

### 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

## Indian goodwill delegation arrives

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — At the invitation of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, an Indian delegation led by Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta (PVSM, AVSM, ADC) arrived here today to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The Indian guests were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and wife Daw Aye Aye, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, senior military officers and their wives,

Military Attaché of India to Myanmar Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and embassy staff.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff took the salute of the Guard of Honour at the dais at the airport.

Afterwards, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and the visiting Indian Chief of the Naval Staff inspected the Guard of Honour. After inspecting it, the goodwill delegation proceeded to the hotel zone in Nay Pyi Taw.

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*Vice-Admiral Soe Thein welcomes Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*

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*Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta inspect the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA*

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**By nature, Myanmar people are magnanimous and generous. Records have revealed that health assistants are capable of organizing well-wishers to donate cash and kind to better transport and establishment of libraries.**

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 10 May, 2007

## Extend rubber cultivation in national interest

Ayeyawady Division contributes towards the development of State economy through agriculture and livestock breeding. Efforts are being made for 500,000 acres of physic nut cultivation in the division in three years.

Ten major crops suitable for the region and rubber, an industrial crop are being grown. Concerted efforts are being made to achieve the targets of 10,000 acres of rubber in Myaungmya Township in three years.

With the industrial development rubber is widely used in production of tyres, machinery, electrical appliances, personal goods, hospital equipment and shoe-making. Extended cultivation of high quality rubber is to be undertaken because of the high demand in foreign markets.

There are fertile lands in the country suitable for growing rubber. Cultivation of rubber on commercial scale can improve socio-economic life of the people and earn more foreign exchange.

Therefore, extended cultivation of rubber nationwide will certainly benefit both the nation and the growers.

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### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## 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



Dignitaries pose for documentary photo after opening of Myanmar-Bangladesh Two Nations Friendship Landmark Synthetic Hockey Field on 6 May 2007. (News reported)— MHF

## Minister attends opening of roads, bridge in Maubin Township

YANGON, 8 May — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of a village-to-village linking road and a concrete bridge in Maubin Township yesterday.

The newly opened road is one mile long and 12 feet wide. The bridge is 100 feet long and 12 feet wide. Development Affairs Department spent K 21.5 million on building the road and the bridge.

An executive officer of Maubin Township DAD and officials concerned formally opened the road and bridge in the presence of Minister Col Thein Nyunt.

After the ceremony, Minister Col Thein Nyunt



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of an asphalt road in Maubin. — PBANRDA

also attended the opening ceremony of an asphalt road in Maubin.

The road is 3,550 feet long and 12 feet wide. Maubin Township Development Affairs Department funded K 20.4 million to Maubin Township DAD to upgrade the road.

Member of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Deputy

Police Lt-Col Win Kyi, Secretary of Maubin District USDA U Win Naing Kyaw and Executive Officer of Maubin Township DAD U Than Aye formally opened the road.

On his tour of Maubin

District, Minister Col Thein Nyunt met with executives, members and secretaries of Maubin and Pyapon District and Township USDAs in the district and attended to the needs after hearing their reports.—MNA

## Mild earthquake jolts buildings in Tokyo

Tokyo, 9 May — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.4 shook buildings in Tokyo on Tuesday.

Fire department officials said there were no reports of damage or injuries. No tsunami warning was issued.

The quake was centred in Ibaraki Prefecture, slightly north of Tokyo, and the focus was at a depth of 40 kilometres (25 miles). — MNA/Reuters

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International Day for Biological Diversity



Biodiversity and Climate Change

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Wen calls for more efforts to save energy, cut pollution

BEIJING, 8 May—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has urged more curbs on industries that consume more energy and release more pollutants in a bid to ensure a healthy and fast economic growth.

Wen said that the economy could hardly be sustainable if China failed to adjust the economic structure, transform the (extensive) growth mode, and reduce energy consumption.

“We are left with no choice but to develop in an economical, clean and safe way,” the Premier said in a speech addressed to the national working

teleconference on energy saving and pollutants reduction late April.

A copy of the full speech was made available to *Xinhua* Monday.

Wen noted the nation will tighten land use and credit supply and set stricter market access and environmental standards for new projects amid efforts to rein in the rapid expansion of energy-gorging industries including power, steel, oil refinery, chemicals, construction materials, and metals.

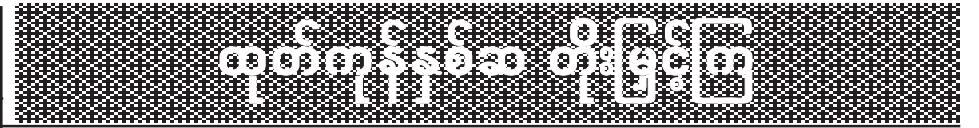
The Premier said the six sectors that consume 70 per cent of energy for industry

and release the same percentage of sulfur dioxide grew 20.6 per cent in the first quarter, 6.6 percentage points higher than the same period last year.

“We will continue to curb the energy-guzzlers by further adjusting exports rebates, levying more exports tariff, and reducing exports quotas,” he said.

Wen said China will cancel preferential policies on the industries like lower tax, electricity and land costs.

MNA/Xinhua



Student volunteers from Ningxia University make donations in Yinchuan, capital of west China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 8 May, 2007, the 60th World Red-Cross Day. Nearly 100 Red Cross members and volunteers marked the day by giving free medical consultation and making donations in the street on 8 May 2007 on Tuesday.—XINHUA

## Air raid 'kills Afghan civilians'

LONDON, 9 May—Foreign forces have killed at least 21 civilians in an air strike in southern Afghanistan, local officials say.

Helmand provincial Governor Asadullah Wafa said civilian homes were bombed in Sangin district, where foreign and Afghan troops are battling the Taleban.

The US-led coalition said one of its troops died in fighting in Sangin, but it had no reports of civilian deaths.

Mounting civilian casualties have caused an outcry in Afghanistan, with foreign forces accused of carelessness.

Wednesday's reported deaths came a day after the US military said it was “deeply ashamed” over the killings of 19 Afghan civilians by US Marines in early March.

The apology came as the Afghan Senate called on the government in Kabul to open direct talks with local Taleban militants, and for attacks on them to stop. Public discontent in Afghanistan is growing over the rising number of civilian casualties and the government's failure to improve the lives of most Afghans.

In January, NATO said its biggest mistake last year had been killing civilians, and promised to do better.

Internet

## Global rush to energy crops threatens to bring food shortages and increase poverty, says UN

NEW YORK, 9 May—The global rush to switch from oil to energy derived from plants will drive deforestation, push small farmers off the land and lead to serious food shortages and increased poverty unless carefully managed, says the most comprehensive survey yet completed of energy crops.

The United Nations

report, compiled by all 30 of the world organization's agencies, points to crops like palm oil, maize, sugar cane, soya and jatropha. Rich countries want to see these extensively grown for fuel as a way to reduce their own climate changing emissions. Their production could help stabilize the price of oil, open up new markets and

lead to higher commodity prices for the poor.

But the UN urges governments to beware their human and environmental impacts, some of which could have irreversible consequences. The report, which predicts winners and losers, will be studied carefully by the emerging multi-billion dollar a year biofuel industry which wants to provide as much as 25% of the world's energy within 20 years.

Global production of energy crops is doubling every few years, and 17 countries have so far

committed themselves to growing the crops on a large scale. Last year more than a third of the entire US maize crop went to ethanol for fuel, a 48% increase on 2005, and Brazil and China grew the crops on nearly 50m acres of land.

On the positive side, the UN says that the crops have the potential to reduce and stabilize the price of oil, which could be very beneficial to poor countries. But it acknowledges that forests are already being felled to provide the land to grow vast plantations of palm oil trees.—Internet

## Dog gets Purple Heart for saving kids

WELLINGTON, 9 May—Nine-year-old jack russell terrier George is being honoured with a posthumous bravery medal for saving five New Zealand children from an attack by two pit bulls.

The medal from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) comes after US Vietnam veteran Jerrell

Hudman said he was sending his Purple Heart medal to George's owner after hearing of the dog's bravery. George, who had a heart problem, won fame after defending five children from the pitbulls in the small North Island town of Manaia a week and a half ago. The two pitbulls rushed at the five children on the street, prompting George to charge the much larger dogs as the children escaped. The pitbulls badly mauled the jack russell. He had to be put down later because of his extensive injuries.—Internet



France's Les Fatals Picards performs "L'amour a la francaise" (Love In The French Way) during the rehearsals for the Eurovision song contest in Helsinki on 7 May, 2007.—INTERNET



Members of the China Disabled People's Performing Arts Troupe perform dance repertoire 'One Thousand Hands Bodhisattva' in Fuzhou, capital of South China's Fujian Province, on 8 May, 2007.—XINHUA





Residents view the damage from Friday's tornado in Greensburg, Kan as they return to town on Monday, 7 May, 2007. The massive tornado, an F-5 category with winds estimated at 205 mph, was part of a weekend of violent storms across the Plains that killed at least 12 people, 10 of them in Greensburg. — INTERNET

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## S Korea, Norway sign MoU on "IT" cooperation

SEOUL, 8 May— The South Korean Information Ministry announced Monday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation in information technology (IT) with Norway was signed earlier in the day. Under the MoU signed

by South Korean Information Minister Rho Jun-hyong and his Norwegian counterpart Dag Terje Andersen, the two sides promised to work together in crafting IT policies and increasing exchanges of technologies and person-

nel, the ministry said.

