

## Religious objects enshrined into upper reliquary of Dhaticaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—Religious objects were enshrined into the upper reliquary of the Dhaticaya Datpaungsu Pagoda on Mingala hillock on Zabukyetthayay Street in Bawga Theikdi Ward, here, and the pagoda was consecrated at a ceremony held this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Ngwe Taung Tawya Monastery in Tatkon Agga Maha Panditaya Bhaddanta Panñasiri, Abbot of Maha Visutarama Zaygon Monastery in Pynmana Sasanadhaja Siripavara Dhammaçariya Dika Nikaya Pali Paragu Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kavisara and members of the Sangha.

Also present were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, officials and guests.



*Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents Seinbudaw (diamond orb) to the Sayadaw.*

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Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented Seinbudaw (diamond orb), the commander, Hngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shape vane), Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Shwekyia Thingyan

(robe), Minister Col Thein Nyunt, a banyan sapling to the Sayadaw.

Senior military officers and deputy ministers offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Abbot Bhaddanta Kavisara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party conveyed religious objects.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo enshrined religious objects into the upper reliquary.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party hoisted Shwehtidaw (decorated umbrella), Nngetmyatnadaw (pennant-shape vane) and diamond orb atop the pagoda.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Col Tin Ngwe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, and Col Kan Chun of Special Development Project conveyed tiers of Shwehtidaw.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo installed Sasana flag in the diamond orb and Shwekyia Thingyan in Hngetpyawbu (plantain bud-like part of the pagoda).

They offered robes, Mya Thabeik (alms bowl), alms food and drinking water to the Buddha Images to be kept in the four prayer halls.

Members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party offered alms food to the monks.—MNA



*Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party hoist Shwehtidaw, Nngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 6 May, 2007

### Serve national interests through literacy

Every nation and people place emphasis on development of human resources in their interests. Myanmar is also implementing plans for promoting its youth's education standard, and ensuring technological development and human resources development.

Simultaneously, the government is working together with the literati for enabling the people to cultivate a good habit of reading publications of informative writing rather than books written for just pleasure to be part of the drive for human resources development.

With the aim of ensuring literary development, the government presents national literary awards and Sarpay Beikman manuscripts awards yearly and has increased the number of prizes and amount of cash awards. With a view to helping create a greater number of beneficial works, wellwishers and literati have presented literary awards to the winners every year such as Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards, Tun Foundation Literary Awards, Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Awards and Thuta Swezon Literary Awards.

In addition, the government is creating more opportunities for the enthusiasts to write in the journals and magazines designed to serve the interests of the nation. In 2006 alone, more than 10,000 publications of various genres were published and their circulation reached more than 30 million.

The tangible results of literary development have reflected the hard work the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the Printing Entrepreneurs Association and writers have exerted in concert. Wellwishers, writers and literati should continue to create beneficial literary works in the interests of the nation, while striving for raising the literary standard of the nation and development of human resources.



**NEONATAL RESUSCITATION TRAINING KITS DONATED:** Latter Day Saint Charities (LDSC) of USA donated Neonatal Resuscitation Training Kits worth US\$ 7828 to North Okkalapa General and Teaching Hospital, Central Women's Hospital (Yangon & Mandalay), Children's Hospital (Yangon & Mandalay), Nursing and Midwifery Training Schools and Magway People's Hospital. Photo taken on 27 April at the Children's Hospital (Yangon) shows Country Director Mr Hatch of LDSC donates the kits for hospitals through Medical Superintendents and Principals. — H

## People's Desire

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

### Naungkho Village-tract in Bhamo Township submits USDA membership applications

YANGON, 5 May — Patron of Kachin State Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, together with USDA Joint-Secretary General Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Secretariat member Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and CEC member Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, attended a ceremony to submit membership applications held at the Naungkho Village-tract USDA office in Bhamo Township on 2 May morning.

The Kachin State USDA secretary accepted 1420 membership applications — 650 from Naungkho village-tract, 400 from Shwekyina village-tract and 370 from Nanpha village-tract. Next, the patron, the secretariat member, the joint-secretary general and the CEC member donated medicine and medical equipment, USDA uniforms, exercise books and gifts. Then

the patron and the secretariat member delivered speeches.

Afterwards, the commander and the ministers made speeches in meeting with departmental officials at the town hall of Bhamo, heard reports presented by local authorities and fulfilled the requirements.

After that, they visited Bhamo University and encouraged and presented gifts to the faculty members attending a refresher course. They next visited the rubber plantation of the local battalion in Bhamo where they inspected cultivation of 500,000 rubber saplings. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented rubber saplings to the Kachin State USDA secretary.

Later, the commander and the ministers inspected the sites chosen for construction of USDA office, sub power stations and offices of the Ministries of Electric Power No 1 and No 2. Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Col Zaw Min visited the auto exchange in Bhamo and Bhamo District USDA Office. — MNA

### Social organizations urged to increase efforts for development of rural areas



**Secretary-General U Htay Oo meets with members of District/Township USDAs and social organizations in Thaton . —MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo urged members of USDA and other social organizations in Thaton on 29 April to increase their efforts for development of rural areas.

The government has made efforts for equitable development of the country and has been implementing five rural areas development tasks, he said at the meeting.

In his address, Secretary-General U Htay Oo also said the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are working together to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accordance with 12 objectives of the State. The government has put more efforts for

stability of the State, boosting the economy and improvement of the education standard, and the people have enjoyed the fruits of the development, he added. He continued to say that the community peace and tranquillity are prevailing across the country and all national races are participating in implementing the development tasks joining hands with the government.

Members of the auxiliary fire brigade and red cross society and townelders also attended the meeting with the USDA Secretary-General.

After hearing reports on social, education, health and development tasks in the region, Secretary-General U Htay Oo fulfilled the requirements.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**10% of US soldiers in Iraq reported mistreating civilians**

WASHINGTON, 4 May — About 10 percent of US soldiers serving in Iraq have reported mistreating civilians or damaging their property when it was not necessary, according to a Pentagon survey released Friday. The latest Mental Health Advisory Team survey, the fourth since 2003 to assess the mental health and well-being of the deployed forces serving in Iraq,

found that US troops who deployed longer than six months in Iraq or had deployed multiple times there were more likely to screen positive for a mental health issue. Less than half of US troops in Iraq would report a team member for unethical behavior, and more than one-third of them said torture should be allowed to save the life of a fellow soldier,

the survey found. The study, conducted in August and October 2006, assessed more than 1,300 Army soldiers and nearly 450 Marines. According to the survey, the 2006 adjusted rate of suicides per 100,000 Army soldiers in Iraq was 17.3 soldiers, lower than the 19.9 rate reported in 2005, but higher than the Army average of 11.6 per 100,000 soldiers; deployment length was directly linked to morale problems in the Army; and leadership is key to maintaining soldier and Marine mental health.

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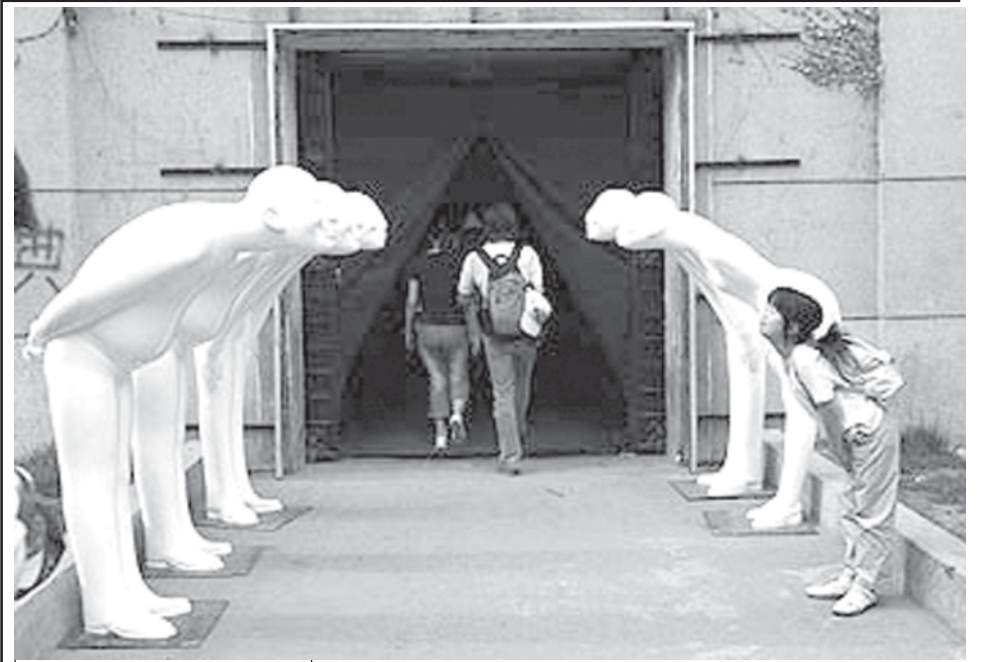
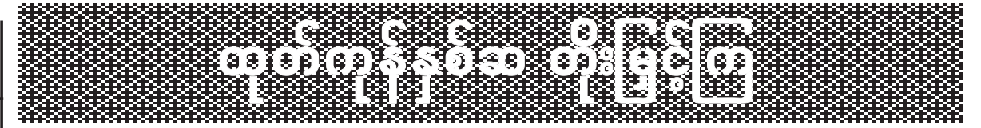
**North China's Inner Mongolia develops desert tourism**

HOHHOT, 4 May — Two deserts in north China's Inner Mongolia have been designated as tourist destinations to attract travellers who are interested in exploration. Ma Yongsheng, deputy director of the Tourism Bureau of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, said on Thursday the bureau had set up direction signs, and rescue and communication facilities in the Tenggar and Hobq deserts.

