them as we've closed other schools."

The schools previously announced as closing Monday will remain closed for at least five days while crews work to sanitize the buildings. They join the first three which will be closed through Thursday.

Only one school has confirmed A/H1N1 cases. Among the infected in the school, assistant principal Mitchell Wiener died Sunday evening, the first A/H1N1 death in New York State.—MNA/Xinhua

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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.

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Russia issues Spain travel warning

MADRID, 18 May—The Russian government's Epidemiology Service on Sunday officially recommended its citizens avoid visiting Spain which has 100 confirmed influenza A/H1N1 cases, according to Spanish media.

"A hundred flu cases is something serious," said Guennadi Onischenko, head of the epidemiological service. "We are asking our citizens to cancel trips to Spain." Russian airports already have strict controls on passengers who began their journey in the Americas and are landing or changing planes in Russia.

Onischenko said that the service had examined around 6,000 passengers in the last 24 hours and no single case of the new deadly strain had been spotted.

According to official statistics, there are some 500,000 Russian travel to Spain every year.

Russia has also issued travel warnings on the United States, Mexico and Canada.—*Internet*

China sorts out 3,400 problematic rural hydropower plants in six years

HANGZHOU, 18 May—China sorted out more than 3,400 problematic rural hydropower plants in six years in an effort to curb rising number of safety accidents, the Ministry of Water Resources said Sunday.

Underlying danger was found in more than 20,000 old hydropower plants built in rural areas before the 1990s, whose building and equipment were less

sturdy, a ministry official told an industry conference on rural water resources held in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province.

In 2006, eight people were killed in the Shuanglong hydropower plant in Pingshan County of Sichuan Province after the water-holding wall collapsed during a trial run violation.

A year later, the water

channel in the Zhenai power station in Yunnan Province collapsed, claiming five lives.

In order to reduce safety accidents, the ministry had since 2003 tightened supervision on work safety in major hydropower stations, and carried out annual overhauls, said Tian Zhongxing, head of the ministry's rural hydropower development department.—*Internet*

3G ready but users lag behind

BEIJING, 18 May — China Unicom, one of the nation's three leading mobile operators, started trials of its high-speed, third-generation (3G) network yesterday.

3G lets users enjoy faster wireless data downloads, make video calls and watch TV programs via mobile phones. The trial network covers 55 cities and would expand to 284 cities by the



A customer displays her 3G mobile phone in Fuzhou, capital of southeast China's Fujian Province.—XINHUA

end of September, said company president Chang Xiaobing. He said regular service would start at year-end. China Unicom is the last operator after China Mobile and China Telecom to start trial operation for a 3G service. However, experts warn that the new service may not give a boost to the telecommunications market due to its high cost.

Internet

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US firm plans to launch solar power collectors into orbit

LOS ANGELES, 18 May—The San Francisco-based Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) has signed a contract to buy power from an ambitious start-up that plans to launch solar power collectors into orbit to back energy as radio waves, it was reported on Sunday.

The start-up called Solaren Corp. won't discuss the details or costs of its plan, other than to give a ballpark price tag at

more than 2 billion US dollars, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The Mahattan Beach Solaren aims to generate enough electricity for 150,000 homes across much of Northern and Central California, the paper said.

The PG&E has agreed to buy the power if Solaren can make the technology work, said the paper.

Solaren executives say that by 2016 they can put

together the technology to harness energy that constantly bathes Earth from 148million kilometres away, said the paper.

"If our numbers are anywhere near where we think they will be, we will be able to provide power at a cost that's comparable with anything on Earth, that is much cleaner and all from space," Gary Spirnak, Solaren's chief executive, said in remarks published by the paper.

Internet



Participants, who attain the age of 20 years, take an oath during a Coming of Age Day ceremony and representation of traditional 'Gwan-Rye' in Uwang, South Korea, on 17 May, 2009. The ceremony was held to authorize people at the age of 20, who have been living under the protection of their families, as independent individual.—INTERNET

Explosions rock Sunoco refinery

MARCUS HOOK, 18 May—Firefighters were battling the flames at a Sunoco refinery on the Pennsylvania-Delaware border early Monday morning, officials said.

