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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

Kunchaung Hydropower Project to produce 190 million kwh yearly

YANGON, 7 May — Kunchaung Hydropower Project on Kun Creek in Pyu, Bago Region, is nearing completion, and it can produce 190 million kwh on average yearly upon completion.

So far, 94 per cent of the project has been completed. The hydropower plant is being constructed by the Construction Group-3 of the Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No.1.

Three 20-megawatt generators will be equipped at the plant. Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min visited the project yesterday and inspected installation of turbines, rotor shafts, runner shafts at the generator No. 1 and No. 2 and installation of runner & turbine shaft at the generator No. 3, carrying out of decoration works and installation of penstock steel pipes.

During the visit, the minister also looked into inflow of water to the dam, completion of main embankment, power intake structure and spillway, installation of steel pipeline, construction of surge-tank and progress of swift yard and transformer yard.—MNA

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min inspects progress of Kunchaung Hydropower Project.—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.



Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring attracts holiday-makers

Recently, I visited Nay Pyi Taw hot spring located at an altitude of 1508 feet on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road.

Photo shows pleasant scene of Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring.

Article & Photos: Soe Gyi

The water is 98°F and the hot spring pumps 8000-10000 gallons of water per hour. As a cold water creek is located near the hot spring, the holiday-makers and visitors can take a bath for their relaxation. Moreover, private bathrooms are built for those wishing to take separate bathing.

The hot spring can boil eggs and potatoes. Eggs can be boiled in the hot water within three minutes and potatoes within five minutes.

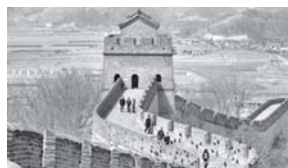
Nay Pyi Taw hot spring is located near Taungkya Village on Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road. Visitors can travel along the 21 miles long route from Kintha Junction at mile post No. 271/4 of Yangon-Mandalay Union Highway to Koegway, and then four miles and two furlongs long section from Koegway to Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road. The Sulphur Spring is located beyond the previous Taungkya Village.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Produce fine literary works

Literature is the culture of a race and it is like a mirror of that race. There is tangible evidence that the Myanmar literature has been promoted since the times of ancient Myanmar kings.

For literary development, the nation presents national literary awards and Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards every year. Moreover, private organizations are playing a part in the effort for development of the literary world by presenting Sayawun Tin Shwe, Tun Foundation, Pakokku U Ohn Pe and Thutaswesone literary awards.

Based on their hobby, goodwill and conviction, the literati have worked hard for many years in the interests of the nation and the people. So, it is the duty of the new generation to study, preserve and maintain the valuable literary works of the literati.

Those from the literary world are to hand down the national legacy of literature to posterity. They also need to educate the people to cultivate correct behaviour, conviction and Union spirit and promote their intellectual and technological skills through literary might.

As the saying that goes by 'the pen is mightier than the sword,' literary strength can influence the human mind. This is why fine literary works can help develop the human mind. Therefore, the people from the literary field are to try to produce fine literary works that serve the best interests of the country and the people.

RUMFCCI invites Japan to invest in Dawei Deep Sea Port

YANGON, 7 May—President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung discussed provision of required energy for development of rural regions, access to bio-diesel fired generators to reduce

consumption, poverty elimination, boosting agricultural produces, and assistance for rural area development with Vice President Mr Shin Imai of Jissen Kankyo Kenkyusho Co Ltd at its office here on 3 May.

The president also held discussion with CEO of Itochu Corporation,

Special Advisor to the President, Japan-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce & Industry Business Cooperation Committee Chairman Mr Sumitaka Fujita in the afternoon. During the meeting the two sides discussed promotion of Japanese investment in small and medium-scale industries in Myanmar, and Japanese entrepreneur's investments in Dawei Deep Sea Port with great potential to become trade centre of the region.

He inspected camp of Border Trade

Department and border trading at No. 2 Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge in Tachilek.

Yesterday morning,

he provided K 1 million for roofing of storm-hit BEHS No. 2 in Monghsat.

Later, he viewed thriving 100 acres of

summer paddy, renovation of BEHS No. 2 and People's Hospital (50-bed).

MNA

RUMFCCI President U Win Aung receives Vice President Mr Shin Imai of Jissen Kankyo Kenkyusho Co Ltd.

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People's Voice

- * 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

Pyu Creek Dam Multi-purpose project taking shape



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing looking into Pyu Creek Dam Multi-purpose Project.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for early completion of the Pyu Creek Dam Multi-purpose project and conservation of forest and wildlife in catchment area during his visit to the project with installed capacity of 40 megawatts, on Pyu Creek in Pyu Township yesterday, which can provide irrigation water to 100000 acres of

farmlands and 220 million Kwh per year.

The multi-purpose project is 33.77 per cent completed by 5 May and power supply facilities are completed by 73.5 per cent. The Union minister saw over earthworks and concreting works of the project. The Union minister then visited Kabaung Dam and power plant at Kabaung Creek in Ottwin Township.—MNA

Chief Minister of Shan State tours Tachilek, Monghsat

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May— Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat of Shan State meet departmental personnel in Tachilek on 5 May.

In Tahlay, he meet members of the work committee for rehabilitation at the rehabilitation station and inspected construction of temporary hospital, main hospital, low-cost housings in Monglin Village-tract and Basic Education High School.



Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat meets district and township level departmental heads in Tachilek.—MNA

16th golf tournament for new generation concludes

YANGON, 7 May—The 16th golf tournament for new generation concluded yesterday at Myanmar Golf Club on Pyay Road here, awarding winners of the tournament.

The tournament was jointly conducted by Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Golf Club and was sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, KM Golf Centre, Standard House Golf, Double Eagle Golf Co Ltd and Han Events Management.

President of MGC Col Soe Win (Retd) and executive members of the club presented awards to winners of the aged 10-18 event, aged 10-12 event, aged 13-15 event and aged 16-20 event.—MNA



Iraqi security forces inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Hillah, about 60 miles (95 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, 5 May, 2011. A suicide car bomber crashed his vehicle into a barrier outside a police building in central Iraq on Thursday morning, killing and wounding dozens of policemen, a local councilman said.

INTERNET

17 killed, 2 missing in landslide in West Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 May—Seventeen people were killed, two people went missing and four others suffered from injuries in landslides in West Java of Indonesia, officials said on Saturday.

Yayah Suheryanto, senior official of disaster management and mitigation agency in West Java told *Xinhua* by phone that heavy rains was blamed for the landslide which occurred on Friday afternoon. The rain also cause flash floods, he said.

“Searching for the missing person has been underway, involving rescue team and the local resident,” he said.

The disasters in Garut District also triggered scores of villagers to flee homes and took shelters at their relative’s houses, said Sutopo, spokesman of the national disaster management and mitigation agency.

“The disaster killed 17 people and wounded four others. Rescuers are searching two missing person now,” he told *Xinhua*. The spokesman said that the local government had provide logistic, and heavy machinery equipment to help search the missing persons and to clean the area hit by the floods and landslides,” he said.—*Xinhua*

18 injured in blast near mosque in Karachi, Pakistan



People transfer an injured man to a hospital in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, 6 May, 2011.

XINHUA

the Layari area of Karachi.

Some local media reported that two hand grenades were hurled into the crowds.

On 21 April, another gambling den was attacked by unknown people in the same city, in which 19 people were reportedly killed and more than 40 others injured. The attack could be related to personal enmities instead of terrorism, said a local report.—*Xinhua*

ISLAMABAD, 7 May—At least five people were killed and 18 others injured in a blast that took place Friday night in Karachi, the largest industrial city in Pakistan, reported local Urdu TV channel News

5. According to the report, the blast took place at about 9:10 pm local time when an unknown person hurled a hand grenade into the crowds gathering at an outdoor gambling den in

Thai south attacks kill seven

YALA, 7 May—Seven people were killed and 16 wounded in a string of attacks across Thailand’s far south that included two roadside bombs detonating within minutes of each other on Saturday, police said.

The first blast hit a military patrol vehicle on a village road in Yala, one of three southern provinces close to the border with Malaysia that have suffered a seven-year insurgency.

“Three soldiers died instantly and two were seriously injured,” a local police officer said.

A second device, buried in the car park of a football field in Pattani province, detonated about five minutes later, killing three police officers and wounding 14 others.

“The officers had just arrived there for a football match with local villagers and the bomb exploded as they parked their car,” police said.

In a separate attack, four gunmen riding motorbikes shot dead a 45-year-old Muslim man as he drove his car in Narathiwat province on Saturday afternoon.

More than 4,500 people, both Muslims and Buddhists, have died in almost daily attacks since shadowy insurgents launched an uprising in Thailand’s southernmost region in early 2004.

The attacks have become more brazen in recent months, including car bombs and attacks on military bases or outposts.—*MNA/AFP/CNA*

Death toll from Mexican mine explosion reaches 11

Mexico City, 7 May—Rescue workers recovered three more bodies from an exploded coal mine in northern Mexico late Friday, leaving little hope to find the remaining three trapped miners alive.