"The activities organized by travel

agencies in the areas designated by the tourism department will be much safer than independent explorations," Ma said. The Tenggar Desert is China's fourth largest, covering 43,000 square kilometres. It is interspersed with lake basins and marshes, as well as hills, mounds and plains. The Hobq Desert, a stretch of 16,100 square kilometres of shifting sand dunes, is another favourite site for desert explorers.

MNA/Xinhua



*A girl imitates a group of sculptures nearby at Art Zone of No798 Factory in Dashanzi, northeast Beijing during the Golden Week on 2 May, 2007. — XINHUA*

**Three US soldiers killed in Baghdad roadside bomb explosions**

BAGHDAD, 4 May — Three US soldiers were killed in separate roadside bomb attacks in Baghdad, the military announced late Wednesday.

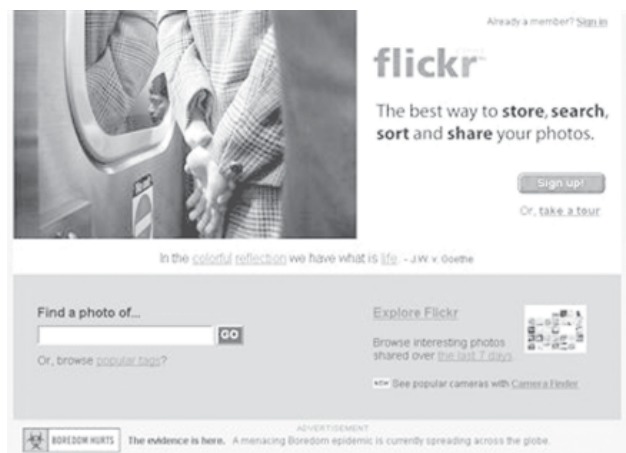
Two of the soldiers were killed on the spot by bombs when they searched a southern Baghdad neighbourhood for boobytraps, while a woman soldier died of fatal wound inflicted by another bomb

exploded under her vehicle in western Baghdad.

"The unit was conducting route clearance operations in the area when the attacks occurred," the military said.

The US military and Iraqi troops have staged a campaign in the capital in recent weeks with an aim of putting rampant violence under control.

MNA/Xinhua



*A screenshot of Flickr.com, taken on 4 May, 2007. Yahoo Inc is shutting down Yahoo Photos, its first-generation photo storage site, and asking users to move instead to Yahoo's Web 2.0 photo sharing site, Flickr, a Yahoo official said on Thursday. — INTERNET*



*Alexey Marchenko of Russia participates in the first World High Wire Championships in Seoul, in which participants cross the Han River on a 1 km (0.62 miles) wire, on 3 May, 2007. The event is part of the annual "Hi Seoul Festival" organised by Seoul City which began on 27 April and lasts ten days. — INTERNET*

**Airline says it has lost contact with jetliner**

NAIROBI (Kenya), 5 May — Kenya Airways has lost contact with a commercial airliner carrying more than 100 passengers that took off from Cameroon early Saturday, the airline said.

"The last message was received in Douala after



*The first Boeing 737-800, similar to the one reported missing by Kenya Airways, takes off on its first flight in 1997 in Renton, Washington.*

takeoff and thereafter the tower was unable to contact the plane," Kenya Airways CEO Titus Naikuni said.

The Boeing 737-800 was carrying 106 passengers, eight crew members and a flight engineer, he said. The plane is the latest generation of the 737 model, capable of carrying 189 passengers and has long-range capability.

"We have no details about what has happened to the aircraft," Naikuni said.

The flight departed Douala at 12:05 am and was to arrive in Nairobi at 6:15 a.m. The flight originated in Ivory Coast but stopped in Cameroon to pick up more passengers, the airline said.

The airline opened a crisis management center near the airport. Relatives of those on the plane were instructed to go to a downtown airport, where they would be provided information as it became available.

The last crash of an international Kenya Airways flight was on January 30, 2000, when Flight 431 was taking off from Abidjan, Ivory Coast on its way to Nairobi. Investigators blamed a faulty alarm and pilot error for that crash, which killed 169 people. — Internet

**Cambodian Govt calls on media to respect Press ethics**

PHNOM PENH, 4 May — Cambodian Government on Thursday called on the media to respect the ethics of Press at a ceremony here to mark the World Press Freedom Day.

Thieng Vandarong, under-secretary of state of the Information Ministry, appealed to all veteran journalists "to try to be good models and train young generations to have professional qualification for great honour for our country", at a gathering of about 130 local journalists, foreign journalists, government officials, political parties' delegates and diplomats.

MNA/Xinhua

## Afghan official says more civilians killed in US-led raid

SPIN BOLDAK (Afghanistan), 5 May — At least 13 civilians were killed in a bombing raid by US-led forces battling the Taliban, an Afghan official said on Friday, bringing to 70 the number of such deaths reported this week.

The rising toll of civilian casualties will put further pressure on President Hamid Karzai, who warned this week of serious consequences for all if the bloodshed did not stop.

The civilians were killed in bombing on Tuesday night in the Maroof District

of southern Kandahar Province, near the border with Pakistan, said Janan Gulzai, a provincial assembly member.

“I saw all the victims are civilians,” Gulzai who was a member of a government team investigating the incident, told *Reuters*.

“We cannot accept the killing of Afghan civilians by anyone.”

The civilians were travelling in three cars along the same stretch of road as coalition troops near the town of Spin

Boldak when the troops came under Taliban fire, said Ghulam Farooq, a resident of the area.

The 13 civilians were killed when coalition warplanes were summoned to bomb the area while the Taliban escaped, he said.

A spokesman for the US military said he had no information about the report and would check.

Protesters — angry over civilian deaths reported in the western province of Herat and in the east of the country — called this week on Karzai to quit, saying he

was powerless to stop the killing.

Several hundred people staged another anti-US and anti-Karzai protest on Friday over the civilian deaths in the east, residents said.

They briefly blocked a road where a convoy of the coalition forces was passing, but police dispersed the crowd and the protest ended peacefully.

The deaths in Herat, an area not known as a Taliban stronghold, prompted many Afghans to reject initial reports from US-led coalition forces that the dead were 136 Taliban. —MNA/Reuters

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New Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi met with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday at this Red Sea resort and the two discussed various issues of common interest. — XINHUA



A grab from the computer game “Peacemaker” is seen in this undated handout. — INTERNET

## Air pollution causes thousands of deaths in S California

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — Air pollution causes 5,400 premature deaths annually in Southern California, it was reported on Thursday.

Locomotives are responsible for more than 32 tons per day of pollutants, an amount equal to that produced by 1.4 million cars, said the *Los Angeles Times*, quoting the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD).

State and regional agencies have found that the sooty particulates put out by trains are particularly harmful, according to *The Times*.

AQMD officials last year passed three

regulations, requiring railroads to shut down idling locomotives or obey other local laws designed to clean up deadly diesel pollution.

The regulations asserted AQMD's authority to regulate emissions under the federal Clean Air Act and state policing laws, *The Times* reported.

But two railroads and a trade group filed suit, saying that under special exemptions passed by Congress more than a century ago, they do not have to abide by local laws that could interfere with interstate commerce.

A federal judge has

ruled that Southern California air regulators cannot require railroads to shut down idling locomotives or obey other local laws designed to clean up deadly diesel pollution, said the paper.

The decision invalidates action taken last year by the AQMD to reduce a major source of air pollution in the Southland, said the paper.

Officials at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway and Union Pacific said they are spending billions to replace older, dirtier equipment, and have voluntarily cut idling times, *The Times* reported.

MNA/Xinhua

## World's first 100-kilo gold coin unveiled in Canada

OTTAWA, 5 May — The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled Thursday the world's first 100-kilogramme pure gold coin, which is a 99.999-per-cent pure gold bullion, local media reported.

The pizza-size coin was conceived as a showpiece to promote the mint's new line of 99.999-per-cent pure one ounce Gold Maple Leaf bullion coins, according to CTV.

It will be sold as a limited time offer and will

be made to order so there will be no inventory to carry or to melt down if there's unsold stock.

Since 1979, the mint has pioneered high-purity Maple Leaf bullion coins, selling about 20 million ounces of them

around the world.

But it acknowledges that it has lost some of its competitive edge, as mints in Australia, Austria, China and the United States push their own high-quality gold coins. —MNA/Xinhua

## Stink bomb sparks Sydney train scare

SYDNEY, 4 May — Two Australian teenagers detonated a stink bomb on a commuter train in

Sydney on Thursday sparking a counter-terrorism operation, police said.

