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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Shan State (East) Border Guard Force formed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May — A ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force was held in Metmang on a grand scale today.

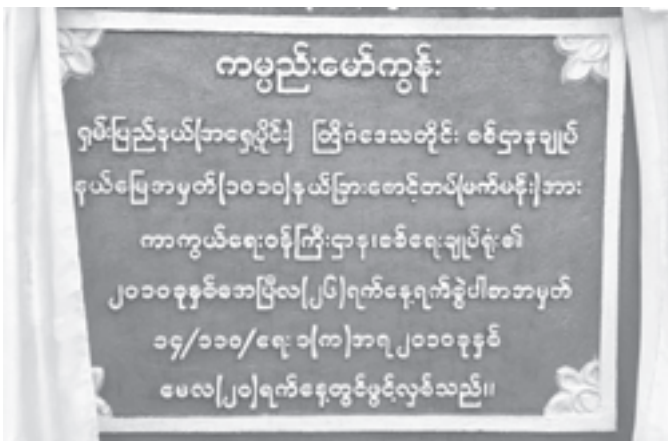
It was attended by Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn and

Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of the local station, departmental officials and local people totalling 600.

According to the agenda, hoisting State-flag, taking oaths of a Tatmadaw member and assigning duties and decorating the members of the Border Guard Force with insignia of the Tatmadaw followed. Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Director of People's Militia and Frontier

Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn of the Ministry of Defence delivered addresses. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone plaque in commemoration of the formation of the border guard force. After documentary photos have been taken, BGF members together with local people sang songs and enjoyed the traditional dances. Lt-Gen Ye Myint spoke words of encouragement.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence unveils stone inscription to mark launching of Shan State (East) Border Guard Force. — MNA

Democratic Party (Myanmar) granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 43/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

**The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notification No. 43/2010
8th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
20 May 2010**

Democratic Party (Myanmar) is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Democratic Party (Myanmar) with its headquarters at No. 6, Kweththit Street in Ward 7 of Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 20 May 2010.

The registration number of the Democratic Party (Myanmar) is (6).

By Order

Sd/Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Kayan National Party granted permission to register as political party

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Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notification No. 44/2010
8th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
20 May 2010**

Kayan National Party is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Kayan National Party with its headquarters at No. Nya/125, on Thaung Ba Han Road of Nyaunggon Ward 3 in Phekhon, Shan State, to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 20 May 2010.

The registration number of the Kayan National Party is (7).

By Order

Sd/Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 21 May, 2010

Potable water supply calls for public participation

The government is pouring tremendous efforts into the drive for construction of dams, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations, and supply of potable water. In that regard, it has been sinking a tube-well each in villages to supply safe water.

In addition, under the directives of the government, local authorities, departments and people are working in concert for supply of adequate drinking water to the regions where it is scarce.

Local administrative bodies are distributing drinking water with the use of their own water bowsers and fire engines to local people of Luhteikpan Ward in Monywa, Kanbalu, Dabinshwehti Ward in Myinmu, Ohn-hnekan Village in Myaung Township, Natyaykan Village in ChaungU Township, East Kyin Village, Tamakan Village, Nyaungkan Village and Inn-bei-taung Village in Wetlet Township, Myaukkyi Village in Budalin Township, and Zeedaw Village in Salingyi Township.

In like manner, local authorities, fire brigades and well-wishers are supplying drinking water with the use of various brands of vehicles to rural areas in Bago, Ayeyawady and Mandalay divisions that are running short of drinking water.

The government is mobilizing active participation of local authorities, development affairs committees, departments, social organizations and well-wishers in addressing the issue of shortage of drinking water due to extreme hot weather. So, the people are urged to make contributions to the lofty drive.

UEC member meets state/district election subcommissions in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May — Member of the Union Election Commission U N Zaw Naw met members of Kachin State, Myitkyina District and Putao District Election Subcommissions at the meeting hall of the State Peace and Development Council Office in Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday morning.

After hearing reports on formation of subcommissions, registration of voters and designation as constituency presented by the chairman and secretary of Kachin State Election Subcommission, the UEC member held discussions with those present.

The UEC member together with members of state/district/township election subcommissions inspected site chosen for construction of polling stations.—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

Construction Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint received Senior Vice President Mr Baek Sung-Kawn and party of POSCO Steel Company at the Ministry of Construction, here, yesterday afternoon.

At the call, they focused on the opportunity for POSCO Steel Co in housing projects of the Ministry of Construction.

MNA



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint receives Senior President Mr Baek Sung-Kawn and party of the POSCO Steel Company.—CONSTRUCTION

CSSTB provides uniforms, stationery to students



Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu delivers an address at the ceremony to provide school uniforms and stationery to basic education students of the staff of CSSTB for 2010-2011 academic year.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—A ceremony to provide school uniforms and stationery to basic education students of the staff of Civil Service Selection and Training Board for 2010-2011 academic year was held at the hall of CSSTB, here, yesterday morning.

Chairman of CSSTB U Kyaw Thu delivered an address. Daw Le Le Kyi, wife of the CSSTB Chairman,

presented school uniforms and stationery to 96 students of primary, middle and high schools through student representatives.

Also present on the occasion were members of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung and their wives, officials and staff.—MNA

Applications for formation, registration of political party scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May — The Union Election Commission is scrutinizing and passing the groups that submitted the applications for formation of political party. The commission has found the Myanmar Democracy Congress to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the commission passed the formation of the party today.

Of 29 groups that have been granted to form political parties, the following groups submitted the application to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission today. They are as follows:-

- (1) Modern People Party
- (2) Union Democratic Party

Of 24 groups that submitted the applications

for registration as political party, the commission has found the following groups to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the commission passed the groups to register as political parties. They are as follows:-

- (1) Democratic Party (Myanmar)
- (2) Kayan National Party
- (3) Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar

Up to date, there were 39 parties who submitted the applications for formation and registration as political party. Of 24 that submitted the applications to register as political parties, eight parties have been allowed to register, and the remaining parties are under scrutiny.

MNA



Second explosion hits eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 May— A second explosion hits Jalalabad city, capital of eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province on Thursday morning but caused no casualties, local TV said.

"An explosive device was planted in a minibus on the road to the Jalalabad airport and detonated, but no one was killed or injured in the blast," a police official from Jalalabad garrison was quoted by *Tolo* television as saying. This is the second explosion in the city Thursday morning. Earlier a blast near the Spinghar hotel in eastern Afghan city injured five people, all of them civilians.

No groups or individuals have yet to claim responsibility for the bomb attacks. However, officials had in the past blamed Taliban militants for organizing such incidents in the militancy-hit Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, the Taliban outfit claimed responsibility for a suicide car bombing in capital Kabul that killed 18 people including six NATO troops and injured 47 others. The militant group has vowed to speed up their attacks against Afghan government and its western backers this year in war-torn central Asian state.—*Internet*



Smoke rises from the Bagram airbase after militants launched a brazen pre-dawn on 19 May, 2010. At least 10 insurgents have been killed and seven US service members have been wounded so far in the attack on Bagram, which started at about 3 am with rockets, small arms and grenades fired into the base, said Maj Virginia McCabe, a spokeswoman for US forces at Bagram.—INTERNET



Residents react after the arrest of their relatives during a joint raid and search operation by the Iraqi and US forces at a town near the Iranian border in Iraq's southern province of Basra on 16 May, 2010. The operation led to the arrest of wanted figures and the seizing of various weapons and ammunition, the Iraqi army leader in Basra said on Sunday.—INTERNET

Six killed by car bomb south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 May— A car bomb exploded in front of a restaurant killing six people south of Baghdad on Wednesday, Iraqi officials said, highlighting the fragile nature of Iraq's security.

The bomb in the mixed Sunni-Shiite town comes as the country enters its third month without a new government, raising concerns that violence will rise as political disputes

spill out into the streets.

A spokesman for the Babil police, Maj. Muthana Khalid, said the parked car detonated in the town of Musayyib, about 40 miles (60 kilometres) south of Baghdad.

