

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to the Republic of Poland

**NAY PYI TAW, 3 May** — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Lech Kaczynski, President of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2007. — *MNA*

## True patriotism

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

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looks into regional development tasks in Ayeyawady Div

**NAY PYI TAW, 2 May** — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence together with officials of SPDC Office and departmental officials went on a working tour of Shansu Village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division yesterday.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than held a meeting with Chairman of Ayeyawady

Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and party, departmental officials and local peasants at the pandal.

First, Chairman of Nyaungdon Township PDC U Nyunt Tin briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on cultivation of physic nut plants during 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, and progress in growing kenaf and jute

and target of cultivation.

After hearing the reports, he gave necessary instructions on growing of physic nut plants. Next, he presented physic nut seedlings to officials concerned at the township physic nut sapling nurturing ceremony, and so did the Commander.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung put physic nut seedlings and

grafts into small bags.

On arrival at Wakema Township General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than held a meeting with departmental officials at township level. First the chairman of Wakema Township PDC briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on cultivation of physic nut plants, summer paddy and monsoon paddy, and future tasks.

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**Ayeyawady Division is famous for its agriculture and livestock and contributing much towards the State's economy. It is necessary to grow 10 major crops, rubber, pepper and physic nut plants to meet the target.**



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence inspects progress of Kyungon Bridge in Wakema. —MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Collectively maintain dams and reservoirs for durability

The government is implementing plans to build one dam after another in various parts of the country spending large sums of money to effectively control and use of water resources for the agricultural sector.

Kataik Dam was inaugurated in Paung Township, Thaton District, Mon State the other day.

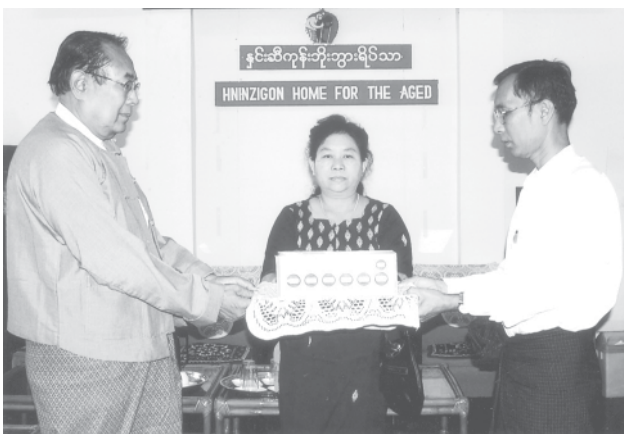
The earth dam is 5,200 feet long and 134 feet high and can store over 56,000 acre feet of water at full brim. It will be able to irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands for double cropping and protect the areas downstream the Yinnyein Creek from being flooded. The facility will therefore contribute much towards the regional development.

The wetlands will turn into cultivable lands thanks to the construction of the Kataik Dam. Local farmers will be able to grow not only monsoon paddy but also summer paddy and their socio-economic life will improve as a result.

In the past, local farmers could not grow crops due to flooding. Now they have an opportunity to boost agricultural production after inauguration of the Kataik Dam.

After 1988, the government built 198 dams and reservoirs in the whole country and they benefit over 2.6 million acres of farmlands.

It is necessary for all the people including farmers to maintain dams and sluice gates built by the government for long-term interest, for durability of the irrigation facilities and conservation of watershed areas.



*U Maung Maung Tar and Daw Than Than Htay and family of Tamway Township donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home recently.— H*

## Peoples' 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

### Preventive measures against DHF and diarrhoea taken

YANGON, 2 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win on 28 April went on an inspection tour of South Okkalapa Township in Yangon East District, where he gave encouragement to those who participated in sanitation tasks for proper flow of drainage along Yinma Creek in No 7 Ward and spraying of pesticides in the ward and along Thanthuma Street for the preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever and diarrhoea.

At No 10 Ward PDC Office, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials briefed the commander on preventive measures against the diseases, educative activities and sanitation works.

After hearing the reports, the commander gave



instructions on continue concerted efforts to be made for eradication of DHF and diarrhoea despite a sharp decline in occurring these diseases with the combined forces of Yangon City Development Committee, departments and health staff and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the commander viewed educative talks on health and sanitation tasks in the ward. —MNA

### Horticulture Show on 5 May

YANGON, 2 May —The First Myanmar Horticulture show, meeting and contest will be held at Myaypadetha Island in Bahan Township on a grand scale from 5 to 8 May. Everyone can take part in the horticulture contest.

#### corrigendum

Please read US embassy officials visit NLD Headquarters 11 times in April in the headline and news featured in the box on page 16 of this daily issued on 2-5-2007.— Ed

Cash rewards will be presented to first, second and third prize winners of plant with fruit and fruit contests. Awards will be presented on each kind. A variety of fruit and vegetables from various regions of Myanmar will be displayed at the show. Everybody can attend the meeting and participate in discussions.

Everyone can visit the show free of charge and contact Ph: 01-703754 and 01-514226 for further details.

MNA

### Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Poland

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Mrs Anna Fotyga, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2007.

MNA

### Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects sanitation tasks undertaken in South Okkalapa Township.— MNA



### Mother (1)

- \* From morn till night fall  
Up on two feet, serving all  
Like "doctor-on-call".
- \* "Mom—I've lost my book  
You know who sneaked in and took?"  
Kid with puzzled look.
- \* "A button gets pop  
Other jackets I don't opt.  
Mom—come fix it off".
- \* "My backpack just snapped  
What to do with broken strap?  
No school but a nap".
- \* Just an example  
A day in a life simple  
Mom has to tackle.
- \* Little things not small  
In magnitude nor in stall  
Impassable balls.
- \* Three sixty five days  
No one ever comes and pays  
Holidays seem nay.
- \* Yet mothers do stay  
Find solutions all the way  
Make homes bright and gay.
- \* A mother's great role  
We must appreciate more  
With all hearts and souls.

Aye Phyu

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Chavez pulls out of IMF and World Bank

WASHINGTON, 1 May—Venezuela's leader Hugo Chavez has underlined his intention to develop an alternative economic vision for Latin America by pulling his country from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund—organizations that have long had a controversial role in the region.

He is also to nationalize operational control of four oil field projects currently run by foreign companies.

Though Venezuela has paid off its loans to the two international lending

organizations, Mr Chavez's announcement that he intends to quit the organizations is powerfully symbolic. It is likely to lead to other smaller nations to question their membership and demand a greater say in the organizations' policies.

"We will no longer have to go to Washington, nor to the IMF, nor to the World Bank, nor to anyone," said Mr Chavez. "I want to formalise our exit from the World Bank and the IMF."

Despite Venezuela's close trading relationship

with the US over oil—it is the fourth largest supplier of crude in the United States—Mr Chavez has long been critical of US interference in Latin America, be it political, military or economic. He has long derided the IMF and the World Bank for being controlled by US and Western interests and has said their policies of tight budget controls, privatization and open markets have benefited foreign companies while leaving much of Latin America in grinding poverty.

Internet

## Indonesia urges US to leave Iraq

JAKARTA, 1 May—Indonesia will make use of its position as host country of the 116th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) conference being held in Bali to urge the United States to get out of Iraq immediately, House of Representatives (DPR) Speaker Agung Laksono said.

At the opening of the IPU meeting on Sunday night, Agung Laksono said instability in Iraq was due to US failure in overcoming the problem of the sovereign country.

"It is a good momentum for the IPU to urge the

United States to leave Iraq immediately, because it is immoral if a sovereign state like Iraq is still controlled by Washington," Agung was quoted as saying by Antara news agency on Monday. Agung said that besides urging the US to get out of Iraq, the IPU should also call on the international community under the United Nations to play their role in keeping stability and security in Iraq.

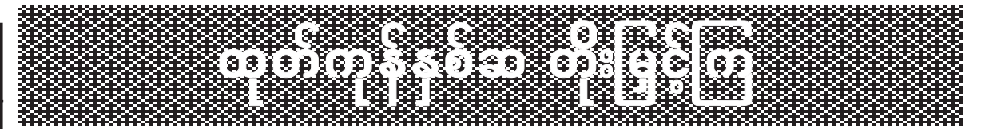
The House Speaker noted that inter-state conflict should be overcome peacefully through dialogue.

"Therefore, use of force should be criticized," Agung said, pointing out an example of violent act against civilians committed by Israel in its military aggression to Lebanon last year.

For the Indonesian Parliament, Agung said the peace process in the Middle East and the solution to the nuclear issue in Iran should be sought through a dialogue.

Agung also said it was now time for all countries in the world to work together to make a success of the Kyoto protocol.

Meanwhile, Indonesian



Chinese President Hu Jintao talks with workers on the International Labour Day in central China's Henan Province on 1 May, 2007.—XINHUA

## Thousands stage anti-US protest in Afghan west

HERAT (Afghanistan), 1 May—Thousands of Afghans staged a protest on Monday accusing US-

led coalition and Afghan troops of killing civilians in the western province of Herat, residents said.

The protesters stormed a government district headquarters in Shindand, south of Herat City, where Western troops have a large base, they said.

Police reinforcements were sent from Herat to prevent the protesters moving on the base. Gunfire was heard but it was not immediately clear who was firing and if there were casualties.

Provincial officials

refused to comment.

Earlier, the US-led coalition said its troops, along with Afghan forces, had killed scores of Taliban in two separate air and ground battles in past several days in Zerkoh District, south of Shindand. Protesters insisted those killed were civilians. The latest protest comes a day after an angry demonstration in eastern Nangahar Province over the killing of civilians by coalition and Afghan forces there.

MNA/Reuters

## Four killed in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 1 May—Four people were killed and 25 others wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad on Monday afternoon, an Interior Ministry source said. A car bomb went off shortly before 5:00 pm (1300 GMT) in a commercial area in Baghdad's southern district of Baiyaa, killing two people and wounding eight others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged several nearby buildings and shops while ambulances and fire engines rushed to the scene, he said.

