

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Georgian President

**NAY PYI TAW, 26 May** — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mikheil Saakashvili, President of the Republic of Georgia, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Georgia which falls on 26th May 2007. — *MNA*

The international standard facilities and services that are provided by the new passenger terminal building will be beneficial not only to the people of Myanmar but also to all our international guests and passengers.

# Transport sector contributes significantly towards national economic development

## New Terminal Building of Yangon International Airport commissioned into service

**YANGON, 25 May**— A ceremony to open the New Terminal Building of Yangon International Airport jointly built by the Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport and Asia World Co was held at No 1 Passenger Boarding Bridge of the airport, here, this morning, with an opening address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and De-

velopment Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and

Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Director-General of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Cambodian Ambassador Mr Hul Phany and Ambassadors of foreign missions, Charges d' Affaires of the foreign embassies, Resident Rep-

resentatives of UN agencies, officials, local and foreign entrepreneurs, responsible persons of international and local airlines, local and foreign journalists, those from the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Red Cross and Fire Bri-

gades, service personnel, peoples from Yangon North, East and West Districts and guests.

Daw Thida Swe of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MC.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils bronze plaque of new terminal building of Yangon International Airport. — *MNA*

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 26 May, 2007

## Make concerted efforts for enrollment of all school-age children

The Ministry of Education has designated 25 to 31 May as the school enrollment week for 2007-2008 academic year.

The school enrollment week has been launched a week before the opening of basic education schools in order that all the school-age children can enjoy the right to pursue primary education and to complete primary education.

Under the project, steps are being taken to enroll all children aged 5, those who are over-aged for enrollment and primary school dropouts.

According to age and intelligence quotient development, those who are over-aged for enrollment were taught primary education in a short time. Activities for all the school-age children to go to school and to complete primary education are a task for the 30-year plan of basic education sector.

The government has been striving together with the entire people for enrollment of all the school-age children and for enabling them to attend school regularly. As a result, 97.58 per cent of children aged 5 were able to attend school in 2005-2006 academic year.

Local authorities, education staff, social organizations and well-wishers are to strive together for the enrollment of all the school-age children and for enabling them to attend school regularly which are a prerequisite for uplift of education standard of the entire nation.

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## Peoples' Desire

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

## Minister inspects fertilizer plant, gas turbine in Magway Div

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi accompanied by officials on 21 May inspected No-2 Fertilizer Plant in Kyunchaung, Magway Division and urged officials to strive for increasing production of the factory.

At the meeting hall of the natural gas turbine of Electric Power No 2 in Kyunchaung, the minister heard reports on repair of the gas turbine and supply of power to fertilizer plants presented by officials, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meets with officials of Fertilizer Plant. ENERGY

## Blood donation ceremony on 3 June

YANGON, 25 May — Metta Byuha Association has invited blood donors to participate in its 100th blood donation ceremony to be held at Seikkan Dhammayon at Botahtaung Pagoda on 3 June.

In a bid to save lives of patients who are in need of transfusion, the association organized the ceremony.

After collecting blood at the ceremony, the association will donate it to patients in hospitals.

MNA

## Zawtika-4 to produce 31.5 m cubic feet of gas daily

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — PTT Exploration and Production International Limited (PTTEPI) of Thailand which is undertaking production of oil and natural gas on profit sharing contract with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy found a large natural gas deposit at Zawtika-4 ap-

praisal well in Block M 9, Mottama offshore.

The Zawtika-4 appraisal well will produce 31.5 million cubic feet in maximum per day.

PTTEPI company has found commercial scale of natural gas at Zawtika-1 exploration well in November 2005, Zawtika-1 exploration

well in November 2006, Zawtika-2 appraisal well in April 2007.

The natural gas of Zawtika-4 appraisal well was drilled in the Plio-Pleistocene sand layer. Therefore, potential and existing natural gas deposit on a commercial scale in Block M 9 can be confirmed.

MNA



Gas being lighted from the oil rig, Zawtika-4 offshore Mottama. ENERGY

## Donate Blood

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**ASEAN countries told to share information**

**JAKARTA, 25 May** — ASEAN member countries should share information in an effort to solve problems faced by the counties, Vice Minister of Information and Culture of the LAO PDR Bosengkham Vongdara said here on Thursday.

The vice minister made the statement in his remark at the ninth conference of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) from 24 to 25 May here in Jakarta.

He said that the countries should hand in hand cope with regional issues such as bird flu, children and women development, environmental protection, HIV and AIDS prevention and control, climate change, human trafficking and drug abuse among teenagers.

“This could be overcome with parti-

cipation from all ASEAN member countries to actively exchange information in every occurrence of issues,” he said.

