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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Ms Bronte Nadine Moules, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented her credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the hall of President Office, here, at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.—MNA



U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, receives Ms Bronte Nadine Moules, Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the hall of President Office.

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ROK Ambassador presents Credentials to President U Thein Sein

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May— Mr Kim Hae-yong, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the hall of President Office, here, at 10.35 am today.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Youth to become reliable, responsible leaders

Education sector is one of the sectors that are of cardinal importance for building a modern, developed nation. So, it is to sharpen the abilities of the youth to improve the national education standard.

Now, the nation has seen many infrastructural buildings in the education field along with many academic atmospheres. The 30-year National Education Promotion Plan is underway and steps are being taken in combination for every school-age children to have easy access to basic education.

Being the first of the persons who initiate the new generations to do a lifelong study, teachers have to make the youth well-rounded with high reasoning power and senses of cherishing traditions, customs, religious teachings and abiding by etiquette.

The government is in pursuance of improving national education standard and developing human resources with the participation of the entire people.

Now, it is only several days to the 2011-2012 academic season, and ministries are providing cash assistance to schoolchildren of their staff. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement for instance provided over 28.6 million kyats for educational purposes this year.

The government is providing effective encouragement to shaping the future of the youngsters. Students on their part should therefore study hard since youths to become reliable and responsible leaders of the State.

Workshop on Promotion of Education Sector starts

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — Workshop on Promotion of Education Sector (First Day) was held at meeting hall and auditorium of the Ministry of Education here this afternoon.

Deputy Ministers for Education U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe and scholars attended the workshop.

The session of higher education was held at the meeting hall and presided over by Director-General (Retd) of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Vice-President of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Dr Thein Myint. Scholars participated in discussions for improvement of higher education sector.

At the auditorium, Director-General (Retd) of Basic Education Department U Tin Nyo presided over session of basic education where scholars made recommendations for development of basic education sector.

The workshop will be continued till 27 May. MNA

Session of higher education at Workshop on Promotion of Education Sector (First Day) at meeting hall in progress.—MNA



- * 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

International conference on the Tradition of Buddhist Protective Chanting (paritta) held



Opening of international conference Theravada on the Tradition of Buddhist Protective Chanting (paritta) International Buddhist Missionary University (Yangon).—MNA

YANGON, 24 May—The opening of international conference Theravada on The Tradition of Buddhist Protective Chanting (paritta) was held at the International Buddhist Missionary University (Yangon). Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Prof Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa delivered an opening speech. After that, Union Minister for Religious

Affairs Thura U Myint Maung extended the greetings.

The Union Minister and Minister for Culture and Religious Affairs of Yangon Region Daw San San Nwe donated offertories to the Chairman Sayadaw.

At the conference, resource persons from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia and Myanmar read out six papers. The session will go on till tomorrow. MNA

Education vital to development, Union Labour and SWRR Minister says

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — Education plays a vital role in development of the State, said Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi at a ceremony to grant stipends to students of the staff families of the SWRR Ministry for 2011-2012 financial year held on 20 May.

The minister and SWRR Deputy Minister U Phone Swe provided stipends to students of staff families. The ministry provided over K 28.6 million to 2291 students at the ceremony.—MNA

Union Minister U Aung Kyi presents stipend to offspring of staff members.—MNA



Australian troops at risk of HIV from Iraq

SYDNEY, 24 May—Australian soldiers and contractors in Iraq might have been exposed to blood-borne diseases such as HIV or hepatitis, as staff at Defence's main hospital unit in the Middle East failed to sterilize surgical equipment properly, local media reported on Tuesday.

Fairfax newspapers reported the safety breach occurred at the AL Minhad Air Base in the United Arab Emirates over a 19 month period, from February 2009 to August 2010, but soldiers were alerted to the problem only a week ago.

A Defence Department memo to troops has warned that soldiers and contractors who passed through the air base hospital near Dubai should

ensure they had their blood screened, The Sydney Morning Herald reported.

"Personnel who underwent a surgical procedure during that period are possibly at risk of acquiring a blood-borne disease," the memo said.

However, the health alert says the risk to Australian Defence Force personnel is low, as blood-borne diseases within the force are rare and personnel are vaccinated against hepatitis.

The Defence Force's Surgeon-General, Major General Paul Alexander, wrote the "internal procedural issue" was dealt with by the health system and measures were put in place to prevent a repeat of the error.—Xinhua



A fire fighter works at the scene of a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 May, 2011. Iraqi police say a car bomb has exploded in a northern city that is rife with ethnic tensions, killing and wounding several bystanders.

INTERNET

At least two killed in Iranian refinery explosion as Ahmadinejad visits

TEHRAN, 24 May—At least two people were killed Tuesday in a refinery explosion caused by gas leak in the southern Iranian port city of Abadan during a visit by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the local satellite Press TV reported. An earlier report by local Mehr news agency said 22 staff of the refinery were also injured.

The incident occurred when Ahmadinejad was to inaugurate a new gasoline producing project in Abadan Refinery. The inauguration ceremony by the president was left uncompleted, said Mehr.

The emission of the poisonous gas and the thick smoke have caused the staff and some of the participants to be poisoned, said the report, adding that some of the injured and poisoned were sent to a hospital in Ahvaz, the capital city of Khuzestan province.

The president and the delegation accompanying him were unharmed in the incident and the firefighters had taken the fire under control, said Mehr.

Reuters

MNA/Xinhua

Blast occurs near Kazakh security police building

ASTANA, 24 May—An explosion occurred outside a holding cell operated by Kazakhstan's security services in the capital Astana on Tuesday, blowing out windows of nearby houses, local news agencies reported.

Interfax-Kazakhstan quoted unidentified witnesses as saying a car exploded outside the building at around 3:30 am local time (5:30 pm EDT), and that one or two people might have been inside the car at the time.

Interfax reported witnesses as having seen body fragments

scattered at the scene, which they believed to have belonged to the occupant or occupants of the car. No injuries were reported among residents.

A local newspaper reporter, visiting the scene on Tuesday morning, told Reuters that windows had been shattered in the two-storey buildings that flank the security service building in the old part of the Kazakh capital.

The reporter said there appeared to be bloodstains at the scene, but that the car and other evidence of an explosion had been

cleared away.

Novosti-Kazakhstan quoted a spokesman for the security services as saying a car caught fire and exploded. The spokesman did not answer calls from Reuters for further comment.

A suicide bomber wounded two bystanders in the northwestern Kazakh City of Aktobe on 17 May.

The prosecutor-general's office identified the bomber as a 25-year-old suspected criminal and said that the blast was not an act of terrorism.



Blood stains the ground at the scene after a suicide attack in Alingar, Laghman province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 May, 2011. A suicide bomber attacked a gathering of tribal leaders, killing four tribal elders and wounding 14 others who were having lunch at a hotel, governor's spokesman Faizanullah Patan said.—INTERNET

Nine Indian policemen killed in Naxal rebel attack

NEW DELHI, 24 May—Nine Indian policemen, including a senior officer, were killed Monday evening in a landmine blast triggered by suspected extreme left-wing Naxal rebels in a jungle in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh, reported the Press Trust of India on Tuesday.

Among the killed was an additional superintendent of Chhattisgarh's Gariabandh District police force, said the report. A 10-member police team led by additional superintendent Rajesh Pawar was sent to Amamora and Sonabed jungle near the Orissa border following reports of rebel movement in the area.—MNA/Xinhua



People gather at the blast site near Nowshera, northwest Pakistan, on 23 May, 2011. The Kalpani Bridge on Islamabad-Peshawar motorway near the Rashakai area in Nowshera was blown up on Monday evening by a bomb placed under the bridge.—XINHUA

10 killed, over 30 injured in roadside bomb attack in Kandahar, Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 24 May—At least 10 people were killed and more than 30 others injured on Tuesday when a roadside bomb went off in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province.