At the signing ceremony held in Seoul, Minister Rho introduced South Korea's IT prowess in mobile broadcasting and wireless Internet to Norwegian officials, the ministry said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian scientists identify "villain" TB protein

BEIJING, 9 May— Researchers in India have identified a protein in the tuberculosis bacteria which weakens the body's immune system, according to media reports Wednesday.

Their work has been published in the latest issue of the journal, *Nature Immunology*.

The research team led by senior researchers Joyoti Basu and Manikuntala Kundu, all from the Bose Institute, took two years of vigorous experimentation to isolate the protein and study its influence on receptor molecules.

The protein, Early Secreted Antigen 6 (or ESAT6), binds itself onto receptors called TLR2 on the surface of macrophages, a type of white blood cell that attacks invading viruses and bacteria.

This hinders the

macrophage from producing "cytokines" — proteins released by the cells of immunity system to kill the TB bacterium.

By knowing what the TB protein can do, the scientists hope to find another cure for treating

the disease.

The protein may also be harnessed to stop diseases which are caused by inflammation going out of control, such as hay fever, rheumatoid arthritis and atherosclerosis.

Internet

## Canadians urged to cut salt intake

OTTAWA, 8 May — Canadian scientists are urging their fellow citizens to cut salt intake by half, which they say could help considerably decrease the cases of high blood pressure and put

hypertension under better control.

The measure could eliminate high blood pressure in one million Canadians, double the number of Canadians with adequately controlled hypertension, and save the health-care system 430 million Canadian dollars (387 million US dollars) a year, the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Stroke Network said in a study published in the May issue of *Canadian Journal of Cardiology*.

Canadians consume on average nearly 3,100 mg of salt a day, about 35 percent higher than "tolerable upper intake

level" and is more than twice what is considered necessary for health purposes, according to recent released Statistics Canada data.

It is estimated that in Canada one in four adults has high blood pressure. Nine of 10 Canadians who live to age 80 will develop the condition. High blood pressure is considered a major risk factor for stroke and heart attack.

The group suggests five ways to reduce salt intake, including cooking by one's own, making one's own dressings, eating more fruit and using more sweet and sour sauces.

Internet



A Sotheby's employee presents a cushion-shaped yellow diamond weighing 102.54 carats, left, and a pear-shaped yellow diamond weighing 82.48 carats, right, property of the aristocratic family Donnersmarck, during a Press preview, in Geneva, Switzerland, on 8 May, 2007. —INTERNET

## Moderate earthquake jolts northern Philippines

MANILA, 8 May — An earthquake measuring 5.4 Richter Scale rocked the northern Philippine city of Baguio and nearby areas on Monday, local TV reported.

The quake was felt at Baguio and Ilocos Norte Province before dawn Monday, the GMA TV reported.

Quoting a report by the United States Geological Service (USGS), the TV said that the quake was recorded at about 2:27 am Manila Time.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to property in the quake, the TV reported.

Epicentre of the quake was traced by the USGS to 105 kilometres north-northwest of Baguio City, and 105 kilometres south-southwest of Laoag City in Ilocos Norte, it added. — MNA/Xinhua

## Bird flu death toll reaches 75 in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 May— An Indonesian man died of bird flu on 3 May, bringing the death toll of the disease to 75 out of 95 people infected by the H5N1 virus in the country, according to the Health Ministry's Public Communications Centre here on Monday. Based upon the result of laboratory tests carried out by the Health Ministry's development and research agency, the man known by his initial as A (29) was found positive with the virus. The Eijkman Molecular Biology Institute here had confirmed the result of the test, the Antara news agency reported.

The man who worked as a trader showed bird flu symptoms on 25 April and was taken to a hospital in Pekanbaru, a city of Riau Province in Sumatra Island, on 27 April. — MNA/Xinhua



Miss Universe contestant Zhang Ningning (L2) of China waves in Tuxtla Gutierrez of Chiapas in Mexico on 6 May, 2007. Authorities from the southeastern Mexico state of Chiapas welcomed on Sunday 86 contestants for the 2007 Miss Universe. —XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Malaysia plans to build \$7b oil pipeline

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 May—The Malaysian Government has approved a seven-billion-US-dollar pipeline plan to transport Middle East oil through its northern peninsular to East Asian countries, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday here.

“Yes, we have agreed to the pipeline,” Badawi told reporters after opening the World Halal Forum 2007 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. The pipeline project is part of the government’s move to develop the northern region, said Badawi who is also Finance Minister.

“We have always wanted to do more for that (northern) area and this also will take care of the Eastern Corridor,” he said.

The Prime Minister made the remarks when asked to comment on a report carried by the *New Straits Times* (NST). The local English daily on Monday reported that a Malaysian company, Trans-Peninsular Petroleum (TPP), plans to invest a whopping seven billion US dollars over eight years to build a crude oil pipeline, which will help ships bypass the busy Malacca Straits. The 300-kilometre pipeline will cross three states in northern peninsular, running

through Yan in Kedah State to Bachok in Kelantan State, TPP Chairman Rahim Kamil Sulaiman told the newspaper, adding storage tanks will also be built.

“The initial phase of two million barrels of oil per day is expected to cost about two billion US dollars, and the investment will increase to 4.5 billion US dollars and seven billion US dollars upon completion of the second and third phases of the project, respectively,” Rahim told the NST.

He said investors will be invited to join the project, including key oil producers of the Middle East, Islamic Fund and major consumers in East Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Report: China’s economic growth expected to continue

BEIJING, 8 May—China’s economy is forecasted to maintain its fast growth in the second quarter of this year, with its gross domestic product (GDP) rising by 10.8 per cent, according to the State Information Centre (SIC).

“The second quarter of 2007 will witness a slight slowdown in growth of the economy compared with that of the first quarter,” the SIC report predicted.

According to figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the country’s GDP totalled 5.03 trillion yuan (653 billion US dollars) in the first quarter of this year, soaring by 11.1 per cent.

Li Xiaochao, NBS spokesman, previously stated that this rapid economic growth has been driven by rising levels of foreign investment and domestic consumption, coupled with the booming import/export industry, warning that such speed of growth could put the economy risk of overheating.

Also in the SIC report, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, is predicted to rise to 3 percent in the next quarter. NBS figures back up the SIC’s predictions, showing a CPI of 2.7 percent in the first three months of the year, 1.5 percent higher than that of the same period last year.—*Internet*



Visitors go past a model of a real estate project at the Cityscape Abu Dhabi 2007 exhibition in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), on 8 May, 2007. The three-day event, kicked off on Tuesday, showcased projects worthy of over 400 billion US dollars through 200 exhibitors from 50 countries and regions.—XINHUA

## Vietnam raises petroleum retail prices

HANOI, 8 May—Petroleum firms in Vietnam increased retail prices of petroleum products on

Monday morning due to rising world prices, according to the Vietnamese Trade Ministry. Regarding A92 petroleum product, the retail price rose by 800 Vietnamese dong (VND) (five US cents) to 11,800 VND (over 73.7 cents) per litre. This is the first time local petroleum enterprises have had the right to increase the retail prices. Previous hikes were conducted by the state.

In March, the state

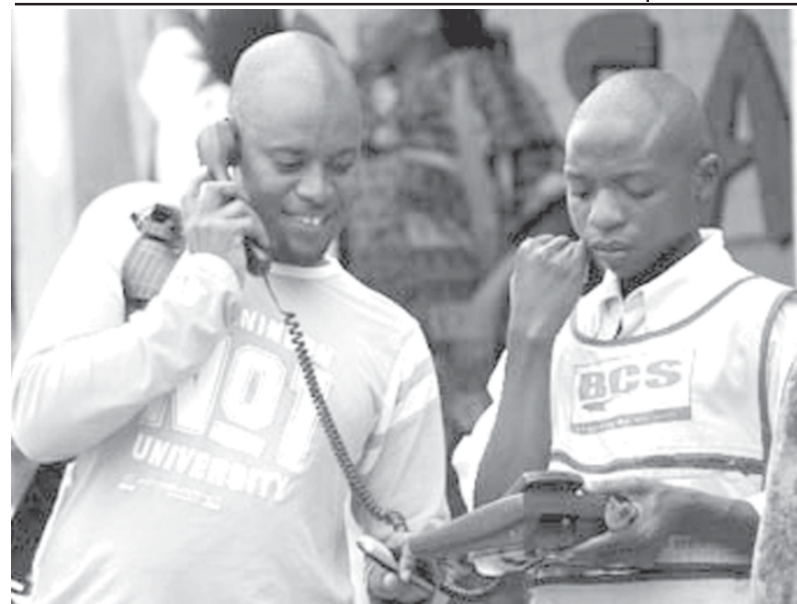
raised retail prices of petroleum products by 900 VND (5.6 cents) per litre to 11,000 VND (nearly 68.8 cents). Late last month, Vietnam slashed its import tax on petroleum products to 5 per cent from 10 per cent to assist local petroleum importers which were facing losses since the world petroleum price remained high. Vietnam imported 4.1 million tons of petroleum products worth over two billion dollars in the first four months of this year, posting respective year-on-year rises of 14.8 per cent and 14 per cent, according to the country’s General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians walk past the signboard of an Internet cafe in Tokyo recently.

