

# Senior General Than Shwe receives visiting Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting Cambodian delegation led by Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia Dr Aung Naing, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw.

The Cambodian Prime Minister was accompanied by Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany. — MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe welcomes Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*



*Senior General Than Shwe receives Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 23 May, 2007

### Myanmar-Cambodia bilateral cooperation yielding fruits

At the invitation of Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Thein Sein, a Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen arrived at Nay Pyi Taw on a goodwill visit on 21 May.

The Cambodian Prime Minister paid two goodwill visits to the Union of Myanmar in February 2000 and in November 2003.

As members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Myanmar and Cambodia cooperate in various sectors. In addition, they are dealing economically with each other as members of Ayeyawady-Chao Praya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy consisting of five nations—Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.

Tourism and air transport are among the spheres Myanmar and Cambodia are working in collaboration. In the present goodwill visit, the two sides have exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and further strengthening of bilateral friendly relations.

Now, Myanmar and Cambodia have achieved considerable success in expanding the scope of bilateral cooperation in various fields. Therefore, it is believed that the bilateral trade cooperation will scale up the cooperation between the two countries in all sectors.



*In memory of late Dr Win Myint (PyinOoLwin), U Khin Maung Tint and Daw Khin Nu, Daw Khin May Kyi and family donated K 100,000 to the trust fund of the Hninzigon Home for the Aged in Yangon recently. Joint-treasurer of the administrative board of the Home U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation which will be spent on building a three-storey building of the Home for the Aged. — H*

## Peoples' Desire

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

### USDA Secretary-General meets members in Kanyutkwin



*Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo meeting with members of USDA in Kanyutkwin.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 22 May —Secretary-General U Htay Oo of Union Solidarity and Development Association met with departmental officials and members of Pyu and Kanyutkwin Township USDAs in Kanyutkwin on 18 May.

At the meeting, the Secretary-General called on members of USDA to actively participate in implementing development and social welfare tasks in the region. He also briefed them on tasks of USDA.

Afterwards, the members of USDA reported

to the Secretary-General on social welfare and health care services being provided by USDA in the region and opening of training courses.

After the meeting, the Secretary-General visited the construction of Mokaung Pariyatti Monastery and offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

He also visited Kanyutkwin Station Hospital and donated food and cash to the hospital. He also viewed children being vaccinated against measles at the hospital. —MNA

### MGEA starts new office

YANGON, 22 May— The opening of new office of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association was held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the association at 5th floor of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township on 18 May.

Chairman of MGEA U Thu Taw (Academy Shwe Thant) delivered an address and announced the opening of the new office of the association. Next, Secretary of the association U Kyaw Win read out the minute of the executive committee meeting. Representatives of state/division GEAs briefed on tasks of the associations.

Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association can be reached at Ph 214837. —MNA

### Electrical & Electronic Appliance Factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 May — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with Director-General of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning U Khin Maung and officials concerned inspected Electrical & Electronic Appliance Factory in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

Next, the minister and party looked into electrical and electronic appliances workshop, household electrical workshop, production process of rice cookers and electric irons and then they were conducted by factory general manager Daw Lei Lei Win round the factory.

In connection with the reports, the minister called for factory workers to do test on appliances to meet the set standards, innovate and produce appliances with modern marketable designs, store the products and distribute them to the markets in time, reduce production costs and use power and fuel efficiently. — MNA



*Annual Meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association in progress. — MNA*



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Iran says no connection between Iraq, nuclear issues**

TEHERAN, 22 May— Iran said on Sunday that Teheran does not agree with connecting Iran's nuclear programme and the Iraqi issue, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"We do not want any connection between the nuclear talks and the discussions on Iraq," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying at his weekly Press conference. "If others are intended to create a link between the two cases, we reject it," he added.

US and Iranian

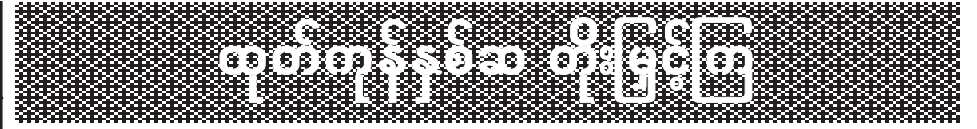
officials are to meet in Baghdad on 28 May for talks on Iraq's security, just three days ahead of the next round of negotiations between Iran's top nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana over Teheran's nuclear programme.

Asked whether a representative from Syria would also attend the US-Iran talks on Iraq slated for 28 May, Hosseini said, "Syria plays no role in the talks but an Iraqi representative will be present at the meeting."

Iranian supreme leader

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday stated that Teheran's policy of not negotiating with Washington was unchanged though there will be talks with the United States over Iraq. The talks would not mean a breakthrough between the two foes as Iran would merely use the talks with US diplomats to remind Washington of its "occupiers' duty" in the conflict-torn Iraq, state-run television quoted Khamenei as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



**Greenpeace activists display dead whales and dolphins and a banner reading "Another 300,000 dead. Defend the whales!" in front of Berlin's landmark Brandenburg Gate in a reminder that these mammals are threatened as hundreds of them are caught in fishing nets. — INTERNET**

**Apples and fish protect unborn children**

LONDON, 21 May— Apples and fish sound an unlikely food combination, even for a pregnant woman, but new evidence suggests they can protect unborn children against allergic diseases.

Researchers found that children whose mothers enjoyed munching apples while pregnant were less likely to have suffered from wheeze or been diagnosed with asthma by the age of five.

Similarly, the sons and daughters of mothers who ate fish once or more a week during pregnancy appeared to be protected against the skin allergy eczema.

Scientists believe the

effects may be due to powerful antioxidants in apples called flavonoids, and omega-3 fatty acids in fish.

A range of other foods studied, including vegetables, fruit juice, citrus and kiwi fruit, whole grains, dairy fat and margarine, did not produce the same protective effects. The investigation was conducted at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Researchers studied 1,212 children born to women who had filled out food questionnaires during their pregnancy.—Internet

**48 killed as Lebanese Army battles militants in north**

NAHR AL-BARED (Lebanon), 21 May— Lebanese troops battled Islamist militants based in a Palestinian refugee camp on Sunday and 48 people were killed in Lebanon's bloodiest internal fighting since the 1975-90 civil war.

Twenty-three soldiers and 15 militants died in the clashes, which erupted before dawn at Nahr al-Bared camp and the nearby Sunni Muslim city of Tripoli, in north Lebanon.

A Cabinet minister said the fighting with Fatah al-Islam, which the government says is backed by Syria, seemed timed to try to derail UN moves to set up an international court to try those suspected of carrying out political killings in Lebanon.

Security sources said at least 15 militants were killed when troops stormed buildings in Tripoli, where some of them were holed up. Four militants who were earlier thought to have been killed in the camp had turned themselves in, they said. Palestinian officials in the camp, home to 40,000 refugees, said at least 10 civilians were killed and 50 wounded. Lebanese officials could not say whether militants inside the camp had been killed.—MNA/Reuters



**US actress Angelina Jolie leaves the gala screening of British director Michael Winterbottom's film "A Mighty Heart" at the 60th Cannes Film Festival on 21 May, 2007.**

INTERNET

**Malaysian astronaut candidates to receive training at NASA**

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 May—Two Malaysian astronaut candidates will undergo training at the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) this June, a senior official said Saturday.

The three weeks' training in Texas aims to familiarize them with the

American section of the International Space Station (ISS), Malaysian Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Jamaludin Jarjis told reporters in the administrative centre of Putrajaya.

Currently, the two candidates, Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, 35, and Faiz Khaleed, 27, are

undergoing training at the Yuri Gagarin Space Training Centre in Moscow, Russia.

One of them will board Russia's space launcher Soyuz 2 to arrive at the ISS this October, thus becoming the first spaceman in the history of Malaysia.

MNA/Xinhua



**Photo taken on 19 May, 2007 shows the scenery of Stockholm, capital of Sweden. As one of the most popular tourism attractions, Sweden has its advantaged tourism resources and unique historical and cultural atmosphere. —XINHUA**



# Chinese railways carry record passengers, freight

BEIJING, 21 May — Chinese railways have seen record numbers of passengers and record freight volume since the country hiked up rail speeds on 18 April, said the Ministry of Railways on Saturday.

