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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

President U Thein Sein to pay State visit to Indonesia, attend 18th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May—At the invitation of His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay a State visit to the Republic of Indonesia and subsequently attend the 18th ASEAN Summit scheduled to be held in Jakarta in the near future.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Instead of being complacent about present achievements, companies should try to achieve the goal of bringing about a capital market
UMFCCI, sister associations to care for quality control, keep compromises, and sell goods at right prices to stand as regular suppliers in foreign trade

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May— The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held the 20th Annual General Meeting at Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this afternoon, with an address by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Union Ministers and deputy ministers, diplomats from foreign embassies in Myanmar, departmental heads and officials, the president, vice-presidents, CEC members and executives of UMFCCI, chairmen, executives and members of congenial associations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion,

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said that he firmly believes CEC members, executives and members and private entrepreneurs of sister associations and merchants who are attending the 20th Annual General Meeting of the UMFCCI will maintain the fine traditions of the federation with the concept that they all will make collaborative efforts in their respective sectors for enhancing the development of State economy.

In reviewing the situation of international community, all the countries are competitively carrying out progress of national wealth and strengthening of national economy, putting the national interest in the fore.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses the 20th Annual General Meeting of UMFCCI.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Raise productivity with might of workers

In his message sent on Workers Day, which falls on 1 May, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein said, "... if workers and peasants work with might and main under the leadership of the government in productivity and services, the nation will enjoy greater development in the political, economic and social sectors."

Now, the first sessions of Hluttaws have been held successfully in accord with the approved constitution. And according to democratic practice, legislative, executive and judicial bodies have been formed firmly for democratization.

The nation will keep implementing industrialization process with peasants and workers, the two main social classes.

Now, sound foundations have been laid for further development of agriculture for economic development. And the government is taking steps to meet the requirements for national industrialization by raising funds based on natural resources and bringing about a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

National entrepreneurs and the government are establishing modern factories, plants, and industrial regions and zones. Workers are familiar with modern machines and electronic devices. So, workers are enjoying higher salaries, rights and jobs.

At a time when the nation is in the process of being built into a peaceful, modern and developed democratic one, workers and peasants are to join hands firmly with the government in pursuing the goals of sustainable development in agriculture, industrialization guarding the nation against neo-colonialists and their stooges' disruptions to nation-building tasks.

Yonesigyi Village facilitated with station hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—A ceremony to open Yonesigyi Village Station Hospital in Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region was held in conjunction with handing-over of the hospital to the Ministry of Health this morning.

Taungtha Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Thaung unveiled the stone plaque of the hospital. Present on the occasion were Mandalay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung, Mandalay Region Minister for Economics U Aung Zan and personnel.

Extended boarding house of Yonesigyi Village Basic Education High School (Branch) constructed with the contribution of U Aung Thaung and family was also commissioned the same day.

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PROGRESS REPORT

- * 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 Union Minister calls for effective utilization of land



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views Mezali Diversion Weir.—A&I

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited over-100-year-old Ai-ma Diversion Weir on built in 1891 at Mann Creek near Ai-ma Village in Minbu Township, Minbu District, Magway Region today.

The Union minister in meeting with staff called for to be model in effectively using vacant land on either side of the irrigation system by growing annual and perennial crops and trees and setting up farm for welfare of staff preserving the dam.

The Union minister then visited century-old Mezali Diversion Weir at Mone Creek near Mezali

Village, Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District. The diversion weir is still benefiting 82623 acres of farmland for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy.

The Union minister and party then oversaw repair of spillway of Manchaung Dam at Mann Creek about three miles of Ngaphe which was damaged by Giri storm and called for completion of the repair work in May.

The dam with water storage capacity of 120000 acre feet is currently supplying irrigation water to 4591 acres of farmland.—MNA

Regional development work in Mawlamyine, Thaton townships inspected



Chief Minister U Ohn Myint of Mon State looks into harvesting of paddy at Beyan Model Village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint met with officials at Kyaikmaraw Township General Administration Department on 28 April. At the meeting, he explained matters related to a cement factory to be built in Niton Village, Kyaikmaraw Township. He spoke of the need for responsible people to systematically implement the project as it is aimed at developing the region, promoting the local people's status and creating jobs.

Next, he met with departmental personnel and called for making efforts for ensuring good governance and clean government.

Then, the chief minister inspected progress in

construction of extended building of Nyaunggon model village middle school in Mudon Township, digging of Kalar canal in Beyan model village and harvesting of paddy.

Later, he visited Myanmar central agricultural farm, production of paddy strains and construction of new building of primary school in Thayagon village.

On 29 April morning, the chief minister attended the opening of the fourth ICT Show (2011) at Ngwe Moe Hotel in Mawlamyine. He also inspected construction a new building of Kyonpa village primary school in Thaton Township and University of Computer Studies.—MNA

Mayor orders flood-threatened Illinois city evacuated

CHAMPAIGN, 1 May—The mayor of a small southern Illinois city threatened by two swollen rivers ordered all residents to leave by midnight Saturday because a “sand boil,” an area where river water was seeping up through the ground behind the levee, had become dangerously large.

Cairo Mayor Judson Childs issued a mandatory evacuation

order for the city of 2,800 residents late Saturday afternoon hours after meeting with Maj Gen Michael Walsh, the Army Corps of Engineers officer tasked with deciding whether to blow a hole in the Birds Point levee in Missouri, downstream from Cairo, to relieve pressure on levees along the dangerously high Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Walsh, who toured

Cairo’s levee area, described the boil that has been growing since it was first spotted Tuesday as the largest he had ever seen, the *Southeast Missouriian* newspaper reported.

Sand boils occur when high-pressure water pushes under flood walls and levees and wells up through the soil behind them. They’re a potential sign of trouble.

Internet



Jason Byram carries his 4-year-old daughter Shelby Daves out of a rescue boat 26 April, 2011, in Poplar Bluff, Mo. Powerful storms that swept through the nation’s midsection have pushed river levels to dangerous heights and are threatening to flood several towns in Missouri.

Internet

Three Killed, 12 wounded in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 1 May—Three people, including a security officer, were killed and 12 people wounded in gunfire and bomb attacks in northern and central Iraq on Sunday, police said. Lieutenant Colonel Nozad al-Talebani, an Iraqi counter-terrorism officer, was killed when gunmen in their car opened fire on Talebani’s car in southern the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a police source in the city told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In central Iraq, an Awakening Council group member was killed and his son wounded when a roadside bomb detonated outside his house in Abu Ghraib area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua*.

The Awakening Council group, or al-Sahwa in Arabic, consists of paramilitary groups, including some powerful anti-US, Sunni insurgent groups, who turned their rifles against the al-Qaida network after the latter exercised indiscriminate killings against both Shiite and Sunni Muslim communities.—MNA/Xinhua

Three civilians killed, 11 injured in suicide bombing in E Afghanistan

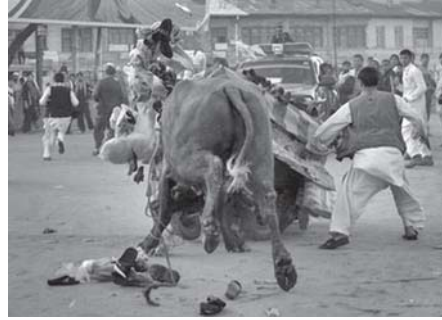
KABUL, 1 May—Three civilians were killed and 11 injured Sunday morning when a suicide bomber blew himself up in Afghanistan’s Paktika Province 155 km southeast of capital city of Kabul, the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

“A suicide bomber detonated an explosive device attached in his body at around 07:30 am local time (0300 GMT) in Ashkin bazaar in Barmal District.

As a result three innocent civilians were killed and 11 others injured,” said the statement released by Interior Ministry here.

However, the statement did not Provide more details, saying police has initiated an investigation and details will be released to media later.

Xinhua



A bull charges at a cart loaded with sandals for sale in the centre of Kabul, Afghanistan Saturday, 30 April, 2011.

Afghan policemen shot the bull after it became wild and uncontrollable, injuring five Afghans, police officials said.

INTERNET

Child suicide bomber ‘kills four’ in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 May—A 12-year-old suicide bomber killed four people and wounded a dozen in eastern Afghanistan on Sunday, officials said.

The boy — thought to be one of the country’s youngest-ever suicide attackers — detonated a vest packed with explosives in a marketplace in Paktika Province, on the border with Pakistan, provincial



spokesman Mukhlis Afghan said in a statement.

“The head of Shkin District council, Shair Nawaz, a woman and two other men were killed and 12 others were

wounded,” the statement said. The Afghan interior ministry had earlier put the death toll at three, with 11 wounded.