The blaze followed massive explosions at the refinery, one of the largest in the Northeast, late Sunday. There appeared to be no injuries, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

The explosions apparently began in a small part of the refinery in Claymont, Del, which is just south of the main refinery in Marcus Hook, Pa., the Inquirer said.

Reports said the chemical involved in the explosion was ethylene, a byproduct of oil refining used in plastics, the newspaper said.

There were no evacuations from nearby communities, though flames could be seen as far away as the Philadelphia Airport, the Inquirer reported. However, police blocked off roads near the refinery.

Sunoco officials did not have official information on the cause of the explosions, the Inquirer said, but the blasts came just three

days after Pennsylvania fined the Marcus Hook facility more than \$762,000 for air quality violations.—Internet

Quake hits LA area

LOS ANGELES, 18 May—A magnitude 5 earthquake struck south of Los Angeles International Airport Sunday, causing shaking but apparently little damage, officials said. The Los Angeles Times said there were no injuries.

The Times said the temblor hit at about 8:30 pm near Lennox on South Bay. A magnitude 3 aftershock hit the Lennox

Cholera outbreak continues spreading north of Vietnam

HANOI, May 18—The northern Thai Binh province of Vietnam

reported three individuals had tested positive for cholera, making the 9th locality to report the disease in the north-central region of the country, the Youth reported Monday.

The patients had eaten dog meat while working in Hanoi and showed symptoms of the disease after returning to their hometown, said the provincial Center of Preventive Health.

Although there are no official figures so far, the number of individuals suffering acute diarrhea in Vietnam has been

reportedly increased over the past month.

Meanwhile, the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology reported samples of dog meat, both cooked and uncooked, from slaughterhouses in Ha Dong district of Hanoi had tested positive for the cholera bacterium.

Vietnam's health officials instructed local agencies to step up early detection of suspected cases to offer timely treatment and prevent the spread of the potentially deadly disease.—Internet

Japan's domestic infection of new flu hit 92

TOKYO, 18 May—The number of domestic infections cases of influenza A/H1N1 in Japan hit 92 as of Monday morning with all the patients in Osaka and Hyogo prefectures, local media reported.

The total number of the infection in the country now stands at 96, including the first four cases contracted in North America.

The country is now facing the risk of grass-root outbreak which could lead the WHO to raise its new flu pandemic alert from the current 5 to the highest level of 6, which means community-level outbreaks in two different WHO regions, experts

has warned.

The WHO is launching investigation on the situation in Japan.

The Japanese government will convene an emergency meeting to discuss countermeasures on the spread of the epidemic.

The newly confirmed domestic cases included high school students, college students, their family members and teachers, the health ministry and local governments said on Sunday.

Japan on Saturday confirmed the first eight cases of domestic infection on students of a Kobe high school.

Internet



People wearing protective masks walk on a street in Kobe in Hyogo prefecture, western Japan. Japan said that nine more high school students had tested positive for swine flu, bringing the total number of domestic infections to 92 amid fears the virus has a foothold in the community.

INTERNET

Chile confirms second A/H1N1 flu case just hours after first

SANTIAGO, 18 May—Chilean health authorities on Sunday confirmed a second case of the A/H1N1 flu, hours after the first case was confirmed.

Both victims were women over 30 who had arrived in Chile from the Dominican Republic. The second woman is a friend of the first, who had arrived from Punta Cana, aboard Copa Airlines flight 437.

That flight carried over 100 people and health authorities are now working hard to locate all of those aboard, Health Minister Alvaro Erazo told reporters.

Earlier in the day, Erazo said the first woman had been quarantined at the Thorax Hospital in the capital and was receiving anti-viral treatment.

He said the fever scanner installed at the airport terminal had shown effectiveness, "allowing us appropriate detection and information of every person entering the country." Sources at Copa Airlines said they were cooperating with authorities in seeking passengers on the Saturday flight.

The World Health Organization said that there are now 8,451 cases of the disease worldwide, but only six deaths outside of Mexico, with four in the United States and one each in Canada and Costa Rica.