The country's railways transported 115 million people in the past 30 days, up 4 per cent on the same period of last year.

Freight totalled 263 million tons, up 7 per cent.

A new daily passenger record was created on 1 May, the first day of the weeklong Labour Day holidays, when 5.48 million people climbed onto trains.

Ministry sources said more than 99 per cent of the trains started and arrived on time and ticket prices remained stable.

"The journey time of the Z59/58 between Beijing and Fuzhou, for

example, has been shortened by nearly 14 hours. But the ticket price remained unchanged," said a ministry official.

All high-speed trains were fully booked, said the official.

He said more high-speed trains will be used to meet growing demand on coming holidays, adding that the ministry is now focusing on improving safety pre-

cautions.

The country will put more than 500 China-made high-speed trains into operation this year after boosting the speed limit for rail traffic for the sixth time, said the ministry in April.

The high-speed trains travel at speeds of up to 250 kilometres per hour. Currently, express trains in China travel at an average of 115 kilometres per hour.

MNA/Xinhua

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Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), delivers a speech at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FCAC) in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 21 May, 2007. —XINHUA

## Car bomb kills at least 25, wounds 60; family killed at checkpoint

BAGHDAD, 22 May — At least 25 people were killed and 60 others wounded when a car bomb exploded in an outdoor market in western Baghdad late Tuesday morning, the Interior Ministry said.

The attack took place in the Amil neighborhood around 11 a.m. (3 a.m. ET)

About an hour earlier, gunmen killed a family of six near the city of Khalis, about 40 miles (65 km) north of Baghdad, police said.

Internet

## German salmonella outbreak kills two

BERLIN, 21 May — An outbreak of salmonella in Germany has infected more than 250 people and killed two, authorities said on Sunday.

The Klinikum Fulda, a 924-bed hospital in the town of Fulda in central Germany, said 233 patients and staff had been infected by the outbreak, along with a further 23 people in a nursing home attached to the institution.

Achim Hellinger, the hospital's medical director, said the precise cause of the outbreak had not yet been identified, but that the risk of it reaching the general public was negligible. —MNA/Reuters



FMX rider Robbie Maddison arrives at the 2007 Taurus World Stunt Awards at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles on 20 May, 2007. —INTERNET

## Mine explosion kills Afghan district police chief

KABUL, 21 May — A mine blast killed police chief of Achin District in Nangarhar Province of eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, a local official said.

A remote-controlled bomb targeted the police chief's car, killing him on the spot, district chief Achin Abdul Wahab told Xinhua. Another policeman was killed and three others sustained injuries, he added.

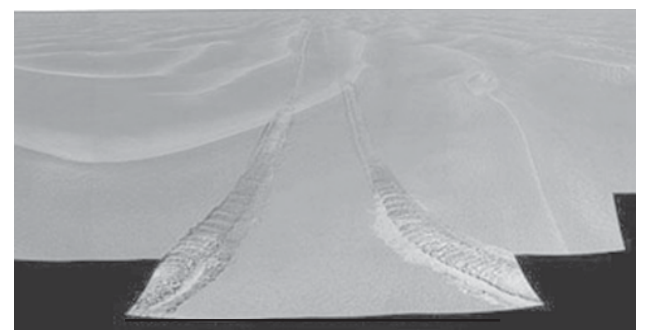
A suicide attack killed three German soldiers and six Afghan civilians in this country's northern Kunduz Province on Saturday morning. More than 1,500 people, mostly Taliban militants, have been killed by violence in Afghanistan this year. — MNA/Xinhua

## China to launch first Mars probe in 2009

SHANGHAI, 22 May — China will launch its first Mars probe in October 2009 as part of a joint mission with Russia, said sources with the Shanghai Space Administration, the main developer of the probe, on Monday.

Researchers are "pressing ahead" with the project for a synchronized launching with a Russian probe, said Chen Changya, a researcher with the Shanghai Institute of Satellite Engineering, at a space technology exhibition.

He said the home-developed Chinese probe



Scene of Mars. —INTERNET

is scheduled for completion by June 2009.

The probe, 75 centimetres long, 75 centimetres wide, 60 centimetres high and weighing 110 kilograms, is designed to be able to serve a two-year mission, according to Chen.

Its model is on display at the exhibition.

The Chinese probe, with Russia's Phobos-Grunt, will be launched by a Russian carrier rocket, Chen said. They are expected to land on Mars in 2010 after 10 month's flight. —Internet



A saleswoman demonstrates the use of an LG Electronics 55-inch Full-HD LCD TV equipped with a liquid crystal display from LG Philips at the Korea Electronics Show in Goyang. LG Electronics Inc is creating its smallest plasma display panel for the Chinese TV market, a company spokesman said on 21 May, 2007. —INTERNET



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Iran, China agree on North Pars gas field development

TEHERAN, 21 May — Iran and China have finalized the negotiations and came up with an agreement on the development of the North Pars gas field in the Gulf, local daily *Teheran Times* reported on Saturday.

Iran's Pars Oil and Gas Company's (POGC) and China National Offshore Oil Corp (CNOOC) will ink the contract by 31

August, 2007, the daily quoted POGC managing director Akbar Torkan as saying on Friday.

CNOOC has already signed a memorandum of understanding with National Iranian Oil Co (NIOC) on upstream and downstream development of the gas field which has been defined in four phases, the daily reported.

According to the

negotiations, the phases are to produce 20 million tons of liquefied natural gas (LNG) per year, Torkan said.

The North Pars gas field is located 85 kilometres north of the giant South Pars gas field in the Gulf and has an estimated 80 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (R) and his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko stand during an official welcoming ceremony in Minsk on 21 May, 2007. Ahmadinejad and Lukashenko on Monday hailed bilateral ties and pledged to promote cooperation in various fields. —XINHUA

## India's chief ministers meeting called to discuss power woes

HISAR (Haryana), 21 May —Concerned over the deteriorating power situation in the country, Prime Minister Man-mohan Singh Saturday said a meeting of the chief ministers would be convened within a fortnight to evolve a time-bound strategy to reduce power shortage.

As part efforts to augment the generation capacity, the centre would also soon start work on a nuclear power plant in Haryana—a move, he said, would go a long way in reducing demand-supply gap in the industrialized state. "I am told that a site to develop a nuclear plant has been identified at Fatehabad and work will start shortly. This will... reduce power shortage in the state in the next three to four years", the Prime Minister said.

Singh shared his concern over the power situation after laying the foundation stone for a 1,200 mega watt (MW) thermal project to be executed on turnkey basis by Reliance Energy Limited's engineering, procurement and construction division.

The 42.97 billion rupees thermal power project, christened as Rajiv Gandhi Thermal Power Plant, will be completed by March 2010. The first phase of 600 mega watt was likely to become operational by December 2009. Assuring the state government that the centre will make available coal and gas needed for running mega power projects in the state, the Prime Minister said that "plan is afoot to end shortage of gas in the next three to four years". —MNA/PTI

## Two dead, five missing in S-W China colliery gas explosion

CHENGDU, 21 May—Two people have been confirmed dead and five others are missing following a colliery gas explosion in southwest China's Sichuan Province on Sunday, the local government said.

Forty-one miners were working in the pit when the blast occurred at 9:30 am at Shi'ergou Mine in Daxian County, according to an official with the provincial workplace safety bureau.

He said 34 people were rescued. "Five of them are injured and are being treated at Dazhou Central Hospital."

Rescuers retrieved two dead bodies in the pit and were continuing to search for the five missing miners, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

## Czech climber dies near summit of Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, 21 May —A 47-year-old Czech climber died near the summit of the Mt Everest, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Sunday.

According to the daily, the man who was not identified was a member of an international team. The Czech Ambassador to India and Nepal, Hynek Kmonicek told Czech public radio.

"According to our information, the body is at around 8,300 metres and because of difficult access, weather conditions and other things, it has been decided not to bring down," Kmonicek said.