INTERNET



A man talks on a rented wireless telephone held by a vendor at a street in Kigali, capital of Rwanda on 7 May, 2007. XINHUA

## Zimbabwe’s platinum giant opens new mine

HARARE, 8 May—The Zimbabwean platinum producer, Zimplats, has commissioned another underground mine at Ngezi as the 258 million US dollars Phase One of the company’s long-term expansion programme gathers momentum, *The Herald* reported on Monday.

The opening of Portal 4, named Bimha Mine in Kadoma, a city about 150 kilometres southwest of Zimbabwe’s capital of Harare, was officiated by the Minister of Mines and Mining Development Amos Midzi, who triggered the blast to signal the commissioning of

the mine.

At full production, the new mine is expected to lift Zimplats’ ore production to 4.5 million tons a year; and platinum production to about 160,000 ounces annually.

In addition, Zimplats will produce 130,000 ounces palladium, as well as significant quantities of gold, nickel and copper.

Zimplats chairman Muchadei Masunda said the group was well focused on its long-term vision of becoming a major international player in the platinum industry.—MNA/Xinhua



## Vietnam eyes bigger farm, forest product exports in 1st quarter

HANOI, 8 May — Vietnam shipped abroad agricultural and forestry products worth some three billion US dollars in the first four months of this year, up 32 per cent over the same period of last year, according to official figures on Monday.

During the four-month period, items recording high export revenue included coffee, reaching 961 million dollars; rice, 443 million dollars; woodwork, 770 million dollars; rubber, 306 million dollars, according to the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Cashew nuts, pepper

and tea saw the turnovers at 140 million dollars, 74.5 million dollars and 25 million dollars respectively, said the ministry.

Vietnam has targeted to ship abroad agricultural and forestry products worth 7.4 billion US dollars this year.

To this end, it will centre on boosting production of items with big export advantages, establishing large scale production zones attached to processing establishments and market, and developing husbandry industry.

In addition, it will focus on building brands,

registering product trademarks, improving quality, further tapping traditional markets such as China, the United States, Japan, and the European Union, while seeking new ones.

Vietnam exported nearly 7.2 billion dollars worth of agriculture and forestry products in 2006, up 19.7 per cent over 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



Four-year-old conjoined twins, Vani (L) and Veena, walk inside a hospital in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad on 8 May, 2007. The twins' parents have been looking for hospitals in the country which could operate upon the girls to separate them successfully.—INTERNET

## Two suicide car bombs kill 20 near Iraq's Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 8 May— Two suicide car bombers killed 20 people and wounded more than 40 in separate attacks near Iraq's city of Ramadi on Monday, police said.

The first car bomb went off in a busy market in a town called Albu-Thiyab, east of Ramadi, said Tareq al-Thiyab, a police colonel and a government security adviser in western Anbar Province.

The second car bomb targeted a police checkpoint in a town called al-Jazeera, he said.

A Sunni Arab tribal leader in the area confirmed there had been two suicide blasts but he had no information on casualties. Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda is engaged in a fierce power struggle with

Sunni Arab tribesmen in Anbar Province and its provincial capital Ramadi.

The tribal chiefs oppose al-Qaeda's campaign of indiscriminate attacks on civilians and the imposition of an austere form of Islam in the areas where the group holds sway.

Recent big suicide attacks in Anbar, an overwhelmingly Sunni province west of Baghdad, have been blamed on al-Qaeda.

Tribal leaders formed an alliance last year and have sought to expel al-Qaeda from Anbar.

While car bombings still plague Anbar, and especially Ramadi, violence has fallen across the province, US military officials have said.

MNA/Reuters

## Russian journalist killed in Iraq

MOSCOW, 8 May — A Russian journalist has been killed in Iraq in a bomb attack on the US convoy with which he was travelling, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported Monday. Russian Ambassador to Iraq Vladimir Chamov confirmed the death of Dmitry Chebotayev, who was working as a photographer for the US WTN agency.

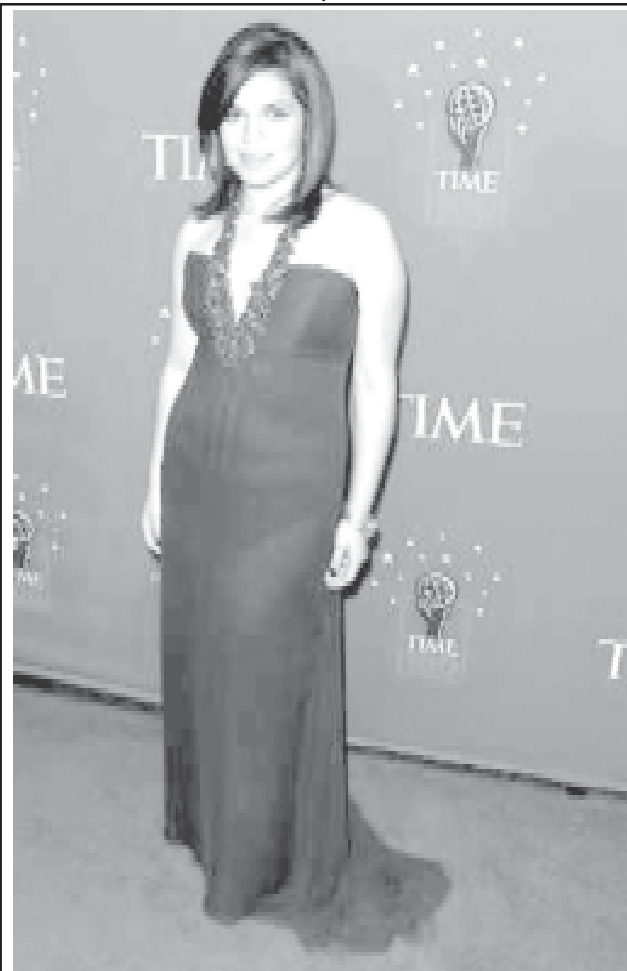
He was also a freelancer contributing to Russian media such as the Moscow-based Photo-

XPress agency.

The victim was reportedly accompanied by six US soldiers, who were also killed in the attack Sunday in the province of Diyala, northeast of Baghdad.

Chebotayev, who had covered stories in many countries, had been in Iraq for over two months and was planning to go back to Moscow later this month, ITAR-TASS said, citing e-mails he had exchanged with friends.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress America Ferrera arrives to attend the "100 Most Influential People In The World" gala hosted by Time Magazine in New York on 8 May, 2007.—INTERNET



Chinese traffic policemen supervise on a road during a sandstorm in Hetian, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 8 May, 2007. The sandstorm reduced the visibility less than 50 metres.—XINHUA

## Vietnam to produce 1-2m doses per year of human H5N1 vaccines

HANOI, 8 May — A Vietnamese vaccine institute is expected to annually produce 1-2 million doses of H5N1 vaccine for humans, after successfully making the products in labs, local newspaper Labour reported Tuesday.

The Nha Trang

Institute of Vaccines and Biological Products in central Khanh Hoa Province, by the end of March, had successfully turned out 10,000 doses of the vaccines in labs.

The institute's work has been highly appreciated by the World Health Organization, which has

agreed to fund 25,000 US dollars to help the institute to produce the vaccines.

Vietnam has detected 93 bird flu patients, including 42 fatalities, in 32 localities since the disease started to hit the country in December 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



# Hailing Eighth Conference of Myanmar Health Assistants Association

*Tin Hlaing (Health)*

All human beings wish to enjoy longevity and to be free from physical and mental illnesses. So, every day, they are taking care of their health as much as they can. But human beings have to live in harmony with environmental influences they cannot escape from. And there should be harmonious balance in human-environment relations. Actually, the environment consists of living things and material world. Health staff are making field trips to the grassroots to disseminate health knowledge, provide health care services and take disease preventive measures to ensure a harmonious healthy existence of the people.

