

**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

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects progress of agriculture and construction tasks in Myaungmya, Einme, Pantanaw, Maubin

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint

Aung made an inspection tour of townships in Ayeyawady division yesterday.

At the local battalion in Myaungmya, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met servicemen and family members. He instructed them to uphold Our Three Main National Causes, join

hands with the people in building a modern and developed nation, carry out self-reliant agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and provide welfare of the families.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the harvesting of summer paddy on 52 acres

in Kwinya Tagundaing Village of Einme Township. They viewed fertilizers, pesticides, paddy sample, agricultural equipment and the physic nut nursery.

Einme Township grows three crops per year on 2,500 acres and plans to extend cultivation of crops.

At Shwepyitan Hall of the Township General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental personnel at district and township levels. Chairman of the Township PDC U Thein Win reported on cultiva-

tion of monsoon and summer paddy, rice sufficiency and growing of physic nut, economic and social matters of the township.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that Einme Township has a large amount of food sufficiency. Growing of physic nut is to be designated as national policy. He stressed the need to cultivate physic nut on 7,500 acres within three years to be able to contribute to implementation of the plan of Ayeyawady Divi-

sion for growing 500,000 acres of physic nut within three years. He continued to say that the border areas development plan, the 24 special regions development plan and five rural development tasks are being implemented for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. Furthermore, departmental personnel are to make field trips to the grassroots level joining hands with the local people in undertaking rural development tasks.

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**Thongwa Creek Bridge will be 270 feet long and 24 feet wide. It will be a reinforced concrete bridge and it can withstand 60-ton loads.**



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of bridge across Thongwa Creek in Thongwa. — MNA*

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 5 May, 2007

### Engage in multiple and mixed cropping for boosting production

The government is making all-out efforts to ensure food security of the growing population and to export the surplus. In this regard, it has constructed nearly 200 dams and reservoirs the length and breadth of the nation for supply of irrigated water. Those irrigation facilities are now benefiting over 2.6 million acres of farmlands.

In the meantime, the use of modern agricultural techniques and quality strain crops, the extended reclamation of vacant and fallow lands and the turning of wet lands into arable ones have led to increasing region-wise cultivation capacity, thereby contributing to boosting per acre yield.

With better transport, people from 26 townships of Ayeyawady Division can travel easily to other states and divisions. Moreover, with a large number of cultivated lands, the division is achieving success in the agricultural and livestock breeding sectors.

Some townships of the division including Wakema, Myaungmya and Labutta met the target of monsoon and summer paddy cultivation in 2006-2007. The townships are striving to exceed the target of monsoon paddy cultivation in this year's cultivation season. In addition, rubber, jute and kenaf, pepper, beans and pulses and physic nut plants are also being grown in the division.

We firmly believe that farmers of the division will be able to engage in extensive cultivation of rubber, pepper and edible oil crops that suit the region in addition to paddy, jute and beans and pulses. Only then, will local food sufficiency and export of the surplus be ensured.

### Seminar on academic matters to be held

YANGON, 4 May— Moe International Co Ltd and Nilai International College of Malaysia will co-organize a seminar on academic matters at the Park Royal on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, from 3 pm to 5 pm on 10 May and at the Swan Hotel in Mandalay from 9 am to 11 am on 13 May.

At the seminars, Marketing Executive Dr Khine Khine Lin will recount the

experiences she has gained from the college.

After completing the 3-year course at Nalai International College, a student may directly join Oxford University of England and La Trobe University of Australia for BA and BSc degrees. There he may join other diploma courses.

Those interested may attend the free seminars.

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## 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



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister Col Zaw Min, Mr Shi Chengliang, Mr Niu Xinqiang and Chairman of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing formally open the ground breaking ceremony of Chebwe Creek Hydropower Project. — MNA

### Hydropower project implemented on Chebwe Creek in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Hydropower Project Implementation Department and China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) started construction of a hydropower plant on Chebwe Creek in Kachin State on 30 April.

The project, which is expected to generate 65 MW on completion, is built to supply power to the construction of seven hydro-power projects to be built on the confluence of Ayeyawady River and Maykha and Malikha rivers.

Hydropower Project Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 and CPI of the People's Republic of China will build the seven hydropower projects — a 3,600-MW-project on Ayeyawady confluence, a 2000-MW-project in Chibwe, a 1,600-MW-project in Pashe, a 1,400-MW-project in Lakin, a 1,500-MW-project in Phizaw, a 1,700-MW-project in Khaunglanphu and a 1,560-

MW-project in Laiza — in Kachin State. Upon completion, all projects are expected to generate 13,360 MW in total.

The ground breaking ceremony was opened with an address by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No 1 U Myo Myint, officials of CPI and local people.

The commander, the ministers and the vice president of CPI Mr Shi Chengliang formally opened the ceremony, and the commander unveiled the signboard of the project. — MNA

### Myanmar Brewery staff donate blood

YANGON, 4 May — A total of 140 family members of Myanmar Brewery Limited collectively donated blood for the second time at the hall of the factory of Myanmar Brewery Limited to mark 10th anniversary of the company today.

Present on the occasion were Dr U Win Aung and members of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), doctors and nurses of National Blood Centre.

General Manager Mr Peter Ong of the limited extended greetings.

The general manager donated K 3 million

to the National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital. Dr Daw Thida Aung accepted the

cash donation and expressed thanks for their contribution.

After that, the

general manager and party encouraged the staff members donating blood.

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An employee of Myanmar Brewery Ltd donates blood as a gesture of hailing the 10th anniversary founding day of Myanmar Brewery Ltd. — MNA



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Clinton proposes vote to reverse authorizing war**

WASHINGTON, 4 May— Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton proposed Thursday that Congress repeal the authority it gave President Bush in 2002 to invade Iraq, injecting presidential politics into the Congressional debate over financing the war.

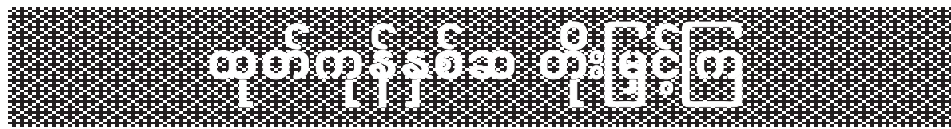
brings her full circle on Iraq — she supported the war measure five years ago — and it sharpens her own political positioning at a time when Democrats are vying to confront the White House.

“It is time to reverse the failed policies of President Bush and to end this war as

soon as possible,” Mrs Clinton said as she joined Senator Robert C Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, in calling for a vote to end the authority as of 11 Oct, the fifth anniversary of the original vote.

Her stance emerged just as Congressional leaders and the White House opened delicate negotiations over a new war-financing measure to replace the one that Mr. Bush vetoed Tuesday.

*Internet*



*Tourists jam the Forbidden City in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 May, 2007. Some 114,800 tourists visited the Forbidden City on 2 May, the second day of the week-long May Day holidays. — XINHUA*



**Projectile bomb attacks hit record high in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 4 May — Attacks in Iraq involving lethal weapons that US officials say are made in Iran hit a record high last month, despite efforts to crack down on networks supplying the armor-piercing weapons known as explosively

formed projectiles, according to a senior US commander.

The number of attacks with the projectiles rose to 65 in April, said Lt Gen Raymond T Odierno, who oversees day-to-day US military operations in Iraq.

“The overwhelming majority” were in predominantly Shiite eastern Baghdad, Odierno said in an interview this week. Officials have said the projectiles are used almost exclusively by Shiite fighters against US military targets.

The growing use of the projectiles is a major concern for American commanders because the weapons are powerful enough to punch through the heaviest US armored vehicles, including the Abrams tank. As a result, the weapons are far more lethal than other roadside bombs, and have been a factor in keeping US troop casualties from dropping despite improvements in the military's ability to detect and defeat roadside bombs.

*Internet*

*Artists of the Miao ethnic group perform dragon dance in a celebration of the Festival of Sisters in Taijiang, Southwest China's Guizhou Province recently. — XINHUA*

**Pilot killed in Argentine “Mirage” crash**

BUENOS AIRES, 3 May— An M3 Mirage jet of Argentina's Air Force (AAF) crashed and killed its pilot Tuesday during a military exhibition flight.

AAF spokesman Alejandro Argalaraz said the aircraft crashed in the open country in Buenos Aires' Tandil locality, 375 kilometres southwest of the capital. The pilot died of serious injuries, he said, adding he could have ejected from the plane but did not do that so as to avoid crashing in the urban area.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Denim ‘best protection from sun’**

LONDON, 4 May—As the UK heads for yet another hot summer, scientists say thick fabrics such as denim and wool offer the best protection against the sun's rays.