The car was left in front of a restaurant where people had gathered to eat grilled meat. Ten people were injured in the incident.

A hospital official confirmed the toll. He did

not want to be identified because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Violence has fallen dramatically in Iraq since the height of the insurgency, but a spate of attacks, including one last week that killed 119 people, has heightened fears that insurgents will try to incite a return to sectarian violence just as US forces go home.

Internet

Wreckage of Afghan plane found

KABUL, 20 May— The wreckage of the Afghan passenger plane that went missing on Monday was found Wednesday, an official said.

"We have received information just now that the wreckage of our passenger plane was found in the mountainous Salang Pass today," Mohammad Mohsin, a senior official with Pamir Airway, told *Xinhua*.

A passenger plane with 43 people on board including five crew and eight foreigners from the above company, the Pamir Airways, went missing minutes after taking off from the northern Kunduz Province on Monday morning.

The official, however, did not provide more information, saying it is good news that the wreckage was found and more details would be provided later. —*Xinhua*

Taleban kills two, wounds five in S Afghanistan

GHAZNI, 20 May— Taliban militants in their armed campaign against establishment killed two persons in the southern Ghazni Province and injured five others in the neighbouring Wardak Province, officials said on Thursday.

"The rebels brutally executed two more innocent civilians in Andar District of Ghazni

Province on Wednesday night," Police chief of Ghazni Province Khayalbaz Shirzai told *Xinhua*.

This is the second execution carried out by Taleban in the Province over the past couple of days.

Taleban militants abducted 12 people on charge of spying for security forces last week and took them to

their hideout in Andar district. The militant also on Tuesday night shot dead four of their hostages, according to Shirzai. Furthermore, five civilians including two children and a woman were injured as a mortar shell fired by Taleban militants hit a civilian car in Jaghato District of Wardak Province on Wednesday, spokesman for Wardak's provincial administration Shahidullah Shahid told *Xinhua*. Militancy has been on rise as over three dozen people mostly civilians have been killed in Taleban-linked activities in and around capital city Kabul over the past three days while scores others sustained inju-res.

Xinhua



A security personnel inspects weapons and explosive objects after a raid operation in Baghdad's Abu Ghraib district on 18 May, 2010. Iraqi army seized various weapons and explosive materials and arrested eight suspected militants during the raid, Baghdad's security spokesman Major General Qassim al-Moussawi said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Rescued German girls leave Saudi for home

RIYADH, 20 May— The Saudi government has announced that two young German girls rescued after yearlong kidnap ordeal in Yemen are heading back to Germany. The statement issued Wednesday said the two girls were flying with four German officials and three family members, including an aunt.

The girls were kidnapped a year ago with their family in the restive northern Yemeni province of Saada. The whereabouts of their parents and brother remain unknown. Three other people traveling with them have turned up dead. Saudi forces, working with the Yemen government, rescued them near the border on Monday.

The Saudi government said the girls were in good health. al-Qaeda has been implicated in the attack.—*Internet*



A man who was wounded in a bomb attack lies in a hospital in Dahuk, north of Baghdad, on 15 May, 2010. Bombers attacked players and spectators at a soccer field, killing eight people and wounding 120 others, in Tal Afar, northwest of Baghdad. INTERNET

Six men get ready for 520-day simulated Mars trip

Moscow, 20 May— Six men from Russia, Europe and China are preparing to spend 520 days together in a sealed-off warren to take a simulated trip to Mars to test how long isolation would affect humans.

On 3 June, three Russians, an Italian-Colombian, a Frenchman and a Chinese man will be locked up in a set of cramped compartments as the record-breaking Mars-500 simulated flight to the Red Planet gets underway to last until November 2011.

"This 520-day flight to Mars ... is unprecedented in its overall



Seven volunteers for the Mars500 experiment, which simulates a 520-day flight to Mars, pose for a picture in Moscow on 18 May, 2010

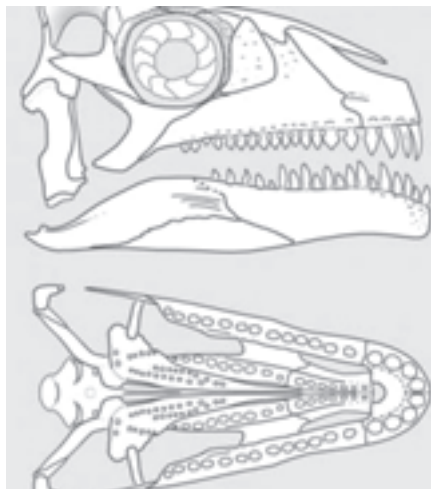
INTERNET

duration," Martin Zell, European Space Agency (ESA) head of the experiment, told *Reuters*. "I think when talking about a human mission to the Red Planet, it will probably still take 20 or,

more likely, even 30 years to go there," said Zell, who is also in charge of ESA human missions to the \$100-billion, 16-nation *International Space Station (ISS)*.

Internet

New fossil material redefines azendohsaurus as a peculiar early reptile



This is a reconstruction of the skull of the new species of Azendohsaurus. On top is a lateral or side view, and on the bottom, a palatal or roof of the mouth view. Note the teeth covering the palate, a highly unusual feature among reptiles, and the downturned front end of the lower jaw, a feature found independently in many herbivorous archosaurs and morphs.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 20 May— Azendohsaurus just shed its dinosaur affiliation. A careful new analysis of *A. madagaskarensis*—this time based on the entire skull rather than on just teeth and jaws—aligns this 230-million-year-old animal with a different and very early branch on the reptile evolutionary tree. Many aspects of

Azendohsaurus are far more primitive than previously assumed, which in turn means that its plant-eating adaptations, similar to those found some early dinosaurs, were developed independently. The new analysis is published in the *Journal Palaeontology*.

"Even though this extraordinary ancient reptile looks similar to

some plant-eating dinosaurs in some features of the skull and dentition, it is in fact only distantly related to dinosaurs," says John J. Flynn, curator in the Division of Paleontology at the American Museum of Natural History. "With more complete material, we re-assessed features like the downturned jaw and leaf-shaped teeth found in *A. madagaskarensis* as convergent with some herbivorous dinosaurs.

Internet

Birds and mammals share a common brain circuit for learning

JERUSALEM, 20 May— Bird song learning is a model system for studying the general principles of learning, but attempts to draw parallels between learning in birds and mammals have been difficult because of anatomical brain differences between the two species.

A new study from researchers at MIT and Hebrew University helps solve this problem, by identifying specific classes of neurons within the brains of songbirds and matching them to their mammalian counterparts. The study focuses on the basal ganglia, brain structures that play a key role in skill learning and habit formation and are also linked to many disorders, including Parkinson's disease, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and drug addiction. Mammalian basal ganglia consist of several structures, including the striatum and the globus pallidus, both of which are centrally involved in Parkinson's disease.

There is growing evidence that similar brain circuits are also present in birds, in which these circuits appear to underlie song



New research identifies specific classes of neurons within the brains of songbirds and matching them to their mammalian counterparts.—

INTERNET

learning. In birds, however, there are no anatomical divisions, and the different basal ganglia cell types are intermixed within a tiny (~1mm) structure known as 'area X.' Jesse Goldberg and Michale Fee at MIT's McGovern Institute for Brain Research recorded electrical activity from individual neurons in the brains of young zebra finches, using a motorized microdrive to position the electrodes precisely within area X.

Internet

Facebook draws increased criticism

BEIJING, 20 May— Social networking site Facebook has come under a barrage of criticism in recent weeks leading some users to seriously consider whether to continue using the site. Much criticism revolves around Facebook's privacy policy which many say goes too far in making users' details publicly viewable.

The company faced objections last year when it rolled out changes to privacy settings that made certain information viewable to everyone on the service, instead of just to friends on Facebook. Questions have even been raised in the US congress and the European parliament as to whether Facebook took the correct approach in changing its settings. Users to the site found they had to opt-out rather than opt-in to the new settings and some have complained the settings are also too complicated.