The vice minister said further promoting flows of information, encouraging the media to cover more events and activities in the social and cultural areas.

Economic growth among ASEAN recently had an impact on social and cultural development in ASEAN countries, said Vongdara.

However, he said that

most of ASEAN population lived in poverty line, therefore the vice minister hope to be more focus on being caring country between ASEAN member countries.

He expected the conference would have a good outcome and continued to work together to action plan in order to support a building caring society within the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

MNA/Xinhua



*This image provided by A Delores Canizales shows Los Angeles city firemen strapping down an alligator captured on Thursday, 24 May, 2007, at Harbor Regional Park's Lake Machado, in Los Angeles. The 6-foot-long alligator believed to be the elusive 'Reggie' who lurked in a park lake for two years was captured on Thursday in a wrestling match with a reptile expert and rangers and rushed to the zoo.*

INTERNET

**Mobile phone reaches summit of Mt Everest**

**KATHMANDU, 24 May** — A British man has set a world record by making the first mobile telephone call from the summit of Mt Everets, *The Himalayan Times* daily reported on Wednesday.

“It’s cold, it’s fantastic, the Himalayas are everywhere,” Rod Baber said in the phone call from the top

of the world’s highest peak early Tuesday morning, according to a voice recording posted on his weblog. “I can’t feel my toes, everyone is in good spirits — we got here in record time, it is amazing,” said Baber. His achievement was made possible by China Telecom, which has

setup a mobile phone tower at base camp on the north side of the mountain.

While the Himalayas had been cherished as one of the few places on earth where you can truly get away from it all, the news has nevertheless been welcomed by those involved in the adventure business. “It’s

good news because communications are essential in the mountains where climbers face huge risks,” said Ang Tsering Sherpa, the president of Nepal’s Mountaineering Association. “The mobile coverage could help in rescue operations,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua



*Miss Philippines Anna Theresa Licaros performs during preliminary judging of the Miss Universe 2007 contest in Mexico City on 23 May, 2007. She will compete in the Miss Universe 2007 finals in Mexico City on 28 May. —INTERNET*

**US military reports 6 soldier deaths across Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 25 May** — Five US soldiers were killed Thursday in separate incidents across Iraq, the military said in statements. The death of a sixth soldier, who died on Tuesday, was also announced.

Two soldiers were killed and a third was wounded in western Baghdad Thursday when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb. An Iraqi interpreter was also killed. The soldiers were mem-

bers of Multi-National Division-Baghdad.

In Nineveh province, a soldier with Task Force Lightning was killed Thursday in an explosion near his vehicle. Two other soldiers were wounded in the attack.

A second Task Force Lightning soldier was killed in small-arms fire in Diyala Province Thursday, a military statement said.

A 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

soldier died and a second was wounded in a roadside bombing near Salaheddin around 3 am Thursday, the military said.

In Baghdad province, a third Task Force Lightning soldier was killed Tuesday in an explosion near his vehicle, the military said Friday. Two other soldiers were also wounded in the attack.

Since the start of the war, 3,441 US military personnel have died in Iraq. The total for May is 90.

Internet

**38 miners killed in coalmine blast in Siberia**

**Moscow, 25 May** — At least 38 were killed and 7 injured in a Serbian coal mine methane blast Thursday morning, dozens of miners were still trapped, Russian media said.

The explosion hit the Yubileinaya Mine in the Kemerovo Region at 7:40 a.m. Moscow Time (0340 GMT), when 217 miners were working underground and up to 40 near the blast centre, the *RIA Novosti*, *ITAR-TASS* and *Interfax* news agencies said.

Of the 194 workers and 23 specialists of the mine’s monitoring service underground, about 180 have been evacuated to the surface but the other miners were still in danger, local official said.

The Yubileinaya Mine, jointly owned by Russia’s largest underground mining company the Yuzhkuzbassugol Company, and the second biggest steelmaker Evraz Group, is located in the city of Novokuznetsk.

MNA/Xinhua



*A total of 38 miners were killed and another seven injured in a Siberian coal mine methane blast on 24 May, 2007. XINHUA*

# Arson attack on car of top German newspaper editor

BERLIN, 24 May— A car belonging to the editor of top-selling German daily *Bild* was set on fire early on Tuesday in an attack which may be linked to next month's G-8 summit, police in Hamburg said.

A police spokeswoman in the northern port city said Kai Diekmann's car

had suffered extensive damage in the attack, which police believe could be "politically motivated".

Germany is hosting a summit of leaders from the Group of Eight (G8) industrialized countries from June 6-8 and has stepped up security to prevent anti-globalization protesters from disrupting

the showcase meeting.

Earlier this month, police raided 40 sites across northern Germany that they said belonged to a militant extreme-left group that was planning arson attacks in the run-up to the summit.