Earlier, another car bomb detonated near an Iraqi Army patrol in the Rabie Street in the Jamiaa

District in western Baghdad, wounding four civilians, the source added.

Meanwhile, a civilian was killed and nine others were wounded when several mortar rounds landed near a mosque in the Shaab neighbourhood

in northeastern Baghdad, the source said.

Separately, a civilian was killed and four others were wounded when a roadside bomb went off in the Talbiyah neighbourhood in northern Baghdad, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

## SIA to fly daytime only to Colombo

SINGAPORE, 1 May—Singapore Airlines said on Monday that following a security review it has decided to fly to and from the Sri Lankan capital only during daylight. The announcement came a day after the Colombo Airport was briefly closed after a Tamil Tigers rebel air raid on fuel facilities near the city.

Singapore Airlines, the world's biggest airline by stock market value, said all services to and from Colombo are currently at night and will be rescheduled to the day from Tuesday after a "security review".

MNA/Reuters



A visitor takes a photo of 'Flower carpet' with a mobile phone during the annual Ginza Flower Festival in Tokyo, on Sunday, 29 April, 2007. The floral decoration made of 1.2 million petals of tulip was spread in Ginza district to attract shoppers in the holiday-stubbed 'Golden Week.' — INTERNET



**Pedestrians make their way through rainfall in New York, on 16 April, 2007. A study of cities across the world shows pedestrians are upping their pace at an alarming rate as they scurry from place to place, determined to cram as much as possible into each day. — INTERNET**

### Deaths from heart attack ‘halved’

LONDON, 1 May—Deaths from severe heart attacks after hospital admission have nearly halved in six years, a study shows.

The international team, which studied 44,372 patients in 14 countries, found that death rates fell from 8.4% to 4.5% between 1999 and 2006.

Treatments such as angioplasty to unblock arteries and anti-clotting drugs were the key, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported.

The fall also led to less heart failure and further heart attacks and strokes.

It is well-established that heart disease rates

have been falling for several decades due to healthier lifestyles and better preventative treatment, such as statins.

But this is the most comprehensive study looking at the success of hospital treatment once patients are admitted with heart attacks or serious angina.

As well as the fall in death rates for severe heart attacks, where the arteries were completely blocked, deaths from milder attacks were also reduced from 2.9% to 2%. Both patients with severe and milder heart attacks were less likely to suffer from strokes and further heart attacks in the following

months.

The risk of critical heart failure, a weakening of the heart which can be brought on by heart attacks, fell from 7.1% to 4.7%.

*Internet*

### India aims to boost tea export to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, 1 May— India has launched an aggressive campaign to boost tea exports to Pakistan, Egypt, Iran and Iraq apart from traditional buyers of Britain and Russia, *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported here on Monday.

It is reported that a 12-member team of Indian tea officials, planters and traders returned on Sunday after touring Pakistan to market the beverage.

IANS reported that Pakistan last year imported about 100 million kilogrammes of tea from Kenya and 16 million kilogrammes from India out of a total annual requirement of 170 million kilogrammes.

“The visit to Pakistan was extremely encouraging and we hope we are able to increase the market share of tea in that country,” IANS quoted Dhiraj Kakaty, secretary of the Assam chapter of the Indian Tea Association (in East India’s Assam region), the country’s apex tea administration body, as saying.

The Indian team visited the tea markets of Lahore, Peshawar and Rawalpindi in Pakistan.

India is the world’s largest tea producer followed by China.

It is reported that countries like Pakistan, Egypt, Iran and Iraq figured prominently in the export list.

*MNA/Xinhua*

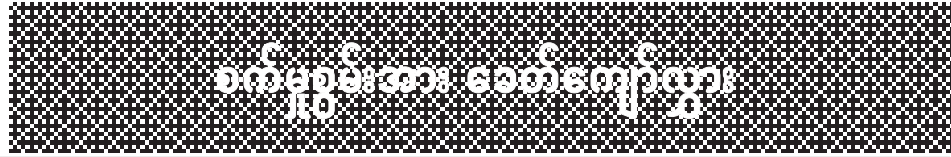
### 35 arrested in HK anti-piracy operation

HONG KONG, 1 May — The Hong Kong Customs officers have arrested 30 men and five women, aged 18 to 59, in an anti-piracy operation, seizing 76,765 optical discs and 4,317 counterfeit goods, the Customs said Monday.

Officers raided numerous tourist spots from April 23 to 28 and seized 2.4 million HK dollars (307,692 US dollars) worth of fake goods, mostly garments, shoes, watches and leather products, CDs and newly-released films.

The Customs said it will continue to take stringent enforcement action during the Labour Day holidays.

*MNA/Xinhua*



## Malaysia to host int’l maritime, aerospace exhibition

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 May — Malaysia will host the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2007 (LIMA ’07) in December, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said Monday.

Some 830 aerospace and maritime firms are expected to take part in the event slated for 4-8 December in north-western Malaysia, which will be the largest one in its history this year, Najib

told reporters after chairing the inaugural meeting of the Cabinet committee on LIMA’07 here.

A total of 581 foreign and domestic companies have confirmed their participation so far, said Najib, who is also Defence Minister.

He added 120 aircraft and 65 ships will be on display in the exhibition

themed “Defence Industry: Meeting Future Needs”.

This year’s event will also feature aerobatics display and a mock seizure of an airfield by several fighter aircraft.

In 2005, the biennial exhibition saw the participation of 390 aerospace and 164 maritime firms.

*MNA/Xinhua*

### Five dead, 10 missing in coal mine blast in north China

TAIYUAN, 1 May— Five people are dead and 10 others missing after a coal mine blast on Monday morning in north China’s Shanxi Province, local authorities said.

The accident took place at about 3:40 am at an illegal coal mine located at Liujiacun Village of Yuxian County, Yangquan City, said a spokesman with the Shanxi Provincial Coal Mine Safety Administration.

Four other people have been rescued, the spokesman said.

A group of rescuers led by vice provincial governor Jin Shanzhong are searching for the missing people, he said.

The coal mine has been operating illegally, he said. But he would not give further details, saying that the cause of the blast and the exact number of casualties are still being investigated. — *MNA/Xinhua*



**Kentucky Derby hopeful Great Hunter with exercise rider Tony Romero during morning workouts at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky. The 133rd running of the Kentucky Derby will take place on 5 May, 2007. — INTERNET**



**An Iraqi soldier arranges assorted weapons confiscated from suspected guerillas who were arrested during a raid in Yussifiya, 15km (10 miles) south of Baghdad on 2 May, 2007. A joint US-Iraqi operation arrested 56 suspected guerillas during a raid and assorted weapons, bomb making materials and medicines were confiscated from them in Yussifiya district south of Baghdad, an Iraqi Army officer said. — INTERNET**

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Australia urged to invest in clean energy industry

SYDNEY, 2 May—A prominent American author and journalist says Australia will reap huge economic benefits if it embraces environmentally friendly clean technology.

Thomas Friedman, who has won three Pulitzer prizes for his writing, says the economic rise of countries like China and India will have a devastating environmental impact on the world.

Mr Friedman has told the ABC's Lateline programme that this gives

developed countries great economic opportunities.

"Clean technology is going to be the growth industry of the 21st century," he said.

"Mum, dad, tell your kids — there's going to be huge numbers of jobs, that I know for sure.

"The question is, is Australia going to be a player in that industry?

"Is America? The question is, who's going to dominate it."—Internet



An Ambassador "Grand" model. India's iconic Ambassador car was supposed to have been celebrating its 50th birthday this year but an industrial row that has shut the lone factory making the pug-nosed car and raised fears the Ambassador could be coming to the end of the road. —INTERNET

## Nepal's petroleum samples sent to Scotland for tests

KATHMANDU, 1 May—The petroleum samples collected from far-western Nepal have been sent to Scotland for further investigation, local media reported on Monday.

Baburaja Aryal, chief of Petroleum Exploration Promotion Project at the Department of Mines and Geology told *The Rising Nepal* newspaper that the petrol samples had been sent to Cairn Energy Private Company Limited in Scotland where the experts will conduct lab tests.

"If the samples test positive, the company will start further works from winter after the Constituent Assembly elections, which is expected to usher in lasting peace and political stability in the country," he was quoted by the daily as saying.

According to him, the exploration requires continuous work for six to eight months with the guarantee of security and working environment so the investors get convinced before investment.

He also spoke on the need to revise the foreign investment law to attract more foreign investors for the petroleum exploration.—MNA/Xinhua



*In this undated picture, a juvenile chimpanzee at the Yerkes National Primate Research Centre in Atlanta tries to reclaim food that another chimpanzee has taken away by combining a begging gesture with a silent bared-teeth face. In research published on Monday, scientists seeking clues to the origins of human language analyzed the way two types of apes genetically closely related to people — chimpanzees and bonobos — use such hand and limb gestures to communicate.*

INTERNET

## Singapore manufacturers more optimistic about business conditions

SINGAPORE, 1 May —Singapore's manufacturers are more optimistic about business conditions in the next six months ending September, compared to the first quarter of the year, a government survey said on Monday.

A net weighted balance of 26 per cent of manufacturers expected business conditions to improve, which is higher than the 7 per cent recorded a quarter ago, said the survey by the Economic Development Board (EDB). The EDB said, "The positive business sentiment is led by the electronics cluster."

In the electronics sector, which is Singapore's main exports, a net 38 per cent of respondents expect business conditions to improve in the next six months, compared to a net weighted balance of 1 per cent recorded in the first quarter.