The climber died due to unspecified reasons two or three days ago, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



A man walks in front of a huge picture of the Qianmen Street planning project at a construction site in Beijing on 21 May, 2007. —INTERNET



A wild pangolin. Thousands of pangolins are being illegally shipped from Southeast Asia to China every month, police warned, as a meeting to crack down on wildlife smuggling started in earnest on Tuesday in Indonesia. INTERNET

## "Xinhua" says iodine deficiency plagues Xinjiang, Tibet

BEIJING, 21 May—About 100 million people suffer from iodine deficiency in China, primarily in the remote and ethnically distinct regions of Tibet, Qinghai and Xinjiang, despite an iodized salt programme begun in 1995, the *Xinhua* news agency said on Sunday.

The government of Xinjiang plans to spend about 20 million yuan (2.61 million US dollars) a year to subsidise 4.5 million people with 5 yuan apiece to buy iodine-enriched salt from the market instead of non-iodized product hawked

by illegal dealers, *Xinhua* said, citing Kuresh Mahsut, vice chairman of the region.

About a third of Xinjiang's counties have not yet eliminated iodine deficiency and related diseases, it said. They include goitre, a swelling of the neck resulting from enlargement of the thyroid gland, learning disabilities and miscarriages.

About 600,000 to one million newborns, of the 20 million born in China every year, suffer from iodine deficiency, *Xinhua* said. —MNA/Reuters



## Malaysian PM will pay working visit to Japan

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 May— Malaysian Prime Minister Abudullah Ahmad Badawi will pay a working visit to Japan on 21-25 May, the Malaysian Foreign Ministry said here Sunday.

This is the fifth time that Badawi is making a working visit to Japan since he became Malaysia's prime minister in October 2003.

Badawi is scheduled to meet with his Japanese

counterpart Shinzo Abe to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest, according to a Press release from the Malaysian Foreign Ministry.

Badawi also will deliver a speech at the 13th Nikkei Conference organized by Japan's major business newspaper *Nihon Keizai Shinbun*.

In addition, the Malaysian Prime Minister will take a tour to the Tsukuba Space Centre.

MNA/Xinhua



Zhao Qiankun (Middle on the left), one of the earliest passenger train workers in Changchun Train Manufacture Factory, talks about the newest high-speed passenger trains with hisson and his grandson on 20 May, 2007.

XINHUA



Miss India Puja Gupta introduces herself, in her national costume, during a Miss Universe pageant in Mexico City on 20 May, 2007. —XINHUA

## UK expert: lifestyle change averts "cancer timebomb"

BEIJING, 22 May —A British cancer expert Monday insisted that making a few simple changes to their lifestyle can help avert the "cancer timebomb" facing his fellow countrymen, according to media reports.

Greg Martin said people need to be fully aware of the hidden costs of a poor diet and lack of exercise.

Excess fat around the stomach increases the production of the hormone oestrogen, which can be carcinogenic, he said.

It is already being predicted that 12.6 million Britons will be classed as obese by 2010. However, Martin said while the surge in cancer cases would follow "as surely as night follows day," simple changes to lifestyle could help avert the impending disaster.

"It's a huge chunk of the population. Each of these people is going to have an increased risk of cancer - but this is an avoidable risk factor," he stated. "This kind of increase cannot be explained by anything genetic. It's almost certainly a function of behaviour.—Internet

## Tiger kills zookeeper in southern China

BEIJING, 21 May — A tiger at a south China zoo, apparently agitated during the mating season, attacked and killed its keeper who had looked after the animal for years, the *Beijing Youth Daily* said on Monday.

The victim, a 42-year-old Thai, died in hospital in Sanya on the tropical island province of Hainan on Sunday after he was bitten in the leg and neck while cleaning the tiger's cage, the newspaper said.

The tiger leapt at the victim when he bent down to pick up a broom, it said.

A colleague rushed to the victim's rescue by poking the tiger with a pole.

The victim had looked after the tiger for about eight years, the newspaper said.

In February, a tiger attacked a six-year-old girl waiting to have her picture taken with the animal at a zoo in southwest China, biting her head and killing her.

Two months later,

crocodiles devoured a 9-year-old child who, along three school friends, had climbed into an enclosure at a holiday park and taunted the animals with sticks and catapults.

MNA/Reuters



A photographer takes photos of Wucaitan, a geographic zone of variegated hillocks beside the Ertix River in contrast with luxuriant forests, located near Altay city of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 20 May, 2007. As a wind-eroded Yardang landform, the beautiful landscape is of high value for tourism development. —XINHUA

## Iraqi senior official escapes mortar attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 May— A senior official of Iraqi Ministry of Industry escaped mortar attack on his house near the US-controlled Green Zone in central Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A mortar round landed near the house of Sami al-Aaraji, deputy of industry minister, killing one of Aaraji's guards," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. The source could not say whether Aaraji was at home during the attack but confirmed that only one guard was killed and the official was safe. — MNA/Xinhua

## Lightning kills two in eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 May — Two people were killed when struck by lightning in Sarawak State, eastern Malaysia, leaving a nine-year-old girl deprived of her mother and maid, local Press reported Monday.

Jasmine Qistina Imran's mother Norasilah Hashim, 38 and their Indonesian maid, known only as Tina, in her 30s, were killed when they were struck by lightning at the end of their family outing to the popular "Wind Cave" in Bau, 40 kilometres from Kuching, capital of Sarawak State.— MNA/Xinhua

## Mudslides kill six in Colombia

BOGOTA, 21 May— Six people died on Sunday in the central Colombian province of Antioquia after heavy rains triggered landslides on highways, regional government sources said.

Landslides hit houses and the roads linking Taraza and Puerto Valdivia, some 500 kilometres northwest of Bogota.

Sunday's deaths brought the total death toll from rain-caused disasters to 10 across the nation over the weekend. Saturday's victims were a woman in Antioquia and three members of a family in the southwestern province of Cauca.

A key road linking Medellin to the Caribbean coast is blocked by landslides. Since the start of Colombia's rainy season, 36 people have been killed and 90,000 made homeless.— MNA/Xinhua



# What is important?

*Ngar Min Swe*

I was discharged from hospital on 13 April (Akyo Day of Thingyan Water Festival). Due to my health condition, I took rest at home during Thingyan holidays. I was reading the book "Speeches of Bogyoke Aung San" during the holidays. In his address he delivered at the conference held at the Shwedagon Pagoda, Bogyoke asked whether politics was a wicked thing or not. He then said that actually, politics was not a wicked thing; that only the persons who were tarnishing it were wicked; that there would be a question "What is politics?"; and that whether politics should be regarded as too high and noble a cause ordinary people should not take part in or a cause for liars to cajole naive people of remote rural areas into serving their interest with lucrative promises or a dangerous and harmful cause that people might stay away from or a cause for race and religion that was in accord with the common view.

**Bogyoke also said that the true nature of politics was not a cause too noble and high nor too mean; that it was neither magic nor astrology nor alchemy nor a dangerous path nor a self-serving cause to achieve the goal at the expense of others interests; and that politics in reality was an affair to be tackled in view of the prevailing conditions.**

So, according to Bogyoke, politics is a matter to be assessed, decided and acted upon in accord with the prevailing situation.

The situation in Myanmar cannot be the same as that of America or England. The People's Republic of China has been carrying out the national development drive by adopting a system that suits to her prevailing situation. India is also doing the same thing. Likewise,

**Myanmar will have to adopt a system that is in conformity with her prevailing condition to develop herself.**

We are now writing an enduring constitution after assessing and taking into account the prevailing situation of our human environment in accord with the political definition of Bogyoke Aung San, the father of our independence. The constitution will come into force soon and the people will surely accept and adopt it unanimously.

I am not a writer, nor a journalist, nor a political analyst, but an ordinary member of the public always busy with the work of fulfilling the social needs of my family. Owing to the nation's situation, I have written in dailies in 1368 ME and in my view contributing such articles is just a duty of a citizen.

Dear readers, considering the law of impermanence, this may be my last article, and in this article, I would like to present a paragraph from the last address of Bogyoke Aung San which he delivered at the conference held at City Hall on 13 July 1947 for all of you to keep it in your hearts.

In his speech, Bogyoke said that what he wanted was not the unity of sycophants, but the unity of all the national people; that without the unity of the entire national people, the country, even though it was an independent state, would be a hopeless place or a land of

people subservient to others, regardless of the party or the government that was ruling it; that national unity should not be destroyed by anyone or anything as it was of vital importance for the country.