Local police and the counter-terrorism squad launched into action after numerous emergency telephone calls reported an explosion on a train.

Assistant Police Commissioner Dave Owens said passengers began to panic after hearing an explosion on the train between St Leonards and Wollstonecraft stations in Sydney's north.

“It would have been terrifying. You're on a train, you hear a loud bang, the logical conclusion that people drew was (that it was) probably a terrorist attack,” Owens told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

German model Nadja Auermann poses on the red carpet prior to the German Film Prize “Lola” award ceremony in Berlin on 4 May, 2007. INTERNET



## ECONOMIC NEWS

### ASEAN recognizes Vietnam's full market eco status

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 May — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) said Thursday that it recognized Vietnam as a full market economy.

The group made this announcement at the 13th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Retreat taking place in Brunei. "Having noted significant achievements of Vietnam in economic development and integration into the regional and global

economy, ASEAN agreed to recognize Vietnam as a full market economy..." the ASEAN Secretariat said in a statement which is available here.

The ministers also called on ASEAN's dialogue partners and other countries to provide early recognition to the full market economy status of Vietnam.

The ministers from ASEAN's 10-member countries gathered in

Brunei on Thursday to review and discuss various issues to be presented to the 39th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting to be held in August this year in Manila, the Philippines, and the 13th ASEAN Summit this November in Singapore.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua



Swiss President Micheline Calmy-Rey (L) and Monaco's Prince Albert II inspect a guard of honour during an official one-day visit in Bern on 4 May, 2007.

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### Bangladesh calls for cooperation in power sector with India, Nepal

DHAKA, 5 May — In the wake of an endemic power shortage, Bangladesh has placed formal offer with India and Nepal to have access to hydroelectric potential in the two neighbouring nations, the Bangladeshi news agency UNB reported Thursday.

Bangladeshi Energy and Power Adviser Tapan Chowdhury on Thursday disclosed the move. Dhaka is awaiting response from the two neighbours, he said.

"We are waiting for the official response from New Delhi and Kathmandu," he told re-

porters in Dhaka on Thursday.

Chowdhury said that soon after his return from SAARC (the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Energy Ministers' conference in New Delhi in March, he formally wrote to his counterparts in India and Nepal about Bangladesh's interest in having access to their reserve of hydroelectricity.

He said the proposal was sent in line with the discussion on regional cooperation in SAARC Energy Ministers' conference.

MNA/Xinhua

### China's newly found oilfield boasts reserve of 7.35 bln barrels

BEIJING, 5 May — China's newly found oilfield in Bohai Bay has a reserve of one billion tons, or about 7.35 billion barrels, the largest discovery in the country over four decades, announced the China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) Thursday.

The oilfield lies in the Nanpublock of the CNPC's Jidong Oilfield in Caofeidian in Tangshan City, north China's Hebei Province, said the company.

The Nanpu block, partly offshore, covers an area of 1,300-1,500 square kilometres and is expected to produce light crude.

By 2004, the CNPC had discovered five onshore oil fields in the Jidong area with a total reserve of 735 million barrels and an annual output of 7.35 million barrels.

The company previously estimated that the reserve of the new oilfield was 2.2 billion barrels and the daily output would be 200,800 barrels in three years.

PetroChina, the CNPC's holding company, boasted Asia's highest profitability last year with 142.2 billion yuan (18.5 billion US dollars) in annual net profit.

MNA/Xinhua



Awards recipients, director George Lucas, (2nd L) and "The Queen" screenwriter, Peter Morgan, (3rd L) and presenter director Ron Howard (R) listen to presenter John Lasseter of Pixar Studios, before the 50th San Francisco International Film Festival's Film Society Awards in San Francisco, California, on 3 May, 2007. — INTERNET

### Vietnam posts bigger garment export turnovers in first four months

HANOI, 5 May — Vietnam exported textiles and garments worth nearly 2.2 billion US dollars in the first four months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 31.7 per cent, according to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (Vitas) on Friday.

Vitas has encouraged local garment enterprises to further explore traditional markets such as the United States, the European Union, and Japan, and seek more new ones. It also urged them to focus on building trademarks, strengthening trade promotion, increasing products' quality and improving

design, marketing and management.

Vietnam, which posted textile and garment export turnovers of more than 5.8 billion dollars in 2006, has targeted to earn seven billion dollars from selling garment overseas in 2007, said the association.

MNA/Xinhua



### Thailand's unemployment rate in February stands at 1.5%

BANGKOK, 4 May — Thailand's unemployment in February reached 540,000 or 1.5 per cent of workforce, figures released Thursday by the National Statistical Office showed.

The National Statistical Office said that in the month,

35.53 million workers were employed. Compared to the same period last year, the employment rate increased with the enlisting of 700,000 more workers. The office showed among the 540,000 unemployed, 140,000 hold

the junior high school certificates, 120,000 with primary school education, 100,000 with bachelor and high school degrees, and the rest being uneducated or not completing the primary school education. — MNA/Xinhua

Spain's Princess Letizia (L) holds her new born Infanta Sofia as they leave a hospital with Crown Prince Felipe and Infanta Leonor (R) in Madrid on 4 May, 2007.

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## China's first nuclear weapons research base opens to visitors

XINING, 4 May — China's first nuclear weapons research and production base in northwest China's Qinghai Province has been declassified and opened to tourists.

"The underground headquarters of the nuclear weapons research and production base are a curiosity to many people. They can see the 'nuclear city' for themselves," said Zuo Xumin, an official with the Haibei Tibet Autonomous Prefecture where the base is located.

"The base will be developed into a key travel site, and it will become a

platform for spurring the patriotic spirit of Chinese people," Zuo said.

The base was the birthplace of China's first atomic and hydrogen bombs. It was built in 1958 on the grassland at the north region of Qinghai, covering more than 1,100 square kilometres.

It was closed by the government in 1987 to support its demands for a complete ban on the destruction of the world's nuclear weapons. It was handed over to the local government in 1993.

The headquarters of the base comprised eight large rooms 9.3 metres below

the ground and built with reinforced concrete.

Tourists can visit the rooms, which originally held a research laboratory, a command room, electricity generation room and telegraph transmitting room, but are now almost empty.

A museum has been built at the base, now named Xihai Township, where old telegraphs, telephones, machines, clothes, bowls and food coupons belonging to the people who worked at the base are exhibited.

Hotels and restaurants are also being built in the township.— *MNA/Xinhua*



*America's Cup challenger Emirates Team New Zealand's crew members work on the boat in their Round Robin 2 Flight 6 match race against Team Shosholozza of South Africa at the Louis Vuitton Cup in Valencia on 4 May, 2007.*

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## Three fishing vessels hijacked in Somalia

NAIROBI, 4 May — Pirates have hijacked three fishing boats off the Somali coast, the third of such events since early this year, Kenya's maritime official said on Thursday.

Andrew Mwangura, coordinator of the Mombasa-based Seafarers Assistance Programme, said the boats were seized in the northeast of pirate-infested Somalia on Wednesday night.

"We received reports last night that pirates have hijacked three fishing vessels.

We are trying to establish the name of the vessels, crew members on board and if they were Spanish or Finnish," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Two injured in blast in east India

NEW DELHI, 4 May — Two people were wounded Thursday in a powerful bomb blast near a Food Corporation of India (FCI) depot in Guwahati city of east Indian state of Assam, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

*IANS* quoted an unnamed police official as saying that the explosion took place near a rice depot of FCI where dozens of labourers were working.

The police suspect that an improvised explosive device (IED) was planted near the boundary wall of the FCI depot.

The two were shifted to a hospital with multiple wounds.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Five dead as heavy rains lash Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 4 May — At least five people died Thursday as a result of heavy rains lashing Sri Lankan capital Colombo and other parts of the island, officials said.

In Colombo a 30-year-old woman died on her way to work when falling into a drain full of rain water and two other people were killed when electrocuted in heavy rains, the police in Colombo said.

In the southern port district of Galle, two children were killed when they were submerged in a mass of earth caused by flooding.

The Meteorological Department said that the city of Colombo had experienced 121 millimetres of rain for two hours since 6 am local time (0030 GMT) Thursday. The flooding caused heavy traffic jams in the city with many roads being water logged.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Gunmen kidnap 18 foreign workers in Nigeria

LAGOS, 4 May — Unidentified gunmen have kidnapped 18 foreign workers in three attacks in Nigeria's oil-producing Niger Delta Region, authorities said on Thursday.

Three Koreans and eight Filipinos were abducted from a power plant construction site in Rivers State, while six foreigners of unknown nationality were seized from an Italian-operated offshore oilfield.

Diplomats said a Dutch man was also seized from a bar on the outskirts of Warri on

Wednesday night, taking the total number of foreigners kidnapped in the region since Tuesday to 24. The seizures are the latest in a series of militant raids on Western oil facilities since February last year that has led to oil output being reduced by 600,000 barrels per day, or a fifth of production capacity.