Traditional thinner summer fabrics such as cotton and linen are much less effective, they say.

The Swiss researchers reviewed 500 studies from around the world on how people protect their skin.

Writing in a study published online by the Lancet, they say using sunscreen is the least effective option.

UK cancer experts agreed sunscreens should be the “last line of defence”.

The team from the Triemli Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland, said wearing clothes which cover the skin — plus hats and

staying out of the sun — was the best method of protection.

But, as well as linen and cotton being less effective, light-coloured fabrics and those that are wet also offer low levels

of protection.

Dr Stephen Lautenschlager, who led the research, told the BBC: “Of course it can't be recommended to wear woollen fabrics on the beach.—*Internet*

**Chávez threatens to nationalise banks**

LONDON, 4 May—Venezuela's president, Hugo Chávez, today opened up possible new fronts in his nationalisation programme by threatening to take over the country's private banks and its biggest steel firm.

The leftist leader nationalised utility firms earlier this year and took control of the last privately run oil operation earlier this week as he stepped up his battle with Washington.

He spoke about a new wave of nationalisation in a speech today, prompting renewed concerns from investors, *Reuters* reported.

Mr Chávez accused the private banks and steelmaker Ternium-Sidor of unscrupulous practices, but added that they could avoid nationalisation if they changed their businesses to better account for the “national interest”. — *Internet*

*Astronauts-to-be Sheikh Muszafar Shukor (L) and Faiz Khaleed of Malaysia give thumbs up after a parabolic flight in the Moscow region on 3 May, 2007.*

*INTERNET*





# Yoga gives immune boost to breast cancer survivors

NEW YORK, 3 May—In breast cancer survivors, the Iyengar method of yoga not only promotes psychological well-being, but seems to offer immune system benefits as well, according to research reported Monday.

The research was reported at the American Physiological Society

meeting in Washington, DC.

The Iyengar method, created by BKS Iyengar, “is considered to be one of the more active forms of yoga”, lead researcher and presenter Pamela E Schultz from Washington State University, Spokane, told *Reuters Health*.

“It still has the medi-

tative component, but it’s been shown to have a physical output equivalent to a moderate-intensity exercise,” she explained.

Schultz and colleagues randomly assigned 10 breast cancer survivors to 8 weeks of Iyengar yoga (2 classes and 1 solo session at home per week) and 9 to a wait-list control

group. The women had an average age of 61 years, were about 4 years out from initial cancer diagnosis and were being treated with hormone therapy.

None of the women had any prior experience with Iyengar yoga.

Psychosocial tests showed that the “demands of illness”, which reflects the burden of hardship of being a breast cancer survivor, fell in the yoga participants.

“Psychosocial variables indicated improved quality of life with Iyengar yoga,” Schultz said. Importantly, these improvements correlated with decreased activation of an important immune system protein called NF-kB, which is a marker of stress in the body.

MNA/Reuters

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A traffic sign with a “C” symbol indicating the start of the congestion charging zone and a camera are seen in central London, on 16 Feb, 2003 file photo. Spies in the sky may track motorists in Britain within a decade if the government goes ahead with controversial plans to introduce road user charging schemes, scientists said on Tuesday. — INTERNET



Spectators watch as Chucky Norris of Australia jumps with his motorcycle during a demonstration performance on the opening day of Asia Extreme Games in Shanghai on 3 May, 2007. —INTERNET

## Iran FM attacks US policy in Iraq

CAIRO, 4 May—Iran has issued a strong attack against US policy in Iraq, blaming the American presence there for sectarian violence.

Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki was speaking at a summit of world and regional powers in Egypt, called to discuss Iraq's security.

The summit had been expected to see the first high-level talks between the US and Iran in almost

three decades.

But those hopes were dashed as the only meeting that took place was between ambassadors, Iraqi officials said.

“It was the ambassadors and members of the [US and Iranian] delegations that

met,” said Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, describing the meeting as “a positive sign”. It was the second lower-level meeting between the two nations in more than two years—in March, envoys met at a conference in Baghdad. — Internet

## Colombian military helicopter crash kills seven

BOGOTA, 3 May—Seven people were killed when a Colombian military helicopter crashed in a jungle region in the southern part of the country, authorities said on Wednesday.

The helicopter went down between Car-

tagena del Chaira and San Vicente del Caguán in Caqueta Province, about 217 miles (350 kilometres) south of the capital Bogota.

Officials did not comment on the possible cause of the crash. Colombia is trying to end a four-decade-old

guerilla conflict with the help of billions in US military and counter-narcotics assistance.

Caqueta is an area where the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the country’s largest guerrilla group, is active.

MNA/Reuters

## Philippines attempts world record for breastfeeding

MANILA, 3 May — About 10,000 mothers gathered on Wednesday in nearly 300 state and private hospitals, day-care centres and parks across the Philippines to raise awareness of breastfeeding and try to set a Guinness record for the event. Only 16 per cent of mothers in the Philippines were practising breastfeeding, an extraordinarily low rate for a poor country, said the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), which warned of serious health risks for infants.

“Breastfeeding is on

the decline in the Philippines,” Dale Rutstein, UNICEF’s chief of communications, told *Reuters* at an open-air basketball court in Manila, where more than 1,000 mothers took part in the simultaneous breastfeeding.

Nearly 9,000 women were taking part in the event elsewhere across the archipelago, aiming to set a Guinness record for the

most number of mothers simultaneously breastfeeding their children. Guinness were to rule on the record attempt in three weeks.

UNICEF said breastfeeding provided the required nutrition for babies, and also reduced the risks of exposing them to diseases arising from unhygienic preparation of infant formula.

MNA/Reuters

Cast member Jon Voight (C) poses with director Christopher Cain (R) and co-star Tamara Hope at an after-party following a special screening of “September Dawn” at the Directors Guild of America headquarters in Los Angeles on 2 May, 2007. — XINHUA





## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Bangladesh, India sign Protocol on Inland Water Transit, Trade

DHAKA, 3 May — Bangladesh and India in New Delhi on Tuesday renewed the Protocol on Inland Water Transit and Trade, which will remain in force up to 31 March, 2009, Bangladeshi news agency UNB reported.

In the protocol, originally signed in 1972 and is being renewed from time to time, inland vessels of both countries ply between Kolkata-

Pandu, Kolkata-Karimganj and Rajshahi-Dhulian and Karimganj-Pandu.

The inland water transit protocol facilitates movement of inter-country trade and transit cargo, according to a Press release issued by the Press Information Bureau of India.

Shipping Secretary Sheikh Enayetullah, who led the Bangladesh dele-

gation, stated that though the renewal of the protocol is being discussed after eight years, the movement of cargo on the protocol rules is functioning smoothly and volume of trade has grown significantly.

He said the two countries should exchange know-how for development of this mode for mutual benefit.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian police stand near the fuselage of a Boeing 737 parked on a road in Mumbai on 3 May, 2007. The trailer carrying the fuselage got stuck on a narrow road in Mumbai three days ago while being taken to New Delhi. — INTERNET

### Indonesia posts \$10.5b trade surplus in 1st quarter

JAKARTA, 3 May — Indonesia's international trade surplus reached 10.5 billion US dollars in the first quarter of the year, up by 15.4 per cent from 9.1 billion dollars in the same period last year, the Central Statistics Agency announced here Tuesday.

Over the same period, export rose by 15.17 per cent to 25.86 billion dollars and import surged 15.2 per cent to 15.35 billion dollars, the head of the bureau Herman Heriawan said. Exports of non-oil-and-gas rose by 23.48 per

cent to 21.36 billion US dollars and import of the products also up by 18.41 per cent to 11.40 billion US dollars, he said.

During the period, the export of agricultural products, industrial products and mines and others respectively increased by 7.02 per cent, 19.35 per cent and 56.43 per cent, said Heriawan.

In the meanwhile, the export of oil and gas decreased by 12.72 per cent, said Heriawan.

The main destination of the export was Japan, followed by the United States and Singapore, he said. Heriawan said that most of the non-oil-and-gas imported-products were engines.

China, followed by Japan and the United States, was the most contributive country for Indonesia's import products, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

A model showcases a dress by Australian label Ksubi during a show at Australian Fashion Week in Sydney on 3 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



### India's exports grow slowest in four years

NEW DELHI, 3 May — Merchandise exports in March 2007 grew by 8.84 per cent at 12.58 billion US dollars over 11.56 billion US dollars in the same month of the previous year, making it the lowest annual growth rate in merchandise exports in the last four years, news website businessstandard.com reported here Wednesday.

