

Kataik Dam in Paung Township, Thaton District, Mon State commissioned into service

Kataik Dam will benefit 10,000 acres of farmlands, contribute much to regional development



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win delivers a speech at opening of Kataik Dam in Paung Township, Mon State.—A & I



NAY PYI TAW, 1 May—A ceremony to open Kataik Dam built by Construction Group-6 of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Paung Township, Thaton District, Mon State was held at the pandal near the dam yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command

Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Thaton Station, officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, local authorities, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and local people.

In his address, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win said that the agricultural sector plays a

major role in fulfilling the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people and ensuring strong national economy and local food sufficiency, adding that the net sown acreage of Mon State is over 1.2 million.

There are altogether 198 dams and reservoirs the length and breadth of the nation. The newly-opened Kataik Dam is 198th of its kind built in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, and it is also the tenth

in Mon State, he disclosed.

He said that Kataik Dam will be able to supply water to 10,000 acres of farmlands and contribute much to regional development since local people will be able to engage

in double cropping as a result.

In Mon State there are five dams including Kataik Dam, five sluice gates and five river water pumping stations. Through those facilities floods and inundation can be prevented in the rainy season and double cropping can be introduced in the summer, thereby contributing to the agricultural sector of Mon State, he noted.

Through cultivation of summer paddy and double cropping the income of local farmers will increase, and regional development will surely be possible.

The commander stressed the need for local people to maintain and (See page 8)

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The newly-opened Kataik Dam in Paung Township, Mon State. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 May, 2007

Crush neo-colonialists perpetrations to drive wedge among national people

The message Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent to mark the Workers Day (2007) said:

“Thanks to the correctness of the national policy, the harmonious efforts of the government and the people and the sector-wise endeavours of workers and farmers to increase productivity, the nation has been clearly witnessing progress that is prevailing together with peace and stability.”

As the national development is gaining momentum, workers are actually enjoying the fruits of progress which are the increasing number of job opportunities and the rise in the per capita income. In addition, they are enjoying other benefits which are the greater degree of rights including occupational safety and a pleasant working environment.

The government is now implementing the State's seven-step Road Map in pursuit of the national goal — the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. The National Convention is now in the process of being held to carry out the first step. and the workers have been enjoying the rights to participate in it as a delegate group representing the mass of workers to hold discussions and make decisions and suggestions.

However, saboteurs are resorting to a variety of means to disrupt the progress of the nation and harm the national interest. To make matters worse, neo-colonialists are disguising the members of destructive groups under their control as workers and forming nominal organizations to interfere in the affairs of international organizations. Moreover, they are trying to drive a wedge to break up the unity of the entire people including workers through slanders in accord with their scheme.

In conformity with the fine tradition of playing an active role in anti-imperialist movements and independence struggles and preserving the cohesion of workers, farmers and national people, workers are to join hands firmly with national people in surmounting the neo-colonialists' interference in the internal affairs of the nation and sowing discord and hatred among the people.



On behalf of U Aung Kyaw Nyein and Daw Saw Su Kyi of Washington, the United States of America, an official of Hninzigon Home For the Aged donated cash to the Home recently. Joint Treasurer of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi accepts K 106,000 from an official. — H

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Flag of victory, cash presented to Mon State's women's soccer team

YANGON, 30 April — A ceremony to bestow a flag of victory and cash to Mon State's women's soccer team going to participate in the 12th Inter-State/Division Soccer Championship was held at Yamanya Hall of Mon State Peace and Development Council Office yesterday, attended by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win.

First, patron of Mon State Women's Sports Committee Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, made a speech on the occasion.

Cash donated to the soccer team was K 1.2 million in total. Daw Myint Myint Soe accepted cash donations and presented donors certificates of honour.

Next, Daw Myint Myint Soe presented the flag of victory to the team through leader Daw Mya Than. On behalf of the team, Daw Mya Mya Than spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the commander and wife cordially greeted players of the team and then gave encouragement to them.

MNA

Minister inspects Phyto Ayeya Fish Farm in Maubin

YANGON, 30 April — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visited Phyto Ayeya Fish Farm No 2 in Wadaw Village in Maubin Township yesterday.

On his tour, the minister inspected fish ponds and called for maintaining them. He also discussed with officials concerned fish breeding tasks of the farm which is being carried out by the USDA.

After hearing reports of officials concerned, the minister gave instructions to them. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visits Phyto Ayeya Fish Farm No 2 in Maubin Township. — L & F

Sixth respect-paying ceremony held at Teacher Training College (Kanbe), Yankin Education College

YANGON, 1 May — The sixth respect-paying ceremony was held at Yangon Teacher Training College (Kanbe) and Yankin Education College this morning.

It was attended by sixty-year-old retired teachers who served from 1947 to 2007, guests and old students and families.

The old students paid homage to the retired teachers and donated cash and kind to them. On behalf of the retired teachers, principal U Tin Than (Retd), assistant lecturers Daw Yi Yi and U Aung Thein (Retd) gave advice during the ceremony.

Next, the old students donated 'Soon' to members of the Sangha and the congregation shared merits gained. — 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

MMCWA

- * A notable local NGO With noble aims in store To serve Myanmar Society With focus on mother, child and family
- * To help meet the Millennium Development Goals Maternal and Child death set afore To lower the rate of morbidity and mortality Through Maternity Homes and services in the community
- * Advocacy and Awareness-raising For mothers' physical and social well-being Health care access and enhancement We see critical for their development
- * Knowledge, skill and education Social gains and Empowerment foundation Vocational training and micro credit scheme To raise their quality of life by income-generating theme
- * Just to name a few of what we do:
 - ECDC and parenting education
 - 3 - Rs courses and reading circles
 - Nutrition centres and growth-monitoring programmes
 - Clean water and clean sanitation
 - Elderly Care and home-based care
 - Diagnostic Centre and PMCT
 - Projects like RH, ARH and 3D's
- * All to raise the health status of our community
- * Hand-in-hand with others, in the future and now For our continued services, we all vow To play our role in the concerted effort To build a health and developed nation in a time so short.

Aye Phyu

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Expert says global demand on energy to rise 55% by 2030

KUWAIT CITY, 30 April—Global demand on energy will rise by 55 per cent by the end of year 2030, Kuwait's official KUNA news agency reported Sunday citing a local expert.

The hike in demand is attributed to the growth on gross domestic product (GDP) across the world, and the increase would

largely fall on natural gas instead of petroleum because of environmental concerns, said Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) acting manager for planning Nabil Burisli.

He made the predict while delivering speech at the "What's After Oil?" seminar sponsored on Saturday evening by College of Technological

Studies of Kuwait.

The Mideast and North Africa region would maintain its hegemony over the oil market due to their production capacity and oil reserves, he added.

In light of oil excavations in Kuwait, he said the country's daily oil production would be at three million barrels in 2010, 3.5 million in 2015, and four million in 2020.

MNA/Xinhua

Macao's population sees new high in 2006

MACAO, 30 April—The resident population of Macao totalled a record 502,113 at the end of August 2006, according to official statistics issued Friday.

The figures from the government-run Statistics and Census Service (SCS) showed that the annual rate of population growth in the past five years averaged 2.9 per cent. The proportion of the elderly population (aged 65 and above) dropped slightly from 7.3 per cent in 2001 to 7.0 per cent in 2006, the figures showed.

The SCS dues the shrinking of aged group mainly to the influx of immigrants and expatriates.

MNA/Xinhua

US forces detain 72 suspected guerillas in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 April—US troops arrested 72 suspected guerillas and seized nitric acid along with other bomb-making materials in overnight raids on al-Qaeda in the north and west of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday. The raids in Samarra, some 120 kilometres north of Baghdad, led to capture of 36 guerillas allegedly with ties to al-Qaeda network, the military said in a statement.

Following intelligence reports, the US troops also seized 20 five-gallon drums of nitric acid and other bomb-making materials near Karma, a town close to restive city of Fallujah, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, the statement added.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia calls to boost partnership to reach internationalism

JAKARTA, 30 April — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono Sunday called on developed and developing countries to boost partnerships to push forward the internationalism in the 21st Century.

Yudhoyono made the call when opening the

116th Inter-Parliamentary Assembly on Sunday evening in Indonesia's resort island of Bali.

He recalled the long history of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), saying that in the 21st Century, a quantum leap can be made into an era of internationalism in

which all nations are much more strongly connected with one another.

"However, the internationalism can only work if it is supported by a comprehensive network of partnerships," he added.

He said the countries of the developed world can do more to open up their

markets to the products of the developing world, especially agricultural products.

The developed world can help developing countries that are strangled by chronic debt through innovative debt relief programmes and developed countries can increase financial flows, especially foreign direct investments, to the developing world, he stressed.—MNA/Xinhua



Newly crowned Miss Philippines Earth Jeanne Harn waves to the crowd during Miss Earth 2007 pageant at a theatre in Quezon City, central Manila on 29 April, 2007.