The death toll from the 3 May explosion now stands at 11, while a 14-year-old worker was severely injured. Federal Labour Secretary Javier Lozano has said there is little hope anyone survived the explosion about 60 metres underground.

Rescue efforts continued at the mine near the town of Sabinas in

Carbonifera state about 135 km south of the US border. They will not stop searching until all victims are found, the federal government and mine owner BINSAsaid.

The mine has been

operational for less than 15 days, a spokesman for BINSAsaid.

Mine accidents and worker deaths have been common over the decades in the Carbonifera region.

Xinhua



Chile’s Navy Cmdr. Renato Navarro, centre, accompanied by Mexico’s Labour Secretary Javier Lozano Alarcon, centre left, speaks to relatives of trapped miners at a coal mine in San Juan de Sabinas, Mexico, 4 May, 2011.—INTERNET

Lake flooding damages or destroys 500 homes in Vt

MONTPELIER, 7 May—Already at its highest level ever, Lake Champlain surpassed flood stage by 3 feet Friday, leaving hundreds of homes destroyed or damaged in a slowly unfolding catastrophe on island communities and the New York and Vermont sides of the 120-mile-long lake.

Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be in Vermont on Tuesday to begin assessing damage, said spokesman Dennis Pinkham. Authorities said it could be weeks before floodwaters, which took weeks to hit current levels, recede.

“I had a guy from the state tell me that this was the slowest disaster he’s ever seen,” Clinton County Emergency Services Director Eric Day told the *Press-Republican* newspaper of Plattsburgh, NY, where about 100 residents of an apartment complex evacuated Friday.

The two major east-west roads that link the Vermont island county of Grand Isle to the mainland remained open but were water-covered, according



In this 29 April, 2011 file photo, workers at the Lake Champlain ferry dock paddle through the flooded parking lot in Burlington, Vt.

INTERNET

to Gov Peter Shumlin, who wouldn’t rule out mandatory evacuations but said they aren’t necessary yet.

Shumlin toured the flooded area by helicopter this week and then declared the area a disaster, which allowed him to call up help from the Vermont National Guard.—*Internet*

27 killed in plane crash in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 May—All the 27 people on board were killed in a commercial plane accident in Papua of Indonesia on Saturday, a rescuer and an official said.

Fifteen bodies of the victims had been found by rescuers, rescuer Arifin at Papua Search and Rescue Office told *Xinhua*.

The Indonesian plane operated by Merpati airline was on route of Sorong to Kaimana and

Nabire, he said.

Spokesman of the Indonesian Transport Ministry Bambang Ervan said that the plane crashed before landing in Kaimana airport.

“The plane felt down to the sea before landing at Kaimana airport and all the 27 people on board died,” he said.

The accident happened at about 500 meters from the runway, said Ervan.

MNA/Xinhua



4.5-billion-year-old meteorite yields new mineral

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—A 4.5-billion-year-old meteorite from northwest Africa has yielded one of the earliest minerals of the solar system.

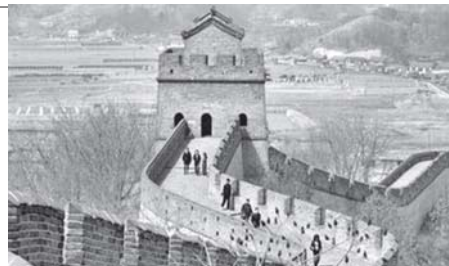
Officially called krotite, the mineral had never been found in nature before, though it is a man-made constituent of some high-temperature concrete, according to study researcher Anthony Kampf, curator of Mineral Sciences at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM).

“This is one that simply was not known in nature until we found it here,” Kampf told *LiveScience*. “That’s pretty dramatic.” The meteorite containing krotite is called NWA 1934 CV3 carbonaceous chondrite. Chondrites are primitive meteorites that scientists think were remnants shed from the original building blocks of planets. Most meteorites found on Earth fit into this group.

The mineral, a compound of calcium, aluminum and oxygen, needs temperatures of 2,732 degrees F (1,500 degrees C) to form, supporting the idea that it was created as the solar nebula condensed and the planets, including Earth, were formed, the researchers say.—*Internet*

China archaeologists uncover more Great Wall ruins

People walk along a path on Tiger Mountain Great Wall, some 30 km northeast of Dandong, in northeast China’s Liaoning Province.



INTERNET

BEIJING, 7 May — Chinese archaeologists have uncovered previously unknown Great Wall ruins in a mountainous area in northeast China, state media reported Saturday.

The bricks and stones that once formed a section of the wall were found in mountains in Suizhong County in Liaoning Province, the official *Xinhua* news agency said, citing a report by provincial relics and mapping authorities.

The section of walls was rebuilt in the Ming Dynasty from 1368-1644, but substantial parts had disappeared or eroded after years of neglect, the report said. Generations

of local farmers did not know the bricks and stones were part of the Great Wall and sometimes used them to build houses, local authorities said, adding no measures were ever put in place to protect the walls.

The earliest incarnation of the Great Wall was built more than 2,000 years ago to defend against invading northern nomadic tribes. But most sections still standing were rebuilt in later dynasties. In recent times, the wall has suffered extensively at the hands of modern development, with parts of it destroyed to make way for roads and other forms of construction.

Internet

Wind turbines are seen here at the Belwind wind farm, the first renewable electricity central in Belgium, near the port of Zeebrugge. Renewable power from the Sun, wind, water and biomass can and should generate a major portion of the planet’s energy supply by 2050, according to a draft United Nations report obtained by AFP.

INTERNET



Google Android tops smartphone platform market in US

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 May—Smartphones powered by Google software widened their lead on BlackBerry handsets in the US market during the first three months of the year, industry tracker comScore reported on Friday. Android smartphones dethroned BlackBerry in January by capturing 31.2 percent of the US market and that share grew to 34.7 percent by the end of March, according to comScore.

BlackBerry handsets made by Canada-based Research In Motion (RIM) lost ground in the quarter, ending March with 27.1 percent of the US market. Apple was close behind RIM with iPhone running on the California company’s mobile platform commanding 25.5 percent of the market, according to comScore.

Samsung was the top handset manufacturer overall with a 24.5-percent share of the US market, comScore said, followed by LG with 20.9 percent, Motorola with 15.8 percent, RIM with 8.4 percent and Apple with 7.9 percent.

According to comScore, 234 million Americans owned mobile devices at the end of March and the number of smartphones owned climbed 15 percent to 72.5 million.—*Internet*



A model displays smartphones with Google’s mobile operating system Android.

INTERNET



Customers check out the newly released Apple iPad 2 in Hong Kong last week. Apple fans queued up for hours Friday in China to snap up the iPad 2 as the updated version of the popular tablet computer went on sale in the world’s biggest Internet market.—INTERNET

Twitter hits new high with Everest ‘tweet’

SAN FRANCISCO, 7 May—A renowned British climber has taken Twitter to a new high, firing off the first “tweet” from the peak of world’s tallest mountain.

Kenton Cool used the terse text message to plug a slick new Galaxy S II smartphone made by Samsung, the South Korean consumer electronics giant that backed his ninth ascent to the top of Mount Everest. “Everest summit no 9! 1st tweet from the top of the world thanks to a weak 3G signal & the awesome Samsung Galaxy S2 handset!” the mountaineer said in a tweet sent Thursday.

Nepal telecom carrier Ncell installed a mobile signal receiver at the base of Everest late last year, but it had been unclear whether its range extended to the peak.—*Internet*

Germany may subsidize e-car sales

BERLIN, 7 May — Germany may kick-start electric car sales with subsidies worth \$5.4 billion. The government of Chancellor Angela Merkel has drafted a series of incentives to boost e-car sales, German newspapers *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* and *Bild* report. Measures include free parking for e-cars and eliminating the motor vehicle tax for the first 10 years after a green vehicle’s registration, the newspaper writes. The latter can be very attractive financially: A car with a gasoline engine can cost up to \$430 in taxes per year, a car that runs on diesel up to \$880.

The government also plans to purchase thousands of e-cars for its ministries, the newspapers write. The plans aren’t yet backed by the entire Cabinet. German Economy Minister Rainer Bruederle has in the past days spoken out against funding e-car purchases with tax money. Officials from the German car sector, which includes such prominent brands as Volkswagen, Daimler, Audi, BMW and Porsche, have in the past called for direct purchase subsidies.—*Internet*



A visitor is seen drawing on a touch screen at the CeBIT IT fair in Hanover, Germany, in March. Autodesk on Friday released a major update to SketchBook Pro software that has artists switching from pencils and paints to virtual canvasses on iPhones or iPad tablet computers.—INTERNET



Health

FDA approves Novartis pancreas cancer drug

ZURICH, 7 May—Novartis AG's cancer drug Afinitor has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for a rare type of pancreatic cancer that has few treatment options.

"Data show Afinitor delays tumour growth and reduces risk of disease progression in patients with advanced neuroendocrine tumours (NET) of pancreatic origin," the Swiss drugmaker said in a statement. "This marks the first approval of a treatment for this patient population in the United States in nearly 30 years."

Last month, a US advisory panel voted unanimously in favour of the drug's use in treating patients with advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours, despite concerns about serious side effects.