The total exports for Fiscal Year 2006-07 missed the target of 125 billion US dollars by 371 million dollars and stood at 124.62 billion US dollars, a rise of 20.92 per cent over the revised figure of 103.06 billion US dollars in 2005-06.

Merchandise export growth was 24.03 per cent in 2005-06, 30.84 per cent in 2004-05 and 21.11 per cent in 2003-04.

The Indian Commerce Ministry has set an export target of 160 billion US dollars, which is 28 per cent higher than the target of 125 billion US dollars, for 2006-07. According to the website, experts attribute the slowdown in exports to a shortage of capacity across all sectors. —MNA/Reuters

### Cigarette smuggling cases increase sharply in Singapore last year

SINGAPORE, 3 May — The number of cigarette smuggling cases in Singapore last year increased sharply compared with the previous year, the Singapore Customs said on Wednesday.

In the year 2006, 5.3 million packets of duty-unpaid cigarettes, valued 37.6 million Singapore dollars (about 24.7 million US dollars) were seized, an increase of 141 per cent over 2005.

Statistics show that the overall number of persons caught for cigarette offences saw a 37-per-cent increase from 6,751 in 2005 to 9,267 in 2006.

The number of people arrested for smuggling cigarettes also more than doubled. In 2005, more than 800 people were arrested and charged while in 2006 the number went up to 1,186.

The Customs said besides going after illegal suppliers, it also stepped up enforcement efforts against local peddlers and consumers who buy con-

trabands.

In 2006, a total of 763 illegal peddlers and 2,268 buyers were caught.

In Singapore, for every packet of duty-unpaid

cigarettes, buyers face a minimum composition sum of 200 Singapore dollars (about 131.5 US dollars) or prosecution in court. — MNA/Xinhua

An octopus named "Octi" opens a bottle using its tentacles to get to the food inside at the National Aquarium of New Zealand in the town of Napier on 2 May, 2007. The octopus was donated to the aquarium two months ago after being found on a local beach.

XINHUA





## Senior Chinese official meets Brunei's FM on bilateral cooperation

SERI BEGAWAN, 3 May—Senior Chinese official Wu Guanzheng met here Wednesday with Brunei's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Mohamed Bolkiah on promotion of bilateral cooperation.

Wu, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), spoke highly of the steady development of China-Brunei relations, expressing his appreciation over Brunei's efforts

to push forward the China-ASEAN strategic partnership.

Wu, who flew here Tuesday for a stopover after a visit to Spain and three Latin American countries, briefed the host on China's current socio-economic situation, saying that China's rapid development has brought about opportunities for the two countries to deepen cooperation of mutual benefit in various fields.

He said the Chinese side is willing to work together with the Brunei

side and to continuously strengthen the friendly cooperation in fields such as trade and energy, so as to achieve the goal of increasing trade volume between the two countries to one billion US dollars by 2010.

Mohamed, also a Prince of Brunei, recalled the development history of bilateral relations, saying that with a long history of friendship between Brunei and China, bilateral cooperation is of a strong foundation and vast potential.—MNA/Xinhua



Bangkok's skyline is seen during sunset on 3 May, 2007. The UN climate panel, grouping more than 2,500 scientists, will issue a report in Bangkok on 4 May outlining ways governments can tackle climate change and how much it might cost. Scientists and representatives from more than 100 countries are meeting in the Thai capital to review and approve the draft, the third of four this year by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). — INTERNET

## Malaysia's UWL to breed more penguins via artificial incubation

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May—The aquarium in northern Malaysia, the Underwater World Langkawi (UWL), plans to breed more penguins via the artificial incubation following its recent success, local media reported Wednesday.

The UWL recently made history when a South African black-footed penguin came into the world after 38 days of artificial incubation there, the first penguin chick hatched through artificial incubation in this country.

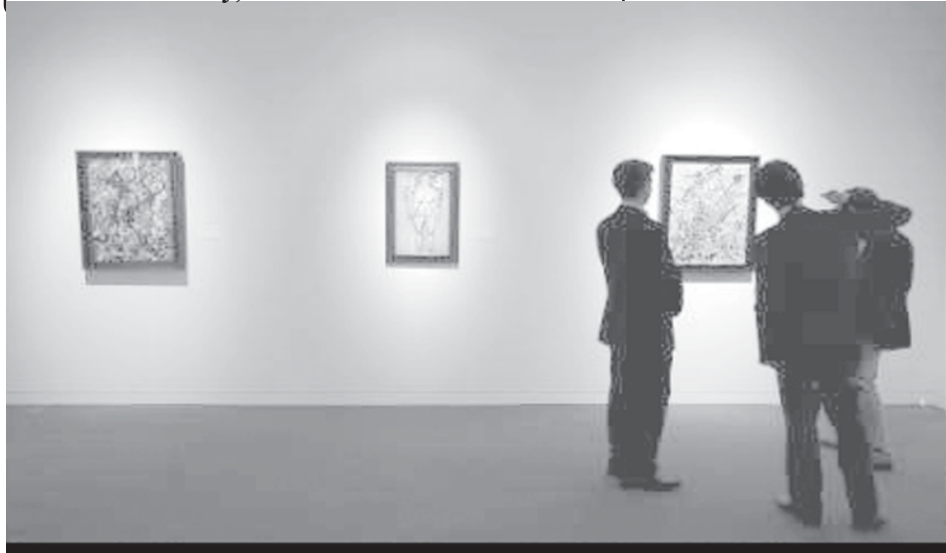
Tan Ean Kok, a senior curator in the aquarium, said they had to turn to artificial incubation as some penguins rejected their own eggs.

He said the penguin chick, now weighing 72 grammes, grows fast and could weigh 170 grammes in 12 days. All the other nine penguins hatched in the aquarium were through normal incubation.

In May 2005, the UWL imported some black-footed penguins from South Africa for the first time, bringing sweet surprise for the Malaysian public.

MNA/Xinhua

People look at a painting titled "Number 16, 1949" by Jackson Pollock, valued at close to \$25 million, displayed at Sotheby's auction house prior to upcoming sales featuring Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary art, in New York on 3 May, 2007. —INTERNET



A railroader stands near of a speed train, which crashed last night, near Kaharlyk 70km (45 miles) east of the Ukrainian capital Kiev on 3 May, 2007. — INTERNET

## Two killed as 1,000-year-old tree topples in S-W China

CHENGDU, 4 May —A huge one-thousand-year-old banyan tree toppled over on Tuesday in Gulong Temple in Huanglongxi Town in southwest China's Sichuan Province, killing two people and injuring four others.

The tragedy took place on the first day of the week-long May Day holiday with about one thousand tourists crowding in

to the Buddhist temple grounds. Two of the six people knocked down by the huge tree died later in hospital but the condition of the other four is stable.

The unlucky pilgrims were both from Sichuan. One of them was a devout Buddhist while the other had decided to visit the temple that day, according to local sources.— MNA/Xinhua

## 36 die due to heat wave in East India

NEW DELHI, 4 May—The heat wave in East India's Orissa Region has claimed the lives of 36 people, the news website ibnlive.com reported Wednesday.

With temperature rising over 43 degrees Celsius, there is no respite in sight for the people of Orissa.

The website reported that Orissa government has already initiated some measures to combat the heat, including changes in working hours for labourers and school timing for children.

The website quoted the Meteorological department in Orissa as saying that the heat wave will not abate soon.

In Orissa, the highest temperature was 50.1 degree Celsius recorded in 2003.— MNA/Xinhua

## ADB supports wind energy project in India

MANILA, 3 May—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is promoting renewable energy in India by helping to finance the construction and operation of wind energy facilities of the Tata Power Company Limited, India's largest private power company, an ADB report said on Wednesday.

ADB will provide an Indian rupee denominated

loan of up to 3.52 billion rupees, or the equivalent of about 79.3 million US dollars, to Tata Power without a government guarantee to set up and operate wind energy facilities at two locations in the state of Maharashtra, said the report.

The project is expected to produce about 100 megawatts of power, said ADB. "This project is an

important part of international efforts to promote renewable energy development and will contribute to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions of 2.6 million tons of carbon dioxide during the minimum project life of 20 years," said Takeo Koike, an Investment Specialist with ADB's Private Sector Operations Department.

MNA/Xinhua



# Feather duster, coconut fibre rope: products of Kamapo Village

*Interviewed by Nu Nu Yee, Tin Tin Win  
Photos by Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)*

Mon State has small-scale industries more than any other state or division in Myanmar. Ywalut in Mon State is nationwide well-known for its artistic handicrafts. Kamapo Village is one of the villages in Mon State that earns a good reputation for its local products, and its product, feather duster, wins customer satisfaction.