Internet



A shopper selects from pre-packaged produce at a grocery store. Children exposed to higher levels of pesticide found on commercially grown fruit and vegetables in the United States were more likely to have attention deficit/hyper-activity disorder, according to a study published Monday.—

INTERNET

Apple's iPhone becomes new choice for bankers

BEIJING, 20 May— Thousands of Standard Chartered bankers are replacing their Black Berry, a commonly used corporate communication device, with Apple's iPhone.

The move by Standard Chartered shows that Apple's effortful pursuit of a market share in business and communication arena has begun to yield.

In many people's eyes, iPhone is only a trendy consumer toy, but now Apple has proved that it can be also a

practical corporate device for use everywhere from the building site to the trading floor.

Standard Chartered is one of the first big banks to adopt the iPhone for internal functions. Other financial institutions like HSBC and Morgan Stanley have also showed indications of change, but the switch might take time for security concerns, a financial professional and information technology analyst told *Reuters*.—Internet

Science



Drug may prevent lung cancer, study finds

WASHINGTON, 20 May—A drug approved to treat a range of conditions may also work to prevent lung cancer in people who have given up smoking, US researchers reported on Tuesday.

The drug, called iloprost, is approved in inhaled forms to treat pulmonary hypertension, when blood pools near the lungs, a connective tissue disease called scleroderma and a nerve condition called Raynaud's phenomenon.

Dr Robert Keith of the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Centre and colleagues tested an oral version to see

if it might prevent lung cancer in smokers and former smokers. "Oral iloprost showed promise for preventing lung cancer in former, but not current, smokers in a phase II clinical trial," they wrote in a summary presented to a meeting of the American Thoracic Society in New Orleans.

Iloprost is a version of prostacyclin, a drug in the prostaglandin class that prevents lung cancer in mice. Keith, who has been testing several drugs to prevent lung cancer, looked at biopsies taken from the lungs of 125 current and former smokers.—*Internet*



File photo shows a Palestinian pharmacist serves customers in Gaza City in 2009. —INTERNET



A dog, seized by Beijing authorities over concerns connected to the rising incidence of rabies, is seen in a cage in the Chinese capital. Two drug companies have been fined for producing substandard rabies shots, state media said on Monday.—INTERNET

Health tip: Take a childbirth class

FLORIDA, 20 May—Pregnant women and their partners may be fully stocked with diapers and baby food, but there's much more to preparing for childbirth.

The Nemours Foundation says by taking a childbirth class, soon-to-be

parents can learn:

- * How the baby develops during pregnancy.

- * Potential signs that there may be a problem.

- * Suggestions for staying more comfortable during pregnancy, labour and delivery.

- * Relaxation and breathing techniques to use during labour and delivery.

- * Creating a birth plan.

- * Signs that labour has begun.

- * What labour and birth involve, and how the partner can help.

—*Internet*

For kids, video games top saving nature

PARIS, 20 May—Ten times more children around the world rank watching television and playing video games as more important to them than saving the environment, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

Earth's flora and fauna are disappearing 1,000 times faster than the natural extinction rate, but only nine percent of kids gave a top priority to protecting the planet's animal life.

Many did not even know what is meant by "endangered species," reported the survey, released by the UN Convention on



Children play video games at a computer store in Montpellier, southwestern France, in 2009.—INTERNET

Biodiversity.

"The survey confirms the alarming disconnect of our children with nature," the Convention's Executive Secretary,

Ahmed Djoghlaif, said in a statement.

He called for "urgent action to close this growing gap between tomorrow's citizens and their natural heritage."

Sponsored by European aircraft giant Airbus, the survey was conducted among 10,000 five-to-18 year olds in 10 countries.

When asked which type of animal or plant they would most like to save, nine percent cited birds, 23 percent favoured reptiles, and 50 percent gave mammals top priority, with the snow leopard given as an example.

—*Internet*

Latest attempt to block HIV: Stronger vaginal gels

WASHINGTON, 20 May—Try after try to make vaginal creams that could repel the AIDS virus have failed. Now researchers are testing if a drug used to treat HIV infection finally might give women a tool to prevent it—by infusing the medicine into vaginal gels and contraceptive-style rings.

Even quick-dissolving anti-HIV films are being created, the same style now used for breath-fresheners or allergy medicines but made for fingertip application in the vagina.

Called microbicides, this kind of woman-controlled protection is considered key to battling the HIV epidemic —

especially in developing countries where the virus is at its worst and women too often can't get their partners to use a condom.

For two decades, scientists tried less powerful medications in disappointing microbicide attempts. Results from the first study to see if this new strategy works — South African women tested a gel made of the AIDS drug tenofovir — aren't due until July.

But researchers gathering for the biennial International Microbicide Conference in Pittsburgh next weekend express cautious optimism.

"Frankly, blocking



transmission of the virus appears to be a lot harder than anyone understood it would be at the beginning," says meeting co-chair Dr. Sharon Hillier of the University of Pittsburgh and a principal investigator of the Microbicide Trials Network.

—*Internet*

More bran tied to longer life in diabetic women

NEW YORK, 20 May—Among women with diabetes, those who bulk up their diets with plenty of bran may live longer and be less likely to die of heart disease, a new study hints.

A number of studies have linked higher consumption of whole grains to lower risks of developing type 2 diabetes and heart disease. The new study extends those findings by suggesting that even among people with type 2 diabetes — which raises the risk of heart disease — whole grains may help protect the heart.

They also suggest a particularly important role for the fiber-rich bran found in whole grains, Dr. Lu Qi, one of the researchers on the study, told *Reuters Health*.

Grains consist of three layers: the fiber- and nutrient-containing bran and germ layers and the starchy kernel layer. Refined grains, like white flour, are largely stripped of the bran and germ; whole grains — such as oatmeal, brown rice, barley and breads made from whole wheat — retain more of those components.—*Internet*

Health

Argentine gov't pledges to defend national industry, employment

BUENOS AIRES, 20 May— The Argentine government pledged Wednesday to safeguard national industry development and employment. Interior Minister Florencio Randazzo told local media that Argentina is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and that "it's necessary to establish game rules for foreign trade which we have to keep to."

Randazzo made the

remarks after President Cristina Fernandez denied in Spain that Argentina had been asked to stop importing food that could be produced domestically.

"It is important to say that Argentina did not stop its imports," Randazzo said, adding that his country "will defend the development of the national industry and the employment of the people."

Interior Commerce

Minister Guillermo Moreno ordered giving priority to the national foodstuff industry instead of importing, which elicited strong criticism from European and Brazilian ambassadors. Despite the comments by Fernandez and Randazzo, the chambers for imports and exports said that "as there is no countermand at the moment, the restrictions should be observed."

Xinhua



Airbus President and CEO Thomas Enders (2nd R) and Wolfgang Mayrhuber, Chairman and CEO of Deutsche Lufthansa clink glasses as they pose with flight attendants in front of a new Airbus A380 aircraft for Lufthansa during a hand-over ceremony at the manufacturer's site in Finkenwerder, near Hamburg, on 19 May, 2010. —INTERNET

Macao's CPI up 2.56 pct in April

MACAO, 20 May— Macao's Composite CPI (consumer price index) for April 2010 went up slightly by 2.56 percent over the same month last year to 103.68, which was attributable to the price increase of Food and non-alcoholic beverages and Transport, according to the figures released Wednesday by the city's Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

On account of dear prices of gasoline and

new arrival of Spring clothing, rising gold prices and higher charges for meals bought away from home, price indices of Transport, Miscellaneous goods and services, Food and non-alcoholic beverages, and Clothing and footwear rose by 9.11 percent, 5.26 percent, 5.04 percent and 4.83 percent year on year respectively last month, the figures indicated.