I would like to urge leaders of national race armed bands that have not made peace with the government yet, persons of the political parties who are opposing and criticizing the government, and the aimless '88' generation students to read the paragraph again and again till you remember it by heart. After the words are engraved in your mind, I hope that you will come to realize what you should really do and will join hands with the government and the people.

The persons who cannot realize the truth would say that they are making sacrifices in the interest of the nation and the people. I agree with them. But the Myanmar people will not accept suicide bombers who kill themselves to kill others. You should realize that your acts to destroy the unity of all the national races are harming the entire nation. You should join hands with the government and the people.

**Here, what I would like to tell specifically to some political activists is that politics is a practical task, not a dream. So there is a subject called political science. It is impossible and unrealistic to materialize all the things you had dreamed while serving your**

**prison term. It would be wrong if you copy the words of the persons of America and England.**

The father of independence Bogyoke Aung San said that politics in reality was an affair to be tackled in view of the prevailing conditions. So, we all will have to serve our best in the interests of the race after taking into account the past and the present events.

Esteemed national brethren of the Union,

National unity during the period from 1948 to 1988 in the country was in jeopardy. Because of the lack of unity, our country became a least developed country (LDC). And during the 1988 unrest, the nation nearly met its dead end due to the loss of unity, as stated by Bogyoke Aung San.

Respected national brethren of the Union,

Thanks to the Tatmadaw government's endeavours after 1988, national unity is prevailing in almost every part of the nation. **We all should never let the national unity be destroyed under any circumstance. I would like to urge the entire nation in all seriousness to draw and ratify a durable constitution and build the Union of Myanmar to become a modern and developed democratic state.**

(Translation: TMT)

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# Dinner hosted in honour of Cambodian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Acting Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein hosted dinner in honour of the visiting Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence, here, yesterday evening.

Also present were ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia Dr Aung Naing, directors-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hul Phany.

Before and during the dinner, artistes performed entertainment programmes to the accompaniment of Myanmar Radio and Television modern music



*Acting Prime Minister Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hosts dinner in honour of Cambodian delegation led by Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

band. After the dinner, the Acting Prime Minister and the Cambodian Prime Minister exchanged souvenirs. The Cambodian Prime Minister presented a bouquet to the artistes and posed for documentary photos. — MNA

# Cambodian Prime Minister on study tour of Nay Pyi Taw



*Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen plants and waters Ingyin tree in Nay Pyi Taw to mark Myanmar-Cambodian friendship. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May — The visiting Cambodian delegation led by Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia Dr Aung Naing and Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw, arrived at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall via Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone this morning. They were welcomed there by Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Chairman Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and the secretary and members of the committee.

The mayor gave an account of Nay Pyi Taw and progress in construction tasks and replied to the queries raised by the delegation members. Next, the mayor and the visiting Prime Minister exchanged gifts.

Afterwards, the Cambodian delegation visited the herbal garden of the Ministry of Health. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and officials welcomed the guests. The visiting Prime Minister planted a commemorative Ingyin (Pentacme suavis) tree and scattered fertilizers and watered it. They then posed for a documentary photo. Later, the visiting Cambodian delegation visited staff quarters and Nay Pyi Taw Myoma Market by car. — MNA



## Lt-Gen Ye Myint urges departmental officials to actively participate in development tasks in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence during his tour of Magway Division, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and departmental officials held a meeting with military officers, other ranks and their families at the local battalion on 19 May.

During his meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged them to successfully carry out five rural development tasks, extend agriculture and livestock breeding for family welfare, cooperate with the local people in the implementation of public welfare services in full swing and fulfill the requirements in the fields of education, health and social welfare.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Thaphanseik River Water Pumping Project. — MNA

Upon arrival at Magway Town Hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with departmental officials at division, district and township levels, and discussed regional development tasks with them.

First, Chairman of Magway District PDC U Amt Maw and Chairman of Minbu District PDC U Myint Thura briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on regional development tasks carried out in the

townships in the district. Next, Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary reports on accomplishment of the development tasks.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech on the occasion, saying that the Government built bridges, airports, roads, railroads in Magway Division. It also fulfilled the requirements in education and health sectors and established factories and workshops. It

built dams, lakes and embankments, implemented river water pumping projects. As a result, Magway Division is now enjoying fruits of regional development. The division has set a target to cultivate 5 acres of physic nut plants this year. It is to focus on cultivation of monsoon paddy against the target of 1 million acres and 10 main crops. Departmental officials are to actively participate in carrying out development tasks, he urged.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants at Magway

University and planted physic nut saplings. Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports presented by Pro-rector U Htay Aung of Magway University.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants at the junction of Magway detour road and planted physic nut saplings. Magway Division has already cultivated 330,624 acres of physic nut plants so far.

Upon arrival at Thaphanseik river water pumping project, Deputy Director U Tun Maung Aye Htoo of Water Resources Utilization Department

briefed Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on accomplishment of the tasks of the river water pumping project.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected thriving 30 acres of summer paddy in Padegon village tract. Thaphanseik river water pumping project benefited 450 acres of summer paddy last year and it will boost cultivation of summer paddy this year.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into physic nut plantations in Magway Township Battalion and attended to the needs.

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## Home Affairs Minister meets ICRC Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Mr Pierre Andre Conod, Resident Representative of International Committee for Red Cross (ICRC), at

the ministry, here, yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of General Administration Depart-

ment U Myat Ko, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General of the Special Bureau of Investigation U Saw Aung Win and Head of Office U Nay Myo. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Resident Representative of ICRC Mr Pierre Andre Conod. — MNA

## Sarpay Beikman Bookshop inaugurated in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 22 May — Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information inaugurated Sarpay Beikman Bookshop at Myoma Thapayaygon New Market (No Ta-55) in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar encyclopaedia, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript award winning books, monthly knowledge journals, books on development of the State, autobiography of Shwe Ou Daun and other kinds of books in different tastes are available at the shop at reasonable prices.

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## MSD invites applications for postgraduate courses

YANGON, 21 May — Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health has invited applications for postgraduate, PhD and master's degree courses related to medical field to be conducted at universities under the department.

The MSD will conduct courses for diploma in medical science, PhD, master's degree in nursing, master's degree in medical technology and master's degree in paramedical science for 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Those who are eligible may apply for the courses, and they are urged to send the application forms to the department not later than 31 July. More information is available at Medical Science Department.

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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Muse 105th Mile border trade camp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Lt-Col Maung Maung Myint of Kunlon Station and departmental officials arrived at the confluence of Thanlwin River and Namlin Creek near Holi Village in Kunlon Township on 19 May.



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence views flow of Thanlwin River and Namlin Creek. — MNA*

Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut reported on the site chosen for construction of Upper Thanlwin Hydropower Project near Tongkyet Village.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected flow of water in the river and environmental situation. A feasible study is being conducted for construction of 2,400-megawatt Upper Thanlwin Hydropower Project.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Hsenwi and inspected cultivation of summer paddy in Hsenwi plain and ploughing.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and Brig-Gen Thet Oo of Hsenwi Station inspected land preparation for highland farming along Hsenwi-Kutkai Road.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win cordially greeted national

race leader U Ma Htu Naw of special region-5 of Shan State (North) and members at Loisanit Yeiktha in Kutkai Township.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected transportation and clearing of land for cultivation of physic nut on Kutkai-Namphaka-Muse Road.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut in Mawtaung Village in Muse Township.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented physic nut seeds to members of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Organizations and Village Peace and Development Council.

He also presented food to departmental personnel and members of social

associations.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander grew physic nut seedlings.

Over 36,000 acres of physic nut were grown in Muse District and 11,139 acres in Muse Township.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived at Muse 105th Mile border trade camp near Mongyu Village. They met departmental officials, chairman of Muse Chambers of Commerce and Industry and executives.

Present were Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Brig-Gen Thet Oo of Hsenwi Station, Brig-Gen San Shwe Tha of Kutkai Station, Director-General of Border Trade Department U San Pyi, camp in-charge Director of

BTD Lt-Col Yan Naing

Tun and officials. Lt-Col Yan Naing Tun reported on trade for the respective financial year after opening Muse 105th Mile border trade camp, export and import, ten largest export items, direct sale of mangoes and sales of fish, eel and crabs through auction and Director-General U San Pyi on opening of commodity depot in Muse and border trade.