Internet

SPORTS



Swiss Roger Federer (R) and Spanish Rafael Nadal celebrate after the final match of the ATP Madrid Open claycourt tournament against Spanish Rafael Nadal in Madrid. Federer won 6-4, 6-4.—INTERNET

Federer stuns Nadal to win Madrid Masters

MADRID, 18 May—Roger Federer defeated world number one Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-4 to win the Madrid Masters on Sunday and strike a timely blow in his campaign to lift an elusive French Open.

His win ended a five-match, 18-month losing streak against the Spaniard, a run which included three Grand Slam finals - the 2008 French Open and Wimbledon, as well as this year's Australian Open. It also halted Nadal's 33-match winning streak on clay, a sequence stretching back over a year to the Rome second round in 2008.

Federer fired two aces, his fifth and sixth of the 88-minute final, to wrap up the victory and lift his record in finals against his Spanish rival to 5-11. Federer now heads into the French Open, which starts next Sunday, with a huge confidence boost after finally defeating the man who stripped him of his Wimbledon title last summer.

"Clearly I'm very happy to win," said Federer. "I played well - you have to against Rafa on clay. There are no easy ways to beat him. I mixed it up well, served well and was dangerous on the return game." "I took all the right decisions. In the end it looked very comfortable, it was a perfect win.—INTERNET

Benitez fuels feud with Ferguson over title

BIRMINGHAM, 18 May—Rafael Benitez extended his feud with Sir Alex Ferguson by refusing to congratulate the Manchester United manager for his title triumph, following Liverpool's 2-0 victory over West Bromwich Albion which saw the losers relegated



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The Spaniard has been daggers drawn with his opposite number at Old Trafford all season in an intriguing side-show to the challenge for the title between their two sides and he remained bitter towards the Glaswegian 24 hours after having to concede defeat to United.

Benitez was asked if he would like to extend his congratulations to Sir Alex Ferguson and Manchester United for winning the title. "I will say congratulations to Manchester United. I prefer to say that to them," said the Spaniard.

But when pressed further to extend his congratulations to Ferguson in person, Benitez would only say: "They are a big club and a good club. I normally show respect and be polite to other managers at the end of the season." "But there have been a lot of things I don't like this season. I say congratulations to Manchester United because they have won the title, but that is it."—INTERNET

Hiddink urges Chelsea to stop United juggernaut

LONDON, 18 May—Chelsea coach Guus Hiddink bid an emotional farewell to Stamford Bridge on Sunday, but warned his successor he'll need to spend big money if the Londoners are to stop the Manchester United juggernaut.

Since being drafted in to replace Luiz Felipe Scolari, Hiddink has narrowly missed out on a Champions League final spot, guaranteed a top four league finish and could still win the FA Cup. But the Dutchman insists that Chelsea don't yet have a squad capable of competing with United who retained their English Premier League title on Saturday.

He believes the new manager will need more strength in depth to overhaul the champions. "When you want to compete, you have to renew your squad almost every year," he said. "To be realistic in the upcoming years we have players who are ageing.

INTERNET



Chelsea manager Guus Hiddink

Indian man finishes 90th marathon in US

NEW DELHI, 18 May—India's grand old marathon man Ashis Roy has completed his 90th marathon, finishing the Delaware Marathon in Wilmington, the United States, in a time of six hours and 32 minutes, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Monday.

The 76-year-old Roy was the oldest of 600 participants in the match. It took him nine minutes more to finish the 26-mile run Sunday than he did in

the Potomac River Run Marathon in Alexandria two weeks ago, said the report.

Roy had to wear two layers of tee shirts to keep warm. His arthritic right knee also acted up slowing him down considerably especially on the downhill slopes, said the report. Roy plans to participate in yet another marathon, the Bob Pottsmarathon in Pennsylvania on May 31 to complete three long runs in a month.

Back home in India, he completed his last marathon in Noida in February in six hours and 4 minutes and the one in Mumbai a month earlier in six hours and 7 minutes.—INTERNET

Perfectionist Mourinho still focussed on winning

ROME, 18 May—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho was in no mood to party despite his side having already clinched the Serie A crown ahead of their 3-0 win over Siena. AC Milan's 2-1 defeat at Udinese a day earlier had ensured a fourth straight scudetto crown for Inter, but that was not enough to make the Portuguese boss forget his hard-working principles.