Xinhua



A college student presents recyclable clothes at the Press conference of Taipei International Flora Expo in Taipei, May 19, 2010. Rock star Wu Bai was invited to attend the press conference of Taipei International Flora Expo to display recyclable clothes with models so as to advocate the concept of environment protection among public.

XINHUA

Lufthansa receives first A380

BERLIN, 20 May— German airline Lufthansa received its first Airbus A380 on Wednesday in Hamburg.

Lufthansa, the biggest airline in the country, has ordered 15 A380 super jets, with four scheduled to join the fleet in 2010. Lufthansa plans to deploy its new flagship aircraft on routes to Tokyo, Beijing and Johannesburg.

"Lufthansa passengers will enjoy more space in all classes and the unique cabin comfort, the airline will profit from the unprecedented

efficiency of the A380," said Airbus President and CEO Tom Enders at the handover ceremony in Hamburg.

"Passengers can look forward to a very special flight experience on board the A380," said Wolfgang Mayrhuber, Chairman and CEO of Lufthansa.

Lufthansa's version of the A380 will have a capacity for 526 passengers, 420 in economy on the lower deck, as well as 98 business and eight first class seats on the upper deck. —Xinhua

Euro falls against US dollar in morning trade

TOKYO, 20 May— The euro fell to 1.23 US dollars level in morning session in Tokyo Thursday.

At noon, the euro traded at 1.2352-2356

dollars and 113.37-40 yen versus 1.2410-2420 dollars and 113.85-95 yen in New York and 1.2194-2196 dollars and 112.08-12 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm Wednesday.

The dollar traded at 91.76-81 yen compared with 91.65-75 yen in New York and 91.91-93 yen in Tokyo late Wednesday.

Xinhua

Singapore shares end 2.45 pct lower

SINGAPORE, 20 May— The shares prices in Singapore fell 69.81 points or 2.45 percent on Wednesday with the benchmark Straits Times Index (STI) closing at 2,774.54 points.

The overall volume stood at 1.50 billion shares worth 1.75 billion Singapore dollars (about 0.81 billion US dollars).

Losers led gainers by 497 to 68 with another 656 unchanged.

On Tuesday, the STI rose 10.66 points or 0.38 percent to end at 2,844.35 points.

Xinhua



Palestinian boys work at a stone-crushing factory in Gaza City on 19 May, 2010. The number of child labourers in the Gaza Strip has risen to a new peak due to the recent war that caused school disruption and the loss of adult breadwinners. —INTERNET

Business

S Korean shares continue to slide on European debt crisis

SEOUL, 20 May— South Korean shares on Wednesday continued to dip for the third consecutive session as eurozone debt woes lingered, dampening investor sentiment, local analysts said.

The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) fell 13.16 points, or 0.8 percent, to end at 1,630.08, according to the bourse operator Korea Exchange (KRX).

Starting off weaker on overnight US falls,

the index stayed on a downward trend as foreigners led massive selling.

While foreign investors stayed as net sellers for the fourth straight session, institutions and retailer investors stood as net purchasers.

Despite the continued decline, local analysts still stay optimistic on the outlook, saying in one voice the index will not fall below the 1,600-level.

Internet



UEC member meets Sagaing Division, Monywa District and Township Election Subcommissions

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Member of Union Election Commission Dr Maung Htoo held a meeting with members of Sagaing Division, Monywa District and Township Election Subcommissions at the hall of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council office in Monywa on 12 May.

UEC member Dr Maung Htoo explained election law, rules and work guidelines issued by the Union Election Commission of the Union of Myanmar.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Election Subcommission U Tin Oo, Chairman of Monywa District Election

Subcommission U Than Aye and Chairman of Monywa Township Election Subcommission U Kyin Saw submitted the reports on progress of tasks.

UEC member Dr Maung Htoo replied to the queries raised by officials and gave concluding remarks.—MNA



Member of Union Election Commission Dr Maung Htoo meets members of Sagaing Division, Monywa District and Township Election Subcommissions.—MNA

Supply of clean water improves livelihoods of rural people

Article: Myint Wai Hlaing; Photos: Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU District IPRD)



Photo shows Kamma Lake in Taungzin Village.

Water was more valuable than gold for rural people of dry region in Myanmar in the past.

During a visit to Bagan-NyaungU, I witnessed efficient use of water.

In the past, summer paddy and other crops could not be cultivated in NyaungU region due to Shortage of water in summer. At present, lush and green paddy fields can be seen like a vast stretch of green carpet in the region thanks to dams and river water pumping projects.

Especially, the local people are enjoying fruitful results of adequate drinking water supply. While in NyaungU, I made trips along NyaungU-Myingyan Road, NyaungU-Kyaupadaung Road and NyaungU-Chauk Road via Myingaba and Bagan Myothit.

Along the routes, I saw tube-wells sunk with the contributions of Township Development Affairs Committee and wellwishers.

In an interview, Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council U Htein Win said, "As part of efforts for ensuring sufficiency of drinking water, a total of 225 tube-wells have been sunk in 218 villages of NyaungU Township with the contributions of Development Affairs Department, wellwishers, other organizations and international organizations."

Deputy Director U Myo Aung of Township Development Affairs Committee said, "Before the water supply projects, the local people fetched water from sources three miles from their homes. So, they could not

concentrate on their businesses. Due to water scarcity, diarrhoea, dysentery, skin diseases and trachoma were common in the region."

He further explained, "Sinking tube-wells and digging lakes in the region improve economic growth

of the local people and help increase income. In addition, infection of common diseases has declined, and the local people enjoy enhancement of economic and health sectors."

Kamma Lake, about 240 feet by 250 feet, is located in Taungzin Village-tract. Although it was mid-summer, the lake was supplying water to 12,000 people of 1823 houses from the village-tract and farming cattle. Similar lakes have been dug in Saka, Pyinchaung, Htipu, Kyauppyinkan and Dahatkan villages.

Brick water tanks in another 15 villages store water from river water pumping projects.

Lawkananda river water pumping project supplies water to 13 12000-gallon tanks, Kyaukkur river water pumping project, one 12000-gallon tank, Ngathayauk river water pumping project, five 12000-gallon tanks, Letpanchepaw river water pumping project, two 12000-gallon tanks and Thagaungti river water pumping project, two 12000-gallon tanks. The urban wards of NyaungU are being supplied with water from Natthamee bank of Ayeyawady River via a 140,000-gallon tank.

Scientists and researchers have said that water has no scent and flavour. In reality, water is

delicious for those residing in the regions facing shortage of water. Drinking clean and purified water is more delicious than other foods.

At present, tube-wells and lakes have emerged in NyaungU District thanks to water supply projects. The local people are enjoying fruits of clean water supply project for public consumption all the year round. Indeed, water supply projects are a drive for uplifting socio-economic life of the rural people in NyaungU District.

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6-inch diameter tube-well being sunk for the people of Wakhingyi Village.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence speaks words of encouragement at ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.—MNA



Members of Border Guard Force and local people enjoying traditional dances.—MNA

Shan State (East) Border Guard...

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The members have shouldered duties as people's militia (local) with a sense of friendship among national races and with nationalistic spirit. They are pleased and are taking pride in the opportunity to serve as border guard force members. Local people welcome and encourage the formation of the border guard forces for their security, stability and peace, perpetual peace of border areas.

MNA



Local people attending ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.—MNA

Dinner hosted to delegates of 5th Meeting of ASEAN-WEN

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung hosted a dinner to the delegates to the 5th Meeting of ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network at Lake View Hall of Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by departmental heads of university and departments

under the Ministry of Forestry, officials of the Supreme Court, Attorney-General's Office, Myanmar Police Force and other related ministries, delegates from 10 ASEAN countries and representatives from ASEAN-WEN and other organizations.

After extending greetings, the minister presented gifts to the delegates.

MNA



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung presents gifts to a delegate to 5th Meeting of ASEAN-WEN.

