

Special Refresher Course No 27 for basic education teachers opens

Teachers urged to promote individual skill, perseverance, and learning ability of students

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—Special Refresher Course No 27 for basic education teachers was opened at the Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Pyin-OoLwin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered a speech.



Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at Special Refresher Course No 27 for basic education teachers. — MNA



Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the deputy ministers, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt, members of CSSTB, departmental heads, the rector of the CICS (Upper Myanmar), instructors, officials at di-

vision and district levels and trainee teachers.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said nowadays the government has laid down Myanmar educational *(See page 8)*

Citizenship Scrutiny Cards issued in Mon, Kayin States

YANGON, 8 May — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with Director-Gen-

eral U Maung Maung Than of Immigration and National Registration Department and officials arrived at Thaton in Mon

State on 6 May.

First, the minister met with Thaton District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Aung and departmental heads, local authorities and members of social organizations, and inspected issuing of CSCs to the local people in Thaton. Next, the minister participated in the discussions together with Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental heads at state level on issuing of CSCs to the people as soon as possible and made a speech on the occasion in Mawlamyine.

The following day, the minister and party looked into progress in

issuing of CSCs to the people at Mon State INRD. Upon arrival at Hpa-an in Kayin State, the minister took part in the discussions with Secretary of Kayin State PDC U Maung Maung and officials at state, district and township levels on measures being taken for issuing of CSCs to the people as soon as possible. After returning to Mon State, the minister oversaw issuing of CSCs to the local people in Bilin and Kyaikto.

A total of 452 CSCs were issued to the local people in Thaton on 6 May, 440 in Mawlamyine, 345 in Bilin, 327 in Kyaikto and 617 in Hpa-an on 7 May.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe views demonstration on issuing citizenship scrutiny cards at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an. I & P

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Continuously produce educated youth generation

The educational aims of present day have changed with the passage of time. As disseminating of information alone is not enough in teaching, it is required of students to constantly study and learn, and of teachers to nurture their pupils for intellectual development.

Today intense competition is common due to rapid improvement in the science and technology, so, studying in the education field calls for momentum. And teachers are to strive together with students for widening the scope of the education field.

Teachers in the field of education are to nurture the youth to improve their skills and to inculcate them with a sense of observing school disciplines, rules and regulations promulgated for ward dwellers and the law, while teaching them subjects at international level.

Simultaneously teachers should also train their pupils to uplift their morale and morality and to enable them to cultivate a good habit of helping others, working together, and to possess national characters such as hospitality and piety.

Educated youths are major resources capable of creating a prosperous future of human society. With this context, the government has been building educational infrastructures, and has set up modern educational networks. Therefore teachers and responsible persons have to nurture students and youth generation and to sharpen their abilities in order that they will become reliable human resources, and if so educated human resources will continue to be produced in the nation.

Development works inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May—Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and official under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs inspected No 1 district-to-district in Taikkyi Township road being implemented by Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee on 2 May.

First, the executive officer of Taikkyi Township DAC briefed the Director-General on progress in building the roads and future tasks with the help of charts. After hearing the reports, the Director-General gave instructions on maintenance of the roads and proper flow of drainage and growing of trees on either side of the roads.

Next, the Director-General looked into Thayawady section of No 1 district-to-district road in Bago Division (West), paving gravel roads, construction of wooden bridges and conduits in Thayawady, Letpadan, Minhla, Okpo, Gyobingauk and Zigon Townships.

The following day, the Director-General and party oversaw paving gravel roads and construction of wooden bridges on Zingon, Nattalin, Paungde and Paukkaung Townships sections of No 1 district-to-district road. Afterwards, he inspected paving gravel roads and building of wooden bridges on Aunglan, Sinbaungwe and Taungdwingyi Townships road sections. —MNA

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, Minister inspect reserved forests in Myitkyina

YANGON, 8 May — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by officials on 27 April inspected establishment of trees along Sagaing-Shwebo-Katha-Myitkyina District-to-District road and called for establishment of private tree plantations and conservation of reserved forests.

On 28 April, the minister inspected physic nut plantations of Forest Department, Khotaung reserved forest and Pyintaung reserved forest in KhinU Township, and gave instructions to the officials.

The minister also met with residents of Pantaw, Kyunchaung, Wahboe and Marathein villages.

The minister and party, on 29 April, inspected reserved forests in Katha, Sinbo and Myitkyina townships, and visited Manywa raft jetty. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung met locals of Myohla and Pakein vil-

lages.

On 30 April, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the minister flew by helicopter to Chibwe and inspected forests, watershed forests at Maykha-Malikha confluence and highland cultivation in Kachin State.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and party went to Mogaung nursery plantation and met with officials there on 1 May. The minister later inspected physic nut plantation of Moehnyin Township Forest Department, growing of teak and other trees in Nankhawin reserved forests and Phatswit reserved forest.

The minister and party visited Myitkyina timber extraction region, Nansiaung raft jetty and sawmills in Hopin and Kawlin Townships.—MNA

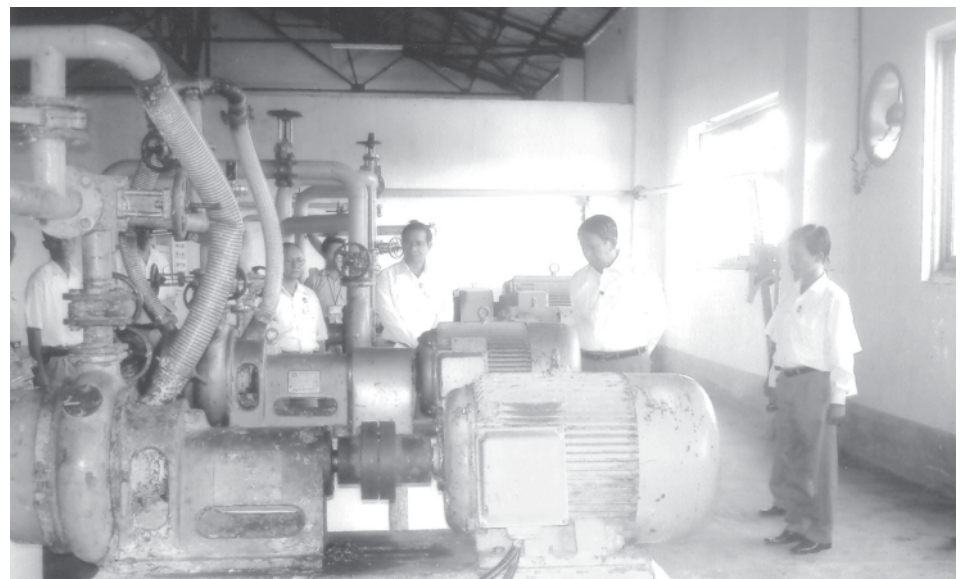
Minister inspects paper, textile mills in upper Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May —Minister for Industry -1 U Aung Thaung visited papermill, textile, pharmaceutical, ceramic and steelware factories in upper Myanmar on 5 May.

First, he went to No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik) of Myanmar Papers and Chemical Industries in Paleik and inspected production process.

During his tour of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyoung) of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries, he also inspected production of intravenous fluid.

Afterwards, the minister proceeded to Ceramics and Steelware Factory (Minsu) of Myanma Gen-



Minister U Aung Thaung visits No 3 Paper Mill (Paleik) in Paleik.

INDUSTRY-1

eral and Maintenance Industries and called for production of good-quality products.

On his tour of Textile

Factory (Wundwin), the minister urged officials concerned to create new designs of textile.

He also went to

Tatkon, Mandalay Division, and inspected reclamation of 500 acres of land to grow cotton.

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Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Myanmar Hockey Federation President Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Director-General U Thaung Hteik of Sports and Physical Education Department and Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman formally open synthetic hockey field on 6 May. (News Reported)—MHF

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Survey shows Bush rating hits all-time low

WASHINGTON, 8 May — US President George W Bush's approval rating has hit an all-time low, and he seems to be dragging every Republican presidential candidate down with him, a survey has found.

According to poll results released by the 14 May edition of the magazine, public approval of Bush has sunk to 28 per cent, an all-time low in the Newsweek poll, and a point lower than Gallup recorded for his father, the former president Bush.

The last president to be this unpopular was Jimmy Carter who also

scored a 28-per-cent approval in 1979.

Moreover, this remarkably low rating seems to be casting a dark shadow over the Republican chance for victory in 2008.

The Newsweek poll also finds each of the leading Democratic contenders beating the Republican front-runners

in head-to-head matchups, something which could be attributed to Bush's unpopular policies.

When pollsters asked more than 1,000 adults last week which President showed the greatest political courage, more respondents volunteered Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton (18 per cent each) than any other President.

Fourteen per cent of adults named John F Kennedy and 10 per cent said Abraham Lincoln. Only 4 per cent mentioned Bush.

MNA/Xinhua

Midwife shortage holding NT back

DARWIN, 7 May—The Northern Territory Health Department says planned improvements to maternal health services in Darwin may not be possible if the national shortage of midwives continues.

Researchers from Charles Darwin University will today launch a new study examining how existing resources can be best used, and identifying areas where more funding is needed. The Health Department's Christine Connors is thrilled with the new study.

"I think this research will actually be really useful because we will get a lot more details," she said.

