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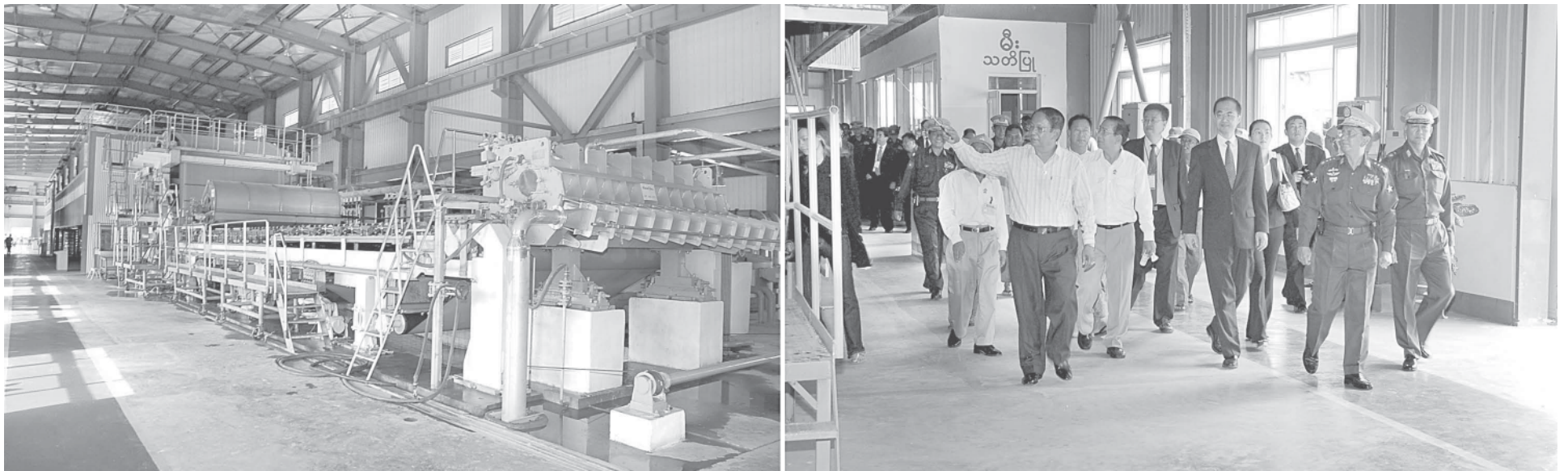
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Prime Minister attends opening of paper factory

Building of more factories contributes to regional development, creates job opportunities



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects 50-ton newspaper pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory in Yedashe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—The opening ceremony of the 50-ton newspaper pulp factory and the 80-ton packing paper factory of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries near Yeni No-2 paper factory in Yedashe Township in Bago

Division was held this morning. Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ceremony and unveiled the signboard of the factory.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend ASEAN Summits in ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—At the invitation of H.E Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will attend the ASEAN-Korea Commemorative Summit and Related Summits of Bilateral Summit and ASEAN-ROK CEO Summit scheduled to be held in Jeju Island, the Republic of Korea, in the near future.—MNA



Photo shows 50-ton pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory in Yedashe Township.—MNA



PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 27 May, 2009

Grow more trees for the sake of environment and national economy

Plants, trees, forests are necessary for the existence of humans and animals. Deforestation can lead to climate change, and dry soil, floods and desertification are the consequences of climate change.

Therefore, every nation in the world has given a special emphasis to environment and wildlife conservation and are carrying out reforestation work.

Climate depends on trees and forests and there can be streams only with green mountain ranges. Plant trees all over the world in order to keep it lush green. These are the mottos of Forest Department and show the importance of trees for favourable climate.

Myanmar is systematically conserving aquatic and terrestrial resources. Forests and wildlife are being protected in accordance with the forest law. The Ministry of Forestry and related ministries are establishing watershed forests and special teak plantations.

Plants and trees are thriving now in the 13 arid districts as people are cooperating in the work for greening these regions. The Bago Yoma is the region where teak trees grow well and so teak plantations are being established to keep it ever green. Young trees are being distributed to villages to extend the cultivation of teak and other hardwood trees.

Hardwood trees, including teak and ironwood, contribute not only to national economic development but also to greening the environment. If Forest Department and local people work together and grow more and more trees every year, it will make the climate regular and keep the environment always green.

Talk on Network Security Policies on 30 May

YANGON, 26 May—Myanmar Computer Professionals' Association (MCPA) have arranged a talk focusing on control and apply of network security policies to be held on 30 May from 1 pm to 3 pm at Room No. 205 Myanmar InfoTech Hlaing Township here.

Executive U Aung Zaw Myint of MCPA, managing-director of M.S.T Computer Center will give talk on network security policies.

MCPA have invited members of MCPA, companies and organizations using networking system, technicians, and those interested in the subject to participate in the seminar for free. For more information, contact MCPA Office, Room.4 Buildng.4 (Ph: 652276).—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects regional development tasks in Magway Div



with the set standard after hearing their reports on the bridge.

He also inspected Kopin-Sanmagyi-Thityarkauk shortcut in the town.

During his visits to Pyithayar Agriculture Co Ltd in Kopin region, the Public Works in Kopin Village in Hsin Paung We township, and Pyay-Aunglan-Setthwar railroad section, Lt-Gen Tha Aye fulfilled the needs and left necessary instructions.

Before his inspection of Bwatgyi Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Magway, he viewed pumping of river water at Duringabo River Water Pumping station in

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Duringabo River Water Pumping Station near Pyinpinhla Village in Aunglan Township.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe inspected building of embankment at the foot of Lawkananda Swae-daw-myat Pagoda in Nyaung-U on 24 May.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into major repair of Pinchaung Bailey Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Madalay Road in Yaynanchaung Township and called for timely completion of the task.

At Daung Nay Chaung Bridge building project site in Magway Township, he instructed officials for timely completion of building the bridge in accord

Aunglan Township.

At Aunglan People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Tha Aye made cash donations.

MNA

MMA's golf tournament to be held

YANGON, 26 May—The Myanmar Medical Association's monthly golf tournament will be held at Thanlyin golf course at 6 am on 31 May. Members of the association may take part in the tournament.

MNA

FM congratulates Indian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 27 May—UNyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Samanahalli Malliah Krishna, on his appointment as the Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of India.—MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Iran's Ahmadinejad invites Obama to debate at UN



President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad holds a press conference at the presidential palace in Teheran on 25 May, 2009. —INTERNET

TEHERAN, 26 May—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad invited US President Barack Obama for a debate in the United Nations.

“Our proposal (to President Obama) is to sit at the UN and debate about the origin of the global problems and each side put forward its solutions,” Ahmadinejad said in a press conference

here on Monday.

“If I am elected by the great Iranian nation (as president in the upcoming presidential elections), I will repeat my invitation to Mr Obama to have a debate in the UN to study the origin of the global issues and the management of the world for international peace,” he stressed.

Earlier, Ahmadinejad had invited US ex-president George W Bush to participate in a live debate with him in the United Nations over global diversified issues, but Bush did not give response to his invitation.

Ahmadinejad told reporters that his congratulation to Obama upon his victory in the US presidential elections was a “great gesture” to him.

Iran is waiting for US changes not in words but in practice, Ahmadinejad said, thanking Obama for his willingness to enter direct talks with Iranians.

Internet



Destroyed vehicles are seen at the spot following attacks on government buildings in Khost Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.—INTERNET

Iraqi Army say almost one-quarter lacks minimum qualifications

BAGHDAD, 26 May—In a legacy of the US rush to build up Iraqi security forces, almost one-quarter of the Iraqi Army currently fails to meet its own minimum qualifications for soldiers, the Iraqi government is discovering in its first real look at the composition of the Army.

“They’re finding about 24 percent are not qualified based on Army criterion for being in the Army,” US Brig Gen Steven Salazar says of an ongoing rescreening of Iraq’s 253,000 soldiers.

“A very small number of them are overage, a lit-

tle bit bigger number of them would be medically disqualified, and then somewhere—around 15 percent they’re finding—are illiterate,” says General Salazar, deputy commander of the Multinational Security Transition Command-Iraq, in an interview. Salazar says the rescreening, which has surveyed 46,000 soldiers

so far, was undertaken because neither the Iraqi Ministry of Defence nor US officials knew who exactly was in the Army.

Although the cash-strapped Iraqi government has had to scrap plans to expand the Army due to budget cuts, it does not plan to automatically fire the unqualified soldiers.

Internet

Iraqi killed US soldier bailed out by court

TIKRIT, 26 May—An Iraqi court on Monday released on bail an Iraqi old man accused of killing an American soldier and wounding five others, a provincial police source said. An inquiry judge in Tikrit, the capital city of Salahudin Province, released the 70-year-old Ahmad Dawood al-Allwo, who was accused of man slaughtering an American soldier and wounding five others about three months ago near the town of Duluiyah, some 90 km north of Baghdad, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The judge released the Allwo on a bail of 30 million Iraqi Dinars (25,000 US dollars) after finding the incident was not a terrorist act, the source said.