MNA



Li-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence cordially greets local people at ceremony to form Shan State (East) Border Guard Force.
(News on page 1)—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate a member of BGF with Tatmadaw insignia.
(News on page 1)

MNA

Whole nation sees rain due to "Laila"

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—It was reported on 18 and 19 May that due to the influence of cyclone Laila over the Bay of Bengal, it rained heavily the whole nation.

Like other states and divisions, the entire Nay Pyi Taw on 19 May saw downpour rains. Noteworthy rainfalls were 1.71 inches in Nay Pyi Taw; 2.24 inches in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana; 1.16 inches in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe, and 1.43 inches in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA

Images of formation of Shan State (East) Border Guard Force

Nyaunggon Dam contributing to lush and green Meiktila...

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Nyaunggon Dam is one of the irrigation facilities included in the dam cluster to be able to supply water to Meiktila Lake. It is an earthen dam built on Nyaunggon Creek with 6400 feet long and 40 feet wide embankment. The dam can store 3500 acre-feet of water.

Nyaunggon Dam, built by Construction 7 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, was the 178th facility of its kind across the nation. The dam opened on 24 September 2005 is now benefiting Meiktila District for its lush and green process.

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Members of BGF taking oaths as a Tatmadawman.

(News on page 1)—MNA



Director-General U Paw Lwin Sein of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under Ministry of Foreign Affairs signs the Book of Condolences for the demise of (retired) Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Dr.

Goh Keng Swee, at the Singaporean Embassy in Bahan Township on 20 May.—MNA

Public announcement for remonstrations

1. The Modern People Party headquartered at No. (255) (5th floor/B) on Bogyoke Aung San Street between 39th and 40th Streets in Ward 8 of Kyauktada Township, Yangon Division, on 20-5-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord



Flag of the Modern People Party



Seal of the Modern People Party

Union Election Commission

with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Measures for prevention of recruitment of child soldiers discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—As part of the programme being jointly implemented by the Work Committee for Prevention of Recruitment of Minors for Military Services, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and UNICEF (Myanmar), the workshop of high-ranking officials responsible for

prevention of recruitment of minors for military services took place at the Hotel Amara here this morning.

Chairman of the Work Committee Maj-Gen Ngwe Thein of the Ministry of Defence delivered a speech.

The resident representative of UNICEF (Myanmar) extended greetings.

The high-ranking

officials and responsible persons held discussions about the tasks.

Also present on the occasion were the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Deputy Minister for Labour, heads of department, and resident representatives of UN agencies.

MNA

Three women narrowly escape from being trafficked

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Tachilek Township Anti-Human Trafficking Squad of Shan State (East) investigated two suspects: Daw Aye Yin (a) Par Aik and Daw Nan Hsai of Kengtung, along with three young women at its office on 13 May.

The investigation revealed that Daw Aye Yin (a) Par Aik had

brought two 19-year-old women and one 20-year-old woman, deceiving them that they would get not-hard but well-paid jobs in a neighbouring country. She would get 5000 Thai bahts if she sent a young woman to an Aik Kein in the neighbouring country. She asked Daw Nan Hsai to accompany her.

Tachilek Police Station is taking action against the two women. Now, the three victims have been handed over to their guardians. The case was due to lack of knowledge of human trafficking. Not only officials but also parents should take part widely in giving educative talks to the public.

MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

MWAF Information Dept donates cash and kind to Myaing Nunnery

YANGON, 20 May—Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated rice, cash and kind to nuns of Myaing Nunnery on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Ward 5/7 of Shwepyitha

Township here this morning.

Head of Information Department of MWAF Daw Soe Wutyi and members presented three bags of rice, 10 viss of gram, 10 viss of groundnut oil, one bag of

onion, one bag of potato, 25 dozens of exercise books, bottles of purified drinking water and K 84000 to Presiding Nun of Myaing nunnery Nun Daw Sunanda (Dhammacariya).

MNA

Public announcement for remonstrations

1. The Union Democratic Party headquartered at No. (123) (B/3) on U Chit Maung Road in North-West Sasa San Ward of Bahan Township, Yangon Division on 20-5-2010 submitted its applications to register as a political party under the Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.



Flag of the Union Democratic Party



Seal of the Union Democratic Party

Union Election Commission

6th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on International Forest Policy Processes commences



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung makes a speech at 6th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG-IFPP).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 6th Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG-IFPP) at Golden Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, this

morning.

Deputy Director-General Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw of Forest Department presided over the first day session. The delegates of the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN member countries read out the papers at the meeting.

Departmental heads

of the Ministry of Forestry, delegates of ASEAN countries and officials of ASEAN Secretariat and representatives of Forest Department of the Republic of Korea posed for a documentary photo.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

MNA

Two Atlantis astronauts complete second spacewalk of mission

Atlantis crewmen Garrett Reisman and Stephen Bowen conducted a spacewalk, the first of three scheduled for this week, to install a spare antenna on the International Space Station on 17 May.
XINHUA



WASHINGTON, 20 May—Two US astronauts conducted the second of three spacewalks for space shuttle Atlantis' STS-132 mission on Wednesday, NASA said.

According to the US space agency, Atlantis' mission specialists Steve Bowen and Michael Good began the spacewalk at 6:38 am EDT (1038 GMT). During the seven-hour spacewalk, they plugged in four new batteries at the International Space Station and even repaired a loose antenna.

Besides, Bowen

adjusted a cable on the end of the orbiter boom and used a plastic tie to hold it in position.

This brief task was added after discovering early in the flight that the cable was inhibiting a camera from maneuvering correctly.

Two more batteries will be replaced on Friday during the third and final spacewalk of Atlantis' flight.

Atlantis lifted off on Friday afternoon from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. This is the scheduled final voyage for Atlantis, which has flown

31 missions since it was put into service in 1985. It will have one final assignment: remain on standby in case the last shuttle crew needs a rescue.

Only two shuttle flights remain after Atlantis' flight. Discovery is targeted for launch in September with spare parts and equipment. Endeavour is due to launch in November carrying a 2-billion-dollar, multinational particle detector known as the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometre.

Xinhua

US top scientists urge coal, oil use penalties

WASHINGTON, 20 May—Ditching its past cautious tone, the nation's top scientists urged the government Wednesday to take drastic action to raise the cost of using coal and oil to slow global warming.

The National Academy of Sciences specifically called for a carbon tax on fossil fuels or a cap-and-trade system for curbing greenhouse gas emissions, calling



Greenpeace activists burning a symbol of carbon dioxide in November 2008.
INTERNET

global warming an urgent threat.

The academy, which advises the government on scientific matters,

said the nation needs to cut the pollution that causes global warming by about 57 percent to 83 percent by 2050. That's close to President Barack Obama's goal.

"We really need to get started right away. It's not opinion, it's what the science tells you," said Robert Fri, who chaired one of the three panels producing separate climate reports.—Internet

Venezuelan police catch Colombian officer with drugs

CARACAS, 20 May—A Colombian officer was caught with about 900 kg of marijuana at a checkpoint in Venezuela, local police said here Wednesday.

Jose Armando Echavez Prado, president of Colombia's Santander Port Council,

was detained during an operation carried out at a mobile checkpoint along the Trans-Andean highway in Pueblo Hondo, northeast of Tachira, which borders Colombia.

The drugs were stashed in 900 sacks and hidden in the false

bottom of his car, regional police chief Franklin Marquez said at a Press conference.

Marquez said that Echavez had a criminal record. Two other suspects of Venezuelan nationality were also detained in the operation.

Xinhua



People enjoy the food during the Taste of Tribeca 2010, an outdoor culinary festival featuring signature dishes from renowned Tribeca chefs in New York, the United States.

Michael Jackson alive

Tian Xinyu, a 23-year-old Michael Jackson imitator from Shaanxi Province, busts out his best moonwalk moves for hospital employees at a plastic surgery clinic in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province on May 12 where he went to get a complete Jackson makeover.