Last December a car was set on fire in front of the Hamburg home of Deputy Finance Minister Thomas Mirow and his house's windows and walls were splattered with paint in an attack police linked to the G-8 meeting. *MNA/Reuters*

## Dutch soldiers sent home for dereliction of duty

BRUSSELS, 24 May— Two Dutch soldiers deployed to the Afghan province of Uruzgan have been sent home after they were caught sleeping while on guard duty three weeks ago, Radio Netherlands reported Monday.

They are now in the Netherlands awaiting their courts martial, the report said.

Military police are also investigating a separate incident in which a soldier left his post to chat with a colleague. His absence meant that for around ten minutes there was no guard on the roof of the temporary Dutch base in the village of Ali Shirzai, a known hotbed of insurgent activity.

Earlier, the same soldier was reprimanded

after he overslept and reported late for guard duty. — *MNA/Xinhua*



## ဝက်မုရွမ်းဘား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



*A Star Wars Stormtrooper stands during the opening day of "Star Wars Celebration IV" in Los Angeles, on 24 May, 2007.*  
INTERNET

*The Yi people perform at the opening of the International Intangible Cultural Heritage Festival in Chengdu, Sichuan on 23 May, 2007.*  
INTERNET

## Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 May— Two US soldiers were killed Thursday in separate incidents in Iraq, the military said in statements. A 13th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) soldier died and a second was wounded in a roadside bombing near Salaheddin about 3 am Thursday, the military said. The wounded soldier was taken to a coalition hospital in Balad.

And a Task Force Lightning soldier was killed in small-arms fire in Diyala Province, a military statement said. The soldiers' names were withheld pending notification of relatives. — *Internet*

## Militant blows himself up in north Lebanon

BEIRUT, 24 May— A militant from the Islamist Fatah al-Islam group blew himself up with an explosive belt in a building in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli on Tuesday, a security source said.

The militant had been holed up in the same building in which Lebanese Army troops had battled the al Qaeda-inspired militants who were hiding there on Sunday. "We were conducting a normal security operation and then it seemed obvious there was some unusual movement in the building," the security source said. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Lightning bolt kills 5 children in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, 25 May — Five children were killed by a lightning bolt while gathering firewood in a forest in northeastern Cameroon, state radio reported on Wednesday.

The children, between 10 and 12 years old, went to forage for fuel in the outskirts of Ngaoundere, the capital of Adamawa Province, during a storm on Sunday, the radio said. "It wasn't until the next day in the morning that a shepherd came and reported that he saw them all dead under a mango tree," state radio reported. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Finnish peacekeeper killed in Afghanistan

HELSINKI, 24 May—A Finnish peacekeeper died of wounds received in a roadside bomb attack in northern Afghanistan Wednesday morning, the Finnish Defence Command said in a statement.

The blast happened in the northern city of Maimana, just 100 metres outside a Norwegian-led base. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## At least 45 killed by car bomb, other attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 May— At least 28 people were killed and 52 were wounded Thursday when a parked car bomb detonated during a funeral procession in

central Falluja, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said. That incident led a list of violent acts that killed at least 45 people. Elsewhere, gunmen

fired on 11 civilians in a minibus in a village near Hussainiya, south of Baghdad, killing all of them, an Iraqi Interior Ministry official said. When police arrived, booby-trapped minibus detonated, wounding four policemen.

Three civilians were killed and eight were wounded when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive belt on a minibus in eastern Baghdad's predominantly Shiite district of Sha'ab, the official said.

And three people died in two other attacks, the official said. — *Internet*

*Visitors take pictures as a huge wave batters against a bank in Dalian, a city in Northeast China's Liaoning Province on 23 May, 2007.*  
INTERNET



## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Volvo, Ford join hands in India

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Top-end European car maker Volvo is planning to target the Indian market by joining hands with Ford India Ltd, news website [businessstandard.com](http://businessstandard.com) reported here Thursday.

Ford India's parent, the US-based Ford Motor, owns the Volvo car business.

The Indian subsidiaries of the two companies are planning a joint strategy under which Volvo will cater to the high-end market, while Ford will feed the mid-size segment.

Ford India president and managing director Arvind Mathew told the

website that common platform models with Volvo cannot be ruled out in India.

Volvo plans to bring in its C30 and C70 cars, which share the platform with Ford's Focus range of cars, to India sometime next year.

The platform-sharing strategy stems from the growing luxury car market in the A4 segment, which grew by

49 per cent last fiscal to 40,964 units in 2006-07 from 27,529 units in 2005-06, the website reported.

This segment is being targeted by leading players like DaimlerChrysler, Audi and Porsche.

Meanwhile, Volvo will make its debut in India with a sedan (S80) and a sports utility vehicle (XC90).