Civilians are increasingly getting caught up in the violence that has blighted Afghanistan since a US-led invasion in 2001 ousted the Taliban, triggering an militancy whose intensity has increased in recent years.—Internet



A policewoman uses a bomb-sniffer dog to check a vehicle as policeman looks on during a training course at a police academy in Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad 27 April, 2011. About 50 policewomen took part in a 45-day basic training course, a police commander in Kerbala said on Wednesday.—INTERNET



In this photo distributed by China’s Xinhua news agency, spectators look at a hotel after fire in Tonghua, northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 1 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Hotel fire in China kills 10, injures 35

BEIJING, 1 May—A fire at a hotel in northeastern China killed 10 people and injured 35, state media reported, in the latest deadly accident to highlight lax Chinese fire safety.

The blaze broke out about 3:30 am (1930 GMT Saturday) at a hotel operated by Chinese budget hotel chain Home Inns in Tonghua city in Jilin Province, the official *Xinhua* news agency said. It was extinguished half an hour later.

The victims died of smoke inhalation after the fire started in the stairwell and sent thick plumes of smoke to the upper floors of the hotel, *Xinhua* said, citing the city’s publicity department.

The injured have been taken to hospital, including three in a critical condition, *Xinhua* said.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the blaze.

Deadly fires are common in China and are typically blamed on lax observation and enforcement of fire-safety measures. Last week, 18 poor migrants died and nearly two dozen were injured when a fire swept through an illegally constructed building in Beijing.—Internet

Suicide bomber kills eight, wounds 19 in Northern Iraq

MOSUL, 1 May—Eight people were killed and 19 wounded on Saturday when a suicide bomber blew himself up at an Iraqi army checkpoint next to a market in the northern city of Mosul, police and hospital sources said.

Attacks against Iraq’s army and police are rising as they prepare to take full responsibility for security in the country ahead of a full withdrawal of US troops by 31 December, more than eight years after the US-led invasion of Iraq.

“Eight killed, 19 wounded. Five soldiers were killed and three civilians, and two soldiers are among the wounded,” Nineveh Province police Lieutenant Colonel Mahmoud al-Jibouri told *Reuters*. The toll is final. A hospital source confirmed the number of dead and wounded and said the attack had taken place at a popular market in eastern Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad.—Reuters



Science

Alien Giant Tortoise helps restore ecosystem



Alien Giant Tortoise.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 1 May— Rather than wreaking havoc on a tiny island in the Indian Ocean — as alien species can sometimes do — a giant tortoise appears to be helping to restore the native ecosystem.

Wildlife scientists introduced Aldabra giant tortoises — which can reach up to 661 pounds (300 kilograms) — to an island, called Ile aux Aigrettes, off the coast of the island nation of Mauritius. By 2009, 19 adult giant tortoises called the island home. The

tortoises were to replace the role of their extinct kin. Before humans first arrived on Ile aux Aigrettes, various giant tortoises lived there, as did giant skinks — a type of lizard — and, most likely, flightless dodo birds. The disappearance of these animals affected other things living on the island, in particular the native ebony trees, which have been devastated by people hunting for firewood.

The giant tortoises and the skinks ate the fruit of these trees, spreading the seeds. Without these fruit-eaters around, the trees could no longer disperse; young trees only grew directly below the adults.

Worldwide, invasive species are considered one of the greatest threats to biodiversity, so, the idea of replacing an extinct

creature with a foreign one is controversial. It has been done elsewhere with the new species often closely related to the one being replaced. For example, the North American peregrine falcon was re-established from seven subspecies from four continents, and yellow crowned night herons have been introduced to Bermuda to replace extinct herons and to control pesky land crabs. At the most extreme end of the spectrum, conservation scientist Josh Donlan has suggested that the Pleistocene ecosystems of North America be reconstituted with large African mammals — horses, camels, tortoises, lions, elephants and cheetahs — thus protecting these species from the threats they face in their natural range.—*Internet*



People watch the launch of a model rocket shaped in the form of Paris' Eiffel Tower during a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Russia's Yuri Gagarin's first manned flight into space, in St.Petersburg, Russia, on 17 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Scientist rethinks wallowing pigs

WAGENINGEN, 1 May — A Dutch scientist says pigs' love of wallowing in mud may have a courtship function and may help explain how whales evolved.

Marc Bracke of Wageningen University published his report on porcine wallowing in a British journal, *Applied Animal Behavior Science*, the BBC reported.

In the past, scientists have suggested pigs wallow to keep cool because they do not have sebaceous or sweat glands. Bracke suggested the opposite is true, that pigs did not develop sweat glands because they spend so much time in cool mud. Bracke believes the love of mud has roots deep in time.

"We all evolved from fish, so it could be that this motivation to be in water could be something that was preserved in animals that are able to do so," he said. His suggestion about wallowing playing a reproductive role comes from observing deer. They do not wallow, but they do mark off territory by rolling on the ground, a behavior that is a mating ritual.

As for whales, Bracke believes they may have been wallowing animals who spent so much time in the mud and water they evolved into marine mammals.—*Internet*



Technology



Victor Muller, Saab chief executive, introduces the Phoenix Concept Car during the 2011 New York International Auto Show on 21 April. Dutch car manufacturer Spyker, owner of Swedish brand Saab, published Friday a 72 million euro loss for the first quarter, adding that its sales target for this year was "no longer feasible.—INTERNET

Verizon to warn cellphone buyers on tracking data

NEW YORK, 1 May— Verizon will put a peel-off sticker on the screen of cellphones it sells, warning that the user's location may be tracked. The sticker also advises users to be careful which apps they install if they wish to avoid location information being shared with third parties.

The move isn't in response to the recent location-tracking scandal surrounding Apple iPhone and Google Android phones; it's a Verizon initiative that has been planned for some time. It was revealed in a written response from Verizon to the House Bipartisan Privacy Caucus (PDF link), which had written to the four major mobile companies last month after learning that a German mobile operator tracked users' locations.

Verizon also revealed that it holds personally identifying data, including location details, for up to seven years. This in itself is astonishing. Do you know where you were on, say, 21 Nov, 2008? Verizon does, if you were using one of its handsets equipped with GPS, such as the popular Samsung Omnia or BlackBerry Storm phones, released around that time.

Of the other mobile carriers, AT&T says it'll hold location data for anywhere from a few days to five years, while Sprint says it'll hold it for five years. T-Mobile would only say it "retains personal information for only as long as we have a business need, or as applicable laws, regulations or government orders require."—*Internet*

Google brings video chat to Android via update

WASHINGTON, 1 May— On its Google Mobile blog, the Mountain View company has announced the imminent arrival of its video chat software for Android phones, Google Talk with video. While some apps for Android phones already allow you to video chat (eg. Fring and Tango), Google Talk will become part of the forthcoming Android OS update (2.3.4).

Google Talk with video will allow users to video chat with others using either the same software or Gmail with Google Talk on com-

puters. It'll be possible to make calls over 3G, 4G or Wi-Fi — unlike, for example, Apple's FaceTime, which currently only works over Wi-Fi.

Google's blog post explains: "In your Google Talk friends list, a video or voice chat button will appear next to your contacts and you can simply touch the button to connect with them. Any text chats from the person you're talking with will be overlaid on your phone's screen so you can read them without having to leave the video." The post continues, "And, if you

need to check something else, the video pauses automatically so you can go back to your phone's home screen or another app. The audio will keep going even though the video has paused."

For most people, it just doesn't feel natural to look down the lens of a camera while talking — unless you happen to be a news anchor. Still, at least having the video chat software available gives us the option, and allows Granny on the east coast to see her grandkids on the west any time she wants.

Internet



Northern California startup Viewdle on Wednesday released software that lets Android-powered smartphones recognize people's faces.
INTERNET



Health

Folic acid may not accelerate cancer

HAMBURG, 1 May—Mandatory fortification of foods with folic acid is a subject of controversy in Germany, researchers say.

Wolfgang Herrmann and Rima Obeid say higher dosages of folic acid have been suspected of accelerating the growth of certain cancers. But they say they evaluated different international studies and conclude that suspicion is not supported by the evidence.

Their study, published in the *Deutsches Arzteblatt International*, found no such association. For example, for the observed increase in the number of patients with colorectal cancer after folic acid fortification programmes began in the United States and Canada, the researchers said the

cancer increase can be explained by improved early detection programs during this same time period.

The study results could have an impact on whether doctors advocate women ingest folic acid before and during early pregnancy to help ensure their fetus does not develop spina bifida.

Every year, 800 pregnancies in Germany are diagnosed with spina bifida and most of these pregnancies are terminated. The researchers said extensive folic acid fortification of foods might prevent this defect in 85 percent to 100 percent of cases as it has in other countries, such as the United States where folic acid is added to food.

Internet



Mireya Salazar lays on the floor after school on 17 March, 2011 in her home in Denver. Mireya was diagnosed with autism, a confounding neurological disorder that affects an estimated one in 110 US children. The national Centres for Disease Control and Prevention calls it a public health emergency.

INTERNET

File photo shows Activists from a non-governmental organization (NGO) light candles during an AIDS awareness campaign ahead of World AIDS Day in Agartala, capital of India's northeastern state of Tripura on 30 November, 2010.



INTERNET

Melatonin may help in weight loss

GRANADA, 1 May—Melatonin, a natural hormone produced by the body and involved with the sleep cycle, may also help in controlling weight gain, researchers in Spain say.