Tian used pictures of Jackson at age 30 as his model and after years of



duplicating the legendary star's expressions,

dancing, shoulder shrugs and hip thrusts said his new face has made him feel complete. "I was crazy about his dancing ever since the first time I saw him on TV as a child," said Tian.

"I bought lots of his albums, and imitated him. I practiced eight hours a day and felt only my appearance limited my imitation."

Woman attempts robbery, tries to eat note

Authorities in Ohio said a woman tried to rob a bank with a note and then attempted to eat it once she saw a uniformed officer in line behind her. FBI Special Agent Harry Trombitas said the woman wearing sunglasses handed the teller the note at a Columbus Chase bank branch on Wednesday morning. Trombitas said in a statement that the off-duty officer wasn't aware

of what was going on, but when the woman noticed him, she grabbed the note and fled. Outside, the officer arrested the 40-year-old Columbus woman, Lois Harvey. Trombitas said she tried to swallow the note as she was nabbed, then coughed it up onto the sidewalk.

Harvey remained jailed Thursday after a judge set bond at \$250,085. Court records do not list her attorney.

Woman accused of forcing son to smoke in 'lesson'

An East Tennessee woman has been charged with forcing her 5-year-old son to smoke a cigarette. A Carter County deputy told the Johnson City Press that a 24-year-old woman was arrested Tuesday night on charges of child abuse and neglect, disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana. A jail officer said the woman was being held on a \$12,500 bond. Jail records did not show if the woman hired a lawyer.

Deputy Cory Tidwell said that in response to a complaint by a witness he stopped the woman in a car and she told him she she had forced her son to smoke a cigarette because "she was teaching him not to smoke."

A Hungarian fan makes a phone call dressed as a character from a Star Wars movie during celebrations of the 30th anniversary of "The Empire Strikes Back" in a shopping mall in central Budapest.



'I'm okay, but my spleen is a mess'

A 4-year-old boy in Shenyang, Liaoning Province who accidentally fell from a sixth floor apartment window and hit the ground, stunned and delighted his mother when she rushed to his aid when he stood up and said, "I'm OK, mom."

Actually, the boy, Tongtong, who had fallen through the window screen while playing, wasn't quite "okay."

His mother took him to the hospital where doctors found he had ruptured his spleen and removed it. He was reexamined on 5 May and his condition was described as "stable."

News Album

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (513)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (513) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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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Shoppers walk past a clothes shop with a sale sign in Tokyo in March 2010.

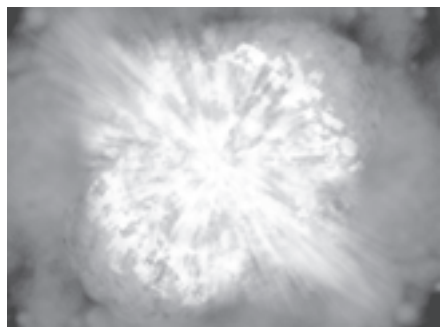
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Scientists discover new exploding star

BERKELEY, 20 May—Astronomers have discovered a new type of exploding star that spews huge quantities of calcium and defies the two known categories of supernovae, according to a pair of studies released today. Only a handful of these novel star bursts have been spotted over the last few years, but they could explain the abundance of calcium observed in galaxies like our own Milky Way, the researchers said.

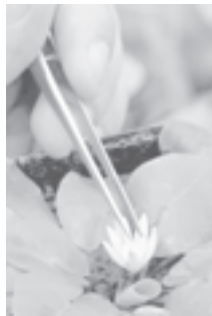
They could even account for the calcium present in our bones, and in all life on Earth. Up to now, supernovae — the most energy-intensive and brilliant events visible in the universe — have been grouped into two classes. Type Ia are thought to arise when the gravity of a burnt-out rump star called a white dwarf draws off enough material from a similar star nearby — a process known as accretion — to become unstable.

At a critical tipping point, the star's ultra-dense core of carbon and oxygen ignites into a shattering thermonuclear blast.— *Internet*



As the tools for peering into the heavens become more powerful, astronomers have come across supernovae that do not fit into any known category.— INTERNET

Waterlily saved from extinction



The waterlily was native to the hot springs of Rwanda.— INTERNET

LONDON, 20 May—A scientist based at the UK's Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, has prevented the world's smallest waterlily from becoming extinct. Carlos Magdalena now plans to repopulate the plant in its native home in the hot springs of

Rwanda. The world's biggest species of waterlily can have pads that grow to around 3m (10ft).

By contrast the thermal lily is just a centimetre wide—with tiny satin white flowers with a butter yellow centre. Two years ago, this delicate bloom went extinct in the wild due to over-exploitation of its habitat. Luckily its seeds were kept in storage — and were used by Carlos Magdalena to regrow the plant at Kew Gardens — just outside London. It took him months to find the ideal conditions for growth. He hopes now that the Thermal Lily will flourish once again in the hot springs of Rwanda.

INTERNET

Indonesian police seize 71 giant turtles in Bali

DENPASAR, 20 May—Indonesian police have confiscated 71 endangered giant sea turtles from a food stall on the resort island of Bali, an officer said yesterday. The owner of the stall was arrested when the giant green turtles, named chelonias mydas, were found in-side his storehouse in Denpasar, chief detective Col Andi Taqdir Rahmantiro said.

Rahmantiro said the stall owner told police he pur-

chased the turtles, with an average size of more than 3.3 feet (one metre), from fishermen who caught them in waters off Sulawesi Island. Turtle meat is a traditional delicacy in the predominantly Hindu province of Bali, although Indonesia has banned turtle trade and consumption due to concerns about dwindling numbers and threats by animal welfare groups of a tourist boycott of Bali.— *Internet*



Indonesian police officer loads a giant sea turtle on to a truck after it was seized from poachers, at Bali's police headquarters in Denpasar, Indonesia on 19 May, 2010.

INTERNET

British hikers die in Spanish Pyrenees accident

MADRID, 20 May—Two Britons who died in a hiking accident in the Spanish Pyrenees have been named as John Peter Field and Richard Christopher Greenwood. The Foreign Office has said it is investigating the men's deaths.



They were reported to have fallen into an ice field near the 9,000ft high (2.7km) Pico de Frondiellas in the Salient de Gallego region. A third male member of their party also fell in the accident on Tuesday but is understood to be uninjured. A foreign office spokeswoman said it was providing consular assistance.

Mr Field, 57, is believed to be from Meriden, near Coventry, while Mr Greenwood, 56, is reportedly from Dewsbury in West Yorkshire. The men were believed to have been hiking along a route which was covered with packed ice and snow when the accident happened.— *Internet*

Undertaker 'paid killer nurse for tip-offs'

ROME, 20 May — An Italian nurse has been arrested on suspicion of murdering seven pensioners at a care home and profiting by tipping off funeral parlours. Angelo Stazzi (65) is suspected of killing at least seven people by injecting them with overdoses of insulin. Detectives believe he would murder patients in his care and then recommend the use of certain funeral parlours to their families, receiving a "commission" from the undertakers.

Mr Stazzi has been in jail since October last year, when he was arrested on suspicion of killing a nurse with whom he was having a relationship. Maria Teresa Dell'Unto (58) disap-

peared in 2001, but the case remained unsolved for eight years. His former lover's remains were found buried in Mr Stazzi's garden. He had been under suspicion for some time and police wiretapped his phones.