It was not immediately clear if Saipem and SBM Offshore, the operators of the 50,000 barrel-per-day Okono/Okpoho oilfield, shut off oil production because of the attack.

*MNA/Reuters*



*The BlackBerry Curve smartphone is seen in this undated handout photo. Research In Motion Ltd is rolling out the smallest and lightest full-keyboard BlackBerry smartphone yet, a new multimedia-laden device aimed at broadening the market that it seeks to conquer. — INTERNET*

## Beijing goes digital in crackdown on dogs

BEIJING, 4 May — Chinese authorities have begun implanting digital identification chips in the capital's dogs, state media reported on Thursday, months after the government launched a campaign against unregistered pets.

The rice grain-sized

chips would be injected into the necks of dogs in a pilot project in Beijing's Xicheng District, where some 10,000 dogs are registered, before being rolled out across the city, *Xinhua* news agency said.

The high-tech system comes as China has been criticized for the zeal with which it began removing unregistered pets from owners and culling stray dogs to try to curb rabies outbreaks and better regulate ownership.

*MNA/Reuters*

*A model presents a creation by Belarussian designer Iana Beregovaia at a fashion show in Minsk on 4 May, 2007.*

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# Kataik Dam, delight of local people in Paung Township

Article: Kyaw Sein.

Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Journalists from Myanmar Alin daily visited Kataik Dam built by construction-6 the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Paung Township, Mon State

about floods or water shortage now. Natives are happy to see the dam completed as it will help them grow crops twice or even thrice a year. Water is the most important requirement in agriculture.

nearby villages through tributary canals even before it was finished. We will be able to grow more monsoon and summer paddy as the dam will provide more water to the fields. We thank leaders of the State for all this."

We met with another native U Pan Maung who told us that he ran a fruit farm. "As we are going to have more water, I will be able to extend my farm as well as paddy cultivation. As roads were built and upgraded even before the completion of the dam, it is now much easier for us to transport our produce to other places. As the local people are earning extra income, they are enjoying a higher social standard. We are happy and thank all concerned for all the development", he continued to say.

"I am a second year student of Mawlamyine Government Technological College. Transport is good in the region. As roads were paved when the Kataik Dam was under construction we can now reach the nearby highway by trawler-G cars. The dam



**I no longer need to worry about irrigation water in the hilly region. (72-year-old farm worker U Pu Lu)**



**Summer paddy was not grown in this region in the past. Thanks to the dam, there will be 10,000 acres of summer paddy. (Chairman U Tun Mya of Paung Township PDC)**

recently.

First, we interviewed 72-year-old farmer U Pu Lu of Kataik village. He said, "I am a native of Kataik village. I am so happy to see a dam completed in this area during my life time. In the past, sometimes, paddy fields at Kataik village area were flooded by heavy rains. There were floods in the rainy season. On the other hand, we faced water shortage in summer."

He also said, "Thanks to Kataik Dam, farmers no longer need to worry

Because of the dam, we will be able to cultivate monsoon paddy as well as summer paddy. More land



**I am glad to be going to develop economy and to ensure transport. (Farm worker U Pan Maung)**

has been reclaimed and new roads built and upgraded in Paung Township. We thank the leaders of the State for all those infrastructures."

Another villager, U Hla Sein, told us that the villagers had to solely rely on a nearby creek for water during summer in the past. The 57-year-old farmer also said, "The dam has been supplying water to the



**I am delighted that I no longer need to walk to go to school early. (Ma Aye Aye Myint)**

has helped upgrade rural transport, enhance education and develop economy and agriculture", said Ma Khin Lin Kyi of the village.

A tenth standard

student told us that she no longer needed to get up very early in the morning to go to school as trawler-G cars were running on new roads to carry passengers and goods. "There will be a middle school in our village soon. Rural roads and the school open wider opportunities for local

monsoon paddy in the past. Thanks to the dam wetlands will become rice fields. Hence, total monsoon paddy sown acreage of the township will become over 7,811 acres. Likewise, Paung Township will grow more than 2,000 acres of monsoon paddy as 1,436



**I am glad that I no longer need to queue to draw water from the creek. (Farm worker U Hla Sein)**

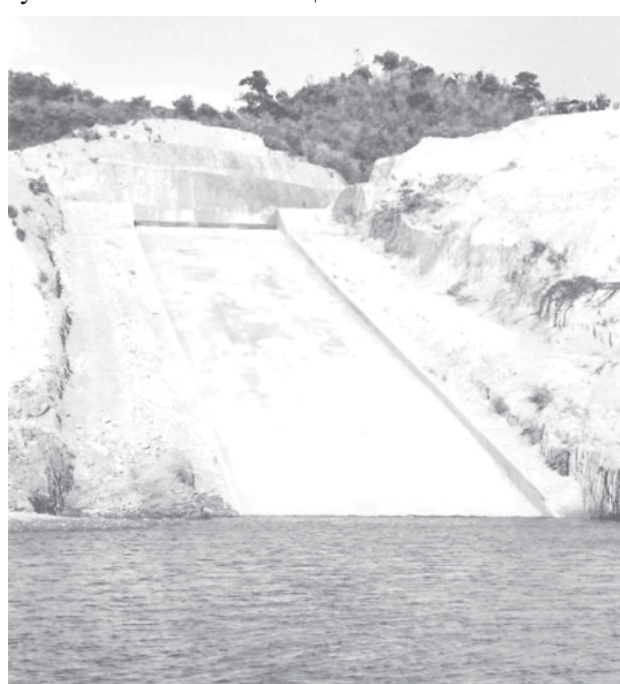
children to pursue education", she said.

We also interviewed U Tun Mya, Chairman of Paung Township Peace and Development Council. He said that thanks to the dam, there would be 10,000 acres of summer paddy in the whole region that never grew the crop in the past. "Paung Township will grow over 2,000 acres, and Thaton over 8,000 acres. Thaton Township cultivated 3885 acres of

acres of wetlands and 588 acres of fallow lands will be reclaimed", he explained.

He also said, "Total sown acreage of Paung Township will reach 7,122 acres at present from 6,826 acres in the past. Moreover, it will put 2,000 acres of land under summer paddy. We expect the township will grow paddy thrice a year."

(Translation: TMT)  
Myanma Alin: 2.5.2007



**The spillway of Kataik Dam.**



**I am thankful to the State for ensuring transport. (Second Year Student Ma Khin Lin Kyi.)**

# Pivot, flagmast set up at Nay Pyi Taw Dhatucaya Datpaungsu Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — A ceremony to fix a pivot and set up a flagmast of Dhatucaya Datpaungsu Pagoda on the Mingala hill in Zabukyetthayay Street of Bawgawadi Ward here in conjunction with opening ceremony of a bell, archway and Abhisanna Beikmandaw and growing of Bo tree was held at the pagoda on 1 and 3 May. Recitation of Pathana was also held at the same venue on that day.

Present on the occasion were Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kavisara of Mahayama Zaykon Monastery in Pyinmana, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Maj-Gen Than Htay and Maj-Gen Tin Tun of the Ministry of Defence, the deputy ministers, senior military officials, departmental heads and invited guests.

The ceremonies to fix the pivot and set up the flagmast, to open the bell and to grow Bo tree were held at the pagoda on 3 May morning. The Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts to the congregation.



Next, the Sayadaw and members of Sangha recited Paritas.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of-

**Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo grows a Bo Tree.**

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**Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt cut the ribbon to open the archway of Dhatucaya**

**Datpaungsu Pagoda.—MNA**

ferred religious objects to the Sayadaw and the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers religious objects and provisions to members of Sangha.

The congregation shared merits gained and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the commander and party fixed the pivot in the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it.

Mayor Col Thein Nyunt later formally opened the flagmast and sprinkled scented water on it.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo also inaugurated the bell and sprinkled scented water on it. He then grew the Bo tree and watered it.

The opening of the archway and Abhisanna Beikmandaw was held at the same venue on 1 May.

Mayor Col Thein Nyunt formally opened the archway and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, the commander and party sprinkled scented water on it.

Minister Col Thein Nyunt later cut the ribbon to open the Beikmandaw and sprinkled scented water on it.

The religious objects were also enshrined into the pagoda on that day and Pathanas were recited.

MNA

## Minister for Energy meets Russian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Mgeladze at his office here yesterday.

They cordially discussed matters relating to the energy sector.

Also present at

the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, directors-general, managing directors and officials of under the ministry.—MNA

**Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi**

**receives Russian Ambassador**

**Mr Mikhail Mgeladze.**

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# Relics enshrined in middle reliquary of Dhatucaya Datpaungsu Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — A ceremony to enshrine relics in the middle reliquary of Dhatucaya Datpaungsu Pagoda on Mingala Hill on Zabukyetthayay Road, Bawga Theikdi Ward here was held at the central pandal of the pagoda on 11 November 2006.

Present were Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sidhiya of Ponnya Neinmitayama Monastery in Thingangyun Township, member of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasiri of Ngwetaungtawya Monastery in Tatkon, member of the Central

Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Gandawasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi of Mingalazayyon Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Pyinmana, members of the Sangha, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Mayor of Nay Pyi Taw Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Maj-Gen Than Htay and Maj-Gen Tin Tun of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen

Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, heads of departments, Joint Secretary of Pagoda Construction Committee Engineer U Tint Hsan and guests.

The congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panasiri.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party presented relics and offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta



**Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo offers religious objects to a Sayadaw.—MNA**

Kavisara of Maha Withutayama Monastery in Pyinmana delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party

conveyed the relics to the pagoda and enshrined them at the middle reliquary.

Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and party

offered 'soon' to the members of the Sangha.

On 11 November 2006, Pathana reciting ceremony was held.—MNA

## 61st Anniversary Fire Services Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw



**Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin addresses the ceremony to mark 61st Anniversary Fire Services Day.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May—The 61st Anniversary Fire Services Day was celebrated at the Central Fire Services Training School here this morning.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin said that Fire Services members are upholding the objectives of Fire Services, calling for effective implementation of the five major duties through seven work programmes. He cited the address delivered by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade, saying that Tatmadaw members are building basic foundations in the agricultural, industrial, electricity, energy, transport, health and education sectors for sustainable progress of the nation and well-being of the people.

He called on them to do their bit in the implementation of the State's seven-step Road Map. The commander, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials watched the skill demonstration presented by Fire Services members.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, heads of department, local authorities, social organizations and guests.—MNA



**Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaks at the get-together of outstanding members of Myanmar Red Cross Society (2007).—MNA**

## Get-together of Myanmar Red Cross Society held

YANGON, 5 May — A get-together of outstanding members of Myanmar Red Cross Society was held at Nursing University (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win.

It was also attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe, Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and members, Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members, Patron of Yangon Division MCWA Daw Mar Mar Wai, the Directors-General of the departments under the Ministry of Health, President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Thar Hla Shwe and members, the head of Yangon Division Health Department and officials, Resident Representatives Ms Bridget Gardner of IFRC and Mr Pierre Andrae Conod of ICRC and members and guests.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address at the opening ceremony. — MNA

## No 2 Mani Yadana two-storey building of Maha Ponnya Rama Taik...

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Bhaddanta Vepulla of Htanbin Kyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung sprinkled the scented water on the stone plaque.

Later, those present received the Five Precepts from the Magway Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander,

departmental heads and wellwishers donated provisions to the Magway Sayadaw, Nyaungdon Sayadaw, Htanbin Kyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Nyaungdon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhavivamsa delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and wellwishers offered day meals to the members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Yein Pagoda in No 1 Ward, Pyapon Township and paid homage to Buddha Images.— MNA

## First seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables...

(from page 16)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence formally unveiled the commemorative signboard of the show.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, heads of department, FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zheg Ping, President of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers Producers Association U Win Aung, members of associations and guests.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Chairman U Win Aung formally opened the show.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the minister, the mayor and guests viewed prize-winning fruit and vegetables.

In his opening address, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said the government is making efforts for the emergence of a developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. And it is also endeavouring for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy.

He said although Myanmar grows various kinds of vegetables, fruit and flowers, production is for domestic consumption only. There is less export of these products in comparison with that of neighbouring countries. He spoke of the need to try to export vegetables and fruit of high quality.

He said experts from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Science and Technology, FAO and Myanmar Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers Producers Association would give talks on market condition, export prospects, value-added crops, production of crops all-year round and preserving techniques.

He said emphasis has to be placed on production of quality fruit of international standard and ex-

tended cultivation acreage.

He spoke at length on laying down plans for international market, assistance of the government and establishment of special zones for cultivation of vegetables and for breeding of fish and fowl in Hmawby Township.

In his address, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that agriculture is the livelihood of rural people that constitute 70 per cent of the State's population, adding that boosting the agricultural production amounts to enhancing the living standard of rural people, thereby contributing to development of industries, transport, services and trade.

Efforts are being made to meet the production targets of major crops such as paddy, edible oil crops, gram and sugarcane, while striving for boosting the per acre yield, he added.

He said that a large number of dams and reservoirs were built across the nation along with river water pumping stations and underground water tapping plans for supply of irrigated water in spite of financial constraints.

In the meantime, the use of modern agricultural techniques and quality strain crops and the extended reclamation of vacant and fallow land are being carried out for development of the agricultural sector, he reiterated.

**Arrangements have been made to ensure self-sufficiency in rice and to export the surplus. There were 11.81 million acres of paddy with the production of 630 million baskets in 1988-89. But, as work was under way to produce 800 million baskets of paddy, the country has been able to produce over 800 million baskets of paddy since 1993-1994, he disclosed.**

**As efforts were made to produce 1000 million baskets of paddy as the second phase, the country had been able to produce over 1000 million baskets of paddy in 2000-2001. As steps were taken to produce 1200 million baskets of paddy as the third phase, the country had been able to produce over 1236 million baskets of paddy in 2005-2006.**

**At present, efforts are being made to produce 1500 million baskets of paddy and it will exceed the target soon, he noted.**

**Myanmar gram is a major export of the country. Myanmar, a leading nation among ASEAN**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to a winner in mango competitions. — MNA

**in the production of pulses and beans, exports gram most. The production of gram increased to over 126 million baskets (4 million metric tons) in 2005-2006 from 13 million baskets (0.4 million metric tons) in 1988-1989. There has been a prospect of producing gram over ten times.**

**The government is taking systematic measures for boosting the per acre yield of edible oil crops along with the cultivation of rubber, oil palm, coffee, pepper, tea, kitchen crops, medicinal orchids, cash crops and physic nut plants.**

According to the 2006-2007 statistics, the sown acreage of fruit is 1.32 million, that of vegetables 1.09 million and that of kitchen crops is 0.7 million. Among fruit, mango was produced most with the production tonnage of 0.32 million.

As producing of fruit and vegetables has contributed to the development of national economy, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is providing growers with aids in reclamation of virgin and fallow lands as well as with modern agricultural techniques and quality strain saplings.

The ministry is making all-out efforts for producing of quality medicinal orchids as efforts are being made for extended producing of export items. In international markets, one ton of quality medicinal orchids can fetch about 3,000 dollars.

He said that those present will be beneficial as arrangements have also been made for holding a seminar on exchanging views between horticulturists and producers in addition to staging the show.

The ministry is making arrangements to hold such shows, competitions and seminars in the states and divisions, and the producers, on their part, are to make coordinated and well-integrated efforts to be able to export quality fruits and crops, he concluded.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Fruit and Vegetables Producers Association U Win Aung spoke words of thanks.

The prize-presentation ceremony followed.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented prizes to those who won first, second and third in the mango competitions.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented other prizes to winners in the mango competitions.

After that, Managing Director U Ohn Than and FAO's Resident Representative Mr Tang Zheug Ping presented prizes to winners of other competitions and the ceremony came to an end.

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**Myanmar gram is a major export of the country. Myanmar, a leading nation among ASEAN in the production of pulses and beans, exports gram most. The production of gram increased to over 126 million baskets (4 million metric tons) in 2005-2006 from 13 million baskets (0.4 million metric tons) in 1988-1989. There has been a prospect of producing gram over ten times.**

## Information Minister receives Singaporean guests



**Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Managing Director Mr Jimmy Chang and party of singapore-based Ntegrator Private Limited.—MNA**

YANGON, 5 May— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Managing Director Mr Jimmy Chang of Singapore-based Ntegrator Private Limited and party at Myanma Radio and Television on

Pyay Road this morning.

Also present were directors-general, managing directors and officials of under the ministry.

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## K 10 million donated to U Hla Tun Hospice (Cancer) Foundation

YANGON, 5 May— Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi and Shine Hope Company family this morning donated K 10 million to U Hla Tun Hospice (Cancer) Foundation in a ceremony held at the foundation in Dagon Myothit (East).

The ceremony was attended by Patron of the foundation Brig-Gen Abel (Retd), President Specialist Col Myo Nyunt, Vice-President Professor Daw Yi Yi Myint, Donor Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi and Shine Hope Company family members and guests.

After accepting the



donation, Brig-Gen Abel (Retd) spoke words of thanks and the guests conformed the patients.

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**Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi and Shine Hope Company family donate K 10 million to U Hla Tun Hospice (Cancer) Foundation.**

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## MS Crystal Symphony arrives at MITT

YANGON, 5 May— With 794 tourists on board, the MS Crystal Symphony berthed at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa this afternoon after sailing from Phuket of Thailand. She will leave the

terminal on 7 May. Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanma Port Authority and officials of Myanma Hotel and Tourism made arrangements for the convenience of the guests—MNA



**MS Crystal Symphony Ocean Liner arrives at Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa.—MNA**

## Education technology course concludes, job appointments presented

YANGON, 4 May — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered a speech at a ceremony held this morning at the convocation hall of Mandalay University to conclude special training course No 2 on educational technology and presented job appointments.

Also present at the ceremony were the director general of No 2 Basic Education Department, deputy directors general of the departments under the Ministry of Education, rectors, pro-rectors, professors and faculty members.