In an interview, owner Daw Nwe Aung of a feather duster industry said, "We collect major raw material feather from Mandalay, Bago and Magway. We have to spend 4000 to 6000 kyats for a viss of feathers. And

we use cane to make handles of feather dusters and we get it from Mudon. Processes to make a feather duster are not many. At first,

## One Village, One Product

we divide feathers into two groups: normal feathers and neck feathers. Then tar is

applied on the tops of the cane rods and feathers are stuck to the tar-applied parts. And then the cane rods and feathers are bound

together with a nylon string in a careful way. A worker makes about 20 feather

product coconut fibre rope of Kamapo Village is distributed to Mandalay. Like feather duster industry, it does not need many processes to make a coconut fibre rope. It is a manageable-scale industry. Firstly coconut fibres are taken out by hand from

*We make coconut fibre ropes from coconut husk as a cottage industry. (U Win Sein)*



*Coconut fibres are twisted into strings with the use of a machine.*

exposed to the sun. And the dry coconut fibres are twisted continuously between two palms into coconut fibre ropes.

Proprietor U Win Sein of a coconut fibre rope enterprise said that he had been running that enterprise for more than 20 years; that coconut fibre ropes were commonly used in building scaffolds in the construction sites; and that coconut fibre ropes were distributed

throughout Mon State and to upper Myanmar.

The coconut fibre rope industry helps Kamapo Village win popularity with the products made from coconut husk. Kamapo Village in Chaungzon Region, Mon State, wins renown for its two products—feather duster and coconut fibre rope.

**Translation: MS**

*Myanma Alin:*

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*A female worker making a coconut fibre rope manually.*

dusters a day. Our works are fine and neat, so they are well-known in the village and in Chaungzon region. The majority of the products are distributed to Mawlamyine." Prices of Kamapo feather dusters range from 200 to 700 kyats.

Another well-known

pounded and dry coconut husk. Then the fibres are

*It does not take much time to make a feather duster.*



*Feather dusters made in Kamapo Village, Chaungzon Region.*

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**Minister U Aung Thuang inspects Textile Factory in Pwintbyu Township. — MNA**

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inspected progress of construction tasks. Deputy Superintendent Engineer Daw Si Than reported on 60 per cent completion of the tasks.

Thongwa Creek Bridge will be 270 feet long and 24 feet wide. It will be a reinforced concrete bridge and it can

withstand 60-ton loads. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the harvesting of summer paddy in Alan Village of Maubin Township and heard reports on arrangements for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy presented by Township Manager U Myo Wai of Myanma Agriculture Service. Later, they greeted local farmers. — MNA

### Industry-1 Minister inspects factories in Magway Div

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by officials inspected Textile Factory (Pwintbyu) under Myanmar Textile Industries in Pwintphyu Township, Magway Division on 2 May.

At the briefing hall of the factory, Factory Manager U Aung Kyaw Oo reported on production of the factory at full capacity and strength of the staff, and General Manager U Hla Tun on collection of raw materials to minister.

The minister called for manufacture of quality products, collective efforts for running of the factory at full capacity, and presented gift to the outstanding staff.

On arrival at Hydrogenperoxide Factory (Chauk) of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries, the minister heard reports on production of the factory by Managing Director U Nyunt Aung and officials. The minister attended to the needs of the factory.

Minister U Aung Thuang and party proceeded to Advanced Strain

Insulator Factory Project (Chauk) of Myanmar Ceramics Industries and gave instructions to officials. Afterwards, they went to Win Thuza shop in Seikphyu and inspected the sales of products of the ministry. The minister also oversaw Thit Hseint Oil (belleric myrobalan oil) Factory of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries and viewed production process of the factory. Officials conducted them around the factory. The minister called for extensive installation of machinery to the factory.—MNA

### Secretariat Member meets secretary, executives of Hlinethaya Township USDA

YANGON, 4 May — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met the secretary, executives and ward/village organizers at Hlinethaya Township USDA office this afternoon.

Secretary of the Township USDA UNyan

Win reported on tasks of the township association and tasks being undertaken, and organizers on tasks being carried out at ward and village level associations.

The Secretariat Member fulfilled the requirements and gave

necessary instructions. Next, he presented cash assistance and exercise books to the trainees of the national culture and morale course 2/2007 organized by Hlinethaya Township USDA, and cordially greeted the members. MNA



**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with executives and members of Hlinethaya Township USDA.**

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## ACMECS Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 4 May—The Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting took place in Mandalay today.

It was attended by Mr Huy Kanthoul Vora, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, Mr Nitya Pibulsonggram, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Mr Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

As part of preparation for holding the ACMECS Ministerial Meeting, a senior officials' meeting was organized in Mandalay yesterday. The participants discussed cooperative matters under ACMECS and the Joint Statement of the ACMECS Foreign Ministers'

Meeting.

The ACMECS Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay today. Minister U Nyan Win presided over the meeting. The meeting was held in the usual spirit of friendship, good neighborliness and mutual cooperation among the ACMECS member countries.

The ministers reaffirmed their strong political commitment and desire to strengthen the aims and objectives of the Bagan Declaration, to increase competitiveness, narrow economic disparity and promote socio-economic development in the sub-region, and to realize the Bagan Declaration efficiently and effectively. They also exchanged views on cooperation in areas such as trade and investment facilitation, agriculture, industry, energy, transport linkages, tourism, public health and human resource development. They expressed their desire to attain prosperity in the region through enhanced solidarity, mutual respects, good neighborliness and active cooperation among the member countries.

At the end of the meeting, a joint statement was issued.

During the meeting days, the Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Thai Minister of Foreign Affairs called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win separately. They discussed promotion of bilateral relationships.

Yesterday, they participated in the friendly golf tournament at Mandalay Hill Golf Resort. The ministers paid homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image and visited downtown Mandalay. Minister U Nyan Win hosted a dinner in honour of the ministers and delegation members of ACMECS.

ACMECS was formed in 2003 following the Bagan Summit in Myanmar. The Heads of Government of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand attended it. The objectives of the ACMECS are to promote sustainable economy and to uplift the welfare and quality of life of the people in the sub-region. Vietnam joined the group in 2004. — MNA



*Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presides over the 17th Annual General Meeting of MMCWA. (News on page 16)—MNA*

## MMCWA's 17th Annual General Meeting passes four resolutions, lays down 12 future work programmes

YANGON, 4 May—The 17th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the meeting hall of the association at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township yesterday and today.

The meeting passed four resolutions and laid down 12 future work programmes.

### The four resolutions are:

1. To participate in the drive for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map
2. To follow the instructions of National Health Committee as work guidelines,
3. To make strenuous efforts in anticipation of the long-term interest in addressing health problems in line with the motto "Invest in health for future life security" utilizing the resources of the MMCWA,
4. To cooperate with the government bodies and congenial organizations such as social organizations at home and abroad in implementing the tasks of the association.

### The 12 future work programmes are:

1. Every pregnant woman is to be taken care of in order to reduce the maternal and child mortality rate, to ensure timely referring of critical pregnant women and to cooperate, educate and aid pregnant women to be able to give birth with the help of medical staff (especially in rural areas and outskirts of towns),
2. To continue to produce local midwives,
3. To hold educative talks to be able to early expose child cancer and to give it treatment,
4. To enable the people to practically perform the individual protection programmes in preventing bird flu as well as malaria, TB and HIV/AIDS as part of the infectious disease preventive measures,
5. To impart knowledge on nutrition for family health and to enable family members to cook wholesome foods,
6. To strive for all families to engage in sanitation tasks, to have access to potable water and to fly-proof latrines cent per cent,
7. To ask families to attend courses on methods to grow herbal plants and courses on traditional medicines for providing health care to family members,
8. To participate in school health care movements, to create a healthy environment, to designate garbage-free schools, aedes free schools to prevent dengue hemorrhage fever, and tobacco-free schools,
9. To open more pre-primary schools for all-round development of children, to help all school-age children have access to and complete primary education, and to provide them with assistance for middle and high school education,
10. To find out illiterates and help them become literate ones, and to expedite post-literacy programmes,
11. To open more micro-credit scheme for greater income of the families and vocational training courses,
12. To mobilize participation of members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association as well as heads of ten-house units in expediting health, education, social and economic services and in post-literacy programmes, and for heads of ten-house units to help submit infant mortality records to nearest health department. — MNA



*Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in progress.*

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## Dinner hosted to mark completion of 17th AGM of MMCWA

YANGON, 4 May—A dinner to mark the completion of the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the multi-functional building of the association at the corner of Thanthuma

and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township this evening.