As both the vehicles will be imported as completely built units (CBU) and attract a customs duty of about 110 per cent, their pricing will place them at the top end of the A5 segment.

MNA/Xinhua



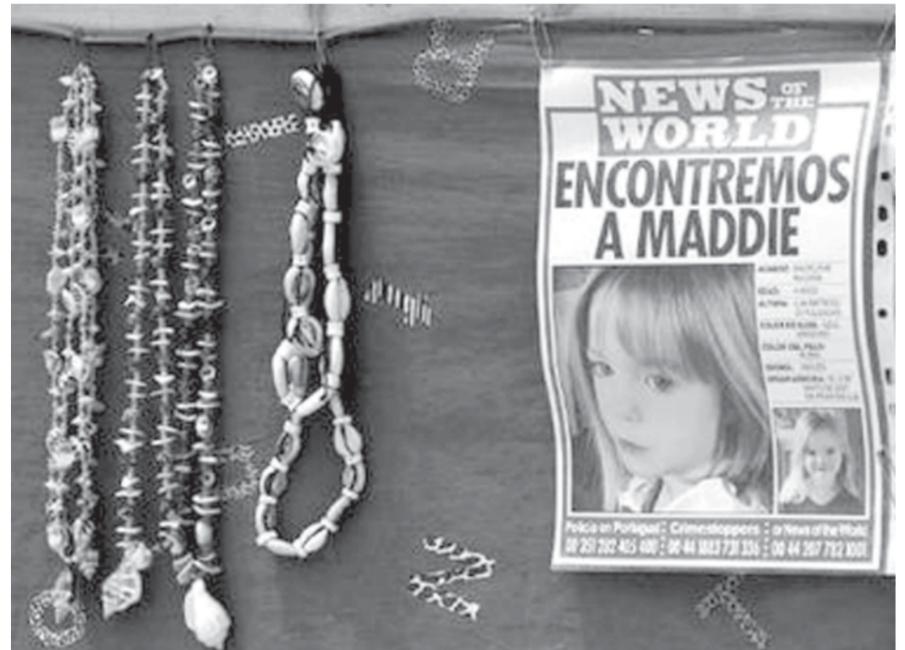
A worker holds a nozzle of biofuel at a gas station in Tokyo on 25 May, 2007. —INTERNET

## Samsung targets 30% mobile phone market share in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 May — Samsung Malaysia Electronics Sdn Bhd, a manufacturer of electrical products, expects to increase its local mobile phone market share to 30 per cent this year, local Press reported Wednesday.

The local unit of the South Korean firm, which currently covers a 20-per-cent mobile phone market share in Malaysia, has a target to post sales of 350 million US dollars from its mobile phone business in the country. "We hope to sell some 5,000 units of mobile phones in one month from each model," said Min Yong Ho, chief executive officer and managing director of Samsung Malaysia Electronics, was quoted as saying by the *New Straits Times*. Demand for hand phones in Malaysia is expected to hit some 3.5 million units this year, Min said Tuesday after launching three new models here. Mobile phones make up 60 per cent of Samsung Malaysia's revenue, but it plans to raise the percentage to 65 per cent, added the report.

MNA/Xinhua



A poster about missing child Madeleine McCann is pinned up among sea-bead necklaces on a shop near the Portuguese beach resort of Lagos on 24 May, 2007. — INTERNET

## Bolivia, Peru sign anti-energy trafficking agreement

LIMA, 25 May — Bolivia and Peru have signed an agreement to fight trafficking in liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) on their shared border, Bolivian Customs (ANB) President Marcia Morales said on Wednesday.

nesday.

The initiative was formalized at a Customs officials' meeting in Desaguadero, a border region that has been used to export Bolivian LPG cheaply to Peru, where the demand is higher.

"ANB will try to make this scheme known to the authorities in the corresponding sectors to evaluate how it is to be implemented in Bolivia," Morales said, adding that

the two governments will have to exchange notes in order to implement the policy.

The convention will also create a legal means for Peru to return LPG cylinders to Peru, when they are found on illegal sale in the country. "This commitment assumed by the Peruvians will allow us to complement a series of measures we are already taking," she added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pakistan's cement production to cross 45 mln tons in four years

ISLAMABAD, 24 May — The cement production in Pakistan would cross 45 million tons per annum in next four years to meet the country's increasing demand of infrastructure development, a senior government official said Tuesday.

Talking to CNBC

Pakistan channel, Pakistani State Minister for Finance Umer Ayub Khan said cement production will cross 37 million tons by the end of December 2007.

