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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

World No-Tobacco Day-2009 marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The World No-Tobacco Day-2009, jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization, was observed at the ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

In his address, the minister said that tobacco and its products are hazardous to health, social and economic affairs of the people including environmental affairs. The World Health Organization estimated that consumption of tobacco



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivering a speech at World No-Tobacco Day-2009.—MNA

and tobacco products kill over five million population yearly, and the use of tobacco may be the main factor to causing the diseases in

the year 2020, he said.

He add that Myanmar is the 11th country that approved the International Convention on Tobacco Control. The

government promulgated the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Products Law as Law No. 5/2006 of the State Peace

and Development Council on 4 May 2006, he noted. The minister said that the law includes some provisions of the convention such as

designation of tobacco free areas, prohibition of tobacco advertisement at all, prohibition for the children in selling tobacco (See page 8)

For sustainable development of natural lakes

Article and Photos: Win Kyaing (MFF)

Myanmar people have preferred freshwater fish to meat since the time before Myanmar saw commercial-scale freshwater fish farming. They not only cook in raw but also treat fish and prawn variously for long-term consumption such as freshwater fish paste, fried fish, pickled fish, shrimp paste, salted

fish, smoked fish, fried prawn, pickled prawn, fish sauce and prawn sauce. In the past, Myanmar people consumed freshwater fish much more than saltwater fish, so they were urged to consume much saltwater fish.

Now, freshwater fishing has become popular owing

to the nation's growing population and decreasing production of freshwater fish. So, it is required to seek better ways and means to conserve natural lakes, ponds, rivers and creeks for boosting production of fish and prawn.

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Inn-yeygi lake in Kyonpyaw Township, Ayeyawady Division.

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 1 June, 2009

Strive for national development through the strength of government, people and Tatmadaw

Swa Creek Bridge, situated at the mile post No. 198/2 on Yangon-Toungoo-Mandalay Union Highway in Yedashe Township, Bago Division, was inaugurated on 29 May.

Bago Division plays an important role in the national economic sector and Yedashe is an agriculturally reliable township with thriving plantations of paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops.

Thanks to Swa Creek Bridge, road transport in the division will develop with a speedy flow of commodities. Moreover, there will also be easy access to other states and divisions with the use of the already-built roads and bridges.

Now, Nay Pyi Taw can be reached quickly not only through the already opened 8-lane expressway but also through Swa Creek Bridge on Yangon-Bago-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Road.

With the emergence of Swa Creek Bridge, the local people will have opportunities to improve their education, health and social sectors. And as a result, all the regions of the Union will develop equitably.

Swa Creek Bridge is the 18th of 180 feet and above bridges in Bago Division bringing the total number of bridges in the State to 226.

Through the bridge, machinery, finished goods from Yeni Paper Plant, agro-based products, raw materials and finished goods in Thagara Industrial Zone in Yedashe Township can be transported at a low cost.

In reality, the emergence of a network of roads and bridges across the country reflects the government's goodwill towards the people, the expertise and innovation of Myanmar engineers and the unity and endeavour of the national people. With the government, the people and the Tatmadaw working harmoniously, the State will surely develop soon.



Director U Tin Latt of SD Paints Co Ltd presents awards to the merchants.—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

A&I Minister views free eye care services for patients

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The free eye care service, with the contributions of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Defence, social organizations, departments concerned, townselders and Sakkhupaladi Foundation of Hinthada District, was provided for the second time at Hinthada Township Hospital commencing 29 May.

In the morning, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay

U Thein Myint of Hinthada Township Hospital and social organizations, at the hospital and comforted the patients with eye complaints.

The minister and officials looked into eye surgery being performed by specialists and assistance of social organization members for the monks and other patients and attended to the needs.

At the hall of the hospital, the minister explained eye, ear and nose



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo encourages patients with eye complaints at Hinthada Township Hospital.

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Oo viewed the eye tests and compilation of medical records being undertaken by the 32-member team led by Professor Dr U Tin Win of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital, the seven-member team led by Lt-Col Daw Yupa Aung of No. 2 Military Hospital, the medical team led by

care services being provided for the people of Hinthada District, and Professor Dr U Tin Win the progress of medical treatment.

Medical Superintendent Dr U Thein Myint accepted one 25 KV generator for the hospital donated by U Zaw Win Oo-Daw Su Su Shwe of Bright

Time Trading Co Ltd.

The minister, wife and family and wellwishers donated cash to the funds of Sakkhupaladi Foundation. The medical superintendent and the vice-chairman of the foundation spoke words of thanks.

Sakkhupaladi Foundation performed the eye care service for

the first time in 2008. The second time eye care service for 2009 was undertaken for 5000 patients with eye complaint up to 1 June. On 29 June, the eye tests were conducted on 2022 patients with eye complaints and the eye surgery performed on 261 persons.—MNA

Biggest buyers of SD paints honoured

YANGON, 31 May – SD Paints Co Ltd honoured the merchants who purchased its products most in 2008 at Excel Treasure Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township here this evening.

Managing Director U Tin Latt extended greetings and Executive Director Dr San San Win

explained facts about the company products. Next, U Tin Latt presented awards to the merchants who bought the company products most. The company possessing ISO 9001-2000 is distributing New Diamond paints, SD

paints, New Tex paints and paints with new formulation. The products will be available at a 10 percent discount in 2009.

SD paints are available at SD Paints Co Ltd of No. 71, 26th Street

(Lower Block), Pabedan Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-245192, 250175) and of No. 298, (A-1), 82nd Street between 27th and 28 Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 02-72104, 72105).

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SAY NO TO DRUGS

Constant mistaken killings tarnishing future of US-led Int'l troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 31 May — Mohammad Aslam does not trust the NATO forces in Afghanistan. Like his many other compatriots, this young Afghan thinks the international forces are all about killing civilians in his miserable country.

"Afghans no longer need the foreign forces on their soil, because they just kill Afghans rather than protect them against the enemies and the terrorists," Aslam, 27, an ordinary Afghan citizen told *Xinhua*.

He sounded greatly dismayed when asked to comment on NATO's popularity among the Afghans following incidents in which the international forces had mistakenly killed civilians.

There is a profound impression in

the country that the killing of more than 140 civilians in a recent NATO air raid in Balablok district of Afghanistan's western Farah Province has caused substantial damage to the image of the alliance in the eyes of war-weary Afghans.

However, the US-led forces denied the figures saying the warplanes targeted a Taliban hideout inflicting casualties mostly on the insurgents as 20 to 30 civilians were also killed in the bombardment.

A Press release of the Afghan Defence Ministry later confirmed that "in line with the president order, a joint delegation under General Shahzada, after visiting Balablok and probing the case, confirmed that 140 civilians had been killed and 25 others sustained injuries."—*Internet*



Afghans sort the damaged books and papers after school was burnt by arsonists during overnight in Daman district of Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 28 May, 2009. Officials say arsonists have burned down a boys school overnight in southern Kandahar.—INTERNET

US urges more foreign aid for Afghanistan

SINGAPORE, 31 May — US Defence Secretary Robert Gates on Saturday urged the international community to give more aid to Afghanistan to build infrastructure, expand its military and police, and ensure security for elections this year.

"I know some in Asia have concluded that Afghanistan does not represent a strategic threat for their countries, owing in part to Afghanistan's geographic location," Gates told a meeting of defence ministers in Singapore.

"But the threat from failed or failing states is international in scope — whether in the security, economic or ideological realms."—*Internet*

Japan tally of A/H1N1 flu patients reaches 377

TOKYO, 31 May — With seven confirmed cases reported in Osaka, Hyogo and Chiba prefectures, Japan's A/H1N1 patients totalled 377 in 11 prefectures on Saturday.

In Hyogo Prefecture, Kobe High School and Hyogo High School, with 17 and 43 confirmed cases of the new flu respectively, reopened on Saturday and will resume classes on Monday following a two-week closure.

The prefectural authorities said that the move came as no new H1N1 cases have been found at the two schools and Kobe High School and Hyogo High School since May 21 and all those infected with the new flu at the two schools have recovered.—*MNA/Xinhua*



The site of an explosion in Kapisa Province north of Kabul, Afghanistan, recently.
INTERNET

Afghan governor wounded in blast

KABUL, 31 May — The governor of the northern Afghan Province of Kunduz was slightly wounded on Saturday when his car was struck by a roadside bomb, his spokesman told *CNN*.

Gov Mohammad Omar was returning from neighbouring Takhar Province when the remotely detonated bomb went off, said his spokesman Mahbublah Saydi. The attack, which happened at 8 am (11:30 pm ET), damaged his car and also left his driver slightly wounded, Saydi said. There were news reports on Saturday of a roadside bomb in the southern province of Kandahar, but the Kandahar governor's spokesman told *CNN* there had been no such attack. Also Saturday, Afghan and coalition forces in eastern Afghanistan detained three suspected al-Qaeda operatives, the US military said.—*Internet*

Afghan battles leave 12 militants, six police dead

KABUL, 31 May — Separate battles between government troops and Taliban fighters in west Afghanistan left over two dozen people dead including 12 rebels, officials said on Sunday.

The first clash occurred in Khak-e-Safid district of Farah Province on Saturday night left 12

militants dead, an army officer in west Afghanistan Syed Karim Sami told *Xinhua*.