In his speech, Minister Dr Chan Nyein quoted the Head of State as saying he had given guidance on the improvement of teachers' abilities, upgrading of school curriculums and syllabuses to meet international standards, effective and extensive use of teaching aids, respecting of laws, rules and regulations, training of the students to have patriotism and Union Spirit. Therefore, the minister added, for the improvement of the teachers' abilities, refresher courses and educational technology courses are being conducted. So, the teachers are to try to improve their students' learning.

Next, Pro-rector U Yin Win Maung of Sagaing University of Education presented completion certificates and Director General U Aye Lwin of No 2 BED job appointments to the trainees.

Likewise, the conclusion ceremony of educational technology course No 2 took place at Yangon University of Education this morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min. Pro-rector Daw Htoo Htoo Aung of Yangon University of Education, Director General U Kyaw Thu of No 1 Basic Education Department and Director General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department presented completion certificates and job appointments to the trainees.

A total of 602 trainees attended the course at Sagaing University of Education and 573 at Yangon University of Education. — MNA

## Heavy rains cause floods in some townships of Yangon Division

YANGON, 5 May — The two-day long heavy rains caused floods in some townships of Yangon Division.

It is learnt that flood water rose to 2 or 3 feet, and some brick walls and trees collapsed in Botahtaung, Pazuntaung, Pabedan, Ahlon, Kyauktada, Kyimyindaing, Mingala Taungnyunt, Mayangon, Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thanlyin, Taikkyi, Dagon Myothit (North) and Dagon Myothit (South) and Hlegu Townships. Some houses in the townships were submerged by the floods.

Moreover, four people were suffocated by fumes from a faulty short-circuit fire caused by the flood into a house on Thittaw street in Ahlon Township this morning. A woman from a house on Ayeyawady street in Ahlon Township was electrocuted when she stepped onto a power line of a lamp post being broken down.

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**Tropical Singapore Zoo to keep polar bear**

SINGAPORE, 4 May — Singapore Zoo is to keep its male polar bear, despite criticism from an animal rights group that the Arctic animal should not stay in a tropical climate, a newspaper reported on Thursday.

*The Straits Times* said managers had reversed a decision, taken last year, to move 16-year-old polar bear Inuka to a zoo in a temperate climate when his mother, Sheba, dies.

Executive director Fanny Lai told the paper the zoo was advised to keep Inuka by its Animal Welfare and Ethics Committee, which said moving him after the death of his mother would cause further stress.

Sheba is now 30, past the average life span of 25 years for polar bears in captivity.

"He's a Singapore boy

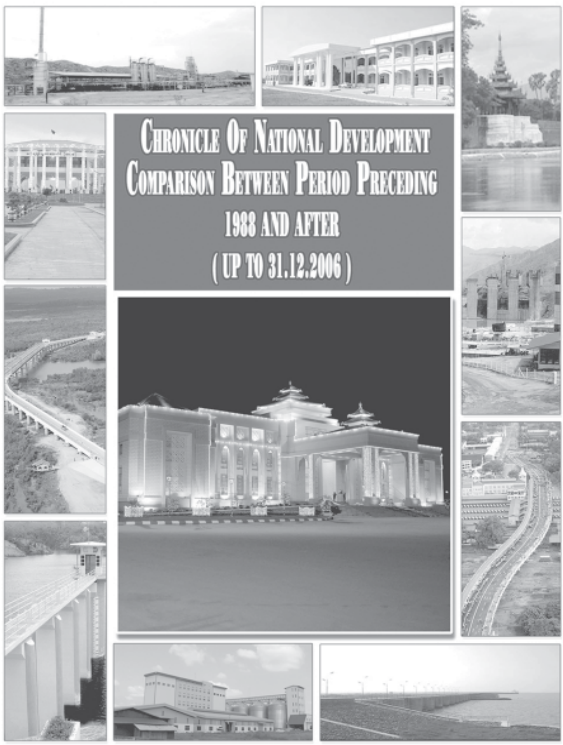
and is well-adjusted to the conditions here," Tommy Koh, a former chairman of the committee, was quoted as saying.

Animal Concerns Research and Education Society, a local animal rights group, has said living conditions in Singapore — just 140 kilometres (85 miles) north of the Equator — were not suitable for polar bears, citing the hot climate and a small enclosure at the zoo.

According to the *Straits Times*, 67 per cent of more than 5,300 people polled in Singapore did not want Inuka, the first polar bear born in the tropics, to leave the city-state.

Singapore Zoo has said that it will not bring any more polar bears into the country.

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**Fire hits Singapore Exxon refinery, crude unit shut**

SINGAPORE, 4 May — Exxon Mobil Corp. has shut a 115,000 barrels per day (bpd) crude oil unit at its refinery offshore Singapore indefinitely after a fire in an associated unit killed two workers on Thursday, the company said.

A larger 185,000-bpd crude distillation unit (CDU) at the 300,000-bpd refinery on Jurong Island continues to operate normally, the company said, without giving further details. The CDU is at the heart of the refining process.

The smaller unit will "not be started up until it is safe to do so", the US oil giant said in a statement, giving no timeframe for a resumption in operation after a brief flash fire broke out in a cooling unit that was undergoing maintenance.

Singapore authorities said they had ordered the company to halt some types of refining processes pending an investigation, but it was not clear how this would affect core operations.

An industry source familiar with operations at the Pulau Ayer Chawan refinery, half of Exxon's Singapore refining

complex, had said earlier the CDU had been shut as a precautionary move after the fire, which did not appear to have damaged the unit. The source had also said that the CDU had restarted.

Exxon spokeswoman Eva Ho said all other secondary units around the affected CDU are operating normally. — MNA/Reuters

**Mountain fire breaks out in west Beijing**

BEIJING, 4 May — A fire broke out in a mountain in west Beijing on Thursday afternoon and has spread to about 100 mu (about 6.67 hectares) of area.

The fire, in the Baihua Mountain Nature Reserve in Mentougou District, was still not extinguished by 10:30 pm Thursday, according to a report of *Beijing Times*.

The fire was discovered in a forestry farm with a total area of 7,000 mu at about 3:00 pm on Thursday. Most of the trees in the farm are pine trees.

Firemen and several hundred people were mobilized to fight the fire.

The cause of the fire was still not clear, said the report. — MNA/Xinhua

**Thailand on alert as dengue fever cases rise**

BANGKOK, 4 May — Thai Health Ministry is on full alert to prevent the spread of dengue fever after the disease claimed four lives so far this year, and the number of dengue fever patients nationwide has risen to 6,000, the *Thai News Agency* reported Thursday.

The focus of the outbreak is in Trat Province, 400 kilometres southeast of Bangkok on the Cambodian border, and in the southernmost provinces along the Malaysian border.

Earlier than usual rains has meant that dengue is a greater concern this year than before, Public Health Minister Mongkol Na Songkhla said. The insurgency in the far south means that anti-mosquito measures are more difficult to apply.

More breeding grounds for dengue-carrying mosquitoes emerge during the rainy season, he explained, especially in the three southernmost provinces where heavier rainfall contributes to a higher population of mosquitoes than in the country's other regions.

Mongkol said that the outbreak could become a severe problem in the border provinces as health officials cannot implement proactive strategies to fight the disease due to the ongoing violence. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Explorers find ancient caves, paintings in Nepal**



*In this undated hand out photograph, one of the 55 panels depicting the story of Buddha's life is seen at an estimated late 13th century old cave in Mustang area, about 250 kilometres (160 miles) northwest of Katmandu, Nepal. —INTERNET*

KATHMANDU, 4 May — Explorers have discovered a series of caves decorated with ancient Buddhist paintings, set in sheer cliffs in Nepal's remote Himalayan north, leaving archaeologists excited and puzzled. An international team of scholars, archaeologists, climbers and explorers examined at least 12 cave complexes at 14,000 feet (4,300 metres) near Lo Manthang, a mediaeval walled city in Nepal's Mustang District, about 125 kilometres (80 miles)

northwest of Kathmandu. The caves contain paintings that could date back as far as the 13th Century, as well as Tibetan scripts executed in ink, silver and gold and pre-Christian era pottery shards. "Who lived in those caves? When were they there, when were (the caves) first excavated and how did the residents access them, perched as they are on vertical cliffs?" asked Broughton Coburn, an American member of the survey team. "It's a compelling,

marvelous mystery." Explorers from the United States, Italy and Nepal used ice axes and ropes to climb to the caves, cutting steps in the cliff face as they went. "These findings underscore the richness of the Tibetan Buddhist religious tradition of this area — stretching back nearly a millennium — as well as the artistic beauty and wide geographical reach of Newari artists," said Coburn, an expert in Himalayan conservation and development. *MNA/Reuters*