Afinitor is already approved for

treating kidney cancer and is expected to rake in sales of \$1.3 billion in 2015, according to a Thomson Reuters forecast.

In April FDA staff questioned Novartis' findings on the benefits of the drug, and the Swiss drugmaker narrowed the approval application after the reviewer's comments.

Novartis said it had also submitted applications for Afinitor use for pancreatic cancer to the European Medicines Agency and the Swiss regulator.

Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours are rare, with a strike rate of about 0.32 cases per 100,000 people. They usually grow more slowly than other pancreatic cancers that kill within months of diagnosis. Both types have few treatment options.—Reuters



A malaria-infected baby lays on a hospital bed in Juba, southern Sudan. Malaria costs Africa \$12 billion (eight million euros) a year in lost productivity, an expense that businesses can reduce by investing in prevention schemes, a study has said.—INTERNET

Avocado has more potassium than banana

SANTA MONICA, 7 May — The avocado, celebrated for centuries as an indulgent food with a seductively creamy texture, is also high in nutrition, a US food expert says.

Phil Lempert — a food industry analyst, trend watcher and creator of the Web site supermarketguru.com — says the avocado originated in parts of ancient Mexico, Central America, and South America, and was once believed to be an aphrodisiac, but today it is a staple in Mexican culture as butter is in the United States.

Avocados are rich in potassium. One avocado actually has three times as much potassium as one banana.

A ripe avocado is a rich source of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and heart-healthy fats, and while considered a vegetable, it is actually a fruit, rich in monounsaturated fats that may help reduce "bad" low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in the blood and raise the levels of "good" high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, Lempert says.

Avocados contain more lutein, a cancer-fighting carotenoid, than any other fruit. Men who eat foods rich in lutein are linked to low rates of prostate cancer and lutein also protects against eye diseases such as macular degeneration and cataracts.

Another anti-cancer component of avocados is glutathione, a tripeptide composed of amino acids that act as an antioxidant, and those who eat foods rich in glutathione have significantly lower rates of oral and pharyngeal cancer, Lempert says.—Internet



Children who spend too much time watching television increase the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes in later life, an Australian study showed recently. INTERNET



Business



Fannie Mae requests additional 8.5 billion dollars in government aid



The headquarters of mortgage lender Fannie Mae is shown in Washington 8 September, 2008. XINHUA

WASHINGTON, 7 May—Fannie Mae, the leading house mortgage lender in the United States, requested the government Friday for an additional 8.5 billion US dollars in aid after seeing huge loss in the first quarter of 2011.

Fannie Mae saw a net loss of 6.5 billion dollars in the first three months of 2011, compared to net income of 73 million dollars in the fourth quarter last year, and a net loss of 11.5 billion dollars in the same period of 2010, the company said in a financial report.

The loss in the first quarter of 2011 from net

income in the fourth quarter was due to an increase in credit-related expenses, primarily driven by a decline in home prices during the quarter, said the company.

Home prices on a national basis declined by 1.8 percent in the first quarter this year, which had directly led to more foreclosures and to homeowners abandoning houses that were worthless than they owed on their mortgages, said Fannie Mae.

The company's net loss attributable to common stockholders in the first three months of the year was 8.7 billion dollars, or 1.52 dollar per diluted share, including

2.2 billion dollars in dividend payments to the US Treasury Department, according to the financial report. As of 31 March, 2011, the company's net worth deficit was 8.4 billion dollars. In order to eliminate the deficit, Fannie Mae has requested 8.5 billion dollars aid from the Treasury.

Xinhua



General view of the Usina Santa Elisa's distillery, owned by Santelisa Vale group, an ethanol producer, in Sertãozinho, 400 km from Sao Paulo 2008. INTERNET

Brazil's Petrobras to boost ethanol production

BRASILIA, 7 May — Brazil's state-controlled energy giant Petrobras will boost its production of ethanol as part of a government effort to contain fuel prices, Energy Minister Edison Lobao announced Friday.

"We are going to make rapid advances to produce (an additional) 10, 12, 15 percent in three to four years," Lobao told reporters. "With this, Petrobras will be transformed into an important factor in the supply and pricing of ethanol."

According to the official, Petrobras currently accounts for five percent of total ethanol production in Brazil, but that by 2017 it expects to be the largest producer. In the past 12 months, the price of ethanol in Brazil rose 39.2 percent, well above the overall rate of inflation of 6.5 percent.

Ethanol, made mostly by using sugar, is widely used in Brazil as a cheaper alternative to gasoline for motor fuel. Brazil is the second-biggest producer of ethanol in the world, after the United States, and the biggest exporter of the biofuel.

It sustains a large domestic market using ethanol through the sales of cars whose engines can take either gasoline, ethanol or a mix of the two.—Internet

Canada's unemployment rate edges down to 7.6 percent in April

OTTAWA, 7 May—Canada's unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage points to 7.6 percent in April as the economy produced 58,300 jobs, Statistics Canada announced Friday. Compared with the same period last year, employment has grown by 283,000, up 1.7 percent.

In April, part time jobs increased by 41,000, while full time employment advanced 17,200, making it returned to the level of October 2008, when the recession was starting, for the first time.

Over the past 12 months, full-time employment grew by 1.9 percent compared with 0.8 percent in part time.—Xinhua

Japan PM calls for halt of Hamaoka nuclear plant

TOKYO, 7 May—Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said on Friday that Chubu Electric Power Co should halt all operations at its Hamaoka nuclear plant in central Japan, due to worries a strong earthquake could cause another nuclear crisis.

The move to shutdown Hamaoka, seen at high risk to forecasts of a powerful earthquake in coming decades, follows pressure on the government to review Japan's nuclear energy policy after a 11 March quake and tsunami crippled another plant, triggering the world's worst nuclear accident in 25 years.

Kan, who has been under fire for his response to the crisis at Tokyo Electric Power Co's (TEPCO) Fukushima Daiichi plant in northeast Japan, said the government would try to prevent the halt of the Hamaoka reactors from causing power supply problems.

Companies in eastern and northeast Japan served by TEPCO and another quake-affected utility have already been asked to curb electricity usage this summer when demand peaks. The shutdown at Hamaoka raises the risk of power disruptions in the Chubu region, home to Toyota Motor Corp and other major manufacturers.

Kan said he made the decision "out of concerns for public safety," citing a forecast by government experts that put at 87 percent the chance of a magnitude 8.0 quake hitting the area served by Chubu Electric within the next 30 years. "If there were a major accident at Hamaoka nuclear plant, it would have an enormous impact on the entire Japanese society," Kan told a televised news conference.

MNA/Reuters



Brides and grooms pay their respects at the Eternal Flame memorial after a mass wedding ceremony in the Kyrgyz capital of Bishkek on 7 May, 2011.

INTERNET



Nikolay Litvinenko, 87-year-old World War II veteran and recipient of all three classes of the Order of Glory, visits a World War II memorial in the village of Minderla, some 50 km (31 miles) north of Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, 5 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Bloomberg plans to cut 6,000 teaching jobs

NEW YORK, 7 May—The proposed New York City budget includes cutting 6,000 public school teachers, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Friday.

The mayor, struggling to close a \$400 million budget gap, blamed a huge cut in state aid, *The New York Times* reported. He said aid has dropped from 45 percent of the total city education budget in 2008 to 39 percent in the coming fiscal year.

About 1,500 of the job cuts would come through attrition and the rest from layoffs.

"I understand the frustration that

parents and teachers feel; I feel it too," he said as he presented his final budget. "We are not going to walk away from our education system."

Bloomberg's budget now goes to the City Council for approval. Speaker Christine Quinn said she plans to do what she can to reduce or eliminate the cuts.

"We continue to ask the least among us to bear the brunt. I'm really concerned," Councilwoman Melissa Mark-Viverito said. About 75,000 teachers work in the New York City public schools.—*Internet*

Philippines issues storm signal

MANILA, 7 May—The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has issued public storm signal No 1 in certain areas in Northern Philippines after the low pressure area reported in Central Philippines has been upgraded into a tropical depression.

In its weather bulletin No 3 issued Saturday morning, the tropical depression, named "Bebeng", was spotted 180 east of Catarman in Northern Samar in Central Philippines.

Bebeng has a maximum winds of 55 kilometres per hour (kph) near the centre and is forecast to move northwest with a speed of 13 kph.

"Residents living in low lying and mountainous areas under signal No 1 are alerted against possible flashfloods and landslides," PAGASA said. Bebeng is the second storm to enter the Philippines this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspect indicted in Colorado mall bombing

DENVER, 7 May— The ex-con suspected of leaving a bomb at a Colorado mall faces life in prison if convicted of use of a destructive device, federal prosecutors said Friday. Earl Albert Moore, 65, was indicted Thursday on one count each of arson of a building and use of a destructive device. The first count has a potential sentence of five to 20 years, while the second carries a sentence of no less than 30 years.