The researchers from the University of Granada, the University Hospital San Cecilio in Granada, the University of Salamanca, the University of Jordan and the Service of Endocrinology of the Hospital Carlos III in Madrid found melatonin was found to be beneficial for young rats that had not developed metabolic or heart disease.

The study, published in the *Journal of Pineal Research*, found melatonin in the rats improved blood lipid profile, reduces triglycerides,

increases high-density lipoprotein — the “good” cholesterol — and reduces low-density lipoprotein — the “bad” cholesterol — even without reducing food intake.

Researchers say melatonin might help in preventing heart diseases associated with obesity and dyslipidemia — an abnormal amount of lipids in the blood.

If this finding is confirmed in humans, administration of melatonin and intake of food containing melatonin — mustard, Goji berries, almonds, sunflower seeds, cardamom, fennel, coriander and cherries — might be a useful tool to fight obesity and the risks associated with it, the researchers say.

Internet



Business



Profits of China's listed companies up more than 30 pct in 2010

BEIJING, 1 May—Net profits of Chinese companies listed both in Shanghai and Shenzhen climbed more than 30 percent in 2010 from a year earlier, as all companies have released their annual reports till Saturday.

Data from the Shanghai Stock Exchange shows that the profits of companies listed in Shanghai climbed 37.25 percent from 2009 to 1,416.8 billion yuan (about 218 billion US dollars).

Only 55 companies, or 6.07 percent of all companies listed in Shanghai reported losses in 2010, down 6.83 percentage points from 2009.

Companies listed in Shenzhen registered a total profits of 248.63 billion yuan last year, up 38.08 percent from 2009.—*Xinhua*



People pass signboards for a Chinese Internet 'group buying' website in Beijing. China has fallen in love with 'group buying', a concept that has electrified e-commerce.

INTERNET

Insurance to drag on Berkshire Q1 results

OMAHA, (Nebraska) 1 May—Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N) (BRKb.N) will report a significantly lower first-quarter profit, as one of the worst quarters ever for global catastrophes weighed on the company's insurance businesses, Chief Executive Warren Buffett said on Saturday.

Profit is expected to be about \$1.5 billion, down from \$3.63 billion a year earlier, Buffett said at Berkshire's annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. Year-earlier profit totaled \$2,272 per Class A share.

Buffett also projected that for the first time in nine years, Berkshire would likely have a full-year loss from insurance underwriting. Insurance comprises close to half of Berkshire's operations.

Buffett said the company lost \$821



The Berkshire Hathaway Warren & Charlie Magic Answer Ball is offered for sale at a cocktail party hosted by the Berkshire-owned Borsheims jewelry store, in Omaha, Neb, on 29 April, 2011.—INTERNET

million from insurance underwriting in the first quarter, and had an estimated \$1.67 billion of pretax losses from catastrophes.

He said the quarter was the second worst for the insurance industry in terms of global catastrophes, which included earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand.—*Reuters*

Australia to flag 4.5% unemployment in budget

SYDNEY, 1 May—Australia's upcoming budget will forecast 500,000 new jobs to be created in two years as the country rides a mining boom, bringing unemployment down to 4.5 percent, Treasurer Wayne Swan said Sunday.

Swan said secure employment was the first responsibility of the Labour government of Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the budget to be delivered on 10 May would have that as its central emphasis.

“What I can say about the budget is that we will see the creation of an additional 500,000 jobs in the next couple of years, with an unemployment rate coming down to 4.5 percent,” Swan told Channel Ten's “Meet the Press”.

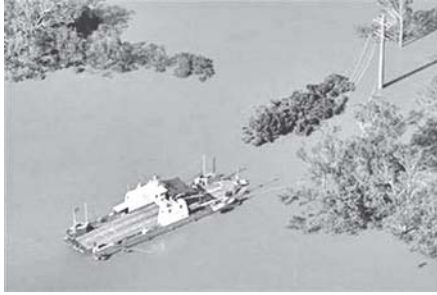
“We are going to... get more Australians into work and we are going to spread the opportunities of the boom.” Swan gave no details on how this would be achieved in Australia, which currently has an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent.

“We are looking at a range of initiatives to lift workforce participation,” he said. “With an unemployment rate coming down at 4.5 percent we do not have a person to waste.”—*Internet*

A reclaimer is seen in the Yandicoogina stockyard in Western Australia's Pilbara region.

INTERNET





The damaged Moggill ferry sits in flood waters near broken power transmission lines west of Brisbane 13 Jan, 2011.
INTERNET

Flood-hit Australian city launches ferry terminal design contest

SYDNEY, 1 May—Australia’s third-largest city will run an international competition for a “cutting-edge” design to replace ferry terminals lost during devastating floods earlier this year, government officials said on Saturday.

Brisbane’s landmark ferry terminals were destroyed in floods that inundated the city and much of northeastern Queensland state in January. A total of A\$145 million (\$158 million) in government funding has

been committed to rebuild the eight terminals, together with a riverside walkway, the state and federal governments said in a joint statement.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said it was an “opportunity to put a unique stamp on our city,” while Treasurer Wayne Swan said invitations would be opened to designers and architects from around the world. The winner will become consulting architect on the project.

Reuters

PlayStation hacker may have obtained millions of users’ credit card info



Sony on Sunday said it would “shortly” begin restoring its PlayStation Network and Qriocity online services following a major security breach that compromised millions of users.
INTERNET

TOKYO, 1 May — Kazuo Hirai, the head of Sony’s PlayStation video game business said Sunday that there was no concrete evidence that information from 77 million credit cards registered by customers through Sony’s PlayStation Network had been stolen by a hacker, the possibility did exist.

Speaking at a Press Conference convened by the firm at their headquarters in Tokyo, Hirai, Sony’s executive vice president, conceded that the hacker may have obtained the users’ credit card numbers, expiration dates as well as purchase history and password security answers. “While there is no evidence that the credit card data has been compromised, we also can’t rule it out,” Hirai said.

Sony said that two weeks ago a hacker breached the company’s online video game network and Qriocity streaming entertainment service and swiped the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and birth dates of some 77 million users registered to use the firm’s network. Following the breach, which has potentially huge global implications, Sony suspended the two online services on 20 April.

Hirai, while apologizing for the monumental blunder, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is looking into the matter, following Sony’s request.

The consumer electronics giant said they have created a new position to better oversee the protection of consumers’ private data. The measures taken include adding more firewalls and advanced encryption technology.—Xinhua

Storm cellar saves Alabama couple, as neighbours perish

PHIL CAMPBELL, 1 May—Travis Roberts invited his neighbours into the storm cellar he built for \$600, but they figured they would ride out the twister bearing down on them. Five were killed and two critically injured when it struck, splintering their homes, but Travis and his wife Brenda survived below ground in their storm-rocked concrete shelter.

“We did not respect the warning enough,” said Roberts of the tiny Alabama town of 1,100 people, which was largely flattened in the deadly tornado outbreak that killed at least 350 people across seven states. He credits his wife Brenda’s fear of twisters for saving their lives.

When they bought their property

in the town 35 years ago, he accommodated her worries by building a storm cellar. “It is patterned after a Cold War fallout shelter. I spent \$600 on it. I got my money’s worth,” Roberts told Reuters.

The families behind and in front of his home did not elect to join him, and five of them did not survive the storm. “Two of my neighbours chose to ride it out. They rode all right literally about 200 yards. I rescued them,” he said. The other two remain in critical condition in hospital. During the storm, the concrete shelter shook with the violent winds. He knew his house was gone before he clambered out of the shelter. “It wasn’t wind, it was an explosion,” he said.—Reuters

Police discover hidden arsenal in Ciudad Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 1 May — Mexican federal police said Saturday they discovered a basement arsenal hidden behind the mirrors of a home gym that included three anti-aircraft guns, dozens of grenades, a grenade launcher, AK-47s and other high-powered weapons.

The neatly ordered stockpile found in an upscale neighbourhood in Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, also contained several makes of machine guns, rifles, a shotgun and more than 26,000 ammunition cartridges, according to Raul Avila Ibarra, the federal police commissioner in

charge of the City. Police say they discovered the weapons Friday while searching a house near the US -Mexico border. Avila said the police acted on an anonymous tip that there were kidnapping victims in the house, but no one was found. The mirrors of the gym opened at the touch of a button near the floor,

allowing access to the secret shelter, which also held more than 50 military uniforms, as well as bulletproof vests and gas masks.

Three money-counting machines were also found. No one was detained in the search. The police didn’t reveal the origin of the weapons found.—Internet



An arsenal containing grenades, grenade launchers, assault rifles and other high-powered weapons are stored inside a basement warehouse in the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on 29 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Escaped prisoner shoots four in Mass rampage

DEERFIELD, 1 May—A fugitive prisoner in Massachusetts shot one man dead and wounded three others—including two police officers—before being shot by police, authorities said on Saturday.