A Taliban local commander Mullah Ghulam Rasoul who had organized the attacks is also among the dead bodies, the officer further said.

Moreover, police spokesman in west of Afghanistan Abdul Rauf Ahmadi told *Xinhua* that Taliban attacked on police checkpoint in Balablok district of Farah Province Saturday night left six policemen dead.—*Internet*

Six dead in internal Palestinian fighting

QALQILIYA (West Bank), 31 May — Palestinian security officials say six people have been killed in a firefight between Hamas fighters and Palestinian policemen in the West Bank.

The officials say three of the men are Palestinian policemen loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah. They say two are fighters from the rival Hamas organization, and another is a civilian.

The violence is the worst flare-up of Fatah-Hamas fighting yet seen in the West Bank. Bloodshed between Fatah and Hamas was common in the Gaza Strip until Hamas routed Fatah and took control of the coastal territory two years ago.

The security officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information to the media.

They said the police were trying to arrest the Hamas men when shooting erupted.—*Internet*



An Afghan man is searched by a police officer at a check point near Forward Operation Base (FOB) Masum Ghar in Kandahar Province, recently.—INTERNET



Rescuers wait at the entrance to a coal mine where a colliery gas burst at Tonghua Coal Mine in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, on 30 May, 2009. The accident has killed 30 and injured 59 miners.—INTERNET

India economy headed higher

NEW DELHI, 31 May—India's economy is on the upswing with eyes now keenly focused on July's planned budget for new market-opening moves by the freshly re-elected Congress government, analysts say.

The country logged unexpectedly strong 5.8 percent growth in the final quarter to March 2009, against forecasts of 5.0 percent, figures late last week showed, prompting analysts to say the economy had turned the corner.

"We see a new growth

Germany seals deal to save Opel

BERLIN, 31 May—Germany heaved a sigh of relief on Saturday over a deal with Canadian auto parts group Magna, General Motors and the US government to save carmaker Opel from the imminent bankruptcy of its US parent.

The accord sealed after six hours of talks in Chancellor Angela Merkel's offices still needs final approval but seemed set to ringfence Opel and its 50,000 workers in Europe from a GM Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing widely expected for Monday.

Merkel said US President Barack Obama — due to visit Germany next week — helped swing the deal with a telephone call on Friday.—INTERNET

cycle taking shape with the first step seven percent and then eight percent," said Rajeev Malik, economist at Macquarie Securities.

India's economy expanded by 6.7 percent in the year to March 2009, down from nine percent a year earlier.

But the country of nearly 1.2 billion people is performing far better than many others caught in the global slump, thanks to its

vast, resilient domestic market, hefty government spending and aggressive rate cuts, analysts say.

Foreign capital is pouring back into India with the benchmark Sensex share index near a nine-month high of 14,625 following a spurt in May after the Congress party was swept back to power with its biggest seat haul in 18 years.

INTERNET

Dozens of whales perish on South African shore

CAPE TOWN, 31 May—Authorities shot dozens of exhausted whales that beached on a shore near South Africa's storm-lashed southern tip on Saturday amid scenes of grief and despair from volunteers who had tried to save them.

Fifty-five false killer whales washed up on the shores of Kommetjie, near the Cape of Good Hope, in the early morning, prompting a massive all-day rescue effort. Hundreds of locals wearing wet suits or shorts braved high winds and rough waves to try to push the massive mammals from knee-deep water back into the open sea.

To no avail.

"I feel quite sad, but it is the right thing to do," Nan Rice, head of the Dolphin Action and Protection Group, told the *South African Press Association*.

"They are huge animals and are stranded over a vast area. Unfortunately they (the volunteers) couldn't do it."

One woman suffered suspected fractured ribs after being pinned between a whale and rocks. A number of volunteers had to be rescued from the surf while trying to swim the whales beyond the breaking waves, according to Ian Klopper of the National Sea Rescue Institute.

INTERNET



File photo of an oil platform situated off the coast of Angola. Thanks to high oil prices and a peacetime construction frenzy, Angola has enjoyed annual double-digit growth since a 27-year civil war ended in 2002 to become one of the world's fastest growing economies.—INTERNET

Retail giant Wal-Mart opens in India

AMRITSAR, 31 May—The world's number one retailer Wal-Mart opened its first sales venture in India on Saturday as part of an ambitious plan to establish a foothold in the country's vast consumer market.

The US discount chain has teamed up with Bharti Enterprises, parent of India's biggest mobile firm Bharti Airtel, in a wholesale joint venture to be called Best Price Modern Wholesale.

"We have put in a lot

of planning and preparation over the past 12 months and are delighted all the hard work will now bear fruit as we open the doors of our first cash-and-carry store in India," said Wal-Mart India head Raj Jain.

The opening of Wal-Mart's first "big box" outlet in Amritsar city in the wheat-bowl northern state of Punjab, is a high-stakes one for the US retailer, which has been expanding internationally to grow its revenues.—INTERNET

Members of the public and officials help to push back one of the dozens of pilot whales who beached itself at Kommetjie near Cape Town, on 30 May, 2009. About 55 whales were stranded on a beach near Cape Town on Saturday and rescue teams had to put some down after failing to return them all to the ocean, the sea rescue institute said.—INTERNET

Anticipated hurricanes leaving consumers exposed

CHARLOTTE, 31 May—As the 2009 hurricane season arrives, many homeowners are finding insurance is either more expensive, or harder to get.

Home owners from New York to Florida and in the Gulf Coast region are again seeing premiums rise and coverage change. And more are being dropped completely by their carriers as insurers try to limit their exposure in high-risk areas.

"They just don't like being in the business ... too much risk," said Scott Hall of Market Street Advisers,

a financial advisory firm in Wilmington, NC.

Homeowners' insurance premiums are up about 3 percent nationwide and probably more in some coastal areas where the potential for damage is greater, according to the Insurance Information Institute, a New York-based industry group. The hurricane season starts on Monday and runs until 30 November.

Several factors are affecting premiums and coverage, including the \$26 billion insurers paid out on

catastrophic losses last year and the impact of financial market turmoil on the companies' earnings. Changes in state regulations are also driving some premiums higher.

Late last year, Allstate Corp and State Farm Insurance Cos, two of the nation's top home and auto insurers, raised premiums in states including Texas, saying the increase was needed to offset a rising number of claims. Hurricanes Gustav and Ike hit the US in September.

INTERNET





Chinese peacekeepers demonstrate martial arts to children at the children's village in Bukavu in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), on 30 May, 2009. The ninth Chinese peacekeeping team arrived at the SOS children's village in Bukavu on Saturday. They donated medicines, stationery and gym equipment to children and celebrated the International Children's Day with them. —XINHUA

US says looking at India as provider of security in Indian Ocean

WASHINGTON, 31 May— Describing India as one of the emerging power centres, the US has said it is looking at the country to be a “partner” and a “provider of security” in the “Indian Ocean and beyond” in the coming years.

“In the coming years, we look to India to be a partner and net provider of security in the Indian Ocean and beyond,” US Defence Secretary

Robert Gates said in a speech at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Singapore.

Identifying India as one of the emerging power centres, Gates said: “When it comes to India, we have seen a watershed in our relations — cooperation that would have been unthinkable in the recent past.” Transcripts of his speech were made

available by the Department of Defence here.

“As Admiral Keating, commander of United States Pacific Command, recently wrote, it is a ‘genuine convergence of national interests’,” Gates said.

During his speech, Gates also praised India's positive role in development of Afghanistan post-Taliban.—Xinhua

Palestinian inter-reconciliation agreement is to be signed on 7 July

GAZA, 31 May—A senior independent Palestinian official said on Saturday that an inter-Palestinian reconciliation agreement is expected to be signed by senior Palestinian leaders in Cairo on 7 July. Yasser al-Wadeya, head of the delegation of the independent Palestinian figures, told reporters that members of the five different reconciliation committees are scheduled to start their talks in Cairo by early June.

The five committees will discuss unresolved remaining issues related to unity government, security forces, the elections

law, reforming the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) and the inter-reconciliation.

“The talks of the five committees will be the last round of dialogue before the chiefs of Palestinian factions head to Cairo on 5 July to negotiate the draft of the agreement before it will be apparently signed on 7 July,” said al-Wadeya. He added that these dates were informed

to the factions chiefs, adding that the independent figures had also presented their final proposals to Egypt, to resolve security, elections and government issues. Al-Wadeya called on rival Fatah and Hamas movements to stop all measures that would obstruct the reconciliation efforts at the last moment, “mainly media incitement and political arrests.”

Xinhua

The first confirmed A/H1N1 flu patient in Shanghai prepares to leave the hospital in Shanghai, east China, on 30 May, 2009. The 30-year-old Chinese man was discharged from hospital at 3 pm on Saturday. The man arrived in Shanghai on 23 May, from Melbourne and was confirmed as the first A/H1N1 case in Shanghai on 15 May. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Moderate quake rocks eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 May — An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.5 struck eastern parts of Indonesia on Sunday, there is no report of damage or casualty, the meteorology agency said.

The quake jolted at 10:34 Jakarta time (0334 GMT) with the epicenter at 101 km northeast of Bitung of North Sulawesi and at a depth of 43 km, the agency said.

Xinhua

Eastern rebel leader surrenders to Sri Lanka police

COLOMBO, 31 May — A Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) eastern leader surrendered on Saturday, defence officials here said on Sunday.