But various kinds of diseases are still breaking out in this world as we are not able to fully ensure a harmonious healthy existence yet. A study shows that human beings are vulnerable to certain kinds of diseases because of their individual behaviours or environmental impacts. Water, food, excrement, garbage, mosquitoes, flies, rats and dogs are also the possible causes of human illness. Because of the said causes and poor health care, people of Myanmar were suffering from various kinds of illnesses during the post-independence period that lasted till 1954. During the time there were only doctor- or hospital-centred health care services in the nation. Due to lack of health knowledge, people then did not know the importance of personal hygiene, disease prevention, nutritious and wholesome foods and clean water and environment. So, disease infection rate and mortality rate, especially maternal and infant mortality rates, were high.

According to 1950 health indicators, 3853 died in 10,222 small pox-related cases, 692 died in 1052 bubonic plague-related cases; and 4709 died in 6878

cholera-related cases. Other dreadful figures were that the mortality rate of infants under one year was 297 per 1000, and maternal mortality rate was 9.8 per 1000 live births.

Health and fitness of the entire nation is required in re-building our nation as it may help boost production. Besides, scholars say that **health improvement is the best way to raise productivity**. The largest production force of our nation is farmers who live in rural areas. So, rural health improvement has become a requisite.

Concerning the requirement, the nation began to train and produce health assistants in 1951-1953 for providing public health care services in all rural and urban areas. The role of health assistants is vital in other countries too. They are called health assistant in Nepal and Maldives; feldsher in Russia; hakim in Arab countries; health extension officer (HEO) in Papua New Guinea; physician's assistant in the US; and medical assistant in African countries.

The difference between Myanmar health assistants and their counterparts in other countries is that the latter are skilled only in one particular field. They may be skilled in health education or environmental sanitation or nutrition or vaccination or infectious diseases control or treatment or birth and death rate collection or management. In Myanmar, health assistants are trained for multipurpose functions. Hence, they can ensure effective all-round health care services with limited manpower. Hence, health care services in Myanmar are like a business that yields high benefits with little capital.

Health assistants are leading nurses, midwives and other health staff in energetically carrying out the following

seven tasks:

- (1) Health education
- (2) Environmental sanitation
- (3) Infectious diseases control
- (4) Maternal and child health and school health
- (5) Nutrition
- (6) Birth and death registration
- (7) Medical treatment

They are prepared to encounter hardships to reach even the remote areas to provide public health care services. Public health care service is improving gradually because it is public-centred.

Health is not only a matter of a person or a nation, it is a global concern. Nowadays, WHO is leading the global health care services. A WHO conference held in Alma Alta in the then Soviet Union laid down the task — primary health care (PHC) — that suited best at the time. PHC has eight work programmes and in essence, they are the same as the seven rural health tasks of Myanmar.

As regards preliminary health care in Myanmar, members of the Health Assistants Association achieved considerable success in playing a leading role in the first, second and third community health care projects between 1978 and 1990, and in the National Health Project between 1991 and 2001. According to the medical records collected in 1999, Myanmar had been free from smallpox, plague and cholera. Now infant mortality rate (under one year) has decreased to 59.77 out of 1000 live births and maternal mortality rate, to 2.25 out of 1000 live births. The nation has also been free from leprosy, trachoma and polio. That indicates better health of the people as well as a sign of national development.

The Myanmar's health standard is getting high. In order to achieve greater success, the government is now implementing the five rural development tasks: (1) smooth transport, (2) clean water supply, (3) education promotion, (4) health improvement, and (5) economic growth, two of which directly concern the health sector. Health assistants are doing their bit in the implementation of 10 work programmes of the rural health development project, as part of the five rural development tasks.

Members are of two groups—service personnel and retired persons. Wherever they live, they take part in the performance of duties for raising the health, education, social and economic standards of local people.

**By nature, Myanmar people are magnanimous and generous. Records**

**have revealed that health assistants are capable of organizing wellwishers to donate cash and kind to better transport and establishment of libraries.**

The Myanmar Health Assistants Association (Central) always urges its members to contribute towards community welfare services. In addition, with the permission No 1754 dated 3 October 1994 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the association has been cooperating with international organizations such as WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, Global Fund, and FHAM for rural water supply project and fly-proof latrines project since 1995.

With the assistance of Global Fund and FHAM, it is implementing HIV/AIDS prevention tasks in Kyauktan, Thanlyin, Thanbyuzayat, Myeik and Kawthoung. The association explains the processes to local authorities of the township concerned, and conducts training courses for local youths to relay their experiences gained from the courses to other youths. The processes cover health education talks to individuals or groups and counselling to those vulnerable to HIV infection. Thanks to the association's contribution, people become more aware of the danger of HIV and AIDS. So plans are now under way to expand the project throughout the country.

The association has a membership of 2450 living in various regions. According to its constitution, the association holds a conference once every two years. The eighth conference of the association is due to take place at the University of Nursing in Yangon from 11 to 13 May 2007. The discussions will focus on measures for inculcating the people with healthy behaviors, and views will be exchanged, following a paper reading session by member researchers.

Utilizing knowledge and experiences gained from the three-day conference, the association has planned to combine the assistance of the State, international organizations and local wellwishers with its strength and participation of the people to fulfil the requirements of the people. The association believes that its brilliant performances will help the people lead a healthy life in future. The association is proud to be part of the government's drive in raising the health standard of the people.

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## Coord meeting on fisheries and marine products between Myanmar and Vietnam held

YANGON, 9 May — A coordination meeting on development of fisheries and cooperation in carrying out joint-ventures of marine products between Myanmar and Vietnam was held at Thiri Annawa hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township on 7 May, attended by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, visiting Minister for Fisheries Mr Ta Quang Ngoc of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and delegation members, the director-general and managing directors of department and enterprises under the ministry, the president and CEC members of MFF, executives and responsible persons of marine products associations.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein gave accounts on breeding and production of marine products and tasks related

to increasing export of marine products and conservation of aquatic resources in Myanmar. The Vietnamese Minister explained development of fisheries and marine products sectors. Next, Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department and officials reported on activities of the associations carried out by MFF to those present. Later, those present discussed development of fisheries and cooperation in carrying out joint-ventures of marine products between Myanmar and Vietnam.

In the afternoon, the visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Minister Mr Ta Quang Ngoc visited No 1 Fish Farm in Hlawga, Mingaladon Township. Farm Manager U Aye Thwin explained breeding task to the minister and party and the director-general and the deputy director-general of Fisheries



Vice-Admiral Soe Thein welcomes Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. (News on page 1) — MNA

Department made supplementary reports.

Next, they proceeded to Thanmarthu Fresh Water Fish Farm of Yangon Command in Danyingon in Mingaladon Township and they visited Kandawgyi Aquarium in the evening.

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## Electric Power No 2 Minister receives President and CEO of Daewoo

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received President and CEO Mr Young-Won Kang and

party of Daewoo International Corporation of the Republic of Korea at his office, here, this morning. Also present at the call were Director-

General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power Department, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and officials. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Vietnamese Minister Mr Ta Quang Ngoc hold talks on bilateral cooperation in fishery sector. — MNA

## Grade I Course No 205 for Staff opens

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thinn Thinn delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Grade I Course No 205 for the Staff at the training school of the Auditor-General's Office, here, this morning.

A total of 156 staff

from 35 departments and 15 economic organizations under 30 ministries are attending the three-month course.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Myo Myint of Auditor-General's Office, deputy directors-general and officials of the training

school.

The plans are under way to open the Grade II and Grade III courses for the staff of the ministries and efficiency courses for auditors and senior auditors of the Auditor-General's Office at the training school. — MNA



Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thinn Thinn delivers an address at opening ceremony of Grade I Course No 205 for Staff. — MNA

## Workshops on CECS and DLM on 11 May

YANGON, 9 May — The Workshop on Certificate in English Communication Skills (CECS) will be held at the training school of STI Education in Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township at 1 pm on 11 May.

Experienced teachers from foreign countries will teach the trainees to have reading skills. London Teachers Training College (UK) will present CECS certificates to the trainees.

STI Education is developing human resources. The training school opens the course on Diploma in Logistics Management. The DLM course includes subjects on logistics principles and practices, cost account & finance, operations management, e-commerce & e-business operations, and warehouse operation & distribution management. On completion of the course, the trainees will get diplomas from Association of Manager and Administrators of UK, and Queensfield Business School of Singapore.

The topic on DLM will be discussed at STI school at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 13 May afternoon. Everyone may enlist to attend the workshop on CECS free of charge, dialing 507046, 507048, 507051 and 507152. — MNA



## Commander opens Davis Cup 2007 by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV

YANGON, 9 May — An opening ceremony of Davis Cup 2007 by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV hosted by the Union of Myanmar was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court on Theinbyu Road, here, 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 General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, Central Working Committee Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and members, officials of the Ministry of Sports, President U Zaw Zaw of Myanmar Tennis Federation and members, diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, officials of International



**Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win shakes hands with a contestant of Davis Cup 2007 by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV.**—MNA

Tennis Federation, coaches and athletes and guests.