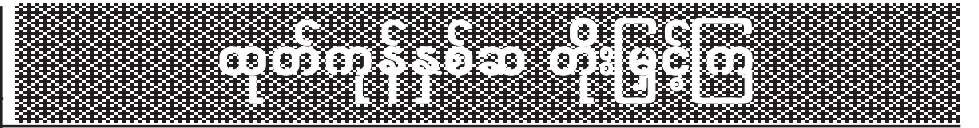
At the moment, many women from remote Indigenous communities have to travel long distances to hospitals to give birth. Dr Connors says although the study is bound to be successful, a shortage of midwives will still make improvements difficult to achieve.

"Currently we're sourcing a lot of our midwives from interstate," she said.

"We're competing with major centres everywhere looking for midwives and so that's a real limitation."

The research project will run for the next five years.—Internet

An Indonesian worker stands near the mud crater in Sidoarjo in Indonesia's East Java Province on 7 May, 2007. Some 15,000 people have been displaced and entire villages flooded by mud that has flowed since a drilling accident in May 2006.—INTERNET



Canadian musician Paul Schaffer plays with the Wild Magnolia Mardi Gras Indians at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, Louisiana on 6 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Pride and tears over rising toll of teenagers sent to war

LONDON, 7 May—The day of her 17-year-old son Aaron's passing out parade in Catterick last summer is a bitter-sweet memory for

Karen Lincoln. As he marched past with his regiment, 2nd Battalion The Rifles, looking every inch the professional soldier, she cheered and wept, overcome with maternal pride. But it was also then she learned her youngest son was about to be sent to Iraq. On 2 April—eight months after the passing out parade and just five months after his 18th birthday—he became one of the youngest soldiers to die in a conflict that has claimed 148

British lives. Of those, 14 have been teenagers.

"They shouldn't be over there on the front line at that age," Mrs Lincoln, 43, said. "It's bad enough for hardened soldiers, but Aaron was just a bairn. He never had enough training in the first place, not to kill people."

Last Thursday, the body of another 18-year-old from Rifleman Lincoln's battalion, Rifleman Paul Donnachie, was flown back to Britain from the Gulf.—Internet



The first "Colourful Guizhou" fashion show wrapped up in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 6 May, 2007. — XINHUA

Indonesian woman dies from bird flu

SUMATRA (Indonesia), 7 May—An Indonesian woman has died from bird flu, a health ministry official says, taking the country's human death toll to 75.

Joko Suyono said the H5N1 virus had been confirmed after two laboratory tests on samples from the victim.

The woman, 29, who was from Pekanbaru in Riau province on Sumatra island, died on 3 May and had been suffering from fever and respiratory problems, another health ministry official said.—Internet

68 killed or found dead; suicide bombers target Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 7 May — Suicide bombers killed 13 people in a pair of attacks yesterday around the Sunni Arab city of Ramadi in what local officials said was part of a power struggle between al Qaeda and tribes that have broken with the terror network.

In all, at least 68 people were killed or found dead nationwide yesterday, police said.

They included the bullet-riddled bodies of 30 men found in Baghdad — the apparent victims of sectarian death

squads. All but two were found in west Baghdad, including 17 in the Amil neighborhood where Sunni politicians have complained of renewed attacks by Shiite militiamen, a police official said.

The first of the Ramadi-area attacks happened about noon in a market on the northwest outskirts of the city, killing eight people and wounding 13, said police Col Tariq Youssef.

Internet



Artists from Museum of Turkey perform on the last day of a Mystic Music Sufi festival in Karachi on 7 May, 2007. The five-day festival was aimed at to bring together a diverse group of Sufi singers from around the world to showcase Sufi poetry and music that was created more than a thousand years ago. — INTERNET

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April's temperature higher than usual in China

BEIJING, 7 May— China's average temperature in April this year was 11.1 degrees Celsius, 0.9 degrees higher than the same period of the previous years, said a report from the China Meteorological Administration on Sunday.

The monthly precipitation was 41.2 millimetres, which was also higher than in normal

years, said the report.

However, south China was frequently hit by rainstorms, hailstorms and strong winds in April, with Guangdong, Guangxi, Sichuan, Chongqing and Guizhou seriously affected, said the report.

Drought eased off in the eastern part of southwest China but got worse in the north where monthly precipitation was 30 to 80 per cent less than

the same period of last year.

Despite the higher national average temperature, Shaanxi, Shanxi and Henan were afflicted with low temperatures, while north-west China suffered from sandstorms.

Over the next 10 days, temperatures in most parts of the country are likely to be higher than or equal to the average level in normal years, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

Police officer shot dead in Shrewsbury

LONDON, 7 May — A police officer was shot dead on Sunday while investigating a "domestic-related incident" at a house in Shrewsbury, West Mercia Police said.

Officers had been confronted by a man with a firearm after being called to the house in New Park Road in the Shropshire Town at 6.10 am.

The shot officer was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

A man in his 30s was found dead at the house and a firearm removed from the scene.

Police said they were not seeking anyone else in connection with the shooting.

They said no one else suffered any injuries and appealed for any witnesses to come forward.

"The thoughts of

everyone are with the family of our officer and others affected by this incident at this desperately sad time," said Chief Constable Paul West.

MNA/Reuters

Rockslide kills three family members in Vietnam

HANOI, 7 May—A rockslide killed a couple and their three-year-old son in central Vietnam, and severely injured two of their children, Central Vietnam Television reported Sunday evening. Soil and rocks, including a rock weighing 6-7 tons moved quickly downslope to hit the house of Nguyen Dinh Huong and his wife, Nguyen Thi Nu, in Nghi Loc District, Nghe An Province on early Sunday morning, killing the couple and the son named Nguyen Manh Cuong, who were sleeping on the same bed. —MNA/Xinhua



A woman crawls out of a wish tunnel at Yasui Konpiragu Temple in Kyoto, west of Tokyo on 7 May, 2007. At the over 800-year-old Yasui Konpiragu Temple, some 40,000 visitors a year — mainly women — crawl into the wish tunnel, pray and make money offerings as part of "enriki" rites to strengthen or sever ties with their husband or lover. — INTERNET

Nine peacekeepers killed in plane crash in Egypt's Sinai

CAIRO, 7 May— A plane of multi-national peacekeeping force crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsular on Sunday, killing nine people on board, an official of Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) confirmed to Xinhua.

Multinational forces spokesman Normand St Pierre said that as many as nine foreign peacekeepers, including up to eight French soldiers, were killed Sunday in the plane crash of a French transport aircraft belonging to the Sinai's peacekeeping force.

He said the crash took place between 9 am (0600 GMT) and 10 am (0700 GMT) in the middle of the vast Sinai Peninsula in northeastern Egypt.

The plane being flown by the MFO French contingent was on a training mission, with the nine passengers, including eight French soldiers and another foreign peacekeeper whose nationality is still being determined, on board, Pierre added.

Meanwhile, Egypt's official news agency MENA quoted spokesman for the Air Aviation Company Captain Ehab Mohiyeddin as saying that the plane crashed while en route from al-Gora Airport to Saint Catherine airport.

MNA/Xinhua

Lahsa strives to green 45% of its urban land by 2011

LAHSA, 7 May— The capital city Lahsa of Southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region is striving to green 45 per cent of its urban areas at the end of 2011 by afforesting the outskirts, setting up parks and increasing green belts, the city government announced recently.

The government has

set a goal of increasing the afforested land to 2,541 hectares and planting 2,215 hectares of shelter forest at the city's outskirts by 2011, said Doje Cezhug, mayor of Lahsa.

The city plans to set up eight small parks this year and 17 parks in 2008 and plant 536 hectares of shelter forest in the suburbs every year, said

Doje. The main roads, residents areas and vacant lots in the urban areas are enlisted in the city's greening project, which will start this year and last till 2011.

Lahsa is expected to become an "ecological garden city" in China with the project completed in 2011. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier stands guard as blindfolded detainees walk in an Army headquarters in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 7 May, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

WB staff air concern at Wolfowitz controversy

WASHINGTON, 7 May—More than 700 World Bank staff have signed a letter expressing concern and calling for a resolution of a crisis involving Bank President Paul Wolfowitz as a decision over his leadership looms.

In a rare move, the 718 employees asked to add their names to a letter first circulated on 26 April by 46 World Bank officials working to implement the Bank's anti-corruption strategy. The surge of signatures, on a public letter on the Bank's website, reflected signs of increasing discontent.

The next 72 hours will be critical for the former No 2 Pentagon official accused of violating staff rules by directing a high-paid promotion for his companion Shaha Riza, a World Bank Middle East expert, as an investigating panel prepares to announce its findings.

Among the Bank's total staff of about 10,000, the letter was signed by anti-corruption chief Daniel Kaufmann and Sanjay Pradhan, director of the Bank's public sector governance board.

The letter said the crisis was a critical test for the

Bank's leadership—from Wolfowitz to the board of member countries — to show their commitment to good governance.

It does not call for Wolfowitz' resignation, but wants "clear and decisive actions" to resolve the issue in a way that would illustrate that the institution "practices what it preaches" for good governance and against corruption. —MNA/Reuters



A man watches a Qantas passenger jet as it passes a control tower after landing at Sydney Airport on 7 May, 2007. The buyout group bidding for Australia's Qantas Airways Ltd said on Monday it was considering launching a new offer for the airline following the dramatic collapse of its A\$11 billion (\$9 billion) bid. — INTERNET

China invests to improve dams and drinking water

BEIJING, 7 May—China will invest 29.65 billion yuan (3.85 billion US dollars) this year to reinforce dams and improve rural drinking water quality, Chinese media reported on Monday.