XINHUA

British soldier killed in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 April—A British soldier was shot dead while on patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Sunday, in what has been the bloodiest month for British forces in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Twelve have been killed in April, the highest number of casualties in a single month since March 2003, when 27 were killed in the opening days of the war. A British military spokesman in Basra, Major David Gell, said the

soldier was shot after he had dismounted from his vehicle during a routine patrol in the Al-Ashar District of Basra.

"This has been a particularly hard month for us," he said. In London, the Defence Ministry said the soldier was from the 2nd Battalion The Rifles, but did not name him.

Analysts say that with British troops poised to begin reducing their 7,000-strong force in Basra to about 5,500 by the beginning of June,

Shiite militias are increasing their attacks so that they can claim victory when they eventually pull out. British bases have been struck almost daily by mortar fire and patrols hit by roadside bombs and machine gun fire.

In the worst single attack this month, four soldiers were killed when their *Warrior* armoured vehicle was blown up.

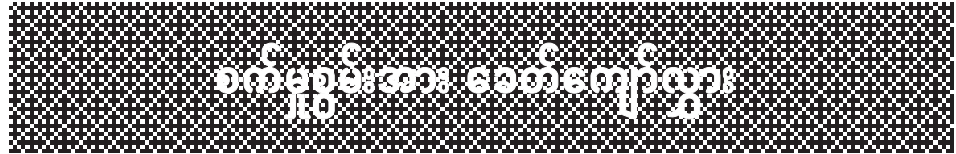
A total of 146 British troops have died in the Iraq campaign since the 2003 invasion.—MNA/Reuters



An injured man is carried away following an explosion in a crowded commercial area near the Imam Hussein shrine in Karbala, some 100 km south of Baghdad, on 28 April, 2007.—XINHUA



A giant tortoise is seen on the Galapagos islands on 29 April, 2007, where British naturalist Charles Darwin conceived his theory of evolution. Conservationists worried over the damage by the growing tourism to the volcanic islands' unique ecosystem. —XINHUA



China to construct more airports in central regions

ZHENGZHOU, 30 April — Six new airports will be built in central China before the end of the decade, said a senior official with the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC).

The six small airports will be built in Bengbu

City in east China's Anhui Province, Yichun in Jiangxi Province, Zhumadian in Henan Province, Yueyang and Hengyang in Hunan Province. The sixth will be located near Mount Jiuhua, a well-known Buddhist holy mountain in Anhui. Airports at six provincial capitals, namely, Zhengzhou, Wuhan, Taiyuan, Changsha, Nanchang and Hefei will also be upgraded, said Li Yongqi, from the CAAC's planning section, at a seminar held in

this capital of central China's Henan Province.

Central regions include Anhui, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi and Shanxi. They have a combined population of 361 million. The central regions are economically less developed as the country's eastern region.

The Chinese Government introduced a new strategy in early 2004 known as "the rise of central regions" to improve the economies of the six provinces.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts meet on global warming but time running out

BANGKOK, 30 April — After two gloomy UN reports on global warming, scientists and governments on Monday begin looking at how to fight climate change, with green groups saying the world has the means to cut emissions at little cost.

As experts meet in Bangkok to review the

latest UN report, a draft of solutions to be issued on Friday after review by more than 100 nations warns that time for inexpensive fixes is running out because of a surge in greenhouse gas emissions.

The survey is the third this year by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The UN climate panel issued its first report in February saying it was at least 90 per cent certain that mankind was to blame for warming.

The second report on 6 April warned of more hunger, droughts, heatwaves and rising seas.

Green groups say the time for bickering by

governments is over.

"It is crystal clear that we can cut emissions to well below today's levels by shifting from carbon-heavy fuels like coal to clean and efficient energy," said Hans Verolme, director of the WWF's Global Climate Change Programme.

MNA/Reuters

Three Iraqi civilians killed by gunmen

BAGHDAD, 30 April — Gunmen shot dead three Iraqi civilians in a northern Baghdad district and wounded a veteran female presenter who works for an Iraqi official radio on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Gunmen in a vehicle opened fire on three civilians, killing all of them in the Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, Amal al-Mudaris, a veteran female presenter who works in a state-run radio, was critically wounded when gunmen showered her with bullets while she was leaving her house in Khadraa District in western Baghdad, the source said.

Mudaris, in her 60s, is a well-known Iraqi media worker who worked for the Iraqi radio and television since 1960s and

continued her work for the Iraqi media network after the collapse of Saddam regime in 2003.

Meanwhile, the US military said that 18 rounds of artillery were fired from a US base in southeastern Baghdad earlier in the day without identifying the targets of the barrage.

MNA/Xinhua

Three moderate quakes hit Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 April — Three moderate quakes jolted different parts of Indonesia early on Sunday but caused no damage or casualties, a meteorological agency official said.

"The quakes do not have the potential to generate a tsunami," Suharjono, head of the Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics agency, told Reuters.

A 5.1 magnitude undersea quake first struck the northern part of Sumatra Island at a depth of 33 kilometres. Two further quakes measuring 4.3 and 4.7 later hit near Padang in western Sumatra and Kupang on Timor island.

MNA/Reuters



Truffle, a recently shorn Alpaca eats her dinner as she sits in her pen with others during the Mid-Atlantic Alpaca show in Harrisburg, Pa, on Friday, 27 April, 2007. INTERNET

Death toll rises in Pakistan suicide bombing

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 30 April — The death toll from a suicide bombing in Pakistan rose to 28 on Sunday as investigators attempted to identify the bomber who tried to kill the Interior Minister.

The lone suicide bomber blew himself up on Saturday just three metres (10 feet) from Interior Minister Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao at the end of a public gathering in Charsadda, in North West of Frontier Province (NWFP).

Sherpao sustained minor injuries on his both legs from shrapnel and pellets in the attack. One of his aides and several of his security detail were killed.

Investigators found the severed head and torso of the grey-bearded suspect and were trying to establish his identity. Officials say the attack may have been plotted by Islamist militants. "It is a continuation of what is going on in our tribal areas and across the border in Afghanistan," Asif Iqbal Daudzai, NWFP Information Minister told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters



Pink was named the Best Female Artist and Download of the Year at the MTV Australia Video Music Awards in Sydney on 29 April, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

UAE's ADNOC, Japan's JBIC agree on partnership in oil-gas sector

ABU DHABI, 30 April— Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), the energy giant of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), signed on Sunday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a Japanese bank to set up a comprehensive partnership in the oil and gas sector.

The document between ADNOC and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) was signed in the presence of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe who is on an official visit to the oil-rich Mideast country, local *Emirates*

News Agency reported here.

According to the report, the MoU seeks to establish a comprehensive and strategic partnership by setting out consultations and information sharing.

It will increase opportunities of mutual business development for Japanese companies and ADNOC in the oil and gas sector and realize the long-term crude oil transaction between ADNOC and Japanese oil companies, thereby contributing to the securing of stable energy supply to Japan, said the report.

Japan has steadily

imported huge amounts of crude oil from ADNOC for more than 30 years as the UAE is currently the second largest source of crude oil supply to Japan, accounting for about 25 per cent of its total crude oil imports.

ADNOC owns most of the oil and gas reserves and production facilities in the UAE.

MNA/Xinhua



Cargo ships wait to pass a ship lock during trial navigation at the Three Gorges Dam in central China's Hubei Province on 30 April, 2007. The dual-track ship lock of the Three Gorges Dam will fully reopen to traffic on 1 May after more than seven months' construction and trial operations. —XINHUA

Expert says China to become world's 2nd largest trader

GUANGZHOU, 30 April—China will this year replace Germany as the world's second largest trader with 2.1 trillion US dollars in foreign trade and may overtake the world's largest trader, the United States, by the end of the decade, says a senior Chinese researcher.

"China maintained a growth rate of more than

20 per cent in foreign trade in the first quarter and is likely to maintain the momentum throughout the year," said Li Yushi, vice-president of the Research Institute of International Trade and Economic Cooperation under the Ministry of Commerce.

Despite a growth rate that declined to 6.9 per cent in March, foreign

trade in the first three months totalled 457.7 billion US dollars, up 23.3 per cent year-on-year.

Exports reached 252.1 billion US dollars, up 27.8 per cent, while imports were valued at 205.7 billion US dollars, up 18.2 per cent, according to figures released by the Chinese Customs.

While the Ministry of

Commerce projected foreign trade to grow by about 10 per cent a year between 2006 and 2010, Li's institute predicts the growth rate will be between 12 and 15 per cent. "Based on these predictions, we can tell that China will overtake the United States to be the world's largest trader in 2010," Li told a seminar on China's foreign trade prospects in Guangzhou.