The rebel cadre named Shankar had given leadership to the terrorist activities centering the eastern port district of Trincomalee. He surrendered to the police at Kallar area. With the military's crushing of the senior rebel leadership trapped in the northeastern Mullaitivu district in the final battle defence officials said most of the LTTEs operating in the eastern

province wanted to surrender.

The entire eastern province was cleared by the government troops in mid 2007. Defence officials

said that also on Saturday, a doctor who had treated the injured rebels had surrendered to the police at Akkaraipattu in the east.

Xinhua



China's futures transaction volume up 60% in May

BEIJING, 31 May— China's futures trading volume in May totaled 138 million lots, up 60 percent from a year earlier, but down 20 percent from

April, according to statistics released by China Futures Association (CFA) here late Saturday.

Total trading in May reached 9.37 trillion yuan (about 1.37 trillion US dollars), up 85 percent year on year.

The country's futures trading totaled 676 million lots, or 38.3 trillion yuan, in the first five months this year, representing a 38 percent

growth in volume and 30 percent rise in value, according to the CFA.

Polyvinyl chloride or PVC futures contracts, which were landed at Dalian Commodity Exchange (DCE) on 25 May, attracted intense attention. About 276,000 lots of PVC contracts worth of 8.98 billion yuan were traded during the first three trading days.

Xinhua

Divers hover above the superstructure on the Gen Hoyt S Vandenberg artificial reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key West, Florida during a preview dive for journalists on 29 May, 2009. —XINHUA

Chinese military officer calls for promotion of Asia-Pacific security co-op

SINGAPORE, 31 May — Peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region requires all countries concerned to work together to promote cooperation in security, a senior Chinese military officer told the Asia Security Summit here on Saturday.

“We are encouraged to see that the Asia-Pacific security situation is generally stable. Peace, development and cooperation remain the mainstream of the region,” Ma Xiaotian, deputy chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army, said in an address to the annual conference, also known as the Shangri-la Dialogue.

He said that negative developments in Asia-Pacific security must not be neglected.

“Traditional and non-traditional security threats are interwoven, leading to a more complex regional security situation,” Ma said.

He said multilateral dialogue and security cooperation mechanisms at differ-

ent levels and in different fields should be encouraged in the Asia-Pacific region to cope with transnational threats and challenges such as terrorism, international crime, natural disasters and piracy.

Ma said security cooperation norms featuring “mutual respect, mutual trust, reciprocity and mutual benefit” should be established. Countries in the region should actively en-

gage in military diplomacy for enhanced mutual understanding and trust, he said.

The summit brings together about 22 ministerial-level guests, along with parliamentarians, military leaders and security experts from more than 27 countries and regions, including the United States, Japan and South Korea, for discussions on regional security issues and defence co-operation.—*Internet*



A Honduran woman collects belongings outside her damaged house at El Peru neighbourhood in Puerto Cortes, on 29 May, 2009. A powerful 7.1 magnitude earthquake shook Honduras on Thursday, killing at least six people, knocking down flimsy homes and causing damage in neighbouring Guatemala.—INTERNET

Hamas says Fatah arrests 22 of its activists

RAMALLAH (West Bank), 31 May — Hamas Islamists said on Saturday Fatah forces of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas arrested 22 of their activists in the West Bank.

A Palestinian security official in the city of Ramallah said police rounded up several men across the West Bank involved in hiding weapons, money laundering and incitement to violence but he denied the arrests were politically motivated.

He refused to give the number of men arrested.

Hamas spokesman Mushir al-Masri said Abbas’s Fatah-dominated forces were pursuing a crackdown on the Islamist group in the Israeli-occupied West

Bank in an attempt to sabotage Egyptian efforts to reconcile the rival factions.

Hamas and Fatah have been accusing each other of arresting rival activists. Tensions have been high between the groups since Hamas Islamists seized the Gaza Strip in June 2007 after routing forces loyal to Abbas.

Hamas has also accused Fatah of helping Israel hunt down one of its fugitive militants who was killed on Thursday by soldiers who encircled his house near the West Bank city of Hebron.

During unity talks between Hamas and Fatah in Cairo earlier this month, Egypt set a 7 July deadline for a deal to bridge their divisions.

Internet

Iran defuses bomb on plane

TEHERAN, 31 May — Iranian security authority defused a homemade bomb on a domestic flight late Saturday, the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported on Sunday.

Some 131 passengers were onboard the plane headed from Ahvaz, in the southwest of Iran, to the capital Teheran.

The plane made an emergency landing in Ahvaz, 15 minutes after taking off, when finding the bomb.

Internet



A Two-tailed Tiger Swallowtail butterfly (Papilio multicaudata) alights on a flower in a garden in Mexico City.

Hero horse recommended for bravery medal in Australia

A retired police horse which saved four sheep and two goats from being burned to death during a fierce bushfire in Australia in February has been recommended for a bravery medal.

The big Clydesdale horse named Paddy rounded up the smaller animals and had them stand under his massive frame as the bushfire raged through their paddock on 7 February in Victoria.

The terrible bushfires killed 173 people and countless livestock, making it the deadliest bushfire in Australian history, but the heartwarming story

of Paddy the hero horse is one bit of good news.

Paddy served in police parades as a drum horse and was retired to the farm of former police officer Mike Salmon at Happy Valley north of Melbourne.

Salmon said he released the sheep and goats from their pens into Paddy’s paddock, hoping they would evade the fire. He watched in amazement as the big horse rounded up the animals and sheltered them under his great frame.

Salmon hosed the horse down every half hour or so but Paddy never moved as embers fell from the sky.

NEWS ALBUM

Man sucks snake venom to save his dog

A farmer saved his dog’s life without caring for his own after sucking rattlesnake venom out of his canine’s nose.

Bobby Jenkins began feeling ill after he sucked the venom. He didn’t bother to go to a hospital until he took his dog, Tank, to the vet.

Jenkins received four vials of antivenin. He has recovered now and so his dog.

Tank had been bitten after running under some equipment on the family ranch.

43 snails on his face? boy hopes he set a record

Never mind the ick factor, a Utah boy is trying to get into the record books by covering his face with live snails. Eleven-year-old Fin Keheler, from Sandy, allowed 43 of the slimy mollusks to be put on his face on Saturday. He wants the Guinness World Records to verify his effort.

The Guinness website says the record set in 2007 for snails on the face for 10 seconds is eight. The boy says he has since learned the record was 36.

Fin made three attempts on Saturday. Sitting back in a reclining chair, snails gathered from neighbours’ gardens were carefully placed on his face. Those



that remained for at least 10 seconds were counted.

His family is sending witness statements, video and media coverage to Guinness this week.

Man in ape costume tries to steal banana displays

Police continue a fruitless search for a man wearing an ape costume who has attempted to steal foam banana displays from inside local gas stations.

Capt Steve Klein said someone donning an ape costume entered two gas stations trying to steal the displays and police have received several calls about the suspect hanging around town. While Klein acknowledges that the action may seem funny, they want to talk to the person behind the ape suit because they aren’t sure what the suspect’s motives are.



Brown bears Roan and Honey explore their newly renovated enclosure at Melbourne Zoo, Australia, which features a new pool and interesting places to climb and shelter.

For sustainable development of natural lakes

Article and Photos: Win Kyaing (MFF)

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Among the ways and means, capture based culture system and culture based capture system are compulsory.

According to the data collected by the Myanmar Fishery Federation, in Myanmar there are 3726 natural lakes that contribute 26 per cent of the nation's marine production, and 3460 of them are auctioned. In 2007-2008, a citizen on average consumed 49 kilograms of fish in a year; and the freshwater fish output stood at 1,489,630 metric tons, 814,740 of which were from natural lakes and ponds, rivers and creeks. Some species caught in natural lakes and ponds are internationally marketable.

Some fish farming

various species of fish is that they leave the lake to lay eggs just as the spawning season sets in, and after laying eggs, they come back into the lake together with other fishes. So, the more fishes an entrepreneur reserves in the lake the greater fish output he can get.

Spawning ground and habitat are the two fundamental requirements for large-scale regeneration of fish and



Ngagyaung fish that gets handsome price in international market.



Some fishermen at work in Inn-yeygi lake.

feedstuff. Additional feedstuff is fed to the fish in only some of the lakes.

Fish farming in natural lakes is a lucrative business and it can help earn foreign exchange. For sustainable development of fish farming in natural lakes and boosting production of fish, the Fishery Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Myanmar Fishery Federation, the Myanmar Freshwater Fish Farming Entrepreneurs Association and related organizations, local organizations at different levels, fishermen and local people should work in collaboration in the following points.

(1) to avoid any forms of acts that can harm the natural lakes,

(2) to conserve the habitats of fish,

(3) to make smooth the inflow and outflow routes of natural lakes and ponds, rivers, creeks and low-lying areas,

(4) to avoid the fishing methods that can cause

fish extinction such as using electricity, poisoning the water of the lakes, and exploding mines,

(5) to avoid catching fish that are going to spawn and fingerlings,

(6) to reserve some fish for regeneration in harvesting lakes and to release reserved fish into the lakes as soon as

lakes and to release reserved fish into the lakes,

(9) to release a greater number of fingerlings into dams, diversion weirs, and sluice gates,

(10) to ensure responsible fisheries for sustainable development of fisheries.