The EDB said manufacturers in the computer peripherals and information communications as well as consumer electronics segments turned more confident due to new product launches and an expected pick up in demand following a first-quarter seasonal lull.—MNA/Xinhua

## Colombia snags huge cocaine haul on Pacific coast

BOGOTA, 1 May—Colombian Armed Forces captured between 20 and 25 tons of cocaine packed into 1,000 bales on the Pacific coast on Monday in what authorities described as a

historic blow against drug traffickers.

Colombia's Pacific coast is a major drug smuggling route to Mexico and the United States and an area where narcotics gangs, illegal

paramilitaries and left-wing guerillas battle for control of trafficking operations.

"They have captured the largest number of tons of cocaine ever," said Defence Minister Juan Manuel Santos.

Colombia remains the world's No 1 cocaine producer despite billions

of dollars of US military aid pumped into the country to fight the drug trade and left-wing guerillas who are deeply involved in trafficking.

The Andean country produces around 600 tons of cocaine a year, most of it destined for the United States or Europe.

MNA/Reuters



*An acrobat practises during training at the Qian Jin acrobatic troupe in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province on 28 April, 2007. The troupe will perform in Hong Kong on the 10th anniversary of its return to China on 1 July.*

INTERNET

## Interior Ministry says al-Qaeda leader in Iraq killed

BAGHDAD, 2 May — The leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, Abu Ayyub al-Masri, was killed on Tuesday in an internal fight between militants north of Baghdad, the Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Brigadier-General Abdul Kareem Khalaf told *Reuters* "we have definite intelligence reports that al Masri was killed today".

The US military said it could not confirm the reports.

There has been increasing friction between Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda and other Sunni Arab insurgent groups in Iraq, particularly over al-Qaeda's indiscriminate killing of civilians. Masri, an Egyptian, assumed the leadership of al-Qaeda in Iraq after Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was killed in a US airstrike in June 2006.

Iraqi officials have blamed al-Qaeda in Iraq for destroying a holy Shiite shrine in Samarra a year ago, an act that unleashed a surge in sectarian bloodletting that has driven Iraq closer to all-out civil war.

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese, Canadian FMs hold talks on bilateral ties, int'l issues

**BEIJING, 1 May** — China's newly-appointed Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi held talks here Monday with his Canadian counterpart Peter MacKay.

A news release from the Foreign Affairs Ministry provided to *Xinhua* says the two ministers exchanged views on bilateral ties, and major international issues.

China will maintain bilateral exchanges and dialogue at all levels on a basis of a forward-looking attitude, the release quoted Yang as saying.

China will work with Canada to deepen co-operation in various fields, strengthening consultations on major international issues, properly handling disputes and sensitive issues so as to push forward the development of bilateral strategic partnership, Yang said.

In response, Mackay

said Canada highly values relations with China and will enhance mutual trust and promote pragmatic cooperation based on the spirit of mutual respect and seeking common ground while reserving differences.

The Canadian Government will stick to the one-China policy and will not develop official ties with Taiwan, Mackay said.

The two sides also exchanged views on issues on United Nations, Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the ministry.

Yang replaced veteran diplomat Li Zhaoxing as China's new foreign minister only three days ago. — *MNA/Xinhua*



**Actor Tobey Maguire (L) greets fans as he arrives to attend the premiere of the film "Spiderman 3" during the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on 30 April, 2007.**  
INTERNET

## China to export 2.5b kwh of electricity to Vietnam

**GUANGZHOU, 30 April** — China will export 2.5 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to Vietnam this year through a network of five power transmission lines, the China Southern Power Grid Company said on Sunday.

The company has enhanced the power transmission capacity to Vietnam by inaugurating a second 220-kilovolt line linking Wenshan in southwest China's Yunnan Province with Ha Giang in Vietnam, said Yuan Maozhen, president of the China Southern Power Grid

Company.

"It will supply power to Vietnam for 10 years and will transmit an average one billion kwh of electricity a year," he said.

The Wenshan-Ha Giang power transmission line is 300 kilometres long, including 170 kilometres in China, and was built at a cost of 413 million yuan (53 million US dollars).

The first 220-kilovolt power transmission line between China and Vietnam was inaugurated last September in Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province. — *MNA/Xinhua*



**Actress Drew Barrymore arrives to attend the premiere of the film "Lucky You" during the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on 1 May, 2007.** — INTERNET



**A model wearing a design by Australian label Ginger and Smart walks down the catwalk during a show at Australian Fashion Week in Sydney on 2 May, 2007. A total of 76 designers from the Asia-Pacific region will showcase their designs in individual, Women's and Men's ready-to-wear and New Generation shows over five days.** — INTERNET

## Loud explosions rock Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 1 May** — Up to a dozen loud explosions rocked central Baghdad after nightfall on Monday and smoke was seen rising from the Green Zone government compound, *Reuters* witnesses said.

The sound of sirens coming from the Green Zone could be heard across Baghdad after the blasts, which sounded like mortar bombs or rockets.

The vast Green Zone complex houses the US and British embassies as well as Iraqi Government buildings. A US military spokesman said he had no immediate information on the blasts. US Embassy officials could not be reached for comment. Guerillas often fire mortars or rockets at the Green Zone, but they rarely cause casualties. — *MNA/Reuters*

## At least two killed in minivan bomb attack in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 1 May** — At least two people were killed and more than ten others wounded when a minivan bomb detonated in a tunnel in western Baghdad on Monday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A booby-trapped minivan detonated shortly before 10:00 am (0600 GMT) near a passing police commando patrol in the tunnel of the Nusour Square, killing at least two people and wounding more than ten others," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The tunnel partially collapsed in the powerful blast, burying several passing civilian cars, the source said, adding the toll could rise as security forces and rescue team continued looking for survivors under the debris. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Philippine police defuse bomb in busy southern city

**MANILA, 30 April** — The Philippine police on Sunday discovered and defused an improvised bomb in a city of Mindanao Island, according to a local report.

A policeman discovered the powerful improvised explosive device in Tacurong City in Sultan Kudarat Province on Sunday morning, preventing what could have been a deadly blast at the city commercial district, the *Inquirer* news network quoted Benjamin Delos Santos, deputy police chief of Tacurong, as saying.

The explosive was found inside a box that was left in front of a store in the city's commercial district around 9:40 am, the officer said, adding that the policeman and his colleagues brought the explosive to an open field where bomb experts defused it later.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Suicide bomber kills at least 15 at funeral north of Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 1 May** — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a funeral in the town of Khalis, some 75 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Monday afternoon, killing at least 15 people and wounding 21, a police source from nearby Baquba told *Xinhua*.

The blast occurred shortly before 7 pm (1500 GMT) when many mourners gathered at a funeral in Khalis, a predominant Shiite town in volatile Diyala Province, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The death toll could rise further, the source added. Khalis, a town plagued by sectarian violence between Sunnis and Shiites, has witnessed a surge of violence recently. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Kengtung enjoying fruits of secure and smooth transport

*Sai Thein (Kengtung)*

While I was in Kengtung, I went sightseeing around the downtown on a motorcycle. I also made field trips to the villages close to Kengtung once every three days during my stay there.

When I underwent a medical check-up, I got an opportunity to study the functions of 200-bed Kengtung Hospital. I was invited to the opening ceremonies of the newly-built roads in the town.

The opening ceremonies of transport facilities I attended during my stay were:

- Kengtung-Naungkon reinforced-concrete bridge opened on 31 December 2005 to hail the 58th Anniversary Independence Day,
- tarred road to general hospital that was opened in 2006 to hail the 59th Anniversary Union Day,
- tarred road to Yanglaw Model Village that was opened on 26 March 2006,
- Kengtung circular tarred road opened on 25 April 2006,
- Hwekha-Wanpaung tarred road in Kengtung Township that was opened on 14 August 2006,
- tarred road in Kengtung Township that was opened to hail the 59th Anniversary Independence Day on 27 December 2006,
- billboard at the entrance to Kengtung that was

opened to hail the 60th Anniversary Union Day, - Cherry Street in Ward 3 in Kengtung, and - the 1950-foot tarred road and a bridge opened in Kengtung on 24 March 2007.

I attended most of the road opening ceremonies. I was very pleased to witness smooth transport and better communications of a region. After an area is designated as a town, service personnel concerned are to work together under the supervision of local authorities in upgrading the roads in the town so that the new town will possess all characteristics of a town.

Officials concerned provided tar necessary for construction of a tarred road. To my knowledge, local administrative bodies provided 3 tons of tar for building Kaukkawt Street (1), 5 tons for Kengngan Street (1), 3.70 tons for Parloh Street (2), 3.39 tons for Mya Yadana Street, 4 tons for Khwa Nyo Street, 3.524 tons for Cherry Street, 6.278 tons for Naungkyauk Street, 15.43 tons for the road to Yanlaw Model Village, and 15 tons for Hwekha-Wanpaung rural road.

In 2006-2007 fiscal year, 10 urban roads and two rural roads were upgraded to tarred ones with the use of 59 tons of tar.

I also witnessed RC toilets in rural areas that helped promote public health care. Use of fly-proof latrines is

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And according to an official of the Ministry of Health, the coverage of fly-proof latrines in Shan State (East) was 72 per cent. Township-wise use of fly-proof latrines is as follows:—

Sr No.	Township	Coverage of fly-proof latrines
(1)	Kengtung	70.40 %
(2)	Mongkhat	50.10 %
(3)	Mongyan	84.60 %
(4)	Monghsat	90.40 %
(5)	Mongton	30 %
(6)	Mongpyin	85 %
(7)	Mongphyat	55 %
(8)	Mongyawng	32 %
(9)	Tachilek	90 %

In order to extend the public use of fly-proof latrines in rural areas, respective health departments are taking measures in coordination with local administrative bodies and social organizations. Township level administrative bodies are also holding health education talks at the grassroots level to achieve cent per cent use of fly-proof latrines. Moreover, the condition of Kengtung-Mongpyin-Tarkaw-Loilem-Taunggyi Union Highway in Kengtung is improving year by year, and so are the roads linking one state and another.