Among the total investment, 3.2 billion yuan would be spent on the reinforcement of reservoir banks, the official Xinhua

news agency said, quoting a senior official from the Ministry of Water Resources.

Chinese media has warned that thousands of reservoirs in need of repair are like "time bombs" threatening nearby villagers with floods in the event they burst their banks. "The investment will be put to deal with the problems that

the common people care about the most," the report quoted the water resources official as saying.

More than 6 billion yuan would be used to resolve issues concerning safe drinking water for rural residents, a problem that affects about 300 million people, the report said. Increasing industrial waste and sewage dis-

charge, as well as heavy use of pesticides and fertilizer, has resulted in drinking water being contaminated in many parts of the countryside.

The investment also included money for a scheme to transfer water from the south of China to the parched north, the report said.

MNA/Reuters

20 m birds now on US farms may have had bad feed

WASHINGTON, 7 May—As many as 20 million chickens currently on US farms in several states may have been fed contaminated feed, the US Agriculture Department said on Friday.

"We have learned that larger commercial contractors purchased and they used the (contaminated) feed," said USDA spokesman Keith Williams.

USDA said it is in the process of notifying farms and states where the facilities are located. However, USDA declined to release specific details, adding the department is still establishing how long the contractors had been using the bad feed, contaminated with pet food that contained the industrial chemical melamine.

US officials have said there was an "extremely low" risk for humans who ate meat from birds that consumed the tainted feed and no food recalls are planned. — MNA/Reuters

S Korea, EU to launch FTA talks

SEOUL, 7 May—South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong and EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson formally announced on Sunday that the negotiation on a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two sides will be launched in Seoul on Monday.

Kim told reporters that

he and Mandelson agreed to the launch of FTA talks earlier on the day and both sides expressed their will to make meaningful progress during the first round and conclude Korea-EU FTA talks as quickly as possible.

Kim said the first round of South Korean-EU FTA negotiation is scheduled for five days.

"As the chief negotiator for South Korea, I would like to conclude a deal with the EU within a year," South Korean Deputy Trade Minister Kim Hansoo said. He said that his government will focus on removing tariff and non-tariff barriers on merchandise trade during the FTA talks. The EU sent a 22-member delegation led by Inacio Garcia Berceo, a director at the European Commission, to participate in the negotiation, local media said.

The EU is the second-biggest destination for



Protesters chant slogans at a news conference against the South Korea-European Union free trade agreement talks in front of a hotel in Seoul, on 7 May, 2007. — XINHUA

South Korean exports after China and the largest foreign investor in South Korea with 40.4 billion US dollars by the end of 2006. The bilateral trade volume was recorded as 79.4 billion US dollars in 2006.

According to South Korea's Yonhap news agency, experts predict the FTA with EU would boost by 36 per cent South Korea's exports to the region, which totalled 43.6 billion US dollars last year. The EU can also expect to

increase by 47.8 per cent its shipments to South Korea which stood at 30.1 billion US dollars last year, according to data by the EU's governing body, the European Commission. South Korea hopes that a successful deal with the EU would help its big businesses like Samsung Electronics Co and Hyundai Motor Co reduce their heavy dependence on Japan for parts imports, Yonhap said.

MNA/Xinhua



Dell Inc chairman Michael Dell gestures during a news conference at the newly open Dell Philippines customer contact centre in Manila, in this 21 March, 2006 file photo. Microsoft Corp said on Monday Dell Inc had joined a business collaboration it had with Novell Inc to allow open-source Linux software to work with Windows. — INTERNET

Dubai to build world's largest retail zone

ABU DHABI, 7 May—Dubai will build the world's largest retail zone in its tourism project Dubailand, providing more than 3.72 million square metres of gross leasable area, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Sunday.

The projected retail zone will be part of Bawadi, a hospitality and leisure zone worth 100 billion dirhams (27.25 billion US dollars) in the tourism project Dubailand, which will host a number of Las Vegas-style hotels

and Disneyland-type theme parks.

Bawadi, which will have 29,000 rooms in its 31 hotels by 2016, is being developed by Tatweer, a unit of Dubai Holding, a holding company owned by the Dubai government.

"The shopping area will consist of malls, boutique malls, street shopping and an underground shopping area connecting all Bawadi's elements to become the longest shopping boulevard," a statement by

Dubai Holding was quoted as saying.

The shopping area will "accelerate our drive to develop a world-class hospitality and tourism project in Dubai and the region," said Saeed Al Muntafiq, executive chairman of Tatweer.

Dubai expects the tourism sector to play a key role in Dubai Strategic Plan, which calls for an 11-per-cent annual economic growth to achieve a GDP of 108 billion dollars by 2015.

MNA/Xinhua

British soldier dies from injuries sustained in Iraq

LONDON, 7 May — A British soldier died on Sunday from injuries sustained in an attack in southern Iraq last week, the Ministry of Defence said.

The soldier from the Royal Logistic Corps was seriously injured in a roadside bomb attack in Basra on Thursday.

He was travelling in a

heavy equipment transporter on the way to a British military base in the city when it was hit by what was described as an "improvised explosive device".

The soldier had been flown back to Britain for treatment but died from his injuries on Sunday afternoon.

Analysts say that with

British troops poised to begin reducing their 7,000-strong force in Basra to about 5,500 by the beginning of June, Shi'ite militias are increasing their attacks so that they can claim victory when they eventually pull out.

A total of 148 British troops have died in the Iraq campaign since the 2003 invasion.

MNA/Reuters



Segolene Royal, France's Socialist Party presidential candidate arrives on foot at her headquarters in Paris on 7 May, 2007, a day after her defeat by conservative UMP party candidate Nicolas Sarkozy, who was elected as France's President in the runoff vote. — INTERNET

Police find no clue of Bangkok bomber

BANGKOK, 7 May—Thai police investigating Saturday night's bombing near the King's palace in Bangkok have found no clue to the identity of the bomber, but have set up 84 checkpoints in risk-prone areas in the capital nightly, senior police officers said Sunday.

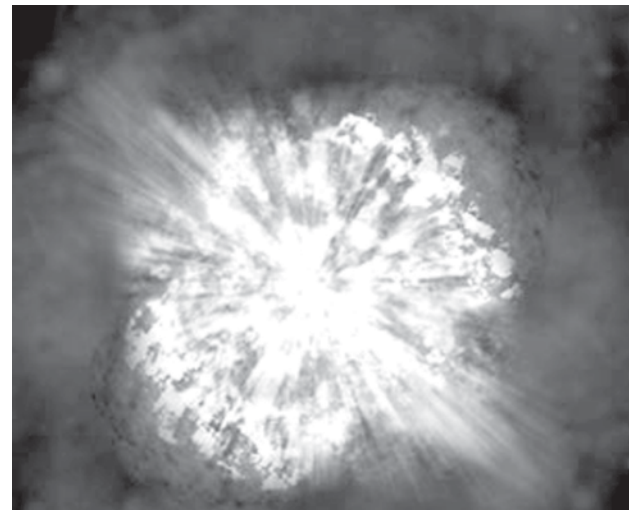
Following a meeting Sunday morning with senior police officers on the bombing incident which wounded a young man, Jongrak Jutanont, Assistant National Police Chief, said the bomber wished to stir up a sense of chaos in the country.

His assumption was based on the fact that the explosive was made in a simple way with the explosion set to go off at not more than 30 minutes.



A group of Alpacas are seen near the construction site of the Interoceanic Highway in the Andean region of Cuzco, 4000 metres (13,120 feet) above sea level, on 6 May, 2007.—INTERNET

Astronomers reports "monstrous" star explosion



US astronomers reported that they had seen the brightest and most powerful stellar explosion ever recorded, NASA announced on 7 May, 2007

INTERNET

exploding star that they figure has shined about five times brighter than any of the hundreds of supernovae ever seen before, said discovery team leader Nathan Smith of the University of California at Berkeley.

The discovery was first made last September by a graduate student in Texas.

Smith said the star, SN2006gy, "is a special kind of supernova that has never been seen before."

The observations suggest that the troubled and enigmatic star, thought to weigh in about 120 solar masses, could blow up sooner than theorists had thought.

Observations from the Chandra X-ray telescope helped show that it didn't become a black hole like other supernovae and skipped a stage of star death.—INTERNET

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Using a variety of Earth and space telescopes, astronomers found a giant



Lebanese civilians walk past damaged buildings in Beirut suburbs on 7 May, 2007. — INTERNET

Myanmar tapestry and its ever growing domestic and foreign markets

Article: Zaw Win (Kyemon)
Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)



U Sein Myint, an entrepreneur-cum-tapestry expert, has many things to tell you about tapestry.

"It is likely that tapestry emerged in Myanmar about 1000 years ago", said U Sein Myint of Mandalay. U Sein Myint, an entrepreneur-cum-tapestry expert, also told me that a diplomatic mission sent by Pyu King Maha Raja of Myanmar to China in about AD 800 or 802 included 35 Pyu musicians who wore gem studded tapestry hoods. According to murals of Ananda Pagoda we can assume that people of Bagan era wore taping cloths and the art of making tapestry was flourishing in the city."