Moore entered a not guilty plea Friday at his arraignment in US District Court in Denver, CNN reported. The crude pipe bomb was discovered at the Southwest Plaza Mall 20 April, the anniversary of the massacre at Columbine High School 2 miles away. Investigators later said the timing might have been coincidence. Moore was arrested a few days later at a Boulder supermarket after employees recognized him and called police. He had been released in early April from a federal prison in Georgia, where he had been serving a sentence for a bank robbery in West Virginia.

Internet



Workers process seafood in Shandong Rongsense Aquatic Products & Food Co, Ltd in Rizhao, east China's Shandong Province, 5 May, 2011. During the first four months, the aquatic products exported to Japan by the company has risen by 20 percent over the same period of last year, with export value up a record high of 34 percent. The coastal Shandong province has seen a rise of exports of its aquatic products to Japan, the country which was lashed by the monster earthquake and tsunami.—INTERNET



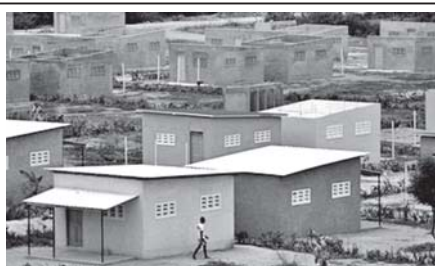
Unemployed Americans line up at a 2010 job fair near Los Angeles, California. The US economy added a more-than-expected 244,000 jobs in April, but the country's unemployment rate rose to 9.0 percent from 8.8 percent in March, official data showed.—INTERNET

Homes for hundreds going up outside Haiti capital

CABARET (Haiti), 7 May—A religious charity said Friday it has started a housing project north of Haiti's capital that will ultimately provide low-cost shelter for about 2,500 people, many of them victims of last year's devastating earthquake.

The Mission of Hope project near the town of Cabaret will consist of 500 simple homes in bright pastel colours, each with a couple of fruit trees to provide food and a source of extra income to the families, said Jay Cherry, who is coordinating the project for the charity based in Fort Myers, Florida.

Haiti's government provided 120 acres for the project and Mission of Hope is raising the \$3



A man walks on the grounds of the MOH 500 housing project, in Cabaret, Haiti, on 6 May, 2011.—INTERNET

million cost of construction through donations, Cherry said.—*Internet*

Media Corner for bookworms

Tekkatho Thinkha

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan delivered an address at the ceremony to open media corners of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, on the second floor of Sarpay Beikman Building in Yangon on 2 May.

In his address, the Union Minister said that today is auspicious day. Media Corners inspire the people to read more. People are busy with their daily routines. Now, they will have the opportunity to buy books and publications at the media corners being opened at the proper sites, he said.

The Union Minister continued to say that opening of Media Corner or book corner is the milestone of MWJA as well as standard of a developed nation.

In addition, the Union Minister urged those present to make strenuous efforts for opening more media corners at suitable places. It is necessary to open more media corners in other cities in addition to Yangon, he said. The more media corners are opened, the larger number of readers will be, he said. So, he noted that it is necessary to raise reading habit of the rural public.

The Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association has adopted its aim and task "to develop publication and periodicals industry". Moreover, emphasis is being placed on effective implementing of publishing network for the readers.

In so doing, responsible persons of MWJA studied media corners in some neighbouring countries and tried to introduce media corner as a pilot project in Yangon. At first, a plan was submitted to the Ministry of Information and it to render necessary assistance for the plan.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Informa-

The significant point is that media corners must be opened under a rule to give priority to sales of books, magazines, journals, newspapers and equipment related to the media, and to avoid selling cigarettes alcohol and foodstuffs. As the Media Corner Supervisory Committee makes coordination with hirers for other necessary requirements, there will be few difficulties.

tion and the Yangon City Development Committee, the opening of media corners commenced. Applications were invited to open the media corners. The Media Corner Supervisory Committee systematically scrutinized the applications. The Supervisory Committee constructed buildings for media corners by collecting suitable payment from the corner hirers.

At present, the Supervisory Committee is taking responsibility for construction of 16 media corners—one in Pazundaung Township, three in Botahtaung Township, five in Kyauktada Township, two in Pabedan Township, one in Latha Township and four in Lanmadaw Township.

As part of efforts to realize the aim and tasks of the MWJA "to protect the deserved entitlements of those in literary world in accord with existing laws" a rule was adopted that the hirer of Media Corner must be member of MWJA.

The significant point is that media corners must be opened under a rule to give priority to sales of books, magazines, journals, newspapers and equipment related to the media, and to avoid selling cigarettes, alcohol and foodstuffs. As the Media Corner Supervisory, Committee makes coordination with hirers for other necessary requirements, there will be few difficulties.

After observing the progress of media corners to be opened in six townships of downtown Yangon, arrangements have been made for opening more media corners in remaining townships. Likewise, coordination has been made with local authorities in Mandalay for opening similar corners.

In accord with the provision included in the fundamental rules "to carry out tasks of printing, book corners and publishing to be able to achieve success in realizing the aim and tasks of the MWJA, concerted efforts are being made for raising the funds of the association.

By effectively implementing the instruction of the Union Minister saying that the more media corners are opened, the larger number of readers will be, the MWJA will undertake its task to increase the number of readers and raise the reading habit. At the same time, introduction of media corners was the milestone in the chronicle of MWJA.

I firmly believe that all the persons wishing to serve the national interest will heartily welcome activities of opening the media corners for fulfilling the requirements of bookworms and those in the literary world.

Translation: TTA

Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring attracts...

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The visitors can eat eastern and western style meals at the canteens. They can ride elephants in the jungle.

The spring uses electricity through solar system and mini-hydro power.

The hot spring

was built by TGE Construction Company in 2009 and it was completed in 2010. The facility was inaugurated for the public recreation on 11-4-2010.

The constructor TGE Co got the one-year permission for the hot spring. The company al-

lows the visitors with free admission and them to take a bath at the outside lakes. The company collects fees for those taking a bath at the separate private water tanks.

Moreover, plans are underway to build inns at the hot springs. Indeed, the hot spring is a resort in Nay Pyi Taw.

At present, holiday-makers and picnic-

ers may take joyfully relaxation at the Ngalaik Dam Recreation Centre, the National Landmarks Garden, the Zoological Garden, the Safari Garden and the Planarian in addition to the Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring in Nay Pyi Taw.

Translation: TTA

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Visitors taking relaxation at lake at Nay Pyi Taw Hot Spring.

Fire Brigade Day observed in Bago, Sittway, Magway

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May— The ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary Fire Brigade Day was held at the fire station in Sittway of Myanmar Fire Brigade on 5 May, attended by Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin.

Similar ceremonies were observed in Bago and Magway. After attending the fire brigade day at the town hall in Bago, Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win presented prizes to outstanding fire brigade members, and then looked into progress of Shwegyin Township.

Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe of Magway Region who attended the ceremony to mark the fire brigade day at the sports ground in Magway and awarded the outstanding fire brigade members. He attended the second ceremony to perform eye surgical operation and presented optical glasses to the patients, jointly sponsored by Magway Region Government and Region Maternal and Child Welfare Association, at Minbu General Hospital.—MNA

Moepyan Library opened in Nyaungdon

YANGON, 7 May—Moepyan Library constructed with the contribution of the State and the villagers in Kwingale/Kyaungsu Village of Mochoke Village-tract in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region was opened on 5 May.

U Nyi Nyi Hlaing and friends from Yangon donated generator and artesian well to the village and wellwishers cash to the fund of the library, a 21" television, radio, clock, publications.—MNA

MOC Chairman's Trophy Hockey tournament kicks off



YANGON, 7 May — Eighth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Trophy Hockey Tournament was held at Theinbyu hockey turf of Myanmar Hockey Federation in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this afternoon, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe. A total of eight teams are participating in the tournament. Players to represent the country will be selected during the tournament.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe enjoys MOC Chairman's Trophy Hockey Tournery.—MNA

Rakhine State to change farm work to mechanization, takes disaster preparedness drills

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May — Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin has stressed the need for mechanization of farm work in the state and has assured local farmers of providing agricultural technology and inputs as part of efforts for boosting rice production. At the meeting with

local rice dealers, townsenders and departmental officials in Ponnagyun Township, Rakhine State, on 4 May, U Hla Maung Tin also assured them of disaster preparedness drills in May as the rainy season is drawing near. Local authority also reported to the chief minister on regional development tasks and rice millers on prospects for building modern rice mills in the state. MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin meeting rice dealers, townsenders and departmental personnel in Ponnagyun.—MNA



EP. 2 Ministry attempts to enhance computer skills of its staff

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Ministry of Electric Power No.2 opened Applied Computer Course for Office Works No (2/2011) at its Training

Hall here yesterday morning. Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe delivered inaugural speech and viewed trainees learning at e-Learning Centre. The six-week course covers office use basic computer application and networking. MNA

YCDC steps up sanitation tasks, road upgrading

YANGON, 7 May — Mayor of Yangon and Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region U Hla Myint today and assisted in dredging of drains, sanitation tasks and

upgrading of roads smooth traffic flow. During the tour, the mayor inspected the tasks in Mingala Taungnyunt, Kyimyindine, Kamayut, Mayangon, Hline, South Okkalapa townships. MNA