It was only 17 million to 18 million tons per annum a few years ago, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

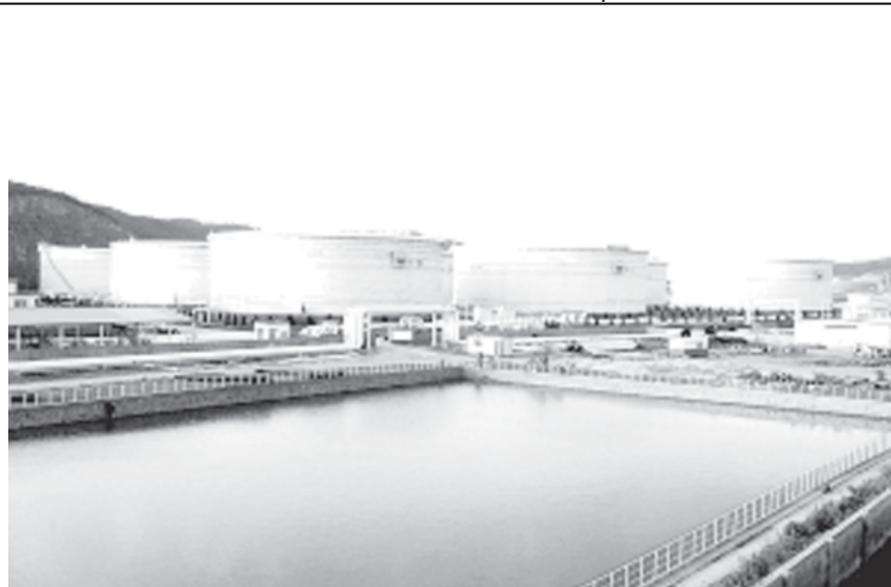
## China industrial exhibition opens in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 25 May — Leading Chinese companies participated in the China Machinery and Electronics Trade Ex-

hibition that kicked off Thursday in Jakarta, displaying a wide range of high-tech products from agriculture machines to cars. The event gave an opportunity for Chinese automakers to promote their products after Chery Automobile and Geely International Corp made their Indonesian debuts in recent months.

Chery was present at the event alongside Great Wall Motors. Organized by the China Chamber of International Commerce, the exhibition at the Kemayoran Fair Ground will run until Sunday. Liang Haiguang, director of China Council for promotion of inter-national trade, said 54 Chinese companies were taking part in the show.

MNA/Xinhua



The first phase of the project of Daishan Oil Reserve Base has been put into use in Zhoushan, a city of east China's Zhejiang Province on 22 May, 2007. It is China's second strategic oil reserve base following Zhenghai Oil Reserve Base in Ningbo, also a city of Zhejiang Province. —INTERNET

# Holding placards and gathering people to stir up unrest out of fashion

*Pauk Sa*

See, a handful of persons holding placards at a crowded place made inappropriate demands to ensure 24-hour electricity supply, to reduce commodity prices and to release political prisoners. Their acts were unacceptable and their thoughts were outdated and mean. There was another political stunt — the so-called white expression campaign to console families of the political prisoners. In addition, there were prayer services at pagodas for the release of the woman from the NLD. The latest perpetration was the so-called campaign for the release of the said woman. The NLD members held gatherings township-wise to cause unrest. What a mess?

Everyone can easily judge whether their demands are sincere or just to cause unrest after trying to generate doubts and misunderstanding between the people and the government through mischief.

The people have already accepted that due to time and situation round-the-clock power supply is not possible yet. The nation's power consumption is increasing as the government is supplying more and more electricity to factories set up by local or foreign investment, industrial zones, shopping malls, supermarkets, plazas, hotels, other businesses, public residences and some villages, that are catching up with the towns in terms of

development. The increase in the power generation has not met the ever growing demand yet. The government has been building hydropower plants, gas-fired power stations and other power stations to meet the growing electricity demand. The Head of State has been giving guidance to generate enough power for the nation.

I will now prove the development in figure in the power sector. In 1988, the nation had two heavy power plants each with a generation capacity higher than 10 megawatts, one 10-megawatt power station and 11 one-megawatt stations totalling 14. In 2005, the nation had ten heavy power plants each with generation a capacity higher than 10 megawatts, ten medium plants with generation capacities between one-megawatt and ten-megawatt and 24 one-megawatt stations totalling 44. The first thermal power station of Myanmar was set up in 2005. The number of gas-fired power stations reached 11, up from eight in 1988. A coal-fired power station was also built in 2005. In addition, 567 diesel-run power stations are supplying electricity to the nation. The government is also erecting 20 large power stations each with a generation capacity higher than 10 megawatts. In reality, the NLDs were making demands shamelessly for 24-hour power supply without realizing the objective conditions just to grab power.