He continued to say, "It is assumed that tapestry developed in Myanmar during the time of King Alaungphaya (1735-1760) as tapestry works of that period included floral designs. During the reign of King Mindon, the founder of Mandalay, tapestry further developed as Myanmar was extending trade and other relations with Western countries.

Myanmar was even weaving tapestry fabrics decorated with gems and silver stars in addition to traditional designs and silk ones."

Concerning tapestry experts, he said that they were honoured with salaries and provisions during the ancient times. "Tapestry needs much skill, patience and precision as it is a delicate art and ancient Myanmar tapestries last long and their colours hardly fade" he told us.

Myanmar tapestry is a combination of the art of painting, embroidery and the art of silversmith. According to the nature of work, most of the employees of the industry are craftswomen.

"Tapestry is not included in the ten Myanmar traditional arts and crafts, but we can say that it is inclusive in the art of making jewellery and gold. Tapestry is explained in the ancient treatise on

U Sein Myint's tapestry workshop is in Nanshe ward, Mandalay, and has over 20 workers. Mandalay still has wards whose names represent some of the processes of tapestry making.

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architecture", he told me.

He also explained the art of making tapestry which includes stretching and tightening of fabric on square wooden frame, making of a sketch, stitching of coloured threads, especially gold and silver threads, on the fabric, sewing of silver stars, sequins, beads and seed peals on the fabric and the process of cutting and making embossed figures.

U Sein Myint told me that he had received many orders to weave tapestries large and small, with pictures of forests and animals, characters of religious treatises, a palace and a moat, Lokanat celestial being or mythical birds.

Myanmar tapestry is a combination of the art of painting, embroidery and the art of silversmith. According to the nature of work, most of the employees of the industry are craftswomen. Threads, the main raw material, come from Amarapura and silver stars are made in Seinban ward, Mandalay.



A craftswoman creating a beautiful tapestry.

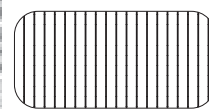
tapestries in accord with the wish of customers who place special orders. Mandalay now has about ten tapestry industries run with workers numbering from 3000 to 5000. There are also tapestry industries in other towns such as Amarapura, Sagaing and Myitnge.

"We are trying to organize a grand culture-based exhibition at which tapestries of various types and designs will be put on display", U Sein Myint said.

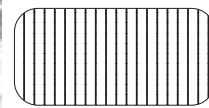
Thanks to the market-oriented economy our nation has adopted, we are witnessing the ever developing tapestry industry and the ever extending domestic and foreign markets for its products.

(Translation: TMT)

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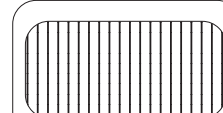
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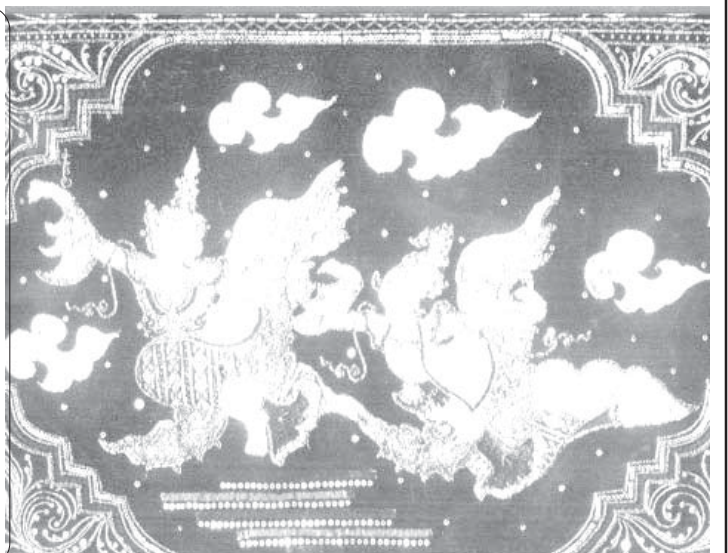
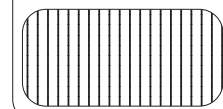
The olden-day Myanmar saw tapestries being used for the court and religion. But now, Myanmar is providing various kinds of tapestries.

Tapestry that has been flourishing in Myanmar throughout the past successive eras and till now has domestic and foreign markets at present. Tapestries are now entering the markets mostly as souvenirs.

Workshops in Mandalay can weave



Two characters from a religious treatise.



Commander visits seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables and flowers, horticulture show



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win visits Myanmar Horticulture Show. — MNA

YANGON, 7 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win visited the seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables and flowers and horticulture show being staged at Myepadethakyun in Kandawgyi, Bahan Township here this

afternoon.

First, the commander viewed fruit and vegetable seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, farm equipment, nutritious foods, beverages, machines used in producing food, pumps, booths on agriculture methods, grafting, prize-winning fruits and vegetables and orchids

and flowering plants.

Next, the commander viewed Myayadana vegetation and fruits and vegetables produced by Myanmar Agriculture Service and Big M Group Services Co Ltd and the booth on mushroom. Later, he visited the seminar on Myanmar fruit, vegetables and flowers. — MNA

CEC members meet Shwepyitha Township USDA members

YANGON, 7 May — CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa discussed regional development tasks in meeting with the Township joint-secretary, executives and ward organizers of Shwepyitha Township at the Township USDA office on 6 May.

The CEC members told the USDA members are to cooperate with the people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, to strictly follow rules and regulations and policies, to participate in the tasks for stability of the State and regional development.

In the afternoon, the minister and officials visited a salt mill in Thakayta Township.

The officials of the mill reported to the minister on the target production of rehydration salt and distribution at reasonable price.

The minister viewed production process and urged the officials to produce more Rehy-

dration salt yearly and to distribute it widely.

The minister and officials also inspected a tin smelting plant in Thanlyin Township.

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Minister U Soe

Tha being

welcomed back by

ministers at

Nay Pyi Taw

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objective calling for promotion of the national education and emergence of an education system that can create constant learning society and is implementing programmes for educational reforms. Every year educational seminars are held and educationalists and academicians from the education sector laid down educational plans, projects and work programmes under the guidance of the Head of State and educational policy based on national interest, he said.

He said after taking up the State duties, the government has been implementing the national education promotion plan at different levels with the aims of gaining equal learning and teaching opportunity in all parts of the Union, obtaining opportunity of higher education in the region and building educational infrastructures and better educational environment.

He said the Head of State had given guidance on placing emphasis on quality rather than quantity as learning opportu-

nity is available nationwide.

The task of improving the quality of education is the guidance of the Head of State and the educational policy of the government, he said. The government has assigned the tremendous duty to the teachers. He spoke of the need for them to make endeavours for realizing the fact that they were given a mission by the government.

He also urged the teachers to nurture the students to possess quality education in the higher education sector.

Teachers will have to assess and teach their pupils individually with goodwill for utmost improvement of their pupils in the subjects they are interested in specially after trying to know the students' hobbies, behaviours, talents and degree of perseverance.

Teachers are required to improve individual skill, perseverance, and learning ability of students. And they will have to open opportunities for students to use their excellent skills to generate greater force and more

effective power for the education infrastructure and network.

In addition to adopting international standard curricula and syllabus, educators should train students to skillfully handle modern teaching aids and techniques, electronic teaching aids and education network. Only then will students be highly educated.

The minister also said that educators should know their pupils' ambitions, desires, admirations and prospects and to integrate them with the national requirements in nurturing students with goodwill to become valuable resources benefiting the nation and intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Afterwards, Minister Dr Chan Nyein and party cordially greeted the teacher trainees.

The course will last four weeks and it is being attended by 943 teachers from Kachin State, Kayah State, Chin State, Sagaing Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East). — MNA

NPED Minister arrives back from Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 7 May — The Myanmar

delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived back here by air this morning after attending the 13th Informal Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers and other meetings held on 3 and 4 May in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darrassalam.

The delegation was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials.

On 2 May the minister attended the 13th working dinner of ASEAN Economic Ministers. On 3 May he attended the 13th informal meeting and took part in the discussions of ASEAN Charter economic issues, ASEAN economic affairs and establishment of a free trade region between ASEAN and dialogue partners.

Minister U Soe Tha also attended the ASEAN-EU coordination meeting and ASEAN-Japan informal meeting on multi-purpose cooperation.

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Ninth Meeting of Directors-General of Civil Aviation Cooperation (CLMV) commences



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers an address at ninth meeting of Directors-General of Civil Aviation Cooperation of CLMV. — MNA

YANGON, 8 May — Organized by Civil Aviation Department under the Ministry of Transport, a ceremony to open the Ninth Meeting of Directors-General of Civil Aviation Cooperation (CLMV) hosted by Myanmar was held at Park Royal Hotel here this morning.

Present on the occasion were heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry, delegates from

Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, ambassadors and guests.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a speech on the occasion, saying that it is the ninth meeting on air transport cooperation among Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. The agreement among the directors-general of civil aviation departments was signed in 1998 to set up the air transport

cooperation in the sub-region. Boosting trade and transport among the four countries will contribute towards the development of economy in the sub-region. The minister urged air authorities and airlines to seek good ways to finalize the implementation of agreement on air transport of (CLMV).