Tamir Kirkland, 24, had escaped from a medium-security prison in Shirley, Mass, on Monday morning, where he was serving 2-4 years on weapons charges. The spree began at around noon on Saturday when Kirkland shot one man dead and wounded another at a beauty salon in Springfield, police said. Kirkland then ran from the salon and hid in a house a few streets away.

Later, a woman in a silver car backed up to the house, and Kirkland climbed into the trunk. After being challenged by police, Kirkland popped up out of the trunk and shot and slightly wounded two officers, Springfield Police Sgt John Delaney said.

The officers returned fire multiple times, striking Kirkland, who was taken to a local hospital in critical condition.—Reuters



Tea expert Zhou Xiaofen (L) from southwest China’s Sichuan Province shows her skills during the 2011 Houston International Festival in Houston, the United States, on 30 April, 2011. The 2011 Houston International Festival opened here Friday, with an emphasis on the ancient Silk Road trade route that links China, India, Turkey and other cultures.
XINHUA

Functions of Thilawa Terminal in full swing



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung inspects Myanmar Integrated Port Limited in Thilawa.—MNA

YANGON, 1 May — Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung yesterday inspected bridge and oil tank construction project of Myitta Mon Company in Thilawa Port Terminal of Myanma Port Authority and left instructions.

He later viewed Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (MITT) which is under the company

with cent per cent foreign investment. The company has invested 110 million US\$ in the terminal, creating 1050 job opportunities for local nationals. The minister also inspected Myanmar Integrated Port Limited (MIPL) and urged staff to show good attitude towards the public as the port business is the engine of economic development of the country. MIPL

Chinese Ambassador calls on Kachin State Chief Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May — Chinese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of

Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and party called on Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John

Ngan Hsai at the Office of Kachin State Government yesterday. **MNA**



Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Li Junhua.—MNA

has invested 18.2 million US\$ in the business and generated 140 job opportunities. **MNA**

Aharathukha Market in Nay Pyi Taw, a centre of fruit and vegetables

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Aharathukha Market seen in an evening.

Aharathukha Market is one of the large markets in Nay Pyi Taw, Capital of Myanmar, established for comfort and convenience of the dwellers. Now, the market has become a housewives' paradise as it directly gets fresh fruit and vegetables from growers.

Most of the goods on sale in the market come from the farmlands in Lewe and Tatkon townships in Nay Pyi Taw

District. Fruit and vegetables from Aungban in Shan State also flow to the market. Some of the goods that are transported to the market go to other markets across the nation including Thabyegon Market, Myoma Market, Pyi Shwe San Aung Market and Ywadow Market.

Aharathukha Market is composed of 100 brokerage houses alongside five complexes, each of which has 240 shops. The day market

runs and the evening market, from 5 am to 6 pm from 3.30 pm to 9 pm for the residents.

Major goods on sale in the market are onion, garlic, potato, cabbage, cauliflower, mustard, cord, watermelon, pineapple, apple, orange, cucumber, coconut, banana and vegetables. For smooth transport for shoppers and swift flow of commodities, a Tawwin Bus Line and many other bus lines ply between the

market and many other regions. There is a garbage system with two garbage trucks in the market in order that there is no detriment to the health of

The market has a fire service group which undergoes firefighting drills regularly. Moreover, inspection tour is made around the market three

Shweni banana from Pinlaung, Rakhine banana from Ngatezu Village and plantain banana from Kyaukse; and he was getting on



Aharathukha Market runs not only in daytime but also in the evening.

sellers due to rotten goods and the goods are fresh and hygienic. In addition, mosquito pesticide is sprayed the whole market once a week.

times in daytime and one time at night.

Merchant U Tin Ohn, also the proprietor of a brokerage house of onion, garlic and potato, said that his house had been busy since the opening of the market. Daw Thein Nu said that she lived in Mandalay and sold fruit and vegetables and Shan traditional foods there. U Myint Aung who sells coconut and banana said that he traded mostly in

with his business.

Previous to Aharathukha Market, for local growers, to transport their goods to and get goods from other regions was a big challenge, but now due to smooth transport, the commodity flow had become swift and they could supply fruit and vegetables to consumers daily.

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Aharathukha Market is always busy with trade activities.

Instead of being complacent about present...

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With the aim of enhancing the national interest, the Article 35 of the 2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar clearly states that the economic system of the Union is market economy system. The Article 36 also states that the Union shall:

- (a) permit all economic forces such as the State, regional organizations, cooperatives, joint-ventures, private individual, so forth, to take part in economic activities for the development of National economy;
- (b) protect and prevent acts that injure public interests through monopolization or manipulation of prices by an individual or group with intent to endanger fair competition in economic activities;
- (c) strive to improve the living standards of the people and development of investment;
- (d) not nationalize economic enterprises;
- (e) not demonetize the currency legally in circulation. These provisions were adopted for strengthening the State economy.

With regard to economic development of the State, the President in his address at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said, "Ours is an agro-based country. Successive governments paid serious attention to agriculture, so the country has enjoyed surpluses of crops. However, agricultural development alone is not enough for



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo views documentary photos of UMFCCI and its congenial associations. MNA

In reviewing the trade sector, Myanmar has achieved remarkable trade volume, which is about 20 times than that of 1988-89 when the market-oriented economic system commenced in the nation. The Myanmar economy was called the rice economy due to placing too much reliance on paddy only in the successive eras. At present, the nation can extend export promotion for beans and pulses, maize, sesame, rubber products and paddy in addition to new export items such as natural gas, ready-made clothes, marine products and jewellery year after

drawing of the rules for brokerages with right commodities, right price and right trading in various regions for ensuring equal standardization across the nation and exchange of market price and information. At present, the people are enjoying the fruits of economic development to some extent due to formation of 29 brokerages in the entire nation under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and the leadership of the UMFCCI. Thus, the brokerages are to calculate production of commodities, consumption and surplus or deficiency and build the information network for market, price and commodity flow. In so doing, it is necessary to create the network as a centre that can disseminate market price, information and new technology to the farmers and information on marketable crops.

Farmers' requirements are met and agricultural production has been boosted to some extent due to the farm subsidiaries, seeds of high-yield strains of crops and fertilizers supplied by special companies formed



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for documentary photo together with UMFCCI President, Vice-Presidents and CEC members.—MNA

the country to become a developed one. So, we must turn to national industrialization to transform country into a developed, rich one with a lot of employment opportunities and high per capita income. Therefore, our government will try our best for national industrialization while scaling up agricultural development. For emergence of the market economic system, necessary infrastructures, law and rules, procedures have been adopted."

In implementing the five-year short-term plans for economic development of the nation, the aim has been set to achieve 10.5 per cent of economic development on average per year in 2011-2012 financial year, the first year of the fifth five-year short-term plan. Hence, the private sector is to participate in the realizing the aim under the leadership of the UMFCCI.

In practising the market economic system, the higher trade promotion will put the State economy on the increase. Asian countries have higher economic development in the past decade due to export promotion and establishment of export industries.

year thanks to encouragement of the government and collaborative efforts of the private entrepreneurs.

To be able to see development of the economic sector in the long run, it is necessary to improve the industrial sector through progress of agricultural sector. Moreover, it is needed not only to extend the export of primary items but also to establish the export oriented industries. As the State has enacted the Special Economic Zone Law and solved problems for the foreign direct investment and small- and medium-scale industries, the private entrepreneurs are to try their best for trade promotion and increasing the value-added exports.

Moreover, it is necessary to start to establish firms businesses for their stand because there may be tough competition in the ASEAN Free Trade Area that will be launched in 2015.

To ensure sustainable development of agricultural exports, measures have been taken for systematic domestic production and trade, and systematic



UMFCCI President U Win Aung speaking at AGM of UMFCCI. MNA

with the public private partnership system since 2009.

The companies have to sustain such prudent programmes and remedy the weak points through heart-to-heart discussions among shareholders and to find out the difficulties farmers are facing. The federation will keep observing the functions of each company and render assistance for their development.

Instead of being complacent about present achievements, the companies should try to achieve the goal of bringing about a capital market. In that case, the federation should try to stay in touch with the developments in the national and international economy, do research, distribute facts about markets and commodity prices and information, disseminate business knowledge and conduct more seminars, talks and courses with national and foreign experts.

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Last year's recruitment of 1439 new members brought the total membership to 21,162, and now the federation has become a strong one with 59 brother associations under it.

Moreover, ambassadors and charges de affaires of 20 foreign embassies and 2139 entrepreneurs of business organizations and enterprises visited the federation. It is heartening to note that it sent 453 members to attend seminars, courses and meetings in 15 foreign countries, sent 623 entrepreneurs to attend 23 international trade affairs in 10 foreign countries with the aim of boosting trade. And it is cooperating actively with regional organizations including ASEAN and has signed 75 MoUs with 20 foreign countries. The federation is believed to be able to boost trade with foreign organizations.

When it comes to the economic sector today, every entrepreneur badly needs to observe business ethic due to immense competition. They have to care for quality control, keep compromises, and sell goods at right prices to stand as regular suppliers in foreign trade. And only then will they build mutual trust with their partners and achieve sustainable development. The federation and brother associations are urged to deal with those points with all seriousness.