MNA/Xinhua



Singer Paulina Rubio of Mexico and Nicolas Vallejo-Nagera of Spain pose after getting married in Xcaret Park in Playa del Carmen on 30 April, 2007. —INTERNET

Two killed in Angolan Air Force plane crash

LUANDA, April 30 — A Zlin-142 training plane of the Angolan Air Force (FAN) crashed Thursday in Catumbela Region in the country's central province of Benguela, killing two people on board, *Angola Press* agency ANGOP reported Saturday.

ANGOP quoted on Saturday a communique from FAN Staff as saying that the airplane pertaining to the Lobito Military Aeronautic Training School, with the plate number I-130, that was on a training flight, piloted by instructor Major Bento Jose Henriques Coelho, with trainee Marlene Luis.

According to the document, a FAN team of experts is already in the Catumbela Region to find out the causes of the accident. — MNA/Xinhua

Lhasa overpass opens on eve of tourist boom

LHASA, 30 April— A major bridge, more than a kilometre-and-a-half long, opened to traffic here on Monday, just in time for May Day holiday week when Lhasa expects an influx of tourists.

With an investment of 450 million yuan (about 58 million US dollars), the

urban overpass is comprised of a northern and southern bridge.

The Liuwu Bridge is 1,660 metres long and 29 metres wide. It spans the Lhasa River and links this plateau city with the Lhasa railway station, terminus of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway.

The opening of the bridge has cut travel time from downtown Lhasa to its railway station from half-an-hour to 10 minutes.

Tourism officials say they are expecting 200,000 visitors during the May Day Golden Week.

Internet

Ethiopian rebels free Chinese oil workers

ADDIS ABABA, 30 April — Ethiopian rebels have released seven Chinese workers seized in a deadly raid on an oilfield, the guerillas and a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Sunday.

Gunmen killed 65 Ethiopians and nine other Chinese in Tuesday's pre-dawn assault on the oil exploration field in Ethiopia's barren eastern Ogaden region — one of the worst attacks to date on Beijing's growing interests in Africa. "We handed them over to the ICRC," Adurahmin Mohammed Mahdi, a London-based spokesman for the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) rebel told *Reuters* by telephone. "They are all very healthy. They are uninjured and very happy." — MNA/Reuters



A model walks down what was promoted as the world's longest straight catwalk at around 200 metres, during a show at Australian Fashion Week in Sydney on 30 April, 2007. A total of 76 designers from the Asia-Pacific region will showcase their designs during the fashion week. —XINHUA



Afghans drive their vehicles under the arch of double-rainbow in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 29 April, 2007. Afghans went out from their home to watch the double-rainbow on 29 April in Kabul. —XINHUA

Major Chinese steel firms quadruple profits in Q1

BEIJING, 30 April — Ninety-nine large and medium-sized steel plants in China reported a year-on-year 282 percent rise in net profits in the first quarter of this year, according to the China Iron and Steel Association.

Luo Bingsheng, deputy chief of the association, said combined profits of these steel plants jumped to 34.5 billion yuan (4.5 billion US dollars) in the first three months, boosted by the steel price increases.

The composite price index of steel products stood at 109.8 by end-March, 4.42 percent higher than the beginning of this year, he said.

The 99 steel enterprises

posted an industrial output value of 390.8 billion yuan, up 37.99 percent, and their sales shot up 39.34 percent to 431.6 billion yuan.

Net income of the nation's major steel plant Angang Steel Co, rose 111.7 percent to 2.39 billion yuan in the first quarter, the company said on Sunday. Meanwhile, the Baoshan Iron and Steel Co Ltd, China's biggest steel producer, said last week its

first quarter net income jumped 156.38 percent to 3.68 billion yuan.

China produced 114.7 million tons of crude steel in January-March period, up 22.34 percent year on year, according to Luo.

Internet

UAE President, Japanese PM discuss ways of boosting ties

ABU DHABI, 30 April — Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), held talks with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday discussing ways of boosting bilateral relations, Emirates News Agency reported.

During the meeting, Sheikh Khalifa expressed his country's desire to strengthen trade, economic and investment relations with Japan.

Sheikh Khalifa expressed the hope that Abe's visit to the UAE would open up new avenues for enhancing bilateral relations and greater horizons in all fields so as to make a qualitative leap in

the two countries' economic partnership.

Abe said that it is those common factors Japan and the UAE share in the trade, economic and investment policies that give the Japanese Government and companies strong incentives to invest in the UAE.

Abe added that his regional tour constitutes a departure on the path to

concluding a free trade agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Abe arrived Sunday in the oil-rich UAE, the second leg of his regional tour which has taken him to Saudi Arabia and will also take him to Egypt, Kuwait and Qatar. —MNA/Xinhua

Mainland announces new policies to promote cross-Strait ties

BEIJING, 30 April — The Chinese Mainland has announced a package of new policies to promote economic, trade and cultural relations across the Taiwan Straits.

A total of 13 new policies were announced at Saturday's closing ceremony of a two-day cross-Strait forum, co-sponsored by the Communist Party of China and the Chinese

Kuomintang Party, Taiwan's major opposition party.

Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, and

KMT Honorary Chairman Lien Chan were present at the closing ceremony.

Under the new policies, Taiwan shipping and road transport companies are allowed to set up wholly-owned companies or joint ventures on the Mainland. Taiwan enterprises are also encouraged to directly invest in the construction and operation of ports and highways on the Mainland.

Taiwan shipping companies engaged in direct passenger transport between coastal cities in Fujian and Jinmen, Mazu and Penghu in Taiwan have been authorized to set up ticket agencies in Fujian.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wearing a design by Australian design label Bowie walks down the catwalk during a show at Australian Fashion Week in Sydney on 1 May, 2007. —INTERNET



Technicians examine the St. Stephens cathedral's bell "Pummerin" to assess possible damage in Vienna recently. Europe's second largest bell, nicknamed "Pummerin", is one of many famous bells across the continent. — INTERNET

Loud explosions rock southern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 April — About two dozen loud explosions shook southern Baghdad on Sunday, Reuters reporters heard. The blasts, several seconds apart, sounded like artillery. The US military could not immediately confirm the cause of the blasts. US military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Garver said the military sometimes fired artillery in support of operations.

Tens of thousands of US and Iraqi troops have been deployed in Baghdad as part of a 10-week-old security crackdown to combat sectarian militias and guerillas. While the plan has reduced the number of sectarian killings, car bombs in the capital and across Iraq remain a security concern for military commanders. — MNA/Reuters

Fiery crash melts vital San Francisco highway

EMERYVILLE (California), 30 April — A stretch of vital highway for San Francisco Bay area commuters collapsed on Sunday after a gas tanker truck crashed and ignited flames that shot more than 200 feet (60 metres) high, officials said.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom quickly ruled out sabotage or terrorism, but said the

accident showed the region's infrastructure remains dangerously vulnerable.

Flames on a lower ramp melted the upper deck of a highway on the Oakland/Emeryville side leading to the double-decker Bay Bridge that connects the heavily populated East Bay to San Francisco.

MNA/Reuters

Ardent desire and generosity

Zeya Myo Htet

New leaves of big and small trees seemed to be bearing the brunt of the intense heat of the month of Tabaung. Post-graduate diploma students made field trips to Bagan-NyaungU in NyaungU District like an excursion of high school students. Post-graduate students were of different ages and different careers and they included those who were not employed yet, those who were engaged in own business and company and departmental staff. Htanaung (Acacia Leucophloea) and neem trees, tamarind trees, toddy palms, cactus trees and thorny trees revealed the nature of Upper Myanmar. The shadow of Htanaung was cool in the midday of high temperature. Drinking plain tea and having jaggery under the tree made us refresh. We learnt much about the region because of hospitality of the villagers answering all our questions.

We thought that there was scarcity of water in the dry area. Local people told us that there was much clean water as the Development Affairs Department implemented tube-well sinking project. We visited the tube-wells and found that the donors' names and other facts about the well were written on the plaque. We thanked the donors and those who solved the problem of scarcity of water. We unanimously made a decision without consulting among us. It was the decision to donate a tube-well in a village where clean and drinking water was not available.

We collected cash before the end of our trip and donated it to the Development Affairs Department. The copies of the receipt were distributed to the fellow trainees. The department informed us to attend the 13th cash donation ceremony for water supply.

The ceremony was held at the meeting hall of DAD of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on Thanlyetsoon Street in Botahtaung Township on 19-3-2007. Secretary-1 of

the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and accepted the donations.

Also present were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental officials and wellwishers.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt explained the measures for the supply of clean water in rural areas. He said the government is implementing the border area development project, the 24 special region development plan and five rural development tasks for development of the nation. The Head of State had given guidance to lay down a 10-year plan to supply clean water to all villages in three divisions of the arid region. According to the survey, there were 23,225 villages that needed clean water in the entire nation — 8,042 in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay divisions and 15,183 villages in the remaining States and Divisions.