The source said that the incident took place on 8 March when Allwo opened fire on US and Iraqi security forces during a raid on a house adjacent to Allwo’s house to arrest a wanted individual according to an arrest warrant issued by an Iraqi court.—Internet



An Iraqi policeman stands on a blood stained sidewalk where three US soldiers and four Iraqis were killed in a blast in Dora neighbourhood in Baghdad, Iraq recently. INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills four civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan killed four civilians while an operation by US-led forces left three people dead and a woman and child wounded on Monday.

The bomb struck the civilian’s vehicle and also wounded three civilians inside in Zabul Province, said Jalani Khan, a provincial police official.

He blamed the Taliban for planting the bomb. Separately, US-led troops killed three men and wounded a woman and a child during a raid against a Taliban commander in southern Helmand Province Monday, the force said in a statement. It did not say whether the men were armed militants or civilians.

The wounded woman and child were transported to a coalition hospital for treatment. Southern Afghanistan is the center of the Taliban-led insurgency. President Barack Obama has ordered 21,000 new American troops into Afghanistan, hoping to reverse Taliban gains.

Internet

Eleven armed Taliban fighters join Govt reconciliation in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 26 May—Eleven armed Taliban fighters on Monday laid down their arms and joined reconciliation process in Baghlan Province, north of Afghanistan, police said. “Eleven armed rebels, whose commander Abdul Jabbar surrendered to government days ago, also laid down their arms and joined reconciliation process in Jilga district today (Monday), and they vowed to defend government thus working for peace,” provincial police spokesman Ahmad Jawed Basharat told *Xinhua*.

Mullah Abdul Jabar along with his 19 arm men joined the reconciliation process on 14 May in Jilga district and urged to help Afghan forces to boost durable security in province, he added.—Internet

Low-level explosive shatters New York storefront

NEW YORK, 26 May—A low-level explosive went off early Monday morning, outside a Starbucks in Manhattan of New York City, said New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly. According to local TV channel NY1, the blast went off at around 3:30 am local time at the corner of 92nd Street and 3rd Avenue.

No one was injured.

The explosive took out windows at a Starbucks on the corner. Several people in the apartments above the coffee shop were reportedly evacuated, but have since been let back into their homes. “We’re going to analyze the type of explosive that’s been used. As I say, it’s been described by our bomb experts as a low explosive,” Kelly was cited as saying.—Internet



Police investigators search the site of a bombing outside a Starbucks on New York’s Upper East Side on 25 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Iran's Ahmadinejad rejects Western nuclear proposal

TEHERAN, 26 May—Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday rejected a Western proposal for it to "freeze" its nuclear work in return for no new sanctions and ruled out any talks with major powers on the issue.

The comments by the conservative president, who is seeking a second term in a 12 June election, are likely to further disappoint the US administration of President Barack Obama, which is seeking to engage Iran diplomatically.

Chavez says Venezuela could leave OAS, join Cuba

CARACAS, 26 May—President Hugo Chavez says Venezuela could eventually withdraw from the Organization of American States and seek Cuba's help to create an alternative regional group.

Chavez claims the OAS serves the interests of the United States. The Venezuelan leader has repeatedly criticized Cuba's expulsion from the organization in 1962 on grounds that its communist government went against the hemispheric body's principles.

Chavez said Monday that "Venezuela would love to join Cuba" as a nonmember.—Internet

The United States, Russia, China, France, Germany and Britain said in April they would invite Iran to a meeting to try and find a diplomatic solution to the nuclear row.

The West accuses Iran of secretly developing atomic weapons.

Iran, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, denies the charge and says it only wants nuclear power to generate electricity.

Breaking with past US

policy of shunning direct talks with Iran, Obama's administration last month said it would join nuclear discussions with Teheran from now on.

Ahmadinejad proposed a debate with Obama at the United Nations in New York "regarding the roots of world problems" but he made clear Teheran would not bow to pressure on the nuclear issue.

Internet



The Soyuz TMA-15 spacecraft is seen on its launch pad at Baikonur cosmodrome on 25 May, 2009. The crew of Russian cosmonaut Roman Romanenko, Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk and European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Frank De Winne of Belgium is scheduled to take off to the International Space Station (ISS) on 27 May.—XINHUA



Competitors are dressed to raise money for charity, as they take part in the Bupa London 10,000 Run in London, on 25 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Somali pirates hone their tactics

ISTANBUL, 26 May—The Somali pirates who hijacked the Danish tug Svitzer Korsakov telephoned Yemen, Djibouti and Dubai in a futile search for someone to collect a ransom and forward it to them for a fee.

To the captive captain, they seemed like amateurs with no backup on shore.

That was in early 2008, before the explosive growth in piracy around the Horn of Africa.

Late that year, the gang that seized the *Karagol*, a Turkish tanker, was more polished, used a negotiator who spoke good English and brought in other pirates to relieve them while awaiting the payoff.—Internet

EU, Iraq open new round of talks on cooperation deal

BRUSSELS, 26 May—Negotiators from the European Union (EU) and Iraq opened another round of talks on Monday, moving closer to the conclusion of a comprehensive cooperation deal between the two sides.

This will be the eighth round of talks since negotiations started in November 2006, which will be led on the Iraqi side by Mohammed Haj Hammoud, deputy minister of foreign affairs and by Hugues Mingarelli, deputy director-general for external relations, for the European Commission.

During the most recent round, which was held in Baghdad at the end of last February, it was agreed to upgrade the draft agreement from one on trade and cooperation to a more comprehensive partnership agreement, which provides for annual ministerial meetings and the creation of a cooperation council.—Internet

Oman Air plane diverts to Mumbai under bomb threat

NEW DELHI, 26 May—An Oman Air passenger plane which took off from Muscat for Chennai in south India diverted to the Mumbai international airport on Monday afternoon after its crew reported bomb threat, said local media reports.

After an emergency landing, all the 110 passengers on board the Flight 857 plane of Oman Air were safely de-planed by police. Bomb disposal squad and other security personnel launched a thorough search for possible bomb, said local TV channel Times Now.—Internet

Honda overtakes Toyota in parts supplier survey

NEW YORK, 26 May—Honda Motor Co overtook Toyota Motor Corp as the top company that auto parts suppliers prefer to do business with, according to an annual survey released on Monday.

Toyota has been the No1 automaker among the parts suppliers since 2002, but its ratings have fallen steadily over the last two years, according to a study by Planning

Perspectives Inc, a Birmingham, Mich.-based company that surveys manufacturing and service industries.

Honda's marks declined from last year as well, though not by as much.

Japanese automakers continued to boast the best relations with their suppliers, with Nissan Motor Co coming in third among the six automakers ranked.

Ford Motor Co's supplier relations improved dramatically for the second year in a row, coming in fourth, followed by General Motors Corp then Chrysler LLC.

"While Ford still has a lot of work to do, what they're doing with their suppliers is working," said John W Henke, president and chief executive of Planning Perspectives, in a written statement.

Internet



File photo shows visitors look at Honda Motor Co's Insight Hybrid displayed at an ecology fair in Tokyo, Japan.—INTERNET



Women wearing protective masks visit the Yushima Tenjin shrine in Tokyo on 24 May, 2009. Japan relaxed rules for dealing with the new H1N1 flu on 22 May, 2009, concerned that strict regulations could harm the economy and needlessly restrict the public, given that most of its nearly 300 cases have been mild. —XINHUA

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Egypt allows European aid convoy to cross into Gaza

GAZA, 26 May—Egypt on Monday evening allowed a European aid-laden convoy to cross into the blockaded Gaza Strip which is ruled by Islamic Hamas movement, officials in Gaza said.

The European aid convoy called “Hope” which included 39 European activists and 40 wagons of humanitarian aids of food and medicine to the Gaza Strip population arrived at Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza on Sunday. Arafat Madi, chief of the European Campaign to defy Gaza blockade, told reporters that the Egyptian authorities initially refused to let the 39 activists to cross into the Gaza Strip, but “finally Egypt allowed 20 of them to cross.”

“Following intensive negotiations between the organizers of the aid convoy and the Egyptians, Egypt denied the entrance of 19 activists and only let 20 of them to cross into the Gaza Strip with the 40 aid-laden wagons and trucks,” he said.

Israel has been imposing a tight blockade on the Gaza Strip since June 2007, after Hamas took control of the coastal enclave and routed Western-supported President Mahmoud Abbas’ security forces.

Xinhua

The bridge is decorated with lotus-shaped lanterns in Jiaxing, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 24 May, 2009, to celebrate the Chinese traditional Duanwu Festival which falls on 28 May this year. A culture festival with the theme of Duanwu folk custom will be held here from 26 to 30 May in the city.—XINHUA



ROK to build two pavilions for Shanghai Expo

SHANGHAI, 26 May—The Republic of Korea (ROK) National Pavilion for the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai broke ground on Monday. The national pavilion will be the largest that the ROK has built for a World Expo abroad, ROK Knowledge Economy Minister Lee Younho told the groundbreaking ceremony. The exhibit will have two parts: one pavilion for companies and a national pavilion. “This fully demonstrates that our country attaches great importance to the relationship with China, and I hope the two countries will expand economic and cultural exchanges and deepen friendship through the Shanghai Expo,” said Lee.—Xinhua

Peru, Japan start free trade talks

LIMA, 26 May—Peru and Japan began here Monday the first round of negotiations on the Free Trade Agreements (FTA), Peruvian Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism Mercedes Araoz said.