"It was important to win, there wouldn't have been much point to our party if we hadn't won," said Mourinho. "This was a serious match, we weren't kidding around. Our strength is that we always play very seriously. "Even today I got angry because we still had the aim of winning the top scorer trophy, not for (Zlatan) Ibrahimovic but for the whole team — even (Mario) Balotelli had to play for Ibra."

The big Swede did indeed score his 22nd league goal of the season in the 76th minute and is only one goal behind Bologna's Marco Di Vaio in the Serie A goalscoring charts. But despite his personal achievement in having his most prolific season after five years in Italy, it was captain Javier Zanetti and goalkeeper Julio Cesar who pleased Mourinho the most.—INTERNET

Two down, one to go for treble chasers Barcelona

MADRID, 18 May—Barcelona, with a first domestic double since 1998 secured, can complete the most successful season in their 110-year history with victory over Manchester United in the Champions League final on 27 May. No Spanish side has ever achieved this treble, but coach Pep Guardiola has the chance to do it in his debut season although defeating holders, and English champions, United is a tall order.



Coach Pep Guardiola

"The league is the most important title," insisted Guardiola. "It is more important than being champions of Europe because it is the prize for the most consistent team." "In Europe, you can have a bad ten minutes and it is over for you. You just have to look at our game against Chelsea when Andres Iniesta rescued us in the last minute."

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Safina sweeps to second successive tennis title

MADRID, 18 May—Women's world number one Dinara Safina claimed her second major clay title in a row here on Sunday as she outclassed Danish teenager Caroline Wozniacki 6-2, 6-4 to win the Madrid Masters.



The 23-year-old Russian - who lost the 2008 Roland Garros final to Ana Ivanovic — showed she is on track as a serious title contender when the French Open gets underway in a week. Safina has figured in WTA finals over the last three weeks in the grand slam buildup, losing Stuttgart to compatriot Svetlana Kuznetsova but turning the tables to beat her in Rome a week ago.—INTERNET

Russian Dinara Safina returns a ball against Danish Caroline Wozniacki during their final match of the WTA Madrid Open claycourt tournament in Madrid.—INTERNET



A monkey does a handstand on the horns of a goat who's balanced on a tightrope during a performance in Shenyang, China, 2May.—INTERNET

Four killed in car accident in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 18 May—Four people were killed and another six were injured in an accident involving a lorry and a trailer here on Monday morning.

According to local radio 938 live, the accident occurred along the Gul Road. The Singapore Civil Defence Force(SCDF) said that the front passenger's cabin of the lorry was crushed as a result of the collision.

The SCDF used hydraulic spreader, cutter and two winches to free the front seat passenger from the wreckage.

The report said the four victims are all foreign workers but did not tell their nationality. Three of them were pronounced dead at the scene. Another died later at the National University Hospital.

Six other injured workers on the lorry have been sent to the National University Hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 43,500 Australian skilled workers unemployed

CANBERRA, 18 May—More than 43,500 Australian skilled workers lost their jobs in the first quarter of 2009 ended in March, according to Clarius Skills Index released Monday. Skilled employment has plunged to its record low since 2001 as a slowing economy saw demand for trades fall in every category while skilled unemployment surged by 48.2 per cent in the same period.