Also present at the dinner were Chairman of

for its outstanding activities for 2006, the second prize to Shan State (South), the third prize to Shan State (East) and



**President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win presents second prize to Shan State (South) MCWSC.—MNA**



**Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe presents second prize to Yangon Division MCWSC.—MNA**



**Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents third prize to Mandalay Division MCWSC.—MNA**



**Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye presents consolation prize to Mandalay Division.—MNA**

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, patrons of the association, the President, the Vice-Presidents and CEC members, chairpersons, secretaries and joint secretaries of State and Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees, responsible persons of social organizations and guests.

First, President of the association Daw Khin Khin Win spoke words of thanks, and presented gifts to Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe.

Next, the deputy minister presented the first prize for outstanding activities in 2006 to Mandalay Division, the second prize to Yangon Division, the third prize to Ayeyawady Division and consolation prizes to Bago Division (East) and Taninthayi Division.

President Daw Khin Khin Win also awarded the first prize to Mon State

consolation prizes to Kachin State and Shan State (North).

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint gave the first prize in paper reading session to Yangon Division, the second prize to Shan State (South), the third prize to Mandalay Division and consolation prizes to Rakhine State and Kayah State.

Vice-President of the association Daw Aye Aye presented division level special health prize (fly-proof latrine) to Mandalay Division and state level special health prize to Shan State (South).

CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt presented gifts to literati who edited manuscripts for Myitta Sanyay magazine of the association. Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha also gave cash reward to Myanma Athan Modern Band that performed entertainment at the dinner.

Later, the guests were served with dinner. **MNA**

## Bangladeshi delegation visits shrimp and fish breeding farms

YANGON, 4 May — The visiting seven-member Bangladeshi delegation led by Chairman Mr Syed Mahmudul Hug of Shrimp and Fish Foundation of Republic of Bangladesh together with officials of the Fisheries Department viewed processing of shrimp and fish at May Yu cold storage and processing factory in South Dagon Industrial Zone on 2 May.

The delegation called on Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department and officials at the Fisheries Department on Hsinmin Road in Ahlon Township and held discussions on processing marine products and breeding works.

Later they visited the laboratory of the department in Thakayta Township and officials viewed them round the laboratory.

They also visited GIC cold storage in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and Htoo Thit Shrimp and Fish Feedstuff Factory and Ngwepinle Jetty in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

The Bangladeshi delegation made study tour of Asia Thar Fresh Water Shrimp and Fish Breeding Farm, Top Success Fresh Water Fish Breeding Farm and Fresh Water Shrimp and Fish Breeding Farm of GWE Co Ltd in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday.

Next, they called on Director-General of Department of Livestock and Fisheries Chairman of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank U Kyaw Lwin, Director-General U Khin Maung Aye and officials of Fisheries Department and held discussions on boosting marine products trade. — **MNA**

## Mother (3)

- \* **Dietary habits and proper sleep**  
**Personal hygiene and life skills to keep**  
**You make us feel better and relaxed**  
**With routines and basics in balance**
- \* **Our temper tantrum, highs and lows**  
**You know when to ignore and when to console**  
**Lessening our fear, boosting our esteem, you stay in control**  
**And what's right or wrong, you raise us to know**
- \* **From challenges, you never run**  
**To be resilient, from you, we learn**  
**To persevere in the face of adversity**  
**And to withstand life's bumps and spills with dignity**
- \* **Mother—you are really precious**  
**Thinking always of the needs and happiness of us**  
**You nurse, you care and you groom**  
**With tender love, you make our hearts bloom**

**Aye Phyu**

## Secretary-General meets USDA members in Thaton

NAY PYI TAW, 3 May — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of Union Solidarity and Development Association together with secretaries and executives of Thaton district/township USDAs, departmental officials and Pa-O nationals paid respects to Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma

Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemacara of Pokebayon monastery in Thaton and supplicated on the religious matters on 29 April. The Secretary-General and party donated provisions to the monastery.

Next, the Secretary-General met with Paung Township USDA

executives and members, the chairmen of Thaton district and Paung township PDCs, local people and members of social organizations at the office of the association in Paung Township, Thaton District.

In his saying at the meeting, the Secretary-General said that the

association is carrying out regional development tasks in cooperation with the local people upholding "Our Three Main National Causes". He urged them to participate in realizing stability of the nation, economic growth of the people and promotion of education. — **MNA**



## Iran calls on US to leave Iraq on eve of Egypt meet

TEHERAN, 4 May — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called on Wednesday on US and other foreign forces to leave neighbouring Iraq, reiterating an Iranian demand on the eve of an international meeting to discuss the violence there.

"Withdraw from Iraq and recognize the government, Parliament and the constitutional law ... and the problem will be solved," Ahmadinejad told a provincial rally without directly referring to the United States or other countries.

He was speaking a day before a May 3-4 meeting in Egypt of Iraq's neighbours and major

powers including the United States that will seek ways to end violence that is threatening to tear Iraq apart.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice are both expected to attend the conference in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

MNA/Reuters

## Malaysia, selected best summer destination for UAE residents

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May — Malaysia has been selected as this year's top choice summer holiday destination for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) residents in a magazine survey, local media reported Wednesday.

The UAE-based tourism magazine *Asfaar* conducted the survey among 3,000 residents of various age levels and social status, about 22 per cent of them selecting Malaysia as their first choice summer destination in the world.

Malaysian Tourism

Minister Tengku Adnan Mansor on Tuesday received the award at the Arabian Travel Market Fair in Dubai, the national news agency *Bernama* reported.

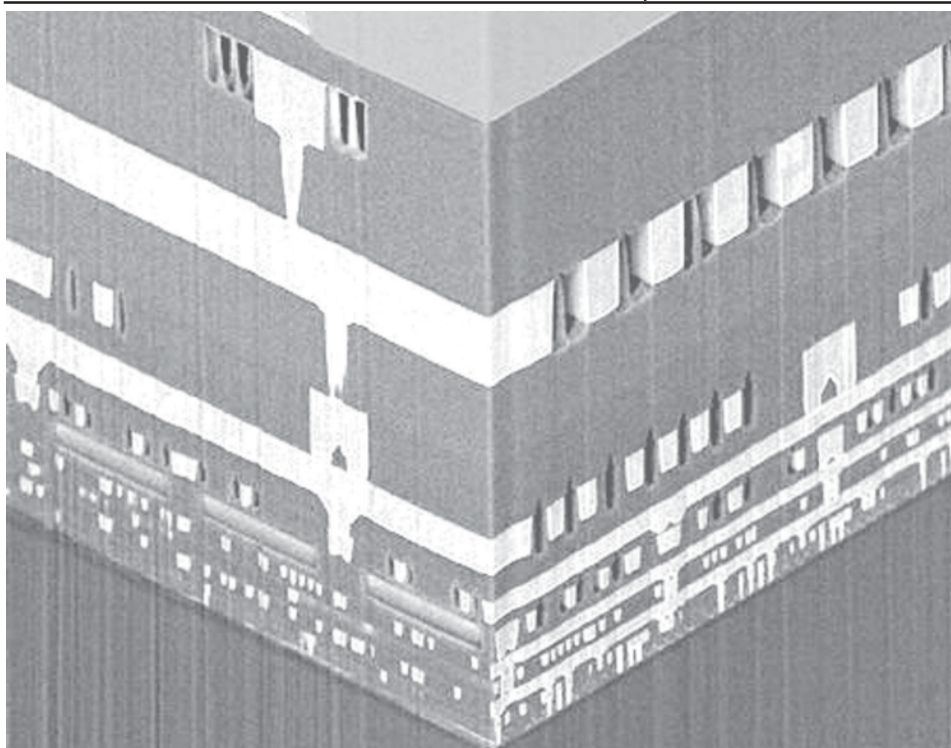
When talking about why so many respondents picked Malaysia, Tengku said he was told by the magazine that the cost of travel in this southeast Asia country is reasonable, and that the Malaysian people respect the Arab and Islamic tradition.

In addition, many women from the Arab country regard Malaysia as a shopping haven, said the minister.

MNA/Xinhua



Technicians examine the St Stephens cathedral's bell "Pummerin" to assess possible damage in Vienna on 23 April, 2007. Europe's second largest bell, nicknamed "Pummerin", is one of many famous bells across the continent undergoing a medical check up and examination as part of the "probell" project aimed at determining their life spans and unravelling the secret of the optimum way of chiming. — INTERNET



A cross section of a microprocessor shows empty space in between the chip's copper wiring in this undated handout photograph. — INTERNET

## Deep tremors may hold key to predicting big quakes

HONG KONG, 4 May — Researchers have identified a link between a series of recently discovered earth movements that they believe may hold the key to better forecasting major earthquakes.