This six-day talks mainly included 13 topics, such as market access, financial services, telecommunications, commercial security, patent rights, sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

“To date, Peru has an Agreement of Early Harvest with Thailand and one FTA each with Singapore and China, with another FTA under discussion with South Korea, Japan will be the fifth Asian country,” Araoz said.

Xinhua



Some students from a middle school for the blind and hearing-impaired children rehearse on the stage in the Art Performance Center in Liuzhou City of southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, in the early morning on 25 May, 2009. —XINHUA

OECD area experiences sharpest economic contraction since 1960

PARIS, 26 May—Developed countries experienced the sharpest economic contraction on record in the first quarter of 2009, the largest fall since 1960, said the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on Monday.

The gross domestic product of the 30 OECD member countries shrank by 2.1 percent in the first quarter of 2009, after a drop of 2 percent of GDP in the last quarter of 2008.

According to OECD estimates, among the seven largest OECD countries — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — only France have an ease contraction in the first quarter, with the economy fell 1.2 percent after falling 1.5 percent in the previous quarter.

The United States recorded a fall of 1.6 percent in GDP during the first three months of the year, the same rate as in previous quarter.

Japan, Asia’s biggest economy, has been hit hard by the economic slowdown. The country’s GDP declined by 4 percent in the first quarter in 2009, after falling 3.8 percent in the previous quarter. On an annual basis, the decline of GDP in the OECD area was 4.2 percent, driven by a huge 9.1 percent contraction of GDP in Japan and 6.9 percent in Germany.—Xinhua



State Emergency Service staff patrol a flooded street in Lismore on 22 May.—INTERNET

Australian flood waters create 'inland sea'

SYDNEY, 26 May—Thousands of homeowners remained isolated in Australia's flood-hit northeast Sunday, where authorities said days of torrential rain had created a vast "inland sea".

Swollen rivers peaked overnight, allowing clean-up operations to begin and evacuated residents to re-

turn to the northern New South Wales towns of Grafton and Kempsey, the State Emergency Service (SES) said.

But SES spokesman Greg Slater said up to 20,000 people in small communities remained cut off by the floodwaters, which have led to disaster declarations in NSW and neighbouring Queensland.

"We're concentrating our efforts on those communities in terms of resupply and provision of immediate medical assist-

ance and medical supplies, also just the basic necessities, foodstuff and the like," he told Sky News.

Two people have died in the floods, which dumped one-third of southeast Queensland's average annual rainfall in just 24 hours.

NSW Premier Nathan Rees flew over the affected area Sunday and said it was difficult to grasp the extent of the floods, even from the air.

Internet

Cyclone floods east India, Bangladesh, kills 115

KOLKATA, 26 May — Cyclone Aila lashed low-lying areas in eastern India and Bangladesh, destroying thousands of homes, stranding tens of thousands of people in flooded villages and killing at least 115 before it began to ease Tuesday.

Conservationists expressed concern over the fate of one of the world's largest tiger populations, which was in the path of the storm.

Ailatore down nearly 3,000 thatched and mud houses and uprooted a large number of trees in nearly 300 villages across India's West Bengal state, said Kanti Ganguly, a state minister. He said 34 people were killed in West Bengal. Storm surges hit coastal areas in neighboring Bangladesh, killing at least 81 people, according to the Food and Disaster Management Ministry in Dhaka. It said most victims drowned or were washed away by the waves.—Internet

Air strike on Sudan convoy killed 119

KHARTOUM, 26 May—A total of 119 people were killed when unidentified aircraft attacked a convoy of vehicles traveling close to Sudan's border with Egypt in January, state media reported on Monday.

Sudan's defence minister Abdel Rahim Mohamed Hussein made a report to parliament saying the attack on a suspected smuggling convoy was still under investigation, the state *Suna* news agency said.

Details of the air strike on a remote road in Sudan's eastern Red Sea state first appeared in the international media in March and sparked widespread speculation.

Newspaper reports in Egypt and the United States suggested the attack was aimed at arms smugglers bound for Hamas-ruled Gaza via Sudan and Egypt and was carried out by either the United States or Israel.

Internet

Eight patients killed in hospital fire

ANKARA, 26 May — A fire at a western Turkish hospital left eight intensive care unit patients dead on Tuesday, authorities said.

Gov Sahabettin Harputlu of Bursa Province said it was not clear whether the patients died of smoke inhalation or when life supporting machines were left without power during the fire at the Sevkett Yilmaz hospital.

A suspected short circuit sparked the fire in the hospital's basement and affected the entire building when the hospital's ventilating system did not work because of the power failure, Harputlu said.

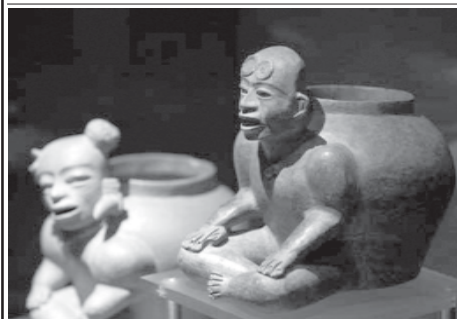
Authorities evacuated all 44 of the hospital's patients, eight of whom died, Harputlu said. Several other patients suffered from smoke inhalation but all were in stable condition, authorities said.—Internet

NEWS ALBUM

Mass wedding with 299 couples held in Macao

The Macao Businesswomen Association (MBWA) has gathered some 299 couples from four regions of China to attend a mass wedding show held at Macao's landmark place, the Ruins of St. Paul's Church, the *Macao Post Daily* reported.

Entitled "Century Wedding — Love in Macao", the two-million-pataca (253,000 US dollars) wedding show Thursday involved a total of 299 couples, who came from Macao, Hong Kong, and the Chinese mainland.



Pre-Hispanic pieces symbolising governors of the city of Teotihuacan is displayed as part of the "Teotihuacan, City of Gods" exhibition in Mexico City's anthropology museum on 21 May, 2009.



A traditional Hungarian horseman steers horses in a horse show on the Great Hungarian Plains, or Puszta, in Bugac, 90 km (56 miles) south of Budapest.

Statue of former President loses head in Ohio

Someone has beheaded a statue of President James Garfield that was installed last week at an Ohio college.

Hiram College spokesman Shawn Brown says the vandalism was discovered Friday morning, just a day after the sandstone statue was dedicated on the campus in Hiram, 30 miles southeast of Cleveland.

Brown says the college is hoping the head will be recovered so the 95-year-old statue can be restored, but police have no leads in their investigation. In the mid-1800s, Ohio native Garfield was a student and later the principal at the school that later became Hiram College.

He was elected the nation's 20th president in 1880.

NC teen accused of using banana in robbery attempt

Authorities say a North Carolina teen who was thwarted as he tried to rob a store with a banana ate it before they could arrive.

Winston-Salem authorities say 17-year-old John Szwalla held the banana under his shirt when he entered the store, saying he had a gun and demanded money.

Owner Bobby Ray Mabe says he and a customer jumped Szwalla, holding him until deputies arrived. While they waited, Mabe says the teen ate the banana.

May be says deputies took pictures of the banana peel. Forsyth County Sheriff's office spokesman Maj Brad Stanley says deputies joked about charging Szwalla with destroying evidence.



Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and guns at picnic

A picnic open to the public at a park in La Crosse County will offer free brats and hamburgers and an invitation to bring your gun.

Organizer Hubert Hoffman said Sunday's picnic at Marvin Gardens Park in the Town of Onalaska celebrates a recent opinion from state Attorney General JB Van Hollen that citizens who openly carry firearms should not be cited for disorderly conduct.

Hoffman said the picnic is open to everyone, including children and those who don't want to bring a gun.

The gun rights advocate said it's a way to let the public know that openly carrying a firearm isn't dangerous or risky. La Crosse County sheriff's Capt Mike Horstman said Hoffman is "legally entitled" to host the open carry picnic.

This undated photo released by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game shows Charlie Vandergaw with a brown bear at his property near Alexander Creek, Alaska. The 70-year-old retired science teacher who has been feeding bears at his property in the Susitna River valley about fifty miles northwest of Anchorage, Alaska, for 20 years was charged with 20 counts of illegally feeding game in May, 2009.

Trial against American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma continues for seventh day

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Trial against American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma continued at the court of Yangon North District for seventh day today.

Yangon North District Court examined defendant Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in connection with the Criminal Case No. 47/2009 filed against her. Following are questions and answers when Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was examined.

Q : Do Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay stay with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?

A : Yes, in my home.

Q : Are the restriction order, prohibition order and the order for extension of the prohibition order issued?

A : Yes, the orders are issued to me.

Q : Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw come to your home on 30 November, 2008?

A : I was told about his arrival, but I didn't see him.

Q : Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw intruded into your house compound swimming across the Inya Lake on 3 May night.

A : As for as I understand, he arrived at my home in the morning of 4 May.

Q : What time did he arrive at your home?