"As many as 10 killed and 32 injured people were admitted to provincial hospital in Kandahar City Tuesday morning," a health official in Kandahar hospital told Xinhua.

The death toll could rise, as many injured remain in critical conditions.

The blast was a roadside bombing that targeted a vehicle carrying workers of a development project in Panjwayi District at around 9:30 am local time, a police officer in the district told Xinhua.

Xinhua



A resident inspects the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 23 May, 2011. A parked car bomb exploded at dawn near stores in eastern Baghdad causing damage to many shops including seven liquor stores, an Interior Ministry source said.

INTERNET

Science

Russian manned spacecraft lands in Kazakhstan

Moscow, 24 May—Russia's Soyuz TMA-20 spacecraft with three crew members onboard has landed in Kazakhstan on Tuesday, said the Mission Control Centre (MCC) outside Moscow.

The spacecraft undocked from the International Space Station early Tuesday, carrying Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratyev, European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Paolo Nespoli and NASA

astronaut Catherine Coleman back to Earth.

According to the centre, the Soyuz TMA-20 landed in the Kazakh steppe at 6:27 Moscow time (0227 GMT). Some 17 planes and helicopters and several rescue vehicles had conducted search works. Deputy head of Federal Medical and Biological Agency Vyacheslav Rogozhkin said Italian astronaut Naspoli had some health problem after landing.

Xinhua



The International Space Station crew of US astronaut Cady Coleman (L), Russian cosmonaut Dmitry Kondratyev (C) and Italian astronaut Paolo Nespoli.—INTERNET

Electricity from microbes a step closer

OSLO, 24 May—Microbes may be harnessed more easily to generate energy after a finding about how they naturally let off tiny electrical charges, scientists said on Monday.

The bacteria, found to have microscopic "wires" sticking through their cell walls, might also be used to clean up oil spills or uranium pollution, according to the report in the US journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The discovery about the exact structure of the bacteria and their atom-sized wires would permit researchers to design electrodes with better contacts to pick up the charges, let off by the microbes to avoid a build-up of electricity.

"We should be able to use this finding to harvest more electricity from the bacteria," lead author Tom Clarke of the University of East Anglia in England told Reuters by telephone.

"Until now it's been a bit like trying to build a radio when you don't know what type or size of battery you are going to put into it," he said.

"Now we have a blueprint of what the battery looks like," he said of the study, also involving scientists at the US Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

"All living things generate electricity, it's not the stuff of science fiction," he added. Humans, for instance, use electricity to keep their hearts pumping and brains thinking.—Reuters

Workers set up solar panels at a bus stop in Liangyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 May, 2011. XINHUA



Using bacteria to generate energy hopeful

BEIJING, 24 May—Scientists revealed for the first time the molecular structure of proteins, which enables bacteria to transfer electrical charges, according to a new study. The revelation was published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in the US on Monday.

Scientists used a technique called "X-ray crystallography" to reveal the molecular structure of proteins, which work as atom-sized "wires" discharging excess electricity.

"This is an exciting advance in our understanding of how some bacterial species move electrons from the inside to the outside of a cell," said lead author Tom Clarke of the University of East Anglia's School of Biological Sciences in Norwich, England. He said this discovery means "We can now start developing efficient 'bio-batteries' as the viable energy source in the future." —Internet

Technology

French co Renault launches its luxury cars in India

NEW DELHI, 24 May—French carmaker Renault on Monday launched its luxury sedan 'Fluence' in India with both petrol and diesel options, priced between 12.99 lakh rupees and 14.40 lakh rupees (ex showroom Delhi).

"The Renault Fluence was designed for the Asian market and hence we are confident that it will not only shake up the segment, but also give the Indian customer their first taste of what Renault is capable of bringing to the Indian market," Renault India Managing Director Marc Nassif told reporters here.

This is the first Renault branded car to be assembled in India at its Chennai facility, he added.

Petrol variant of the Fluence will come with a 2 litre engine while the diesel option will be powered by a 1.5 litre engine.

MNA/PTI

A person poses while using a Blackberry Bold 2 smartphone made by Research in Motion.

INTERNET

Yahoo ready to deliver on promise to upgrade email

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 May—Yahoo Inc is giving its popular email service a long-promised facelift in an attempt to make it more appealing to people who are increasingly using Facebook, Twitter, Google and other online alternatives to communicate.

The changes announced Tuesday build upon a redesigned email format that Yahoo began testing seven months ago. The estimated 277 million users of Yahoo's free email service will be switched to the new version during the next few weeks.

The overhaul will enable updates to Facebook and Twitter accounts to be posted



from within Yahoo's email boxes. The revamped service is supposed to be two times faster and capable of sending attachments of up to 100 megabytes. Other tools include better junk-mail controls and the ability to chat with friends and family logged into Facebook.

Yahoo is counting on the changes to help attract and retain email users at a time when more people are flocking to the rival Gmail service run by Internet search leader Google Inc.

Although Yahoo's service remains larger than Gmail, it has been losing ground in the past year. Through April, Yahoo boasted 277 million email users worldwide, a drop of about 3 million, or 1 percent, from the same time last year, according to the research firm comScore Inc. Meanwhile, Gmail had grown to 220 million worldwide users, up 43 million, or 24 percent during the past year.—Internet

Facebook aims at kids



BEIJING, 24 May—Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg welcomed more kids to join in the social network site, according to International Business Times reports on Monday.

He made this comment in the NewSchools Summit in California.

Zuckerberg said Facebook can help young kids to learn from each other and acquire more knowledge about using the internet. "That will be a fight we take on at some point," Zuckerberg said, "My philosophy is that for education you need to start at a really, really young age."

At the moment, Facebook officially does not allow the children younger than 13 to sign up, since the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) forbids children under 13 from joining an online service which collects user information data. However it recently revealed that 7.5 million Facebook users were younger than that, according to a study released last week by Consumer Reports.

Some experts suggested Facebook may not be in any position to provide that education in its current form.—Internet



Health



Sutent approved for rare pancreatic cancer

NEW YORK, 24 May—US Food and Drug Administration approval of Sutent (sunitinib) has been expanded to include people with neuroendocrine pancreatic cancer that is inoperable or has metastasized to other parts of the body.

Neuroendocrine tumors are slow-growing and affect fewer than 1,000 people each year in the United States, the FDA said in a news release.

Pfizer's Sutent was previously FDA approved to treat late-stage kidney cancer and gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST), a rare cancer of the stomach, bowel or esophagus.

Among people with neuroendocrine pancreatic cancer, Sutent in clinical trials extended average lifespan to 10.2 months, compared to 5.4 months among people who took a placebo. The most common side effects included diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, anorexia, high blood pressure and stomach pain. Pfizer is based in New York City.