Like other states and divisions, Kengtung in Shan State (East) is enjoying secure and smooth transport and high health standard of local people.

**Translation: MS**

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## Venezuela takes operations from big oil companies

**JOSE (Venezuela), 2 May — Venezuela stripped the world's biggest oil companies of operational control over massive Orinoco Belt crude projects on Tuesday, a vital move in President Hugo Chavez' nationalization drive.**

The May Day takeover came exactly a year after Bolivian President Evo Morales, a leftist ally of Chavez, startled investors by ordering troops to seize his country's gas fields, accelerating Latin America's struggle to reclaim resources.

US companies ConocoPhillips, Chevron, ExxonMobil, Britain's BP, Norway's Statoil and France's Total agreed to obey a decree to transfer operational control on

Tuesday, although the OPEC nation complained ConocoPhillips was somewhat resistant.

The four projects can turn about 600,000 barrels per day (bpd) of heavy, tarry crude into valuable synthetic oil.

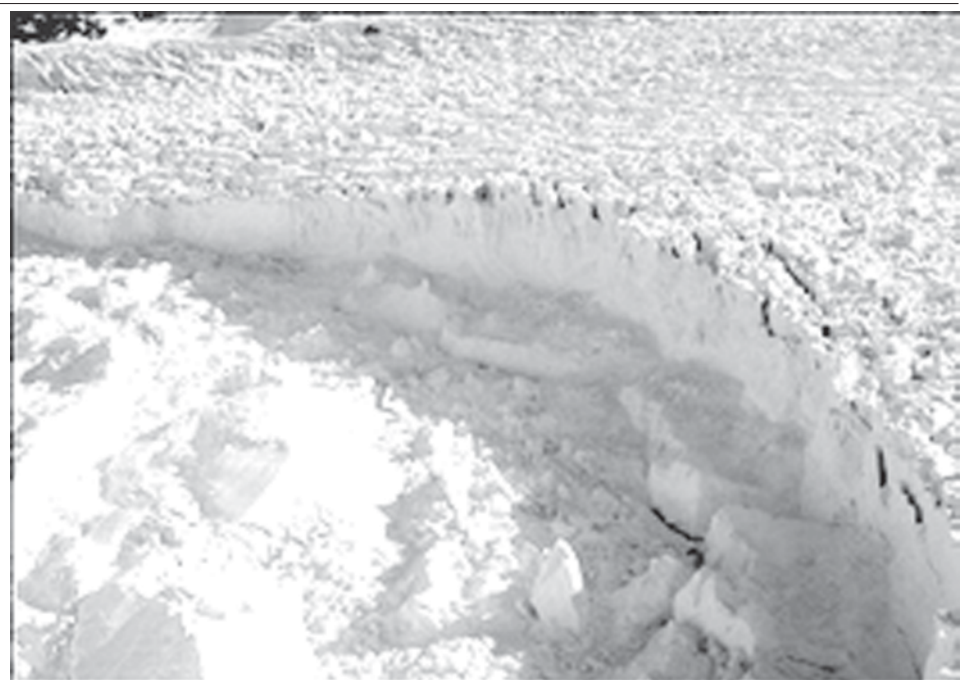
Thousands of oil workers gathered on a road just outside the project facilities for an all-night vigil, dancing to salsa music and playing dominoes as they prepared for a massive rally Chavez is scheduled

to lead on Tuesday afternoon.

"President Chavez has ordered us to take full control over the sovereignty of our oil, and we are doing that today," Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez told state television at the oil installations shortly after midnight after a hero's welcome from the workers.

"In this very instant our oil workers are taking control of each of the areas of each of the installations."

*MNA/Reuters*



**The calving front, or break-off point into the ocean of a glacier in Greenland, 2005. Climate scientists said on Tuesday the world's oceans could rise by up to seven metres if Greenland's ice cap entirely melts because of global warming.—INTERNET**

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looks into...

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Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech on the occasion, saying that Ayeyawady Division is famous for its agriculture and livestock and contributing much towards the State's economy. It is necessary to grow 10 major crops, rubber, pepper and physic nut plants to meet the target. Officials are to make field trips to grassroots level to carry out five rural development tasks in cooperation with the local people. At Wakema Township Development Affairs Department, Executive Officer U Hla Oo reported to Lt-Gen Khin



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than views paddy seed broadcasting at Danonchaung Village in Myaungmya Township. — MNA

Maung Than on water supply task. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, they attended a ceremony to donate computer, publications and cash to the li-

brary of Wakema Township Association Branch Office. After speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented a TV through Chairman of Wakema Township Association Dr Than Lwin. Dr Than Lwin handed over

K 500,000 donated by Capt Than Htay (Retd) and wife to Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants in Thankyodaing Ward of Wakema. Chairman of Wakema Township PDC U Hla Myint reported on condition of physic nut seedlings. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instruc-

tions on growing of physic nut plants against the target of 500,000 acres within three years and presented physic nut seedlings to officials concerned and so did Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

Upon arrival at the site of Kyunkon Bridge construction project, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected progress in building the bridge. At the briefing hall, engineer in-charge Daw Thein Nu

briefed Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on accomplishment of the construction tasks accounting for 52 per cent.

At Myaungmya District People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than accepted K 5 million donated by wellwishers U Kyon Sein and Daw Kyin Shwe, looked into operation theatre and medical store and stopped over for one night.

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## Sports Minister attends Fifth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint poses for photo together with other ministers from ASEAN at 5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth in Singapore. — SPED

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May— Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the Fifth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth held at Grand Ball Room-2 of Grand Hyatt Singapore Hotel in Singapore on 26 April.

Present on the occasion were Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Ministers of ASEAN Youth Affairs, ASEAN + Three Ministers, the ASEAN Secretariat and officials concerned, Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Win Myint and officials of Singapore Youth Council.

First, Prime Minister of Singapore Mr Lee Hsien Loong made an opening

speech on the occasion. Next, Mr Lee Hsien Loong cordially greeted ASEAN Ministers and posed for documentary photo together with them.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made a speech on the occasion, saying that Myanmar is implementing the 2000 Yangon Declaration, the 2003 Manila Declaration and the 2004 Beijing Declaration adopted by the meetings of ASEAN Ministers joining hands with ASEAN countries as well as ASEAN + Three countries. Myanmar is laying emphasis on all-round development of youth. Today youth in Myanmar along with

non-governmental organizations are actively participating in the nation building endeavours.

The following day the minister attended the First ASEAN + Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth and the Second ASEAN + 1 (China) Ministerial Meeting on Youth and participated in the discussions on youth development programme being carried out in Myanmar.

The minister attended the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Youth held at Grand Hyatt Singapore Hotel on 23 and 24 April and the ASEAN Meeting on Youth from 23 to 28 April.

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## Minister visits farm zones

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May— CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein

visited milch cow farm of USDA in Farm Zone 1 at Kangyi Village in Tatkon Township yesterday.

Next, the minister inspected goat and sheep farms and fulfilled the

requirements of the farms.

On his inspection tour, the minister also inspected a private milch cow farm and construction of Dairy factory in Farm Zone 2 in Shwemyo Village.— MNA

## Kyunchaung Fertilizer Plant, Liquefied Natural Gas Plant inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 2 May — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay went on an inspection tour of No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise on 29 April, where he inspected progress in repair and renovation of the plant.

At the briefing hall, Plant Manager U Htay Aung briefed the Deputy Minister on arrival of raw materials and progress in renovation of the plant.

After hearing the reports, the Deputy Minister looked into progress in renovation and repair of the plant and gave necessary instructions. The Deputy Minister proceeded to Liquefied Natural Gas Plant (Kyunchaung) and oversaw running of the

plant.

The following day the Deputy Minister went on an inspection tour of Sabei and Thagyitaung oil fields. The general manager briefed the Deputy Minister on production of oil and gas and drilling of

new oil and gas wells.

Next, the Deputy Minister discussed boosting production of oil and gas and management of service personnel, oversaw drilling of new oil and gas wells and fulfilled the needs.

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Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay inspects No 2 Fertilizer Plant (Kyunchaung). — MNA



# CNG Filling Station No 024 opened in South Okkalapa



**Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils CNG Filling Station No 024 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise. — ENERGY**

YANGON, 2 May —The Opening of CNG Filling Station No 024 was held at the junction of Waizayanta and Parami roads in South Okkalapa Township yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister

for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, departmental heads, officials of the departments under the Ministry of Energy, staff of Bandoola Co Ltd, members of USDA and social organizations and guests.

U Thein Htay, General Manager of MOGE, explained

facts on CNG Filling Station.

The minister opened the station by cutting the ribbon and the commander unveiled the signboard.

Next, the commander, the minister and party viewed around the station and inspected the filling of CNG.

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## Myanmar and International Affairs...

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with youths with patriotic spirit. The association was formed 13 years ago. It is known to all that riots and conflicts could not bring about national development of the country. It is necessary to organize the people to participate in building a new nation. Members of USDA are from all walks of life and they are contributing to the association by organizing the people in the interests of the country.

The association laid down its correct objectives, basic principles and duties so that it can effectively participate in regional development tasks. It also lays down tasks every year. It is glad to see that members of the association has participated in implementing the future tasks of it in the interests of the people. Today, about 24 million members of USDA are working together with other social organizations to carry out development tasks.

Since its birth, the association was formed with systematic organizational set-up and management to thoroughly serve the interest of the people through the united strength of the increasing members. For turning out qualified members who will participate in the nation-building tasks, training courses are being conducted to the USDA members.

The higher qualification of the members will improve capabilities of the associations at different levels. The USDA members are to accept the concept that all training courses opened by the USDA will contribute to improvement of the members and capabilities of the associations at different levels to serve the interest of the people in the respective regions.