A : I don't know. I was reported on his arrival about 5 am.

Q : Who reported to you?

A : Daw Khin Khin Win reported to me that a person was in my home.

Q : Who was that person?

A : I didn't know who was that person then, but I knew him later on.

Q : Is that person American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw?

A : Yes.

Q : Did you report to the authority concerned on his arrival at your home?

A : No.

Q : Is it true that you received Mr John William Yettaw, gave food to him and arranged accomodation for him?

A : I permitted him to take shelter at my home temporarily.

Q : Did you provide food and talk to Mr. John William Yettaw and accept letters and gifts from him?

A : I talked to Mr. John William Yettaw. I am not sure whether letters and items remained or were left by Mr. John William Yettaw. Only Mr. John William Yettaw himself knows that matter.

Q : Which date and time did Mr. John William Yettaw leave your home?

A : Mr. John William Yettaw left my home between 11.45 pm and mid-night on 5 May.

Q : Which way did Mr. John William Yettaw take when he left your home?

A : I only knew that Mr. John William Yettaw went to the lake. Because of the darkness, I don't know which way he took.

Q : Did Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun come and confiscate the things Mr. John William Yettaw had left at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?

A : Yes, Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun came and confiscated the things Mr. John William Yettaw had left.

Q : Were there members of security force at the surrounding of the residence while Mr. John William Yettaw was at the residence of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?

A : They were not in the compound. I don't know whether they were out of the compound or not.

Q : Did American citizen Mr. John William Yettaw take photos and shoot video in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi?

A : I don't know whether he took photos and shot video while I was at my house. I only learnt that he took photos and shot video when I appeared in court.

Q : Do Daw Aung San Suu Kyi know the facts prescribed in restriction order, prohibition order and order for extension of the prohibition order.

A : Yes, I know the facts written in the orders.

Next, prosecution witness Investigating Officer Police Captain Than Soe of Special Branch who remained to be examined in connection with the Criminal Case No 48/2009 filed against Mr. John William Yettaw was examined. He said that on 11 May he got the case of Bahan Police Station, (Pa) 302/09 under section 13 (1) of Immigration Act (Emergency Provisions) to examine; that he questioned prosecution witnesses the same day; that on 12 May he continued to question the prosecution witnesses and received the search forms handed over by Police Captain Maung Maung Myint and Police Captain Tin Zaw Tun; that he got the sample of Mr. John William Yettaw's writing in connection with the case and sent it together with Mr. John William Yettaw's writing confiscated at the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the Criminal Investigation Department in order to examine whether they were written by same person; that Mr. John William Yettaw was questioned the same day; that prosecution witnesses were examined on 13 May; that he presented two search forms handed over by Police Captain Sa Kyaw Win; that on 14 May Mr. John William Yettaw was arrested according to Case No 264/09 of Bahan Police Station and filed against him under section 13 (1) of Immigration Act (Emergency Provisions) at Yangon North District Court.

The proceedings are adjourned until 10 a.m. on 27 May.—MNA

Construction works in Ayeyawady Div inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Deputy minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspected Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road, Nalinkyaw bridge and Cyclone Shelters being constructed by T.Z.T.M and Ayeya Shwewah companies on 22 May.

The deputy minister and party looked into construction of Cyclone Shelters built by A1 company and Max Myanmar company in Pyinsalu Township on 23 May.

On 24 May, he visited Oaktwin-Htaiksun road section of Labutta-Oaktwin-Htaiksun road project, and Gwaychaung bridge construction workplace and worksite of construction of Cyclone shelter being built by F.M.I company.—MNA

Explosives discovered in Shwepyitha Township

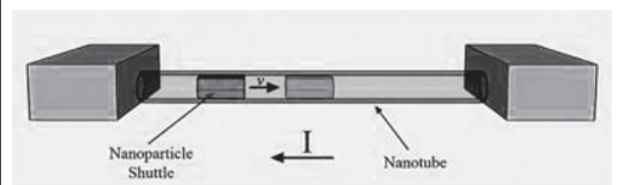
NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Explosives were unearthed in the compound of a home in Shwepyitha Township yesterday.

U Win Hlaing of No 289 (A), in Ward-18, Shwepyitha Township discovered 65 detonators put in a plastic bottle and some sulphur blocks weighing two tical when he was digging the ground in front of his home where Thet Oo Win (a) Gadon died in the explosion while he was assembling a bomb on 19 October, 2008.

U Win Hlaing handed over the devices and explosives to the authority. It is found that as the explosives are the same kind found in the blast in Maha Bandoola Park on 25 September, 2008, they are connected Thet Oo Win. Seven people were injured in the blast on 25 September, 2008. The explosives discovered yesterday were left by Thet Oo Win who planned to set successive bombings in Yangon but died.

MNA

New memory material may hold data for one billion years



Scientists are reporting an advance toward a memory device capable of storing data for more than one billion years.

WASHINGTON DC, 26 May — Scientists are reporting an advance toward developing a new computer memory device that can store thousands of times more data than conventional silicon chips with an estimated lifetime of more than one billion years. Their discovery is scheduled for publication in the June 10 issue of the American Chemical Society's Nano Letters, a monthly journal.

Alex Zettl and colleagues note in the new study that some of today's highest-density experimental storage media can retain ultra-dense data for only a fraction of a second. They note that William the Conqueror's Doomsday Book, written on vellum in 1086 AD, has survived 900 years. However, the medium used for a digital version of the book, encoded in 1986, failed within 20 years.

Internet

Prime Minister...

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Also present on the occasion were Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, ministers, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, personnel of the Chinese Embassy, the Director-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the stone plaque of 50-ton newspaper pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory in Yedashe Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects products of 50-ton pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory near Yeni No-2 paper factory. MNA

General of the Government Office, departmental heads, personnel, division, district and township-level departmental personnel from Bago Division, the factory manager and staff, members of social organizations and guests.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Ambassador Mr Ye Dabo of the People's Republic of China officially opened the factory.

The Prime Minister then unveiled the stone plaque of the factory and sprinkled scented water

on it. Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min, Minister U Aung Thaung, and personnel also sprinkled scented water on it.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister, together with the Commander, the ministers, the Chinese Ambassador, officials

concerned, Chairman of Chenyda Company and members, factory manager and personnel had documentary photos taken. Prime Minister and party inspected the factory. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung explained production processes of 80-ton packing paper factory and 50-ton newspaper pulp

factory to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister viewed storage of bamboo and wood raw materials, milling process of bamboo and wood, production process of pulp, wood and chemicals used in making pulp, pulp sheets and newsprint, newspaper whose printpaper is made of pulp of the factory, production of packing paper rolls in 80-ton packing factory. The Prime Minister signed on the paper produced by the factory.

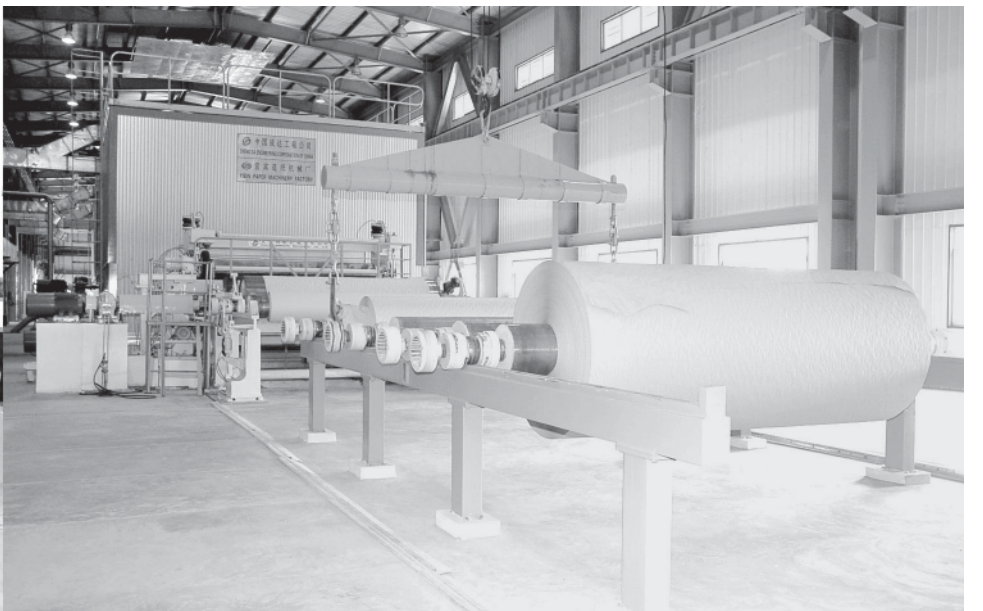
Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and the ministers and party put signatures on the paper produced by the factory.

At the briefing hall of the factory, minister U Aung Thaung reported to

the Prime Minister on facts about 50-ton newspaper pulp and 80-ton packing paper factory (Yeni), location and aim of the factory, demand and production of newspaper pulp and packing paper for a year, State's need and fulfillment on newspaper pulp for a year, generating capacity of the factory, demand on main raw materials such as soft wood, bamboo, limestone, caustic soda and water and electricity needs, demand on fuel and manpower, value of investment, production process, cultivation of timber and bamboo plantations, arrangements for upgrading of Yeni No.2 paper factory and machines installed at the factories and raw materials and products.