First, the contending teams took positions at the designated places.

Director-General U Thaug Htaik delivered an address.

Next, the commander, the director-general and the president of MTF formally opened the Davis Cup 2007 by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV and they

greeted the contestants.

After the opening ceremony, the fixtures of the tournament followed.

A total of 10 teams from Myanmar, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, Syria, Turkjistan and Turkmanistan are taking part in the tournament.

It lasts up to 13 May and everyone can enjoy the matches free of charge.

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**Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik delivers an address at opening of Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV.** — NLM

## MMA to form township organizations in states, divisions

YANGON, 9 May — Myanmar Music Asiayon has carried out measures to form Township Music Asiayons under the MMA across the country.

Myanmar Music Asiayon is formed with 25 executives, and U Maung Maung Latt was elected as the chairman of the association.

Five subordinate institutions under the MMA share the responsibilities for classical music, modern music, stereo, engineering and production sectors. There are nine executives in the classical music group, 15 in the modern music group, 11 in the stereo group, seven in the engineering group and seven in the production group.

So far, Mawlamyine, Pyapon and Waw Township Music Asiayons have been formed. Personnel of MMA has toured townships to form township music asiayons. — MNA

## Committee for Printing and ...

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more achievement for the handing down of the textbooks to students by practising thrifty.

He said that the printing of school textbooks for 2008-2009 academic year for which the Ministry of Education has placed an order is to be launched at the end of May, calling for formation of a quality control team. Measures should be taken systematically in storing and transporting textbooks to avert unnecessary damage of the books. According to the thrifty practice, 20 kinds of school textbooks have

been reduced in size, and responsible officials are to coordinate work for the practice to cover the remaining 62 kinds of textbooks for this academic year, he said. He called for completion of printing textbook for 2008-2009 academic year by March 2008 and distribution of the books to respective sales centres by April.

Secretary of the Committee for Printing and Distributing School Textbooks Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein reported on accomplishment of the

resolutions passed by the meeting held on 7 August 2006.

U Aung Nyein and Chairman of the Subcommittee for Distributing School Textbooks Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on progress of printing and distributing school textbooks for 2007-2008 academic year subcommittee-wise.

Members of subcommittees gave an account of work progress. The minister assessed the reports and gave instructions on the programme.—MNA

## F&R Minister attends 40th Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the opening of the 40th Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank held at Kyoto International Conference Centre in Japan on 6 May.

Present on the occasion were Finance Ministers from 67 member countries, delegates, financial experts and observers.

Before the 40th Annual Meeting of Asian Development Bank, Myanmar delegation members attended the Meeting of Vice-Governors of Central Banks of ASEAN plus 3 held at KICC in Kyoto on 4 May.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the ASEAN plus 3 Finance Ministers' Meeting held at KICC in Kyoto on 5 May and discussed finance and monetary affairs of ASEAN plus 3, Asian Bond Market Initiative, Chiang Mai Initiative and Finance Cooperation on ASEAN + 3 funds matters. ASEAN Finance Ministers released a joint statement and held a press conference.



**Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun being welcomed by Attorney-General U Aye Maung at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.** — MNA

The annual meeting continued on 7 May and reports of the work committee were read out. The elected president made a speech on the occasion and the meeting concluded.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport this morning. The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the

airport by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, departmental officials and families of the delegation members.

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and Director Daw Ohnma Sein accompanied Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun. — MNA

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## MPT, Daewoo International Corporation & Cubrid Co ink MoU

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Ambassador Mr Park Key Chong of the Republic of Korea, EXIM Bank Chairman Mr Cheon Sik Yang of the Republic of Korea and Daewoo Co President Mr Young Won

communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

Next, the minister attended the ceremony to mark completion of the Basic e-Government Project of Myanmar and the ceremony to sign the

Ambassador Mr Park Key Chong, EXIM Bank Chairman Mr Cheon Sik Yang of ROK and President Mr Young Won Kang of Daewoo Co gave speeches.

Officials of MPT and



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address at Myanmar Basic e-Government Project Completion and e-Citizens Project MoU Signing Ceremony. — MNA

Kang called on Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw at his office yesterday and discussed cooperation in communication sector between Myanmar and Republic of Korea.

MoU on implementation of the e-Citizens Project between Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Daewoo International Corporation & Cubrid Co Ltd at the hall of the CPT Ministry.

Also present at the

Daewoo International Corporation & Cubrid Co Ltd signed the MoU.

On the occasion, officials of EXIM Bank of ROK donated US\$ 20,000 to Lewe Township Hospital and Daewoo Co 10 computers to the CPT



Signing Ceremony of e-Citizens project MoU between Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Daewoo International Corporation & Cubrid Co Ltd in progress. — MNA

Also present at the call were Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and officials of the Ministry of Com-

ceremonies were ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, ROK

Ministry.

After the ceremony, the guests were served with lunch at Thingaha Hotel, here.

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## Bangladesh culls more chickens as bird flu spreads

DHAKA, 9 May — Bangladesh has culled about 25,000 more chickens over the past four days as bird flu spread to eight additional farms, officials said on

Tuesday. of the newly infected farms is in the Mirpur area of the capital Dhaka, while six were in Dhaka District, which surrounds the capital more

than 10 million people. The eighth affected farm is in Magura District, 200 kilometres (125 miles) southwest of the capital.

MNA/Reuters

## Employees of PBANRDA Ministry receive job proficiency skills

YANGON, 9 May — Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs opened on-job training courses and vocational training courses at the

central training school of the Education and Training Department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township yesterday.

The courses are advanced management course No 13 and No 14, advanced engineering course No 2, financial course No 18, advanced vocational training course No 15 and vocational training (rattan/bamboo) course No 3. They were opened with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Opening of the courses are aimed at developing the skills of employees of the ministry to be able to carry out

functions of the ministry in accordance with rules and regulations, the minister said.

A total of 192 trainees from Development Affairs Department, Education and Training Department and departments under the ministry and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee are attending the 12-week course.

After the opening ceremony, Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspected the mess and lecture halls of the training school.

He also visited computer training rooms where trainees are learning computer skills and inspected vocational training courses.

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## Work under way for launching Project on Improving Access for Young People with ATS Abuse to Effective Treatment

YANGON, 9 May — A meeting to implement the Project “Improving Access for Young People with ATS Abuse to Effective Treatment”, jointly organized by Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and UNODC, was held at Sedona Hotel, here, this morning.

It was attended by Ambassadors and diplomats from the

embassies of Australia, the US, Germany, Japan, Laos, Indonesia and the Philippines, representatives of UN agencies, international and internal NGOs and representatives of other countries.

Joint Secretary Police Col Kham Aung of CCDAC, Representative Mr Akira Fujino of UNODC East Asia and Pacific Regional Office and Resident Repre-

sentative Mr Shariq Bin Raza of Yangon UNODC delivered opening addresses. The project coordinators reported on their respective sectors of the project. A total of 45 representatives of Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines and UNODC are attending the meeting that will last up to 11 May. — MNA



Mr Akira Fujino of UNODC delivers an address at Meeting to launch Improving Access for Young People with ATS Abuse to Effective Treatment. — MNA



## Blair set to name day of departure

LONDON, England, 9 May — British Prime Minister Tony Blair is expected to announce his intention to step down as Labour Party leader Thursday, ending weeks of speculation about his departure and setting the clock ticking on the final weeks of his 10-year premiership.

Blair's official spokesman said the prime minister would set out his

intentions to Cabinet colleagues on Thursday morning. He is then expected to travel to his Sedgefield constituency in northern England to make a public announcement.

Speculation about Blair's resignation date has swirled for weeks, and intensified after he celebrated the landmark of 10 years in power on 1 May.

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## US Democrats slam Big Oil over \$3 gasoline prices

WASHINGTON, 9 May — The US Senate's top Democrat on Tuesday accused big oil companies of shutting down refineries temporarily to raise gasoline prices and rake in "obscene profits."

Gasoline prices have topped 3 US dollars a gallon at service stations across the country because several oil refineries are offline due to maintenance or accidents, reducing gasoline production and making fuel supplies tight.

"It's outrageous ... isn't it interesting every year about this time, a refinery goes down for repairs," said Senate

Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday announced seven congressional hearings in coming weeks on soaring energy prices and plans to put together a proposed package of energy bills by 4 July to address the issue.

"With Memorial Day travel and the start of summer driving only a few weeks away, drivers are paying a heavy price for the Bush Administration's failure to enact a comprehensive energy strategy," said Pelosi.

"Years of Bush administration policies that have favoured Big

Oil over the consumers have resulted in record dependence on foreign oil," the California Democrat added.

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## Pentagon identifies 35,000 more troops for Iraq

WASHINGTON, 9 May — The Pentagon said on Tuesday it told another 35,000 US soldiers they were in line to go to Iraq, a move that gives commanders enough forces to maintain a security crackdown there through at least the end of the year.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said the decision was not related to the military's so-called "surge". But the replacement forces offer generals the flexibility to maintain heightened troop levels through 2007.