**Time Magazine lists 100 most influential people**

BEIJING, 5 May — Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, perhaps best known for his alter ego Borat, Australian Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett and screen heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio have been named in Time magazine's list of 100 people who shape the world. The list of 100 most influential, on newsstands in the United States on Friday, also includes Rosie O'Donnell, Queen Elizabeth II, presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, YouTube founders Steve Chen and Chad Hurley, director Martin Scorsese and model Kate Moss. It does not include US President George Bush. The list includes 71 men and 29 women from 27 countries. In a piece she wrote for the magazine, Barbara Walters, the creator of *The View* talk show, had kind words to say about O'Donnell, who announced last week she was leaving the talk show in June because she and the ABC network in the US couldn't agree on a new contract. "And so, last September, we began a thrilling roller-coaster ride," Walters wrote. "We followed Rosie's passion and compassion, her feuds and fearlessness, her humanity and humour." Walters said she and O'Donnell "remain respectful and affectionate friends." Comedian Roseanne Barr weighed in on Baron Cohen, known for his Borat character. "He does offend some people's sensibilities, but the youth of today are offended if they're not offended," she wrote. Scorsese, who often casts

DiCaprio in his films, praised the 32-year-old screen idol/activist as a "true actor." "DiCaprio is another guy a lot of us underestimated as a pretty-boy type," Adi Ignatius, a deputy managing editor at Time, told US media. Other entertainers making the cut were Oprah Winfrey, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Justin Timberlake, Tyra Banks, America Ferrera, Tina Fey, John Mayer, Brian Williams, Michael J Fox, California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and American Idol creator Simon Fuller. Separately, Time named 14 "power givers" such as Bill and Melinda Gates, Angelina Jolie and Queen Rania al-Abdullah of Jordan. —INTERNET



*This is the cover of Time Magazine's issue on their 100 most influential people in the world. —INTERNET*

**Apple promises to get greener**

WASHINGTON, 3 May — Apple Inc, responding to criticism from environmental groups, promised to change its image, getting greener than most of its competitors, US media reported on Thursday. Apple has been criticized by some environmental organizations for not being a leader in removing toxic chemicals from its new products, and for not aggressively or properly recycling its old products. Apple CEO Steve Jobs posted a letter on the company website



Wednesday detailing present and future plans to make a greener Apple. Included among the iPod maker's green initiatives is a push to remove toxic chemicals — such as lead, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, arsenic and mercury — in its products. Jobs emphasized that Apple completely eliminated the use of

CRTs, which contain lead, in mid-2006. Moreover, Apple plans to completely eliminate the use of arsenic in all of its displays by the end of 2008. Apple also plans to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of mercury by transitioning to LED backlighting for all displays when technically and economically feasible. He also touted Apple's recycling efforts, with comparison to HP and Dell. Apple recycled 13 million pounds of e-waste in 2006, which is equal to 9.5 percent of the weight

of all products Apple sold seven years earlier. Apple expects this percentage to grow to 13 percent in 2007, and to 20 percent in 2008. "By 2010, we forecast recycling 19 million pounds of e-waste per year — nearly 30 percent of the product weight we sold seven years earlier, significantly more than either Dell or HP," Jobs said. All the e-waste Apple collects in North America is processed in the United States, and nothing is shipped overseas for disposal, Jobs noted. — *Xinhua*

**Washington film event highlights award-winning Chinese works**

WASHINGTON, 3 May — A film festival featuring award-winning Chinese movies including *Banquet*, *Tuya's Marriage* and *Still Life*, was kicked off on Thursday night in the US capital, offering Americans a taste of the contemporary Chinese life and art. "This film festival will tell you more about China, give you a panoramic view of the landscapes, share with you the life and love of the people there, and show you the oriental art and philosophy," Chinese Ambassador to the United States Zhou Wenzhong said at the opening ceremony of the festival at American Film Institute (AFI)'s Silver theater. Zhou said there are vast spaces for cooperation in films between China and the United States and this festival is an important part of that cooperation. "I believe the festival is just the beginning of our long-term cooperation," he added. Murry Horwitz, Director of AFI Silver, noted that as the world's third-largest producer of feature films, the size of Chinese movie industry alone warrants attention. — *Xinhua*

# SPORTS

## Gattuso: Reds a long ball team



Ivan Gennaro Gattuso

MILAN, 4 May—Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso has branded UEFA Champions League final opponents Liverpool 'a long ball team'.

The two giants of the European game will reprise their 2005 showdown in Athens later this month following contrasting semi-final wins.

Gattuso has compared the two Premiership rivals and feels Liverpool are no match for their Manchester counterparts.

"I feel there is a noticeable difference in talent between Manchester

United and Liverpool, and that we have beaten the better side of the two," said Gattuso.

"United have far more technical players, who are quick and able to do things on the ball. Liverpool do not have those individuals."

"What they have is a way of playing as a team. They are like an Italian team of 10 years ago."

"All they try to do is defend together, with everybody behind the ball and just one striker. Every ball is a long ball."

Gattuso is also relishing a midfield battle with Steven Gerrard, following the Reds captain's critical comments of the Italian in his autobiography.

The former Rangers ace added: "If he wants to say bad things about me to get me going, I'm very happy."

"I now have 20 days to prepare to play against him again." —Internet

## C Ronaldo named England's Footballer of the Year



Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo

LONDON, 4 May — Cristiano Ronaldo of Manchester United was named Footballer of the Year on Friday for an unprecedented sweep of England's three major individual soccer honours this season.

The Portugal winger finished ahead of Didier Drogba of Chelsea and team mates Ryan Giggs

and Paul Scholes in the 60th vote organized by the Football Writers' Association (FWA).

"I am absolutely thrilled and delighted to win such an important award, it is a real honour," Ronaldo said.

The 22-year-old becomes the first United player to win the award since Teddy Sheringham in 2001 and the first Portuguese to land the honour.

Ronaldo was also voted Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year by the Professional Footballers' Association last month.

The winger, who joined United from Sporting Lisbon for 12.2 million pounds (24.31 million US dollars) in 2003, has scored 22 goals this season for United, who were knocked out of the Champions League by AC Milan on Wednesday. — Xinhua



Espanyol's Coro (top L) and Raul Tamudo (top R) celebrate a goal against Werder Bremen with team mates during their UEFA Cup semi-final, second leg soccer match at the Weser stadium in Bremen on 3 May, 2007. — XINHUA

## Hanover keep European hopes alive with win over Cottbus

BERLIN, 5 May — Hanover 96 stayed in with a chance of a UEFA Cup place for next season with a 2-0 win at home to close rivals Energie Cottbus on Friday.

Hanover missed a stack of chances before taking the lead in the 37th minute, as Vinicius leaped to head in a chipped cross from Szabolcs Huszti. Arnold Bruggink made the game safe when he slotted in seven minutes from time.

Victory took Hanover up to seventh place on 44 points, a point behind the final European qualification slot. Cottbus slip a place to ninth on 41. Schalke 04, who hold a one-point lead with three games left to play, are at home to fifth-placed Nuremberg on Saturday in a battle of the two best defences in the league.

VfB Stuttgart, in second place, are at home to Mainz in another of Saturday's games, while third-placed Werder Bremen, a point further back, are away to Hertha Berlin on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters

## O'Neill wins manager gong

LONDON, 4 May — Aston Villa boss Martin O'Neill has scooped the Barclays manager of the Month award for April.

O'Neill guided Villa to an unbeaten run in April, including winning all three of their away games. Villa ended any lingering doubts of a relegation fight with an impressive run of results in April as they picked up 12 points from six games

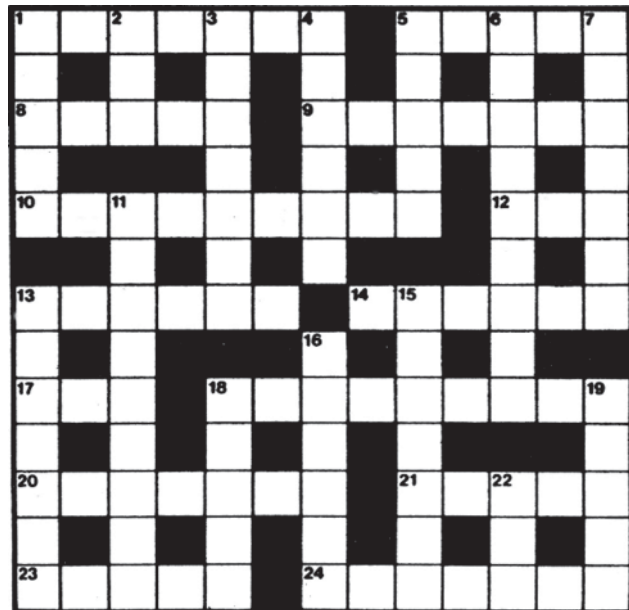
Jim Hytner, a member of the judging panel, said: "Martin O'Neill has made a terrific impact in his first season back in the Barclays Premiership.

Internet



Aston Villa boss Martin O'Neill

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Flogs
- 5 Zig-zags
- 8 Savoury jelly
- 9 Neat boy (anag.)
- 10 Talkative
- 12 Burial vase
- 13 Sufferer for beliefs
- 14 Texture
- 17 Norm
- 18 Pillaged
- 20 Gratify
- 21 Dim, watery
- 23 Verdant
- 24 Place for ale-making

### DOWN

- 1 Courageous
- 2 Slash open
- 3 Light carriage horse
- 4 Resign
- 5 Herb
- 6 William I, e.g.
- 7 Devilish
- 11 A game-bird
- 13 Charting
- 15 Able to be heard
- 16 Magnificent
- 18 Power-cable support
- 19 Soiled
- 22 Optical organ

## England appeals to Kaka



Kaka

MILAN, 3 May — Milan star Kaka admits the challenge of playing in the Premiership is 'very appealing'.