Tasks have been carried out to supply clean water to 7,891 villages among 8,042 in three arid divisions or 98 per cent up to the end of February 2007 in the 2006-07 financial year. Likewise, 9,206 villages out of 15,183 villages in other remaining states and divisions or 61 per cent have been facilitated with supply of clean water up to the end of February in 2006-07 financial year. A total of 17,097 villages out of 23,225 in all States and Divisions have been supplied with clean water.

A total of 1753 wellwishers have donated over K 1,402.8 million, US\$ 76,752, euro 770 and 10,012 FECs for the water supply task from the first to the 12th cash donation ceremonies. The people of 34 townships — 10 in Sagaing Division, 12 in Magway Division and 12 in Mandalay Division — can enjoy fruits of water supply tasks. Clean water supply tasks were also undertaken in Sagaing and Tamu Districts in Sagaing Division, Pakokku

District in Magway Division and Mandalay and Kyaukse Districts in Mandalay Division.

The Secretary-1, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers accepted the cash donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

One of the wellwishers expressed his pleasure of donating cash for the water supply.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said Our Three Main National Causes and objectives laid down by the Head of State for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing nation, the border areas and national races development project, the 24 special regions development project and five rural development tasks are now being implemented harmoniously for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union.

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In accordance with the directives of the ministry and the department, responsible officials are to make increased efforts in sinking tube-wells and digging lakes and give educative talks to local people for ensuring durability of the facilities. He believed that the amount of cash donated by the wellwishers can be stated in figures but their goodwill and generosity were beyond words.

We witnessed that the heat of the arid zone disappeared under the pleasure and smile of the villagers who enjoyed benefits of the water supply project. Such smiles on their faces can often be seen in the areas.

After the ceremony, I conveyed the message of pleasure to my friends. During our field trip, we made a decision to donate cash to water supply project. Although cash donations of the post-graduate students can be counted, ardent desire and generosity to sink a tube-well for clean water in a village where there is scarcity of water cannot be fathomed.

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Kataik Dam in Paung Township, Thaton District,...

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safeguard the dam for its durability for posterity as it was built with a large amount of the State funds.

The Head of State has frequently given guidance on implementing projects for dams, sluice gates and river water pumping stations for boosting the agriculture production.

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He urged the entire people including local farmers to strive for the development of economic and social sectors of the region making better use of the already-built infrastructures including the newly-opened Kataik Dam and put in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, a prerequisite for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that he like local people is pleased at the opening of Kataik Dam as it will be able to contribute to boosting the agricultural production of the region.



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win unveils the stone plaque of Kataik Dam. — A & I

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state. He said that boosting the agricultural production is a driving factor for strong economy of the State, adding that the government is giving priority to boosting the agricultural production in order to ensure the development of economy of local people. In the process, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is making all-out efforts for boosting the per acre yield and for extended cultivation of crops.

There were 138 dams and reservoirs in 1988 across the nation along with 1.34 million acres of farmlands, and there are now 198 additional dams and reservoirs along with 2.6 million acres of farmlands.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is trying its utmost for boosting the per acre yield of ten major crops. As rubber grows well in Mon State extended growing of rubber is being launched while priority is being given to growing of physic nut plants in the region.

The government spent over K 7,012 million on construction of the dam. The dam is 5,200 feet long and 234 feet high and can store over 56,000 acre feet of water, he said. The dam will be able to prevent 10,000 acres of farmlands from being flooded and benefit double cropping, he said.

Unlike in the past, local farmers now have an opportunity to boost agricultural production, he said, calling for durability of the irrigation facility and conservation of watershed areas.

The commander unveiled the stone plaque of the dam.

The commander and the minister formally opened the dam and inspected the main embankment, spillway, control tower, storage of water, rubber and cashew plantations in the watershed areas.

Director U Hla Baw of Construction (6) of the Irrigation Department reported on steps taken to construct the dam and irrigation system. Irrigation Department Acting Director-General U Khin Zaw gave a supplementary report.

The minister gave instructions on supply of irrigation water for boosting agricultural production.

With a catchment area of eight square miles, Kataik Dam was built on the Kataik Creek, whose annual flow of water is about 59,000 acre feet, near Kataik Village in Paung Township. It has a 134 feet high and 5200 feet long embankment and its maximum water storage capacity is 56,000 acre feet.

It has a 650 feet conduit. It will be able to benefit 10,000 acres and protect the paddy fields downstream of the Yinnyeik Creek from being inundated.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivers an address.
A & R

Minister inspects Dagon Bridge construction work

YANGON, 1 May —Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, arrived at Dagon Bridge construction site in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township here by car this afternoon.

At the project briefing hall, bridge construction incharge senior engineer U Tint Lwin reported on progress in construction tasks and future tasks. The minister gave instructions on making efforts for earlier completion of the project and simultaneous implementation of work for construction of approach roads, laying of gravel and tarring of road and fulfilled the needs.

Next, the minister and party inspected the pillar (p-11). Senior engineer U Tint Lwin conducted them round the construction site.

Dagon Bridge is of RCD reinforced concrete type. It is 4,540 feet long and 72 feet wide and has 6-foot pedestrian lane on each side. It can withstand 75 tons of loads.

The approach roads to Yangon bank and Thanlyin bank have been completed and the bridge will be opened soon. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects construction of Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township. — CONSTRUCTION

Commander inspects circular railroad, stations



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects circular railroad in Yangon. — MNA

YANGON, 30 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected condition of rail roads and stations here yesterday.

After hearing reports on extension of railroads around Yangon, the commander fulfilled the requirements.

After his tour of inspection, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win met with officials of stations on the circular railroad at Yangon Railway Station. At the meeting, he presented awards to officials who kept the stations and their environs clean and pleasant. He also awarded the townselders who contributed to the cleanliness of the stations.

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Bilin Township MEB (Branch) gets new building

YANGON, 1 May — A new building of Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) was opened in Bilin Township on 29 April.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win unveiled the signboard.

Chairman of Thaton District Peace and Development Council U Tin Aung and Managing Director of Myanmar Economic Bank U Myat Maw cut the ribbon to officially open the new building. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

After the opening, the commander, the minister and guests viewed around the building.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected Myanmar Economic Bank in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State. The managing director of the Myanmar Economic Bank reported to the minister on the banking services. On his inspection tour, the minister also inspected the office of State's Pension Department in Mawlamyine Township in Mon State today. At the office, the officials briefed the minister on the tasks of their respective departments.

Afterwards, the minister visited Nos 1 and 2 of Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) and Myanmar Small Loans Department in Mawlamyine. — MNA

Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Bago District

YANGON, 1 May — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with Director-General of Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than arrived at Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Office on an inspection tour on 29 April.

The minister and party inspected issuing of CSCs to town dwellers and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Director-General dealt with management to be made for issuing CSCs as quickly as possible.

Upon arrival at Waw Township, the minister looked into progress in issuing CSCs to the town dwellers. Next, the minister met with local authorities and members of social organizations, and gave instructions on issuing of CSCs to the town dwellers as soon as possible.

Afterwards, the minister oversaw related documents on issuing CSCs in Waw Township INRD. A total of 395 CSCs were issued to the town dwellers in Bago District, Bago Division (East).

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at the opening of Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) in Bilin. — F & R

Executive Management Courses (Multiplier) and Basic Solidarity Courses opened in three townships

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min watched the final match of inter-ward and village football tournament organized by Bago Division USDA

at the sports ground in Thanatpin yesterday.

Yaykyaw Makyetsu team beat Yaykyaw team (A) 3-1. CEC Member Maj-Gen Aung Min and officials presented prizes to the winners.

CEC Member Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the opening ceremony of Executive Management Course (Multiplier) No 11/2007 and Basic Solidarity Course No 1/2007 in Kyauktaga Township.

The minister also attended similar ceremonies in Kyaukkyi and Pyu Townships.

Pyu Township Peace and Development Council and Township Development Committee presented K 50,000 each to Township USDA.

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min delivers an address at opening of Management Course (Multiplier) No 4 for executives of Kyaukkyi Township USDA. — MNA



Second Thutaswezon literary award presentation held



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan poses for a photo together with literary award winners. — MNA

YANGON, 1 May — The second Thutaswezon literary award presentation and a ceremony to mark the 25th Anniversary of Thutaswezon publishing house were held at Traders Hotel this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present were heads of enterprises and departments under the Ministry of Information, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), CEC members, literati, members of Thutaswezon literary award selection committee, award winners and guests.

In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said he was glad to see literati. Every nation is making efforts to serve their national interest and bring about development. In doing so, emphasis is being placed on development of human resources that contributes towards the national development rather than progress of exhaustible natural resources.

He said in the country priority is given to the development of technology and human resources among the youth.

He said literati play an important role in human resource development. He spoke of the need to make efforts for keeping reading habit. He said 30 million books of different kinds were published in 2006.