The commander gave an account of the programme to set up IT for the traders in Yangon, Mandalay and other townships to be able to catch up with the market in keeping in touch with Muse border trade camp.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win in his speech highlighted the importance to prevent the

transport of goods through a detour around the trade camp. Local authorities and OSS bodies are to carry out tasks in combination. The departments concerned have to take measures to set up a wider market through Internet Web site. So far, 80 per cent of the programme has been completed in transforming the border trade into regular trade between Muse 105th Mile border trade camp and the trade of the neighbouring country, he said, calling for sustained efforts for cent per cent achievement.

He stressed the need for the employees serving for the ministry and for the camp are to work together to enable national entrepreneurs to realize the trade policies laid down by the government.

He called for maintaining the already-achieved fruits of trade and extensive export of fish, eel, crab and mango that are in demand in the neighbouring country.

He said that Muse 105th Mile border trade camp is the largest one among the border trade camps in Myanmar. So, the staff concerned are to show goodwill in discharging tasks in accordance with the border trade objectives to ensure bilateral friendship and trade, to put the border trade on the trend of regular trade, to enable the State to get taxes correctly, to create convenience for national entrepreneurs, and to ensure swift commodity flow.

In conclusion, he called for extensive cultivation of the ten major crops and elephant foot yam tuber that Muse 105th Mile border trade camp exports most.

Muse 105th Mile border trade camp exported elephant foot yam tuber worth more than US\$ 78 million in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 fiscal years. And in April and May 2007, it exported elephant foot yam tuber worth US\$ 0.283 million and physic nut seeds worth US\$ 3.62 million.

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## PBANRDA Minister receives President Mr Yohei Sasakawa of Nipon Foundation

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May — Minister for Progress of Boder Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received President Mr Yohei Sasakawa of Nipon Foundation, which is Japan-based Non-governmental Organization, at his office, here yesterday afternoon.

At the call, they held discussions on measures taken for building 100 schools jointly organized by the PBANRDA and Nipon Foundation in Shan State from 2003 to 2007 by spending US\$ 3 million and extension of project

phase-2.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, directors-general, officials concerned.

After the call, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe and Executive Director Mr Shuichi Ohno signed Memorandum of

Agreement concerning project phase-2 to build 100 schools worth US\$ 3 million in Shan State between 2007 and 2012.

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*Minister Col Thein Nyunt receives Mr Yohei Sasakawa of President of Nipon Foundation. — PBANRDA*

## Three quit Shwedaung Township NLD

YANGON, 22 May — U Thein Zan, Daw Tin Tin Nwe and Daw Mar Mar Cho, members of Shwedaung Township National League for Democracy Party, resigned from NLD on their own accord on 3 May and they sent resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Shwedaung Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, said that they have become disappointed with the activities of NLD and they no longer wish to discharge duties of the party. Therefore, they resigned from the party on their own accord, they said in the letter. — MNA



## Tankers for US-led forces in Afghanistan attacked in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 May — At least 10 tankers, carrying oil for the US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan, were destroyed early Monday morning when two missiles hit them at a Pakistani border area, witnesses said.

The private *NNI* news agency quoted the witnesses as saying that the tankers caught fire at the Pakistani border town of Torkhum, in North West Frontier Province.

No one was hurt in the attack at 4 am local time.

Witnesses said that the missiles were fired at tankers, standing at a parking lot near the border.

Three missiles were also defused. A team of bomb disposal squad was called from the provincial capital of Peshawar to defuse the missiles.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack but Taleban in the past had claimed carrying out similar attacks.

Locals said that the missiles were fired from a

small mountain.

Officials said that the missiles were fired through remote control.

The attack could not affect the cross-border traffic and it remained unaffected.

It is the second attack on oil tankers, carrying oil for American-led forces, in three weeks.

MNA/Xinhua



Mumbai sunset : An indian family enjoys the last rays of light on the promenade off Marine Drive as the sun sets over the Arabian sea in Mumbai. — INTERNET

## London's "Cutty Sark" ship gutted by blaze

LONDON, 22 May — *The Cutty Sark*, a London landmark and the world's last surviving 19th Century tea clipper, was severely damaged in a blaze on Monday.

Flames and thick black smoke shot high into the sky

above the dry dock on the banks of the River Thames where the boat has stood as a major tourist attraction for more than 50 years.

Forty firefighters brought the blaze under control. Aerial television pictures showed a mass of

charred timbers that was once one of the world's fastest ships.

"It's a tragedy. She was the Ferrari of the open seas," Paddy Pugh, from the conservation body English Heritage, told the BBC. "It's one of the genuine icons of London."

The ship, launched in 1869 on Scotland's River Clyde to make the run to China for the lucrative tea trade, was undergoing a 25-million-pound (49.31-million-US-dollar) refurbishment.

*The Cutty Sark* Trust, the body overseeing the

renovation work, said it was still assessing the extent of the damage, but promised to rebuild the ship.

"The old girl needs more help than ever," the trust's Chris Livett told a news conference.

"She is a national treasure. With people's help, I am confident that we will get back on track and get her reopened."

Half of the ship's timbers had been removed for renovation before the fire. The masts and ship's wheel were among the items safely in storage.

MNA/Reuters

## Iran says anti-US policy "bigger than Hiroshima"

TEHERAN, 22 May — Iran's policies of standing up to the United States have set off a "powerful bomb in the world of politics" bigger than the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday.

The comments, carried by state television and radio, come amid prolonged tension between Washington and Teheran over Iran's nuclear programme. US officials say Iran is trying to build an atom bomb but Teheran insists its plans are peaceful.

Iran has refused to halt sensitive nuclear work, despite US threats to ratchet up pressure with new UN sanctions. Two rounds of sanctions have already been imposed since December.

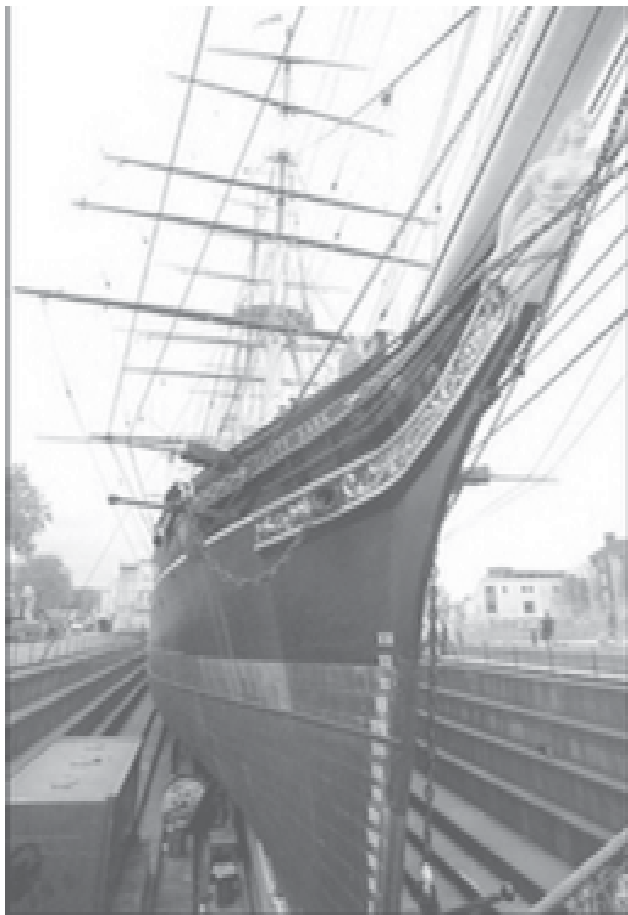
"The political field of today's world is a complicated field with a great war of wills and policies. It can be said that Iran has exploded a

powerful bomb in the world of politics that is hundred times more powerful than the bomb the Americans exploded in Hiroshima," Khamenei was quoted as saying.

"Even Europeans are speechless before this oppressive America, but the Iranian nation by its actions and stances has placed a question mark over all the rules and principles of this oppressive power."