"This deployment announcement of the next 10 units that are in the queue has nothing to do



Amateur actors take part in re-enactment of the historic battle during the WW II in Velichovky, Czech, on 8 May, 2007 to mark the 62nd anniversary of victory of the World War Two.—INTERNET

## US military apologizes for Afghan civilian deaths

WASHINGTON, 9 May — The US military apologized on Tuesday for the killing of Afghan civilians, calling a March incident a "terrible mistake" and making payments to families of the dead, a US officer said.

Army Colonel John Nicholson, commander of forces in eastern Afghanistan, said US forces killed 19 people and wounded 50 in a 4 March incident, in which Marines are believed to have responded to an ambush on one of their convoys.

Nicholson, in a statement given to victims' families and later read to reporters, said he was "ashamed" that Americans had killed Afghans.

"I stand before you today deeply, deeply ashamed and terribly sorry that Americans have killed and wounded

innocent Afghan people," he said.

"This was a terrible, terrible mistake and my nation grieves with you for your loss and suffering. We humbly and respectfully ask for your forgiveness," he said.

Around 60 civilians have been killed in raids by US-led troops, according to Afghan officials, sparking days of protests against the United States and Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

Karzai last week said Afghanistan could "no longer accept civilian casualties".

MNA/Reuters

with a decision to extend the surge," Whitman said.

"It would be inaccurate to look at this announcement today as some sort of decision with respect to the surge, ... It is simply identifying units that will receive deployment orders," he said.

Asked if the decision gives com-

manders the ability to maintain higher force numbers in Iraq through 2007, Whitman said the "math would be right on that".

The Pentagon is increasing troop levels by about 30,000 for a security crackdown focused on Baghdad. US forces in Iraq total 146,000, and will hit

about 160,000 once the additional forces are in place.

The Defence Department announced identified 10 Army units, known as brigade combat teams, in line for deployment between August and December 2007.

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## Herod's tomb unearthed in West Bank

BEIJING, 9 May — The tomb of the Roman-anointed "King of the Jews," Herod the Great, who ruled around the

time of the birth of Christ, has been found in a hillside in the Judean desert, Israeli media reported on Wednesday.

Hebrew University archaeologist Ehud Netzer said on Tuesday he has found the sarcophagus of the king,

who ruled Judea from about 37 BC until his death in 4 BC, had been smashed, most likely by Jews who rebelled against Rome from 66 AD to 72 AD.

Netzer, whose 35-year hunt for the tomb began in 1972, is convinced that he has found it at last. But his team has found no trace of human remains or of the golden crown, sceptre and jewels that Roman historians described Herod being interred with 2,000 years ago.

Herod's tomb had become a mystery because while he was known to have been buried at Herodium, a man-made hill crowned by a palace, the exact location of the burial site was lost.

Internet



A BHP Billiton logo is seen in the foyer of the company's headquarters in Melbourne in this file picture taken on 30 November, 2003. BHP Billiton Ltd declined to comment on 9 May, 2007 on market speculation it has approached smaller rival Rio Tinto Ltd whose shares surged as much as 10 per cent to a record. Rio's stock jumped as much as 10 percent to a record A\$98.80 (\$81.90) in early afternoon trade on speculation that BHP Billiton has approached Rio. — INTERNET



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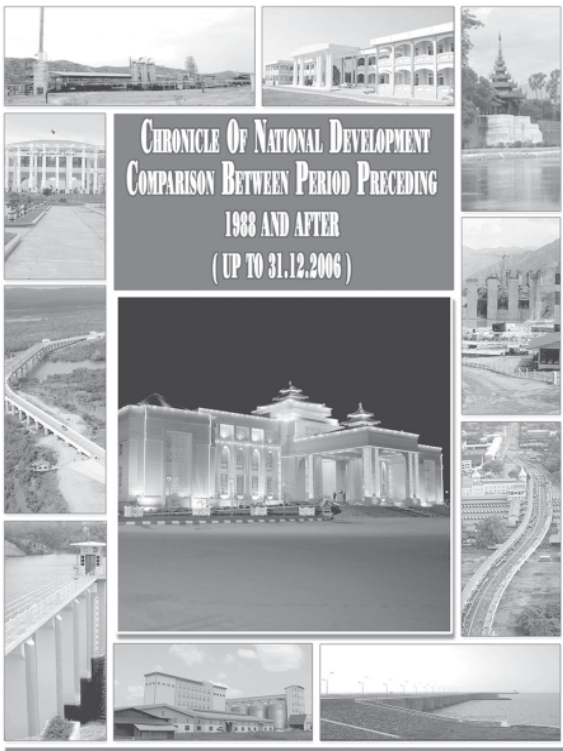
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**6.0-Richter-Scale earthquake jolts N-E Colombia**

**BOGOTA, 8 May** — An earthquake measuring six degrees on the Richter Scale shook eight Colombian regions, but did not kill anyone or leave substantial damage, the National Seismological Network said on Sunday.

The earth movement at 23:47 Saturday local time (0447 GMT Sunday GMT) hit Bogota, the capital of the country, and Medellin, the nation's second largest city. The epicentre was close to Betulia, a town in Santander department, a region hit by a 4.3-degree earthquake earlier on Saturday.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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 for **AstraZeneca AB**  
 P. O. Box 60, Yangon  
 Dated: 10 May 2007

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV FRIENDLY SEA VOYNO (7)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FRIENDLY SEA VOYNO (7) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 10.5.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER CO, LTD**  
 Phone No: 256924/256914

**Lightning kills three children in Indonesia**

**JAKARTA, 8 May**—Three children were killed in a house that went up in flames after being struck by lightning in Indonesia's North Sumatra Province, local Press said on Monday.

The children, aged between six and eight years old, stayed in one of five houses that burst into flames after the lightning strike in Deli Serdang District, some 20 kilometres from the provincial capital of Medan, at around 22:00 local time on Sunday.

Their parents were apparently not at home when the accident occurred, reported leading news website Detikcom.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Four US workers seized in Nigeria**

**LAGOS, Nigeria, 9 May** — Gunmen seized four American workers as violence escalated in Nigeria's southern petroleum-producing region, a Chevron spokesman said Wednesday.

The attackers, carrying assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, stormed a vessel carrying the workers in the southern

Niger Delta minutes before midnight Tuesday, two industry officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because their company prohibits them from talking to the media.

Chevron Corp spokesman Femi Odumabo said the four kidnapped workers were subcontractors with US citizen-

ship. "Four American employees of Global Industry Ltd were taken hostage," he said. "There is no current threat to production."

Another vessel in the same area, the Walvis 6, was also attacked and robbed. A crew member reported missing was later found hiding on the boat.

*Internet*

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
 MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
 MYANMA RAILWAYS  
**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDERS**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat;

Sr.No	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
i.	15(T)3/MR(E) 2007-2008	(i) Check Bolt & Nut (ii) Bridge Hook Bolt	28000-Sets 45000-Nos
ii.	12(T)5/MR(ML) 2007-2008	Spare Parts for Diesel Electric Locomotives	1 - Lot (316-Items)

Closing Date/Time - 11.6.2007 (Monday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 10.5.2007 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982,291985(201555 Ext 601,602,605,612)  
 Deputy General Manager  
 Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon

## Blast in Baghdad as Cheney visits

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 9 May — US Vice-President Dick Cheney said Wednesday that he believes there's a "greater sense of urgency" among Iraqis to generate progress on all fronts in the war-wracked nation.

Cheney, in Iraq on an unannounced visit, appeared before reporters with US Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus, the

top-ranking US military official in Iraq.

**Mortar round in Baghdad during visit**

Meanwhile, a mortar round landed in Baghdad's Green Zone during Cheney's visit, the Iraqi Interior Ministry said.

The US Embassy press office in Baghdad, however, said an explosion was heard, but

it could not verify whether it was inside or outside the zone.

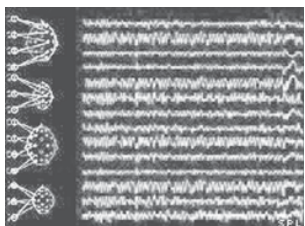
There are no reports of any casualties. Attacks on the heavily fortified area, the seat of US and Iraqi government power in the country, are common.

The vice president had arrived unannounced in Baghdad early Wednesday.

Internet

## 'Sumo' offers brain disease hope

WASHINGTON, 8 May — Boosting levels of a protein in the brain could be a way of treating diseases such as epilepsy and schizophrenia, scientists suggest.



**In seizures, electrical surges cause message scrambling in the brain.—INTERNET**

Researchers at the University of Bristol say the SUMO protein acts to damp down the amount of information transmitted to cells.

Such "over-excitement" is characteristic of many conditions which affect the brain.