The problem of rising commod-

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ity prices in reality is a problem global countries are facing too. But those perpetrators are saying as if it is the problem confined to Myanmar only. It is the nasty habit of those perpetrators to grab power with unreasonable excuses. The government is striving in all sectors for national economic development while braving the sanctions and pressures of the colonialist group and its destructive cohorts. It is applying innovative means to manufacture import substitute goods for socio-economic progress. We cannot solve the problem of rising commodity prices with a short-sighted view. The entire people should strive harmo-

niously for national economic development.

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The entire nation knows that the conspiracy of the colonialist group and its lackeys has caused social sufferings on over 10,000 family members of the workers who lost their jobs as garment factories running with foreign capital had to close down due to the pressures and sanctions. Those perpetrators cannot hide their conspiracy under human rights and democracy excuses. People know well their plots to cause unrest, public sufferings and economic slump. They cannot trick the people into acting as their fodder to create anarchy in the nation.

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In the meantime, so-called "88" generation students were waging the white expression movement under the pretext of consoling the family members of the political prisoners. I am Myanmar national and was born to Myanmar parents, so I am accustomed to fine Myanmar traditions of comforting and extending a helping hand. However, such activities should be based on genuine goodwill. I would say their activities were intended to exploit a situation and incite a mass demonstration.

Their activities look like social affairs on the surface, but apparently they are doing so with a particular purpose. They could say prayers at their homes for their party and the party leader. However, they wore the T-shirts with the picture of that woman and said prayers on the platform of the pagoda. So, they were like a vendor

advertising traditional medicines on a train or ship.

It is because a medicine advertiser has to wear a cloth featuring the brand of the medicine he is advertising. Whether the people buy his medicine or not is not his target. His purpose is just to make the brand of his medicine known to many people by advertising it with an eloquent speech. Before they said prayers, they advertised her qualifications in an improper way such as how much she was skilled and educated, she had been awarded nearly 90 prizes, there was no one but her they could take refuge in, and without her, they could not take any organizing measures, disturbing the pilgrims on the pagoda platform.

**Their activities through political stunts are disrupting the peaceful life of the people, but will never contribute towards the 24-hour power supply and lowering commodity prices. Therefore, their works never yield fruits.**

If they really want to serve the public interests and to represent the people, they should make a demand for stopping sanctions imposed against Myanmar because that have adverse effects on the public interests. And they should join

hands with the people in harmony to be able to surmount the hardships in building a new nation. The building of a new nation means the implementation of the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline and that will guarantee a prosperous future of the people.

**They are also duty-bound to implement the successful completion of the National Convention, which is the first step of the State's seven-step Road Map the government has laid down for building a new nation. Indeed, it is also a national duty to be discharged right now.**

It is because at the National Convention, basic principles and detailed basic principles are being adopted in accordance with the aspiration of the entire people to draw a State constitution that is the lifeblood of the future nation. The National Convention is a constitutional assembly where representatives of various national races and people from all walks of life are holding discussions and it is the sole means to cope with the ongoing political, economic and social crises of the nation.

These evidences can be assessed to

get a deduction by studying the nation's prevailing situations. The social and economic situations of the nation and the people at present are much different from those in 1988. In the 21st Century, the people's intellectual power and reasoning power have improved a lot. The people are now standing firmly on the path towards the new nation with the aim of improving the 21st century's ideas, knowledge, stability of the State, economic growth, and culture, science and social affairs.

Here I would like to warn the destructive elements showing total disregard for the present life of the State and the people and the national political history that now it is no longer possible for them to stir up problems and incite protests to create public outrage by gathering people with the use of placards with the intention to trigger a 1988-like anarchic unrest in the nation. And the people no longer accept nor place trust in the demand and movements launched with lame excuses.

In conclusion, I would say that now is not the time of 1988 but 2007 of the 21st century. Now the people are doing their bit in the process of building a new nation. Thus, the gathering of people with the use of placards is no longer fashionable.

**(Translation: TMT+MS)**

*(Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 25-5-2007)*

**They are also duty-bound to implement the successful completion of the National Convention, which is the first step of the State's seven-step Road Map the government has laid down for building a new nation. Indeed, it is also a national duty to be discharged right now.**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits new terminal building of Yangon International Airport. — MNA

## Transport sector contributes significantly towards...

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Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the opening of an international standard passenger terminal building for Yangon International Airport, which is a symbol of national prestige, is a significant development for Myanmar's civil aviation sector and most fitting for a modern and developed nation.

The international standard facilities and services that are provided by the new passenger terminal building will be beneficial not only to the people of Myanmar but also to all our international guests and passengers.

With a sincere aim to raise the living standards of its citizens to a high level, the State is systematically implementing projects for the mod-

ernization and development of all sectors and to develop and strengthen the national economy.