Now, global climate change is worsening, which has adverse effects on agricultural productivity more or less. They should not harm domestic food security in trade inside and outside the country.



Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for documentary photo with executives of UMFCFI.—MNA

Development of the private sector is large part in building up a modern, developed nation with sustainable progress. So, the government will generate better opportunities, and in response, the federation and entrepreneurs should work in collaboration for economic growth of the nation.

In conclusion, the Vice-President called on the federation and congenial associations to preserve fine traditions and keep working hard to achieve the federation's goals and future plans; to try their best to stand tall with dignity as traders and industrialists with high calibres in the ASEAN and international economic and trade field; and to compliance with the

President's economic guidelines in building a modern and developed nation such as for proper evolution of the market economy, transforming the nation into an industrialized one maintaining the development momentum in the agricultural sector, and bringing about more national entrepreneurs by creating opportunities for individual entrepreneurs and private enterprises in regions and states.

The Vice-President and guests observed the documentary photos on the federation's activities implemented at home and abroad, and on works of brothers associations.

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Union Minister for
Commerce U Win
Myint speaking at
AGM of UMFCFI.

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Rehabilitation undertaken in Giri-hit regions

NAYPYI TAW, 1 May— Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi discussed post-Giri rehabilitation, the remaining tasks and reducing loss due to natural disaster in meeting with Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin and State Ministers, at Sitway of Rakhine State on 29 April.

The Union Minister, the Chief Minister and the Ministers inspected relief supplies at the office of Head of Relief and Resettlement Department

at Bumay ward. There, the Union Minister met staff under Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

After that, the Union Minister visited dispensary of social security board, labour exchange office of Labour Department and maintenance of fire engines and water tanks at State Fire Station and relief supplies warehouse at Pyidawtha ward.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party met village administrators and local residents from

storm-hit villages at Natshin village, Pauktaw Township and presented gifts to local people.

They also met local people at Laungdareik village, Myebon Township and provided them with gifts.

In the evening, the Union Minister and the Chief Minister discussed rehabilitation tasks and preparedness against natural disasters, at Myebon Township General Administration Department. The Union Minister handed over presents to local people.—MNA

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi delivers a speech at Myebon Township General Administration Department.—MNA



KNU mine injures villager

NAYPYI TAW, 1 May—U Maung Naing, 38, who lives in Aukbote Village, Kawkaik Township of Kayin State, stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents while wandering in

search of bamboo shoots today about two miles west of the village. The mine blast cut his left ankle. Officials provided medical treatment to him at Kawkaik People's Hospital.—MNA

From democracy transition to emergence...

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The proposal to establish "ASEAN Natural Disaster Risk Management Centre" is absolutely seconded as the regional and international cooperation plays an important role in implementing rescue and rehabilitation tasks promptly and effectively in a short period of time.

Strategic objectives and procedures of ASCC Blueprint will be continued to carry out for further achievement in Myanmar's education and health sector. Distance College Education system started in 1981 to provide all students who completed high school to be able to pursue higher education. Languages of ASEAN-member countries and other nations are being taught at Universities of Foreign Languages and plans have been laid to conduct undergraduate course of ASEAN studies in universities.

As to the public health sector, the Ministry of Health is undertaking emergency health management projects and national-level contagious disease prevention projects. In addition, it is taking cooperative measures with internal and international organizations for reduction in the death rate of infants, promotion of the health care for pregnant women, combating of infectious diseases including HIV/AIDS and malaria and reduction in HIV/AIDS outbreaks that are included in the millennium development goals. Thus, Myanmar supports the proposal to mark the 10th anniversary of ASEAN declaration on HIV/AIDS at ASEAN Summit to be held in Indonesia.

Myanmar also favours the plans for promoting

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attending 5th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Meeting.
MNA



reintegration of the disabled into human society. The nation has about 1.3 million disabled people. The Social Welfare Department is taking measures for them to be able to take part in education, social and sport activities at township to national levels. Moreover, the work plan (2010-2012) for the disabled is being drawn.

Myanmar will remain as a good neighbourly nation as well as a member of ASEAN. From the democracy transition to the emergence of a modern, developed democratic nation, Myanmar is committed to working more steadfastly not only for ASEAN socio-cultural community but also for ASEAN creating the single community, said the Union Minister.

At the fifth ASEAN socio-cultural meeting, matters

related to designation of 15 June as ASEAN DHF Day, issuance of declaration on sharing of cultural characteristics that contributes to establishment of the ASEAN community and stances on the map of millennium development goals in the ASEAN region were discussed. Next, the meeting approved the report of ASEAN socio-cultural community council to be submitted to the 18th ASEAN Summit and holding of a meeting by forming the group of ASEAN sports ministers.

The meeting was attended by ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries and the secretary-general of ASEAN.

MNA



Dy Commerce Minister visits cargo checkpoints in Yepu, Muse

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan on 28 April looked into inspection of commodities at the export checkpoint,

import checkpoint and small vehicle gate at Yepu Cargo Checkpoint in Hsenwi of Shan State (North).

At the 105th-Mile Trade Zone in Muse, he inspected loading and unloading process at the export checkpoint and import checkpoint and viewed construction of the office for Myanmar Cargo Inspection and Test.

At the of Border Trade guesthouse in Muse, he met merchants and responsible persons from brokerages and gave instructions.

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Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, ministers of Shan State Government, the Vice Governor of Yunnan Province visiting Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) 2011.—MNA

Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—With a view to promoting bilateral trade and economic cooperation, seeking business opportunities and bolstering friendly relations between Myanmar and China, Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) 2011 was held at 105th Mile Border Trade Zone in Muse, Shan State (North) on 29 April.

The opening of the border trade fair was attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan, and Shan

State ministers and departmental personnel, Vice Governor Mr Gu Zhaoxi of Yunnan Province and officials.

Beans and pulses, marine products, forest products, Myanmar furniture, finished woods, statues, paintings, mosaics, handicrafts are on display at 224 booths, of which PRC and Myanmar exhibiting 108 each, Thailand, Bangladesh, India and Laos eight each.

The border trade ended today.

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Myanmar-China Border Trade Fair (Muse) 2011 in progress in Muse, Shan State (North).—MNA

Nivea cream marks 100th birthday, wrinkle-free

FRANKFURT, 1 May—With its distinctive smell, texture and iconic blue pot, Nivea cream turns 100 this year as a brand found in bathrooms in 200 countries that is nonetheless battling to keep up with copycat products.

In 1911, a German named Oscar Tropolowitz, head of pharmaceutical firm Beiersdorf, pioneered the use of the oil-in-water emulsifier "Eucerit" that proved to be an instant hit because it did not go rancid like its

competitors. He then added extract of orange, bergamot, lavender, rose, lilac and a touch of lily and christened his new invention "Nivea", a name taken from the Latin word "niveus", meaning snow-white.

The new cosmetic proved popular among the well-to-do but quickly took hold with the masses as well, to the point where today it is sold in more than 200 countries, with the most blue pots bought in the United Arab Emirates.

Last year, Beiersdorf sold 100 million pots.

"Everyone has a blue pot at home," said Anne Zavan, marketing director at Beiersdorf in France.

Internet



Tins of Nivea's famous cold cream are seen on display in a Nivea shop in Berlin. With its distinctive smell, texture and iconic blue pot, Nivea cream turns 100 this year as a brand found in bathrooms in 200 countries that is nonetheless battling to keep up with copycat products.—INTERNET

Rare earths are loaded on to a ship at a port in Lianyungang, eastern China. Farmers in northern China living near a 10-square-kilometre rare earth mining dump site say they have lost teeth and their hair has turned white while tests show the soil and water contain high levels of cancer-causing radioactive materials.

INTERNET



China pays price for world's rare earths addiction

BAOTOU, 1 May—Peasant farmer Wang Tao used to grow corn, potatoes and wheat within a stone's throw of a dumping ground for rare earths waste until toxic chemicals leaked into the water supply and poisoned his land.

Farmers living near the 10-square-kilometre expanse in northern China say they have lost teeth and their hair has turned white while tests show the soil and water contain high levels of cancer-causing radioactive materials.

"We are victims. The tailings dam has contaminated us," Wang, 60, told *AFP* at his home near Baotou city in Inner Mongolia, home to the world's largest deposits of rare earths, which are vital in making many

high-tech products.

"In this place, if you eat the contaminated food or drink the contaminated water it will harm your body," Wang said, pointing towards lifeless fields now strewn with rubbish around Dalahai village, a few hundred metres from the dump.

China produces more than 95 percent of the world's rare earths — 17 elements used in the manufacture of products ranging from iPods to flat-screen televisions and electric cars.

Internet

Infosys eyes buys in Europe, Japan, and healthcare sector

BANGALORE, 1 May—Infosys Technologies Ltd, India's No 2 software services exporter, is on the hunt for acquisitions in Europe and Japan and in industries including healthcare and public services, its chief executive said on Sunday.

Speaking to *Reuters* a day after the company announced changes in its top-level management, S Gopalakrishnan said Infosys was also seeking acquisitions in new areas like cloud computing.