Instances of deep tremors, low-frequency and silent earthquakes

have only been observed in the past two decades, with the advent of equipment like the Global Positioning System (GPS), and researchers have been studying them as disparate events.

But scientists in Japan and the United States say these events may be symptoms of what is known as a "slow earthquake", if they occur in the same place and around the same time.

"They can be thought of as different manifestations of the same phenomena and they comprise a new earthquake category," they wrote in the latest issue of the journal *Nature*.

Big earthquakes are a result of high-frequency seismic energy and can cause massive damage in

a matter of seconds.

But slow earthquakes, which can last for months, give off little or no seismic energy. The researchers said slow earthquakes occur in places where there are regular quakes.

"Slow earthquakes occur very close to areas of regular earthquakes. Although slow earthquakes don't radiate seismic waves, they increase the stress in areas of regular earthquakes," Satoshi Ide at the University of Tokyo told *Reuters*.

"If we know more of these slow earthquakes, we can estimate how much stress is accumulated in regular earthquake zones. We can assess the probability of (damaging) earthquakes happening; we can tell how high the risk is." — MNA/Reuters

## Over 700 cars found in Canada's biggest car-theft operation

OTTAWA, 4 May — Canadian police have uncovered over 700 stolen cars and vehicle parts in a scrap yard north of Montreal, in what may be the biggest car-theft operation in Canadian history, local media reported Wednesday.

"It is probably the biggest seizure of stolen cars from a recycling business in Canada," Laval police spokesperson Nathalie Lorrain told Canadian Television (CTV).

The investigation began during a routine patrol of the area, located in Duvernay, Laval. Officers said they spotted suspicious activity and did a spot check, turning up three stolen vehicle identification numbers.

Police then obtained a warrant to search the entire yard. Early estimates suggest more than 700 stolen cars, including luxury vehicles.

Some of the cars were brand new and there were a lot of luxury SUVs, "a lot of cars like Mercedes, Jaguars, you name it. They're all here", said Lorrain.

Police said the business has been operating for several years, buying and selling used and damaged cars, along with car parts. The 39-year-old owner and one employee have been arrested on charges of possession of stolen goods. — MNA/Xinhua



A boy bathes with his pet monkey in the river Indus on a hot day, which saw temperatures rising to 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit), in Sukkur, 480 km (300 miles) from Karachi, on 3 May, 2007. — INTERNET



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**South Koreans,  
Filipinos kidnapped  
in Nigeria**

SEOUL, 4 May—Three South Korean and eight Filipino workers have been kidnapped in Nigeria at a power plant construction site, a South Korean Foreign Ministry official and company officials said on Thursday.

A Daewoo Engineering & Construction official confirmed the abductees were their contract workers, but said their condition was not immediately known.

The kidnapping took place near Port Harcourt in the Niger Delta between 0000 and 0100 GMT, officials said.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted Daewoo officials in the delta as saying the abduction followed a 40-minute gun battle between the unidentified captors and security guards, which probably left scores of people dead or injured.

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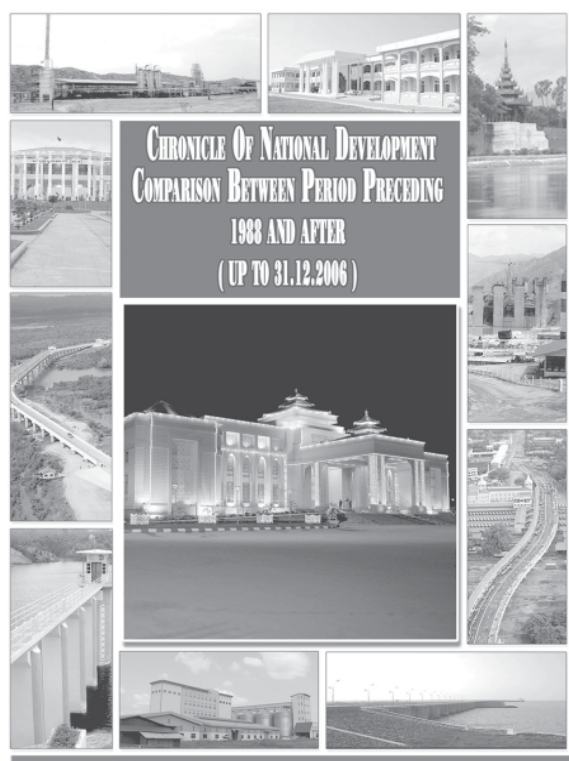
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**Earthquakes  
rock  
western  
Indonesia**

JAKARTA, 3 May —A series of earthquakes rocked western part of Indonesia on Wednesday, but there is no report of casualty or damages, the country's Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

A quake with magnitude of 5.0 struck at 02:44 Jakarta time (1944 GMT) with epicentre 86 kilometres northwest province of Aceh in northern tip of Sumatra island and at 49 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua.

The intensity of the quake was felt at 2 to 3 mmi (modified mercally intensity) at Banda Aceh, capital of the province, said the official.

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## FDA expands antidepressant suicide warnings to young adults

WASHINGTON, 2 May — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that antidepressant medications face a substantial increased risk of experiencing suicidal ten-

that scientific data did not show this increased risk in adults older than 24, and that adults aged 65 and older taking antidepressants have a decreased risk of experiencing suicidal tendencies.

The proposed warning statements emphasize that depression and certain other serious psychiatric disorders are themselves the most important causes of suicide.

“Depression and other psychiatric disorders can have significant consequences if not appropriately treated. Antidepressant medications benefit many patients, but it is important that doctors and patients are aware of the risks,” said Steven Galson, director of FDA’s Centre for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Xinhua



Antidepressant medication . — INTERNET

proposed Tuesday that all makers of antidepressant medication should update their existing black box warning on product labeling with information about increased risks of suicidal thinking and behavior in young adults.

During initial treatment (generally the first one to two months), young adults aged 18 to 24 on antidepressant medi-

dencies, the federal health regulator warned.

The proposed labeling changes apply to the entire category of antidepressants. Manufacturers of antidepressants will now have 30 days to submit their revised product labels to the FDA for review.

However, the proposed labeling changes also include language stating

## Developing countries need greater technological capabilities

NEW YORK, 3 May — Developing countries need greater technological capabilities and flexibility to succeed in an increasingly competitive and fast paced global environment, a new UN report has said.

The report by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs was launched at the opening of a two-week session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development that will focus on energy, climate change, air pollution and industrial development.

It examines industrial development as central to the process of structural transformation which characterizes economic development.

The report also points to new challenges and opportunities facing today’s “industrializers” as a result of globalization, technological change and international trade rules.

It also discusses social and environmental aspects of industrial development.

Josi Antonio Ocampo,

UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, said at the report’s launch Monday that industrialization, an essential element of classical development economics, remains crucial

to the process of development.

“But many developing countries had been undergoing the unfortunate experience of de-industrialization,” he said.—MNA/PTI



People use computers at an Internet cafe in Suining, southwest China’s Sichuan Province in this 11 Jan, 2007 file photo. Corporate brands face multi-pronged assaults from fraudulent online attackers, according to a report published on 30 April, 2007 that quantifies the scope of the most common threats. — INTERNET

## Outdoor secondhand smoke also poses health risks

LOS ANGELES, 2 May — Exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke outdoors also poses health risks, according to a new study.

Even brief exposures to secondhand smoke outdoors may have adverse effects on the heart and respiratory systems and increase the severity of asthma attacks, especially in children, said the study conducted by Stanford University researchers.

This was the first in-depth study on how smoking affects air quality at sidewalk cafes, park benches and other outdoor locations.

While the health risks associated with indoor secondhand smoke are well documented, little research has been done on exposure to toxic tobacco fumes outdoors.

The findings were published in the May issue of the Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association (JAWMA).

The Stanford team concluded that a non-smoker sitting a few feet downwind from a smoldering cigarette is likely to be exposed to substantial levels of contaminated air for brief periods of time.

“Some folk have expressed the opinion that exposure to outdoor tobacco smoke is insignificant, because it dissipates quickly into the air,” said Neil Klepeis, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering at Stanford and lead author of the study.

“But our findings show that a person sitting or standing next to a smoker outdoors can breathe in wisps of smoke that are many times more concentrated than normal background air pollution levels.”