In doing so, projects are also being implemented for the development of the transport sector which is an essential component for the rapid development of the nation. The transport sector is not only a commercial sector by itself but also a service sector which contributes significantly towards the economic development of the nation. The facilitation of transport enables the swift and smooth flow of goods, people and international and domestic trade which in turn will lead to national economic strength and uplift the people's living standards. The state is striving for the systematic development of its transport sector so that it can provide effective services

for other economic sectors.

As a result of the systematic implementation of projects at national level, the transport sector has developed considerably. In the domestic land transport sector, new bridges, highways, railways tunnels and rail networks have been built, while in the maritime transport sector, in-

the fruitful results of our endeavours to develop the air transport sector, an important part of both the domestic and international transport sector, at a fast pace in line with modern standards.

Prior to 1988, Yangon International Airport was the only airport that could accommodate

government's support for the development of Myanmar's air transport sector, high standard domestic airlines have been established, including those privately owned by nationals. The domestic airlines have developed to such an extent that one of them has now stepped up to international operations.

As the Union of Myanmar has expanded economic, social and diplomatic links with the international community, international air services between Myanmar and other countries have also increased and international passenger traffic at Myanmar's international airports have risen accordingly. In order to cater for such rise in traffic, projects are being implemented to develop the international airports in all aspects.

In addition to providing Yangon and Mandalay International Airports with international

standard runways, taxiways and aprons able to accommodate modern large aircraft together with modern air traffic control facilities, the passenger terminal buildings have also been upgraded to international standard complete with passenger boarding bridges, security systems, modern electronic facilities and ground handling equipment.

Although Yangon International Airport has been built since 1957, upgrading measures have been carried out throughout the years and so it has maintained its status as a valuable asset both for Myanmar and for Yangon, the nation's commercial capital.

Now, in accordance with the guidance from the Head of State and through the cooperative arrangements by the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Civil Aviation, and Asia World Company, owned by private nationals have successfully achieved the realization of an international standard passenger terminal building at Yangon International Airport, fitting for a modern developed nation.

The opening of an international standard passenger terminal building today will enable the provision of high standard services and facilities for the ever increasing passengers using the airport daily. The further development of the Union of Myanmar's international relations as well as the economic, social

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ternational seaport terminals with international standard facilities, equipment and services and also container yards have been newly built and upgraded.

The new passenger terminal building being opened today is one of

large aircraft. But now, there are seven airports, including Mandalay International Airport, where Boeing-747 aircraft could land and thirteen airports where aircraft up to Boeing-737 size could land.

Due to the Gov-



New terminal building of Yangon International Airport. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises regional...

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the construction of the dam has been completed by 85 per cent.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed thriving physic nut plantation on 20 acres of land in Htangedaw Village of Yesagyo Township.

At Hsinkyoo Dam project site in Hsinkyoo Village of the township, they inspected flow of water into the dam. The embankment of the dam is 30 feet high and 950 feet long and the dam will irrigate 150 acres of land.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Gwaygyo Dam Project site in Yesagyo Township. — MNA



They arrived at the construction site of Technological University (Pakokku) near Kyaukhlaykar Village in Yesagyo Township. Managing Director U Ohn Myint of Civil Tech Co Ltd and Principal of the university Dr Daw

Shwe Zin Htay reported on construction tasks, academic and management matters. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected selection of the axis for the railroad of

Pakokku-Pwintbyu section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. They also inspected the railway station for Pakokku University.

At Garment Factory (Pakokku) in Pakokku Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed

production process of the factory. In Pakokku, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental personnel, social organization members and local people and explained regional development tasks.

Afterwards, they in-

spected Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 at Pakokku Myoma Market. Next, they paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vichara at Aungmingala Shwe Monastery in Pakokku. — MNA

## Htongyi Village in Bago gets new school...

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The commander and Minister Dr Chan Nyein also made addresses.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye handed over the documents related to the building to the Education Minister. He also presented K 10 million to the funds of the school through the principal.

The commander pre-

sented desks worth K 2.5 million to the school.

The main building of the school is 120 feet long and 216 feet wide. And the one-storey building was 130 feet long and 30 feet wide with 18 60-capacity rooms and two recreation rooms, one room for the principal and two assembly halls.

MNA

### New building of Basic Education High School in Htongyi, Bago Township.

MNA



## Minister meets engineers

YANGON, 25 May — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with district and township engineers at the office of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board on 23 March.

The minister urged them to dutifully perform assigned tasks. One of the main aims is to get on with the people in discharging duties and the officials concerned are to successfully carry out set aims and objectives of the ministry, he added. The minister also called for minimizing of waste of electricity and exposing of illegal use of electricity.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of YCEPSB Col Khin Maung Soe, Secretary U Maung Maung Latt, Joint-Secretary U Toe Aung, chief-engineers U Tun Aye and U Aung Khine, directors and engineers.