Therefore, all those



Fishermen netting fish in a natural lake.

entrepreneurs release one-year-old fishes with high survival and fast-growing rates such as Hamilton's carp and mudskipper to their natural lakes in addition to the fingerlings presented by the Fishery Department. Some reserve thousands of viss of fish of many species each including mudfish, catfish, small catfish, climbing perch, and bila (Japan) and set them into their lakes just as the rainy season begins for fish regeneration.

A strange habit of

prawn in natural areas.

There is no need to feed fish because feedstuff is abundant in natural lakes. So, breeding fish in a natural lake is a cost-effective business. Myanmar has yet to extend its scientific fish farming, which needs huge investment. In scientific fish farming, 70 to 80 percent of the total investment is used for feedstuff.

In upper Myanmar and Ayeyawady Division, many natural lakes prove successful due to the fact that several species of

fingerlings such as carp, large carp, tilapia and ngakhonma (barbus spp) are released into them as



Some ngabats (shark-like freshwater catfish) that are internationally marketable.

monsoon sets in,

(7) to encourage releasing fingerlings and young fish into natural lakes,

(8) to organize other natural lakes owners to reserve some fish for regeneration in harvesting

responsible are to work together for sustainable development of natural fisheries so as to contribute towards domestic fish supply.

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Duya lake in Hinthada Township.

World No-Tobacco Day-2009 ...

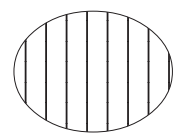
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and packaging of tobacco together with health warnings. In conclusion, the minister urged the ministries and social organizations to organize the people to know the danger of tobacco and to actively participate in the control of tobacco consumption.

Resident Representative of WHO Professor Adik Wibowo read the message sent by the SEA Regional Director of WHO.

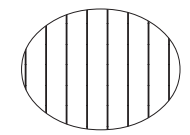
After the ceremony, the minister and the guests visited the booth on World No-Tobacco Day. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, representatives of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, departmental heads, representatives of non-governmental organizations and guests.

The WHO designated the motto as "Tobacco Health Warnings" for this year with a view to enabling the people to understand the danger of tobacco by printing the health warnings on the package of tobacco.—MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint visits the booth on World No-Tobacco Day.

MNA



New medicines of Renata Limited (Bangladesh) introduced

YANGON, 31 May—A ceremony to introduce new medicines of Renata Limited (Bangladesh) was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

Managing Director Mr Syed S Kaiser Kabir of Renata Limited and Professor Dr U Ko Ko

Hla extended greetings.

Associate Professor U Saw Naung and Professor U Thein Lwin explained the management medical education and diseases at surgical works and replied to the queries raised by those present.

Wut Hmone Trading Co Ltd of Myanmar will

distribute anti-biotic medicines namely Orcef (Cefixime 200mg and 100 mg/5ml) Cafazid (Ceftazidime 1 g) and Furocef (Cafuroxime 250 mg, 125 mg/5 ml and 750 mg JV) manufactured by Renata Limited of Bangladesh across the nation.—MNA



Managing Director Mr Syed S Kaiser Kabir from Renata Limited extending greetings.—MNA

Scientists engineer cellular circuits that count events

BOSTON, 31 May—MIT and Boston University engineers have designed cells that can count and "remember" cellular events, using simple circuits in which a series of genes are activated in a specific order. Such circuits, which mimic those found on computer chips, could be used to count the number of times a cell divides, or to study a sequence of developmental stages. They could also serve as biosensors that count exposures to different toxins.

The team developed two types of cellular counters, both described in the 29 May issue of *Science*. Though the cellular circuits resemble computer circuits, the researchers are not trying

to create tiny living computers.

"I don't think computational circuits in biology will ever match what we can do with a computer," said Timothy Lu, a graduate student in the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology (HST) and one of two lead authors of the paper.

Performing very elaborate computing inside cells would be extremely difficult because living cells are much harder to control than silicon chips. Instead, the researchers are focusing on designing small circuit components to accomplish specific tasks.

Internet

There are some internal problems...

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Mr Yettaw floating in Inya Lake in the early morning of 6 May 2009.

In this regard, the police authority has put up a case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in connection with the foreigner and it is no doubt that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has committed a cover-up of the truth by her failure to report an illegal immigrant to the authorities concerned. Thus, there was no option but to open legal proceedings in accordance with the law.

The police filed a lawsuit 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.

It is the universal legal principle that no one is above the law (*Nemo Est Supra Leges*). Only when this legal principle is upheld, put into practice and encouraged will there be Rule of Law in a country. If offenders of law are not taken action, anarchy will prevail and there will be a breach of peace and security.

It is also known to all that there are some internal problems in countries that can be solved only on their own proceedings. In accordance with law, solving one's internal affairs

through its legal system with legal proceedings in accordance with law does not amount to the threat of peace or breach of security of the region. Countries should refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar that will affect the peace and security of the region.

Thus, the legal action against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is merely an internal affair of Myanmar taking action through its legal system in accordance with domestic law. Thus, if any country interferes in the internal affairs of another country, that particular act may possibly affect the mutual understanding and friendly relationship between countries.

Myanmar firmly accepts the affirmation by the members of the Security Council of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and that the future of Myanmar lies in the hands of all its people. The Government will, therefore, hold multi-party general elections, fifth step of the Road Map, in 2010, as declared and the Government is also determined to continue hand-in-hand with the people to implementing the Seven-Step Road Map in accordance with the aspirations of the people of Myanmar.—MNA

Talks on Quality of Service on 4 June

YANGON, 31 May—An educative talk, to be organized by Myanmar Hoteliers Association and sponsored by Silver View Resort (Ngwehsaung Beach), will be held at Asia Plaza Hotel at the corner of Bogyoke Aung

San and Seikkantha Streets in Kyauktada Township at 4 pm on 4 June.

Associate Professor Daw Moe Moe Khaing of Meiktila Institute of Economics will give talks on the Quality of Service.

The executives and members of the association and interested persons may attend the talks.

The association will organize more talks in the first week of every month.

MNA

Tobacco kills

Gwa Township achieving sector-wise development with momentum

Article & Photos: Reporter Singu Soe Win

Gwa Township of Rakhine State is in peace and tranquillity. I witnessed remarkable progress in the township more than I had learned.

In the evening of the first day, we the news team of the Myanmar Alin Daily arrived at Gwa. Without taking a rest, we met with officials to ask facts about the development of the township.

"Gwa is a town

The next morning, we went to Gwa Township Peace and Development Council Office and met with Chairman U Ko Ko Oo of the Township PDC.

He told the news team, "The main businesses in our township are cultivation of paddy and edible oil crops and fishing work.

"Over 160 acres of land are put under summer paddy in the township. In this regard, there

ship produced over 3250 thousand viss. Last year, a total of 1,779,398 baskets of monsoon and summer paddy could be produced and the township achieved food sufficiency.

"Moreover, a total of 470,759 baskets of groundnut, sesame, sunflower, niger and oil mustard yielded in the township for ensuring local edible oil sufficiency," the



**U Ko Ko Oo,
Chairman of Gwa
Township PDC.**

chairman added.

Thriving beans and pulses plantations and other crops plants can be seen in various areas of the township because the region has favourable climate and fertile soil.

While visiting in Gwa Township, we toured Rahing-gadoh Village-tract located on Thandwe-Gwa motor road. We witnessed plenty of land with coverage of cold season groundnut and summer paddy plantations in Rahingkwin Village of Rahing-gadoh Village-tract.

The township achieved success in growing of chilli and produced monsoon and cold season chilli exceeding the target. Moreover, ginger, turmeric and pepper yielded higher, thanks to construction of Rahingkwin and Kanthaya dams. In addition, Vesali, Sinohchaung, Hsagyin, Pyataik and Gyaingkauk dykes were constructed for prevention against inflow of seawater.

Gwa Township Engineer U Aung Myat

Oo explained, "Gwa has 10 tarred roads, 10 gravel roads and 25 earth roads, totalling 45. Aungmingala, Myoma Gonyi and Ngwethaungyan roads have been renovated. Urban and rural roads and rural wooden bridges were built in the region."

The urban area of Gwa was illuminated with lightings at night. Chairman of the Gwa Town Power Supply Committee U Myint Han explained, "The committee made utmost efforts for supply of power to the town by purchasing one 250 KVA Hino generator worth K 15.6 million and one fuel wood fired gasifier worth K 22.2 million."

Everybody can witness the fruitful results of prevailing peace and stability, progress of agriculture and fishery industries in Gwa Township of Rakhine State.

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Photo shows 27 acres of groundnut plantation in Rahingkwin Village.

gaining achievement with momentum in agriculture and meat and fish production.

"Moreover, the town grows edible oil crops and achieves edible oil sufficiency. The surrounding villages of Gwa are engaging in agriculture and fishery work," said Executive Officer U Than Soe Oo of Gwa Township Development Affairs Committee.

During the trip, we saw thriving groundnut and paddy plantations on both sides of Thandwe-Kyeintali road Kyeintali-Gwaroad. Lush and green groundnut plantations were thriving on a large area.

was no difficulty in growing summer paddy and other crops thanks to supply of irrigated water from Rahingkwin and Kanthaya dams."

Gwa Township is located in the southern most of Rakhine State and on a long narrow region between the Bay of Bengal and Rakhine mountain range.