In Indian families in which the first child has been a girl, more and more parents with access to prenatal ultrasound testing are aborting a second female in the hope that a subsequent pregnancy will yield a boy, said the study, published in The Lancet.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Ease pain from tennis elbow

Tennis elbow is an overuse injury that causes inflammation of the tendons that join the muscles of the forearm on the outside of the elbow. Athletes aren't the only ones who stress the forearm muscles, however. Painters, plumbers, carpenters and computer users also may be vulnerable. The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests how to alleviate the pain of tennis elbow:

- * Take a break from activities that caused the condition for a few days, resting your elbow as much as possible.
- * Take a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (aspirin, Aleve, for example) to ease pain and swelling.
- * Consider physical therapy to strengthen muscles in your forearm.
- * Wear a protective arm brace during activities that led to the condition.—Internet

Internet

Bayer starts selling quick-release aspirin

CHICAGO, 24 May—German drugmaker Bayer has released a souped-up version of Bayer aspirin that the company says relieves pain twice as fast as its namesake brand, the company said on Monday.

The new quick-release version, dubbed Bayer Advanced Aspirin, was released over the weekend in 500 Wal-Mart stores and is rolling out in retail chains nationwide.

The product uses a new technology that chops aspirin molecules into particles that are 10 times smaller than the original, allowing it to be absorbed more quickly.

The technology "helps to speed up disintegration of the tablet, absorption into the bloodstream and, most importantly, time to pain relief," Dr Wes Cetnarowski of Bayer HealthCare said in a statement.

The company says clinical studies on patients with dental pain show the drug starts working twice as quickly as the original Bayer aspirin, which was first released in 1899.

A spokeswoman said the company plans to publish the results of its clinical trials in a medical journal.

No word yet on whether the new drug is easier on the stomach than original aspirin, which can cause bleeding ulcers, but the company plans to study that, too.

Reuters



In this photo taken on 19 May, 2011, Courtney Montgomery, 16, is seen at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. Given a choice Courtney had refused a heart transplant; but then she met another teen who'd just had one and was doing well.—INTERNET



Business



Ford sees chance to woo Japanese buyers

TOKYO, 24 May—Ford sees a big chance to snatch buyers away from Japanese automakers that are battling production delays caused by the March earthquake and tsunami.

Ford Japan Chief Executive Tim Tucker said Tuesday that the company's opportunities in Japan have never been greater. Like other US automakers, the Dearborn, Michigan company has lagged in a market dominated by the powerful Japanese manufacturers.

But the Japanese have not been able to produce at full capacity after the 11 March earthquake and tsunami destroyed key auto-parts makers in northeastern Japan.—Internet

China's current account surplus down 18% in Q1

BEIJING, 24 May—China's current account surplus fell 18 percent in the first quarter of 2011 from the same period last year, official data showed Tuesday.

The current account surplus — the broadest measure of trade with the world — reached \$29.8 billion in the first three months of the year, the State Administration for Foreign Exchange (SAFE) said in a statement.

That was markedly lower than the \$102.1 billion seen in the fourth quarter of last year, according to revised SAFE data.

Net inflow of direct investment into China, the world's second-largest economy, totalled \$42.6 billion in the first quarter compared with \$39.1 billion in the last three months of last year.

In 2010, China's current account surplus

surged 17 percent on year to \$305.4 billion, according to the revised data, as US and European demand for Chinese exports recovered after the global financial crisis.

While rising demand for Chinese goods boosts growth, it also means the central bank has to work harder to control the value of the yuan and to stem the flood of liquidity, which has been fuelling inflation.

Internet



A women counts 100 Yuan notes at a bank in Beijing. China's current account surplus fell 18 percent in the first quarter of 2011 from the same period last year, official data showed Tuesday. INTERNET



EBay may use some of the \$2.4 billion it will receive from the sale of its stake in Skype to make acquisitions, the chief executive of the online auction giant said in an interview published Monday.—INTERNET

Finland develops new type of solar power collector

HELSINKI, 24 May—Finnish high-tech company Savo-Solar has developed a new type of solar power collector, which employs nano coating for efficient solar energy collection, according to local media reports on Monday.

The new type solar power collector is considerably more efficient than competing products in the market. The system employs direct flow technology, allowing water to circulate in the absorber itself, which can reduce the loss of energy and improve the heat transfer.

The three-layer nano coating of the collector can minimize the amount of light reflected off from the device, enabling a larger portion of solar energy to be absorbed into the system. The new solar collector can also work under high temperature. It has been tested in temperatures exceeding 300 degrees centigrade. The company plans to manufacture the collectors later this year.—Xinhua

CRH train to adopt ID-based ticket system



A railway passenger travelling from Nanchang to Jiujiang demonstrates a CRH ticket with his name on it in Nanchang, capital of east China's Jiangxi Province, on 23 May, 2011.

XINHUA

BEIJING, 24 May—CRH (China Railway High-Speed) trains will adopt an identification-based ticket system and its trains from Wenzhou to Fuzhou and Fuzhou to Xiamen will put the new system into effect on 1 June.

People can only buy tickets, and enter and exit train stations with valid credentials. Children less than 1.5 metres tall are not subject to the new

regulations. An ID card can only buy one real-name ticket at a time. Currently, the station ticket booking period is within 10 days of departure, while the telephone booking period is within 11 days.

There are 23 valid forms of identification that will be accepted at the train stations. They include an ID card, temporary ID card, household register, PLA

soldier's security card, military officer card, armed police ID, other soldier's card, military student card, military civilian cadre's card, retired army card and passport.

Other valid forms of ID are a Chinese mainland travel permit for Hong Kong and Macao residents, a Chinese mainland travel permit for Taipei Residents, a permit for Chinese mainland residents to travel to Hong Kong and Macao, residence permits for foreigners, a foreigner's entry/exit certificate, diplomat certificate, consulate card, seaman's card, proofing papers for foreigners issued by the Foreign Ministry, proof for a lost passport issued by the local public security organs and a temporary proof of ID issued by the railway security department.

Xinhua

Retrieved treasures from ancient queen's tomb to go on exhibition

XI'AN, 24 May—A museum in northwest China's Shaanxi Province plans to exhibit retrieved treasures that were stolen from the tomb of a Tang Dynasty (AD 618-907) queen and sold abroad.

Shaanxi History Museum will display the retrieved relics later this year, which include a stone coffin and five well-preserved murals.

"After the murals are repaired, we'll hold a public exhibition to showcase the ancient treasures and to celebrate their retrieval," said Cheng Xu, deputy head of the museum, who was involved in getting back the stolen pieces over the past six years. Police in Xi'an apprehended a gang of thieves, headed by Yang Bin, in 2006 as the gang was attempting to rob another Tang Dynasty tomb in the suburbs of Xi'an. Yang received a suspended death sentence in 2007, and two key members of his gang were sentenced to life. Other members received prison terms from 11 to 15 years. The 27-tonne stone coffin was returned to the Shaanxi museum last year and the five murals, measuring 1.2 metres long and between 80 and 90 cm wide, were retrieved earlier this year and transferred to the museum on 12 May.

Two weeks ago, the Ministry of Public Security initiated an eight-month campaign in 17 provinces to combat the rampant theft, smuggling and illegal trade of cultural relics. The move was announced days after several works of art on loan from a Hong Kong collector were stolen from the Palace Museum in Beijing's heavily-guarded Forbidden City.

Xinhua



Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, is greeted by Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of South Africa Nomandla Mfeketo upon his arrival in Cape Town, South Africa, 23 May, 2011. Wu Bangguo arrived here Monday on a visit to South Africa.

XINHUA

Black boxes indicate pilot error in Air France crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 May—Preliminary findings from the recorders of an Air France jet that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean in 2009 have found that the pilots became distracted with malfunctioning airspeed indicators and failed to properly manage other critical systems, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

The crew did not follow standard procedures to maintain air speed and keep the aircraft's nose level after the Airbus 330 encountered some turbulence and unexpectedly high icing at 35,000 feet, the paper said.