He pointed out that attempts to harm cultural heritage and morale of the people are made through the media. Material development has been made in some nations but affluent society cannot be built due to the self and lack of social interest. Cultural heritage and national character are to be preserved in accord with the social objectives.

He urged the literati to serve the national interest.

The minister presented Thutaswezon life time achievement award to U Hla Kyaing (Paragu) and he also presented to other winners of science and applied science category.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presented awards winners of arts, translation and reference literature categories.

Dr Tin Tun Oo and wife Dr Daw Khin Moe Moe presented K 300,000 for literati to U Hla Myaing.

Dr Tin Tun Oo presented gifts for members of literary award selection committee to U Thaw Kaung.

U Hla Kyaing (Paragu) and Dr Thet Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Next, the minister had documentary photos taken with the literary award winners.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents literary award for Applied Science to Dr Myint Myint Khin. — MNA

Yangon Division Smooth and Secure Transport Supervisory Committee meets

YANGON, 30 April — Yangon Division Smooth and Secure Transport Supervisory Committee held a work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command on 27 April, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division SSTSC Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

First, the commander called on officials concerned to carry out roads repair including No 2 and No 3 Highways without delay and take cooperative measures between bus lines and Division Transport Coordination Committee to ensure that 8 to 12 CNG cylinders are installed at buses that are plying on highways.

Next, officials concerned briefed the minister on management work for ensuring smooth and secure transport.

After hearing the reports, the minister fulfilled the requirements and made concluding remarks.

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Two wounded in terrorist-planted mines blasts

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — The insurgents are committing destructive acts through various ways with the intention of disrupting the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order and killing the people and making them panic.

Seventeen-year-old Min Thu Tun, son of U Kyaw Soe Naing at Aung Thukha Ward, Kyaukkyi, Bago Division, made his way to pick up vegetables on 26 April and stepped on a mine planted by insurgents and it went off. His right foot was blown off and right eyebrow wounded.

Similarly, twenty-year-old Ye Aung, son of U Tin Aye in MyaungU village, went into the forest and stepped on a mine planted by insurgents on the same day. His left foot was cut off and right thigh wounded.

Injured Min Thu Tun was sent to Kyaukkyi Township People's Hospital and Ye Aung to Mone Station Hospital. Medical treatment and necessary assistance were provided to the victims. The authorities and the local people are making arrangements to expose the insurgents. — MNA

Shanghai to form helicopter police

SHANGHAI, 1 May — Shanghai will buy three helicopters to form its first-ever helicopter police team, which will serve the security of the World Expo in 2010.

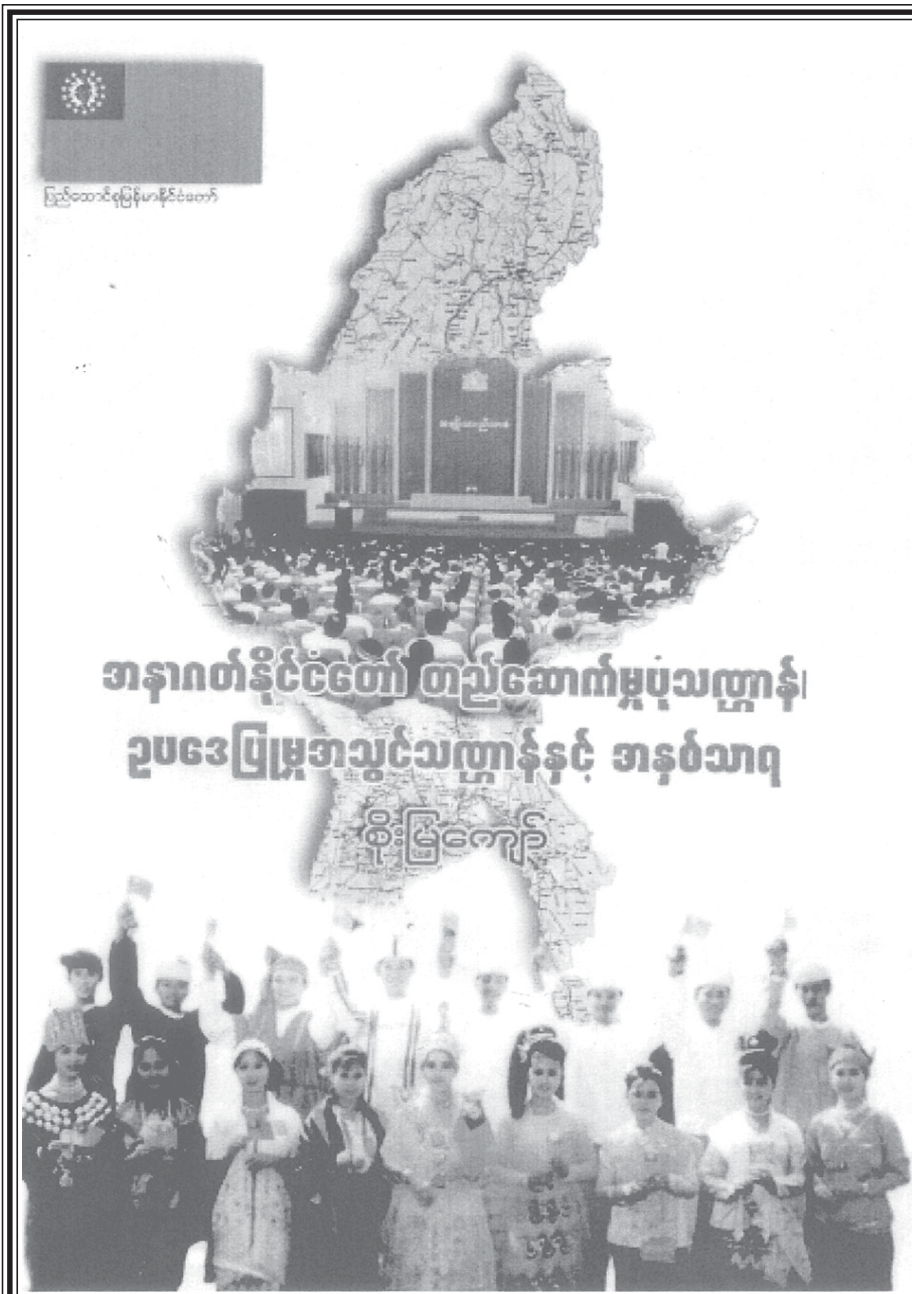
The municipal public security bureau signed a contract with the Eurocopter for the purchase on Saturday, including two light-duty EC135s and one medium-sized EC155.

These helicopters are expected to be put into use in 2008. They will also be used in hunting criminal suspects, anti-terrorist operations, directing ground traffic, disaster-relief operations and dealing with other emergencies, said Wu Zhiming, head of the

public security bureau.

Founded in 1992, Eurocopter, a 100-per-cent subsidiary of the European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company, is world's largest helicopter producer, accounting for more than 40 per cent of the turbine helicopter fleet in service in Asia.

According to Eurocopter, an EC135 can accommodate one pilot and seven passengers and an EC155 for two pilots and 13 passengers. — MNA/Xinhua



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Ex-CIA director faces criticism over memoir

WASHINGTON, 1 May — Ex-CIA Director George Tenet faced accusations of hypocrisy from former espionage officials on Monday for not speaking out earlier against the White House's

push to invade Iraq, which he criticizes in his new memoir.

Six former CIA officials, including former top terrorism experts, called on Tenet to return his presidential Medal of Freedom award for failing to speak out in 2002 and 2003 as the Administration pressed the case for war based on flawed intelligence.

"We also call for you to dedicate a significant percentage of the royalties from your book to the US soldiers and their families who have been killed and wounded in Iraq," the officials said in a letter issued over the weekend.

"By your silence you helped build the case for war," the letter said.

Tenet also came under fire from former CIA analyst Michael Scheuer, who headed the agency's hunt for al-Qaeda leader Osama bin

Laden.

"The former director of central intelligence is out to absolve himself of the failings of 9/11 and Iraq," Scheuer said in an op-ed piece in the *Washington Post*. "We shouldn't buy his attempts to let himself off the hook."

Tenet, whose book *At the Centre of the Storm: My Years at the CIA*, went on sale on Monday, led the CIA during the 11 September attacks and played a prominent public role during the months preceding the Iraq invasion.

He resigned in 2004 as the second-longest-serving director of central intelligence. Bush later awarded him the presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest US civilian award, for his service to the United States.

MNA/Reuters

China details punishment for wrongdoing civil servants

BEIJING, 1 May — Government officials in China risk getting sacked if they use their influence to benefit a lover or become involved in other forms of corrupt behaviour, according to a regulation released by the central government on Sunday.

The 55-article regulation, scheduled to take effect on 1 June, details a variety of wrongdoings and misconduct and is designed "to make sure government officials perform their duty according to the law."