Next, Myanmar delegation leader Director-General of Civil Aviation Department U

Tun Hlaing extended greetings. Delegates from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam made speeches on the occasion.

Afterwards, the minister posed for documentary photo together with delegates. The meeting continues till 9 May. — MNA

Minister inspects plants and mills in Mandalay, Bago Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Managing Director of Myanma Ceramics Industries U Soe Yi, Managing Director of Myanma General Maintenance Industries U Aye Mauk and officials inspected the site for 500-ton Cement Plant Project (Nay Pyi Taw) near Tegyigon Village in Lewe Township on 6 May.

Managing Director U Soe Yi reported on land preparation, Taungphilar limestone deposit near Aungsilar Village in Thawutthi in Lewe Township, the volume of the limestone and other arrangements.

The minister inspected the site and arrangements for installation of 2,600 feet conveyor from Taungphilar limestone to the plant and civil and engineering works.

The minister and party also inspected 500-ton Cement Plant Project near Aungnancho Village in Lewe Township.

The cement plants will be built for supply of cement needed in construction of Nay Pyi Taw, utilization of raw materials in the country, development of industries in Nay Pyi Taw and its environs and creation of job opportunities in the regions.

The minister and party inspected brown paper mill, pulp factory in Yedashe Township. The minister gave instructions on systematic inspection and early completion of the projects.—MNA

Vietnamese delegation arrives



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein welcomes Vietnamese Minister for Fisheries Mr Ta Quang Ngoc at Yangon International Airport. — L & F

YANGON, 8 May— At the invitation of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, the delegation led by Minister of Fisheries of Vietnam Mr Ta Quang Ngoc and wife Mrs Luong Thanh Chau arrived here on 6 May.

The visiting delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister Brig-

Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife Daw Myint Myint Aye, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung and directors-general and managing directors of the department and enterprises under the ministry.

They discussed cooperation on fishery between the two countries and bilateral relations.

In the evening, Minister Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein hosted dinner in honour of the visiting minister and party at Traders Hotel.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives Dr Julian Bilous of WHO and Dr Tadashi Yasuda of UNICEF. MNA

Health Minister receives WHO representatives

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received the delegation led by Dr Julian Bilous, Senior Advisor, Pollio Eradication & EPI Immunization Vaccine and Biological of WHO and Dr Tadashi Yasuda, Acting Chief of UNICEF, at the meeting hall of the National Health Committee at the Ministry of Health.

At the meeting, they discussed pollio virus found in Maungtaw, Rakhine State, that was spread from certain

neighbouring countries which still have the virus according to the examination of WHO's lab. As soon as the evidence was found, Myanmar's Ministry of Health took preventive measures against the virus, they said. Next, they also discussed measures to be taken in the future.

They then discussed matters related to measures being taken for prevention and combating of the disease under the leadership of the Ministry of Health, giving oral polio vaccine as a supplement,

giving regular vaccine and acute paralysis monitoring. The participants said that arrangements have been made to give polio vaccines to the children under 5 in Rakhine State and other designated townships three times and that long-term cooperation would be made between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe and directors-general and officials of the departments under the ministry. — MNA



MRCSC celebrates World Red Cross Day



President of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe delivers an address at celebration to mark World Red Cross Day. — MNA

YANGON, 8 May — Myanmar Red Cross Society celebrated the World Red Cross Day-2007 in accordance with this year's World Red Cross Day motto "Together for Humanity" at University of Nursing here today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the celebration.

President of MRCS

Dr Tha Hla Shwe read out the message sent to the celebration by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Ms Bridget Gardner of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent read out the message sent by President of International Committee of Red Cross and IFRCRC.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Vice-President of Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin The Htay, Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, diplomats, executive members of MRCS, representatives of ICRC and IFRCRC, outstanding members of MIRC and guests. Dr Tha Hla Shwe, Ms Bridget Gardner and officials concerned presented awards to the outstanding members of MRCS and award winners of competitions to

mark the World Red Cross Day. — MNA

MWAF gives educative talks on HIV/AIDS, prevention of human trafficking

YANGON, 8 May — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized an educative talks at Insein Township Prisons Department on 6 May.

Leader of the Working Group for Prevention of Violence against Women and Rehabilitation Daw Tin Tin Nwe briefed on MWAF and Leader of the Working Group for Prevention of Violence against Women Prof Daw Htay Htay on advantage of psychological encouragement. Afterwards, personnel of MWAF gave talks on HIV/AIDS, security of women and prevention against human trafficking. After the talks, Daw Tin Tin Nwe donated clothes, foods worth K 105,000 and rice to Insein Central Jail to distribute to female inmates in the prison.

Female employees of the Insein Prisons Department and members of the working groups under MWAF attended the talks. — MNA



Daw Tin Tin Nwe of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation feeds porridge to children. — MNA

Myanmar Brewery Ltd presents cash to social organizations

YANGON, 8 May — A ceremony to present cash to social organizations by Myanmar Brewery Ltd was held at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel here yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Maung Maung Aye (Retd), General Manager Mr Peter Ong, Deputy General Manager

Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd), the Ambassador of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar, guests, those from social organizations and staff of the company.

Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd Lt-Col Maung Maung Aye (Retd) made an opening speech and General Manager Mr Peter Ong extended greetings.

Next, the general manager and officials presented cash award to staff who have been in the service of the company for ten years, and had a documentary photo taken together.

Later, Corporate Communication Executive Daw Win Win Thant presented cash to social organizations to mark the tenth anniversary of the company.

After that, the general manager presented K 2.5 million each and kind for Woman Development Centre (Winkaba), Aungzabu Pariyatti Sarthintaik Monastic Education School, schools for the disabled, Myanmar Christian Fellowship of the Blind, Mental Health Hospital (Yangon), New-life Foundation Orphanage, Yadanathiri Myo U Monastic Education School through officials. — MNA

Myaungmya Prison gets Water Purification Plant

YANGON, 8 May — Water Purification Plant of Myaungmya Prison was opened at the prison in Myaungmya yesterday to supply safe drinking water to prisoners.

The plant was built at a cost of K 19.2 million

donated by Managing Director U San Nyein of Kabakyaw Trading Co.

The prison was built over 100 years ago, since then it had supplied water from well to inmates and prisoners as drinking water. Director-General U

Zaw Win of the Prisons Department, wellwisher U San Nyein and Director U Than Oo formally opened the factory and sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

Afterwards, the congregation led by the director-general of the Prisons Department received the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw. They offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of Sangha and shared merits gained. — MNA

Two wounded in insurgent mine attack

YANGON, 8 May — Two innocent victims were wounded by insurgent-planted mines at separate incidents on 4 and 5 May.

Ko Tin Myint of Ywathaya village, Htantabin Township, Bago Division, was hit by an insurgent-planted mine at the edge of a forest near Yetagon village, Thandaung Township, on 4 May, while gathering vegetables. The blast blew off his left foot from the ankle. He was warded at Orthopaedic Ward of Toungoo Hospital.

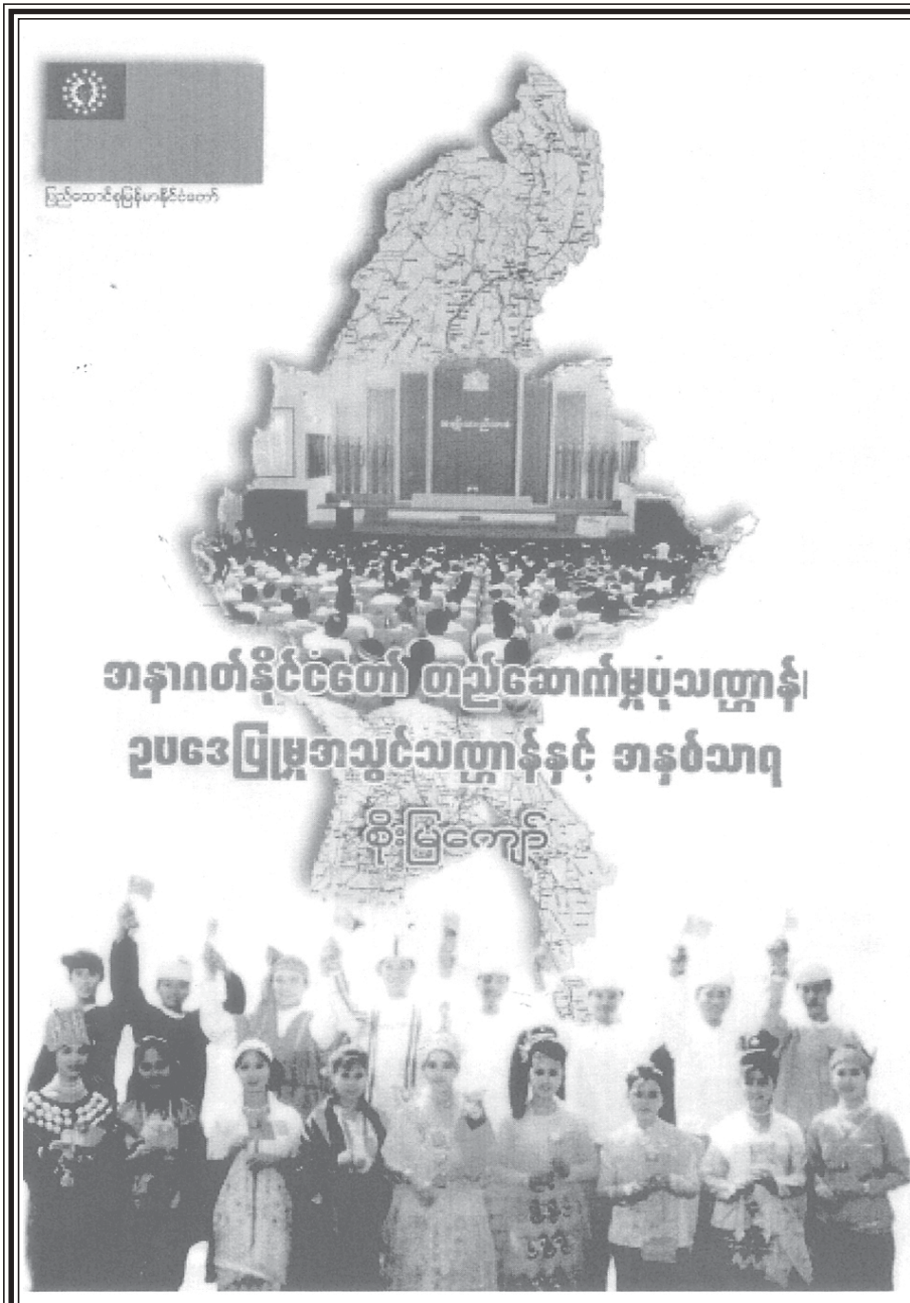
A vegetable collector, Maung Lin Htaik, lost his left foot when he was hit by an insurgent-planted mine at a forest five miles south-east of Kawpyin village, Mone Township. He was warded at the hospital in Mone, his native town. — MNA