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Production Process of 50-ton pulp factory and 80-ton packing paper factory near Yeni No-2 paper factory.—MNA

Prime Minister...

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In his address, the Prime Minister said that the factory can reduce paper imports by producing pulp and packing paper at home with the effective use of natural resources. Building of more factories can contribute to development of the region and can create job opportunities for the local people, he added.

Then he stressed the need to operate machinery at full capacity for ensuring proper ratio between cost and income, to see that workers gain competence in work, to fulfill the requirement of raw materials and to grow timber and bamboo plants at factory-owned plots in order to fulfill the requirements on raw materials, carry out fire preventive and worksite safety measures and to conduct educative programme.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented a basket of fruits to the Chinese ambassador and the chairman of Chengda Company.

Then the Prime Minister accepted a gift to mark the opening of the factory presented by the Chinese ambassador and the chairman of the company.

The factory is situated near Yeni No-2 Pulp Factory in Yedashe Township of Taungoo District, Bago Division. The factory can produce 50 tons of newspaper pulp and 80 tons of packing paper per day. It was built by Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 with the aim

of reducing paper imports, ensuring regional development, job opportunities, better standard of living, modern technology and gaining experiences by using modern machines and equipments, producing newspaper pulp and packing paper on a wider scale to satisfy the demand of growing population and to improve the role of newspaper, to fulfill the demand of cement factories and to export the surplus.

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Press conference on clarifying Sections ...

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He said that regarding the authority bestowed on the Central Board, according to Article (10) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, the body has the following rights to impose restrictions to protect the State against subversive acts, and that is also exhibited with tables.

- (a) A person against whom action is taken can be detained for a period of not exceeding sixty days at a time. This can be extended to a period up to one hundred and eighty days.
- (b) A person against whom action is taken under Article 10 (b) can be restricted for a period of up to one year.

Regarding the authority of the Cabinet

(a) Article 10 (a)

(1) Under the Article 12, the Central Board shall obtain the approval of the Cabinet prior to the detention of a person against whom action is taken under Article 10 (a), in case such detention is considered necessary for a period longer than stipulated under Article 10 (a).

(2) Under Article 14, the Cabinet may grant prior approval to continue the detention or restriction of rights of a person against whom action is taken for a period of not exceeding one year at a time up to a total of five years.

(b) Article 10 (b)

(1) Under Article 13, the Central Board shall obtain the approval of the Cabinet in case it is considered necessary to extend the restrictions on a person against

whom action is taken under Article 10 (b).

(2) Under Article 14, the Cabinet may grant prior approval to continue the restrictions of rights of a person against whom action is taken for a period not exceeding one year at a time up to a total of five years.

When the Central Board reviews the restriction order in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, it can also review the detention order or prohibition order and has the right to do as follows:

(A) According to the Procedure 46 (b), if there is strong evidence of the danger, the restriction order can be changed as required and the detention order can be issued instead of the prohibition order and, according to the Procedure 46 (e), whether the restriction order is changed or not, the detention order can be cancelled and the prohibition order issued instead

(B) This being the case, the Central Board can change Article 10 (a) to Article 10 (b) and vice versa

According to Article 10 (a) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, the Central Board issued the prohibition order on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi three times in the period from 31-5-2003 to 27-11-2003, one time stretching up to 60 days totalling 180 days.

During that period, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had to be hospitalized at Asia Taw Win clinic on Baho road in Sangyaung Township on 17-9-2003 as she was suffering from a certain female disease. When her health improved, she was discharged from the clinic on 26-9-2003. The government sent her back to her house on University Avenue on humanitarian grounds and allowed her to live there till the prohibition period under Section 10 (a) expired on 27-11-2003.

Then, as it was necessary to issue Article 10 (a) because Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was likely to undermine the community peace and stability, the Central Board issued a one-year prohibition order on her at her house from 28-11-2003 to 27-11-2004 by changing Article 10 (a) to Article 10 (b) according to Procedure 46 (e).

When it no longer has the right to continue the prohibition and as it was necessary to issue another prohibition order, the Central Board, with the prior permission of the Cabinet, issued prohibition orders as follows:

- (a) one year from 28-11-2004 to 27-11-2005-First time
- (b) six months from 28-11-2005 to 27-5-2006-Second time
- (c) one year from 28-5-2006 to 27-5-2007-Third time
- (d) one year from 28-5-2007 to 27-5-2008-Fourth time
- (e) one year from 28-5-2008 to 27-5-2009-Fifth time

Therefore, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has been prohibited for 4 years and 6 months according to Article 13 and Article 14 and with the prior permission of the Cabinet. According to Article 14 and with the prior permission of the Cabinet, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can be prohibited for five years by issuing prohibition orders, each one covering the period of not more than one year. Therefore, according to the law, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi can be prohibited for another six months.

As has been mentioned above, on 27-5-2009, the fifth prohibition order that came into effect on 28-5-2008 expires and it will turn 4 years and six months.

Therefore, according to the law, the Central Board, with the prior permission of the Cabinet, has the right to prohibit her for another six months. However, as she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the founding leader of Myanmar, the Central Board was seriously considering whether to issue another 6-month prohibition order.

At this time, unfortunately, it was found out that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi allowed Mr John William Yettaw, an American citizen who entered her house illegally, to stay at her house for two days, received him and served meals to him. As it was against the law, she had to be sued.

Whatever it may be, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has the right to defend herself by asking for the services of a lawyer according to the law. In addition, the government has provided food, accommodation and health care to her on humanitarian grounds.

At 8.40 am, the press conference came to a close.

At 1 pm today, the cases against the American citizen Mr John William Yettaw, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma were heard at Yangon North District Court for the seventh day and ambassadors to Myanmar, charge d'affaires ai, diplomats, UNDP resident representatives, members of Myanmar foreign correspondents club, editorial staff of local journals and magazines and township representatives in Yangon Division were present as observers at the trial.—MNA



Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein.—MNA

Review past events from 1948 to 1988, study stability, peace and development of nation from 1988 to date

Aids provided for schools of Monywa



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe meeting with departmental officials and members of social organizations in Monywa.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe presents stationery and exercise books to a responsible person for schools in Monywa.—MNA

meeting with local people at the city hall of Monywa yesterday.

The meeting saw attendance figures of more than 2300 from 25 wards of Monywa.

Those responsible reported on progress in implementing regional development tasks and requirements. The commander and the minister attended to the needs, in coordination with officials concerned.

In his speech, the commander said that the government is working hard to ensure all-round development of the nation. Now, Sagaing Division has seen tangible progress as a result, he added, calling for maintenance of the already-achieved development momentum.

The minister said that the government is trying to fulfil the three requirements of the public: stability and peace, development, and freedom of business in the framework of the law; and that the people have to maintain the development momentum. He stressed the importance of generating a situation that can guarantee sustainable development of the nation, correctly reviewing the past events that took place from 1948 to 1988 and studying the stability, peace and development of the nation from 1988 to date.

The commander presented school textbooks and exercise books to the schools of the township, and the minister, K 1.5 million to needy students for their

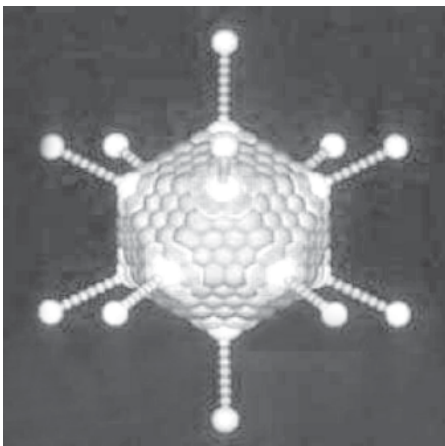


Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents stationery and exercise books to schools in Monywa through a responsible person.—MNA

school uniforms, K 1 million for upgrading Shwe Wah Yaung road to a tarred one, K 500,000 for respecting ceremony of Monywa No (1) Basic Education High School, and school textbooks and exercise books to the schools.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan held a

Virus tamed to destroy cancer cells



A common type of virus has been modified to attack cancer cells without harming healthy cells.

LONDON, 26 May — Scientists at Oxford University have tamed a virus so that it attacks and destroys cancer cells but does not harm healthy cells. They determined how to produce replication-competent viruses with key toxicities removed, providing a new platform for development of improved cancer treatments and better vaccines for a broad range of viral diseases.

Cellular microRNA molecules regulate the stability of mRNA in different cell types, and this newly-understood mechanism provides the possibility to engineer viruses for cell-specific inactivation.—Internet

Immunomagnetic beads can attract plague bacteria

SCIENCE DAILY, 26 May — Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists have used antibody-coated immunomagnetic beads (IMBs) to detect *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium that causes bubonic plague.

While similar techniques are often used to detect various bacterial species, the methods must be altered to suit specific pathogens.

This is done by taking advantage of variations in the biological makeup of the different bacteria. Because antibodies can be selected that bind to very specific targets, antibody-coated IMBs can be used to specifically remove target

pathogens from the other harmless bacteria present in most food.—Internet



ARS microbiologist George Paoli and his colleagues have developed antibody-coated immunomagnetic beads that can detect *Yersinia pestis*, the bacterium that causes bubonic plague.