The trainees are those from different regions who are making efforts for national development. They have experience in practical field. Hence, the trainees are to study subjects and lectures of the course to serve the regional interest with goodwill utilizing their experiences. Today is the turning point of an age. It is a smooth transitional period from the old system to the new one that the people desire. The long-term existence and development of the new State is com-

mon task for all. Stability of the nation, economic strengths of the State and the citizens and development of human resources are basic foundations for the future State. Due to correct policy and genuine practical works, people enjoy fruits of unprecedented peace, stability and development.

Building of the new nation is a continuous task, and it is necessary to take time for some tasks. All the blame should not be put on others simply because wishes of the people are not fulfilled in a short time, and it is necessary to recognize its goodwill efforts with understanding. Realizing step by step implementation tasks, all are to encourage those who participated in building the nation.

Not only USDA members but also the people enjoy fruits of endeavours of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. Hence, the USDA members are to make concerted efforts in the development tasks.

Over 70 per cent of the population of the nation live in rural regions. Therefore, the government is undertaking five rural development tasks for the rural people. In addition, the association is joining hands with the government in carrying out establishment of libraries and power supply for the rural regions.

The social standard of the people is improving. While the government is implementing the plans for supply of power, the association undertakes various kinds of power stations for supplying power to the rural regions. So far, tasks have been carried out to supply power to 2,493 villages. Hence, USDA members are to continue their tasks steadfastly.

The current progress of the nation is heading for emergence of a new State that the people desire. For building a new nation, the seven-step Road Map is being implemented.

The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, is being convened successfully. Therefore, all the association members are to join hands with the local people for realization of the Seven-Step Road Map.

Progress of the nation and implementation of plans are objective conditions, but not the topics that one person and one organization talk as they like. Such progress has resulted from the endeavours through

nationalist spirit without selfishness, personality cult, dogmatism and sectarianism for serving the interests of the State and the national people.

The association members are to strive for gaining more development by reviewing the actual progress of the nation, and continued efforts for perpetuation of the future nation. In doing so, it is necessary to understand the difficulties and weaknesses.

The members of the association are to be aware of the criticisms made with negative attitude, regarding the objective conditions of the country, and the attempts to incite unrest of the people based on social, economic and religious affairs.

In addition, it is necessary to take note of the pressure, assistance and agitation of some big countries using human rights, democracy and regional peace and stability as excuses.

It is necessary to be aware of insincere acts of those who welcome sanctions and pressures on the country, without participating in the tasks to serve the interest of the State. All the members are to realize such insincere acts and the acts without positive attitude and the acts to break up the unity and wreck the economy; these are hindrances to construction of the new nation.

While the USDA is speeding up its participation in tasks for stability and development of the nation, efforts are to be made to stand itself as a national force. All the members are to understand the importance of the duties and to serve the interest of the people in respective regions.

In conclusion, the secretary-general urged them to strive for serving the interest of the respective regions by applying experiences gained from the training course and the practical work; to participate in the tasks of the State by correctly reviewing the genuine progress and endeavours of the government; to join hands with the government in tasks for stability and development of the nation in accord with the future tasks of the association; to strive for flourishing of the genuine patriotic spirit; and to join hands with the entire people for realization of the seven-step Road Map.

After the ceremony, Secretary-General U Htay Oo cordially greeted the trainees.

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## Judicial course No 5 for township deputy heads of department of GAD

YANGON, 2 May — Judicial course No 5 for township deputy heads of department of General Administration Department was opened at Administration Development Training School in Mingaladon Township this morning.

Present were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, directors-general and officials of departments, the principal of the training school and trainees. Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said the

course was conducted for smooth functioning of judicial affairs in practical fields. After the course, the trainees will be appointed as grade-1 judges. He said they are to try to become administrative personnel on whom the people can rely and to study well at the course. He spoke of the need for them to make decisions in accord with the basic principles on judicial affairs. The six-week course is being attended by 100 trainees.

Similarly, the minis-

ter also attended the opening of short course 1/2007 of Prisons Department at the Office of Director-General of PD in Insein Township this morning. The minister called for participation in the respective roles they are in for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, reform in the interest of the people and warding off internal destructive elements.

The four-week course is being attended by 57 trainees.—MNA

## Maha Muni Buddha Image consecrated



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents religious objects to be enshrined in Maha Muni Buddha Image to a Sayadaw. — RAILWAYS

NAY PYI TAW, 30 April — CEC Member of

the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Secretary of Bago Division USDA U Saw Maw Tun arrived at Hmantaung Tawya, Thagara in Bago Division this morning.

The minister attended a ceremony to consecrate Maha Muni Buddha Image.

The congregation opened the ceremony with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. The congregation took the Nine Precepts from Bhaddanta Obhasa.

Next, the minister and party donated offerings to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, the minister donated K 1.6 million towards the funds of the image and then accepted cash donated by wellwishers.

Upon arrival at Toungoo, the minister poured water at the Bo Tree of Shwesandaw Pagoda together with members of Toungoo Township USDA. The following day the minister and party visited Thanatpin Township, attended the concluding ceremony of management multiplier course No 11 for executives and basic USDA course No 1 and presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

On arrival at Kawa, the minister and party attended the opening ceremony of management multiplier course No 9 for executives and basic USDA course No 1. Next, the minister accepted K 450,000 donated by wellwishers and cordially greeted the trainees.

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Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers an address at opening of judicial course No 5. — MNA

## Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Thayawady 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 went on an inspection tour of Thayawady District INRD yesterday morning.

The minister and party inspected issuing of CSCs to the people at the office and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Director-General dealt with management to be made for issuing CSCs to the people rapidly and fulfilled the needs.

Afterwards, the minister looked into issuing of CSCs to the people. Next, the minister and party proceeded to Letpadan where they

oversaw issuing of CSCs to the people.

Later the minister met local authorities, members of social organizations and officials concerned. Next, the minister inspected related documents for issuing CSCs and gave necessary instructions.

A total of 491 CSCs were issued to the people in Thayawady District. — MNA

## First seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables and flowers and horticulture show on 5-8 May

YANGON, 2 May — The first seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables and flowers and horticulture show will be held from 5 to 8 May.

Resource persons from the respective departments will submit papers on fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Resource persons from Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ministry of Commerce and Yezin University of Agriculture, Myanmar Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers Producers Association and Mandalay Technological University will read papers.—MNA

## PPE opens proficiency course 1/2007

YANGON, 2 May — The Proficiency Course 1/2007 of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise was opened at the enterprise (Yangon Branch) on Theinbyu street here today.

On behalf of the Minister for Information, Managing Director of the enterprise U Aung Nyein delivered an opening address.

A total of 134 trainees of the PPE and News and Periodicals Enterprise are attending the course that will last till 1 June.—MNA



Respect paying ceremony of BEMS-2, Dagon, in progress. — H

## Dagon BEMS No 2 holds respect paying ceremony

YANGON, 2 May — The 10th respect paying ceremony of No 2 Basic Education Middle School in Dagon Township was held at the school yesterday.

Managing Director of Mibayeik Co U Naing Oo extended greetings, and the old students paid homage and donated cash to retired teachers.— H

## Violence kills 1,506 Iraqi civilians during April

BAGHDAD, 2 May — Violence in Iraq killed 1,506 civilians in April, nearly a 20 per cent drop from the previous month, Iraqi Government figures showed on Tuesday.

A US-backed security crackdown in Baghdad has helped reduce some violence in the city, such as sectarian death squad killings. But militants, especially al-Qaeda, have sought to step up attacks outside the capital.

The figures were compiled by the Interior, Defence and Health

ministries and obtained by Reuters. The number of civilians killed in March was 1,861 from 1,645 in February.

The Baghdad security plan aims to reduce sectarian violence in the capital and its surrounding areas to give the Shiite-led government the chance to make progress on national

reconciliation with minority Sunni Arabs.

In April, 130 Iraqi policemen and 63 Iraqi soldiers were killed, the data showed. April has been a bad month for US soldiers in Iraq, with 104 killed, making it one of the deadliest months since the invasion in 2003.

The Iraqi data showed nearly 3,000

militants were detained during the month.

Civilian casualty numbers are a sensitive issue in Iraq.

The United Nations last week accused Iraq of withholding figures for this year because the government feared the data would be used to paint a "very grim" picture of the country.

The criticism was contained in a new UN human rights report on Iraq which drew fire from US officials in Baghdad and the Iraqi Government. They said it was flawed and contained numerous inaccuracies.

Officials from the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) said they were given no official reason why their requests for specific official data had been turned down.

MNA/Reuters



*India's Sachin Tendulkar limps out of the ground getting injured during a training session as team physio John Gloster (R) watches in Kolkata on 2 May, 2007. The Indian cricket team is holding the training camp ahead of its cricket series against Bangladesh later this month. — INTERNET*

## US Congress sends Iraq funds bill to Bush, veto coming

WASHINGTON, 2 May — The Democratic-controlled Congress, ignoring veto threats and attempting to gain the upper hand on the Iraq war, on Tuesday sent President George W. Bush legislation to begin withdrawing US combat troops this year.

The White House said Bush would formally veto the bill later on Tuesday.

At a bill signing ceremony at the Capitol to highlight the Bush Administration's handling of the increasingly unpopular war, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the measure "respects the wishes of the American people to end the Iraq war."

Pelosi, of California, said it would allow the United States to "refocus on fighting terrorism."

Democrats concede they do not have the votes to override him, putting more pressure on both sides to compromise.

House Democratic leaders plan to hold the veto override vote on Wednesday, and Bush has invited congressional leaders to the White House that day to discuss next steps.

"This is a bill that was dead on conception," said Representative Phil English, a Pennsylvania Republican.

Bush used a visit to the US Central Command headquarters in Tampa, Florida, to again make the case against withdrawal timetables and for giving his latest troop buildup plan a chance to work.

"Failure in Iraq should be unacceptable to the civilized world. The risks are enormous," Bush said.