Corrigendum

Please read Aungzeya ward, Nandawgon ward and Thirimingala ward in the news report titled "Twenty persons of Meiktila Township resign from NLD party" featured in the dailies on 8 May 2007. — MNA



Mr Peter Ong, General Manager of Myanmar Brewery Ltd, presents cash to an official of a social organization. — MNA



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Bangladesh to join Trans-Asian Railway Network

DHAKA, 8 May— Bangladesh will join the Trans-Asian Railway Network (TAR), aiming to expand its rail communications with other Asian countries, and subsequently with Europe in the near future, Bangladeshi daily *The Financial Express* reported Sunday.

The council of advisers of the Bangladeshi caretaker government approved the proposal for signing the TAR treaty at its weekly meeting Saturday.

"Bangladesh will soon sign the TAR agreement in New York," said an official handout.

The handout also said, "The main purpose of the TAR agreement was to establish communication network with the Asian nations, and gradually connecting to other European countries."

Under the agreement, three railway routes from the West Bengal state of India will pass through Bangladesh in the direction of Myanmar, it said.

The last date for signing the TAR treaty by other interested countries is 31 December, 2008.

The TAR is a project of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) to

create an integrated freight railway network across Europe and Asia.

The project was initiated in the 1960s, with the objective of providing a continuous 8,750 miles (14,000 kilometres) rail link between Singapore and Istanbul, Turkey with possible further

connections to Europe and Africa.

Progress in developing the TAR was hindered by political and economic obstacles throughout the 1960s, 1970s and early 1980s. By the 1990's, the end of the cold war and normalization of relations

between some countries improved the prospect for creating a rail network across the Asian continent.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi executes 2 Thais for drug smuggling

RIYADH, 8 May — Saudi Arabia executed two Thai men on Monday for drugs smuggling, bringing to at least 51 the number of people executed in the conservative kingdom this year. The two men received hashish hidden in imported consignments of sports equipment, the official news agency SPA said. They were executed in Dammam in eastern Saudi Arabia.

The executions, usually carried out through public beheadings, apply to those convicted of drug trafficking, rape, murder and other violent crimes.

MNA/Reuters

Study finds drug abuse by 10% of US adults

WASHINGTON, 8 May — More than 10 per cent of US adults abuse or become addicted to drugs such as marijuana, cocaine and amphetamines at some point in their lives, but few get treatment, according to a study published on Monday.

The US National Institutes of Health researchers called their work the first detailed accounting of drug abuse among US adults since the early 1990s but did not compare the latest numbers with drug abuse prevalence in the past.

The researchers based their findings on interviews with 43,093 people in 2001 and 2002. They estimated 10.3 per cent of US adults abused drugs during their lifetimes, including 2.6 per cent who become addicted.

The researchers said 2 per cent reported symptoms of abuse or addiction in the previous year. They defined abuse as an intense desire to use drugs to the exclusion of other activities and

addiction as physical dependence on a drug.

Men were much more likely than women to abuse drugs, the study found, with 13.8 per cent of men and 7.1 per cent of women doing so at some point. Drug problems also were more common among younger people, most frequently appearing around age 20.

Whites were more likely than blacks or Hispanics to report they had drug problems at some point, the study, published in the Archives of General Psychiatry, found. There was a higher-than-expected rate among American Indians.

"Drug addiction and abuse are common problems among adults in the United States,"

MNA/Reuters



Cast member Mike Myers (L), who gives the voice to "Shrek", poses with co-star Cameron Diaz, who gives the voice to "Princess Fiona", at the premiere of "Shrek the Third" at the Mann's Village theatre in Los Angeles on 6 May, 2007. The movie opens in the US on 18 May.

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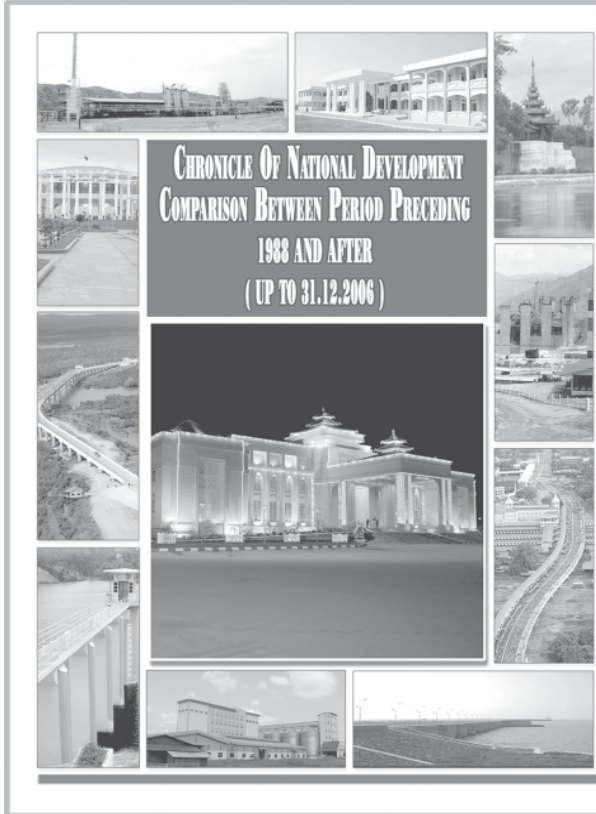
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Eight Afghan policemen, 17 Taleban militants killed in clash

KABUL, 7 May—Eight Afghan policemen and 17 Taleban guerillas were killed in a conflict in Afghanistan's western Farah Province, a statement of the US-led coalition forces said Sunday.

An unknown number of militants attacked the centre of Bakwa District from 3 pm (1030 GMT) on Saturday, the statement said.

Local police asked for reinforcement, it said, adding coalition forces responded with close air support.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Farah Province also arrived at the district centre at 8:25 pm (1555 GMT) to assist in providing security.

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Russian woman kidnapped in southeastern Nigeria

LAGOS, May 7 — A Russian woman has been kidnapped by unidentified militants in Port Harcourt, the capital of Nigeria's southeastern Rivers State, police said on Sunday.

Felix Ogbaudu, commissioner of state police of command, said that the woman, a senior executive with catering contractor Whassan Eurest Nigeria Limited, was abducted outside her residence at about 8:00 pm (1900 GMT) on Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Tea drinkers may have lower skin cancer risk

NEW YORK, 4 May — People who unwind with a cup of tea every night may have a lower risk of two common forms of skin cancer, new research suggests.

In a study of nearly 2,200 adults, researchers found that tea drinkers had a lower risk of developing squamous cell or basal cell carcinoma, the two most common forms of skin cancer.

Men and women who had ever been regular tea drinkers — having one or more cups a day — were 20 percent to 30 percent less likely to develop the cancers than those who didn't drink tea.

The effect was even stronger among study participants who'd been tea fans for decades, as well as those who regularly had at least two



People who unwind with a cup of tea every night may have a lower risk of two common forms of skin cancer, new research suggests. — INTERNET

cups a day, according to findings published in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology.

However, the findings do not mean it's okay to bake in the sun as long as

you have a cup of tea afterward. The researchers found no evidence that tea drinking lowered skin cancer risk in people who'd accumulated painful sunburns in the past.

Nor did the study look at the relationship between tea drinking and malignant melanoma, the least common but most deadly form of skin cancer.

In particular, a tea antioxidant known as EGCG has been shown to reduce burning on UV-exposed skin.

Tea consumption was linked to a lower skin cancer risk, even with factors such as age, skin type and history of severe burns considered.

However, tea drinkers who'd suffered multiple painful burns in the past did not have a lower risk of skin cancer.

Internet

China closes down 3,176 polluting companies last year

BEIJING, 7 May — China closed down a total of 3,176 polluting enterprises amid a campaign in which 720,000 companies have been checked for their pollution discharges last year, according to the country's top environment watchdog.