The regulation stipulates that government officials who engage in corruption, organize superstitious gatherings, use drugs, engage in the sex trade or fail to fulfill their duties can be demoted or fired.

The regulation also allows for the firing of government officials who abuse or abandon family members or refuse to support their elderly relations.

The regulation is "China's first to systematically stipulate what administrative punishments civil servants abusing their power will receive," sources said.

A Press conference on detailing the regulation was jointly held by the Central Committee for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC), Ministry of Supervision, Ministry of Personnel and the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua



Pure Digital Technologies today introduced Flip Video(TM), a new line of ultra-convenient digital camcorders designed to shoot anything and share everything. Developed with Internet video sharing software integrated into the device, Flip Video (www.theflip.com) is the first camcorder to seamlessly upload directly to YouTube. These remarkably simple and affordable devices feature a major advance in video sharing technology combined with an ultra-portable design and easy video capture and editing. — INTERNET

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Birthday Wishes

Wishing you our dearest Mi Mi on your birthday on 2-5-2007 for many happy years to come.

Ko Nyi, Brandon & Amy and Concordia Staff.

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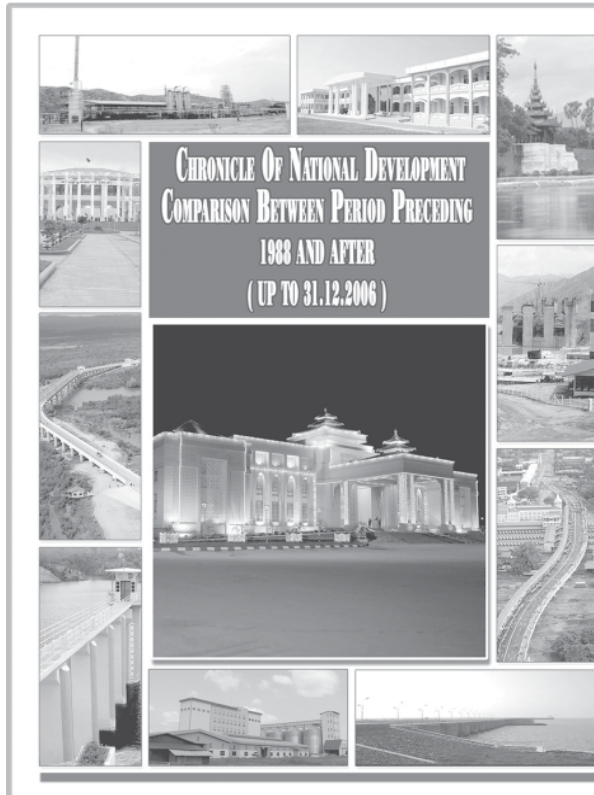
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China claims progress in medical fraud battle

BEIJING, 30 April — The number of complaints about illegal backstreet clinics, quacks and medical fraud in China fell 80 per cent last year compared to 2005, the Health Ministry said on Friday, as it tries to clean up the scandal-hit industry. "The problem of engaging in medicine without documentation has been brought under initial control, and order

has improved in the medical services market," the ministry said in a statement on its website (www.moh.gov.cn). In the past two years, authorities raided 11,000 backstreet clinics and 5,000 places offering illegal sex-selective abortions, the statement said, citing numbers from a joint meeting attended by health and public security officials. They also revoked the

medical licences of 921 individuals and 2,485 medical facilities, it said, naming some of the institutions implicated in improprieties. The officials also urged continued vigilance against the illegal collection of blood — a problem that helped set off China's AIDS problem in the 1990s. "As soon as we find suspected illegal medical adverts, we will track them down to see if the

medical facility has broken any laws," the statement said, quoting Deputy Health Ministry Ma Xiaowei. China has been grappling with not only a spate of medical scandals but growing public anger at rising medical costs and poor service, including unnecessary treatments carried out by hospitals looking to earn some extra cash. *MNA/Reuters*

Qatar's \$500m worth steel projects ready by year-end

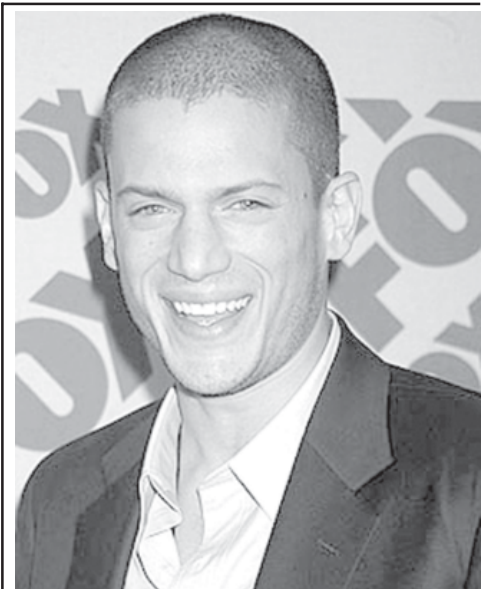
KUWAIT CITY, 30 April — Qatar's state-owned Qatar Steel Company is expected to complete three major expansion projects by the end of 2007, thereby largely increasing the steel production capacity of the gas-rich emirate, according to news reports reaching here on Sunday. According to Doha-based daily *Gulf Times*, the three projects, including a direct reduction iron (DRI) plant, a rolling mill and a furnace, were worth over 500 million US dollars. The DRI plant would boost Qatar Steel's sponge iron production capacity to 1.5 million tons per year from the current 1 million tons per year, Qatar Steel's director and General Manager Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad al-Thani was quoted as saying. He said that the new

rolling mill would double its annual rebar production capacity to 1.4 million tons from the current 700,000 tons. The completion of the new furnace would increased the molten steel's annual capacity to 1.6 million tons, according to Sheikh Nasser. "We have launched these projects some two years ago. And we are well on track to commission them this year," said the manager. He added that Qatar

Steel was also expanding its rolling mill unit in Dubai of United Arab Emirates. Once completed, it will have an annual capacity of 500,000 tons steel bar from the existing 300,000 tons.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Prison Break hero is coming to China

BEIJING, 30 April—Prison Break star, Wentworth Miller has been invited to visit China in June, media reports have recently revealed. The Shanghai-based *News Times* reported Wentworth Miller as having been invited by Zhongbo Media Group, who have bought the rights from Fox to shoot an online video adaptation of the American hit TV drama. In an interview with the paper, an official of Zhongbo said that Miller is coming to promote the Chinese version of Prison Break, and will take part in some commercial activities. Miller is also invited to act as a final judge to select actors for the Chinese Prison Break. The official said Beijing is likely to be the first leg of Miller's China tour



Wentworth Miller

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India for third research base in Antarctica

NEW DELHI , 30 April —India Monday formally sought permission of the Secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty (ATS) to set up a third research base in the icy continent in order to bolster its scientific research there, Indo-Asian News Service reported here. IANS reported that Indian Minister of Earth

Sciences Kapil Sibal said India had asked permission of the treaty members in this regard and expressed the hope that it would get the green signal at the ongoing 30th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) here. The ATCM is being held in India for the first time. India has two research

bases in the Antarctica, called the Dakshin Gangotri and Maitri. However, the first one, Dakshin Gangotri, is completely non-functional as it is buried under ice. There are around 20 scientists working in Maitri. The ATCM meeting here is being participated by scientists and experts from governmental and non-governmental organizations from more than 45 countries.

Internet



British physicist Stephen Hawking (C) is assisted as he floats during a ZEROG flight aboard a modified Boeing 727 after taking off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, recently. —XINHUA

NDRC: More small coal mines to be shut down

BEIJING, 30 April — China's top economic planner says that more small coal mines will be shut down because of their impact on re-sources and the environment, or because they fail to comply with the country's industrial policy. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) reiterated in a circular issued on Monday that it would close down 4,000 small coal mines by the end of the year. It said it would focus not only on illegal coal mines with poor safety facilities but on all small coal mines. The process will be bottom-up, starting in the

coal-producing towns themselves, said the commission. It asked local governments to examine all coal mines with a production capacity of less than 300,000 tons and decide what to do with them. The country aims to reduce its number of small coal mines to 10,000 by 2010. The commission said coal mines with a production capacity of less than 300,000 tons would no longer get building permits and ongoing small projects would be integrated with other coal mines where possible, expanded if conditions permit, or halted.