The township is sharing border with Thandwe Township in the north, Ingapu, Lay-myethna and Yekyi townships in the east, Thabaung Township in the south and the Bay of Bengal in the west.

"In the livestock breeding sector, the town-



U Uttama Road seen after being renovated.

Information Minister meets with town dwellers in Mingala Taungnyunt Tsp

Make concerted efforts with awareness for prevalence of peace and stability of the nation



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the meeting with local people in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.—MNA

YANGON, 31 May—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with town dwellers at the hall of Aung San Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt township this morning and discussed matters relating to regional development tasks with them.

Present on the occasion were heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people totaling about 3,500.

At the outset, local people from wards of the township briefed on progress in carrying out regional development tasks.

In response to the reports, the minister made arrangements to fulfill the requirements and then he said that the government is fulfilling three basic factors such as peace and stability the entire people long for, development and independent living under the shadow

of the law.

The minister said that nowadays, peace and stability have been restored throughout the nation and almost all the infrastructures have been built in the country. In other words, he said, the nation is now on the path to development. The people are to join hands with the government to maintain the prevailing peace and stability and the development momentum of the nation, he added. In this regard, the minister pointed out that the people are to correctly review the past bitter events that had happened from 1948 to 1988 and take lessons from them, and they have to observe the peace and stability and development of the nation during the period from 1988 to date. The minister said that it is important to make concerted efforts with awareness for prevalence of peace and stability of the nation and for bringing the present development momentum to the future.

In response to the reports on covering drains in front of Basic Education Middle School of Kandawgalay (East) Ward, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan fulfilled the needs in the implementation in cooperation with local authorities, officials of township development affairs committee and members of social organizations.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented K 400,000 to construct two fly proof latrines for Pathein Nyunt Ward No. 20 Post-Primary School, K 350,000 to replace old corrugated iron sheets with the new ones for No. 17 BEPS, K 400,000 to build brick lake for drinking water in Mingala Taungnyunt Railway Ward, 1,500 magazines and varieties of journals for libraries in the township and text books and exercise books for the students through officials.

Next, the minister cordially greeted local people.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially converses with local people.—MNA

Works for proper flow of drains inspected

YANGON, 31 May —Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Adviser to Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe viewed works being carried out for sanitation activities and proper flow of drain by the YCDC, Red Cross Society and social organizations at Strand Road in Botahtaung Township, Yangon East District and Aungchantha creek in Sangyoung Township, Yangon West District this morning.

The YCDC in cooperation with social organizations will launch similar activities in four districts on a weekly basis.—MNA

Cuba lifts flu-related ban on Mexico flights

HAVANA, 31 May—The Cuban Government said on Friday it would lift a suspension on Mexico flights imposed since 30 April, saying the flu threat that prompted the ban had eased.

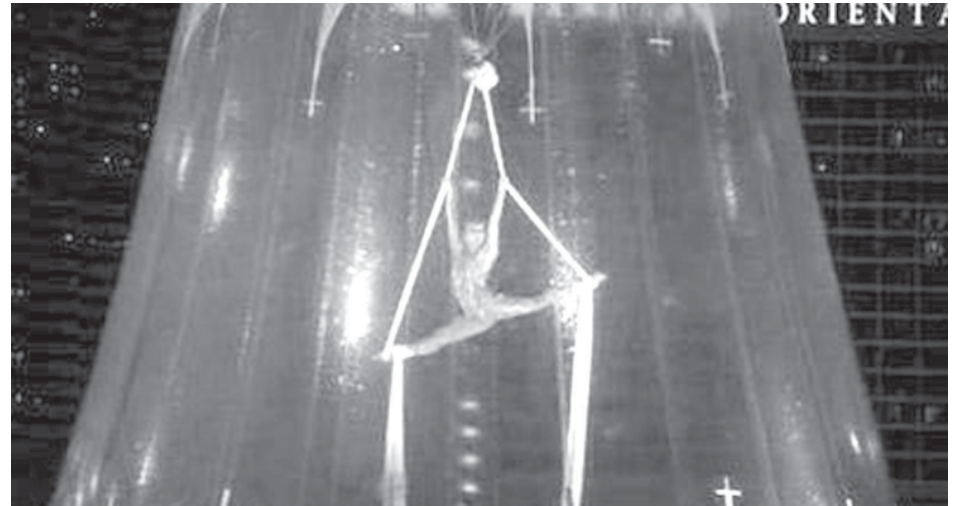
Flights between the two countries could be resumed on 1 June, the government's Ministry of Public Health said in a statement published in Granma, the ruling Communist Party's newspaper.

Cuba stopped Mexico flights to prevent the H1N1 flu virus that has killed 95 people in Mexico from reaching the Caribbean island 115 miles (185

kilometres) across the Yucatan Channel. So far, the Cuban Government has reported only four confirmed cases of the illness also known as swine flu.

Three of the afflicted were Mexicans studying medicine in Cuba who had recently returned from trips home. The fourth was a 14-month-old Canadian boy brought to Cuba from Toronto by his parents.

Cuba's decision to stop the flights touched off a diplomatic spat when Mexican President Felipe Calderon, angered by the action, threatened to put off a planned trip to Cuba.—MNA/Reuters



An aerialist from *The Dream Engine of England* performs inside the *Diamond*, an air-filled 11-metre tall transparent structure, at the Merlion Park during the Singapore Arts Festival on 31 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Lilly drug helps lung cancer patients live longer

NEW YORK, 31 May—The use of Eli Lilly and Co's LLYN Alimta following successful chemotherapy treatment helped patients with advanced lung cancer live significantly longer, according to data released on Saturday.

The study, presented at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) meeting in Orlando, Florida, also confirmed that the benefit from Alimta is primarily limited to the more common nonsquamous type of non-small cell lung

cancer.

Patients in the study with that type of cancer who were treated with Alimta as a so-called maintenance therapy lived more than five months longer than those who got a placebo. "This should become the standard of care," Dr. Chandra Belani, deputy director of the Penn State Cancer Institute and the study's lead investigator, said in an interview.

"This is the first time that there is a benefit of five months in nonsquamous patients. As

the cumulative toxicity is minimal it can be given for a prolonged duration of time," Belani said.

Alimta, known chemically as pemetrexed, is approved for use in combination with chemotherapy as an initial treatment for advanced nonsquamous non-small cell lung cancer. Approval as a maintenance therapy — to delay worsening of the disease after chemotherapy has stalled tumor growth — would add a lucrative new revenue source for the medicine.—MNA/Reuters

Thailand confirms third case of influenza A/H1N1

BANGKOK, 31 May.—The Thai Public Health Ministry said on Saturday Thailand confirmed the third infected case of Influenza A/H1N1.

Dr. Prat Boonyawongvirot, the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, was quoted by local newspaper *The Nation's* website as saying that a 50-year-old Thai woman tested positive for the flu after visiting the United States for 10 days with her family.

The woman, whose identity was kept confidential, developed high fever on 24 May while she was still in the United States. She arrived in Bangkok on 26 May and asked for medical treatment on the same day in a Bangkok hospital.

Prat said her samples were sent to test at the Siriraj and Chulalongkorn hospitals and the Department of Medical Science. The results of the

lab test released on Saturday showed that she had the influenza.

Prat said the infected woman has now no flu but still coughs.

Passengers on her flight and her family were under observation as preventive measures, Prat said. Thailand had its first two cases of the influenza earlier this month. They had already recovered.

MNA/Xinhua

Enteric disease breaks out in cyclone-hit West Bengal

GOSABA, 31 May—At least one person died after enteric diseases broke out in worst-affected areas of cyclone-hit South 24 Parganas in eastern Indian state of West Bengal, a senior official said on Saturday.

"Enteric diseases have broken out in some areas because of delay in clearing of carcasses, while clean drinking water has become scarce with most tubewells getting filled with saline water," District Magistrate Khalil Ahmed told PTI.

The administration is providing 200 rupees to villagers for each carcass buried, he said.

On the slow pace of relief distribution, he said this was because some areas were very remote.

Ahmed said 265 camps have been opened to shelter 50,000 cyclone victims.

There were 65 medical teams working in cyclone-battered Gosaba, Patharpratima, Kultali, Namkhana, Raidighi, Sagar, Basanti and other areas, Ahmed said.—MNA/PTI



Indian stockbrokers work at their terminals at a brokerage firm in Mumbai. India's economy is on the upswing with eyes now keenly focused on July's planned budget for new market-opening moves by the freshly re-elected Congress government, analysts say.

INTERNET

Three Indian climbers honoured on Everest Day

KATHMANDU, 31 May—Three Everest climbers from India have been felicitated at a function organized by the Nepal Tourism Board here.

Krushnaa Patil, 19, from India's western state of Maharashtra, Gaurav Sharma, 25 from north-western desert state of Rajasthan and Tapi Mara, 26 from north-eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh were among the Everest climbers who participated in Eco Everest Expedition 2009,

as part of the Second International Everest Day to commemorate the first human step on the world's highest peak by Sherpa Tenzing and Edmund Hillary in 1953, 29 May.

Over 100 international climbers including two dozen foreign climbers were given away medals, certificates and gift voucher on Friday. The three Indian Everest Summiters were among the 11 Indian climbers who scaled the world's highest peak (8,848m) on

20 and 21 May.