In the campaign, the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) and other departments investigated 28,000 cases violating related environmental laws and regulations and settled 13,000 of the total.

Threats to the sources of drinking water, industrial parks densely distributed with polluting enterprises and construction projects

likely to damage the environment were the major targets in the campaign, according to the administration.

"Pollution by industrial parks has been curbed effectively," said an official with the administration.

A total of 1,981 industrial parks across the country, involving 29,890 enterprises, were subject to investigation, and 4,162 polluting companies got severe punishment, the official said.

Other six ministerial departments, including the Ministry of Supervision, participated in the campaign.

MNA/Xinhua

Homeless man falls to death from Manhattan subway train

NEW YORK, 7 May — A homeless middle-aged man fell to his death from a subway train in upper Manhattan early Saturday, police said.

It happened shortly before 2 am when the victim fell between the cars

of a moving Number 1 train, and died at the scene.

New statistics showed a 33-per-cent increase over the last year in the number of homeless people living in New York City's subway system.

Also the safety of subway workers became a serious concern after two track workers were killed on the job within five days in late April, prompting a four-day suspension of maintenance and construction work.

After the accidents, the Local 100 Transit Workers Union denounced safety procedures for subway track workers.

MNA/Xinhua



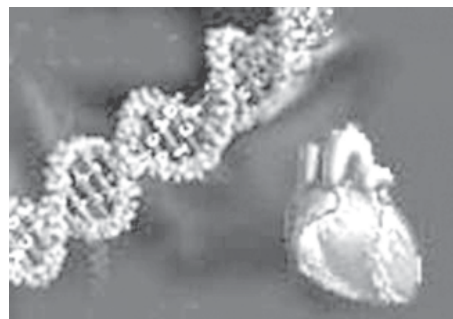
Russia's Serebro, who will perform "Song #1" in the finals of the Eurovision song contest, poses during a news conference in Helsinki on 7 May, 2007. From L-R: Elena Temnikova, Olya Serebkina and Marina Lizorkina. — INTERNET

Common genetic variation linked to heart attack

WASHINGTON, 6 May — A common genetic variation on chromosome 9p21 is linked to a substantial increase in risk of heart attack, according to a new international research study published in the latest edition of the Journal Science.

Investigators enrolled 4,587 patients over the last eight years, who suffered myocardial infarctions, along with 12,769 control individuals.

Researchers found individuals with the variation have a 1.64-fold greater risk of suffering a heart attack (myocardial infarction) and a 2.02-fold greater



risk of suffering a heart attack early in life (before age 50 for men and before age 60 for women) than those without the variation.

The study uncovered the first common variant found to be consistently linked to substantial risk of heart attack. About 21 percent of individuals of European descent carry two copies of the genetic

variation (one from each parent), found on chromosome 9p21.

The research project was led by the Icelandic genomics company deCODE Genetics, along with US researchers at Emory University School of Medicine, Duke University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

Myocardial infarction is the death of heart tissue that results when the blood supply to the heart is cut off. It is the leading cause of death in the industrialized world. Nearly half of men and one-third of women who reach the age of 40 will suffer a heart attack in their lifetime. — *Internet*



America's Cup challenger Victory Challenge of Sweden drops the spinnaker in their Round Robin 2 Flight 9 match race against Desafio Espanol 2007 of Spain at the Louis Vuitton Cup in Valencia on 7 May, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Charlton Athletic's Marcus Bent (L) challenges Michael Dawson of Tottenham Hotspur during their English Premier League soccer match at The Valley, London on 7 May, 2007.—INTERNET

Charlton Athletic lost to Tottenham Hotspur 2-0

BEIJING, 8 May — Charlton Athletic was relegated from the Premiership League after losing 2-0 to Tottenham Hotspur at the Valley Stadium in London on Monday.

Charlton got off to the worst possible start, allowing an early goal from the Bulgarian Dimitar Berbatov after 7 minutes. Their match ended unluckily when Jermain Defoe scored another point for the Spurs in the last minute.

The loss consigned the home defender to play the Championship league next season. All Charlton's hopes of staying in the Premiership for a seventh consecutive season were finally extinguished.

Tottenham Hotspur's win lifted them into sixth place. They are also in the running for a place in the UEFA Cup, which they have a good chance of securing.

Chinese midfielder Zheng Zhi was back in Charlton's starting line-up, but he failed to help his team score any points. He almost contributed to a penalty at 59 minutes when he cut his right foot inside the penalty area, but Michael Dawson blocked his shot.

The Chinese national captain was replaced with English player Brian Hughes in the 84th minute.

Internet

US players hope for cash boost from Beckham effect

MIAMI (Florida), 8 May— US soccer players are hoping that the impending big-money arrival of David Beckham in Major League Soccer will make them all a little bit richer.

Beckham signed for MLS side LA Galaxy in January in a deal which will earn him a reported 250 million US dollars over five years in overall earnings.

That is an unthinkable figure for any other player in a league which, in financial terms, remains dwarfed by the US' traditional sports of basketball, baseball and American football.

Even without the sponsorship and marketing deals, the former England captain's basic annual salary of 5.5 million US dollars is more than 50 times the average for the league according to salary figures released by the MLS Players Union.

Beckham's new team-mate LA Galaxy forward Robbie Findley earns a salary of just 36,000 US dollars but the union believes overall player earnings could rise as a result of the 31-year-old's move from Spain's Real Madrid.—MNA/Reuters

Boca held in thriller, Newell's win derby

Buenos Aires, 8 May — Boca Juniors were held to a 3-3 draw by Argentinos Juniors in the Argentine championship on Sunday as they failed to make the most of a slip-up by leaders San Lorenzo.

Former Argentina midfielder Cristian Gonzalez missed a penalty as Rosario Central lost 1-0 to local rivals Newell's Old Boys and Gimnasia-La Plata slumped to another defeat under Colombian coach Francisco Maturana.

San Lorenzo's shock 2-1 defeat at Velez Sarsfield on Saturday had given Boca the chance to close the gap to one point.

But, in a thrilling match in which they came from 2-0 down to lead

3-2, Boca had to be content with a point.

Uruguayan striker Choy Gonzalez headed Argentinos in front from Leonel Nunez' cross in the 19th minute and Nunez himself added the second six minutes later, also from a header.

Forward Neri Cardozo began the fightback by scoring from long

range in the 31st minute, before striker Martin Palermo equalized just before the hour with a shot on the turn.

Boca went ahead in the 65th minute when right back Hugo Ibarra scored with a fierce left-foot shot but Gonzalez had the final word when he scored with another header in the 73rd minute.—MNA/Reuters

Roger Federer (L) of Switzerland talks with team mate Stanislas Wawrinka during their Rome Masters doubles tennis match against Rafael Nadal and Carlos Moya of Spain in Rome on 7 May, 2007. — INTERNET



Justine Henin of the Belgium holds a trophy after winning the final of the J&S Cup tennis tournament against Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine in Warsaw on 7 May, 2007. Henin became the first player to win three titles this season when she eased to a 6-1 6-3 victory over unseeded Ukrainian Alona Bondarenko in the weather-delayed final of the Warsaw Cup on Monday. — INTERNET

AFC President says Man Utd disrespectful of Asia

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May — Manchester United are being disrespectful to Asian soccer by organizing a tour of the continent that clashes with July's Asian Cup, the region's top official said on Monday.

The English champions' plans to play in Malaysia on July 27, just two days before the Asian Cup final in Jakarta, show no solidarity to Asian soccer organizers, Asian Football Confederation president Mohamed Bin Hammam told reporters.

"The message is, 'cancel your tour'," Bin Hammam said on the eve of the AFC's annual congress.

"It is disrespectful to us and shows no solidarity within the football world. 'Asia is giving them (United) so much money during the Premier League season, but this one month every four years they cannot afford to play?'"

"Cancel your tour'. That is the

message from all the teams, coaches and players in Asia."

The nine-time Premier League champions are also scheduled to play matches in Japan, South Korea and China as part of their preparations for next season.

Bin Hammam said the AFC have FIFA president Sepp Blatter's backing in the matter and that they have contacted the Premier League, although not United themselves.

"We played the game, if you like. We agreed to stage the Asian Cup in July so that it did not clash with any European leagues and they would not have to release any Asian players," he added.

"These big teams are welcome to come to Asia — they can bring much that we need and I welcome them before the Asian Cup and after, but not during our biggest tournament.

MNA/Reuters

Newcastle accept Roeder's resignation

LONDON, 8 May — Newcastle United have accepted the resignation of manager Glenn Roeder, the Premier League club said on Monday. Media reports on Sunday said Roeder, a former club captain, had quit after a year in charge at St James' Park.

"Newcastle United today announced that Glenn Roeder has offered his resignation as team manager with immediate effect and this has been accepted by the Newcastle United board, the club said in a statement on their Web site (www.nufc.premiumtv.co.uk).

Newcastle were jeered off by their own fans after losing 2-0 at home to

Blackburn Rovers on Saturday and are 13th of the 20 teams in the Premier League. — MNA/Reuters

Johnson pulls away for 4th NASCAR win of season

NEW YORK, 8 May — Jimmie Johnson won his fourth NASCAR race of the season with victory at

Richmond, Virginia, on Sunday. Johnson pulled away from teammate Kyle Busch for the win. Denny Hamlin finished third with points leader Jeff Gordon fourth. All drove Chevrolets.