Hundreds of Mt Qomolangma trekkers stranded after heavy snowfall

KATHMANDU, 26 May—Heavy snowfall and storm have hampered hundreds of tourists and trekkers in Mt Qomolangma region with most of them stranded at the base camp, 5,365 meters on Tuesday.

According to Nishant Shrestha, field officer of Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee at

Namche, Solukhumbu, more than 300 persons who were on their way to Lukla, were affected by the snowfall in the region.

Arun Pokharel, senior officer at the Mountaineering Department of the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation, said that tourists and trekkers couldn't proceed to their destinations due to the

storm and snowfall in the upper part of Mt. Qomolangma region including the base camp.

It is a very unusual phenomenon and the Himalayan range hadn't witnessed this kind of snowfall this season, said the general manager of Himalaya Expeditions, Satish Neupane.

Internet

Blast kills three police in South Russia

Moscow, 26 May — Three Chechen police were killed in an explosion during a special operation in the North Caucasus region of Ingushetia, the Interfax news agency reported on Tuesday, citing a source with the Chechen law enforcement

agency.

Three officers from the Chechen Interior Ministry died in a blast near the town of Dattkyh during a joint search operation with their Ingush counterparts late Monday, the source was quoted as saying.

An investigation group has left for the scene of the incident, where one Kalashnikov assault rifle and three Makarov pistols were said to have vanished.

Internet



A man works at the construction site along the riverside of the Bund in Shanghai, China, on 26 May, 2009. The reconstruction project of the riverside along the Bund in Shanghai started recently. —INTERNET

Three killed in bomb attack on US convoy

BAGHDAD, 26 May— Three people were killed and two others injured in a

roadside bomb explosion near a US convoy in western Iraq, the US

military said Tuesday.

The blast took place on Monday when a bomb struck an American convoy carrying soldiers, US government employees and contractors while they were traveling near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a military statement said.

It was not immediately known whether any of those killed or wounded in the attack were Americans.

Fallujah, part of Anbar province, once was the key Sunni insurgent stronghold in Iraq after the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraqi cities despite the U.S. and Iraqi officials announced a relative lull in violence during the past months.

Internet



Filipinos perform during the Makati Grand Parade marking its 339th Foundation Day in Manila's financial district, the Philippines, on 25 May, 2009. Makati is an affluent city and is dubbed as the financial capital of the Philippines. It provides free education to the youth from pre-school up to college and offers comprehensive medical benefits to its senior citizens. —INTERNET

Swedish navy stops ship attack in Gulf of Aden

STOCKHOLM, 26 May—Sweden's Navy says one of its ships detained seven suspected pirates after stopping them from capturing a cargo ship in the Gulf of Aden.

Swedish sailors fired warning shots with a cannon, a machine gun and a sniper rifle early Tuesday to thwart the attack on the M/V Antonis. The pirates fired a grenade launcher, but Swedish navy spokesman Anders Grenstad says no one was injured in the

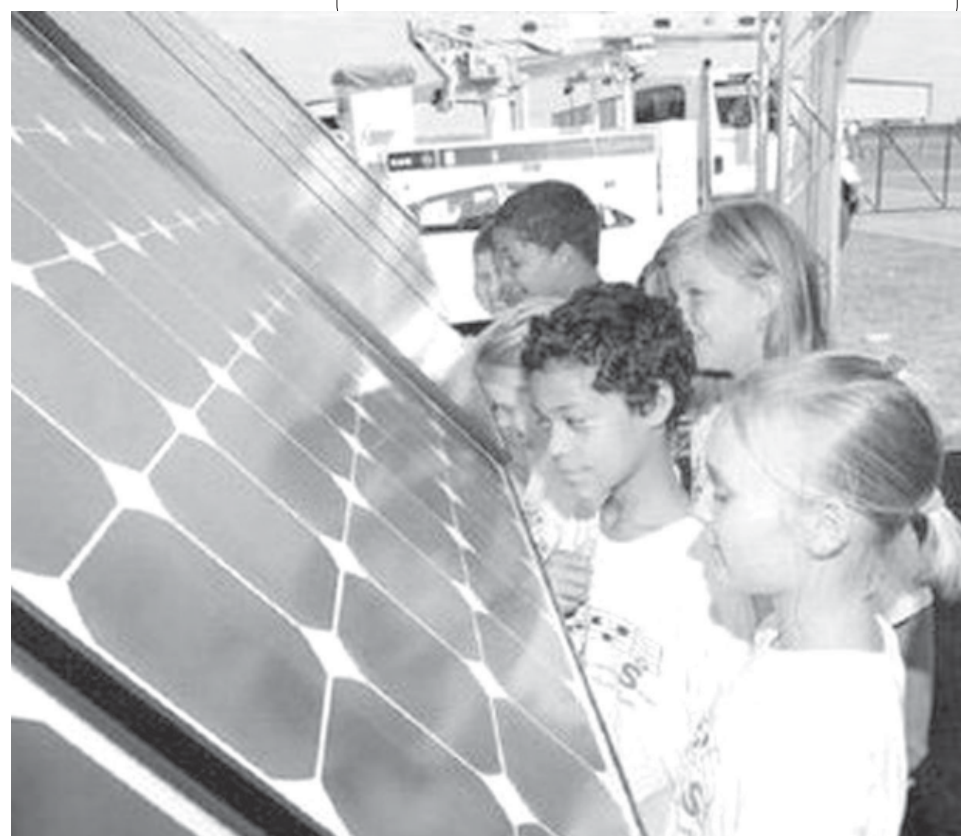
attack.

He says the crew of the Swedish corvette HMS Malmo boarded one of the fishing vessels used by the pirates, but a second pirate boat escaped.

Seven people were detained by the Swedes, who also seized weapons and a GPS navigation system.

Internet

Children from Memorial Elementary School examine photovoltaic solar panels at Florida Power and Light's DeSoto Next Generation Solar Energy Center outside Arcadia, Florida, in this 26 February, 2009 file photo. —INTERNET



Eurozone industrial new orders down by 0.8% in March

BRUSSELS, 26 May— The eurozone industrial new orders dropped by 0.8 percent month on month in March and by 26.9 percent year on year, the European Union (EU)'s statistics bureau Eurostat said Tuesday.

In February, the monthly index remained unchanged.

Excluding ships, railway and aerospace equipment, for which changes tend to be more volatile, industrial new

orders fell 0.2 percent over the previous month in the euro area in March and by 26.6 percent over a year ago.

In March, new orders for non-durable consumer goods recorded the largest monthly drop of 2.5 percent, while capital goods fell 2.1 percent. Durable consumer goods decreased by 1.8 percent and new orders for intermediate goods declined by 1.6 percent.

In the 27-nation EU,

industrial new orders declined by 0.7 percent month on month and by 25.5 percent compared with the same period of 2008. Among the member states for which data were available, total manufacturing working on orders rose in eight and fell in 13 on monthly basis.

The highest increase was registered at 44 percent in Denmark. Lithuania recorded the largest decline of 8.2 percent. —Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO (93309)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI MAJESTIC VOYNO (93309) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.5.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

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**Quit smoking
to help prevent
influenza**

HONG KONG, 26 May—
In view of the recent
emergence of A/H1N1
influenza worldwide, a
spokesman of Hong Kong
Department of Health (DH)
urged smokers Monday to
quit the habit, one of the
best preventive measures
against influenza.

"Research studies show
a higher risk of influenza
infections among smokers
when compared with non-
smokers," he said. "Also,
the mortality rate of
influenza among smokers
is higher than that of non-
smokers," said the
spokesman. Adopting
healthy lifestyles and
maintaining good personal
hygiene are also effective
measures to prevent
influenza, he added.
Starting from 27 May, the
DH will launch a series of
smoking cessation roving
exhibitions in various
districts to strengthen public
awareness of the harmful
effects of smoking and
enhance their knowledge of
how to quit smoking.
Visitors to the roving
exhibition will get a better
understanding of the perils
of smoking and second-
hand smoke, effective ways
to quit smoking as well as
tips and available channels
for quitting smoking.

MNA/Xinhua

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Blood****Russian FM visits Lebanon to show
support for stability**

BEIRUT, 26 May—Visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with Lebanese President Michel Suleiman on Monday in a show of support for Lebanon's stability ahead of the upcoming parliamentary elections on 7 June, local Elnashra website reported.

Lavrov's visit aims at "expressing support for Lebanon's stability and the efforts of the Lebanese authorities to hold free, fair and transparent parliamentary elections", an official statement by the Russian Embassy in Beirut said.

Lavrov arrived overnight in Beirut, a week after US Vice-President Joe Biden's visit to Lebanon during which he met with Lebanese officials and pro-government politicians ahead of the parliamentary elections, and in a show of support as well.