All the three Indians have set new records for India. Krushnaa Patil, a Pune girl, has become the first Indian woman to scale the world's highest peak while Tapi, who reached the Everest from the base camp in 41 hours, set the record as the fastest climber from Arunachal Pradesh to reach the tallest point of the earth. Similarly, Gaurav became the first Rajasthani to climb Everest.

MNA/PTI



Men transport their belongings at El Peru neighbourhood in Puerto Cortes, on 29 May, 2009. A powerful 7.1 magnitude earthquake shook Honduras Thursday, killing at least six people, knocking down flimsy homes and causing damage in neighbouring Guatemala.

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Homes for disabled in Afghanistan

KABUL, 31 May — A purpose-built housing development for people left disabled by the three decades of violence in Afghanistan has been completed in the capital, Kabul. It is believed to be the first such major facility for disabled Afghans.

More than one million people are disabled from conflicts that have plagued Afghanistan over the years.

But facilities and official help for such people are extremely limited in what is one of the world's poorest and most violent countries.

Internet



There are more than one million disabled in Afghanistan.—INTERNET

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Paris jewel thief takes \$8m haul

PARIS, 31 May—Jewellery worth more than 6m euros (£5m, \$8m) has been stolen from an exclusive Paris store in broad daylight by a lone gunman, police sources say. Dressed in a suit and fedora, the man entered Chopard on Place Vendome and reportedly made staff hand over 15 pieces of jewellery at gunpoint.

The mid-afternoon hold-up lasted two minutes, after which the robber, said to be in his 50s, calmly walked out. Chopard jewellery is worn by stars at the Oscars and Cannes film festival. Place Vendome is an elegant old square known for its luxury hotels, and is also home to numerous jewellery stores as well as the French justice ministry. In December, armed robbers stole jewels worth at least 80m euros (\$102m) from a store near the French capital's famous Champs-Elysees avenue. As many as four robbers, two disguised as women, raided the Harry Winston's store and stole nearly all its valuables.—Internet



Doctors inspect a lung X-ray. The combination of two anti-cancer treatments following standard chemotherapy can slow advanced non-small cell lung cancer, according to a study unveiled on Saturday.—INTERNET

Former Israeli President dies

REHOVOT, 31 May—Former Israeli President Ephraim Katzir died on Saturday at age 93, officials said. Katzir, a professor of biochemistry, was Israel's fourth president. Ynetnews.com reported he died at his Rehovot home on the 37th anniversary of his brother's death in the Lod Airport Massacre.

The Web site said Katzir had been hospitalized recently for several weeks. Born in Russia in 1916 as Ephraim Katchalsky, Katzir's family immigrated to then British-mandate Palestine in 1922.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (168)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (168) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 2.6.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

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A float decorated with daffodil blossoms participates in a parade during the daffodil festival (Narzissenfest) along Grundlsee lake in the village of Grundlsee on 24 May, 2009. The daffodil festival takes place every year in the Ausseerland to celebrate the blossoms and the start of springtime in this mountainous region of Austria.—INTERNET

Chile seizes elderly 'drug women'

SANTIAGO, 31 May—Police in Chile have arrested two elderly women after finding a stash of cocaine and cash in their house. Maria Valdebenito, 80, who is bed-ridden, and Giselle Gilbert, 72, were charged with drug trafficking offences.

Police raided the house at night and found 2kg (4.4lb) of cocaine and around \$65,000 (£45,000) in cash.

Authorities suspect the two women have been operating a drug-trafficking ring in the area

for years despite their house being close to a police academy.

Prosecutors say that Mrs Valdebenito received the drugs from her contacts and passed them to her younger and more agile accomplice to sell. The house that the women allegedly used as their base is just a few metres from Chile's biggest police academy.

Prosecutors say the women should be taken in to preventative custody while their case is considered.—Internet

Teen had petrol poured down throat before being set alight

LONDON, 31 May—Two men and a woman face life in jail for tying a teenager to a tree, pouring petrol down his throat and setting him alight in a gruesome re-creation of a scene from a horror film.

Simon Everitt (17), a promising engineering student, was thrown into a car boot and taken to woods near Great Yarmouth, eastern England, where he was killed. The flames burnt through the rope and he was able to stagger a short distance before col-

lapsing and dying.

The killers threw him into a ditch and covered his body with a thin layer of soil in an attempt to hide the body. Jonathan Clarke (19), Jimi-Lee Stewart (25) and Maria Chandler (40) were convicted of murder after a four-week trial at Norwich Crown Court. Clarke, Stewart and Mr Everitt had all been involved in a tangled love affair with a woman called Fiona Statham, who was 19 at the time of the murder.

Internet

Italy evacuates burning car ferry

NAPLES, 31 May—About 500 passengers on board an Italian car ferry were evacuated in lifeboats after a fire broke out in the vessel's hold, officials have said. *The Vincenzo Florio*, travelling from the southern city of Naples to Palermo, was about 40km (25 miles) from the Sicilian port when the blaze started.

The passengers used the lifeboats to reach another ferry and a coastguard ship which had come to the rescue. Five passengers, including a pregnant woman, have been taken

to hospital.

"They knocked on the door of the cabin and told us to get on deck," passenger Stefano Friscia told Italy's Sky television afterwards. "It was hard to breathe, the whole ship filled with smoke and they ordered the lifeboats lowered," he added.

Most of the ferry's 35 crew stayed on board to help extinguish the fire. The cause of the blaze is still being investigated. The ship is being towed to Palermo and is due to dock later on Friday.—*Internet*



An easyjet Airbus A319 pictured flying over Germany. An EasyJet plan to conduct weddings in the sky crash landed on Friday after local officials turned down the airline's application for a licence.—*INTERNET*

Hormone pills may make lung cancer more deadly

ORLANDO, 31 May—There's more troubling news about hormone therapy for menopause symptoms: Lung cancer seems more likely to prove fatal in women who are taking estrogen-progestin pills, a study suggests.

Hormone users who developed lung cancer were 60 percent more likely to die from the disease as women who weren't taking hormones, according to results reported on Saturday.

The new findings mean that smokers should stop taking hormones, and those who have not yet started hormones should give it careful thought, said Dr Rowan Chlebowski of Harbor-UCLA Medical Centre in Los Angeles. He led the analysis and presented results at a meeting of the oncology society in Florida.

It's the latest finding from the Women's Health Initiative, a federal study that gave 16,608 women either Prempro or dummy pills. The study was

stopped in 2002 when researchers saw more breast cancers in those on Prempro, the estrogen-progestin pill made by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. They continue to follow what happens to women in the study.

The new analysis looked at non-small-cell lung cancer, by far the most common type. It found no big difference in the number of lung cancers that developed in hormone users after five years on the pills and more than two years of followup.

However lung cancer proved fatal in 46 percent of hormone users who developed it versus 27 percent of those given dummy pills.

"It's another piece of evidence to suggest that hormone replacement therapy should be used with great caution," said Dr Richard Schilsky, a cancer specialist at the University of Chicago and president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Internet



The cause of the fire on board the *Vincenzo Florio* is not yet known.—*INTERNET*

Malaria parasites 'resist drugs'

LONDON, 31 May—International scientists say they have found the first evidence of resistance to the world's most effective drug for treating malaria. They say the trend in western Cambodia has to be urgently contained because full-blown resistance would be a global health catastrophe.

Drugs are taking longer to clear blood of malaria parasites than before. This is an early warning sign of emerging resistance to a disease which kills a million people every year.

Until now the most effective drug cleared all malaria parasites from the blood within two or three days but in recent trials this took up to four or five days.

Internet

45 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 31 May—A European health agency said Monday that 45 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 24 were confirmed in Spain, 14 in Britain, three in Germany, two in Switzerland, on respectively in Sweden

and Hungary, the European Centre 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 525, with 167

cases in Spain and 229 in Britain, 26 respectively in Italy and France, the ECDC said.

Hungary reports its first case in a visitor from the Americas. Sweden reports its fifth case in a 12-year old girl returning from USA on 23 May, the ECDC added.

Internet

Singapore confirms 5th Influenza A/H1N1 case

SINGAPORE, 31 May—Singapore's Health Ministry confirmed on Sunday the country's fifth Influenza A/H1N1 case.

The Health Ministry said on its official website the patient is a 22-year-old Singaporean female who has a travel history to the United States from 13 to 28 May. She re-

turned to Singapore from New York via Tokyo on All Nippon Airways *NH901* on Friday night, and developed a fever on Saturday.

The ministry said that the patient has been admitted to local hospital and her symptoms are mild and she is in stable condition.

Singapore confirmed its first case of Influenza A/H1N1 on Wednesday, and three more cases on Thursday.

The ministry said that the last four patients have relatively mild symptoms and are doing well, and are expected to recover uneventfully.

Internet

Cyprus confirms first A/H1N1 flu case

NICOSIA, 31 May—Cyprus has identified its first case of A/H1N1 influenza, the island state's health minister Christos Patsalides said on Saturday. "We have confirmed the first case of the

new flu virus, a female foreigner, permanent resident of Cyprus," he told reporters.

The patient was from Moldova, but returned recently from the US, according to local media.

She had told doctors in southern coastal city of Limassol that she had flu symptoms and that some members of the family with whom she stayed in the US had tested positive for the virus.