US and Iranian officials are due to hold a rare face-to-face meeting on 28 May in Baghdad. But both sides say the talks will focus on Iraqi security, not other issues.

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The Cutty Sark on display at Greenwich dock in 2004. The Cutty Sark — the world's last remaining tea clipper and one of London's major tourist attractions — has been seriously damaged by a blaze which police are treating as suspicious. — INTERNET

## Flash flood, landslide hits S-W China, leaving 3 dead

GUIYANG, 22 May — Three people were killed, with another three missing after a flash flood and landslide in Nayong County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, late on Sunday.

Local sources in Nayong said it rained heavily in Dongdi Township of Nayong on Sunday evening. The resultant flash flood broke the walls of the complex housing the township family planning committee and of the adjacent hospital.

Four residents from Jieshang Village were swept away by the flood, whilst a couple from Saluo Village were buried inside their home by landslide caused by the sudden heavy rains.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam investigates ring that transports tons of heroin

HANOI, 22 May — Vietnam is investigating a drug trafficking ring with involvement of nearly 100 people, which has transported tons of heroin across Vietnam in five years, according to local newspapers on Monday.

Between 2002 and late 2006, the ring led by a 28-year-old local woman named Nguyen Thi Thom from Vietnam's Hanoi capital and a 51-year-old man named Nguyen Luong Dan from northern

Bac Giang Province "traded and transported tons of heroin and other lab-made drugs" in Hanoi capital, some northern and southern localities, including Ho Chi Minh City, the *Young People* newspaper quoted Tran Quang Trong, head of the Drug Crime Investigation Bureau under the Hanoi Police Department, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a dog feeds tiger triplets and her own puppy, right, at the Paomaling Zoo in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on Wednesday, 16 May, 2007. The tiger triplets were rejected by their mother shortly after their birth. — INTERNET



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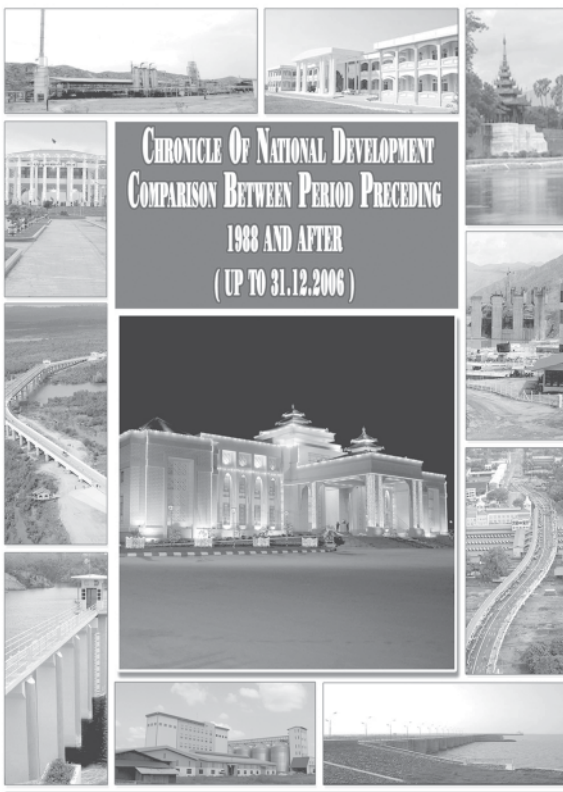
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**Israel launches humanitarian mission in Vietnam**

JERUSALEM, 21 May— In its latest humanitarian initiative, Israel recently launched an operation to provide medical care and financial aid to the poorer populations in the remote Vietnamese jungles, local media reported on Sunday.

The mission, which will cost a total of 50,000 US dollars, was carried out in cooperation with Vietnamese clinics run by an Israeli doctor, a *Yedioth Ahronoth* report said.

Efi Ben Matiyahu, Israeli ambassador to Vietnam, proposed the initiative and decided to better use the money slated previously for the traditional Israeli Independence Day celebration at the embassy.

Last week, a group of 54 doctors and nurses left for the mountainous Vietnamese jungles near the Laotian

border to treat the sick and poor. Five of the doctors and a few of the nurses were Israelis, while the remainder of the medical staff came from other parts of the world.

The medical team traveled through the jungle in vehicles carrying the sign "Israel-Vietnam humanitarian mission". They set up medical camps, where some 2,500 Vietnamese children that have never seen a doctor before were treated. Patients in need of operation were transferred to a city clinic, which performed all the operations free of charge. Food, clothing and toys were also distributed among poor children.

The week-long mission, which was praised by the Vietnamese government, will end on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

**Irrigation uses 75% of world's water**

KUWAIT CITY, 21 May—A report by the Kuwait-based Global Investment House said Sunday that agricultural irrigation uses up to 75 per cent of the world's water supplies, the official

KUNA news agency reported.

Entitled the "Potential World water Crisis", the report quoted the UN Agricultural and Food Organization (FAO) as saying that producing a

kilogramme of rice would require 2,700 liters of drinking water, and 15,000 liters for one kg of meat. From the financial point of view, said KUNA, it is then much cheaper for a Gulf state to import grains and cattle instead of producing them at home, the report said.

It expected the world demand on agriculture produce to remain strong over the coming years in light of the high Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rates realized by countries with high population density like India and China.— MNA/Xinhua

**Govt official says gunmen kill 13 Kurds in Iraqi village**

BAGHDAD, 21 May— Gunmen dressed as Iraqi security forces killed 13 Shiite Kurds in a small village in the volatile Diyala Province on Saturday, a local government official said.

The men entered the village of Qara Lous near the town of Mandali, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) northeast of Baghdad

close to the Iranian border, and began searching through houses.

Thirteen men were taken from their homes and shot, Mohammad Mulla Hassan, mayor of the nearby village of Khanaqin, told *Reuters*. Relatives of the victims had earlier put the death toll at seven. Hassan said all of those shot were

members of Iraq's two main Kurdish political parties, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdistan Democratic Party. The US military has sent an extra 3,000 troops to Diyala, a large, religiously mixed region which has seen some of the worst violence since the US-led invasion in 2003.—MNA/Reuters

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### China creates museum at former POW camp

BEIJING, 21 May — China is turning the site of a prison camp run by Japanese forces during World War Two into a war museum, the *Xinhua* news agency said on Sunday. More than 2,000 prisoners from the United States, Britain, the Netherlands and Australia were imprisoned at the camp in Shenyang, a

Manchurian city formerly known as Mukden, between November 1942 and August 1945. More than one in 10 of them died, *Xinhua* said. Many Chinese believe Japan has yet to apologize properly for its invasion and occupation of China in the years leading up to and during the war. The 54 million yuan (7

million US dollars) museum in Shenyang will include a two-storey brick building, three bungalows and a water tower, all original camp buildings in the Dadong district, *Xinhua* said. Two walls in a square will be inscribed with the names of the prisoners of war. *MNA/Reuters*



A couple hold their wedding ceremony in unique blue colour, which is bride's favourite colour in Jinan, Shandong Province on 20 May, 2007.—INTERNET

### Diabetes drug Avandia increases heart attack risk

BEIJING, 22 May — A scientific analysis shows that the widely prescribed diabetes pill Avandia increases risk of heart attacks by 43 percent, media reported on Tuesday.

Avandia, or sold as Avandamet, is taken by more than 6 million people worldwide since it came on the market eight years ago to help control blood sugar in people with the most common form of diabetes.

Pooled results of dozens of studies on nearly 28,000 people revealed a 43 percent higher risk of heart attack for those taking Avandia compared to people taking other diabetes drugs or no diabetes



GlaxoSmithKline Plc's widely used drug for treating type 2 diabetes, increased the risk of heart death by 64 percent and the risk of heart attack by 43 percent, US researchers said on Monday.—INTERNET

medication, according to the analysis published online Monday.

The study, published by the New England Journal of Medicine, also

found a trend toward more heart-related deaths.