Fresh from destroying Manchester United's UEFA Champions League dream on Wednesday night, Kaka turned his thoughts to playing in England.

The Brazilian feels the

fact that three Premiership clubs figured in the Champions League semi-finals is a sign of the league's strength.

And he concedes that, if he ever decides to leave Milan, then he would consider the possibility of moving to England.

"I love the competition, the challenge," Kaka told *Sky Sports News*. "There are many big teams."

"Three English teams made the last four of this competition, so the challenge is very appealing."

"Many champions play in England."

"If one day I was to leave Milan I would definitely look at an English team." —Internet

## Henry: I will stay with Arsene

LONDON, 5 May — Thierry Henry has issued an upbeat bulletin on his fitness and has vowed to remain with Arsenal for as long as Arsene Wenger remains at the helm.

Henry's has endured one of his most disappointing campaigns in Arsenal

colours, as he has been plagued by injuries and has been forced to watch The Gunners fail to keep pace with Manchester United and Chelsea. Arsenal's end to the season has been overshadowed by the departure of David Dein and talk of a takeover at Emirates Stadium.

The internal unrest has also led to speculation that Wenger could move on, which has also sparked rumours that their star striker would also head for the exit door. Henry has admitted the departure of Dein left him in a state of shock, but has vowed to remain at the club for as long as Wenger continues to call the shots.

Internet



Thierry Henry

# Cristiano Ronaldo's penalty gave Manchester United victory at Manchester City

LONDON, 5 May — Manchester United moved to within touching distance of the Premiership title after Cristiano Ronaldo's penalty gave them victory at Manchester City.

## Premiership 5 May, 2007

Man City	0-1	Man Utd
West Ham	3-1	Bolton
Wigan	0-1	Middlesbrough
Fulham	1-0	Liverpool
Aston Villa	3-0	Sheff Utd
Reading	0-2	Watford
Newcastle	0-2	Blackburn
Everton	3-0	Portsmouth

Internet

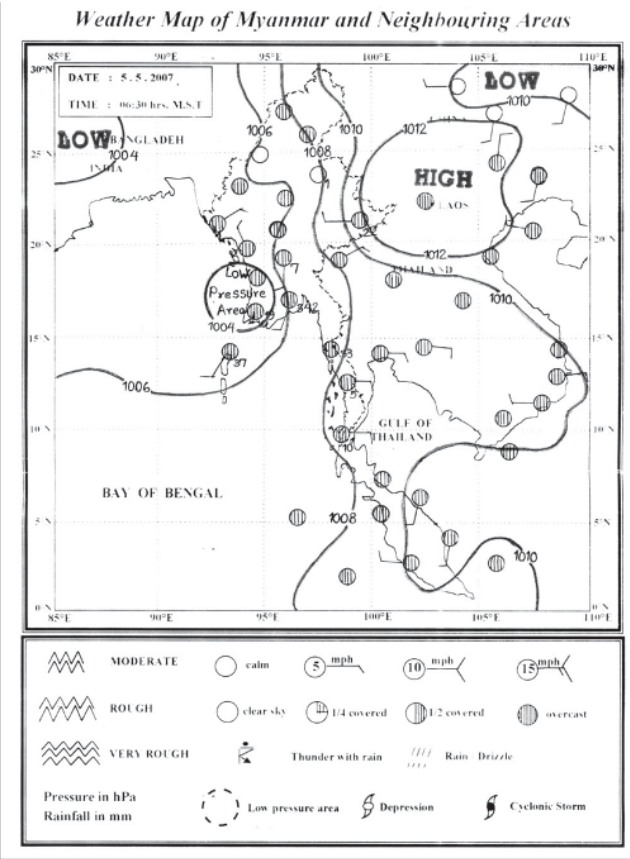
Ronaldo scored in the 34th minute after he was fouled by Michael Ball — who had earlier stamped viciously on the star.

City wasted their best chance when goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar saved Darius Vassell's penalty 11 minutes from time after Wes Brown fouled Ball.

Chelsea must now win at Arsenal on Sunday to keep alive the title race.

United held in on comfort — and the celebrations at the final whistle suggested Ferguson's side know the title is theirs, barring a Chelsea miracle.

Internet



### WEATHER

Saturday, 5 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin, Kayah and Mon States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, scattered in Magway Division and isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavy fall in Yangon Division and isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperature in Rakhine State and upper Sagaining Division, (5°C) above May average temperature in Kayah, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (13.54) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (11.14) inches, Yangon (Central) (10.59) inches, Hmawbi (8.70) inches, Bago (6.74) inches, Phyapon (5.35) inches, Hpa-an and Thaton (4.77) inches each, Co Co island (1.93) inches, Pyay (1.50) inches and Dawei (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-5-2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 5-5-2007 was 83°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-5-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 4-5-2007 was Nil.

Rainfall on 5-5-2007 was (11.14) inches at Mingaladon, (13.54) inches, Kaba-Aye and (10.59) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (13.34) inches at Mingaladon, (13.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (14.84) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (27) mph from Southeast at (00:45) hours MST on 5-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, tropical depression over East Central Bay has crossed the Deltaic Coast between Pathein and Yangon and weakened into low pressure area, Weather is partly cloudy in North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayah, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered to fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Frequent squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in the Rakhine Coast.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers at time heavyfalls. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 6 May  
View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြား တော်မူအပ်သောဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am**
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
- 8. ဝင့်ထည်တိုးပွားဆားလင်းကြီးရဲ့စွမ်းအား

- 8:20 am**
- 9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
- 10. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 11. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
- 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am**
- 4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:55 am**
- 5. Myanmar video feature: “မှတ်ကျောက်တင်ကြည့်အချစ်စစ်သည်” (ကျော်သူ၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မျိုးစန္ဒာကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကျော်ဇော်လင်း)
- 1:55 pm**
- 6. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ကျွဲပျော်မှကလေး(ခေါ်) ပီလောဝီနန်နုနု)
- 2:05 pm**
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm**
- 8. မြေခဲတောင်ရေလျောင်တမံ
- 2:20 pm**
- 9. သက်တံ့ရောင်သံစဉ်
- 2:35 pm**
- 10. “စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းမှာ” (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မေတ္တစံ၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်ဇော်)

- မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ ရန်ကုန်)
- 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. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm**
- 5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 5:10 pm**
- 6. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
- 7. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
- 8. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
- 9. သိရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm**
- 10. သီးနှံနှိုက်ပျိုးအထွက်တိုး (ပိုးသတ်ဆေးများကို အကျိုးရှိရှိ ထိရောက်အောင် သုံးစွဲနည်း)
- 7:05 pm**
- 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 8:00 pm**
- 12. News
- 8:05 pm**
- 13. International news
- 8:10 pm**
- 14. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 8:20 pm**
- 16. The next day's programme



Sunday, 6 May  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Say a prayer ... Tayloo Dayne
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -You may be right
- 8:50 am** National news
- 9:00 am** Music: -Love Thing
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Cultural images of myanmar
- 9:15 am** Music: -I'm the city
- 9:20 am** Music: -Oh Carol
- 9:25 am** News / Slogan
- 9:30 am** Children's delight (story)
- 9:35 am** Songs for children
- 9:40 am** Weekly news review
- 9:45 am** Article
- 9:50 am** Music / LIETS -The way it used to be sing
- 9:55 am** News & Slogan
- 10:00 am** PEL

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**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

## No 2 Mani Yadana two-storey building of Maha Ponnya Rama Taik Htanbin Kyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik opened

NAY PYI TAW, 5 May — A ceremony to open the stone plaque of newly-built No 2 Mani Yadana two-storey building of Maha Ponnya Rama Taik Htanbin Kyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik was held in conjunction with merit sharing ceremony at the new building in No 1 Ward of Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division this morning.

Under the patronage of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, departmental officials, wellwishers and guests.

Firstly, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than pressed a button to open the stone plaque of the new building.

Next, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Sasana Dhaja Dhammacariya

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA

## First seminar on Myanma fruit, vegetables and flowers held



Lt-Gen Myint Swe, ministers and guests view Myanma Horticulture show.—MNA

YANGON, 5 May — The opening of the first seminar on Myanma fruit, vegetables and flowers and horticulture show organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Commerce and Myanmar Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers Producers Association was held at Myepadethakyun in Kandawgyi, Bahan Township here this morning.

(See page 10)

**New Rainfall Record**  
(Issued at (10:30) hours MST on 5-5-2007)

The amounts of rainfall recorded at (09:30) hours MST today, at the following stations observed the (24) hours new maximum rainfall records for the month of May.

No.	Station	New rainfall Record	Previous Record	Date	Record Period
		(inches)	(inches)		(Years)
1.	Kaba-Aye	13.54	10.32	24-5-1980	39
2.	Mingaladon	11.14	10.39	24-5-1980	60
3.	Hmawby	8.70	5.00	25-5-1980	54