"Our philosophy has always been that you plan organic growth," said Gopalakrishnan, who is set to step down as chief executive and become co-chairman in August.

"You keep your eyes and ears open, you have a dedicated team looking at acquisitions," he said.

Infosys would make an acquisition when it



Senapathy Gopalakrishnan, chief executive of Infosys Technologies, looks on after the announcement of the company's quarterly financial results in Bangalore on 15 April, 2011.—INTERNET

found a target that was at the right price with the right strategic fit, he added. "We do not want to set a target for acquisition because we are not doing acquisition for growth. We are doing acquisitions for strategic fit and adding capability at this point of time," he said at the company's sprawling headquarters campus on the outskirts of Bangalore, India's IT hub.—Internet

Dominican Republic, Haiti join force against cholera

SANTO DOMINGO, 1 May—The Dominican Republic and Haiti have agreed to jointly fight the cholera epidemic, which has killed thousands of people in Haiti and spread to neighbouring Dominican Republic.

Among other agreements reached at a meeting of health officials from both countries here on Thursday, a permanent bilateral discussion mechanism will be set up to jointly monitor the situation of cholera, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and the dengue fever. Bautista Rojas Gomez, health minister of the Dominican Republic, said the two sides also decided to articulate the important initiatives to be developed by non-governmental organizations.

Since its outbreak in mid-October, the cholera epidemic has killed some 5,000 people in Haiti, while leaving 12 dead and almost 1,000 infected in the Dominican Republic. Dominican authorities have stepped up border controls and health checks to stop the disease from spreading from Haiti.—Xinhua



The works of the Modulo Sperimentale Elettromeccanico (MOSE), a project intended to protect Venice from floods. Flood-prone Venice has launched an ambitious plan to build mobile barriers at the mouth of its lagoon to protect the city from rising sea levels.—INTERNET

TEPCO to build makeshift bulwark around Fukushima nuclear plant

BEIJING, 1 May—The Tokyo Electric Power Company is to build a makeshift bulwark around the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant, in case bigger aftershocks might further harm the already damaged structures.

TEPCO said a tsunami triggered by a strong earthquake in future may submerge Fukushima's plants with 1 or 2 meters of water. The bulwark will be located at a place 10 meters above sea level between No3 and No4 nuclear reactors. The whole construction is set to be completed by mid June.

TEPCO has also warned of the danger of hydrogen explosions inside the No1 reactor, citing unusual low pressure inside the reactor may be the culprit. But TEPCO is working toward a solution of the problem.—Xinhua

Premier Wen visits low-income housing construction sites in Beijing

BEIJING, 1 May—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Sunday visited a low-income housing construction site in eastern Beijing, extending Labour Day holiday greetings to workers there and stressing the central government's determination to stabilize prices of the real estate and to advance a healthy development of the sector.

"I chose this low-income housing construction site for a visit on Labour Day, which fell on Sunday, as the central government has attached great importance to construction of new low-income housing units," said Premier Wen.

He reiterated the central government's unswerving determination to work to ensure that the prices of the real estate remain largely stable and to strive to advance a healthy growth of the sector. "We are determined to bring down the high flying housing prices in some cities and make sure that the prices of housing could return to a reasonable level," said Wen.

"Our determination is unswerving that special care is given to the needy and low-income families and make sure they could afford housing," said Premier Wen.

While visiting the Wangsiying low-income housing project in Beijing Chaoyang District, Premier Wen wore a hard hat and went inside a newly capped building designed for low-rent housing to check a two-room apartment there.—Xinhua

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Visitors visit the European architecture model constructed with Lego in Hong Kong, south China, on 30 April, 2011. Artists using 3 million pieces of Lego constructed 17 world famous scenic spots, attracting lots of visitors.— XINHUA

Australian Cancer Council warns alcohol carcinogenic

CANBERRA, 1 May — Australia Cancer Council on Sunday warned that any amount of alcohol could give people cancer. While drinking alcohol may have played a dominant role in defining Australian culture for more than 200 years, the Cancer Council report published in the *Medical Journal of Australia* said alcoholic drinks and etha-

not are carcinogenic to humans, and there is no evidence there is a safe consumption threshold to avoid cancer.

The report said there is convincing evidence that alcohol is a cause of cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus, bowel (in men) and breast (in women). It said drinking alcohol also increases the risk of bowel cancer in women, and liver cancer, and, because it might contribute to weight gain, it could also be associated with cancers linked to excess weight and obesity.

Internet

Brasilia celebrates World Tai Chi Day

BRASILIA, 1 May—The World Tai Chi and Qigong Day was celebrated for the ninth time on Saturday in Brasilia, an event attended by about a hundred people, who practiced the 24 moves, the 19 form, the Tai Chi sword and the Tai Chi fan. About 70 countries and regions celebrated the date this year, which takes place on the last Saturday of April and is part of World Health Organization's calendar as one of the "healthy events" linked to the World Health Day.

The Chinese Zhou Jiazheng, who has been

living in Brazil for nine years and currently teaches mathematics at Brasilia University (UnB), was present at the event as a spectator and said he was thrilled to see Brazilians practicing Tai Chi. "I am very happy to see the Chinese culture spread in a foreign country. This shows the work that Master Woo has been doing for all these years here in Brasilia," Zhou said.

Zhou referred to China-born Moo Shong Woo, known to his pupils and admirers as Master Woo, who has introduced Tai Chi practice in Brasilia 37

years ago. He arrived in Brazil in 1961 and lives in the country's capital since 1968. About 150 people of all ages attend daily Tai Chi classes given by him and his pupils, who became teachers themselves. Throughout these years classes are free and are held outdoors at the Square of Universal Harmony, which was declared an intangible cultural heritage of Brasilia in 2007.

Xinhua

Two dead as truck rear-ends bus near London

LONDON, 1 May—A truck rear-ended a disabled bus on Saturday on an English highway, killing the truck driver and a bus passenger, police said. The crash occurred on Saturday morning on the M11 motorway near Stansted Airport north of London, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. The bus driver told police he pulled over to the shoulder of the highway because of an engine problem about 30 seconds before the bus was struck at 2:20 am. The bus was headed to the cross-channel ferry at Folkestone, carrying elderly Yorkshire residents on a one-day shopping trip to a small town in Belgium known for its tobacconists. The East of England Ambulance Service said 49 people were injured.

Most were quickly treated and released, but six were kept in a hospital while the other passengers were provided transportation back to Yorkshire. The highway was closed for hours while the truck and bus were disentangled and the truck's load of carrots cleared up.

Internet



A vendor waits for customers during the Foire de Paris in Paris, France, on 30 April, 2011. The annual Paris Fair runs from 28 April to 8 May with the theme of "slow time" for this year.

XINHUA



Photo taken on 30 April, 2011 shows four men wearing bag-like masks during 2011 Taiyuan Animation and Comic Festival in Taiyuan City, capital of north China's Shanxi Province. The bag-like masks, which were made of paper and environment friendly, became popular in the festival and attracted many young people to buy them.— XINHUA

Nepal to organize global poetry competition

KATHMANDU, 1 May—Global Federation of Nepali Literature is set to organize a worldwide open audio poetry competition in different phases. According to Sunday's THT Online report, a meeting of the federation has set mid-May as the deadline for recording poetry in the first phase while the deadline for second and third phase will be up to 3 to 11 June, respectively.

The result of the competition will be announced on 13 July — the establishment day of the federation, informed

federation's general secretary Biswodeep Tigela. Participants of the competition could send their poetry to email address gfnl@ymail.com or skype address nepaliliterature by 11 June.—MNA/Xinhua

Civet passes on secret to luxury coffee

BATANGAS, 1 May — One of the world's most exclusive types of coffee comes from the hills and mountains of South East Asia. But this coffee is definitely not to everyone's taste — it is made from beans which have been eaten and then excreted by small catlike animals called civets.

Even if you can stomach the fact



A closer look at how the civet helps improve the flavour of coffee beans.— INTERNET

that this coffee comes from faeces, you still have to stomach the cost — bags of coffee beans can fetch up to \$800 (£500) per kilogramme in Japan or the US, and coffee shops in New York sell just one cup for about \$50. But Vie and Basil Reyes believe it is a price worth paying.

They have been running their coffee business for more than six years, and they still believe there is something special about beans that have passed through a civet. "Even if I've drunk lots of other types of coffee, then at the end of the day I drink a cup of civet coffee, I can immediately taste the difference," said Vie. "It looks different, it smells different, and most importantly it tastes different."—Internet

Dogfighting phone app is back

LOS ANGELES, 1 May—A game app that touts virtual dogfighting was back on Google's Android Marketplace on Saturday under a new name, "KG Dogfighting." Just days after the game, then called "Dog Wars," was pulled from the apps store's Web site over trademark concerns, the creators, Kage Games, had it back up for sale with the revamped name. The game notes the controversy it has raised and is pitched as "an app that will never appear in the iPhone App Store!"