Xinhua



The Microsoft logo is seen in the northern German town of Hanover, on 12 March, 2007. Microsoft Corp, the world’s largest software maker, has emerged as a contender to buy Internet advertising firm 24/7 Real Media Inc, the New York Post reported on its Web site on Tuesday. — INTERNET

## New insect species discovered in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, 2 May — Costa Rican and Spanish scientists have discovered

a new insect species in the Alberto Manuel Brenes Biological Reserve in central Costa Rica, academics said Wednesday.

Esteban Duran of Madrid’s National Farming Research Institute and Marco Antonio Zumbado, a Costa Rican researcher, said the insect species had been given the name “Iagocherus delestali.”

The experts said “Iagocherus delestali” is a nocturnal insect measuring between 2-2.5 cm long with red and yellow spots on its body and a granulated texture on its forewings.

The new species’ neck is a granulated brick color and its antennae have 11 segments.

The male’s femurs are larger than the female’s.

The new species belongs to the coleopteran family, integrated by some 350,000 different insect species, and it develops its larval state inside rotten tree trunks.

The scientific investigation began in 2003, but it was not until April 2006 when the first specimens of this insect were collected.

“So far four new insects have been collected,” said Zumbado.

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# SPORTS



**Japan's Hozumi Hasegawa (R) provokes South Africa's Simpiwe Vetyeka during their World Boxing Council (WBC) bantam-weight title bout in Tokyo on 3 May, 2007.**  
INTERNET

## Chelsea dignitary's helicopter wreckage found

LONDON, 3 May — The wreckage of a helicopter carrying an honorary vice president of Chelsea football club and three other men was found on Wednesday after it was reported missing from radar screens, police said.

Phillip Carter, chief executive of Nottingham-based support services company Carter & Carter had been aboard the helicopter, which disappeared in the early hours of Wednesday after leaving Liverpool on Tuesday night.

The pilot was Stephen Holdich, joint owner of operating company Atlas Helicopters of Hampshire, a company spokeswoman said.

Carter and his colleagues had been at Anfield where they had seen Chelsea lose against Liverpool in the semifinal of the Champions League.

The wife of one of the passengers had notified police at 1:45 a.m. that the helicopter had failed to arrive at their home in Cambridgeshire.—MNA/Reuters

## Reina burgled during semifinal

LONDON, 3 May — The home of goalkeeper Pepe Reina was burgled as he helped Liverpool reach the Champions League final on penalties, Merseyside Police said on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Spanish international, who saved two spot kicks in the semifinal shootout against Chelsea, had a number of items stolen from his home in Woolton, Liverpool.

The player's Porsche Cayenne was taken and found burnt out in Fleetwood Walk at about 0530 GMT on Wednesday. A Bang & Olufsen entertainment system, paperwork and jewellery were also taken.

Merseyside Police were called to the address at 0045 GMT and said the burglary happened between 1800 and 2345 GMT on Tuesday while Reina was per-

forming heroics at a noisy Anfield.

It is the latest footballer's home to be targeted by thieves in the city. Reina's club team mates Jerzy Dudek, Daniel Agger, Peter Crouch and Florent Sinama-Pongolle, as well as Everton's Andy Van der Meyde, were all burgled last year.—MNA/Reuters



**Singapore's Kendrick Lee celebrates after winning his round of 16 men's singles match against China's Chen Jin at the Singapore Open Badminton Super Series 2007 in Singapore on 3 May, 2007.**

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## Mourinho points finger at Chelsea injuries

LIVERPOOL (England), 3 May — Coach Jose Mourinho pointed the finger at a season of injuries after Chelsea's hopes of Champions League glory and a historic Quadruple were ended by Liverpool.

Liverpool's 4-1 victory in a penalty shootout at Anfield on Tuesday put the hosts into the final in Athens and added to Chelsea's woes after their Premier League title hopes seemed to have been dashed by last week's draw with Bolton Wanderers.

Chelsea, who won the League Cup in February and face champions-elect Manchester United in the FA Cup final on 19 May, had been bidding for honours on all four fronts.

Mourinho did not view their mixed success, which he put down in large part to absences, as a reason to build a bigger squad for 2007-08.

"Our intention is to keep a big percentage of the players, to make two or three changes which is always normal in a club like ours,"

he told reporters.

"The Quadruple is a difficult thing to achieve, when you start the season you don't chase a Quadruple, you just chase the best you can do in every competition. I don't think we need a bigger squad.

"I cannot believe next season we will have 20 injuries, I cannot believe we will start with surgeries on the first day of the season and end with surgeries on the last day of the season.

"It was an incredibly negative season in terms of

big injuries, not small ones. In that situation the team was magnificent, I couldn't be prouder of them."

Chelsea notably lost winger Joe Cole for much of the campaign while goalkeeper Petr Cech and captain John Terry also had long spells out. Mourinho pointed out Chelsea were also missing two of their penalty-takers on Tuesday, with Michael Ballack out after ankle surgery and Andriy Shevchenko missing with a groin problem.

MNA/Reuters

## Klose commits to Werder Bremen through June 2008

BERLIN, 3 May — Miroslav Klose has ended speculation about an imminent move to Bayern Munich by assuring Werder Bremen that he will see out his contract to June 2008, the club said on Wednesday.

The daily *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* reported that the German international striker would either go to Bayern at the end of this season for 15 million euros (20.5 million US dollars) or transfer there for free when his contract ends.

"We would have liked him to have come to this decision earlier but we now have the necessary clarity to approach the final challenges of the season with all our energy," Werder Sporting Director Klaus Allofs said on the club's website ([www.werder-online.de](http://www.werder-online.de)).

"Because of the turmoil of recent days it's now important that the club, the team and the fans join forces so that we can go into the (UEFA Cup) semifinal, second-leg against Espanyol with the full backing of our supporters," he added.—MNA/Reuters

**Kentucky Derby hopeful Storm in May gallops on the track with Exercise rider Felicity Waugh during early morning workouts at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, on 3 May, 2007.**  
INTERNET



## Santos held by Caracas FC

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 May — Santos held on for a 2-2 draw away to Caracas FC in the Libertadores Cup on Wednesday despite losing two players to injury in the first half and having another sent off.

Boca Juniors striker Martin Palermo missed a penalty for the second time in four days but his side still went on to beat Velez Sarsfield 3-0 in an all-Argentine clash, and Mexico's America beat Chilean champions Colo Colo by the same score.

Santos, who had won all eight

previous games in this year's tournament, appeared set to continue the routine when midfielder Ze Roberto pounced on a poor clearance to put them ahead after 15 minutes in the Venezuelan capital.

But Santos were forced to regroup after losing defenders Denis and Antonio Carlos to injury before halftime in the second-round, first-leg tie while the Venezuelans peppered Fabio Costa's goal with several long-range shots.

MNA/Reuters

## Benitez savours Champions League final after shootout win

LIVERPOOL (England), 3 May — Liverpool's latest European triumph over Chelsea has left manager Rafael Benitez relishing a Champions League final and Jose Mourinho looking back on four days that are set to haunt the Blues for years.

Though it took a penalty shootout to beat Chelsea on Tuesday, two years after another 1-0 win over the Londoners at Anfield had sent them to a victorious final with AC Milan, Liverpool again proved the team with the steadier nerve.

Argentine midfielder Javier Mascherano, unrecognizable from the player seen fitfully at West Ham United earlier this season, topped a list of Reds who worked tirelessly to secure victory.—MNA/Reuters



**Justine Henin of Belgium returns the ball to Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany during their second round match at the J&S Cup tennis tournament in Warsaw on 3 May, 2007.**

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# Anti-ageing cream sparks stampede in London

LONDON, 4 May — Crowds of shoppers besieged Boots pharmacy stores on Friday morning in search of the Holy Grail of cosmetics — an anti-ageing cream that actually seems to work.

In the latest of a series of high street stampedes for must-have products, they stripped the shelves of Boots' No7 Protect & Perfect anti-wrinkle serum

within minutes. "We had a big queue of people waiting for us to open and they all rushed in," said one assistant at Boots' Fleet Street store in

central London. "It was amazing."

Although a one-per-customer policy was in force, dozens of bottles soon popped upon Website Bay, with prices as high as 75 pounds for the 30 ml container, compared with the 17-pound store price.

The high-street retailer had rushed 200,000 extra bottles of the lotion to its stores across the UK after running out of supplies following a BBC television "Horizon" programme in March which reported that the cream actually worked and appeared to improve skin wrinkles.