The evidence also led police to suspect that Mr Stazzi may have been responsible for the premature deaths of seven pa-

tients at the care home in the town of Tivoli, outside Rome, between 2007 and 2009. When police searched his home last month, they reportedly found syringes, needles and insulin. The alleged victims, five women and two men, were in their 70s and 80s. Several suffered from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.— *Internet*

"The vessel was roughly 30km off Singor village in Rai Coast when it capsized and, at the moment, it is believed that overloading and technical problem were the cause," said Madang's disaster and emergency coordinator, Pius Ikuma. PNG's National newspaper reports that 60 people — double its normal capacity — were on board the MV Nara when it foundered.— *Internet*

Birds sun themselves in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens as wet weather clears following a day of steady rainfall in Sydney.— INTERNET



Large screens at World Expo pavilions - Saudi Arabia pavilion

BEIJING, 20 May— Large screens with their illusory light at the Expo give visitors a vivid presentation of dynamic culture and advanced technology of different countries and regions. In the Saudi Arabia pavilion, the four large screens, the size of two in-door football pitches, offer visitors a mysterious experience of unity of human body and shadow. —Xinhua



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Firstever sky bridge in Phnom Penh to be opened soon

PHNOM PENH, 20 May— The effort of Phnom Penh Municipality to deal with traffic congestion has brought about a new and first-ever sky bridge in the city that will be officially opened in late June 2010, official news agency AKP reported on Tuesday.

Located in the southeastern part of Phnom Penh City, adjacent to Monivong bridge, the approximately 300-metre-long sky bridge cost around 6 million US dollars, it said.

As planned, the municipality will construct two other sky bridges in the areas, statistically showed to be the most jammed by traffic, including Stung Meanchey area and locally known as Two- Lion area.

Expanding key bridges and roads and enhancing traffic law enforcement are also measures to improve the traffic in the capital city of Cambodia, AKP said.

INTERNET



A visitor and two Kunqu opera artists view a painting at the Suzhou Garden Museum in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 18 May, 2010. All kinds of activities were held all around the country on Tuesday to greet the International Museum Day that falls on 18 May.

XINHUA

Guns N' Roses multimedia release out Wednesday

NEW YORK, 20 May— The latest Guns N' Roses project is not an album, a video or a book.

The band has completed a multimedia edition of the biography "Reckless Road," in which author Marc Canter tells of the making of Guns N' Roses' multimillion-selling debut "Appetite for

Destruction." The video book goes on sale on Wednesday and was produced by Vook, an Alameda, Calif.-based digital publisher.

Vook says the edition will include text, studio and concert footage and interviews with band members, but not lead singer Axl Rose. It has a

suggested price of \$4.99 and can be downloaded from Vook's website, <http://www.vook.com>, or from Apple's iTunes. Vook has also worked on video projects for fiction by Anne Rice and Jude Deveraux and children's favourites such as "The Velveteen Rabbit."

INTERNET

Oprah Winfrey hires manager for personal fortune

NEW YORK, 20 May— US television talk show host and media entrepreneur Oprah Winfrey has hired a prominent investor to manage her personal fortune, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday.

Winfrey has begun setting up an office to handle her personal investments, according to the Journal, which cited people familiar with the situation. She has hired Peter Adamson, who is



Oprah Winfrey gestures as she starts her charity walk called "Live Your Best Life Walk" in New York 9 May, 2010.

INTERNET

currently the chief investment officer for Eli Broad, the Los Angeles billionaire and philanthropist.

This is believed to be the first time Winfrey has established a full investment organization around her fortune, the journal said, estimating her net worth at \$2.4 billion.

Spokespeople for Winfrey's production company could not immediately be reached for comment.

INTERNET

More elephants infected with TB in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 20 May—Two female elephants above 60, died inside Chitwan National Park in central Nepal due to tuberculosis (TB), local media reported on Wednesday.

Two more elephants are being treated for TB and six have already been cured for the disease in the park in the last five months.

According to myrepublica.com, while 31 elephants in Nepal are infected with TB, only 19 are receiving treatment.

According to the Chitwan National Park, there is a possibility that more elephants could contract the disease as many infected elephants have not received any treatment. Information released by the

Department of Wildlife states that there are more than 200 elephants in Nepal. These elephants are either conserved by the state or are privately-owned.—INTERNET



FWD109 Gemma Arterton attends the Film premier of "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" in Los Angeles, Calif. on Monday, 17 May, 2010.

INTERNET

5.1-magnitude earthquake hits US-Mexican border

LOS ANGELES, 20 May—An estimated 5.1-magnitude earthquake hit the US-Mexican border area on Tuesday, but there was no immediate report of injuries or damage, according to the US Geological Survey.

The quake affected a wide area in Southern California, including San Diego, about 128 km south of Los Angeles.

The temblor, which occurred at 5:38 pm (0038 GMT on Wednesday), was centered about 29 km west-southwest of El Centro in the state's western- south corner, the USGS said.

Some residents in the area reported feeling the shaking, which lasted several seconds.

Local police said that so far they received no reports of injuries or damage.

The area has been hit by a series of aftershocks since a 7.2-magnitude quake struck northern Baja California on 4 April, according to the USGS.

INTERNET

Drive safety

Sevilla crowned Spanish Cup kings

BARCELONA, 20 May — FC Sevilla prevented Atletico Madrid from celebrating a cup double on Wednesday as they beat the recently-crowned Europa League champions 2-0 to take the King's Cup here for the fifth time in their history and second in four years.

Sevilla — who took the fourth and final Champions League place in the last minutes of the final match of the league season — lifted the Cup thanks to a fifth minute goal by diminutive wing Diego Capel and a second in time added on by Jesus Navas.

Sevilla captain Andres Palop, who made several good saves during the match, said it was mission achieved for the season. "It was a difficult and extraordinary final," he said. "This is what



Sevilla's players celebrate after winning the King's Cup final match against Atletico Madrid on Wednesday.— INTERNET

we wanted, qualify for the Champions League and win the King's Cup. We are very happy." Atletico coach Quique Sanchez Flores was proud of his side's efforts.—Internet

Rafa rejects Torres exit talk

LIVERPOOL, 20 May — Fernando Torres has no desire to quit Liverpool this summer according to manager Rafael Benitez. The Reds striker has been linked with a summer move to Premier League champions Chelsea or mega-rich Manchester City after a torrid campaign which saw the Merseysiders finish seventh.

The lack of UEFA Champions League football for next term has led some to claim the Spanish international, who is

currently racing against the clock to be fit for the World Cup following a knee operation, would opt to leave Anfield.

But Benitez sides on the contrary, insisting the former Atletico Madrid marksman will stay at Liverpool beyond the South Africa finals. "I am not aware that Torres wants to leave," said the Spaniard, who revealed on Wednesday he would like to manage

his national team in the future.—Internet



Torres and Benitez INTERNET

Celtic eyeing Arsenal defender Sol Campbell



Campbell had a three-year spell with Portsmouth before a surprising and controversial move to Notts County last summer.—INTERNET

LONDON, 20 May — Celtic are interested in signing England defender Sol Campbell, but it is thought that the 35-year-old's preference is to remain with Arsenal. The prospect of signing Campbell has been discussed by the Glasgow club's board, but any deal with the veteran is a long way off. Campbell returned

to the Emirates in January on a short-term deal and went on to make 14 appearances.

A new one-year contract is on offer but has not been formally agreed. And Campbell has been quoted on ESPN as saying that Celtic, who finished the season without a trophy but second in the Scottish Premier League, would be an attractive option should he fail to agree terms with Arsenal. He had initially spent five years with Arsenal after leaving English Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur in 2001. Campbell had a three-year spell with Portsmouth before a surprising and controversial move to Notts County last summer.—Internet

USC extends lead in NCAA women's golf

WILMINGTON, 20 May — Southern California shot even-par 288 to extend its lead to seven over Alabama in the lightning-delayed NCAA women's golf championships on Wednesday.

Play in the afternoon was halted twice by lightning and later stopped by heavy rain with 27 golfers on the course. The second round will be completed Thursday morning before the third round begins at the Country Club of Landfall.

The Pac-10 is dominating the competition. Six teams from the conference are in the field, and four are in the top six in the standings. Arizona, in sixth place, shot the only under-par round Wednesday with a 2-under 286.

Arizona State freshman Jennifer Johnson shot 2-under-par 70 to take a one-shot lead over USC's Jennifer Song in the individual competition. Johnson, at 7-under 137 for two rounds, had four birdies and one bogey on her first 10 holes. She parred the next seven holes before bogeying her final hole, the par-4 ninth.