"Raise your dog to beat the best!" the marketing copy says. "Feed, water, train and FIGHT your virtual dog against other players." It cheekily concludes "No dogs were harmed in the making of this app a few flies got swatted." *The Los Angeles Times* reported Kage Games said in an e-mail to the newspaper this week the game's aim is to educate the public on the evils of animal cruelty.—Internet



Theatrical performers perform in Ryerson Theatre, Toronto, Canada, on 30 April, 2011. A large Chinese music play called Phoenix was staged in Toronto on Saturday.— XINHUA



Japan has relaxed laws on haircutting to allow barbers and stylists in areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami to clip and style at evacuation shelters or makeshift shops, a report said Saturday.

Japan trims hair-cutting laws in quake zone

Japan has relaxed laws on haircutting to allow barbers and stylists in areas affected by the earthquake and tsunami to clip and style at evacuation shelters or makeshift shops, a report said.

The current law bans barbers and beauticians from cutting hair anywhere other than authorised shops, apart from for housebound customers or weddings.

The government has relaxed the regulations for a period of about two years starting this month, the *Yomiuri*

Shimbu said.

Many hairdressers' shops were damaged or destroyed in the 11 March quake and tsunami which wiped out whole towns along the northeast coast. The measure covers barbers and beauticians who cannot run their businesses as before or who are living in shelters due to the quake, the paper said. The paper said the law had been changed following requests from local people who were unable to travel to a proper barber shop or hairdressing salon.

Firefighter reassigned over calendar

Fire officials in Philadelphia said a firefighter was reassigned after "showing nipples" in a picture taken for a charity calendar. Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said Jack Slivinski, 31, has been removed from his position with Engine 1 and is being investigated for violating several protocols when he posed for photographer Katherine Kostreva's charity calendar, the *Philadelphia Daily News* reported Thursday. "We get letters from children. They look up to us," Ayers said. "We cannot allow them to be showing nipples in photographs of Philadelphia firefighters." Bill Gault, president of Fire Fighters Local 22, said he wants Slivinski returned to his position.

Title celebrations go to Germany star's head

Kevin Grosskreutz had his head shaved in front of 80,000 people on Saturday as he made good a promise to undergo a first haircut since October as soon as Borussia Dortmund were crowned German champions.

After his side won their seventh league title, their first since 2002, with a 2-0 home win against Nuremberg, Grosskreutz, 22, allowed Brazilian team-mate Dede to shave his head on the pitch in front of 80,000 fans.

"I'm happy, I've never had my hair so long," said German international Grosskreutz as his side celebrated at their Signal Iduna Park stadium with the traditional beer showers.

"When I think back that three years ago I was still in the stands among the spectators and now we are German champions."



Dortmund's striker Kevin Grosskreutz (L) gets his head shaved by teammate Felipe Santana (R) after their German first division Bundesliga football match against FC Nuremberg in Dortmund, western Germany.

Art exhibit offers breast-milk cheese

A New York artist presenting an exhibit is inviting visitors to the gallery to eat her artistic creations — shaped cheese made from human breast milk.

Miriam Simun, 26, a student at New York University's Interactive Telecommunications Programme, said she purchased breast milk from three women and turned it into cheese with the help of Chef Sarah Hymanson for the exhibit at the Michael Mut Gallery in the East Village neighbourhood, the *New York Daily News* reported.

The "Human Cheese" exhibit, which opened Thursday and closes Monday, invites visitors to sample the final product.

News Album



In this 12 April, 2011 file photo, actress Lindsay Lohan poses during a news conference for the film 'Gotti: Three Generations', based on the life of John Gotti, in New York. A source close to Lohan says the actress wants to end a misdemeanor theft case filed after a jewelry store reported the actress took a necklace without permission, according to a report 30 April, 2011.

INTERNET

Lohan wants to end necklace theft case

LOS ANGELES, 1 May—Lindsay Lohan wants to enter a no contest plea to end a criminal case filed over a \$2,500 necklace reported stolen, a source close to the actress said Saturday.

The source, who is familiar with Lohan's criminal case but was not authorized to comment publicly, said the actress wants to put the case behind her so she can focus on her career.

No court date has been set for Lohan to enter the plea.

She is scheduled to return to a Los Angeles court for a pretrial hearing 11 May, but the actress is hoping to resolve the case before then, the source said.

By pleading no contest, Lohan would not be admitting guilt, and it

was not immediately clear if she would face any additional penalties.

The actress already has been sentenced to four months in jail for a probation violation related to the theft case. She is free on bail.

Prosecutors in February charged Lohan with felony grand theft on allegations that she took the necklace from Kamofie & Co, a jewelry store near the actress's home in Los Angeles' Venice neighbourhood.

The charge was reduced last week by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Stephanie Sautner.

Authorities allege the theft occurred roughly three weeks after Lohan, 24, was released from court-ordered rehab at the Betty Ford Centre.

Internet

Major modern art pieces at New York auction 3 May

NEW YORK, 1 May—Master works by Monet, Picasso and Gauguin will be highlights of a spring auction of impressionist and modern art next week in New York.

"We are feeling confident and expect a very busy few days," said Conor Jordan, head of auction house Christie's Impressionist & Modern Art. The sales are expected to make in total some 160 million dollars.



A woman looks at a painting by Pablo Picasso entitled 'Femmes d'Alger' in Paris 2003.

INTERNET

Museum promotes 'Indiana Jones' archeology

MONTREAL, 1 May—A museum exhibit in this Canadian metropolis opened this week showcasing on-screen archeological discoveries of Hollywood's fictional adventurer Indiana Jones.

Presented by the National Geographic Society with the support of Lucasfilm, "Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archaeology: The Exhibition" takes visitors on a virtual tour of sites depicted in the series of adventure movies.

It aims to shed light on such historical myths as the Ark of the Covenant and the Holy Grail, sought in the films by the title character played by American actor Harrison Ford.

Internet



US actor Harrison Ford smiles upon his arrival at 'Indiana Jones and the kingdom of the crystal skull' premiere in Tokyo 2008.

INTERNET

Claude Monet's 1891 oil painting masterpiece "Les Peupliers," valued between 20 and 30 million dollars, is one of the main attractions at the Impressionist and Modern evening sale on 3 May.

The other star attractions will be the large Picasso "Femmes d'Alger," also valued at 20 to 30 million dollars, and the "La fenetre ouverte" by Matisse, estimated at 8-12 million.

Slightly more accessible — at a few million dollars less — are De Chirico's "Ettore e Andromaca" for five to seven million dollars, and Dali's "Chevaliers en Parade," expected to raise 1.2 to 1.8 million dollars.

Internet

Spur's Redknapp demands goal-line technology

LONDON, 1 May — Harry Redknapp has called for the introduction of goal-line technology following the controversy surrounding Chelsea's opening goal in the 2-1 defeat of Tottenham. Spurs manager Redknapp was left frustrated when Frank Lampard's shot was adjudged to have crossed the line after being spilled by keeper Heurelho Gomes.

Television replays showed the decision to award a goal was wrong and the manager now believes the case for change is clear, pointing out that Lampard was denied a clear goal in similar circumstances

when playing for England against Germany in the 2010 World Cup finals. "The linesman's made a call, an honest judgement," Redknapp said. "He's guessed. He's had a guess. He's on the 18-yard line when the ball's on the goal-line. It's impossible to judge. No one can be sure. He's guessed wrong and he's made a mistake."

Internet



Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp



Arsenal celebrates its victory over Man Utd with 1-0 results at home.

INTERNET

Arsenal 1 - 0 Man Utd

LONDON, 1 May—Arsenal beat a poor Manchester United to blow the title race open with the leaders now just three points ahead of Chelsea with three games left to play.

Referee Chris Foy failed to spot a clear handball from Nemanja Vidic in the first half, with Robin Van Persie poised to nod in Theo Walcott's cross. Though United went close with a Wayne Rooney free-kick, Arsenal's general dominance continued after the break.

And they were rewarded in the 56th minute when Aaron Ramsey slotted home. If defending champions Chelsea beat United at Old Trafford next Sunday, they will move to the top of the Premier League.—Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Full Barclays Premier League Table

1	Man Utd	35	38	73
2	Chelsea	35	38	70
3	Arsenal	35	32	67
4	Man City	34	22	62
5	Liverpool	35	15	55
6	Tottenham	34	7	55
7	Everton	35	5	48
8	Bolton	35	0	46
9	Fulham	35	7	45
10	Stoke	35	0	43
11	West Brom	35	-14	43
12	Newcastle	35	-2	41
13	Aston Villa	35	-13	41
14	Sunderland	35	-13	41
15	Birmingham	35	-17	39
16	Blackburn	35	-14	38
17	Blackpool	35	-22	35
18	Wigan	35	-23	35
19	Wolves	35	-23	34
20	West Ham	35	-24	32

S P O R T S

Liverpool 3 - 0 Newcastle

LIVERPOOL, 1 May—Goals continue to flow at Anfield under Kenny Dalglish as Liverpool strengthened their claim for European football next season with a 3-0 victory over Newcastle United.