Boots itself says Protect & Perfect produces

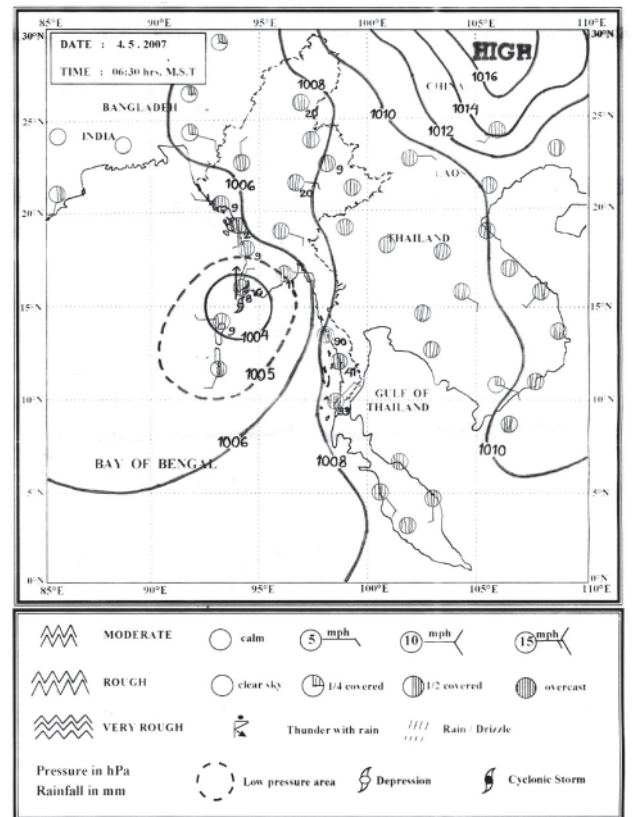
younger-looking skin in just four weeks, "enlivening your complexion, helping to reduce the appearance of pores and smoothing lines and wrinkles."

Sales of the product, which had run at an average 10,000 pots a month since early 2005, soared after the programme.

The company said it sold 21 weeks' worth of stock in just three days after the programme.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Friday, 4 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Bago and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas with locally heavy fall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy fall in Yangon and Mandalay Division. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperature in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay Division, (3°C) below May average temperature in Kayah State, (5°C) below May average temperature in Yangon (Mingaladon) and Ayeyawady Division and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature were Chauk (43°C) and Mandalay (42°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lounglon (5.04) inches, Dawei (3.66) inches, Yangon (Central) (3.38) inches, Kawthong (2.76) inches, Hmawbi and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.52) inches each, Kyaukse (2.48) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) and Pyapon (2.16) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 3-5-2007 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 4-5-2007 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-5-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 3-5-2007 was (7.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-5-2007 was (2.16) inches at Mingaladon, (2.52) inches, Kaba-Aye and (3.38) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (2.20) inch at Mingaladon, (3.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (4.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from East at (08:30) hours MST on 4-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (13:30) hrs MST today, yesterday tropical depression over North Andaman Sea has moved to East Central Bay without appreciable intensification. It is remained stationary and cetered at about (90) miles South of Pathein. It is forecast to move some Northerly direction slowly and cross Deltaic Coast between Yangon and Pathein within next (12) hrs commencing noon today, Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of locally heavy falls in Mon State, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated heavy falls in Kayin and Southern Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Frequent squalls with rough seas are likely Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be moderated to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in the Coastal areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-5-2007:** Some rain or rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Weather outlook for second weekend of May 2007:** During the coming weekend, likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Nya Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division and some rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 5 May  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-I wanna be with you ... Fun Factory
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Sha La La ... Dream House
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music:  
-The day we find love ... 911
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Let me in ... Ott
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Music at your request music  
-Stuck on ... Lionel Richie  
-I love you ... Celine Dion
- 9:00pm ASEAN News exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:20pm Myanmar Culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:25pm Souvenirs
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 5 May  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သောဥပုသ်တသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:15 am
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- 7:25 am
  3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
  7. ရင်းမြစ်ရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:10 am
  8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
  9. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
  10. International news
- 8:45 am
  11. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 11:15 pm
  2. Musical programme
- 11:30 pm
  3. News
- 11:40 pm
  4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
  5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm
  6. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပဒေသာ
- 12:45 pm
  7. "သက်စွန့်ဆံဖျား" (နေထက်လင်း၊ စိုင်းစိုင်းခမ်းလှိုင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်း(Examplez) ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခစိုးထိုက်အောင်)
- 2:15 pm
  8. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
  9. "စည်ကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ" (လူကူးမျှင်ကျားမှူးမယ်)
- 2:35 pm
  10. "ပူဇော်ကန်တော့ဆင်ယင် သက်ကြီးသဘင်" (ပထမအကြိမ် သဘင်သက်ကြီး ပူဇော်ပွဲ)
- 2:45 pm
  11. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song for uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
  4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:55 pm
  5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:05 pm
  6. မြင်းခြံခင်သိန်းအေး ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ချုပ်မြေခန်း
- 5:20 pm
  7. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
  8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm
  9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  11. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm
  12. တူပြိုင်ယဉ်နွဲ့ ASEAN New Media Art Competition 2006 ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:05 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:15 pm
  15. International news
- 8:30 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:55 pm
  18. The next day's programme

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President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win delivers concluding address at 17th Annual General Meeting of MMCWA. — MNA

## 17th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association concludes successfully

YANGON, 4 May — The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued for the second day at the multi-functional building of the association at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.



Dr Hla Myint.  
MNA



Dr Maung Maung Aung Kyaw. — MNA

Present at the meeting were President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-Presidents Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Daw Aye Aye, CEC members, Central Council members, chairpersons, secretaries and joint secretaries of State and Division MCW Supervisory Committees.

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presided over the meeting, and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha acted as MC.

First, the papers on case studies of the State and Division MCWSCs were submitted to the meeting. Secretary of Chin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Khin Maung Si, Secretary of Sagaing Division MCWSC Dr Kyaw Shein, Secretary Dr Maung Maung Hla of Taninthayi Division MCWSC, Secretary of Bago Division (East) MCWSC Dr Htay Aung, Secretary Dr Ngwe San of Bago Division (West) MCWSC and Secretary of Magway Division MCWSC Dr Maung Maung Aung Kyaw sub-

mitted the papers to the meeting. The meeting chairperson discussed matters related to the papers. Next, the meeting took a break at 10.15 am.

When the meeting restarted at 10.30 am, Secretary Dr Khin Maung Tun of Mandalay Division MCWSC, Secretary of Mon State MCWSC Dr Tin Win Kyaw, Secretary Dr Cho Tun of Rakhine State MCWSC, Secretary of Yangon Division MCWSC Dr Hla Myint, Secretary of Shan State (South) MCWSC Dr Sai Kham Hlaing, Secretary of Shan State (North) MCWSC Dr Sai San Win, Secretary of Shan State (East) MCWSC Dr Myint Aung and Secretary of Ayeyawady Division MCWSC Dr Swe Win also submitted their papers to the meeting. Meeting chairperson Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon session, President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win presided over the meeting. To adopt the future tasks, members of

the Central Council gave suggestions on taking care of education, health, economic and social matters for mothers, children and their families from States and Divisions.

Next, Meeting Chairperson President Daw Khin Khin Win ex-

plained the future tasks of the association, and those present discussed four resolutions and 12 future work programmes. Afterwards, they adopted the decisions.

President Daw Khin Khin Win gave the concluding remarks.

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the MMCWA successfully concluded in the evening.

The Annual General Meeting approved three matters, decided four matters and adopted 12 future tasks.

MNA

### Special storm news

YANGON, 4 May—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department today announced that according to the observations conducted at 18:30 hour, the tropical storm that had been centered at east central Bay of Bengal passed through coastal regions of the delta and has now reduced itself into a tropical depression.

Under the influence of the tropical depression, rain will likely be widespread in Mon and Kayin states, and Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and

Taninthayi divisions, and isolated to be scattered in Rakhine, Kayah and Shan states and Magway and Mandalay divisions with likelihood of scattering heavyfalls in the remaining states and divisions and heavyfalls in specific parts of Rakhine State, and Yangon and Bago divisions.

Sometimes squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely to be along the Myanmar coast and deep sea. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach about 40 mph.—MNA

### SIGNIFICANT DAY TEMPERATURES 4-5-2007

NAY PYI TAW	99°F
YANGON	100°F
MANDALAY	108°F
CHAUK	109°F

### INSIDE

The townships are striving to exceed the target of monsoon paddy cultivation in this year's cultivation season. In addition, rubber, jute and kenaf, pepper, beans and pulses and physic nut plants are also being grown in the division.

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