Congress passed the legislation last week but waited until Tuesday, the fourth anniversary of Bush prematurely declaring the end of major combat in Iraq, to send the measure to the White House.

Nearly 100 billion US dollars of the 124 billion US dollars bill would fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year. The rest would fund domestic projects Bush claims are either wasteful

or not urgent, ranging from health care for poor children and farm aid to rebuilding southern states hit by 2005 hurricanes and increasing the minimum wage.

While Bush urgently wants the war money, he has promised to veto any bill, including this one, that contains dates for withdrawing troops, now in their fifth year of combat in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



*A model wearing a design by Australian design label "bec and bridge" walks down the catwalk during a show at Australian Fashion Week in Sydney on 1 May, 2007. A total of 76 designers from the Asia-Pacific region will showcase their designs in individual, women's and men's ready-to-wear and New Generation shows over five days.*

INTERNET

## Afghans protest over civilian deaths for third day

JALALABAD (Afghanistan), 2 May — Burning an effigy of US President George W Bush and chanting anti-US slogans, hundreds of Afghans staged a third day of protests on Tuesday over the killing of civilians by US-led coalition forces.

The police chief for the western province of Herat, Sayed Shafiq Fazli, said 30 civilians had been killed in the past several days by US-led forces, adding to pressure on President Hamid Karzai over civilian casualties as coalition forces hunt for Taliban insurgents.

Tuesday's protests were in the eastern province of Nangarhar, where up to six civilians died on Sunday in the second killing of civilians in the region by US-led coalition troops in less than

two months.

The protestors, mostly students, briefly blocked a main road into the provincial capital, Jalalabad, and repeated calls for Karzai to step down.

"Karzai should go. He has no power and he can't serve us," said one student, referring to Karzai's repeated calls for Western troops to avoid civilian casualties.

"We do not want American forces. They should go. Death to America," another chanted, before the protest ended peacefully under a tight police watch. A powerful tribe in the province, the Shinwar, on Monday vowed not to allow US-led forces and troops under a separate US-led NATO command into their district to hunt the Taliban.

MNA/Reuters

## Boy George arrested on assault charge

LONDON, 2 May — British singer Boy George was arrested and released on bail after a 28-year-old man accused the former Culture Club frontman of "false imprisonment and common assault".

A police spokeswoman said he had been bailed to appear in July pending further inquiries.

The alleged incident took place in the early hours of Saturday in east London.

Representatives for the singer, whose real name is George O'Dowd, were not immediately available for comment. — MNA/Reuters

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**PM says Singaporeans must work together**

SINGAPORE, 1 May—Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Monday in his May Day Message urged Singaporeans to work together as a team. Lee said that to equip all workers for new jobs emerging in the country's economy is one of the Singapore Government's top priorities, local television Channel NewsAsia reported.

He noted that the Singapore economy has done very well in the last three years and expects the strong momentum to continue.—MNA/Xinhua

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**Medical tourism in UAE to generate \$1.91b by 2010**

ABU DHABI, 1 May—Medical tourism is expected to generate about 1.91 billion US dollars annually to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 2010, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Sunday.

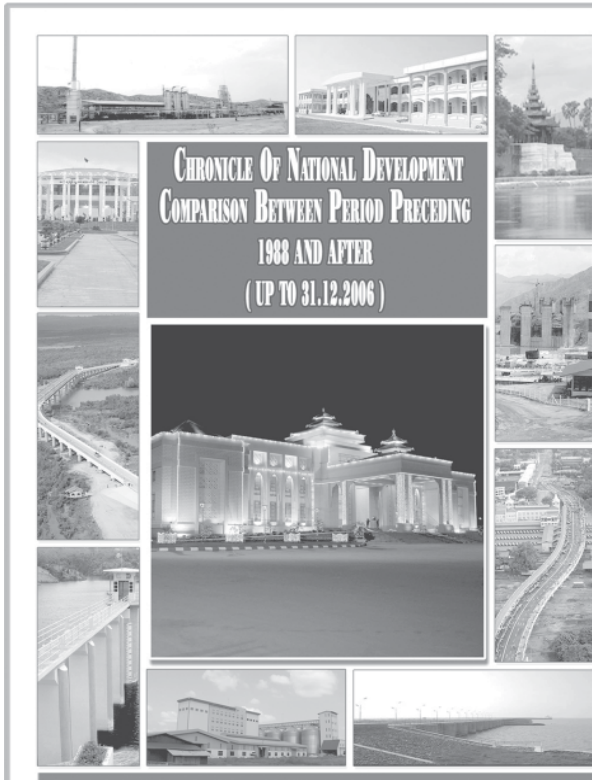
According to a report released by Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ADCCI), the UAE's medical tourism is expected to grow 15 per cent a year and generate about 1.91 billion dollars by 2010, *Gulf News* said.

The UAE is aiming to attract about 6 million tourists with special needs, or one per cent of the 600 million tourists with such needs in the world, Riyad Khalil Matar, a senior official with the ADCCI, was quoted as saying.

The global revenues of medical tourism exceeded 56 billion dollars in 2006, Matar added.

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**“AIDS” virus hides quickly inside babies’ blood**

WASHINGTON, 1 May—Drug-resistant versions of the AIDS virus passed from mother to child can quickly hide in the infant's immune system cells and lurk for years, researchers reported on Monday.

This will limit what drugs the children can take to control their infection, Dr Deborah Persaud of Johns Hopkins University

School of Medicine in Baltimore and colleagues said. While mother-to-child transmission of the AIDS virus has been slowed in the United States by giving drugs to both the mother and the baby at the time of birth, it is still a major cause of HIV infection in the developing world.

If not treated, about 25 per cent of newborns get

the virus from their infected mothers, either during birth or shortly after, while breastfeeding.

Drug-resistant versions of the human immunodeficiency virus are also a growing problem. People develop resistance while taking AIDS drugs, but then this resistant virus can be passed from one person to another.

Persaud's team studied 21 HIV-infected infants in 10 US states. They found five of them were infected with drug-resistant HIV from their mothers.

The virus moved quickly to so-called resting or inactive CD4 T-cells—the cells normally infected by HIV, Persaud's team reported in *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.

The virus was resistant to a class of AIDS drugs called non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors or NNRTIs. But protease inhibitors, another class of AIDS drugs, worked, the researchers found. "The initial transmitted drug-resistant virus will likely never be cleared from that infant with currently available treatments," Persaud said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters

**China's Ministry of Health scraps controversial NCOH**

BEIJING, 1 May—The National Committee for Oral Health (NCOH), an organization whose qualifications for approving oral hygiene products had been disputed by industry experts, has been abolished by the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health said it had decided to abolish the NCOH because it is "unable to respond adequately to health development needs."

The ministry will set up an oral health department under its disease prevention and control bureau to take over oral disease prevention and control work.

NCOH, composed of experts, was set up in 1988 by the Ministry of Health with a mandate to improve the oral health of Chinese people.

Its name regularly appeared on ads for toothpaste, toothbrushes and chewing gums. Product

labelling said that the products had been approved by the "authoritative NCOH".

At least nine products including Crest toothpaste and Lotte chewing gum have been approved by the NCOH. However, last year several lawyers sued the NCOH, calling its

qualifications into question. The court is yet to pronounce a sentence in that case.

At a Press conference in March last year, the NCOH admitted that it does not have the right to grant official approval to products.

MNA/Xinhua

**Zambia's largest sugar company records slump in production**

LUSAKA, 1 May—Zambia's largest sugar company, Zambia Sugar, has recorded a slight reduction in sugar production in the financial year ended 31 March, 2007, state-owned *Zambia News and Information Services* (ZANIS) reported Monday.

Sugar production reduced by 2,522 tons or 1 per cent from 247,372 tons in 2006 to 244,850 tons in 2007, the company said in a statement.

Company secretary Lovemore Sievu attributed the slump in production to a decreased cane yields from both the estate operations and out-growers supplying the factory.

He said the factory performance was

disappointingly lower than expectations although sucrose percentages were above last year.

Sievu however noted that sugar sales were higher following the European Union (EU) increased its quota volumes to Zambia.

Meanwhile, the company realized a sales revenue of 372 billion kwacha (about 89 million US dollars), 11 per cent up from the previous year figure, according to the statement.

Sievu said the company would be able to add another 200,000 tons of sugar per annum by 2009 through an expansion programme.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Pluto-bound New Horizons spacecraft provides new look at Jupiter system

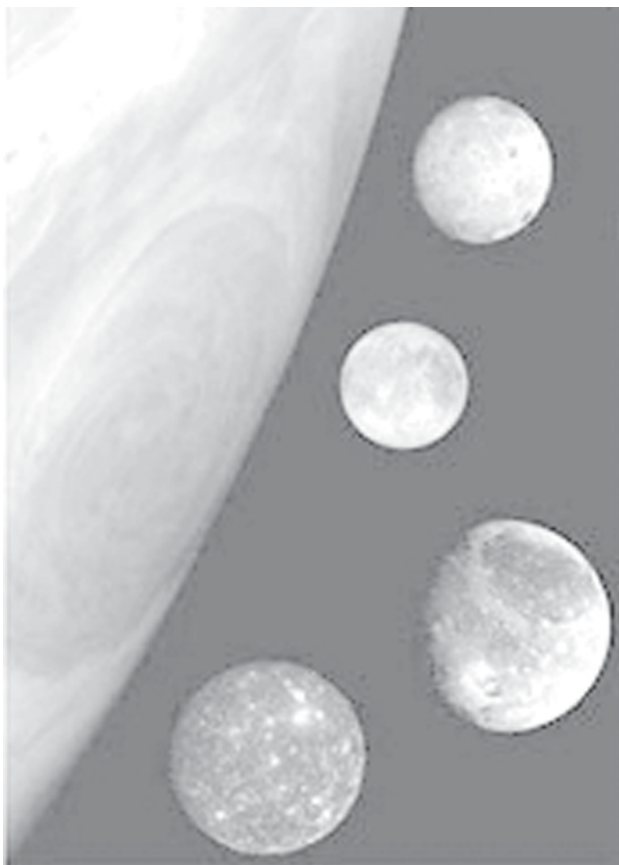
WASHINGTON, 1 May — NASA announced Tuesday that its New Horizons spacecraft has provided new data on the Jupiter system, stunning scientists with never-before-seen perspectives of the giant planet's atmosphere, rings, moons and magnetosphere.