Lavrov also met with Prime Minister Fouad Seniora after his meeting with Suleiman in the morning. He will later meet with Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri and majority leader Saad Hariri, before leaving later in the day. Lavrov extended an invitation to Lebanon to participate in Russia's planned international conference on the Middle East, according to the report.—MNA/Xinhua

**France orders ship to
change course over
pollution**

PARIS, 26 May—A cargo ship suspected of deliberately dumping oil off the west coast of France obeyed an order to sail to the port of Brest late on Monday after ignoring a previous instruction, French maritime authorities said.

The *Matterhorn*, a 115-metre-long (377-foot) refrigerated cargo ship registered in Liberia, was spotted by a French Customs plane on Monday morning with a trail of oil in its wake 22-kilometre (14-mile) long by 200-metre wide.

The ship was sailing from Kaliningrad in Russia to the Canaries, Spanish islands off the coast of West Africa. French authorities did not specify what the ship was carrying or why it could be dumping oil.

The *Matterhorn* ignored a first order to change course and sail to Brest, prompting the French Navy to send out a helicopter from its *La Motte-Picquet* frigate to fly over the vessel and repeat the order.

A spokesman for maritime authorities in Brest said the ship had obeyed the second order and was now sailing towards the western port, where it was expected to arrive on Tuesday morning. —MNA/Reuters

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**Man, police officer hurt
saving two from train crash**

MILWAUKEE, 26 May—A freight train smashed into a minivan stuck on railroad tracks on Monday, injuring both a police officer and a husband who scrambled to pull his wife and boy to safety.

The woman and child were unhurt, said Jim Gage, the police chief in suburban Elm Grove.

The officer, 41-year-old John Krahn, was in satisfactory condition Monday evening following surgery, said Kim Wick, a spokeswoman for Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee. Scott Partenfelder, 47, was in critical condition Monday night after surgery that lasted nearly eight hours, the hospital said.

Gage said he was proud of Krahn, a 17-year veteran. "He did an awesome job," Gage said. "... I wish it would have been different. You don't want to see anybody getting hurt at all, especially a person like him, who's just been an awesome guy to work with and has done a great job for us."

It wasn't clear why the van driven by Monica Ensley-Partenfelder, 40, was on the tracks, but it appeared she got stuck in traffic, Gage said. The accident happened about 9:40 am Monday, less than hour before a Memorial Day parade was to start nearby. The parade was canceled.—Internet



This image from video shows a minivan that was hit by a train in Elm Grove, Wisc, on 25 May, 2009.

INTERNET

**Solar power could
surge by 2050 in
deserts**

PARIS, 26 May—Solar power plants in deserts using mirrors to concentrate the sun's rays have the potential to generate up to a quarter of the world's electricity by 2050, a report by pro-solar groups said on Monday.

The study, by environmental group Greenpeace, the European Solar Thermal Electricity Association (ESTELA) and the International Energy Agency's (IEA) SolarPACES group, said huge investments would also create jobs and fight climate change.

"Solar power plants are the next big thing in renewable energy," said Sven Teske of Greenpeace International and co-author of the report. The technology is suited to hot, cloudless regions such as the Sahara or Middle East. The 28-page report said investments in concentrating solar power (CSP) plants were set to exceed two billion euros (2.80 billion US dollars) worldwide this year, with the biggest installations under construction in southern Spain and California. —MNA/Reuters

**Ecuador closes
consulates in NY
over flu fears**

QUITO, 26 May—Ecuador temporarily closed its two consulates in New York City on Monday over fears one of its workers contracted the H1N1 flu virus that has sparked fears of a global pandemic.

Ecuador's Foreign Affairs Ministry said the consulates in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens would remain shut until health authorities are able to confirm whether it is a case of the new swine flu virus.

The Andean country has confirmed 24 cases of the virus, mostly contracted by people who visited countries such as the United States and Mexico with the most confirmed cases, or who had close contact with travellers.

The World Health Organization has confirmed 12,515 infections across 46 countries with the newly discovered strain that has killed 91 people.

MNA/Reuters

A sunny bank holiday brings cancer risk

LONDON, 26 May—Sunny weather during last public Bank Holiday weekend in Britain brought thousands of sun worshippers to seaside resorts and attractions across the country, as temperatures hit 26 degrees, the warmest day so far this year.

But many may have been risking their health as cancer charities warned on Monday that skin cancer rates have risen dramatically in the

last few years.

The annual Southend Airshow in southeast England brought thousands to the coast to enjoy the spectacle of military jets and acrobatic teams. Indulging in ice-creams, drinking beer and eating sandwiches in the May sunshine, few took the precaution of using sun block.

Despite warnings from cancer charities, few people heeded the advice, and instead attempted to

take advantage of the occasional sunny weather to obtain a tan.

English playwright and composer Noel Coward once summed up the quintessentially British attitude to high temperatures in his 1932 song "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," describing his countrymen as "impervious to heat." Indeed, the British are crazy for hot and sunny temperatures.

Internet



Small toy helicopters. In a new spin on the term "roaming charge," Brazilian police busted a gang trying to deliver cellphones to a top-security prison using a remote-controlled toy helicopter, media reported on Monday.—INTERNET

Amazon hit by climate chaos of floods, drought



File photo is seen the Anama Lake after a drought affected the levels of parts of the Amazon River, 168 km from Manaus, Brazil.—INTERNET

ago, the same communities suffered an unprecedented drought that ruined crops and left mounds of river fish flapping and rotting in the mud.

Experts suspect global warming may be driving wild climate swings that appear to be punishing the Amazon with increasing frequency.—Internet

Study says businesses can create clean energy jobs

COPENHAGEN, 26 May—Business leaders vowed Monday to help world governments set a price on carbon, establishing a market that governments can use to cut greenhouse gases.

"I think we can craft some pretty clear direction," said Tony Hayward, the chief executive officer of BP PLC.

That approach requires governments to join a new UN-administered treaty for regulating greenhouse gases that proponents hope to hammer out by December.

It would set limits on carbon dioxide and then issue permits to companies that divvy up how much of the overall pollution each of them can emit. Any unused portions can be traded to other companies.

Hayward said most executives he had spoken with agree the world "is going to establish a carbon price" — making carbon emissions a global commodity, with a universally accepted price, probably through so-called "cap-and-trade" by governments and the marketplace.

The other option is a direct carbon tax, favoured by some at the meeting. The predictions came at a global business summit where corporate leaders are focusing on how to help politicians negotiate a new global climate treaty to succeed the Kyoto treaty that expires in 2012.

Internet

SAO PAULO, 26 May—ACROSS the Amazon basin, river dwellers are adding new floors to their stilt houses, trying to stay above rising floodwaters that have killed 48 people and left 405,000 homeless.

Flooding is common in the world's largest remaining tropical wilderness, but this year the waters rose higher and stayed longer than they have in decades, leaving fruit trees entirely submerged. Only four years



Dolphins follow a ferry linking two Greek islands, Samos and Agathonisi, in the southeast Aegean Sea, a few miles from the west coast of Turkey.

INTERNET

A/H1N1 confirmed cases continue to rise in Asia-Pacific region

HONG KONG, 26 May—The number of A/H1N1 flu cases continued to rise in Asia-Pacific region on Monday, with new confirmed reports coming from China, China's Hong Kong, South Korea and Japan.

China's Ministry of Health Monday confirmed two new cases of A/H1N1 influenza on the mainland, bringing the mainland's total number of confirmed A/H1N1 cases to 11.

In Hong Kong, a four-year-old boy and his younger sister tested positive for the A/H1N1

virus on Monday, bringing the total number of confirmed cases in the city to nine, health authorities of the HKSAR told a press briefing Monday evening.

On the same day, South Korea's health authorities reported an additional confirmed case of In-fluenza A/H1N1, raising the total number of confirmed cases in the country to 22.

A 24-year-old US citizen, who came to the country as an English teacher at a private language institute, was tested for the infection along with 14 other

people who were confirmed positive for the virus over the weekend, the Ministry for Health, Welfare and Family Affairs said.

Internet

Mexican A/H1N1 flu deaths rise to 83, infections now at 4,541

MEXICO CITY, 26 May—Mexico's Health Ministry has now confirmed a total of 83 deaths from the A/H1N1 flu in the country, three more from the previous report, the ministry said in a Monday statement.

The statement also raised the total number of A/H1N1 virus infections to 4,541. However, it said that the rise of the figures was not caused by any new deaths or infections, but just through confirmation of previously reported suspected cases.

Internet

Canada reports second A/H1N1 flu death

OTTAWA, 26 May—A 44-year-old man has died of A/H1N1 flu in Toronto, the second such case in Canada, health officials said on Monday.

The man died on Saturday and lab testing the next day confirmed he had been infected with the new A/H1N1 flu virus, according to a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) report on Monday.

The man had other chronic medical problems and it is not clear what role the new flu played in the man's death, Ontario's acting chief medical officer of health, Dr David Williams, said in a statement.—Internet

11 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 26 May—A European health agency said on Monday that 11 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 4 were confirmed in Britain, 3 in Spain, 3 in France and one in the Czech Republic, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report. The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries rose to 360, with 136 cases in Spain and 137 in Britain, 19 each in Italy and France, and 17 in Germany, the ECDC said.—Internet

SPORTS

Mourinho extends contract with Inter Milan



Jose Mourinho

MILAN, 26 May—Jose Mourinho put an end to rumours linking him with taking over as coach of Real Madrid on Monday when it was announced he had extended his contract with Serie A champions Inter Milan. The Portu-

guese - who had suggested that he wasn't 100 percent certain of staying in Italy last Thursday before denying he was going anywhere on Saturday - was originally contracted to Inter till June 2011 but his extension will see him stay there till June 2012.