Magway Region to gear up development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe stressed the need to practise thrifty in spending incomes without loss and wastage at the meeting for acceleration of development tasks in

Magway Region at the hall of Magway Region Government on 4 May afternoon. Executive officers of Township Development Affairs Committee submitted reports on incomes of townships, plans for ordinary and capital expenditures. The director of Region Development Affairs Committee, the Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs, the Region Auditor-General and the secretary of Region gave supplementary reports. MNA

Paper mills inspected in Yedashe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Deputy Minister for Industry-1 U Thein Aung yesterday morning visited No. 2 Paper Mill (Yeni), 50-

ton Newsprint Pulp Factory and 80-ton Packaging Paper Mill (Yeni) of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries in Yedashe Township. The deputy minister inspected maintenance of machines and systematic storage of raw materials. MNA



Ayeyawady Region Minister for Education and Health U Soe Myint speaking at opening of Basic Sports and Physical Education Coaching Course No. 3 in Pathein on 4 May.—District IPRD

Power plants in Rakhine State inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin on 2 May met with members of power supply committees of the state, districts and townships

at his office and gave instructions of full supply of power and extension of power supply hours. Then, the chief minister inspected the power plant in Danyawady Ward in Sittway, the private husk- and diesel-fired power plant in Pyidawtha Ward, husk- and diesel-fired power plant in Kontan Ward and the state electrical engineering office.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe receives Asian Pacific Deputy Director-General Ms. Ruth Kahanoff of Israeli Foreign Affairs Ministry.—MNA

World Red Cross Day
8th May, 2011

"VOLUNTEERISM"

Myanmar Red Cross Society

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Israeli guests

YANGON, 7 May — Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received Asian Pacific Deputy Director-General Ms. Ruth Kahanoff of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yaron Mayer at the Yangon Region government office this morning.

MNA

Power supply works in Sittway inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo met village power supply committees, district and township electrical engineering officers, township electricians and staff of the Rakhine State Electrical Engineering Office in Sittway Electrical Engineering Office on 3 May.

The deputy minister met staff of Kyauktaw Township Electrical Engineering Office on 4 May and inspected power supply facilities in Sittway.

MNA

Trainees of SPI course urged to discharge duties doing away with bribery and corruption



NAY PYI TAW, 7 May— While discharging duties without bribery and corruption, the police officers are to serve the interest of the people with goodwill in line with the laws, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Kyaw Kyaw Tun urged the trainees at the concluding ceremony of Sub-Police Inspector Course No. 68/2010 at the Central Training Depot of MPF in Zeebingyi of PyinOoLwin Township yesterday.

He stressed the need to make utmost efforts for ensuring peace and stability of respective regions by winning the trust of the people. He called for guarding against all dangers and destructive acts that would fall on the State, through strength of media.

The MPF Chief awarded outstanding trainees.

The course was attended by 358 trainees.

MNA

Chief of MPF Kyaw Kyaw Tun awards Sub-Police Inspector Aung Lwin Moe.—MNA

District News in Brief

Cows vaccinated against black leg disease

MEIKTILA, 5 May—Veterinarians of Meiktila District and Thazi Township of Live-stock Breeding and Veterinary Departments led by Head of Meiktila District U Myat San vaccinated 73 cows in Kyauk-oh Village and 303 cows in Seikpyoyaychan Village in Thazi Township for prevention of black leg disease on 28 and 29 April.—Myanma Alin



Nay Pyi Taw Expo-2011 teeming with observers and shopperholics.—(News on page 16)—MNA

KNU's mine injures a civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—U Mutta, 33, resident of Winkancin Village, in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region, when he was on his way to catch fish, stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents near Uboke Creek, two miles northeast of his village at around 3 pm on 5 May. Due to the blast, he lost his left knee.

The victim was rushed to Shwegyin People's Hospital and is under treatment.—MNA

Talk on polio vaccination-2011 held

NAY PYI TAW, 6 May—Educative talk on region-wise national vaccination day (2011) was held in Pyay Township, Pyay District of Bago Region today. An official clarified detection of polio in Myanmar and facts about national vaccination day (2011).

Polio vaccines will be given in Pyay, Paukhaung, Paungde, Gyobingauk, Nattalin and Zigon townships in Pyay and Thayawady districts on 14 May for first time and on 11 June for second time.—MNA

Earthen section of Inter-District Road built

KAWLIN, 5 May— With the aim of bringing about better transport, the Baungdawkyay-Khayansatkon earthen road section of No. 3 Inter-District Road was constructed in Kawlin Township with the use of heavy machinery on 9 March. The road section is 21 miles and one furlong long.—Township DAC



A Thai woman dries snakeskin gourami fish at a local market in order to make salted fish in Samut Prakan Province on 7 May, 2011.
INTERNET

Net agents fined for code-sharing breach

WASHINGTON, 7 May—Five online ticket agents were fined for not properly disclosing flights operated under a code-sharing agreement, the US Transportation Department said.

Fareportal was fined a \$50,000 civil penalty, American Travel Solutions was assessed \$45,000, AirGorilla was fined \$30,000, Wholesale Travel Centre was assessed \$30,000 and Automobile Club of New York was fined \$20,000 for violating the department's code-share disclosure requirements, the Transportation Department said Friday in a release.

Last month Flythere4less.com was assessed a \$40,000 civil penalty and Airtrade International was docked \$50,000 for code-share disclosure violations.

"When passengers buy an airline ticket, they

have a right to know which airline will be operating their flight," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. "I hope these fines serve as a warning to airlines and ticket agents that we will continue to take enforcement action when we find violations of our code-sharing rules."

Under code-sharing, an airline can sell tickets on flights that use its designator code but are operated by a separate airline.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 7 May, 2011 shows the "V750" pilotless helicopter during a test flight in Weifang of east China's Shandong Province. The 757 kilogramme helicopter has a maximum load capacity of 80 kilogramme.
XINHUA

One in seven US nursing homes cited for poor infection control

WASHINGTON, 7 May—Nearly one in seven nursing homes is cited for deficiencies in infection control practices each year, new research shows.

Infections are a leading cause of illness and death in US nursing homes, claiming nearly 400,000 lives annually.

Before receiving reimbursement from Medicare or Medicaid, nursing homes must meet certain standards. Those that do not are issued deficiency citations.

A new study published in the May issue of the *American Journal of Infection Control* examined the deficiency citation records used in Medicare/Medicaid certification between 2000 and 2007. The data represented 96 percent of all US nursing home facilities, according to the researchers from University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. About 15 percent of US nursing homes received deficiency citations for infection control every year.

The researchers concluded there is a strong correlation between low staffing levels at these nursing homes and the receipt of an infection control deficiency citation.

"Our analysis may provide some clues as to the reason for the persistent infection control problems in nursing homes," the study authors said in a news release. The researchers noted that when faced with staffing shortages, nurse aides, licensed practical nurses and registered nurses are likely to be rushed and may cut corners on infection control measures, such as proper hand washing.—*Internet*



A helicopter bearing a Russian Navy flag performs a flyover near an Orthodox church during May Day parade rehearsals in Moscow on 7 May, 2011. Russia will celebrate the 66th anniversary of victory over Nazi Germany on 9 May.—INTERNET

Arthritis drug may treat breast cancer

MAASTRICHT, 7 May—The anti-inflammatory drug celecoxib used to treat arthritis and other painful conditions may be helpful in treating breast cancer, a Dutch researcher says.

Lead researcher Juergen Veeck of Maastricht University Medical Centre in the Netherlands says the results of a randomized trial in 45 patients with primary invasive breast cancer showed the drug clearly induced an anti-tumour response at the molecular level. Celecoxib is a member of a class of drugs known as selective COX-2 inhibitors that

target COX-2, an enzyme responsible for inflammation and pain, Veeck says. "This is exciting because it means that a medication already used to treat other diseases may be efficient in the adjuvant treatment of breast cancer as well," Veeck says in a statement. "We were pleased that the results from our clinical trial largely confirmed the existing data from several pre-clinical studies by showing that COX-2 inhibition leads to changes in cell proliferation, apoptosis and extracellular matrix biology in primary breast cancer tissues." *Internet*

China, S Korea, Japan to provide up to 200,000 tons of rice for ASEAN+3 contingency plan

JAKARTA, 7 May—China, South Korea and Japan will each provide up to 200,000 tons of rice for a contingency plan of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations (ASEAN) plus three, out of total allocation of 787,000 tons, an Indonesian minister said here on Saturday.

"ASEAN plus three intends to sign a commitment of the ASEAN plus Three Emergency Rice Resources (APTERR) in Jakarta in October.

The biggest contribution will be provided by China, South Korea and Japan that will allocate up to 200,000 tons each," Agriculture Minister Suswono said after the opening of the 18th ASEAN Summit.

According to him, Indonesia will

allocate 12,000 tons that could be increased to 25,000 tons.

"This is just our proposal to increase the reserves. It's no problem for us to provide the rice as last year we had surplus of 4 million tons," he said. He said that he was hoping other countries to agree the proposal as it will trigger them to increase their allocation in the sake of price stability.