Internet

SPORTS

Birmingham sign Manchester United goalkeeper Ben Foster

BIRMINGHAM CITY, 20 May — Birmingham City have signed goalkeeper Ben Foster from Manchester United on a three-year deal for an undisclosed fee. The 27-year-old England international fills the gap left by Joe Hart's return to Manchester City after a loan spell. Blues boss Alex McLeish told the club's website: "We've signed another young hungry goalkeeper who wants to prove himself and live up to his potential."

Foster joined United from Stoke in 2005 and signed an improved four-year contract at Old Trafford in July 2009. He



Foster signed a new four-year contract at Manchester United in 2009.—INTERNET

began last season as United's first choice but errors in the Community Shield against Chelsea as well as the Manchester derby cost him his place.—Internet

Odesnik banned for two years over breaking doping laws

PARIS, 20 May — American tennis player Wayne Odesnik received a two-year ban on Wednesday from the sport's governing body the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for doping offences. The 24-year-old South African-born player - who reached a world best ranking of 77 last April - was arrested on 2 January in Brisbane, Australia, in possession of eight phials of human growth hormone and subsequently pleaded guilty in an Australian court on 26 March to importing it into Australia.

He has denied taking

the banned performance enhancer. Odesnik's ban has been backdated to 29 December, 2009, meaning that all his results since then and prize-money accrued — including his winnings from reaching the semi-finals of the US Men's Clay Court Championships in April — are annulled and not paid out respectively.

Internet



American tennis player Wayne Odesnik.

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London 2012 unveils Games mascots Wenlock & Mandeville

LONDON, 20 May — London 2012 organizers have unveiled cartoon animations named Wenlock and Mandeville as the mascots for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Focus groups of children and families helped form the designs and children's author Michael Morpurgo added a story concept for an animated series.

"We've created our mascots for children," said Locog chair Lord Coe. "They will connect young people with sport, and tell the story of our proud Olympic and Paralympic history."

The characters are named after the village of Much Wenlock in Shropshire — which hosted a precursor to the modern Olympic Games in the 19th Century — and the birthplace of



Mandeville and Wenlock will feature in an animated series.

INTERNET

the Paralympic Games, Stoke Mandeville hospital in Buckinghamshire.

The Wenlock Games gave inspiration to Baron Pierre de Coubertain as he formed his concept of the modern Olympics in 1896. Olympic motifs chime through the design: Wenlock wears the Olympic rings as friendship bracelets, and although predominantly silver in colour, also contains flashes of gold and bronze.

Internet



Performers participate in a simulated wedding ceremony at a patio-style courtyard at a cave-house in Shanxian County in central China's Henan Province, on 19 May, 2010. The local government has established folk museum and tourist village for better conservation and development of the cave dwellings, an intangible cultural relics in Henan Province.

XINHUA

Daw Myint Myint

(85 years)

**Retired Deputy Assistant Director,
General Administration Department,
Ministry of Home Affairs**

Beloved eldest daughter of (U Maung Kalay- Daw Aye Hlaing), daughter-in-law of (U Ba Kyaw-Daw Hla Khin), beloved wife of U Hla Myaing (Ko Saung) Patron, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, of 2/Ah-6, Lane-3, Tharyaraye Street, Kyaik Waing Pagoda Road, Mayangone Township, Yangon, beloved mother of U Aung Thu Myaing (Correspondent- Ji Ji Press News Agency, Japan)-Daw Zan Mar (Representative of Kelvin Diesels), Dr. Myint Thu Myaing (Professor, Law Department, East Yangon University) beloved grand mother of Ma May Oo Myaing (Final Year, B.E Mechatronics, G.T.U- Hmawbi) and Maung Shwe Po Myaing, passed away peacefully at 7:00 a.m on Thursday, 20th May 2010 at Yangon General Hospital. Cremation will take place at 4:00 p.m on Saturday, 22nd May 2010 at Ye Way Cemetery. (Buses will leave from the above address at 2:30p.m on Saturday.)

Bereaved Family

**WEATHER**Thursday, 20th May, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, and Mon States, fairly widespread in Chin State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in Mandalay Division. Day temperature were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States. Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Eastern Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and above May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Kalewa (43.2°C) and Monywa (41.5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (6.02) inches, Paung (2.56) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (2.32) inches, Thandaunggyi (1.65) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (1.18) inches and Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyakone) (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-5-2010 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 20-5-2010 was 81°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-5-2010 was 78%. Total sun shine hours on 19-5-2010 was (1.19) hours.

Rainfall on 20-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (2.48) inches at Mingaladon and (2.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.26) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 19-5-2010.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours M.S.T today, yesterday's cyclonic storm "Laila" over West Central Bay has moved Northwards and is centered at about (660) miles Southwest of Kolkata (India). The maximum wind speed is about (60) miles per hour and it is likely to cross Andhrapradesh Coast during the next (12) hours as land depression. It is forecast to move northeast wards. Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 21st May 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mon and Rakhine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are like at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of thundery in the Deltic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-5-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-5-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(21-5-2010)(Friday)**

Transmissions**Times**

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (21-5-10 09:30 am ~
22-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)"
- * News
- * Documentary "The Richly Blessed Gem Land"
- * Mythun Breeding in Chin State
- * News
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar "Rupar Mandalar"
- * News
- * A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)"
- * News
- * Documentary "The Richly Blessed Gem Land"
- * On the LEDO Road
- * News
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Endless Wonders.....(Htukkant Thein Temple)
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)"
- * News
- * Documentary "The Richly Blessed Gem Land"
- * Future Stars (Loikaw, Kayah State)
- * News
- * Live Concert
- * News
- * Shwe Inn Tha, Eco-friendly Resort
- * Myanmar Movie "Like a Spring"

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**Friday, 21
May
View on today**

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင်
(သနိုးမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-
မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:25 am

3. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning News

7:40 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am

6. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

8:00 am

7. ဝန်ကြီးကွင်း(မြို့တွင်း)တံတား

8:20 am

8. The Mirror Image
of The Musical

8:30 am

9. "တက္ကစီမံတာသလိုရာ"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Songs of National
Races

4:15 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ်
(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု)
(သင်္ချာ)

4:45 pm

5. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:05 pm

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

8. Songs of Yester
Year

5:25 pm

9. "မြန်မာ့ကျောက်မျက်
ရတနာပြတိုက်"

5:35 pm

10. နိဗ္ဗာန်မြှုပ်နှံလေးတို့အသံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ဆူးလွှမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ"
(ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ"

- (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

19. သီချင်းချစ်သူ

- (Do-Ra-Mi)



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar granted permission to register as political party

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 45/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

**The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw
Notification No. 45/2010
8th Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
20 May 2010**

Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar is granted permission to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar with its headquarters at No. 16 (First Floor) on Arthawka Road in Tamway Township, Yangon Division to register as a political party in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 20 May 2010.

The registration number of the Rakhine State National Force of Myanmar is (8).

By Order

Sd/Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Weather Report

NAY PYI TAW, 20 May—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the observatory report at 5.30 pm today, cyclonic storm "Laila" that occurred in the central west Bay of Bengal crossed Andhrapradesh Coast of India as land depression. It is forecast to move toward northeastward.—MNA

Nyaunggon Dam contributing to lush and green Meiktila District

**Article: Nu Nu Yi & Tin Mar Win;
Photo: Myanma Alin**

As a traditional business, the agricultural task is based on endeavours of the farmers and necessary assistance. With a view to yielding agricultural outputs, the government is rendering assistance for increasing sown acreage, boosting agricultural produce and growing various crops with the use of double and mixed cropping patterns.

Nyaunggon Dam in Meiktila Township will distribute surplus water from Chaunggauk Dam of Pyawbwe Township to Meiktila Lake via Lunngin and Lakkhopin dams through canals. Indeed, it is a drive for contributing to lush and green Meiktila District.

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Photo shows storage of water at Nyaunggon Dam in Meiktila Township.