"This extension is in response to the willingness of the coach to pursue his project that he panned out a year ago, which is a sign of attachment to the club and a spirit to always win," read a statement from the club.—*Internet*

Sunderland axe Cisse

SUNDERLAND, 26 May—France striker Djibril Cisse will not be joining Sunderland on a permanent basis, the Premier League club confirmed on Monday.

Cisse, 27, spent the season on loan at the Stadium of Light from Marseille and scored 11 goals in 38



France striker Djibril Cisse

appearances for the Black Cats. Sunderland had negotiated the terms of a permanent transfer, believed to be worth around 10 million pounds, when they originally took Cisse on loan.

But chairman Niall Quinn revealed they would not be taking up that option. He told the club's official website: "We wish Djibril well and thank him for his contribution to the club this season."

Although Cisse helped Sunderland retain their Premier League status, he scored only once in his last 12 matches and was an unused substitute for Sunday's 3-2 loss to Chelsea.—*Internet*

Japan to play Chile, Belgium in World Cup warm-up

TOKYO, 26 May—Former Asian champions Japan will tune up for the World Cup qualifiers by playing Chile and Belgium in the three-nation Kirin Cup football tournament this week.

In the Asian final qualifying round Group A, Australia lead the table with four wins and a draw for 13 points, followed by Japan on 11 points and Bahrain on seven points. Uzbekistan and Qatar each have four points.

The top two teams will qualify for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, while the third-placed team will have to survive playoffs.

One more win for Japan will secure qualification. "It is natural to think we are just one step away from the World Cup, but I've seen so many times that the tables can turn before winning. We haven't got anything yet," said Japan coach Takeshi Okada.

"We plan to gain our top form through these two games. We are just determined to do our best to beat Uzbekistan in our next game and concentrate on that," he added.

Japan will play Chile in Osaka on Wednesday and Belgium in Tokyo on Sunday in the Kirin Cup before playing Uzbekistan away on June 6, Qatar at home on June 10 and Australia away on 17 June.—*Internet*

Moyes not worried by Everton's underdog tag

LIVERPOOL, 26 May—Everton manager David Moyes says he has no problem with the fact that his club are huge underdogs for the FA Cup final against Chelsea on Saturday. Moyes will take his team to Wembley with his preparations affected because South African winger Steven Pienaar is a potential doubt for the match with a hamstring injury, although sources at the club are hopeful he may recover in time to feature.—*Internet*

Elliott stunner fires Burnley into Premier League

LONDON, 26 May—Sheffield United manager Kevin Blackwell admits he could quit Bramall Lane to avoid suffering the consequences of his side's failure to win promotion to the Premier League.



Wade Elliott (centre) of Burnley is tackled by Stephen Quinn (left) and Nick Montgomery of Sheffield United during the Championship Play-Off Final between Burnley FC and Sheffield United FC at Wembley Stadium, north London.—*INTERNET*

The Blades fell at the final hurdle on Monday as Wade Elliott's superb strike condemned them to a 1-0 defeat against Burnley in the Championship play-off final at Wembley.

Losing with the promised land of English football's top-flight within touching distance is always a heartbreaking experience. But Blackwell was speaking with experience as well as raw emotion when he said he would have to think hard about his future.

Blackwell was in charge of Leeds when they lost to Watford in the 2006 final and knows what a catastrophic effect defeat in the showpiece can have on a club.—*Internet*

Safina defeats Keothavong in French Open

PARIS, 26 May—Top seed Dinara Safina crushed Anne Keothavong 6-0, 6-0 on Monday to reach the French Open second round.

The Russian will face compatriot Vitalia Diatchenko for a place in the last 32.—*Internet*



Russia's Dinara Safina waits for a serve by Anne Keothavong at the French Open tennis first round match at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris.

INTERNET

Venus Williams into French Open second round

PARIS, 26 May—American third seed Venus Williams reached the French Open second round on Monday with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 win over compatriot Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

Williams will face either Germany's Sabine Lisicki or Lucie Safarova for a place in the last 32.—*Internet*



US Venus Williams returns a ball to US Bethanie Mattek-Sands during the French Open tennis first round match at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.—*INTERNET*

Celtic search for new boss after Strachan quits

GLASGOW, 26 May—Celtic have been forced to launch a hurried search for a new manager after Gordon Strachan quit the Scottish Premier League club.

Strachan resigned on Monday just a day after a disappointing campaign ended with Celtic surrendering the title to bitter rivals Rangers for the first time in four years - made worse by the fact Celtic at one point had a seven point advantage over their bitter rivals.

The Celtic board now need to act quickly to appoint a new boss because the new season will begin in late July with a Champions League qualifier.

A number of managers have already been linked with the job as Celtic chairman John Reid and chief executive Peter Lawwell prepare to draw up a shortlist of candidates.

Internet

Sharapova steals spotlight from Nadal, Federer

PARIS, 26 May—Rafael Nadal, bidding for an historic fifth successive French Open, and Roger Federer, still seeking a first Roland Garros crown to complete a career Grand Slam, swept into the second round on Monday.

But the two great rivals were overshadowed by the eagerly-awaited Grand

Slam return of Maria Sharapova, the world's highest-paid and most recognisable sportswoman.

The Russian golden girl, ranked at a lowly 102 after a nine-month absence to cure a shoulder injury, overcame Belarussian Anastasiya Yakimova 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 and book a last 64 date against compatriot Nadia Petrova, the 11th seed.

Internet

Rome tries to avoid 'Stab City' tag

ROME, 26 May—Authorities in Rome have been moving to try to calm concerns that Wednesday's Champions League final risks being marred by fan violence.

Rome has been somewhat unkindly nicknamed 'Stab City' by English fans and press alike due to a number of previous incidents over the years where English fans have been stabbed by AS Roma supporters when coming to the Italian capital to watch their team in the Champions League.—*Internet*



Russian player Maria Sharapova serves to Belarus' Anastasiya Yakimova during their French Open tennis first round match at Roland Garros stadium in Paris. Sharapova won 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.—*INTERNET*



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

Press conference on clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts held



Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts.—MNA

YANGON, 26 May—A press conference on clarifying Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts took place at the office of the director-general of the Correction Department in Insein Township here at 8.25 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Chief of the Special Branch of MPF Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, ambassadors, charges d' affaires a.i and diplomats from the foreign embassies to Myanmar, and the acting resident representative of United Nations Development Programme totalling 45, 15 members of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, 10 editorial staff members from local journals and magazines, 20 representatives of townships in Yangon Division, and Advocate U Hla Myo Myint defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, altogether numbering 91.

Advocates U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe who are defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma were invited to the press conference.

Advocate U Kyi Win arrived at the gate of the Correction Department together with U Hla Myo Myint at 7.32 am, but he left the gate, saying that he would have to examine a case.

Of the four advocates, U Hla Myo Myint was the only one who attended the press conference.

The MPF chief in his introductory speech said that the trial against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attracts local and international attention considerably; that action has been taken against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that some have learnt the effects of Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b), but some do not know them thoroughly and clearly, and some misunderstand them; that Advocate U Kyi Win and party who are defending

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi were invited to the press conference for some discussions, however, Advocate U Hla Myo Myint is the only one who appears at the press conference; that it is some time late to start the press conference, awaiting U Nyan Win, U Kyi Win and Daw Khin Htay Kywe; that in response to the request of foreign diplomats, local and foreign correspondents and guests, they were given permission to attend the press conference; and that Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein, a member of the Central Board of Home Affairs will make further clarification to the points.

Police Brig-Gen Myint Thein said that some understand well the existing laws of Myanmar, but some do not; that on behalf of the Central Board he will explain facts about Articles 10 (a) and 10 (b) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts; that the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts was enacted under 1975 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No. 3 to prevent the infringement of the sovereignty and security of the State against any threat to the peace of the people, and against the threat of those desiring to cause subversive acts causing the destruction of the country, without impeding citizens' fundamental rights; that under Article (7) of that law, the Cabinet is authorized to pass an order, as may be necessary, restricting any fundamental right of any person suspected of having committed or committing or believed to be about to commit, any act which endangers the sovereignty and security of the State or public peace and tranquillity; and that for the implementation of the authorization the Cabinet has formed a Central Board on its behalf, chaired by the Minister of Home Affairs.

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Head movement more important than gender in nonverbal communication



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RICHMOND, 26 May—When women and men converse together, the men use a little more head motion and the women use a little less. But the men and women might be adapting because of their gender-based expectations or because of the movements they perceive from each other.

Using new videoconferencing technology, a team of psychologists and computer scientists – led by Steven Boker, a professor of psychology at the University of Virginia – were able to switch the apparent gender of study participants during conversation and found that head motion was more important than gender in determining how people coordinate with each other while engaging in conversation.—Internet