"I think the proposal will be welcomed by other countries as price volatility will have big impact on small farmers who are net consumers actually.

That would increase our food security plan in ASEAN plus three," he said. Suswono added that the reserves will be stored in each country.

Xinhua

First auction of Bacon nude could fetch \$15 million



Christie's employees pose for a photograph with artist Francis Bacon's "Untitled (Crouching Nude on Rail)" at Christie's auction house in London on 15 April, 2011.—INTERNET

LONDON, 7 May—A Francis Bacon masterpiece painted at the height of the British artist's impassioned affair with a former World War Two fighter pilot is

expected to fetch up to 9 million pounds (\$15 million) when it is auctioned for the first time in June, auction house Sotheby's said on Friday. Bacon's 1961 oil on canvas "Crouching Nude" is one of his large-scale paintings and is feted for its ominous, brooding atmosphere in which the distorted female model grins grotesquely.

"Alongside Picasso, Bacon is the outstanding postwar artist and his 'Crouching Nude' of 1961 is a magnificent painting which epitomizes the artist's work at this important moment in his career," said Oliver Barker of auctioneers Sotheby's. "This work holds within its remarkable paint surfaces all the elusive mystery inherent to the artist's working method. We anticipate this painting will be highly sought after by discerning collectors across the globe." *Reuters*



A female suspect responsible for a series of larcenies and frauds that have occurred throughout the metro Detroit area is seen in this Sterling Heights Police Department, Michigan, handout image released to Reuters on 6 May, 2011.

INTERNET

Detroit police hunt gang of “Mad Hatter” thieves

DETROIT, 7 May—Police in Detroit are looking for a gang of middle-aged to elderly women, dubbed the “Mad Hatters,” who are believed to be responsible for a string of robberies, purse snatching and fraud.

The suspects typically steal a woman’s wallet or purse, police said in a statement.

Shortly afterward, the credit cards and checks are used at stores to buy merchandise or at banks to get cash.

Surveillance photographs supplied by police show the middle-aged to elderly women wear hats, usually of the floppy, fisherman variety, at the time of

the incidents.

Purse-snatching crimes are not uncommon, but what is unusual is the organized nature of the crimes.

“Seldom are there these organized rings doing it, such as this one,” Sterling Heights police Lt Luke Riley said.

The incidents began about a year ago and the most recent incident occurred last week, according to a press release from the Sterling Heights Police Department.

The total value of merchandise and cash stolen could be as high as \$500,000, police said. The women stole almost \$200,000 from one bank.—Reuters



A farmer shows a dry cobs of corn in a field in the French village of Grenay, near Lyon on 5 May. Climate change has stunted the worldwide increase in corn and wheat yields since 1980 by 3.8 and 5.5 percent respectively, according to a new study in the journal Science.

INTERNET

LA Kabbalah Centre probed by IRS

LOS ANGELES, 7 May—The Kabbalah Centre of Los Angeles acknowledged Friday it is being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service.

Two non-profit groups linked to pop star Madonna are also under investigation, *the Los Angeles Times* reported. Madonna helped put the centre on the map when she became an adherent of Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism. The centre was founded several decades ago by Philip Berg and his wife, Karen, and they still run it with their sons. Sources told *the Times* the IRS is investigating whether the Berg family is profiting from tax-exempt donations. Kabbalah has also attracted Ashton Kutcher and Gwyneth Paltrow, and the centre’s assets may now be more than \$260 million, *the Times* said. The centre said it and a related group, Spirituality for Kids, have received subpoenas. “The Centre and SFK intend to work closely with the IRS and the government, and are in the process of providing responsive information to the subpoenas,” a statement said.—Internet

BPA exposure linked to lower birth weight

OAKLAND, 7 May—Expectant parents’ exposure to bisphenol A, a chemical used in plastics and food containers, is linked to low birth weight in offspring, a US researcher says.

Principal investigator Dr De-Kun Li, a perinatal epidemiologist at the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research in Oakland, Calif, says the study population was identified from a larger study of more than 1,000 male and female workers in factories in China.

The researchers compared workers in BPA-exposing facilities with a control group of workers in factories where no BPA was present from 2003 to 2008. Mothers in the exposed group worked for at least three months during pregnancy. Spouses of exposed fathers, although not directly exposed to BPA in the workplace, were more likely to have a higher BPA exposure level than women in the unexposed group — possibly via contaminated clothing, workplace visits and through residence proximity to factories.

The study, published in the online issue *Reproductive Toxicology*, finds there was a greater magnitude of decrease in birth weight in children whose mothers were directly exposed to high BPA levels in the workplace during pregnancy, followed by those whose mothers were exposed to low levels of BPA in the workplace, then by those whose mothers had BPA exposure through father’s high occupational BPA exposure.—Internet

Pouring rains give rise to fears of new cholera outbreak in Haiti

SANTO DOMINGO, 7 May—The Haitian Health Ministry Friday urged Haitians to take preventive measures against cholera following days of pouring rains in the island state.

According to information reaching here from Port-au-Prince, Haiti’s capital, the ministry said in a statement that extreme measures must be taken as soon as possible, mainly among the people living in the refugee camps.

The ministry said so far almost 5,000 people have died of cholera and it fears that the country’s poor sanitary and water services could produce a new outbreak of the disease.

The International Organization for Migrations said that in Port-au-Prince the unhealthy life conditions in the refugee camps could increase the number of cholera patients in the wake of heavy rains.—Xinhua



Two young models present outfits by Romanian designers Cristina and Izabela Purdescu at the Bucharest Fashion Week in Bucharest, Romania, late 6 May, 2011. The annual event spans over three nights and gathers Romanian and international designers and brands.

INTERNET

Costa Rica finds body of US student missing at sea

SAN JOSE, 7 May—Kai Lamar wanted nothing more than to serve God and help others, so his family had no reservations about him travelling from the US to Costa Rica to take part in a religious mission there.

“It was an opportunity to show his love for the Lord and to do what he thought he was called to do,” his mother, Shari Lamar, said in a telephone interview Friday. “So we supported him wholeheartedly.”

But the lives of her

son and two of his high school classmates were cut short when they were swept out to sea while taking a beach break during their stay.

On Friday, a Costa Rican coast guard patrol recovered Kai Lamar’s body in waters off Bejuco beach on the Pacific coast, said Jesus Escalona, Red Cross assistant director of operations.

The bodies of the other two students, Caity Jones and James Smith, were found earlier this week.

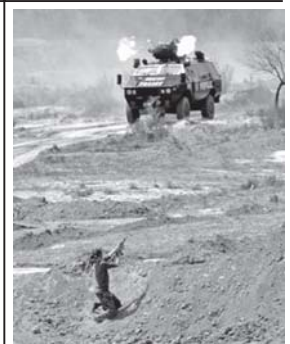
A strong undertow

pulled the three away from shore Wednesday afternoon, according to a statement from their school, Patriot Preparatory Academy in Columbus, Ohio.

They were among eight juniors and seniors on a trip not sponsored by the school.

Escalona said the body was found in roughly the same area where Smith’s body was recovered a day earlier. He said the body fit Lamar’s description and rescuers called off the search.

Internet



In this photo released by China’s Xinhua News Agency, an armored vehicle fires near a supposed terrorist during a joint anti-terror drill in Kashgar, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 6 May, 2011.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (435)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RATU VOY NO (435) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (183)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (183) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 8.5.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1128)

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An urgent rescue mission has been launched to rescue the Taimyr, seen here in a Russian port in 2009, after it developed a nuclear leak.— INTERNET

Mexico City plans text quake alerts

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—The government of quake-prone Mexico City is planning to send earthquake alerts by text message and through social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Mayor Marcelo Ebrard said he hopes to have the system working by 19 September, the anniversary of the 8.1-magnitude earthquake in 1985 that killed as many as 10,000 people.

Mexico City currently has an early warning system that uses sirens to alert city residents about quakes that occur hundreds of miles away on Pacific coast

fault lines. Some people complain the alarms in their neighbourhoods cannot be heard or do not go off.—INTERNET



Mexico City's government plans to send earthquake alerts by text message and through social networking sites.— INTERNET

Mexico detains 4 cops, 6 foreigners in kidnappings

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—Mexican prosecutors have detained four local policemen, five Guatemalans and one Honduran in connection with mass kidnappings of migrants in the border city of Reynosa.

The federal Attorney General's Office says the Central American suspects were among more than 130 people found over the last month at homes in Reynosa, across the border from McAllen, Texas.—INTERNET

Wolves back in hunters' sights after US government removes their protection

SALMON, 7 May—Permits for wolf hunts are selling briskly in the US state of Idaho, after most wolves in the Northern Rockies were officially struck from the endangered species list in an unprecedented removal of protection by Congress.

Now the roughly 1,200 wolves in Idaho and Montana will be managed by state wildlife agencies. The hunting "tags" cost \$11.95 (£7.25) and will cover an expected 220 of the state's 700 wolves. Montana is likely to set a

similar quota for its 550 wolves. The federal government has also delisted wolves in Oregon, Washington and Utah. Congress ordered the delisting – and

banned intervention by courts – in a provision tucked into a federal budget bill approved after much political bartering on 14 April.—INTERNET

Wolves have been taken off the endangered list in several US states. INTERNET



City amends law for disabled kangaroo

BROKEN ARROW, 7 May — An Oklahoma city passed an amendment to its exotic animal ordinance to allow a local woman to keep her disabled kangaroo if she meets a set of conditions.