Air France and Airbus were unavailable for comment outside business hours. The Journal said the cockpit recorders show that the pilots apparently became confused by the alarms blaring from their instruments and despite trying to systematically respond to each warning, were unable to sort out the chaos and maintain a steady course.

The findings from the recorders, which are to be released on Friday, are expected to show that the twin-engine jet slowed dangerously after the autopilot disengaged.

The crash killed all 228 people on board Flight 447, which was on a scheduled flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris.—*Internet*



Participants take part in a seven-kilometre race in the suburbs of Tallinn, Estonia, on 21 May, 2011. Some 12,000 women and children participated in the charity activity to raise money for low-income families.—XINHUA

Two dead, eight missing in Brazil shipwreck

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 May—Two people were killed and eight others went missing in a shipwreck in Brazil's Capital city Brasilia, local authorities said Monday. The boat *Imagination* was carrying over 100 people late Sunday when it sank into Paranoa Lake. Among them, 94 people survived.

About 100 rescuers were participating in search efforts, with the support of five boats and three helicopters. Visibility was reportedly very low, which made the search more difficult. Causes of the accident are being investigated, but overloading seems to have played a part in the disaster. According to the navy, *Imagination* had a capacity of 90 passengers and two crew members.

It is still not known when the boat will be recovered from the bottom of the lake.—*Xinhua*

S Korea trade up, mulls tariff-free pork

BEIJING, 24 May—South Korea saw both exports and imports grow in the first 20 days of this month. Data from the Korea Customs Service shows exports increased more than 18 percent year-on-year, while imports rose 29 percent.

Meantime, Vice Finance Minister Yim Jong-yong says South Korea is considering extending tariff-free pork imports beyond the end of the first half of this year.

Asia's fourth-largest economy is battling inflation, led by food prices. Earlier, South Korea said it would expand tariff-free pork imports by 20 thousand tons through the end of June.

Xinhua

Defence Services C-in-C receives Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Army

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Army General Muhammad Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc and party at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi

Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Min Aung Hlaing received visiting Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh Army General Muhammad Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc and party at Zeyathiri Beikman here this morning.

Present at the call together with the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Lt-Gen Soe Win,



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen

Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Khin

Zaw Oo and Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence. The Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh

Army was accompanied by Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Maj-Gen Anup Kumar

Chakma, ndc, psc and Military Attaché Brig-Gen Md. Shahidul Haque, ndc, psc.—MNA

Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development receives UNHCR resident representative, DPRK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received UNHCR Resident Representative Mr Bhairaja Panday and Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol, separately at the minister's office here today.—MNA



Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay receives Democratic People's Republic of Korea Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Sok Chol.—MNA



Union Energy Minister receives Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received Chief Executive

Officer Mr Anon and party of PTTEP International Limited from Thailand cooperating with

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, at the ministry here today.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives Chief Executive Officer Mr Anon and party of PTTEP International Limited from Thailand cooperating with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise.—MNA

They discussed completion of Zawtika Project in M-9 block offshore Mottama and conducting survey of measuring the amount of petroleum and gas in M-3 block.—MNA

MRTV-4, related channels to suspend airing

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — Maintenance tasks for satellite uplinks at 9 Meter Earth Station of Myanma Ra-

dio and Television (Yangon) will be carried out from 11.30 pm on 26 to 4 am on 27 May. During the maintenance,

MRTV-4 channel and its related channels will suspend airing in all areas except Yangon. TV retransmission

stations in other towns and Nay Pyi Taw (Taungnyo) CATV Headend will also suspend the airing of those channels.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Government will promote national education up to international level and work in all seriousness for development of human resources including new generations

Myanmar's education standard has made progress due to efforts of State leaders, but still needs broad reforms to catch up with international standard

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—The opening of Workshop on Promotion of Education Sector was held at the Ministry of Education here this morning, with an address by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

It was also attended by Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the National Education Committee, heads of department, and guests.

In his speech, the Vice-President quoted the

Committee has been formed with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and related ministries.

Only with positive changes in opinions and views, rich natural resources and development of human resources, will a nation become a developed one. Here, human resource development plays a large part in development of human resources.

Leaders of the State encourage promotion of the nation's education by

workshop is to lay down the most appropriate education system through talks.

The drive calls for participation of international organizations, NGOs and social organizations apart from the UN. Necessary rules for private schools and tuitions will be promulgated in line with the laws. Education services need to be supervised not to harm the nation's religion and culture. Stipends will be given to outstanding students to continue educa-

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham delivering address at the opening of Workshop on Promotion of Education Sector.

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speech delivered by the President after the new Myanmar government took office on 30 March, as saying that it would promote the national education up to the international level and would work for development of human resources including new generations in all seriousness. In the process, the National Education

opening a huge number of universities and colleges for the youth to pursue higher education at low costs in their regions, as well as high, middle and primary schools across the nation including rural areas.

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tion as well as stipends for further studies at home and abroad and cash assistance to needy, but outstanding students.

Myanmar's education standard has made progress due to efforts of State leaders, but still needs broad reforms to catch up with the international standard. In relation to reforms;

Compulsory primary education will be launched to raise the literacy rate and improve vocational education. Without high literacy rate, it is impossible to transform the nation into an industrialized one.

Curricula must include personal hygiene and facts about public health. Only then will it be

possible for the people to have a lifestyle without major diseases such as DHF, malaria, diarrhoea, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

Every school must have a gymnasium and sports grounds to improve the health standard of students.

Students are to be inculcated with a habit of conserving the environment such as growing shade trees and fruit trees in school compounds and at home.

They are also to be taught etiquette to improve their moral conduct.

Debates and extempore talks in English are to be held to improve the youth's English that is a

must in the globalization process, and mathematics and science subjects, to be upgraded.

Students are to be taught well not only to pass final examinations but also to become well-qualified graduates. In addition, "Continuing Teaching Education" seminars should be organized regularly to enable teachers to stay in touch with changes in the education arena. It is also needed to improve the socio-economic status of teachers.

According to 2015 ASEAN Integration Plan, International Law and International Relations must be included in the curricula.

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Government will promote national education...

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Every school must be installed with a library and more pedagogical aids.

In conclusion, he called for national education system that makes contribution towards the building of a modern, developed nation. Talks are to be categorized into two education sectors:

basic education and higher education. He called on the attendees to adopt the most suitable education system for Myanmar, finding out the strengths and weaknesses and holding frank talks to make necessary amendments to the two sectors.

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said that the State launched

education promotion plans in 1998. The 30-year National Education Promotion Plan has been in force since 2001-2002 academic year. Action plans are being laid down through seminars. In compliance with the guidelines by the President and the Vice-President, the ministry is gearing up for the launch of the compulsory primary education plan in 2011-2012 academic year.

Arrangements are being made to launch sti-

pend programmes for the basic and higher education sectors by 2012-2013 academic year. Plans are underway to submit private school registration law and rules to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to give more room to the private sector in the education sphere. It is required to lay down programmes to improve students' learning abilities, the programmes due to be implemented, and programmes to be implemented in combination to reduce drop-out rates of all standards. Plans to improve teaching skills standard-wise in the basic education sector must be taken into account along with plans to push teachers to take their teaching more seriously.



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye speaks at the workshop on promotion of education sector.—MNA

He called on the scholars to seek ways to improve the Myanmar education standard through discussions about prudent education

plans in various aspects. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greeted the attendees.

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Discussion on Hluttaw procedures among Pyithu Hluttaw/Amyotha Hluttaw Committees members, Region/State Hluttaws Speakers continues



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar speaks at the second day session of discussion on Hluttaw procedures.