The Reds, who have scored 14 in their last three home matches, moved above Tottenham Hotspur into fifth place having rarely been troubled by the Magpies.

Dirk Kuyt's eighth in his last seven



Suarez (right) scores his third goal for Liverpool in Sunday's 3-0 win.

Barclays Premier League matches was sandwiched between another for Maxi Rodriguez, who hit a hat-trick in the 5-0 win over Birmingham City last week, and one for the impressive Luis Suarez.

Only a goal for Andy Carroll against his former club would have capped off the performance. The £35m striker came on for the final 20 minutes but made little impact. He was never going to be a major player in this match having missed last week's victory with a knee injury.

The man who was the main reason Newcastle's record of just two wins at Anfield in their last 39 visits was not improved was Suarez.

Carroll's fellow deadline-day signing has made a much greater impression and his inventiveness and workrate were a constant problem to the Magpies.

Internet

Birmingham 1 - 1 Wolverhampton

LONDON, 1 May—Wolves missed the opportunity to climb out of the bottom three after they were held to a draw by 10-man Birmingham.

Steven Fletcher put Wolves ahead with a penalty after Ben Foster fouled Stephen Ward early in the contest. Sebastian Larsson hit the crossbar and later struck the equaliser after a poor header from Michael Mancienne.

Craig Gardner picked up a second yellow before the break but a scrappy and goalless second half left Wolves 19th in the table, one point from safety.

Fletcher scored early in the contest but Wolves could not build on their lead



And Mick McCarthy's team could even finish Sunday propping up the Premier League if West Ham defeat Manchester City in the late game. But the result edged Blues a point nearer to safety as Alex McLeish's team are now four clear of the bottom three with three games left.—Internet

Man City 2 - 1 West Ham



Nigel De Jong scores his first goal for City to give the hosts the lead.

INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

1	A	S	K	E	D	4	V	E	R	T	6	I	G	7	O
2	N	N	O	A	E	P	R								
3	G	R	E	M	L	I	N	9	P	O	S	E	D		
4	E	A	T	I	E	W	E								
5	R	A	D	I	I	11	S	O	L	D	I	E	R		
6	E					13	S	O	H	O					
7	D	I	N	G	H	Y	17	Z	E	P	H	Y	19	R	
8						20	E	V	E	R					
9	S	Q	U	E	Z	E	24	T	E	N	E	T			
10	I	R	P	R											
11	F	L	I	E	S	27	S	C	A	N	D	A	L		
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13	S	C	H	E	M	E	S	29	T	R	E	N	D		

Kyle Busch denies Hamlin weekend sweep at Richmond

RICHMOND, 1 May — If there's one thing Denny Hamlin could change, he maybe wouldn't have been so forthcoming about Richmond International Racing in all those Joe Gibbs Racing team meetings. But holding out information about his home track would make Hamlin a bad teammate, so he shared everything he knew. Then Kyle Busch used those tips to beat his teammate Saturday night at Richmond, denying Hamlin a weekend sweep at his home track.

"I learned from Denny last fall, and I'm not going to say what I learned," Busch said after stretching his final tank of gas 107 laps to pick up his second win of the Sprint Cup season. It was Busch's third consecutive win in Richmond's spring race. Hamlin has won the last two fall races, and

the last non-JGR driver to win at Richmond was Jimmie Johnson in September, 2008. So it was no surprise to see Busch and Hamlin finish first and second for a JGR sweep Saturday night. Hamlin just wished it had been him out front.

Internet



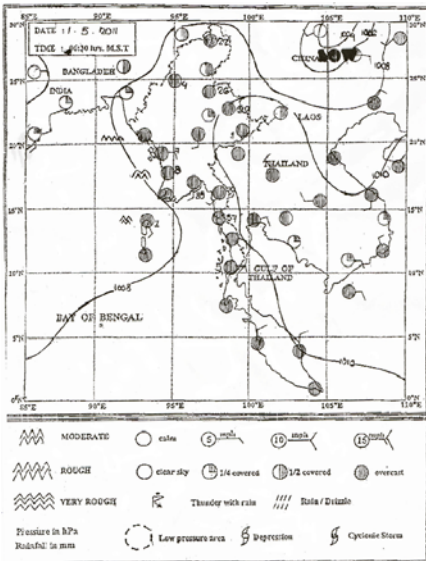
Denny Hamlin (11) and Kyle Busch (18) are side by side in turn two during the NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, Va, on Saturday.

INTERNET

WEATHER

Sunday, 1st May, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



and Kayah States, (10°C) below May average temperatures in Bago Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.55) inch, Pyayon (2.75) inches, Gwa (2.68) inches, Dawei (2.24) inches, Kanbalu (2.16) inches and Hinthada (1.97) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2011 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2011 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (0.28) inch.

Rainfall on 1-5-2011 was (Tr) at Nay Pyi Taw, (1.41) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (8.82) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (8.50) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (4.26) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (7) mph from Northeast at (9:30) hours MST on 1-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South and East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 2nd May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolate heavyfall in Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) m.p.h.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-5-2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences go out to U Zaw Min Oo, Acting Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise, and his wife Daw Nyo Nyo Than (Factory Manager, Ministry of Industry-1), for the demise of their beloved mother at 12:45pm on 28 April, 2011 at the resident in Salin.

The Chief Editor and staff of the New Light of Myanmar Daily.

Power wins pole for IndyCar's Sao Paulo 300

SAO PAULO, 1 May—Will Power of Australia improved to four for four in IndyCar poles this season after earning the 200th for Team Penske at the Sao Paulo 300 on Saturday. Power, winner of the inaugural Sao Paulo race last year, will start at the front in Sunday's race after clocking 1 minute, 21.896 seconds on the 2.5-mile, 11-tum Anhembi temporary street circuit. "Very good day with qualifying," Power said. "I think it's important to start up front, there is less chance of getting taken out on the start and maybe the first couple of restarts." —Internet

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-5-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(2-5-11 09:30 am - 3-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening News
- * Flying Over Manaw Land
- * Respect Paying Ceremony to Teacher (BEHS-6, Botahtaung)
- * News
- * Topic On Journal "Myanmar will host 2013 SEA Games"
- * Myanmar Horoscope with Advanced IT
- * News
- * Football Match Of Fundraising For The Disabled
- * News
- * Youth & Language

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- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Love you So Much"
- * Lacquerware in Bagan
- * News
- * Planetary Posts! What do they serve?
- * How To Make Chinlone
- * A Visit to A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Today's Nay Pyi Taw (The Capital City of Myanmar) Part-I
- * News
- * A Mirror reflecting Rakhine Architecture (Shitthaung Stupa)
- * Myanmar Movies "Competition of Consecration"

Verdasco thrives in battle of rain men

ESTORIL, 1 May — Second seed Fernando Verdasco defeated fellow marathon man Milos Raonic to reach the Estoril Open final on Saturday after his exhausted opponent retired injured after dropping the first set of their semi-final.

The 27th-ranked Canadian breakthrough player was reportedly suffering with a back injury. Raonic had lost the first set after 41 minutes—saving a set



Fernando Verdasco of Spain

point—then walked to the umpire's chair to shake hands and retire 4-6.

Spain's Verdasco will face off against Argentine eighth seed

Juan Martin del Potro, who beat good friend Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay 6-2, 7-6 (8/6). The 46th-ranked Del Potro, who once stood inside the top five before wrist surgery ended his 2010 season more than a year ago, is aiming for his second title of the season.—Internet



Monday, 2 May

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

- 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. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
7. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am
8. One Village One Product
- 8:20 am
9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
10. Teleplay (Industry)
- 8:35 am
11. Dance Of National Races

- 8:40 am
12. International News
- 8:45 am
13. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
2. Dance Of Variety
- 4:15 pm
3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 4:25 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Botany)
- 4:40 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

- 4:55 pm
6. Musical Programme
- 5:05 pm
7. Myanmar Language
- 5:25 pm
8. Myanmar Idoal
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
11. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. World's Stars
17. TV Drama Series
18. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw

- ★ 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

From democracy transition to emergence of modern, developed democratic nation, Myanmar is committed to working more steadfastly not only for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community but also for single ASEAN Community



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attends 5th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attended 5th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting at Jakarta of Indonesia at 9 am on 29 April and discussed issues of environmental conservation (climate change, transboundary environmental pollution, environmental sustainable cities); education developmental and educational priority and modernization; health development and prevention against contagious diseases; encouraging participation of disabled persons in community and declaring statement on sharing cultural characteristics which will facilitate the establishment of ASEAN Community.

The minister said that the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is drafting national level projects for human resources development needed for ASEAN community; social welfare and security; social justice and rights; sustainable environmental conservation; building up the characteristics of ASEAN; and narrowing development gap and it is managing to harmoniously cooperate with national level projects of other ASEAN-members nations.

Regarding national level disaster risk management and rehabilitation, rehabilitation and promotion of socio-economic status measures had been taken in the regions devastated by cyclone Nargis in 2008 and long-term projects for prevention against future risk is being carried out.

(See page 10)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (1-5-2011)

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