Avandia's maker, Britain-based Glaxo-SmithKline PLC, disputed the results of the analysis but acknowledged that its own similar review found a 30 percent increased risk — information it gave last August and possibly even earlier to the US Food and Drug Administration. But the company said that more rigorous studies did not confirm excess risk. *Internet*

### Study: new cancer imaging tool discovered



Researchers have figured out how to spot genetic changes in the body that may help determine whether a tumor is shrinking or a drug is working, using standard imaging techniques. *INTERNET*

BEIJING, 22 May — It is not far away that patient examines what type of cancer he has by a computer rather than a biopsy, a procedure in which a needle is injected into a tumor to determine what kind of cancer it is, according

to Monday's issue of the journal *Nature Biotechnology*.

In a new study, researchers have figured out how to spot genetic changes in the body that may help determine whether a tumor is shrinking or a drug is working, using standard imaging techniques.

What they found was a way to translate the data from the images into a computer model that could predict what was going on with the genetic material within the tumors.

The main finding is a correspondence between radiographic images and genetic activity.

"You don't have to invade the body in any way. We can actually obtain this information in a non-invasive manner," said Dr Howard Chang of Stanford University School of Medicine.

"The technic needs to be tested on various types of cancers and diseases to see whether the translation tool is universal," he added. *Internet*

### US study links asthma in children to adult smoking

LOS ANGELES, 21 May — The asthma epidemic in children is linked to a rise in cigarette use by adults, according to a new study by US researchers. In the study, researchers at the US Mailman School of Public Health (MSPH) have identified parallel increases in childhood asthma and cigarette use among adults during the past century in the United States.

These parallel trends suggest that the increase in cigarette use may be a contributing factor to the rise in asthma among children during the same period through increased exposure to environmental tobacco smoke, said study author Renee D Goodwin, as-

stant professor at the Department of Epidemiology at the MSPH.

The prevalence of asthma has increased at least threefold during the past several decades, but the cause for this remains unknown, said the study published in the May issue of the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*, the scientific journal of the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

The increase is occurring most prominently in industrialized countries, but now developing countries are beginning to experience similar increases, said the study. Approximately 4.8

million children under the age of 18 have asthma in the United States. Although treatment and asthma management strategies can help control symptoms, asthma is a chronic condition with no known cure.

Asthma most frequently begins in childhood. The cause is unknown, but allergies are a factor in the majority of children with asthma.

Both genetic and environmental risk factors for asthma have been identified, noted Dr Goodwin. Globally, six studies have shown environment tobacco smoke to be a risk factor of incident asthma. *Internet*



A monkey plays in the Nanwan Natural Reserve, Lingshui County, south China's Hainan Province, on 21 May, 2007. Nanwan, China's first natural reserve aimed at protecting macaques, in which about 2000 such animals are living, has become one of the favourite resorts for tourists to Hainan. No tourists are permitted to go into the core area, which covers 96 percent of the island.—INTERNET



# SPORTS



**Cleveland Indians catcher Victor Martinez takes throw from outfield to tag Jose Guillen of the Seattle Mariners in the fifth inning of their MLB American League baseball game in Cleveland, Ohio on 21 May, 2007. Guillen attempted to score from first base on Richie Sexton's double to centre field. — INTERNET**

## Benitez to revamp Liverpool squad



**Benitez**

LONDON, 22 May — Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez is preparing to make wholesale changes to the Reds squad - even if they win the Champions League final on Wednesday.

Benitez is targeting a second European Cup in three seasons with victory over AC Milan in Athens' Olympic Stadium. "The final has to be just a stopping point on the way," said Benitez.

"We can improve and the team must be pro-active. We can improve by bringing in players with character and quality. We need to keep going forward."

*Internet*

## Romario scores 1,000th career goal

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 May — Brazilian striker Romario, 41, has scored his 1,000th goal as a professional soccer player, in the second round of Brazil's football championship for Rio team Vasco de Gama, EFE said on Sunday. Vasco beat Recife team Sport Club 2-0. The referee halted the game briefly for celebrations after Romario scored his 1,000th goal, shortly after half time.

Romario is only the second player to have achieved the feat, after Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pele, who is considered the king of Brazilian football.

Romario scored his 999th goal on March 25, in Vasco's 3-0 victory over cross town rival Flamengo, but had not scored until Sunday, as Vasco experiences a rash of poor results that has led to the sacking of previous manager, Renato Gaucho. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Businessman Morgan buys Wolverhampton

LONDON, 22 May — Liverpool businessman Steve Morgan bought all the shares in Second Division Wolverhampton Wanderers for 10 pounds (19.74 US dollars) on Monday in return for 30 million pounds of investment into the club.

A statement on the club's website ([www.wolves.premiumtv.co.uk](http://www.wolves.premiumtv.co.uk)) said owner since 1990, millionaire Jack Hayward had agreed to the sale after an "exhaustive search to find the right new owner".

The deal with Morgan's company Carden Leisure is expected to be completed, subject to formal approval by the Hayward Family Trust trustees, in early June.

"All the 30 million pounds will be used for the benefit of Wolves," the statement said. "Sir Jack is making this gift for the benefit of the club and in order to secure the future of the club on a long-term basis."

The statement added that Morgan, who was close to buying Liverpool in 2004, would retain Mick McCarthy as first team coach and Jez Moxey as chief executive.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Platini fears EU labour rules would harm football

LONDON, 22 May — UEFA president Michel Platini says he fears for the future competitiveness of European football if national associations are forced to adopt EU rules on the free movement of labour.

At present sports bodies such as national football associations benefit from exemptions from European Commission competition rules, giving them leeway in setting their rules.

However, the EU are drawing up a white paper on sport which, if it went through, would undermine the 2000 Nice declaration which acknowledges the special status of sport in society.

Platini is concerned that such an eventuality would merely increase the gap between the game's major powers and the less well-off clubs.

"I am not confident. I hope they will listen to the world of sport," Platini said in an interview with the *Financial Times*.

"I am very afraid of the bad decisions they will take for the future of sport. It's an important moment, and I hope they will understand what people want for the future of sport."

"It's sport, it is not a product. It is part of our life. If they say it is a product, it is the end of our sport."

*MNA/Reuters*



**Italian rider Danilo Napolitano celebrates as he crosses the finish line after the ninth stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race from Reggio Emilia to Lido di Camaiore on 21 May, 2007. Napolitano won the stage while Italian rider Marco Pinotti took the leader's pink jersey. — INTERNET**

## Last laugh for Mourinho after season of trials

LONDON, 22 May — Chelsea's FA Cup final victory has cut Manchester United's season down to size by denying the Premier League champions a Double at Wembley.

Second best to United in the league, Chelsea showed no desire to try and outscore their opponents in Saturday's often tedious 1-0 win after extra time at the new stadium.

Instead, Jose Mourinho's men made it clear from the start they would deny United the space which Cristiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney need to really thrive; even if it meant turning a potential game of stylish cut and thrust into trench warfare.

Ronaldo, a triple Player of the Year award winner, lacked his usual inspiration and was kept quiet by the marking of Portugal teammate Paulo Ferreira.

Rooney was a far bigger threat and his occasional runs at the Chelsea area were one of the few highlights of the game.

Yet even the England striker found it hard to threaten a Chelsea rearguard which was being shielded not just by Claude Makelele but also by the impressive John Obi Mikel.

Mikel, who turned 20 only a few weeks before the final, had looked set to join United until a transfer wrangle ended with

the Nigerian moving to Stamford Bridge in 2006. On Saturday, he showed what United had missed out on by being an incisive ball winner with great distribution, and who could also ghost past Paul Scholes at will.

*MNA/Reuters*



**Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (L) is pressured by Detroit Pistons' Richard Hamilton (C) and Chauncey Billups during Game 1 of the NBA's Eastern Conference Finals basketball series in Auburn Hills, Michigan, on 21 May, 2007. — INTERNET**

## Real stay top, Barca destroy Atletico

MADRID, 22 May — Real Madrid held on to the leadership of the Primera Liga by the skin of their teeth after a last-gasp 3-2 win over Recreativo Huelva on Sunday.

Real looked as though they might lose top spot after Recre fought back from 2-0 down to level at 2-2 with five minutes to go, but Brazilian fullback Roberto Carlos snatched a vital win when he dinked home in injury time.

Barcelona, who relinquished top spot after last weekend's 1-1 draw at home to Real Betis, bounced back with a 6-0 destruction of Atletico Madrid, to inflict a heaviest ever home league defeat on the rojiblancos.