These new views include the closest look yet at Jupiter's Earth-sized "Little Red Spot" storm churning materials through Jupiter's cloud tops. The Little Red Spot, Jupiter's second-largest storm, formed as a result of three smaller storms merging during the past decade. The storm began turning red about a year before New Horizons flew past it.

Scientists will search for clues about how these systems form and why the materials spinning within and around the nascent storm have a tendency to change colour.

Under a range of lighting and viewing angles, New Horizons also grabbed the clearest images ever of the tenuous Jovian ring system. In them, scientists spotted a series of unexpected arcs and clumps of dust, indicative of a recent impact into the ring by a small object.

New Horizons also observed the volcanic



This composite image released by NASA in 2003 shows a "family portrait" of the Jovian system including the edge of Jupiter with its Great Red Spot, and Jupiter's four largest moons, known as the Galilean satellites. —INTERNET

eruptions and circular grooves on the planet's largest moons.

New Horizons came to within 2.5 million km

of Jupiter on 28 Feb, using the planet's gravity to shave three years off its travel time to Pluto.

For several weeks

before and after this closest approach, the piano-sized robotic probe trained its seven cameras and sensors on Jupiter and its four largest moons, storing data from nearly 700 observations on its digital recorders and gradually sending that information back to Earth.

About 70 percent of the expected 34 gigabits of data has come back so far. "Aside from setting up our 2015 arrival at Pluto, the Jupiter fly by was a stress test of our spacecraft and team, and both passed with very high marks," said New Horizons Principal Investigator Alan Stern.

Internet

## Indian firm to launch wireless int'l broadband

MUMBAI, 1 May — India's Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), a telecom firm belonging to the Tata group, will provide roaming wireless broadband services to international travellers, Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported here Tuesday.

The service will allow seamless roaming and usage within the VSNL wireless broadband network in India wherein visitors can access high-speed wireless broadband using their home country account and identity.

VSNL has partnered with StarHub, Singapore's second largest infocommunication company. This will allow all Star-

Hub customers, whether mobile, broadband or cable, to use wireless broadband service at over 200 Tata Indicom Wi-Fi Hotspots across India.

Other global Wi-Fi operators will soon be added to the list of roaming partners.

"Global travelers will never feel disconnected in India now," IANS quoted Prateek Pashine, vice president (marketing and technology) of VSNL, as saying.

VSNL, a global communications services provider, is the only Indian member in the Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA), a global consortium of the world's leading wireless operators.

Internet

## 41 tombs of Qing Dynasty unearthed in N China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 2 May — Chinese archaeologists have unearthed 41 tombs from the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) in Shexian county in north China's Hebei province. Archaeologists with the Hebei provincial cultural heritage research institute say that the group of tombs, which cover an area of about 2,000 square metres, mostly date back to the early period of the dynasty.

The 135 items of relics found include 80 copper coins, 43 porcelain utensils,

and several buttons and rings.

Most of the porcelain utensils are of black or brown glaze.

Initial findings indicate that two of the coins were made during the Tang Dynasty (618-907) and another pair were handed down from the Song Dynasty (960-1279).

Similar to the style of the Song Dynasty, the tombs provide new clues to the study of funeral customs between the Song era and modern times, said an archaeologist. —Internet

## WHO chief vows to eradicate polio in 4 countries

ISLAMABAD, 1 May — World Health Organization (WHO) Director General Dr Margaret Chan said here Tuesday that WHO had decided to focus on Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria for complete eradication of polio.

Chan told a Press conference that WHO had spent 5 billion US dollars on the worldwide campaign against polio and would provide all possible assistance to Pakistan in realization of the goal.

She said that Pakistan had made tremendous progress in health sector over the last eight years.

Chan emphasized

that polio vaccination was completely safe and that there was need to mobilize religious and other community leaders to enlist support of the entire society for immunization.

Pakistani Health Minister Dr Naseer Ahmed Khan said that the government had made additional allocations of 1.3 billion rupees (about

21.7 million US dollars) for eradication of polio.

He said that so far only seven cases of polio had been reported in the country. Apart from WHO and NGOs, the Pakistani government is also contacting Microsoft chief Bill Gates to seek assistance in Pakistan's endeavor against polio, he added. —Internet

**The best time to plant a tree  
was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**

## Spanish apartment block collapses, at least 3 dead

MADRID, 2 May — A five-storey apartment block in the Spanish city of Palencia collapsed on Tuesday morning, killing at least three people and injuring 16 others, Spanish media reported.

State television quoted firemen as saying a gas leak was the likely cause of the blast at around 6 a.m. (0400 GMT). Television news showed rescue workers crawling over the rubble of the flattened building and carrying out residents on stretchers.

MNA/Reuters



Nicholas Negroponte, Professor and Chairman Emeritus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, shows a model of the \$100 laptop computer he developed for the One Laptop per Child (OLPC) nonprofit group, during a briefing at the United Nations in New York, on 16 November, 2006. The project that aims to deliver low-priced laptops to the world's poorest children may have a new market: US schools —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Liverpool advances to Champions League final

LIVERPOOL, 1 May — Five-time champions Liverpool made it to the Champions League final here on Tuesday after beating Chelsea 4-1 on penalties.

Liverpool had evened the aggregate score 1-1 through Daniel Agger in the 22nd minute. Chelsea won the first leg 1-0.

Dirk Kuyt converted the decisive penalty after Pepe Reina had saved two of Chelsea's penalties by Arjen Robben and Geremi. Liverpool will take on either AC Milan or Manchester United in the final on 23 May in Athens.—*Internet*



Liverpool players celebrate after defeating Chelsea in their Champions League semi-final, second leg soccer match at Anfield stadium in Liverpool, northern England on 1 May, 2007.—INTERNET

## Milan urged to beat United to complete year-long comeback

ROME, 2 May — AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti said his players could complete a remarkable turnaround in the club's fortunes by beating Manchester United on Wednesday to reach the Champions League final. Milan touched one of the low points of their recent history last July, when they lost their place in the Champions League after being found guilty of attempting to rig Serie A matches.

Reinstated in the competition on appeal, the Italian giants will be just one win away from the biggest prize in European soccer if they overturn a 3-2 first-leg deficit against the Premier League leaders at the San Siro stadium.

"We've made a cake. Now all that's missing is the cherry on top," Ancelotti was quoted as saying on *La Gazzetta dello Sport's* website [www.gazzetta.it](http://www.gazzetta.it) on Tuesday.

"In November, after all the problems we had last summer, people were saying that the final in Athens was a pipe dream. Now that dream is transforming into reality." Milan were used to being written off, added Ancelotti. In recent years, some critics have suggested the team's relatively old squad was no longer capable of competing for top honours.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Top seed Haas slumps to first round defeat in Munich

MUNICH, 2 May — Top seed Tommy Haas went out of the 353,450 euro Munich Open in the first round on Tuesday, losing 6-4, 6-4 to Sebastien Grosjean of France.

The German, who grew up near Munich, was beaten in just 87 minutes by Grosjean in a repeat of his first-round exit a year ago. He had hoped to use the tournament to tune up for the French Open.

Not even the sell-out home crowd could help Haas, who is 11th in the world compared to his 58th ranked opponent.

Haas lost a break to 2-1 in the first set and smashed his racket on court after losing his serve again to fall behind 1-0 early in the second set.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Veron in talks with Panathinaikos

ATHENS, 2 May — Argentina's former Manchester United and Chelsea midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron could be on his way to Greek club Panathinaikos, according to his father. In an interview with

Greek sports newspaper *Sportime*, Juan Ramon Veron, who played for the club in the 1970s, said his son, who was recently recalled to the Argentina squad, may be following in his footsteps.

"We do not have an official offer in our hands but I am in talks with Panathinaikos's management and we are making great progress," he said.

"Panathinaikos offered to work with us a few days ago. We had a phone conversation with Panathinaikos's technical director and we are thinking about the offer very seriously.

"Sebastian and I, we are going to contemplate this offer very carefully and if we decide to move on we will both talk to the club for a possible move."

—*MNA/Reuters*



Toronto Raptors Jose Calderon (R) puts up a shot against New Jersey Nets' Vince Carter during the first half of Game 5 of their NBA Eastern Conference Playoff basketball series in Toronto, on 1 May, 2007.—INTERNET

## German FA to probe fan violence at Rostock match

BERLIN, 2 May — The German Football Association (DFB) will investigate violence involving Hansa Rostock fans in Monday's Second Division match at Rot-Weiss Essen. The trouble, which saw fires set on the terraces by Rostock supporters, resulted in play being halted for 15 minutes.

Horst Hilpert, head of the DFB's controlling committee, said in a statement on the governing body's official website that the trouble was serious and would be investigated on Wednesday.

"Everyone could see this was not a minor incident," Hilpert said after German television news broadcasts showed large fires burning in the stadium. "We will carefully examine all the evidence and then proceed accordingly," he added on Tuesday. Fourteen people were injured and several detained by police after the trouble began about six minutes into the second half when fans in the Rostock section of the ground set fire to the terraces and a flag, causing panic in the crowd.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Dementieva considered retirement after rib injury

WARSAW, 2 May — Elena Dementieva put retirement thoughts behind her on Tuesday after overcoming freezing temperatures and occasional snow flurries to beat American Meilen Tu 6-7, 6-0, 7-5 at the Warsaw Cup.