Experts said the findings in Nature would

further understanding.

There are 100 million nerve cells in the brain, which each have 10,000 connections, called synapses, which link to other nerves cells.

These connections

chemically transmit information that control brain function via proteins called receptors.

These processes are believed to be the basis of learning and memory.

In a healthy brain, synapses can modify how efficiently they work, by increasing or decreasing the amount of information transmitted.

Having too much information is a problem, but so is having too little which can cause conditions including coma.

Internet

## Bullet trains prove big holiday hit

BEIJING, 8 May — Bullet trains that can travel at up to 200 kilometres per hour provide a new and popular travel alternative during the May Day holiday.

Chinadaily.com.cn recently conducted a survey and found that about half of the respondents said they would like to try the trains during the week-long holiday.

More than 2,100 people responded to the website's question of "Will you try



**A bullet train is seen at Beijing railway station on 7 May, 2007.**

INTERNET

these bullet trains during the golden week in May?"

About 45 percent said "yes", 37 percent "no", and the rest had "no comment". "I will try it," said a netizen named

Dongting. "It is not as expensive as an air ticket, and cuts journey time."

However, Sissi felt ticket prices for the trains were a bit steep and that might could deter travellers. "I shall try it one day, but not during the Golden Week. I always want to try something new, if I can afford it."

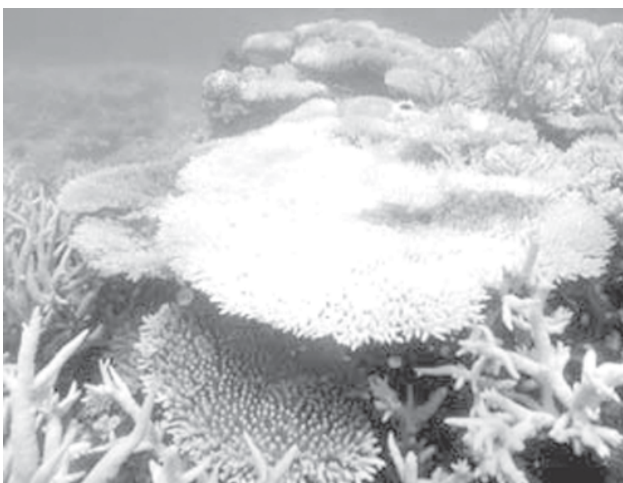
Meanwhile Nile advised people "not to spend money on transport that has experienced delays, making actual travel time longer". —Internet

## Study: warmer water dangerous to coral

BEIJING, 9 May — Warmer sea temperatures are blamed for the severity of a coral disease, according to a study on Australia's Great Barrier Reef published on Tuesday in the online journal PLoS Biology.

The study tracked the relationship between water temperature and the frequency of a coral disease called white syndrome, an ailment that turns corals white, across more than 1,800 kilometres of the world's largest coral reef.

In the study, scientists found white syndrome flourished when the sea temperature rose. In 2002, for example, the frequency of the disease increased 20-fold after a year in which the region saw its second warmest summer.



**Bleached coral can be seen at the Keppel Islands on the southern Great Barrier Reef in Queensland in this May 2006 handout photograph. The reef, and possibly the \$5.8 billion (\$4.5 billion) tourist industry it underpins, will be "functionally extinct" by 2050, a draft report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned this week.—XINHUA**

In another case, two years ago, unusually hot water across the Caribbean Sea was blamed for a massive surge of coral bleaching, a different

phenomenon from white syndrome, and a subsequent wave of deadly diseases that attacked reefs across the region.

In some locations,

scientists found a 25 to 30 percent loss of coral and centuries-old corals were killed.

The study found that the effect of temperature was "highly dependent" on the density of the coral cover. Outbreaks of white syndrome followed unusually warm temperature on reefs with greater than 50 percent coral cover.

Reefs are undersea rock formations built by tiny animals called coral polyps.

They are important habitats and nurseries for fish and other sea creatures.

Scientists estimate about a quarter of the world's coral has been permanently lost and another 30 percent could disappear over the next 30 years. —Internet



**Actress Cameron Diaz arrives to attend the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Benefit Gala "Poiret: King Of Fashion" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on 7 May, 2007. —XINHUA**



## SPORTS

## UEFA clamps down on black market sales for Athens final

NYON (Switzerland), 9 May — UEFA, European soccer's governing body UEFA says it has cancelled a number of tickets for this month's Champions League final between Liverpool and AC Milan in response to illegal sales carried out in Britain.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, UEFA said its action was based on a law that came into effect in England and Wales on April 6 which makes it a criminal offence "for an unauthorized person to sell a ticket for a designated football match."

The legislation also covers future Champions League fixtures, as well as UEFA Cup matches and European Championship games. UEFA said it had also sent "warning letters" to several companies ordering them to stop sales of UEFA Cup and Champions League final tickets.—MNA/Reuters



*New York Yankees first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz (C) dives but misses the tag on a leaping Texas Rangers batter Gerald Laird as Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte (L) watches the play in the fifth inning of their American League baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, on 8 May, 2007. Laird, however, missed the first base bag and Mientkiewicz was able to tag the bag for the out.*—INTERNET

## Portuguese hunt goes on as Ronaldo appeals for girl

LISBON, 9 May — Portuguese police said on Tuesday they were following up hundreds of leads in their hunt for a missing three-year-old Madeleine McCann and Manchester United striker Cristiano Ronaldo appealed for her release.

Police said they are considering all leads in the investigation but declined to give any details. *Daily Correio de Manha* said on Tuesday Madeleine may have been kidnapped by a paedophile ring.

Judicial police spokesman Olegario de Sousa said the police had searched 500 apartments in and around the beach resort where Madeleine disappeared.

"Other lines of inquiry are still being pursued and investigated, which could lead to the motive for the incident," he told a news conference.

The case is drawing widespread media attention in Portugal after days of headlines in Britain.

Ronaldo, the most high-profile Portuguese man in England apart from Chelsea trainer Jose Mourinho, made an appeal for Madeleine. "Please, if you have any type of information, please tell us," Ronaldo said in a televised statement released by Manchester United in English and Portuguese. "I think this is very important for all of us."—MNA/Reuters



*Richard Jefferson (C) of the New Jersey Nets works his way between Zydrunas Ilgauskas (L) and Drew Gooden (90) of the Cleveland Cavaliers in the first quarter of Game 2 of their NBA Eastern Conference playoff basketball semifinals in Cleveland, Ohio, on 8 May, 2007.*—INTERNET

## Britain's Hatton pays tribute to Corrales

LONDON, 9 May — World light-welterweight champion Ricky Hatton said he was 'shellshocked' after learning of the death of former WBC and WBO light-weight champion Diego Corrales who died in a motorcycle accident in Las Vegas late on Monday. According to US media reports, the 29-year-old Corrales, who also won a world title at super-featherweight, collided with a car at high speed 10 miles (16 kilometres) west of Vegas.

Los Angeles-based Corrales was involved in one of the classic fights of modern times when he stopped Mexico's Jose Luis Castillo in 2005 after twice being knocked down. Hatton defends his IBO belt against Castillo next month in Las Vegas and said the fight should be dedicated to Corrales, whom he called one of the "bravest fighters ever".—MNA/Reuters



*Argentine soccer great Diego Maradona appears during the nighttime show "Showmatch", aired by Argentina's Channel 13, in Buenos Aires in this 7 May, 2007 video grab. Maradona, who was hospitalized for alcoholic hepatitis in March, moved to a psychiatric clinic two weeks ago and checked out on Sunday, will continue going to the clinic three times a week for follow-up treatment, his doctor Alfredo Caha said.*—INTERNET

## Two coaches resign before start of Brazilian C'ship

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 May — Two first division coaches have resigned in Brazil, less than one week before start of the national championship. Levir Culpi said he was leaving Atletico Mineiro while Geninho parted company with Goias, bringing the number of coaching changes so far this season to 14.

Although the Brazilian championship starts in mid-May, the season kicks off in late January with regional tournaments plus the Copa Brasil knockout competition.—MNA/Reuters

## Liang first Chinese millionaire golfer

BEIJING, 9 May — Liang Wenchong has become the first Chinese player to join the Asian Tour's million-dollar club, enjoying a rare occasion of beating mentor and idol Zhang Lianwei to the accolade.

For years, Liang has always followed closely in the large footsteps of Zhang but his runner-up finish at the GS Caltex Maekyung Open in South Korea at the weekend ensured he surpassed the 1 million US dollars mark in career earnings ahead of Zhang. Liang became the 12th player to achieve the feat in Asia, with Thai star Thongchai Jaidee topping the career money list with 2.4 million US dollars.