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NAY PYI TAW, 24 May—Discussion on Hluttaw procedures among members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and Speakers of Region/State Hluttaws continued at Hluttaw Hall here at 9.30 am today.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swar,

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, members of Bill Committees, Public Accounts Committees, Rights Committees and Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and speakers of Region/State Hluttaws.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and

the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker discussed Hluttaw procedures.

The speakers of Region/State Hluttaws held discussions on Hluttaw procedures.

The second-day session ended at 3.30 pm.

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Meeting on Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Education held

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — A coordination meeting on Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Education took place at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this afternoon.

Speaking at the meeting, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt said out of 594 basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, 52, whose image needed to improve, had been repaired and reconstructed with the contributions of the State as well as the public donors. The requirement for education personnel had also been fulfilled, he added.

In his speech, Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye said the ministry is making efforts to



improve basic education in accord with the educational guidelines of the State leaders. Next, he stressed the importance of the education sector only

as the needs for physical structures and financial strengths of the schools had been fulfilled.

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Union Defence Minister receives Australian Ambassador



Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min receives Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules.
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NAY PYI TAW, 24 May— Australian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Bronte Nadine Moules called on Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min, at the Minister's office here this evening. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and Col Aung Thaw. MNA

Union Minister receives ROK Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May— Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-yong at the Ministry of Sports here this afternoon.

Both sides discussed matters related to reciprocal visits of sports teams and sharing techniques from each other and receiving trainings.—MNA

Union Minister for Sports and for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr. Kim Hae-yong.—MNA



Counsellor of Indian Embassy calls on Sagaing Region Chief Minister



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye receives Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of India to Myanmar Dr Madam Mohan Sethi.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May — Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye received Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of India to Myanmar Dr Madam Mohan Sethi at the parlour of Win Unity Hotel in Monywa yesterday morning. MNA

Five Indian students selected for Int'l Physics Olympiad

MUMBAI, 24 May— Five meritorious Indian students including a girl were selected on Monday to represent the country at the International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) to be held at Bangkok from 10-18 July, a top official said here.

Sumegha Garg from Bathinda in Punjab is the third girl to be representing India at

6.0-magnitude quake hits sea off east coast of Japan

BEIJING, 24 May—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter Scale hit the sea off the east coast of Honshu in Japan at 11:40 am Beijing Time Tuesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The epicentre was monitored at 39.8 degrees north latitude and 143.2 degrees east longitude with a depth of 30 km, the centre said.—Xinhua



The Lugou Bridge, also known as the Marco Polo Bridge, is a famous stone bridge located 15 km southwest of the Beijing city center across the Yongding River. Situated at the eastern end of the bridge is the Wanning Fortress, a historic 17th century fortress. The Lugou Bridge is well-known because it was highly praised by the Venetian traveler Marco Polo during his visit to China in the 13th century, and for the Marco Polo Bridge incident, which marked the beginning of the Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945).—INTERNET

Explosion at 'The Hobbit' studio hurts two

WELLINGTON, 24 May— Two people were hurt in a small explosion at the studio where the 'The Hobbit' is under production in New Zealand.

The Fire Service confirmed they were called to an "industrial explosion" at the Stone St studios in Miramar, reports Stuff.co.nz.

Wellington Free Ambulance said two people were treated at the scene

and were taken to hospital.

A small fire followed the explosion but it was out when firefighters arrived. A spokesman for Wingnut Films said the explosion was in a workshop, not on set, and filming was continuing.

An investigation had been launched. The two people were taken to hospital as a precaution, the spokesman said.

Internet



Photo taken on 23 May, 2011 shows an iron artwork at Hai'an cultural industry park in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province. An iron art show was staged here on Monday, in which over 20 sculptures made of wasted iron were shown to visitors. XINHUA

20-year-old spends 20,000 pounds on cosmetic surgeries

LONDON, 24 May—This beauty addict is just 20 years old and she has spent an incredible 20,000 pounds on cosmetic surgeries, including a boob job boosting her from a modest 30B to a huge 30G, a media report said Monday.

This mum-of-one has paid for expensive veneers on her teeth, lip injections, fillers and Botox. She also injects herself daily with a potent tanning drug to get a rich mahogany glow, *The Sun* reported.

Kirsty Yaqub, who is now completely unrecognisable from the shy teenager she once was, admits to being addicted to the kick surgical enhancements give her.

"People are amazed when they hear I'm only 20 and have already spent thousands of pounds on surgery, but I don't regret any of it. If it makes me

look and feel better then it's worth it. Plus it gives me the most amazing buzz," Sun quoted her as saying.

Kirsty, who lives in Sutton Coldfield with her two-year-old daughter Savannah, started modelling aged just 13.

Her transformation began two years ago, when she was 18, and her first surgery was a 5,000 pound boob job.

"I hated how small my boobs were. After giving birth to Savannah my confidence was knocked even more as I felt saggy and like my skin had stretched," she said.

Kirsty insists her family and friends understand her surgery obsession and that her mum is really supportive, according to Sun.

Internet

Israeli wants to name himself after 10 British kings

JERUSALEM, 24 May—Israel's Population and Immigration Authority has received an odd request from a man who asked to change his name to those of 10 British kings who he admired. The names chosen by the unnamed man are - Henry, William, Phillip, Charles, Frederick, Michael, Louis, George, Edward, and Robert. The man said he wanted to change his name in honour of the royal wedding of Prince William and Catherine. The wedding inspired and moved him, *Xinhua* reported citing local news service *Ynet*.

Officials said this was the most odd name change request they have ever received. "We receive many requests annually and we only reject those that might be offensive to the public," a official statement read.—Internet



Chinese opera star named Unesco Artist for Peace

PARIS, 24 May—Chinese opera star Zhang Jun has been selected as the Unesco Artist for Peace for his commitment to promoting Chinese Kunqu opera, the Paris-based UN agency has announced.

Unesco Director-General Irina Bokova will name Zhang during an official ceremony at the Unesco headquarters in Paris 26 May. *Xinhua* reported citing a statement from the organisation.

Zhang would be the artist for peace for a period of two years.

Born in Shanghai in 1974, Zhang is a leading promoter of Kunqu, one of the oldest forms of Chinese opera.

Zhang also promotes programmes such as the Hope Project to build schools and improve education in China's poorest areas.

Kunqu was developed under the Ming dynasty (14th-17th

centuries) in Kunshan City in east China and is characterised by the combination of song, recitals and complex choreographic techniques.—*Xinhua*

A craftsman displays the ancient paper making process which Cai Lun invented 1,900 years ago, in Cai Lun Paper Culture Museum in Longting Town, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 23 May, 2011. —XINHUA



S Korean PM to attend OECD meeting in Paris

SEOUL, 24 May—South Korean Prime Minister Kim Hwang-sik left Tuesday for Paris to join a meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Held under the theme "Better Policies for Better Lives," the meeting, coinciding with the OECD's 50th anniversary, will focus on issues ranging from green growth to development to trade.

Kim is scheduled to deliver a keynote speech commending the organization's adoption of a

report on green growth strategy as proposed by South Korea and promoting South Korea's environmental policies, according to the prime minister's office.

He will also hold bilateral talks with prime ministers of Norway, Hungary and Slovakia over expanding economic ties. —*Xinhua*

Photo taken on May 23, 2011 shows the flag-raising ceremony held at the Potala Palace Square in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region. A crowd of about 5,000 people from all walks of life gathered in front of Potala Palace Monday morning to mark the 60th anniversary of Tibet's peaceful liberation.—XINHUA

24 held for dressing up as cops to rob tourists

BARCELONA, 24 May —Twentyfour people have been arrested on charges they disguised themselves as police personnel to rob tourists from various countries, including India, in the northeastern Spanish Region of Catalonia.