Internet

Scientists 'reverse' memory loss

NEW YORK, 30 April—Mental stimulation and drug treatment could help people with de-generative brain diseases such as Alzheimer's recover their memories, a study says. Scientists found mice with a similar condition to Alzheimer's were able to regain memories of tasks they had previously been taught. A team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology found two methods—brainstimulation and drugs — both worked. Their findings were published in British journal Nature. The researchers used



The study says progress is possible even after major brain damage.—INTERNET

genetically engineered mice in which a protein linked to degenerative brain disease could be triggered. Scientists had previously given the mice tests where they learnt to avoid an electric shock and how to find their way through a maze to reach food. After six weeks with the brain disease, the mice were no longer able to remember how to perform these tasks. Some of the mice were then placed in a more stimulating environment with toys, treadmills and other mice. "We show the first evidence that even if the brain suffered some very severe neurodegeneration and the individual exhibits very severe learning impairment and memory loss, there is still the possibility to improve learning ability and recover to a certain extent lost long-term memories." She said the study suggested that in people with degenerative brain diseases, memories were not erased from the brain, but rather could not be accessed because of the disease. "However, by demonstrating that lost memories can be accessed again these results offer hope of a better understanding of what happens to memories as dementia develops. "It highlights the role of both an 'enriching environment' and through its focus on biochemical processes could provide important building blocks for new treatments to alleviate the symptoms of dementia."— Internet

Arctic melt faster than forecast

LONDON, 30 April—Arctic ice is melting faster than computer models of climate calculate, according to a group of US researchers. Since 1979, the Arctic has been losing summer ice at about 9% per decade, but models on average produce a melting rate less than half that figure. The scientists suggest forecasts from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) may be too cautious. The latest observations indicate that Arctic summers could be ice-free by



the middle of the century. "Somewhere in the second half of the century, it would happen," said Ted Scambos of the National Snow and Ice Data Centre (NSIDC) at the University of Colorado. "Some computer models show periods of great sensitivity where the Arctic ice system collapses suddenly, and that trend may occur a bit earlier;

that's the best guess, but exactly when it's hard to say," he told the BBC News website. Dr Scambos co-authored the latest study, published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, with other scientists from NSIDC and from the National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), also in Boulder, Colorado. They also calculate that about half, if not more, of the warming observed since 1979 originates in humanity's emissions of greenhouse gases.

Internet



Thousands of runners fill the street after their start on the Hamburg Marathon in central Hamburg on 29 April, 2007. —XINHUA

SPORTS



San Jose Sharks Joe Thorton (L) is stopped by Detroit Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek (R) after getting past defenceman Chris Chelios (C) during the third period of Game 3 of their NHL Western Conference semifinal playoff hockey game in San Jose, California, on 30 April, 2007.—INTERNET

South Korean footballer Park expected to miss Asian Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May — South Korea's preparations for the AFC Asian Cup 2007 has taken a knock as the ace striker Park Ji-sung is expected out of action at least until August after a surgery, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Monday.

Park suffered the injury while playing for his club Manchester United in the English Premier League last month and had a complicated surgery in the United States last Saturday, the AFC said in a report on its official website.

"Ji-sung Park has had a complicated cartilage operation that required an expert in his field. He will be out for the remainder of the season and we will assess the situation again in August," a spokesman from the Manchester United was quoted as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal bites his trophy after his victory over Guillermo Canas of Argentina during their final Open tennis match in Barcelona, Spain, on 29 April, 2007. Nadal won 6-3, 6-4.—INTERNET



Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Tim Hudson, wearing the initials of his former Auburn college teammate St Louis Cardinals Josh Hancock, throws in the second inning against the Philadelphia Phillies during their National League baseball game in Atlanta, Georgia on 30 April, 2007. Hancock was killed in a car wreck in the early morning hours of 29 April.—INTERNET

O'Sullivan beats Robertson in snooker worlds

LONDON, 1 May — Ronnie O'Sullivan, John Higgins, Allister Carter and Mark Selby all reached the quarterfinals after winning their respective matches at the world snooker championship here on Monday.

O'Sullivan fought off fierce challenge from Australia's Neil Robertson who came back from 6-2 down to level at 8-8 at the end of the afternoon.

But O'Sullivan dominated the evening session and won 13-10.

O'Sullivan will take on Higgins in the last eight. Higgins advanced with a 13-4 victory over Ireland's Fergal O'Brien. Qualifier Selby produced an impressive display to knock out former champion and last year's runner-up, Peter Ebdon.

Selby, who beat Stephen Lee in the opening round, compiled five centuries on his way to a 13-8 victory.—Internet



Two-time snooker world champion Ronnie 'Rocket' O'Sullivan, pictured in 2000, fought off fierce challenge from Australia's Neil Robertson who came back from 6-2 down to level at 8-8 at the end of the afternoon.

INTERNET

Ferguson urges Scholes to tread carefully in San Siro

MANCHESTER, 1 May — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson has warned Paul Scholes about rash tackles in Wednesday's Champions League semi-final, second leg against AC Milan, fearing he could miss another final through suspension.

United go into Wednesday's semi-final, second leg against AC Milan with a 3-2 advantage but midfield playmaker Scholes would sit out the Athens showpiece against either Liverpool or Chelsea, should United progress, if he got booked.

He suffered a similar fate in 1999 when he was forced to watch United's epic triumph over Bayern Munich in the Nou Camp from the sidelines because of suspension.

Ferguson told Scholes not to slide into any challenges in the first leg and will repeat his message to the 32-year-old ahead of the return in the San Siro.

"Paul has to make sure he doesn't get booked. That's without question," Ferguson, who also has Cristiano Ronaldo and Gabriel Heinze on yellow cards, told reporters.—MNA/Reuters

Foreign soccer coach to cost Zambia 25,000 dollar monthly

LUSAKA, 1 May — Zambia's search for an expatriate soccer coach will cost up to 25,000 US dollars monthly when the trainer is finally engaged, *The Post* reported on Monday. The local newspaper quoted senior government officials as saying that to acquire the services of an average coach it will require a budget of no less than 25,000 dollars a month to cater for the salary and other expenses.

Sports Minister Gabriel Namulambe said that the Search Committee is looking into all the necessary aspects of engaging the expatriate coach. He said only Konkola Copper Mines, the biggest copper mine corporation in Zambia, has offered to meet the salary of the expatriate coach and it is therefore important to look at various other avenues before engaging the expatriate trainer.—MNA/Xinhua

Blatter says FIFA have World Cup back-up plan for 2010

LONDON, 1 May — FIFA president Sepp Blatter has told the BBC that football's world governing body has contingency plans in case South Africa cannot host the World Cup in 2010. Blatter's comments to BBC TV's Inside Sport programme due to be broadcast on Monday night, were reported on the BBC Web site (www.bbc.co.uk) on Monday.

"Other countries are ready to organize the World Cup", Blatter is quoted as saying although he implied they would not be needed. He tells the programme that the

United States, England, Mexico, Japan and Spain would be ready to step in, adding: "definitely we have a possibility to go somewhere else if something happens. It was the same case in Germany. Something can happen. A natural catastrophe or whatever, a big change in society - everybody against football.

"But then for the time being the Plan B is South Africa and the Plan C we definitely must have is a possibility to go somewhere else, but it must be a natural catastrophe."—MNA/Reuters

Liverpool must risk all for chance of Euro glory

LONDON, 1 May — A place in the Champions League final is Liverpool's for the taking but to claim it they will have to take risks to get past an ailing but stubborn Chelsea on Tuesday.

Liverpool were lucky to escape with a 1-0 defeat from a first leg where they seemed so concerned with the tactical requirements of negating the London side that they completely forgot about launching attacks of their own. Now, to reach their second final in three years and earn a shot at a sixth European Cup they must find a way to goal.

At Stamford Bridge there was at least some justification for their cautious approach but on home ground, roared on by a full throated Anfield chorus and against a stand-in centre back, it is time to deliver. Coach Rafael Benitez admitted to being angry with himself and his players after their meek first leg performance and the ultra-calm Spaniard for once lost his temper in the dressing room.

"We didn't play at our level and I was really disappointed but we are going to play at Anfield and it's just 1-0," he said.

He has had plenty of time to think about his line-up for Tuesday and rested most of his first team for the 2-1 league defeat at Portsmouth on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters



Denver Nuggets center Marcus Camby (L) and forward Carmelo Anthony (R) defend San Antonio Spurs forward Bruce Bowen (C) in Game 4 of their NBA Western Conference Playoffs in Denver on 30 April, 2007.—INTERNET

**Mrs. Monica Mya Maung (M.B.E)
(Age 92)**

Mrs. Monica Mya Maung, relic of U Percy Mya Maung, mother of U Myint Bo and Daw Su Su, passed away peacefully at her home, 22 Poyarzar Road, Kyaukkone, Yangon, at 7:02 am, Tuesday, May 1, 2007.

She was cremated at Yay-Way cemetery on the same day, according to her wishes.



Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar arrives to attend the premiere of the film "The Air I Breathe" during the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on 29 April, 2007. — INTERNET

Greek police station attacked

ATHENS, 1 May — Attackers threw a hand grenade and fired 17 rounds with a semi-automatic weapon at a police station in Athens early on Monday, damaging police cars and civilian vehicles but injuring no one.