The Broken Arrow City Council amended the ordinance, which previously did not allow exotic animals in the city, to al-

low resident Christie Carr to keep Irwin the kangaroo if she meets conditions to be overseen by a review committee made up of veterinarians, exotic animal experts and wildlife sanctuary operators, the *Tulsa World* reported on Thursday. The conditions include obtaining liability insurance, which Carr said has been taken care of by an anonymous donor, and ensuring the animal has a proper enclosure and veterinary care.

Carr, a former volunteer at Safari's Interactive Animal Sanctuary in Broken Arrow, said Irwin came home with her after suffering injuries including a broken neck and a brain injury when he ran into a fence post. She said Irwin was initially paralyzed by the injury but can now make a few hops before falling down. Carr welcomed the amendment.

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Christie Carr is allowed to keep her "life" and mate Irwin.— INTERNET



Nuclear leak in Russian icebreaker

Moscow, 7 May — Russia launched an urgent rescue mission overnight after one of its atomic-powered icebreakers developed a nuclear leak in the frozen seas of the Arctic and was forced to abandon its mission. The Rosatomflot nuclear fleet said in a statement that an "insignificant increase in activity" had been detected on board its 21,000-tonne Taimyr icebreaker.

But the incident was

serious enough to force the vessel to abandon its mission and begin a five-day journey back to its home port in the north-western city of Murmansk. The agency also announced plans to shut down the reactor before the ship enters into port - a reversal of an initial statement saying that decision would be reached only if the situation got out of hand. Officials stressed that their most immediate worry concerned the 23-

year-old vessel's ability to navigate the rough icy sea of the Arctic.

"What we are most concerned about right now is movement along the waterways," the state-run *RIA Novosti* news agency quoted top Rosatomflot official Andrei Smirnov as saying. The fleet official said another icebreaker was being dispatched to the region to help the Taimyr's journey back to port.—INTERNET



Banna Strand jumps a three-metre fence into the crowd watching the Grand Annual Steeple at Warrnambool.

Fans hurt after horse jumps into crowd

Spectators were hospitalized after a race horse hurdled the wrong fence and plunged into the crowd at a steeplechase in Australia Thursday.

Banna Strand, who had lost jockey Rowan Waymouth, leapt into a crowd of about 50 people after veering off course at the 5,500-meter race in Warrnambool, Victoria.

Seven people were taken to hospital, including a two-year-old girl and an elderly woman after the horse jumped a three-meter high fence. Banna Strand was one of six

horses who failed to complete the marathon race over 33 fences, Waymouth falling off his mount in a pile-up on the first lap.

Racing Victoria is set to launch an investigation into the incident in conjunction with the Warrnambool Racing Club.

"Our primary concern is for the well-being of those people that were injured in this freak accident," Racing Victoria chief executive Rob Hines said in a statement.



Swiss pilot Yves Rossy, the first man in the world to fly under a jet-fitted wing, speeds through the air performing a looping after launching from a hot air balloon in western Switzerland 2010. A Swiss adventurer dubbed "JetMan" canceled an attempt Friday to make an acrobatic flight over the Grand Canyon, saying he had not been able to train enough for the exploit.

News Album

Idaho residents report missing goat; kidnaping?

A western Idaho couple is concerned there might have been a kidnaping.

Buzz and Wilma Goertzen, of Lewiston, say their young goat has been missing for about a week and the kid's mother goat has been upset ever since.

Buzz Goertzen tells KLEW-TV their goats have gotten out before but have never been gone for such a long time.

He says the animal is friendly and would often play with kids — the human kind — as they walked past the family's property.

The missing goat is all black with white shoulders and has small horns.

Swiss 'JetMan' cancels Grand Canyon flight

A Swiss adventurer dubbed "JetMan" canceled an attempt to make an acrobatic flight over the Grand Canyon, saying he had not been able to train enough for the exploit.

Yves Rossy also said his energy had been sapped by wrangling to obtain authorization for his winged jetpack from the US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA), who only approved it 30 minutes before the planned take-off.

"I was so focused on getting the authorization, I thought I would be able to fly anyway. And I ended up forgetting that I should put my energy into the flight and not on trying to get the authorization," he said.

"I never had the opportunity to train seriously," said Rossy, whose previous exploits have included flying across the English Channel between France and Britain, and soaring over the Swiss Alps.

Rossy, 51, was to have been dropped from a helicopter high above the world-famous US landmark and make a series of loops, powered only by a winged jet-pack, before landing on the floor of the immense geological fissure.

This scene from the 1997 film "Chinese Box" shows Hong Kong actor Michael Hui (L), British actor Jeremy Irons (C) and Chinese actress Gong Li (R).



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Hong Kong comedian spreads cheer at Italy festival

UDINE, 7 May—In Asia he is known as the "Bruce Lee of comedy" but it wasn't until this week that Hong Kong's Michael Hui realised his brand of humour could have universal appeal.

Mixing slapstick with often savage social commentary, the 68-year-old Hui has written, acted in and directed a string of box office hits across the region since the 1970s while his regular stand up shows in Hong Kong sell out within minutes of tickets going on sale.

While the veteran has been happy thus far to ply his trade mostly at home, a trip to the 13th Far East Film Festival in the northern Italian town of Udine this week — where Hui is being honoured with a lifetime achievement award — has opened his eyes to the possibilities of spreading the cheer.—*Internet*

Paul McCartney engaged to girlfriend Nancy Shevell



Recording artist Paul McCartney and Nancy Shevell arrive at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala, on 2 May, 2011 in New York.—INTERNET

LONDON, 7 May— Paul McCartney and his girlfriend Nancy Shevell are engaged, his publicist said Friday, nearly four years after they were first spotted together.

McCartney, 68, started dating the 51-year-old New York socialite and businesswoman following his bitter split from second wife Heather Mills.

McCartney publicist Stuart Bell confirmed recent media speculation over a proposal as true, but declined to give further details on when and how the former Beatle asked Shevell to marry him, saying only "we're all thrilled for him."

The bride-to-be was tightlipped but confirmed her engagement to *The Associated Press*.

"It's true," she said when contacted by telephone, but declined to comment further. "That's all, but thank you, have a good weekend."

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Lady Gaga criticizes Arizona immigration laws

MEXICO CITY, 7 May—Singer Lady Gaga says she doesn't agree with Arizona's tough immigration law and wrote the song "Americano" as a response to it.

Lady Gaga is in Mexico City for two concerts. She said during a news conference Friday she has a strong relationship to Mexican culture, then added: "I don't stand by many of those unjust immigration laws in my country."

An immigration law passed last year allows Arizona police officers to question the immigration status of people they suspect are in the country illegally.

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Singer Lady Gaga poses for photos during a Press Conference to promote her new album 'Born this way' in Mexico City, on 6 May, 2011.

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Ancelotti seals successive Barclays awards



Carlo Ancelotti has won a second Barclays Manager of the Month Award in a row.

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LONDON, 7 May—Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti has won a second Barclays Manager of the Month Award in a row.

side continued their outstanding form throughout April to battle their way back into the Barclays Premier League title race.

The reigning Barclays Premier League champions took 16 points from a possible 18 to cut the gap on leaders Man Utd to just three points heading into the final weeks of the season. A hard-fought draw at Stoke City was followed by wins at home to Wigan Athletic and away at West

Bromwich Albion.

considerable momentum

Ancelotti's men then stretched their winning run to five matches with three consecutive home wins over Birmingham City, West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur, and will take considerable momentum into their pivotal match with the league leaders at Old Trafford this weekend.

The Italian receives the award for the third time this season and the fourth time in his Barclays Premier League career. The decision was made by the Barclays Awards Panel, which includes representatives from football's governing bodies, the media and fans.—*Internet*

Odemwingie scoops Barclays award

LONDON, 7 May—West Bromwich Albion striker Peter Odemwingie has been named the Barclays Player of the



Peter Odemwingie has been named the Barclays Player of the Month for April.—INTERNET

Month for April.

Odemwingie has been a key figure in new boss Roy Hodgson's recent revival of the Baggies, and his goal scoring exploits have all but secured the club's place in the Barclays Premier League next season.

He has been rewarded with his second Barclays Player of the Month award of the season.

vital equaliser

He began the month with a superb performance against Liverpool, winning two penalties to set up a 2-1 victory against his manager's former team. The striker then had a hand in all three of his side's goals in a thrilling 3-2 win against Sunderland at the Stadium of Light, scoring once and setting up two more.

His outstanding form continued with goals against Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, and he rounded off April by scoring a vital equaliser in a 2-1 victory against local rivals Aston Villa at The Hawthorns. The decision was made by the Barclays Awards Panel, which includes representatives from football's governing bodies, the media and fans.—*Internet*

Ferguson: The title can be ours

MANCHESTER, 7 May—Sir Alex Ferguson says Manchester United will claim a record 19th league title if they beat Chelsea at Old Trafford.