Busch had the lead on a restart at lap 380 of the 400-lap race, but Johnson passed him two laps later and drove to his first victory at the Richmond track.

"I knew Kyle was going to be strong on a short run. But on a long run I felt our car was a little better," Johnson told reporters.

Former Formula One driver Juan Pablo Montoya finished 26th.

MNA/Reuters



New York Mets David Wright breaks his bat as he hits a single off of San Francisco Giants pitcher Barry Zito in the first inning of their National League MLB baseball game in San Francisco, California, on 7 May, 2007.—INTERNET



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. — INTERNET

**Asleep in Jesus
Aung Thet Htun
Bosun- CDC:24751
Age:43 years**

Ko Aung Thet Htun, resident of No.2, Meggin Street, Kyaukkone, Yankin Township, Yangon, son of U Thet Htun (deceased) and Daw Dolly, brother of Daw Lei Lei Tun, U Soe Win Htun (deceased), uncle of Maung Zwe Zarni Htun, passed away at sea while serving as Bosun on board the mv "Indamex Godavari" (Uniteam) on 19th April 2007 at 01:30 hours.

The funeral service will be held at Hall No (1-B), at Yay Way Cemetery at 10:00 AM on 11-5-07 and thence to Yay Way Christian Cemetery for entombment. Buses will leave the house at 09:30 AM.

Bereaved family

**Security tightened in Bangkok
after small bombing**

BANGKOK, 8 May — Police stepped up security in the Thai capital on Sunday after a small bomb exploded at a public telephone booth late Saturday night, slightly injuring a man.

Security was especially tight around the Chitralada Palace, residence of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej, near the Ratchvitee Road where the bombing site is located.

The bomb exploded at about 10:30 pm (15:30 GMT) Saturday. A 22-year-

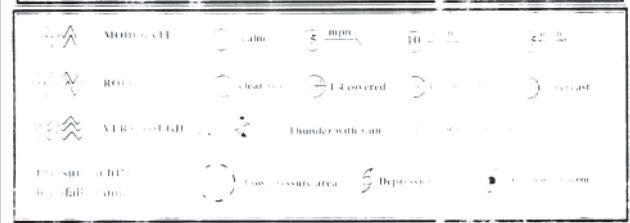
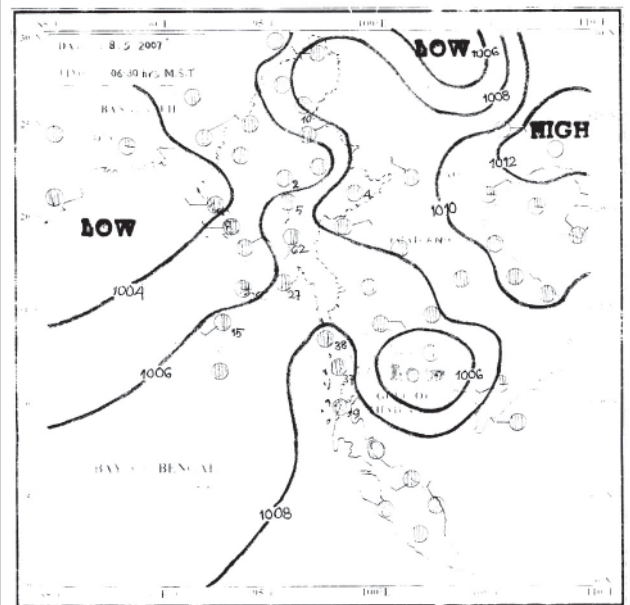
old man who was about to make a phone call at the time was wounded by broken glass of the booth.

Acting national police chief Seripisut Temiyavej, Metropolitan police chief Adisorn Nonsee, and Bangkok Governor Apirak Kosayothin rushed to the scene shortly after the explosion.

News network The Nation on Sunday quoted Adisorn as saying that police set up road checkpoints around the palace on around-the-clock basis, and police dogs were also deployed to check the areas and government offices around the palace.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 8 May, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above May average temperature in Northern Shan State, (5°C) to (6°C) above May average temperature in Kachin State, upper Sagaing Division (4°C) below May average temperature in Southern Shan State, Magway Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperature in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature were Bhamo and Katha (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taungoo (2.44) inches, Gwa (1.65) inches, Thaton (1.61) inches, Dawei (1.54) inches, Myeik (1.49) inches, Pyay and Yamethin (1.18) inches each, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.06) inches, Sittway (1.03) inches and Pinyinmana (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-5-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 8-5-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-5-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 7-5-2007 was (1.4) hrs approx)

Rainfall on 7-5-2007 was (0.48) inch at Mingaladon, (1.06) inch Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (14.61) inches at Mingaladon, (18.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and (15.87) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (16:15) hours MST on 7-5-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-5-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 9-5-2007: Likelihood isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 9-5-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 9-5-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Wednesday, 9 May
View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
 5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am**
 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
 7. ဗိုလ်မြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- 8:30 am**
 8. International news

- 8:45 am**
 9. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ စီးပွားစီးမံ၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာ အထူးပြုများ) (သင်္ချာ)
- 4:45 pm**
 4. Song of national races
- 4:55 pm**
 5. Classical song
- 5:05 pm**
 6. လူမှုကရုဏာစာနာရေး ဝိုင်းဝန်းလက်တွဲ ဖော်ဆောင်ပေး
- 5:20 pm**
 7. ရူပယံရုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်
- 5:30 pm**
 8. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm**
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 10. Weather report

- 6:35 pm**
 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm**
 12. Discovery
- 7:20 pm**
 13. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကုန်း၊ ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ လှအိန္ဒာလီတင့်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ ဝှမ်းပုံ)
- 7:30 pm**
 14. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (လက်ဝတ်သံတည်ညံ့ စံပြကျေးရွာကော့ပရုံ)
- 7:35 pm**
 15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:50 pm**
 16. တူပြိုင်ယုတ်နွဲ့ ASEAN New Media Art Competition 2006 ဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 pm**
 17. News
 18. International news
 19. Weather report
 20. Myanmar video feature: "ကင်ပွန်းတပ်ပွဲ" (နိုင်ငံစိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး-စန်းစိုက်)
 21. The next day's programme



Wednesday, 9 May
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -The Light
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -We're young
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -Looking for heaven
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Dreams
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music: -Island in the stream -My life -Still reminds me
- 9:00 pm** Variations on a tune -Eternal flame
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request -Honey Honey -Words
- 9:45 pm** News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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41-mile power lines to link Kamanut sub-power station (Bago) and Myaungdaga power station

YANGON, 8 May—Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 6 May inspected the sites chosen for installation of 230 KV 41-mile power lines to link Kamanut sub-power station (Bago) and Myaungdaga power station passing near Kanyinchaung Village at Mile Post No 12/5 of Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Hlegu Township.

Electric power supply project (southern) Director U Thein Hlaing reported on sector-wise implementation of the project; and Chief Engineer U Tun Aye, on geographical features of the region and plans to install power lines.

The minister called for completion of the project on schedule and sufficient power supply to the people.

At the meeting held at Hlawga power station to coordinate the project for setting up pylons for installing 230 KV power lines between Thakayta and Thanlyin (over Bago River), the director reported on plans to

erect 30 pylons on land and six pylons in Bago River, and measures to be taken in cooperation with the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System for building six pylons in the river.

Officials gave an account of arrangements for construction of pylons in the river. The minister gave instructions on systematic measures for the facilities to be resistant to storms and strong current of the river.

During the inspection tour of 33 KV 10th Mile power station in Mingaladon Township, the minister instructed officials to ensure non-interruption of power supply to the international airport. Experiences and technologies are to be applied in combination, he said, adding that sub-power stations, 66 KV, 33 KV and 11 KV power lines to be built are to meet the set standards. He called for innovations and safety measures. He looked into 33 KV control room and 1000 KV transformer. — MNA

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

Minister inspects Kyeeni-Chauk, Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad sections

NAY PYI TAW, 8 May —Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister U Pe Than went on an inspection tour of Kyeeni-Chauk railroad section in Chauk Township, Magway Division on 6 May.

Project Engineer U Sein Hla Myint briefed the minister and party on tasks being carried out along the

railroad. Upon arrival at Kyeeni Station, the minister heard a report presented by Project Engineer U Tin Aye. After hearing the report, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of the new railroad, stockpiling of occupational materials in time.

The following day the minister met with the trainees at the Communications and Postal Training Centre in Meiktila, Mandalay Division and made a speech on the oc-

casation and cordially greeted the trainees.

On arrival at Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad section, Project Engineer U Khin Maung Thein briefed the minister on progress in building of the railroad with the use of charts. After hearing the

report, the minister left necessary instructions.

Upon completion, Pyawbwe-Phayangazu railroad section will be 15.56 miles shorter than 31.75-mile-long Pyawbwe-Thazi-Phayangazu railroad section.

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Thanks to the market-oriented economy our nation has adopted, we are witnessing the ever developing tapestry industry and the ever extending domestic and foreign markets for its products.

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects laying railroads on Kyeeni-Chauk Railroad. — MNA

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YANGON	85°F
MANDALAY	97°F
BHAMO	104°F
KATHA	104°F