With three games left to play, Real are level on 69 points with Barcelona, but they lead the standing thanks to their better head-

to-head record. Both teams are now assured of a place in the Champions League qualifiers next season. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Australia's pioneer golfer Norman Von Nida passes away

SYDNEY, 22 May — Norman Von Nida, one of Australia's pioneer professional golfers, died on Sunday aged 93, Australian media reported.

Von Nida had been ill for some time and passed away peacefully at a nursing home, his family told *Australian Associated Press*. Von Nida won more than 80 tournaments around the world during a career spanning the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

He won the Australian Open three times and was the first Australian to win regularly on the European tour, although he never landed a major championship. His best result was finishing third in the British Open, in 1946 and 1958. In 1946, he came second on the European Order of Merit and in 1948 he won 12 titles, seven in Europe and five in Australia.

*MNA/Reuters*



# Heavy rain, storm damage homes in some regions

**YANGON, 22 May** — The heavy rains in YeU township, Sagaing Division, caused floods in the township recently but paddy fields in the township were not damaged during the flood.

Some houses in TaOwn (West) Village in Kani Township were washed away during the flood in the township and one died and one injured in Kin Village, Kani Township, in a landslide due to the recent torrential rain. Emergency evacuation is being carried out in the affected area.

Some bridges in Laikha Township, Loilem District, were damaged due to the torrential rain on 19 May and only small vehicles can cross the bridges. The damaged bridges are now under repair.

The heavy rain caused floods in Lewe Township on 20 May, and some houses and paddy fields in Kyankhinsu Village in the township were flooded. The flood

victims were evacuated.

Some buildings in Sittway and Kyaukpyu districts in Rakhine State were damaged by a storm on 14 May. Some cattle and people were still missing up to 14 May.

A whirl wind destroyed some buildings in Duya Village, Hinthada Township, on 20 May.

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**U Myat Thin Aung (Aung Aung Enterprise Co), Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint (President, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association) and family, on 15 May, donated K 600,000 to Dhamma Moli Vihara Nunnery through Nun Dr Molini. —MWEA**

## SSA-S Ywetsit terrorist group burns timber truck

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 May** — The insurgents are committing destructive acts through various ways with the intention of disrupting stability of the State and community peace and tranquillity and security of the people.

SSA-S Ywetsit terrorist group comprising 6 members burned a ten-wheeled truck loaded with timber to be used in

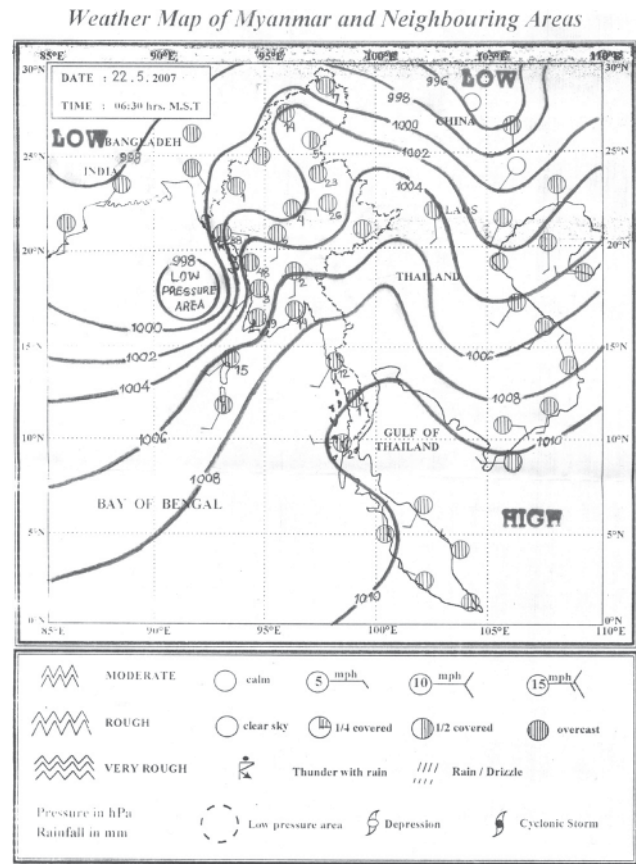
building a school in Mongort village in Mongshu Township, near mile post No 34 on Mongnaung-Wansin motor road on 21 May.

The engine and two wheels were damaged, but the driver managed to escape. There were no injuries.

As soon as the case was known, local battalion military columns

in cooperation with the local people made arrangements to crush the insurgent terrorists.

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### WEATHER

**Tuesday, 22 May, 2007**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and Bago Division, isolated heavy falls in Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperature in Southern and Northern Shan, Rakhine States and Bago Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below May average temperature in Kachin, Kayin States, Sagaing Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about May average temperature in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hinthada (3.86) inches, Gwa (3.58) inches, Sittway and Nyaunglebin (3.47) inches each, Shwegyin (3.03) inches, An (2.60) inches, Thayawady and Ye (2.52) inches each, Mogok (2.37) inches, Mawlamyine (2.01) inches, NyaungU (1.97) inches, Chauk (1.50) inches, Minbu (1.34) inches, Shwebo (1.29) inches, Magway (1.22) inches, Aunglan (0.90) inch and Pakokku (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-5-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 22-5-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-5-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 21-5-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 22-5-2007 was (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.55) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (24.61) inches at Mingaladon, (27.48) inches at Kaba-Aye and (26.34) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (14:15) hours MST on 21-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday low pressure areas over East Central Bay still persist. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) to (40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-5-2007:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



**Wednesday, 23 May**

- Tune in today**
- 8:30 am** Brief news
  - 8:35 am** Music: -As good as news
  - 8:40 am** Perspectives
  - 8:45 am** Music: -Everyday
  - 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
  - 9:00 am** Music: -How do you love
  - 9:05 am** International news
  - 9:10 am** Music: -Baby don't you hurt me
  - 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
  - 1:40pm** Lunch time music -Beautiful -All out of love -I'll always love you
  - 9:00pm** Variations on a tune -Up town girl
  - 9:15 pm** Article
  - 9:25 pm** Music at your request -Sweet for my heart -Something tells me
  - 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
  - 10:00 pm** PEL

**Wednesday, 23 May**  
**View on today**

**7:00 am**

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ 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

**7:55 am**

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:05 am**

6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

**8:20 am**

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**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. Songs to uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm**

  3. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

- 4:45 pm**

  4. Song of national races

- 5:00 pm**

  5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

- 5:15 pm**

  6. Classical song

- 5:30 pm**

  7. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့” (ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

- 5:35 pm**

  8. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်

- 5:45 pm**

  9. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

- 6:00 pm**

  10. Evening news

- 6:30 pm**

  11. Weather report

- 6:35 pm**

  12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

- 7:00 pm**

  13. ရိုးကျူးပူဇော်ဖူးမြော်မဝသည့် သာသနာအာဇာနည်” (တိပိဋကဓရဆရာတော် အရှင်သိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ) (ယောဆရာတော်)

- 7:30 pm**

  14. Discovery

- 7:40 pm**

  15. “မလွန်လွန်းဘူးလား” (အပိုင်း-၁)

- 8:00 pm**

  16. News
  17. International news
  18. Weather report
  19. Myanmar video feature: “ဆောင်းလေသွေးတဲ့ လရောင်” (လှမင်း၊ ထွန်းအိန္ဒြာဗို၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ရှိပြုံး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းစိုး)
  20. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား ဦးစိစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာ ပြားများခြင်းတရားတော်
  21. The next day's programme



**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

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Military Attachés of India**



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attaché of the Republic of India to Myanmar Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and incoming Military Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Narvane in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 22 May— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché of the Republic of India

to Myanmar Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra who had completed his tour of duties and his successor Military Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Narvane at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, this afternoon.

and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of the Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint.—MNA

Also present were Member of the State Peace



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with outgoing Military Attaché of the Republic of India Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes incoming Military Attaché of India Col Manoj Mukund Narvane in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*



**What is important?**

**We all should never let the national unity be destroyed under any circumstance. I would like to urge the entire nation in all seriousness to draw and ratify a durable constitution and build the Union of Myanmar to become a modern and developed democratic state.**