Police said they were investigating the possible involvement of local guerilla groups in the attack in the Nea Ionia district, the worst in a spate of strikes on police stations and banks.

Self-styled anarchists and leftist fringe groups have in the past week staged several strikes, including hurling petrol bombs at a

central Athens police station, torching cars and forcing officers inside to flee.

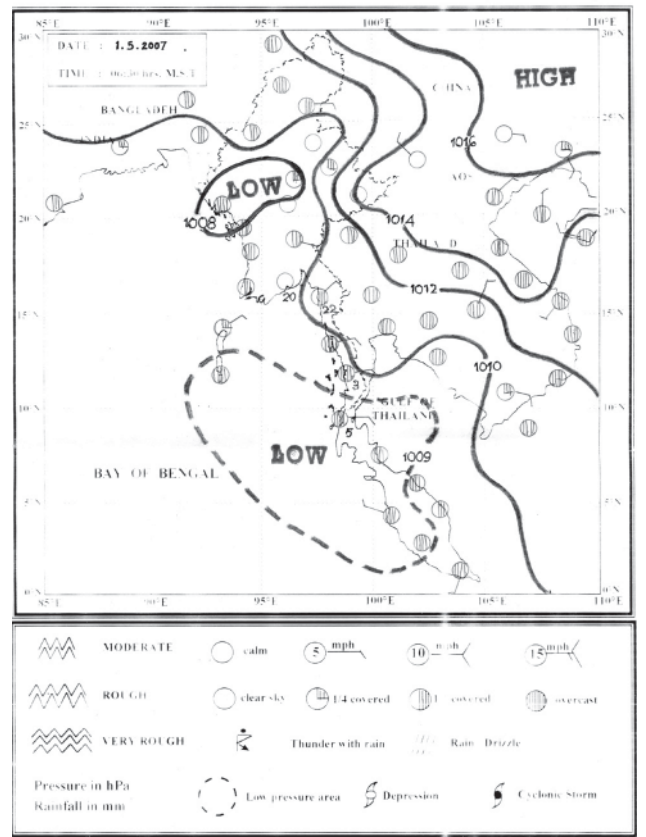
They claimed their attacks were in support of jailed comrades.

"It appears to be part of the anarchist attacks we have witnessed over the past few days but we rule out nothing," a police official, who declined to be named, told Reuters.

Police were also investigating whether the 9mm rounds used in the Nea Ionia attack came from several weapons stolen from police guards in the past 18 months.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 30 April, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kayin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay Division, (5°C) above normal in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (7°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (43°C) each, Monywa, Mandalay, Pyinmana, Magway and Pakokku (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (2.48) inches, Thayawady (2.36) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.79) inch and Yangon (Central) (0.52) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-4-2007 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 1-5-2007 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-5-2007 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 30-4-2007 was (3.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-5-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.52) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (18) mph from Southwest at (15:20) hours MST on 30-4-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, a depression has formed over the Gulf of Thailand. It is moving westward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-5-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay Division with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with temporary rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-5-2007: Partly cloudy.

"Special Storm News"

(Issued at 14:30 hrs MST on 1-5-2007)

According to the observations at (12:30) MST today, a depression has formed over the Gulf of Thailand and is centred about (100) miles East of Kawthoung (Myanmar). It is moving westward slowly.

Under the influence of the depression, rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division (Southern Myanmar) with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls during next (36) hrs commencing this evening today. Surface wind speed in rain may reach (40-45) mph. Squalls with temporary rough sea are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.



Wednesday, 2 May
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
 - 7:15 am
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 - 7:25 am
 3. To be healthy exercise
 - 7:30 am
 4. Morning news
 - 7:40 am
 5. Nice and sweet song
 - 7:55 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:05 am
 7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:15 am
 8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
 9. ဟင်းရွက်ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am
 10. International news
- 8:45 am
 11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သရုပ်) (သရုပ်)
- 4:45 pm
 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
 5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm
 6. Classical song
- 5:25 pm
 7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်

- အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm
 8. ရာပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 12. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
 13. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး၊ မိုးမိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်မောင်အေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 7:30 pm
 14. "ပုဇွန်ကန်တော့ ဆင်ယင်သက်ကြီးသဘင်" (ပထမအကြိမ်သဘင်သက်ကြီးပုဇွန်)
- 7:45 pm
 15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်စုံစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစေ အနုပညာအမွေ
- 20. The next day's programme



Wednesday, 2 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Perfect to stay
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Babe
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Feel so good
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Mano
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -I'll come to you -Come into my world
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune -Do I love you
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -Love of a lifetime -Don't take your love away this time
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

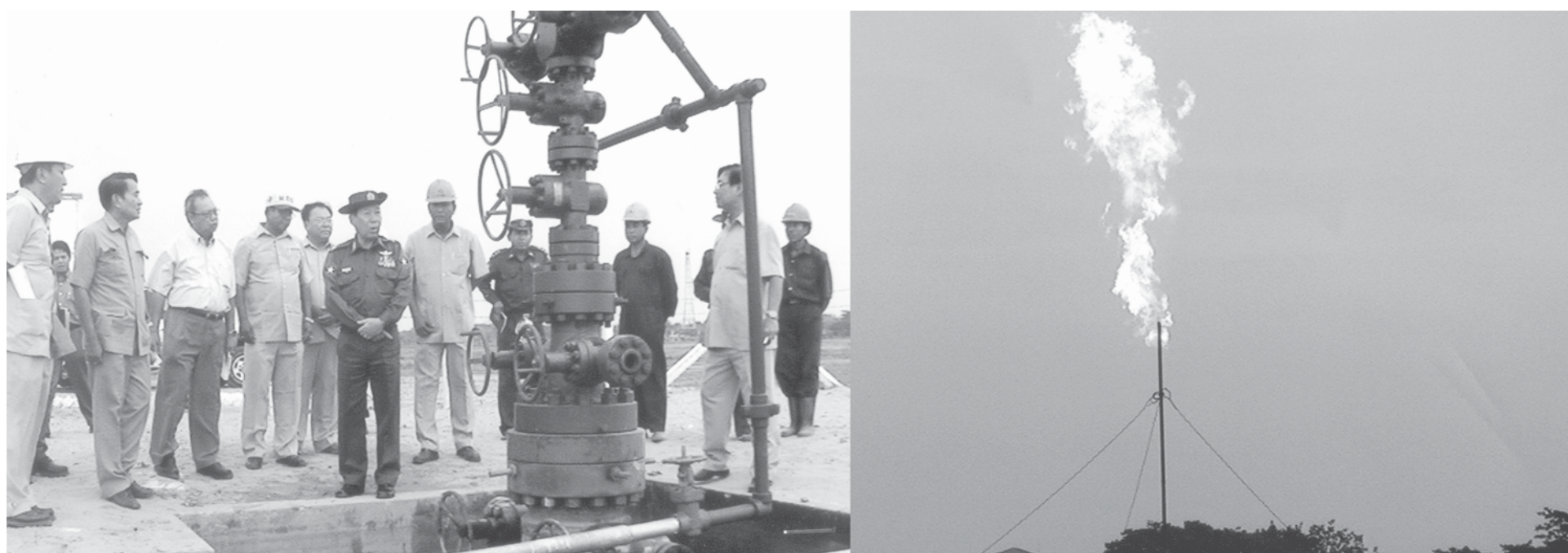
Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

New well to produce over 3 million cubic ft of gas per day



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects production of gas at new Well No 1 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Maubin. — ENERGY

YANGON, 1 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi went to the gas field in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday and inspected production of natural gas at the new Well No 1.

officials of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the ministry, the minister called for increasing production of oil and natural gas for domestic consumption. He also urged them to make a detailed assessment of potential

for oil and gas in order to continue exploring new wells in the field.

On his tour of inspection, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi awarded the employees who participated in exploration and drilling of the new well which

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hicles, gas-fuelled turbines and factories. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi laid down work plans for oil and gas exploration and fulfilled the requirements during his tour. — MNA

NLD undermining interest of people and nation after receiving instructions from embassies

US embassy officials visit NLD Headquarters 11 times in March

YANGON, 1 May — National League for Democracy (Central) is attempting to push the nation to a life of servitude and to become a minion of the imperialists. The acts of the party have proved that the party relies too much on big western nations.

The NLD (Central) is in contact with the US Embassy in Yangon and the public criticizes and condemns the NLD that they are undermining the

interest of the people and the nation after receiving the instructions through the embassy. The public is keeping watch on their contact.

US embassy officials visited the NLD Headquarters on West Shwegondine Road 11 times in March. They met CEC members of the NLD and sent letters and parcels to them.

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SIGNIFICANT DAY TEMPERATURES 1-5-2007

NAY PYI TAW	108°F
YANGON	100°F
MANDALAY	108°F
MONYWA	108°F
MAGWAY	108°F
CHAUK	109°F
MINBU	109°F