Should United triumph over Carlo Ancelotti's men on Sunday, they would still require a point from their final two fixtures against Blackburn Rovers and Blackpool to achieve their objective.

Ferguson made eight changes to his starting line-

up for Wednesday's Champions League semi-final decider with Schalke with the Chelsea match in mind.



Victory over the champions would surely clinch the title for United.

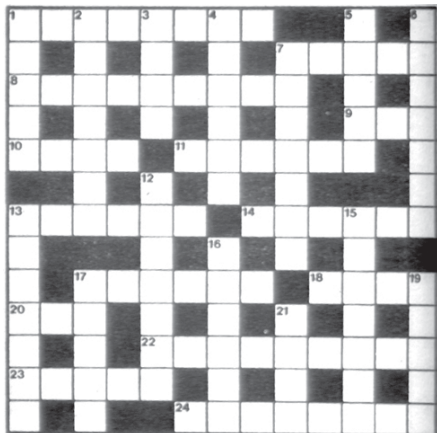
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looking forward

He explained: "Everyone is aware of the magnitude of Sunday's game. If we win, we should win the league. "It is a game we are looking forward to. Last Sunday's result (at Arsenal) has certainly brought us an awareness of how important this week's game is. "It is one of the reasons why I picked the team I did on Wednesday. I wanted to give us a real chance. "We will have a fresh team on Sunday and that makes a difference at this time of the season. "It should be a fantastic game." Ferguson has confirmed Wayne Rooney will be fit to play after resting a minor hamstring complaint in midweek. However, midfielder Darren Fletcher is not going to start, even though he returned from a two-month absence with a virus by making a 20-minute substitute appearance in midweek.—*Internet*

SPORTS

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Emaciated figure
- 7 Wharves
- 8 Famous French cardinal
- 9 Stray
- 10 Salver
- 11 Looking-glass
- 13 Frisk
- 14 Place of worship
- 17 Scent bag
- 18 Daring
- 20 Speck
- 22 Bias
- 23 Roof overhang
- 24 Bookish

DOWN

- 1 Young herring
- 2 Cry out
- 3 Pitcher
- 4 Source
- 5 Keen
- 6 Attribute
- 7 Mercy
- 12 Surgical pincers
- 13 Cheer
- 15 Stipulation
- 16 Discard
- 17 Oven
- 19 Attire
- 21 Prosecuted

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

36 th WEEK		BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE	
EVERTON	2-1	MAN CITY	
WEST HAM	1-1	BLACKBURN	
SPUR	1-1	BLACKPOOL	
NEWCASTLE	2-1	BIRMINGHAM	
ASTON VILLA	1-1	WIGAN	
BOLTON	1-2	SUNDERLAND	

Everton 2-1 Manchester City



Everton's John Heitinga clashes with Manchester City's Patrick Vieira.

LONDON, 7 May—Everton frustrated Manchester City in their Champions League quest at Goodison Park.

Superb second-half headers from Sylvain Distin and Leon Osman gave the Toffees maximum points. The FA Cup finalists looked on course for a potentially decisive win in their pursuit of a Barclays Premier League

top-four place as Yaya Toure put them ahead.

The visitors squandered several chances to make victory safe and were stunned when former City defender Distin equalised and in-form Osman grabbed a winner.—*Internet*

Bolton Wanderers 1-2 Sunderland

LONDON, 7 May—Sunderland scored a last-gasp winner to beat Bolton Wanderers at the Reebok Stadium.



Sunderland's Phil Bardsley and Bolton's Johan Elmander in action.

Newcastle United 2-1 Birmingham City

LONDON, 7 May—Newcastle United's relegation fears ended to leave Birmingham City looking anxiously over their shoulders.

Steven Taylor's first Barclays Premier League goal in two years helped see off 10-man Birmingham. The central defender marked his return to the starting line-up with a 43rd-minute header after Shola Ameobi had opened the scoring from the penalty spot following Liam Ridgewell's 35th-minute



Birmingham's Liam Ridgewell appears to handball the shot from Newcastle's Kevin Nolan on the line.

dismissal for deliberate handball. Former Magpie Lee Bowyer pulled one back on the stroke of half-time, but City had keeper Ben Foster to thank for a series of fine saves which prevented a heavier defeat.—*Internet*

Aston Villa 1-1 Wigan Athletic

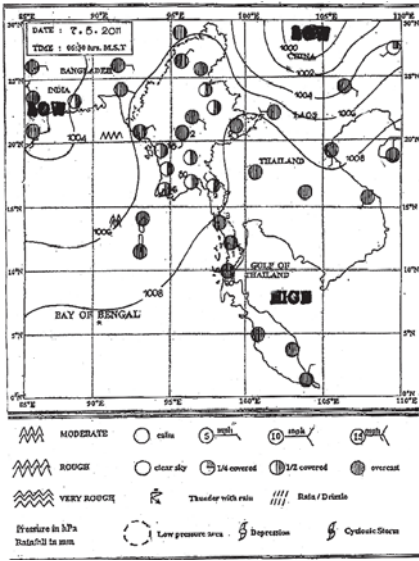


Wigan's Charles N'Zogbia in action with Aston Villa's James Collins and Nigel Reo Coker.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Saturday, 7th May, 2011

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been widespread in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, Kayin and Mon States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above may average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) below may average temperatures in Magway and Yangon Regions, Northern Shan State, (6°C) below May average temperatures in Sagaing and Bago Regions, (8°C) below May average temperatures in Mandalay Region and about May average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon) (0.39) inch, PynOoLwin (2.95) inches Manganang and Kawthoung (2.44) inches each and Hmawbi (1.89) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 6-5-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 7-5-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 7-5-2011 was (0.28) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 6-5-2011 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 7-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 7-5-2011 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 7-5-2011 was (0.28) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (1.18) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (10.79) inches at Nay Pyi

Taw, (12.87) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (7.32) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 7-5-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 8th May 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Megway Regions, Kachin, Shan and Chin States, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Beckham set to face former club Real Madrid

LOS ANGELES, 7 May — English star midfielder David Beckham will have the chance to play against his former club, Real Madrid, for the first time since joining the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2007 at a friendly in July.



English star midfielder David Beckham

Beckham and the Galaxy will face Real on 16 July at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. An injury that ended Beckham's World Cup

dreams also kept him from playing last year in Real's 3-2 victory over the Galaxy. "We are very excited to once again

welcome back Real Madrid," said Galaxy president Tom Payne. "The excitement for this rematch will surely capture the attention of all sports fans in Southern California." —Internet

Busch races to 1st Darlington Nationwide win



Kyle Busch raises his arms in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series auto race.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-5-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am-11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (8-5-11 09:30 am - 9-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Post-Giri Rehabilitation Activities
- * News
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes
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- * City Light & Country Lamp
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- * The World's Largest Book
- * News
- * Products of Myanmar "Craft of Blacksmithing"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Yuzana Plaza
- * News
- * Environmental Conservation from the Myanmar Cultural Perspective
- * Myanmar Movie "As Her Real Son"



Sunday, 8 May

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning News

- 7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
7. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:25 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:40 am
9. International News
- 8:45 am
10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am
4. TV Drama Series

- 12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 pm
6. Myanmar Movies
- 2:35 pm
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 2:50 pm
8. International News
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
3. Dance Of National Races
- 4:30 pm
4. Documentary
- 4:45 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) Third Year (Zoology)

- 5:00 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
7. Song in honour of world Red Cross Day
- 5:25 pm
8. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
10. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
11. Cartoon Series
- 6:40 pm
12. Tamyethmar Takwetar
- 7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
14. News
 15. International News
 16. Weather Report
 17. Cartoon Series
 18. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Nay Pyi Taw Expo-2011 continues for third day

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—Nay Pyi Taw Expo-2011 continued for the third day at International Convention Centre here today.

The expo was formally opened on 5 May by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun and director U

Aung Phone Myint of the committee for organizing the expo.

The expo is being held under the sponsorship of Smart Business Co and 100 companies put their products on sale at 250 booths.

The products available are electronics, electrical appliances, computers and accessories, communication devices, clothing,

cosmetics, household items housings, construction materials utensils medicines and medical equipment, fancy goods, furniture, forest products, machines, products from industrial zones, stationery and other consumer products.

The expo is the first of its kind and Nay Pyi Taw, which concludes tomorrow.

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Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt and union ministers view displays in Nay Pyi Taw Expo-2011.

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Campaign against DHF: Head of Hmawby Township Health Department Dr Kyaw Nyein and staff, those from the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Township Women's Affairs Organization made a door-to-door field trip on 4 May for preventative measures against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever.
Myamma Alin

Villages in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township provided with medical treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May—A medical team led by Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Hla Kyi of Nay Pyi Taw (200-bed) Hospital made a field trip to Thitseikpin Myauk Village of Thitseikpin Village-tract, Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw District yesterday. During the trip, the medical team provided 328 patients from eight villages of the village-tract with medical treatment.

The medical team also gave medical educative talks there.—MNA