Final test results from a Greek laboratory confirmed that she was the first imported case of A/H1N1 flu in the eastern Mediterranean island.

Patsalides described the case as an isolated one and her condition was "quite satisfactory." The minister added that a second person, who was on the same aircraft with the woman, has also shown symptoms of flu and is under observation.—*Internet*

Vietnam reports first A/H1N1 case

HANOI, 31 May—Initial examination of a hospital in Vietnamese southern Ho Chi Minh City has found one Vietnamese young person tested positive to A/H1N1 virus, becoming the country's first A/H1N1 case, local newspaper the *Young People* reported on Sunday.

Internet

S Korea confirms 4 new cases of A-type influenza

SEOUL, 31 May—South Korean health authorities on Sunday reported four new cases of A-type influenza, bringing the country's number of the infected to 39. The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Family said that four persons returning from the United States from 25 May to 30 May were confirmed infected by the A-type influenza virus.

According to the ministry, among the 39 confirmed cases, 13 are Koreans and 21 are US nationals.

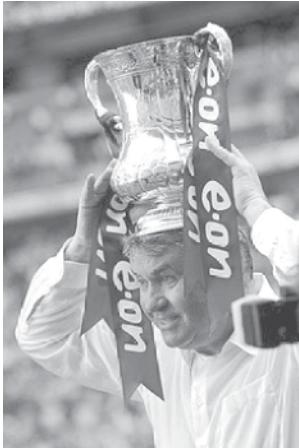
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SPORTS

Hiddink dances into sunset with message for Chelsea

LONDON, 31 May—Guus Hiddink admitted Chelsea's riotous dance party after the FA Cup final was the perfect way to end his brief reign, but the departing Blues manager wants his side's victory over Everton to signal a more sedate period at Stamford Bridge.

Hiddink joined Chelsea's stars in a wild dressing room celebration at Wembley on Saturday, which saw even Roman Abramovich lose his inhibitions and throw a few shapes alongside Michael Essien, John Obi Mikel and company. A first trophy for two years does that kind of thing to a club who had grown used to such occasions during Jose Mourinho's reign.—*Internet*



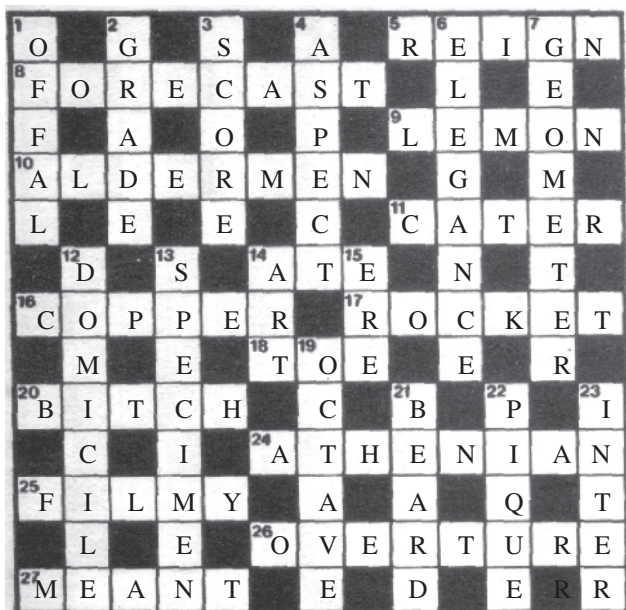
Chelsea manager Guus Hiddink celebrates with the FA Cup after his team beat Everton 2-1 in the final at Wembley, in north London. Chelsea gave Hiddink the perfect farewell present as Frank Lampard's goal clinched a 2-1 win over Everton in Saturday's FA Cup final at Wembley.—INTERNET

Serena Williams accuses opponent of cheating

PARIS, 31 May—Serena Williams was sure the ball went off her opponent's arm, a no-no in tennis. The opponent, Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, insisted the ball went off her racket. Williams accused Martinez Sanchez of "cheating." Martinez Sanchez thought that was a "stupid" thing for Williams to say. Then consider that the point in question helped Martinez Sanchez win the first set of their French Open match Saturday. Oh, and that Williams had a coughing fit during a third-set changeover. All in all, what eventually became a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory for Williams stands as the latest example of the athlete/actress' penchant for theatrics.

"I'm, like, drama. And I don't want to be drama," a hoarse Williams said, straining to get the words out. "I'm like one of those girls on a reality show that has all the drama, and everyone in the house hates them because no matter what they do, like, drama follows them. I don't want to be that girl."—*Internet*

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

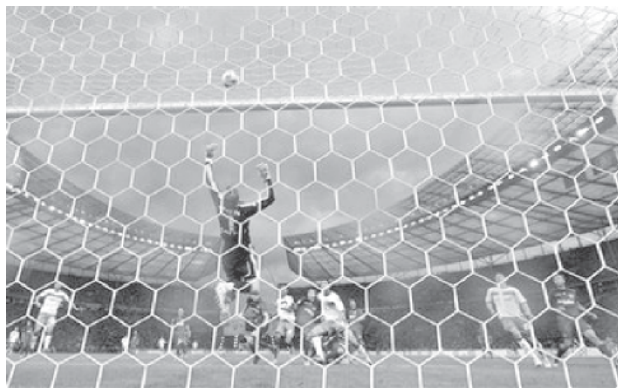


Oezil goal hands Bremen German Cup silverware

BERLIN, 31 May—Werder Bremen won the German Cup on Saturday, a second-half goal from midfielder Mesut Oezil sealing a 1-0 victory over Bayer Leverkusen at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

"The joy and relief are naturally huge," said Bremen's team manager Klaus Allofs, just a week after having lost UEFA Cup final to Shakhtar Donetsk in Istanbul. "We have had some difficult weeks, which makes the win ever more enjoyable.

"It was important that we had a one-week break between finishing the Bundesliga and this game." In the last few weeks of the season, we had a game virtually every three days. "We had three players who weren't available in the UEFA Cup final in Diego, defender Per Mertesacker and striker Hugo Almeida and they made the difference here."—*Internet*



Leverkusen's goalkeeper Rene Adler soars through the air during the German Soccer Cup final, DFB Pokal, between Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Werder Bremen in Berlin, on 30 May, 2009.—INTERNET



The Bremen team pose for a group picture after winning the German soccer cup, the DFB Pokal, between Bayer 04 Leverkusen and SV Werder Bremen in Berlin, Germany, on 30 May, 2009.—INTERNET

Espanyol join race to sign Nakamura

TOKYO, 31 May—Spanish league strugglers Espanyol have joined the race to sign Japan and Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura, media here reported. There will be no transfer fee required to get Nakamura, who turns 31 in late June, when his contract with Celtic expires next month.

"It is true they (Espanyol) have approached us," Nakamura's



Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura

agent Roberto Tsukuda told the Daily Sports newspaper, which also reported that Celtic have formally offered to extend their deal with the left-footed playmaker. But Nakamura is widely reported to be on the verge of signing with his old J-League home club Yokohama Marinos.

Espanyol have promised Nakamura an annual wage of about 200 million yen (2.1 million dollars), compared with 150 million yen offered by Yokohama, *Sports Hochi* reported. Nakamura has spent the past seven seasons in Europe, the first three with Italy's Reggina and the rest at Parkhead.—*Internet*

Forlan scores as Atletico net Champions League spot

MADRID, 31 May—Atletico Madrid secured the final Champions League spot and the millions of euros that accompany it with a 3-0 home win over Almeria on Saturday in the 1,000th game at the Vicente Calderon. Atletico needed just a draw to clinch fourth but they cruised to a 3-0 victory to qualify for the Champions League for the second successive season.

Argentine Sergio "Kun" Aguero and Raul Garcia put Atletico 2-0 up before Diego Forlan scored for the eighth successive match to take his season's tally to 32 and wrap up the 'pichichi' crown for the league's top-scorer. Atletico join champions Barcelona, Real Madrid and Sevilla as Spain's Champions League representatives and coach Abel Resino, originally seen as a stop-gap, has staked his claim to continue in the job next season.—*Internet*



Atletico de Madrid's Diego Forlan (R) fights for the ball with Almeria's Mane (L) during a Spanish league football match at Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET

Joy as Bordeaux end 10-year French title wait

PARIS, 31 May—Bordeaux clinched their first French league championship title in 10 years after winning 1-0 at Caen on a dramatic final day of the season on Saturday.

Former Caen striker Yoan Gouffran scored in the early stages of the second half to earn Laurent Blanc's side a record 11th consecutive league win and secure a second trophy to go alongside the League Cup they won in April.

The result sparked scenes of wild celebration both in the stadium and at Bordeaux's Esplanade des Quinconces, where 50,000 fans had gathered to watch the match on a big screen, while defeat condemned Caen to relegation.—*Internet*



Bordeaux's Yoan Gouffran (R) fights with Caen's Reynald Lemaitre (L) during their French LI football match at the Michel d'Ornano stadium in Caen, western France.—INTERNET



Former US sprinter Maurice Greene, right, and Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone share a laugh moment at the Sunfeast World 10-kilometer run in Bangalore, India, on 31 May, 2009. Greene and Padukone are the brand ambassadors for the run, which has total prize money of US\$155,000.—INTERNET



A Siberian wolf cub, right, born at the end of April, plays with his mother at the zoo of Servion near Lausanne, Switzerland, Wednesday, on 27 May, 2009.