Police officer Pere Guillen told a Press conference Monday that the thieves had stolen from their victims at least 80,000 euros (\$110,000), either in cash or by using their credit cards. The victims were mainly tourists from the US, India, Pakistan and other Asian countries. Besides the 24 taken into custody, police are looking for another 14, all of Romanian nationality, who belong to the same criminal organization.

The thieves coordinated their actions in groups of three or four people who often changed places, and who used rental cars that were the same or similar to the vehicles used by the police, Guillen said.—Internet



File photo taken on 20 April, 2011 shows visitors posing with a rock scenery spot named "Queen's Head" in the Yehliu Geopark, southeast China's Taipei. The unique rock, shaped by wind erosion for nearly 4,000 years, may collapse in ten years as its middle part becomes thinner and thinner. And thus the geopark has built a duplicate of the rock for the sake of those who could appreciate the landscape if it would disappear.—INTERNET



The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Myanmar is seeking qualified local professionals to fill the post of:

- 1) Senior Field Associate (GL-7) to be stationed in Taungoo with frequent and extended visits to operational areas.
- 2) IT Associate (LICA – UNOPS) to be stationed in Yangon with visit to UNHCR offices in Southeast and Northern Rakhine State.

The detailed Terms of Reference for these positions are available at any UN or INGO Bulletin Board in Yangon, Maungdaw, Mawlamyine, Myeik and Taungoo.

Closing date: 10.06.2011

www.unhcr.org



Penelope Cruz (R) joins Johnny Depp (L) in the fourth Pirates of the Caribbean film.— INTERNET

Pirates of the Caribbean sequel tops US box office

NEW YORK, 24 May — The new Pirates of the Caribbean film had the biggest opening weekend of the year in the US and Canada, taking \$90.1m (£55.6m), estimates suggest. On Stranger Tides, the fourth film in the franchise, stars Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz and Ian McShane. The 3D film made an estimated \$346.4m (£213.8m) worldwide, resulting in the fourth biggest opening of all time.

Outside of North America Rob Marshall's film took \$256.3m (£158.3m) in its first three days on release. Its earnings saw it record the highest-grossing international opening of all time, beating 2009's Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. Paul Dergarabedian, of box office tracker Hollywood.com, said the record "proves the importance of the global marketplace".

Disney's head of distribution Chuck Viane, meanwhile, said the figures showed audiences loved "the rebooted attitude" of the film — the first in the series not to feature Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom. However, the film did fall short of the North American openings of the previous two Pirate outings. Dead Man's Chest took \$135.6 million (£84m) in 2006, while At World's End took \$114.7m (£71m) a year later. The first film in the franchise, The Curse of the Black Pearl, took a relatively modest \$46.6m (£28.8m) in its first weekend in 2003.— *Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ELENA VOY NO (149N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ELENA VOY NO (149N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.5.2011 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.

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Hyundai has performed well in the US market.

INTERNET

Carmaker Hyundai warns of serious supply disruption

SEOUL, 24 May — Hyundai, South Korea's top carmaker, has warned of a severe production disruption, because of a shortage of engine parts. A strike at parts supplier Yoosung Enterprise has affected production, and it could get worse on Tuesday. "Our production may be seriously affected starting today," a Hyundai spokeswoman told BBC News. Yoosung manufactures piston rings, which are key compo-

nents in car engines.

Hyundai has already suspended production of diesel engines at its Ulsan plant and has warned a shortage of parts could also force it to stop production of petrol or gasoline engines. Hyundai said the supply disruption could also hit its subsidiary car manufacturer Kia Motors. Yoosung also supplies parts to the Korean units of General Motors and Renault.— *Internet*

Canada officers shot in Quebec 'domestic dispute'

BROSSARD, 24 May — A Quebec provincial police officer has been killed and another wounded after an apparent domestic dispute ended in gunfire, officials have said. A man in the city of Brossard was shot to death and a woman shot in the leg.

A police spokesman told local media that investigators believe the male officer shot himself and that all the bullets were fired from his gun. He declined to specify the nature of their relationship. The shooting occurred in the woman's home. "The shooting

seems to have been one where the man took his own life," Longueuil Pc Martin Simard told the *Montreal Gazette*.

"Whether he shot the woman before doing that, or inadvertently, remains to be seen. The shots were all fired inside the home

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MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (017)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DAN JIANG VOY NO (017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.5.2011 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.

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India seeks strong ties with Africa

ADDISABABA, 24 May — Seeking a "strong and purposeful partnership" with Africa, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh here Monday embarked on a mission to cement bilateral ties and "revitalize" engagement with the resource rich continent. Singh who arrived here in the Ethiopian capital on the first leg of his two-nation visit, was accorded a red carpet welcome. He will attend the Second Africa-India Forum Summit here which aims to cement India's ties with the resource-rich continent.

Singh was given a rousing reception and was welcomed by Ethiopian Deputy Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia B.S. Bishnoi. He also inspected a guard of honour.— *MNA/PTI*

Vuvuzelas 'may spread diseases'

LONDON, 24 May — Vuvuzelas — the horns used by football fans celebrating last year's World Cup — not only cause noise pollution but may also spread diseases, say experts. A short burst on the instrument creates a spittle shower similar to a sneeze, travelling at a four million droplets a second, a *PLoS One* journal study shows.



Vuvuzelas came to global prominence in the 2010 World Cup.

INTERNET

In crowded venues one person blowing a vuvuzela could infect many others with airborne illness like the flu or TB. Organizers are considering whether to allow them at the 2012 London Olympics. Critics say they are anti-social and unsafe because of their potential to generate a din louder than a plane taking off.

Dr Ruth McNerney, who carried out the latest work at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, said a "vuvuzela blowing etiquette" may be needed rather than a ban. "Just as with coughs or sneezes, action should be taken to prevent disease transmission, and people with infections must be advised against blowing their vuvuzelas close to other people," she said.— *Internet*



Princess's "toilet seat" hat sells for 81,100 pounds

The much-mocked hat worn by Princess Beatrice to the royal wedding last month — widely described as looking like a toilet seat — sold for 81,100 pounds on eBay, charities which will benefit from the sale said.

The money will be



The much-mocked hat worn by Princess Beatrice to Britain's royal wedding last month — widely described as looking like a "toilet seat" — is up for sale on eBay where bids have reached 18,400 pounds (\$29,940).

equally split between UNICEF and Children in Crisis, which posted the auction results on their websites.

The fuss over the hat worn to the royal wedding of her cousin Prince William to longtime girlfriend Kate Middleton seemed to have taken Beatrice — who is the daughter of William's uncle Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson — by surprise. "I've been amazed

by the amount of attention the hat has attracted," Beatrice said on the auction site. "I hope whoever wins the auction has as much fun with the hat as I have."

The hat, by milliner Philip Treacy, was given a starting price of 5,000 pounds.

Treacy said he was "delighted, flattered and touched by HRH Princess' Beatrice's decision to donate the hat to charity."

Toilet is centrepiece of Chelsea show garden

A toilet is the centrepiece of a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, based around the traditional Korean belief that emptying your body also means cleansing your mind.



A toilet is the centrepiece of a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, based around the traditional Korean belief

that emptying your body also means cleansing your mind. For centuries the Korean people believed that going to the toilet was a cathartic experience and considered it to be highly spiritual.