Liang, 28, played down his achievements as he is eyeing a greater

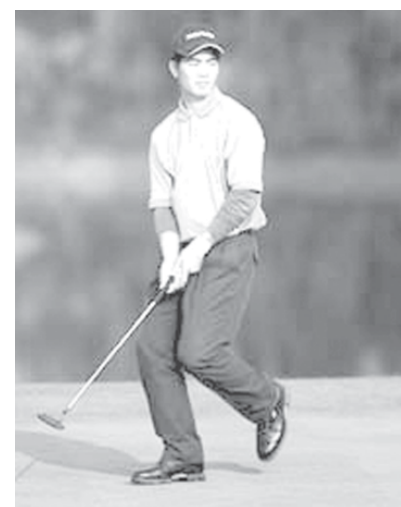
feat which Zhang has never achieved in his illustrious career - lifting the UBS Order of Merit crown, the ultimate prize on the Asian Tour.

Presently, he is lying in second place and is a mere 4,223 US dollars behind leader Anton Haig of South Africa on the UBS Order of Merit after 13 tournaments this season.

"I am hoping to challenge for the UBS Order of Merit title, that was why I played in Korea," said Liang, who had not visited Seoul since 2003. "I would like to win this award."

Liang's season has been impressive. He claimed a maiden title at the Clariden Leu Singapore Masters in March and has now posted five other top-10s to raise his season's win-

nings to 423,462 US dollars. Haig, winner of the Johnnie Walker Classic in Phuket, leads with 427,685 US dollars.—Internet



*Liang Wenchong*



**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**

**Six arrested in plot to attack  
New Jersey Army base**

WASHINGTON, 9 May — Six New Jersey men have been arrested in what authorities said was a plot to kill soldiers at a US Army installation in New Jersey, local media reported on Tuesday.

Investigators said the men planned to use automatic weapons to enter Fort Dix and kill as many soldiers as possible, according to the Newark

Star-Ledger and television stations in Philadelphia and New York.

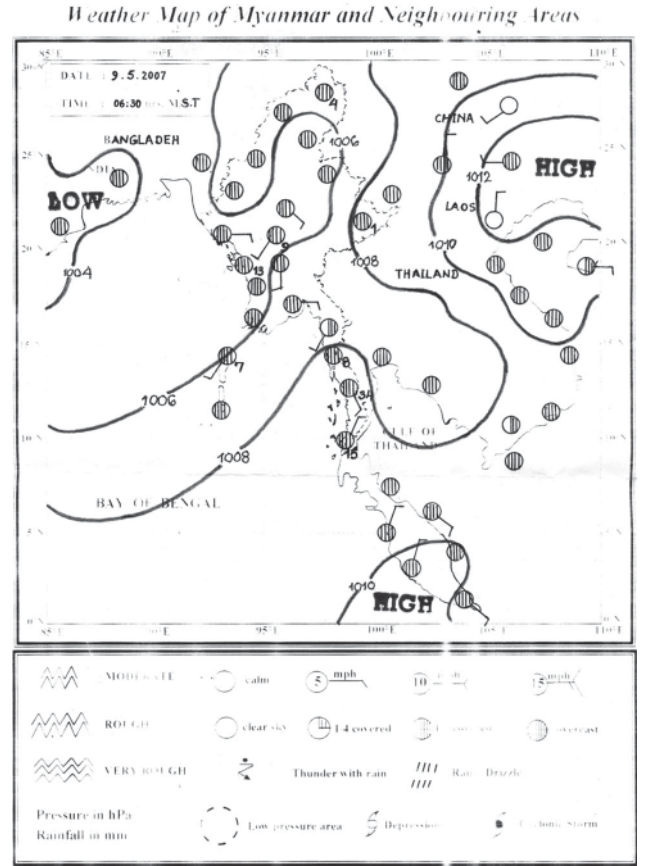
FBI agents arrested five of the men in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and another elsewhere after members of the group allegedly attempted to buy automatic weapons, the Star-Ledger reported.

Michael Drewniak, a spokesman for US attorney's office in Newark, New Jersey, confirmed the arrests but declined to offer details.

"There were terrorist arrests last evening," he said.

The suspects will be charged with terrorism conspiracy on Tuesday in federal court in Camden, New Jersey, according to the reports.

MNA/Reuters



**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 9 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) above May average temperature in upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperature in Kayin State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (8°C) below May average temperature in Shan State and about May average temperature in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Monywa (2.32) inches, Mogok (1.93) inches, Taunggyi (1.77) inches, Bago (1.69) inches, Myingyan (1.53) inches and Myeik (1.38) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-5-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-5-2007 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 8-5-2007 was (7.4) hrs approx)

Rainfall on 9-5-2007 was (0.07) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (14.68) inches at Mingaladon, (18.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and (15.87) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (9) mph from South at (11:15) hours MST on 8-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and West Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-5-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Village nurse selected for Florence  
Nightingale Award in India**

DHARMAPURI, 9 May — A 48-year-old village health nurse, who claims to have attended more than 3,000 delivery cases in this district of Tamil Nadu, has been selected for the "Florence

Nightingale National Award".

C Mahalakshmi, an Auxillary Nurse Midwife (ANM) attached to Kettur Health Sub-Centre, about 38 kilometres from here,

was selected for the coveted award, District Collector Pankaj Kumar Bansal told reporters here Monday.

She attends around 25 delivery cases every month taking the total to 3,000 cases since 1997. Her performance in immunization and family welfare activities was also taken into account while choosing her for the award, Bansal said.

Mahalakshmi said that she was indebted to the district administration and Health Department for providing her an opportunity to serve the society, especially rural mothers.

She will be honoured with a shield, certificate and cash award of 50,000 rupees during a felicitation function in New Delhi on 12 May. — MNA/PTI



Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan arrives to attend the "100 Most Influential People In The World" gala hosted by Time Magazine in New York on 8 May, 2007. INTERNET



Thursday, 10 May  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00am Music:
- 9:05am International news
- 9:10am Music:
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- Always on my mind
- Complicated heart
- When I look into your eyes
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 10 May  
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂူရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. Dace of national races

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Dance variety

8:25 am

8. ဘိုင်းဒါးရေလှောင်တံခံ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Muscial programme

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်းခန်းစာ

5:10 pm

6. Cute little dancers

5:20 pm

7. "ဟွန်းသံ" (ဇရာနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်းရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ)

5:30 pm

8. Musical programme

5:45 pm

9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲရင့်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သီရိဇောလာ

7:00 pm

13. Discovery

7:10 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ်ရွက်ကလေး၏ ရင်ခုန်သံ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကြမ္မာနတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁)

19. The next day's programme

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# Committee for Printing and Distributing School Textbooks meets

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — The School Textbook Printing and Distributing Committee held its meeting 1/2007 at the Ministry of Information, here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that he would like to discuss two points at the meeting. For the first point, he said, the school textbooks for 2007-08 academic year have been distributed to shops in the respective regions. Hence, it is necessary to distribute the textbooks to students when schools open in the early days of June. As the second point, the minister stressed the need to coordinate the printing of the school textbooks for 2008-09 academic year to be carried out at the end of May. In the previous year, the



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at coordination meeting of Committee for Printing and Distributing School Textbooks. — MNA

School Textbook Printing and Distributing Committee could perform its tasks in accord with the guidance of the Head of State on complete distribution of textbooks to students in time, sales of the books at the price fixed by the Ministry of Education, printing of quality products and handing down of the old

textbooks to the students for practising thrifty.

The minister said that the School Textbook Printing Subcommittee printed 38.4 million copies of textbooks this year and handed over them to the Ministry of Education at the end of March 2007. Likewise, the Ministry of Education has sent 41.88 million copies of textbooks combined with last year's 3.48 million copies of textbooks in April.

In addition, arrangements have been made to distribute 3.22 million copies of textbooks donated to the schools this year.

Therefore, the committee is to sell the textbooks to students in June, report back the completion of distribution at the end of June, supervise sales of the textbooks at the price fixed by the Ministry of Education and seek ways to have (See page 9)

**SIGNIFICANT  
DAY TEMPERATURES  
9-5-2007**

<b>NAY PYI TAW</b>	<b>93°F</b>
<b>YANGON</b>	<b>90°F</b>
<b>MANDALAY</b>	<b>97°F</b>
<b>CHAUK</b>	<b>106°F</b>

## Weather Forecast for 10-5-2007

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Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.  
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One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Mandalay and neighbouring areas**  
One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## MKTI exports reach US \$ 100 million

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Myanmar Korea Timber International Limited (MKTI) held a ceremony at the Ministry of For-

estry, here, on 7 May, as its export earnings during the period from 1993 to 2007 reached US \$ 100 million.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung addressed the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the Ministry of Forestry, Ambassador of ROK Mr Park Key Chong, President Mr Kang Young Won and party of Daewoo International Corporation and officials.

The Korean Ambassador and the President of Daewoo International Corporation spoke words of thanks.

MKTI Managing Director Mr Jung Ham Kin explained tasks of the company.



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at a ceremony held by Myanmar Korea Timber Int'l Ltd.

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