INTERNET

IMF technical team completes aid mission in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 31 May—The six-member International Monetary Fund (IMF) technical team has completed their two-week technical assistance mission in Zimbabwe and will in two weeks finalize a report on its findings to be submitted to the Zimbabwean Government, local media *ZBC News* reported on Saturday.

The team which was led by Erick Oppers which met with various stakeholders in the financial sector has completed their technical assistance mission and made several recommendations which will be presented to the IMF Executive Board.

After a brief meeting with the IMF team, Zimbabwe's Minister of Finance Tendai Biti said the team which presented him with an over 150-page report made important recommendations which can bring credibility and sanity to the financial sector.

According to Biti, some of the recommendations made include: strategies to boost credibility of the central bank, advice on the future directions of the Zimbabwean dollar and payment system reforms.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (1.6.2009) (Monday)

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

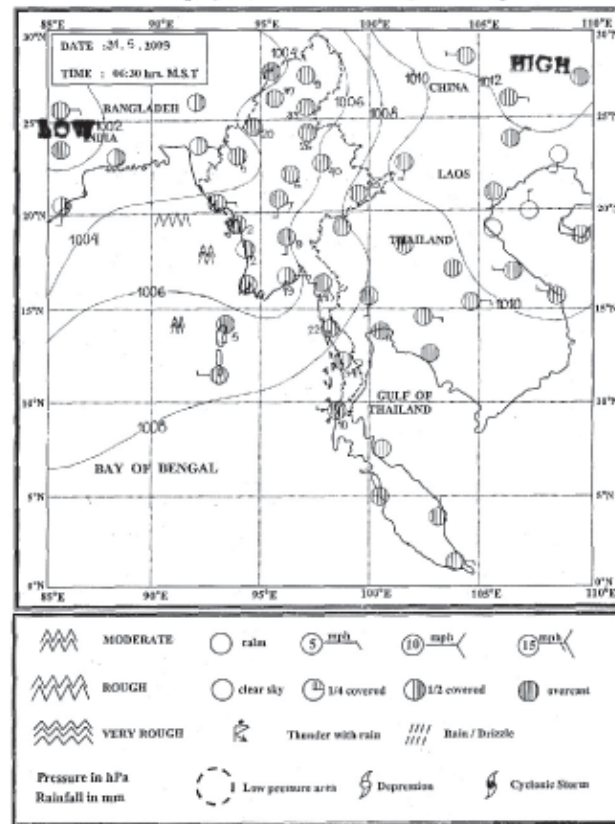
- * Signature Tune
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Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Colourful Flowers you can find in Myanmar
- * Alms-Food (Soon)
- * Glazed Earthen Pot
- * Treasure Trove of Myanmar Art and Handicrafts
- * Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- * Meet Peculiar Salamander
- * One Day Trip to Sanka Village
- * A Glimpse at the Mighty Loggers
- * Wall-hung Giant lobsters
- * Marquetry
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Myin Mu-Bagan)
- * Archaeological Museum, Pakhangyi (I)
- * Gibbon Survey (Part-1)
- * From Sandstones to Utensils
- * Thiri Zeya Buhmi Bagan Golden Palace and Museum of King Anawrahta
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 31 May, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygone) (1.69) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Thaton) (1.42) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (1.18) inches, Kanbalu (3.07) inches, Hkamti (2.24) inches, Moekok (2.08) inches and Taunggyi (1.81) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 31-5-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-5-2009 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 30-5-2009 was (5.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 31-5-2009 was (0.78) inch at Mingaladon, (0.75) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (14.68) inches at Mingaladon, (20.00) inches at Kaba-Aye and (23.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (23:45) hours MST on 30-5-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1st June 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Southern areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-6-2009: One or two rain of thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-6-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 1 June
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 and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ဝိတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

8:15 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:30 am

7. International News

8:40 am

8. Local talent

8:45 am

9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

3. Dance of National Races

4:35 pm

4. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

(မြန်မာ့အသံခေတ်ပေါ် တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း)

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Dance variety

5:15 pm

8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:25 pm

9. Musical programme

5:35 pm

10. “သယံဇာတစီမံခန့်ခွဲရေး မဟာဝန်ကျင့်”

5:45 pm

11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေအယ်ယွန်း

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. Sing and enjoy

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမက်အလိုရှိသည်” (အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International News

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

There are some internal problems in countries that can be solved only on their own proceedings
In accordance with law, solving one's internal affairs through its legal system with legal proceedings does not amount to threat of peace or breach of security of the region
Countries should refrain from interfering in internal affairs of Myanmar that will affect peace and security of the region
Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint addresses 8th Shangri-La Dialogue Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 31 May—The 8th Shangri-La Dialogue Meeting, organized by Singapore-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, was held in Singapore from 29 to 31 May, attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the Union of Myanmar together with defence officials of other countries.

The meeting focused on defence and security sectors.

On 31 May evening, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint explained latest developments in Myanmar politics.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aye Myint said:

I find it very useful exercise in exchange of views on the security issues in Asia and Pacific region. I choose this theme to share with my country experience in Counter-Insurgency and national reconciliation efforts. And I would also like to take this opportunity to explain current situations in Myanmar.

The world has recently witnessed the successful end of a long-standing insurgency in Sri Lanka. But, people have forgotten about insurgency in Myanmar. Why? Because there is no more major fighting erupted in Myanmar in recent days. But it does not mean Myanmar has completely brought to an end of its internal insurgency. We have realized that hard power alone is not fully effective in winning the counter-insurgency campaigns. Therefore, we are painstakingly, patiently and time-consumingly solving the problems of insurgency.

As you are aware, Myanmar is multi-ethnic nation, comprising over 100 nationalities. We suffered the internal armed insurgencies for nearly half a century since regaining independence. Therefore, non-disintegration of the Union and the national unity is vital for our country. The people of Myanmar highly cherish our independence and national sovereignty so much and place high value on self-determination and harbour great concern over foreign interference.

Myanmar always attaches high priority to non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national unity and stability of the State. In order to consolidate national unity, our Government invited the armed insurgent groups to exchange arms for peace. For this moment, 17 out of 18 armed insurgent groups have returned to the legal fold. We made no exception to the remaining group of Karen National

Union, KNU. In addition to DKBO, more than 300 members from KNU, led by Chairman of the Peace Council of the KNU/KNLA Maj. General Htein Maung returned to the legal fold in February 2007. Very recently in March 2009, 160 members from KNU, led by Captain Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of late chairman of the KNU/KNLA Saw Bo Mya, also returned to the legal fold.

Therefore, almost all armed insurgent groups have returned to the legal fold in Myanmar. As such peace and stability is now prevailing throughout the country. Our Government has been able to do away with internal insurgency problems which could not have been solved by the successive governments. Now, we can say that we have established the confidence building between the Government and the armed insurgent groups.

With the return of peace and stability, the Government has been implementing Special Development Projects to focus on the political, economic and social development of the country in order to minimize the development gap, particularly in the far-flung border areas, which lagged behind the heartland to some extent.

Better communication and transportation have brought better understanding among ethnic nationals. Due to the counter-insurgency campaigns and confidence building between the Government and the insurgent groups, people in the border areas are now able to enjoy better health care, education and social services. Our Government has also implemented infrastructure projects such as building roads and bridges, dams, universities, colleges and hospitals. Priority is also being placed on human resource development.

Such development projects have been conducted to lay down the necessary fundamentals for the future elected government by utilizing domestic resources. That is the significant result of winning counter-insurgency campaigns by means of establishing confidence building between the Government and the armed insurgent groups in Myanmar.

As the domestic political process, the Government of the Union of Myanmar, in accordance with the aspirations of the people, has been implementing the Seven-Step Road Map towards a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, was successfully convened five times between 2004 and 2007, and adopted basic principles

and detailed basic principles for the State Constitution. More than 1,000 representatives from all strata of life, political parties, national groups and the organizations which have returned to the legal fold participated in the National Convention. Thus, the genuine dialogue with participation of all national groups had already taken place in the National Convention.

The State Constitution Drafting Commission carried out the drafting of the Constitution, the third step of the Seven-Step Road Map, enshrining the basic principles and detailed basic principles, adopted by the National Convention. The referendum, the fourth step of the Road Map, was held in May 2008 whereby a new Constitution was overwhelmingly approved by 92.48 per cent of the voters.

Now, preparations are well underway to enact the Election Law and the Law on Registration of Political Parties. These draft laws have been carefully and thoroughly scrutinized in order not to have flaws and weakness. After that the political parties will be allowed to be registered and organized systematically in accordance with the Election Law to be adopted in the near future.

It means that the present Government has exerted relentless efforts to figure out the political, economic, social, and administrative mechanisms for the future elected Government. Myanmar Government is strongly dedicated to continue implementing the remaining three steps of the Road Map and international community could best assist the transformation of Myanmar to democracy by encouraging the political parties to join in the process.

I would like to share the latest developments. As you have noticed that the Government of the Union of Myanmar, for ensuring stability of the State and in the interest of the people, had to issue restriction order and place Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under restriction at her house in accordance with the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts.

Whilst the restriction order was in effect on May 2009, an intruder Mr. John William Yettaw who is a United States citizen secretly entered the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and stayed for two days. She permitted him to stay, communicated, provided him food and shelter. The security personnel found
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