That has inspired the Hae-woo-so garden, named after the Korean word for a traditional toilet.

In Korea, it used to be normal for the toilet to be located in the backyard, far from the house, so the garden has an untouched appearance with wildflowers dominating. Even the pathway to the toilet is significant, as the process of emptying your mind starts with the walk through the centre of the peaceful garden.

Jihae Hwang, who is believed to be the first South Korean garden designer to exhibit at Chelsea, described the gardens as a personal quest for relaxation.

She said: "I wanted the audience to feel that they are stress free and when they see the garden they want to empty their minds of worries."

"When I was planning the garden I was under pressure and I was worrying about so many things in my life. By doing this garden I wanted to free myself as well."

Ohio judge gives defendants homework assignments

A judge in Ohio gives defendants what sounds like homework assignments as a part of probation sentences.

Lucas County Common Pleas Judge Stacy Cook in Toledo has ordered offenders to write five-page reports on topics including teen violence, drug use and head injuries.

The judge tells *The Blade* newspaper her goal is to get defendants thinking about why what they did was wrong and how it hurt others.

The Blade reports Cook has told as many as 30 people to write papers since she took the bench in 2007. She reads all of them and says it seems that the

number of writers who've later returned to her court for serious probation violations has been low.

Lawyer Richard Hasbrook agrees with that assessment. He's the public defender in Cook's courtroom.

News Album

Jeff Bridges to release self-titled album in August



Actor Jeff Bridges poses during a photocall to promote the movie 'True Grit' at the 61st Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin on 10 February, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 24 May—Oscar winning actor Jeff Bridges will release his self-titled major-label debut album on 16 August, record company Blue Note said on Monday. The album is being produced by Bridges "Crazy Heart" collaborator, T Bone Burnett, and features material by several songwriters as well as Bridges' own compositions. Bridges, 61, told *Reuters* last fall that "Crazy

Heart", which won him a best actor Oscar playing a washed-up musician, led him to the creation of the album.

"I've gotten into my music a lot and I think that's a direct result of 'Crazy Heart'," he said.

"Jeff Bridges" features such songwriters as Burnett, Stephen Bruton, John Goodwin, Greg Brown and Thomas Cobb. Bridges himself wrote or co-wrote four out of the 11 songs on the album. Roseanne Cash, Ryan Bingham, Sam Phillips and Benji Hughes appear as guest vocalists.

Bridges and Burnett first met in 1980 and worked together on the 1998 film "The Big Lebowski." Burnett co-wrote several of songs for "Crazy Heart" included "The Weary Kind," which won the Oscar last year for best original song.—*Reuters*

Plant, Miller lead Americana Awards nominations

NASHVILLE, 24 May—Robert Plant and Buddy Miller teamed up to top the list of nominees for the 2011 Americana Awards with three apiece.

Each was nominated Monday for artist of the year along with fellow three-time nominee Elizabeth Cook and teamed up for several nominations on their collaboration "Band of Joy."

The album earned the former Led Zeppelin singer a nomination for album of the year. His all-star group of collaborators, which includes co-producer Miller and is also known as The Band of Joy, earned a nod in the duo/group category at the 13 Oct awards.

Miller is also up for instrumentalist of the year.

Cook also received nominations for her album "Welder" and her "El Camino." Hayes Carll, the fourth artist of the year nominee, is up for two awards.—*Internet*



Singer Robert Plant, centre, poses with Buddy Miller, left, and singer Patty Griffin.—INTERNET

Michael Lohan pleads not guilty to attacking ex



Lindsay Lohan's father Michael Lohan.

INTERNET

BEVERLY HILLS, 24 May—Lindsay Lohan's father has pleaded not guilty to attacking his ex-girlfriend during an argument earlier this year in California.

Michael Lohan entered the plea to misdemeanor domestic violence battery Monday in Beverly Hills.

He was arrested in March after his ex-girlfriend, Kate Major, accused him of abusing her and preventing her from calling 911.

Michael Lohan's attorney says

his client is looking forward to resolving the case and sorting out the conflicting stories of the events that led up to his arrest. A trial is scheduled for 5 July.

The Lohan family patriarch has a fractious relationship with his movie star daughter and has a history of arrests in New York after his ex-girlfriends accused him of harassment.

If convicted, the 51-year-old could spend up to a year in jail.

Internet

Messi dismisses talk of Manchester United lacking quality

BARCELONA, 24 May—Barcelona's two-time world player of the year Lionel Messi has dismissed suggestions that Manchester United lack the quality of previous squads ahead of the two sides' Champions League final on Saturday in London. The match

will be a repeat of the 2009 final in Rome when Barcelona beat Manchester United 2-0, with Messi scoring the second goal.

Some in the English media have suggested Manchester United were crowned champions for a record 19th time earlier this

month despite lacking the sparkle of past squads but Messi said he did not think the team was any weaker than in 2009. "They won the English championship and they are in the Champions League final. They can't be very weak if they have achieved all that," said the 23-year-old.

"It is a final, it is a special match given what is at stake. The good memory of Rome is behind us. This will be a totally different match. We are facing a very strong adversary, which has very good players." —Internet



Manchester United players celebrate lifting the English Premier League trophy after their match against Blackpool at Old Trafford in Manchester.—INTERNET

Newly-crowned

Ajax sign Janssen from rivals Twente

THE HAGUE, 24 May — Ajax signed Theo Janssen from FC Twente on Monday after the 29-year-old midfielder agreed a contract for two years with an option for one more year. Janssen's contract at Twente expired in 2012 and Ajax was prepared to pay the transfer fee of 3.2 million euros. He had moved from Vitesse Arnhem to Twente in 2008 and became Dutch champion with the Enschede side in the 2009/2010 season.

This season Twente won the Dutch Cup after beating Ajax, but lost the first place in the Dutch league in the final match round after losing to Ajax. Janssen had played 46 official matches this season, in which he scored 20 goals. Janssen explained his reasons for the transfer on the Ajax website: "Ajax became champions and will play in the Champions League next season. It soon became clear to me that I wanted to come here. And the coach (Frank de Boer) likes to have me." Xinhua

Juventus still paying for football match-fixing

ROME, 24 May—It is five years since Juventus were found guilty of match-fixing for their part in the Italian Calciopoli scandal and having finished the 2010/11 season in seventh, it seems they are still paying for it. Juve

drew 2-2 against Napoli on Sunday as Roma beat Sampdoria 3-1 to ensure the Old Lady of Turin not only finished seventh for the second year in a row but have missed out on European football for the third year in the last six.



File photo of a huge Juventus banner held up by supporters.—INTERNET

Djokovic, Federer off to winning starts at French Open

PARIS, 24 May—Novak Djokovic took his unbeaten record in 2011 to 38 wins on Monday before Grand Slam king Roger Federer demonstrated to the unstoppable Serb that he is still a French Open force. Second seed Djokovic enjoyed a 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 dismissal of hapless Dutchman Thiemo De Bakker in the first round before 16-time Grand Slam title-winner Federer romped to a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over Spain's Feliciano Lopez.

Also going through on a sweltering day at Roland Garros was former US Open champion, and 2009 semi-finalist here, Juan Martin

del Potro, a winner in four sets against Croatia's Ivo Karlovic. But sixth seed Czech Tomas Berdych, a semi-finalist last year, wilted in the heat, losing in five sets to French qualifier Stephane Robert, the world number 140. One day after his 24th birthday, the red-hot, world number two Djokovic comfortably saw off the 71st-ranked De Bakker in just 92 minutes.—Internet



Serbia's Novak Djokovic



Manchester City's Carlos Tevez (R) holds up the FA Cup during the soccer team's victory parade to celebrate their FA Cup win, Manchester, northern England on 23 May, 2011.—XINHUA

Beckham says Fergie can outwit Barcelona

LONDON, 24 May—Manchester United can upset the odds and beat Barcelona in Saturday's Champions League final because of their manager Sir Alex Ferguson claimed former United star David Beckham on Monday.