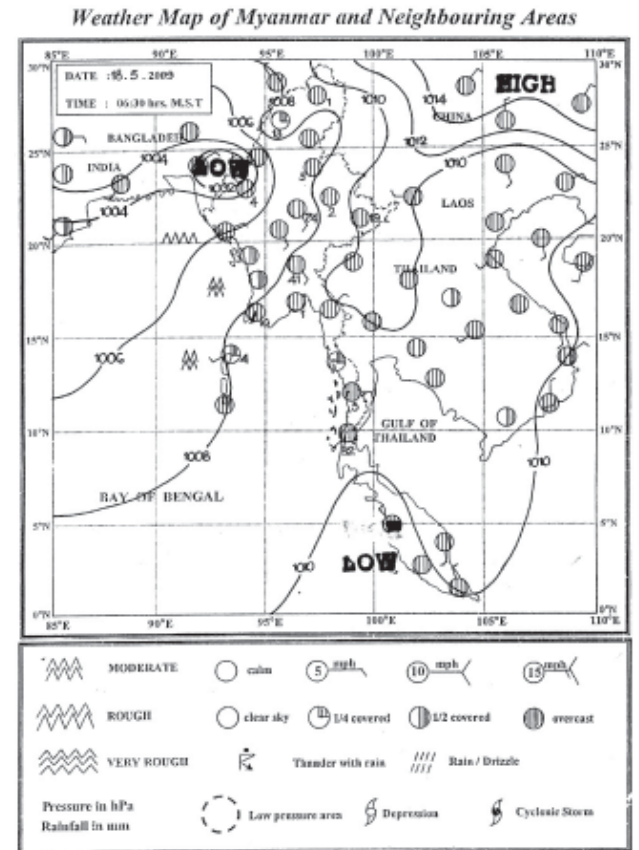
During which, the number of skilled people out of work including professionals, associate professionals and tradespeople rose by 43,500 to 133,700. Those seeking jobs exceed vacant positions by 9,800. Advertised trade vacancies fell in category, with wood and metals taking the biggest hits. Chefs were the most sought after while accountants saw reduced demand, as a slowing economy put pressure on business costs.

Clarius Group executive manager Kym Quick said the drop in employment demand showed that the government needed to do more to support the labour market.— MNA/Xinhua



When Manni met Candy: A baby boar named Manni plays with Candy, a Jack Russell terrier, in Ehringhausen, Germany, 10 May. Manni was found abandoned in a forest.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Monday, 18 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyarwady Divisions, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Shan State and Lower Sagaing Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above May average temperatures in Ayeyarwady Division and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperature were Chauk and Minbu (41°C) each, Magway, Aunglan and Pyay (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nawngkhio (3.50) inches, Mandalay (2.91) inches, Toungoo (Aviation) (2.64) inches, Shwebo (2.28) inches, Pyinoolwin (2.24) inches, Kyaukse (2.20) inches, Toungoo (1.61) inches, Kawthong and Sagaing (1.26) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 17-5-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 18-5-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-5-2009 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 17-5-2009 was (6.1) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 18-5-2009 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (3.66) inches at Mingaladon, (4.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (6.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (13:30) hour MST on 17-5-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 19th May 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Gulf of mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-5-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 19 May
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice & sweet song

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Dance of national races

8:10 am

7. Songs of yester years

8:20 am

8. စစ်တောင်းတံတား (မုပ္ပလင်)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. "မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:35 pm

4. "အားနာတယ်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဧရာ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

4:50 pm

5. ကြေးမုံရိပ်သွင်တေးနယဉ်

5:05 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ပထဝီဝင်)

5:20 pm

7. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

8. Musical Programme

5:45 pm

9. သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့်

ကြွပ်ကြွပ်အိတ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမက်အလိုရှိသည်" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်သူသံစဉ်"

- (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

American citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma brought to trial

NAY PYI TAW, 18 May—Restrictions were imposed on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of No (54/56), University Avenue, Shwetaungkya (1) Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon, by issuing the restriction order against her fundamental rights under section-7 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, the arrest order under section-10 (A) and the prohibition order under section-10 (B)/11 and the continued prohibition order under section-13/14.

Amid such restrictions imposed on her, an American citizen by the name of Mr John William Yettaw on the night of 30 November 2008 swam across Inya lake to the back of the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house, met with Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma at the gate and left a book titled 'Book of Mormon' in the house compound for Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to read. Likewise, on the night of 3 May 2009, he secretly entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house by swimming across Inya Lake. She received Mr John William Yettaw and served him with meals. He was allowed to stay there up to the night of 5 May. Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma also helped her with her act. In connection with the case, Police Lt-Col Zaw Min Aung acting as a plaintiff filed law suits against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under section-22 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; against Daw Khin Khin Win, Ma Win Ma Ma and Mr John William Yettaw under section-22 of that law and section-109; and against Mr John William Yettaw, who violated the prescribed rules and regulations although he arrived on a tourist visa, under section-13(1) of the Immigration Act (Emergency Provisions) at Bahan Township Police Station in accord with (Pa) 301/2009 and (Pa) 302/2009.