The seventh seeded Russian, playing her first match since February, said she had considered walking away from the game after suffering a stress fracture of three ribs while working with a new physical trainer in Moscow.

She felt so out of shape when it was time to begin her comeback that she considered whether she really wanted to make the effort.

The conditions did nothing to inspire the players, who both wore long sleeves and trousers throughout the two hour and 40 minute battle.

Only two games went with serve in the opening set, but Dementieva looked more positive in the second and allowed Tu just one game point.

Both players held break point opportunities early in the final set, and from 2-2 the next six games went against serve.

Tu was broken as she served for the match at 5-4, and in a tense finale Dementieva fought off two break points to hold for 6-5 before clinching victory on her second match point.—*MNA/Reuters*

Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller (R) makes a save on New York Rangers' Matt Cullen during the first period of Game 4 of their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal playoff hockey series in New York on 1 May, 2007.  
INTERNET



## Ferdinand, Vidic travel to Milan

LONDON, 2 May — Manchester United defenders Rio Ferdinand and Nemanja Vidic are in the squad travelling to AC Milan for Wednesday's Champions League semifinal, second leg.

The club's first-choice central defensive pairing have been missing through injury but could return at the San Siro, said a report on United's official website ([www.manutd.com](http://www.manutd.com)).

A groin injury forced Ferdinand out of the Middlesbrough game 10 days ago, while Vidic has been unavailable for nearly a month after fracturing his collarbone in a fall during the 4-1 win over Blackburn Rovers at the end of March.

Wes Brown and Gabriel Heinze have stepped into the breach but manager Alex Ferguson will be hoping to have all his options open as United defend a 3-2 lead from the first leg.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Dunga rules Ronaldo out of Copa America

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 May — Brazil coach Dunga has ruled striker Ronaldo out of the Copa America in Venezuela, saying he wants to give a chance to other players.

Ronaldo has not played for his country since Dunga took over following the World Cup last year but has enjoyed a new lease of life with AC Milan following his move from Real Madrid.

"He didn't play at the last Copa Americas so there's nothing new in this," Dunga told Brazilian television.—*MNA/Reuters*

# Six trampled to death at Tunisia open air concert

TUNIS, 2 May — Six people died and a dozen were injured in a stampede during an open air concert

in Tunisia, state news agency *Tunis Afrique Presse* and witnesses reported on Tuesday.

The concert on Monday night at the Sidi Mansour Theatre in a poor suburb of the port city of Sfax featured contestants in the Star Academy TV singing competition, which is highly popular among young people across the Arab world.

The stampede broke out when Tunisian singer

Marwa began to sing her final song and a large group of enthusiastic teenagers surged forward, trampling people underfoot, witnesses said.

The concert host tried to calm the crowd but six people were killed in the crush.

Tunisia's Health and Interior ministers went to the scene of the accident and visited some of the dozen injured in hospital, the agency said.

MNA/Reuters



NeuroSky software engineer Horance Ko wears one of their head sets as he records brain wave signals measuring anxiety, attention, drowsiness, and meditation levels at NeuroSky headquarters in San Jose, Calif, on Tuesday, 27 March, 2007. The startup company aims to add more realistic elements to video games by using brain wave-reading technology to help game developers use those cues to make gaming more realistic. — INTERNET

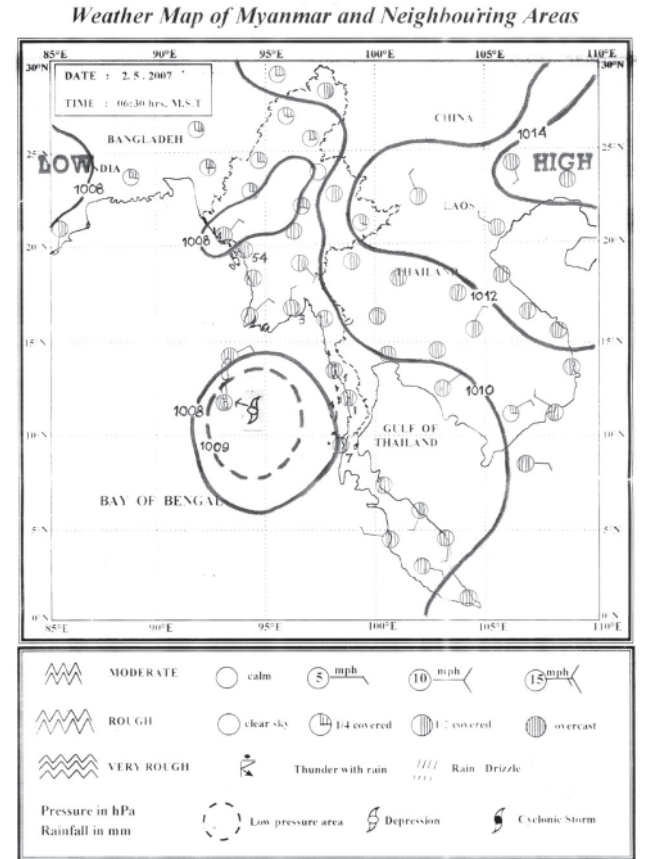
## Six foreign oil workers kidnapped off Nigeria

LAGOS, 2 May — Six foreign oil workers were kidnapped and one Nigerian killed by armed militants on an oil industry vessel off the Nigerian coast on Tuesday, security sources said. The hostages are believed to include four Italians and one American, the sources said.

"The militants shot one Navy personnel and compelled the crew to throw a rope down to give them access by using dynamite. They kidnapped six ex-pats — four Italians, one US and

one unknown," one security source said.

In the Niger delta, an increasing number of armed groups demanding jobs, benefits or control of oil revenues have attacked industry facilities, kidnapped expatriate staff and fought with security forces. — MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 2 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Yangon Division, isolated in Shan and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperature in Shan, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Taninthayi and upper Sagaing Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperature in Kachin State, Magway, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa (44°C), Myingyan, Nyaung U, Minbu and Chauk (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (2.12) inches, Thaton (1.14) inches, Kyauktaw (0.91) inch, Thayawady (0.75) inch and Hmawbi (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-5-2007 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 2-5-2007 was 79°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-5-2007 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 1-5-2007 was (6.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-5-2007 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.91) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southeast at (12:35) hours MST on 1-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, yesterday tropical depression over Gulf of Thailand has moved into the Andaman Sea and it is centred about 300 miles West Northwest of Kawthoung and move North west ward slowly. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered to fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with temporary rough sea are likely at times off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, 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 3-5-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-5-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-5-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### "Special Storm News"

(Issued at 10:30 hrs MST on 2-5-2007)

According to the observations at (09:30) MST today, yesterday's depression over the Gulf of Thailand has moved into the Andaman Sea and is centred at about 300 miles Westnorthwest of Kawthoung. It is moving Northwest ward slowly.

Under the influence of the depression, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered to fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Taninthayi Division (Southern Myanmar), Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions during next (36)hrs commencing this morning today. Squalls with temporary rough seas are likely at times off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.



Thursday, 3 May  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
  2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
  3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  5. Nice and sweet song

- 7:50 am
  6. Dance of national races
- 8:10 am
  7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  8. Dance variety
- 8:30 am
  9. International news
- 8:45 am
  10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
  4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:00 pm
  5. Cute little dancers
- 5:10 pm
  6. "အိဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျော်ကြော်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

- 5:15 pm
  7. Muscial programme
- 5:30 pm
  8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:45 pm
  9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (အရည်အသွေးအဓိကထား ထန်းပင်ချောင်နေလှမ်းဆား)
- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  12. သိရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
  13. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 8:00 pm
  15. News
- 8:00 pm
  16. International news
- 7:10 pm
  17. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
  18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အကြင်နာနွေဦး" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)
- 8:00 pm
  19. The next day's programme



Thursday, 3 May  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - Witch Doctor
  - ... Cartoons
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - Doctor Jones
  - ... Aqua
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - Together fore ver
  - ... Doze
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
  - Reality
  - ... Ace of Base
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
  - Experience
  - ... Diana Rose
  - The one you love
  - ... Glenn Frey
  - Say you , say me
  - ... Lionel Richie
  - Cassablanca
  - ... Bertie Higgin
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Pouri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**PM General Soe Win felicitates Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland**

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jaroslaw Kaczynski, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Poland which falls on 3 May 2007. — MNA

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**Riots and conflicts not conducive to national development**



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers an address at opening of Myanmar and International Affairs Studies Course No 12. — MNA

YANGON, 2 May — Myanmar and International Affairs Studies Course No 12 was opened at USDA training school in Hmawby Township today with an address by Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo.

The opening ceremony was also attended by CEC members of USDA and trainees.

In his opening address, Secretary-General U Htay Oo said the national goal of the country is the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing nation. The goal was set in the interests of all people after rationalizing the past experiences and present conditions in the country. Myanmar experienced colonial rule, struggles for the independence, and instability due to insurgencies and splits in political parties shortly after regaining the independence from the colonial rule. She also experienced the period of anarchy in 1988 as the

administration machinery stopped and riots broke out during the period, he recounted. Therefore, people desired peace and stability and development of the socio-economy of the country, he said. Hence, all national people are to work together to achieve the national goal with the patriotic spirit. Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the National Solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty — is the national duty and is based on the genuine patriotic spirit. Twelve political, economic and social objectives are practical works dealing with objective conditions in the country.

The Government, the Tatmadaw and the people are joining hands in the building of a new State.

With the aim of participating in implementation of the development tasks of the country, USDA was formed (See page 9)

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NAY PYI TAW	108°F
YANGON (Kaba Aye)	98°F
MANDALAY	108°F
MONywa	111°F
MINBU	109°F
MYINGYAN	109°F
NYAUNG-U	109°F
CHAUk	109°F