Barcelona are it is claimed by some as one of the greatest teams in the history of the sport but Beckham told the BBC that he believes if anyone can bring them down to earth it is the wily 69-year-old Ferguson, who has just

taken United to a record 19th league title. "He (Ferguson) can't get any better than what he is - he has proved year after year, team after team, player after player what an amazing manager he is," said Beckham, who made his debut for United in 1992 before leaving for Real Madrid in 2003.

"To change the players around like he does over the years and still be a success is unbelievable. "Everyone is talking about Barcelona as one of the best club sides in the world - and of course they are. "But if anyone can beat Barcelona at their peak, then Sir Alex Ferguson knows how to do that. I hope they go and do that."— Internet



Former United star David Beckham

SPORTS

Capello recalls Zamora, drops Dawson for Swiss game

LONDON, 24 May—Experienced striker Bobby Zamora's good end-of-season form for Fulham saw him recalled on Monday to the England squad for the Euro 2012 qualifier with Switzerland at Wembley on 4 June. The 30-year-old scored four goals in his past 11 matches including one

in the season-ending 2-2 draw with Arsenal on Sunday to earn his recall after a past 12 months blighted by injuries.

The former West Ham forward missed out on last year's provisional World Cup squad because of an Achilles injury and he suffered another setback in September, sustaining a broken leg and ankle ligament damage against Wolves. Zamora probably gets his chance because Liverpool's record signing Andy Carroll is injured and Wayne Rooney is suspended.

Capello has also recalled former captain Rio Ferdinand for the first time this year and he looks set to partner the man who replaced him as skipper John Terry in the centre of defence as Spurs central defender Michael Dawson has been surprisingly left out.—Internet



Fulham's English striker Bobby Zamora

Mazzarri to speak to Napoli about future



Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri

ROME, 24 May—Napoli coach Walter Mazzarri says he will now talk to the club about his future following his side's impressive third place finish in Italy's Serie A. Mazzarri made it clear over the last couple of months there was no guarantee he would stay with the club despite them having qualified for the Champions League for the first time in 21 years.

It is believed in some quarters the 49-year-old

simply wants an improved contract while his own president, Aurelio De Laurentiis, accused him of being more interested in his own career than the club. But now Mazzarri is ready to talk. "Each side must play his game but I should be appreciated, even if some people think I've messed up," he said.

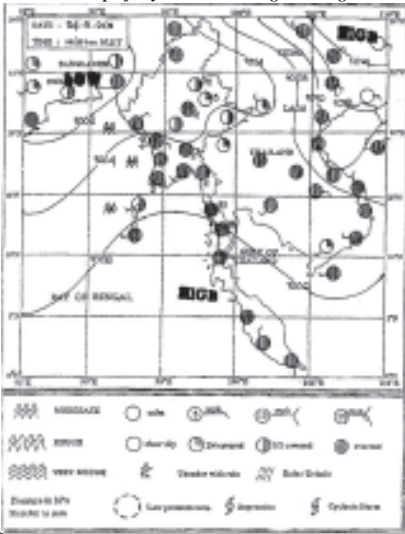
Mazzarri has spent two years at Napoli, qualifying them for the Europa League last season and Champions League this time around. Before that he spent two years at Sampdoria where he also impressed by guiding them into Europe and the Italian Cup final.

Internet

WEATHER

Tuesday, 24th 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 thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Kayah and Mon States, fairly widespread in Sagaing and Ayeyawady Regions and Chin State, scattered in Mandalay Region and Kayin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperatures in Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and (4°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State and about May average temperature in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature was Chauk (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinmana) (0.83) inch, Myeik (1.85) inches, Loikaw and Paung (1.77) inches each, Dawei (1.42) inches, Homalin (1.06) inches and Pakokku (0.83) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 23-5-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 24-5-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-5-2011 was (84%). Rainfall on 24-5-2011 was (0.16) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 23-5-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 24-5-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-5-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 24-5-2011 was (Tr).

Rainfall on 24-5-2011 was (0.16) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (Nil) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.28) inch at Mandalay.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (11.93) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (18.04) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (9.06) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 24-5-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 25th May 2011:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady Regions, Kayin State and scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25th May 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25th May 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Contador wins time trial, increases Giro lead

BELLUNO, 24 May—Alberto Contador has won a mountain time trial to increase his already commanding lead in the Giro d'Italia.

The Spaniard completed Tuesday's 7.9-mile 16th stage from Belluno to Nevegal in 28 minutes, 55 seconds. Italians Vincenzo Nibali and Michele Scarponi were second and third, 34 and 38 seconds behind. In the overall standings, Contador leads Scarponi by 4 minutes, 58 seconds, with Nibali 5:45 back.

The 17th stage Wednesday is a 143-mile leg from Feltre to Tirano. It features a major climb over the Tonale pass and a smaller climb over the Aprica pass. The three-week race ends Sunday in Milan.

Internet



Spain's Alberto Contador celebrates on the podium following the 15th stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race from Conegliano to Gardeccia Val di Fassa, Sunday, 22 May, 2011.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (25-5-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am - 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	(25-5-11 09:30 am - 26-5-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * A Brief Account of Bagan
- * We Believe in Youth
- * News
- * Dignified Myanma Theatrical Performance (Tin Maung San Min Win)
- * News
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- * Youth of the Future (Episode-9) (Archery)
- * News
- * The Light of World Peace
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Myanmar Alternative Medicine (Noni)
- * News
- * National Kandawgyi Garden (PynOoLwin)
- * Myanmar Movie "Night Walker"



Wednesday, 25 May

View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puji Song
- 7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning News

- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am
7. Cultural Dances
- 8:10 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
9. Musical Programme
- 8:40 am
10. International News
- 8:45 am
11. Teleplay (School)
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
- 4:25 pm
3. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- 4:35 pm
4. Dance Of National Races
- 4:45 pm
5. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 5:00 pm
6. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)- First Year (Botany)
- 5:15 pm
7. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
8. Classical Songs
- 5:25 pm
9. Documentary
- 5:45 pm
10. International Science News
- 5:50 pm
11. "ASEAN" Programme

- 6:00 pm
12. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
13. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
14. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm
15. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 6:55 pm
16. Documentary
- 7:40 pm
17. Centanry Of Alinga Kyawzwar Myo Ma Nyein (Composer)
- 8:00 pm
18. News
19. International News
20. Weather Report
21. Korea NG Award
22. TV Drama Series
23. Myanmar Video
24. Metta Bhavana By Mingun Sayadaw

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

President U Thein Sein accepts Credentials of newly-accredited Cambodian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 24 May— Mr Sieng Bunvuth, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the hall of President Office, here, at 11.20 am today.

Present on the occasion together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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Creative Writing Course conducted by MWJA Writers Group Working Committee starts on 25 May

YANGON, 24 May — The opening ceremony of Creative Writing Course No.2/2011 conducted by Writers Group Working Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will take place at the Hall of MWJA at No/ 529 on second floor

of Sarpay Beikman Building, Merchant Street, Yangon, at noon on 25 May.

The course will pave the ways for future writers, covering writing guidelines for novel, short story, poem and article.

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