Likewise, Executive Officer of Mayangon Township Development Affairs Committee U Aung Naing Htoo filed a lawsuit against Mr John William Yettaw under section-28 of Yangon City Development Committee Law for breaching the restriction on swimming in Inya Lake imposed according to the YCDC Water Supply and Sanitation Rules (40) at Yangon North District Court.

District Judges U Thaug Nyunt and U Nyi Nyi Soe sitting at Yangon North District Court on 14 May heard the cases filed by Bahan Township Police Force and a case filed by the Executive Officer of Mayangon Township Development Affairs Committee under Criminal Case Nos 47/2009, 48/2009 and 49/2009. On that day, Yangon North District Law Officer U Myint Kyaing presented the arguments related to the cases to the court. After hearing the cases presented by the law officer, the district court adjourned the cases until 18 May after informing the defendants that they may defend through their lawyers.

Today, the defendants appeared in the court, and Advocates U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win and U Hla Myo Myint who are defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Advocates Daw Khin Htay Kywe, U Hla Myo Myint and U Nyan Win who are defending Daw Khin Khin Win, Advocates Daw Khin Htay Kywe and U Hla Myo Myint who are defending Ma Win Ma Ma, and HGP U Khin Maung Oo who is defending Mr John William Yettaw presented their legal documents. The court continued hearing the cases until 3 pm, during which a prosecution witness appears for each case.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Special Sales of Ministry of Industry-1 coming soon

YANGON, 18 May—Ministry of Industry-1 will organize Special Sales in YeU of Sagaing Division from 18 to 24 May, Mogaung in Kachin State from 19 to 25 May, Natmawk in Magway Division from 20 to 26 May, Loikaw in Kayah State from 22 to 28 May, Thongwa in Yangon Division from 25 to 31 May, Katha in Sagaing Division from 26 May to 1 June, Patheingyi in Mandalay Division from 27 May to 2 June.—MNA

Can happiness be inherited?

MEXICO CITY, 18 May—A new study suggests that our feelings in our lifetime can affect our children.

Dr. Halabe Bucay suggests that a wide range of chemicals that our brain generates when we

are in different moods could affect 'germ cells' (eggs and sperm), the cells that ultimately produce the next generation. Such natural chemicals could affect the way that specific genes are expressed in the germ cells, and



Can Happiness Be Inherited? Hormones and chemicals resulting from happiness, depression and other mental states can affect our eggs and sperm, resulting in lasting changes in our children at the time of their conception.

hence how a child develops.

In his article in the latest issue of *Bioscience Hypotheses*, Dr Alberto Halabe Bucay of Research Center Halabe and Darwich, Mexico, suggested that the hormones and chemicals resulting from happiness, depression and other mental states can affect our eggs and sperm, resulting in lasting changes in our children at the time of their conception.

Brain chemicals such as endorphins, and drugs, such as marijuana and heroin are known to have significant effects on sperm and eggs, altering the patterns of genes that are active in them.

Internet

Biological particles trigger ice formation in high-altitude clouds

SAN DIEGO, 18 May—A team of UC San Diego-led atmospheric chemistry researchers moved closer to what is considered the "holy grail" of climate change science when it made the first-ever direct detection of biological particles within ice clouds.

The team, led by Kerri Pratt, a Ph.D. student of atmospheric chemistry Professor Kim Prather, who also holds appointments at Scripps Institution of Oceanography as well as the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at UCSD, sampled water droplet and ice crystal residues at high speeds from an aircraft flying



Biological particles—bacteria, pollen, fungi—act as nuclei for formation of ice in clouds.

through clouds in the skies over Wyoming in fall 2007.

Analysis of the ice crystals revealed that they were made up almost entirely of either dust or biological particles such as bacteria, fungal spores and plant material.

While it has long been known that microorganisms or parts of them get airborne and travel great distances, this study is the first to yield in-situ data on their participation in cloud ice processes.

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