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## All township school enrolment day...

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Speaking on the occasion, the commander said short- and long-term projects in terms of various sectors are being undertaken in order to transform the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. A school enrolment project for all school-age children is one of the education promotion programmes. Therefore, all those including authorities concerned, education staff, departmental officials, members of social organizations, members of school boards of trustees and parents are to cooperate in the project. A total of 5,900 exercise books have been donated and wellwishers are invited to

donate cash and kind.

Next, the commander presented K 2.4 million for basic education schools to responsible officials. The commander's wife, the deputy minister and officials donated exercise books, stationery and school uniforms, and U Kyi Soe of Khitthit Construction Materials Trading K 500,000.

The commander and party visited schools and inspected school enrolment day activities.

The school enrolment day was held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time. Similar celebrations will be held in other townships across the country and free education system will be launched for primary students. — MNA

## Woman wounded in insurgent-planted mine blast

YANGON, 25 May — An insurgent-planted mine ripped off the left leg of a woman from her ankle when she was hit by the explosive while on her way to collect edible globular fungi in the forest about seven miles south-east of Mone on 20 May.

Her right leg was also hit by shrapnel.

The mine victim, Ma Ni Ni Saw of Htonetaw village in Kyaukkyi Township, Bago Division, was rushed to Mone station hospital and medical treatment is being provided to her. — MNA



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open new building of Yangon International Airport.—MNA**

## Transport sector contributes significantly towards...

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interactions with other countries will cause the international community to know more and recognize the high cultural and traditional values and cordial hospitality of the Myanmar people and the peaceful and beautiful environment of Myanmar.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the new international passenger building reflects the modern, developed and peaceful attributes to Myanmar and so I hereby call upon all concerned to cooperate in maintaining for the long term the status of the new terminal building as a facility comparable with international airports of other countries.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe also delivered a speech on the occasion and said that the Ministry of Transport is very much honoured for successful accomplishment of the new international terminal building, apron, fuel farm and distribution system, boarding bridges associated with the modern system, taking the guidance of the Head of State.

Here, I would like to briefly explain Yangon International Airport Building. The runway, the taxiway and the apron of Yangon Airport was constructed in 1952 by Denmark based Christiana & Nielsan Company (Thai branch),

old terminal building was successfully put in operation in the year 1957. At that time, Dove Aircraft with the total weight of 8,500 lb and the passenger carrying capacity of 11 persons and Dakota Aircraft with the total weight of 28,000 lb and the passenger carrying capacity of 28 persons were in operation. From external, Boeing-707, Douglas DC-8 and Viscount VC-10 with the total weight of over 280,000 lb and the passenger carrying capacity of over 100 persons were also in use. Up to 1980s, Myanma Airways operated to Bangkok, Dhaka, Kolkatta, Kathmandu and Singapore for 11 weekly services in total and Thai Airways, Air China and Aeroflot each operated three weekly services only. Because of the size of the aircraft, passenger carrying capacity and number of services per week, the terminal building can provide services without difficulty and no congestion at all.

Due to the market economy, tourist promotion activities, general liberation in air transport policy and especially to foreign investment in services of Myanma Airways, which were introduced after 1988, tourist incoming to Myanmar is increased to over 800,000 compared to 25,000 of 1980 and domestic pas-

senger up to 1.2 million. Although the Ministry of Transport and the Department of Civil Aviation had renovated and extended the old existing terminal building to cater for the increase in traffic to this airport there still existed some difficulties in providing adequate services. New two-storey terminal building of 340 feet in length and 140 feet in breadth was constructed by Public Works and put into operation in the year 1996. Due to the increase in the number of flights and the passengers, the difficulty still remains.

At present, Airbus A 300-600 of 250 passenger carrying capacity, Airbus A 340-600 and A 330-300 of 266 passenger carrying capacity are operated to this airport and 12 airlines (Thai Airways 19 flight per week, Silk Air 14 flight per week, Indian Airlines 2 flight per week, Mandarin 4 flight per week, Air China 3 flight per week, Qatar Airline 4 flight per week, Jetstar Asia 3 flight per week, Malaysia Airlines 6 flight per week, Bangkok Airlines 7 flight per week, Thai Air Asia 7 flight per week) are operating 85 flight per week in total. Because of this, the apron area and terminal handling capacity cause restriction to accommodate those big aircraft and its passengers.

According to the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Transport and the Department of Civil Aviation enter into contract with Asia World Co Ltd for the construction of the new terminal building (length 832 feet, breadth 206 feet and height 68 feet) and the apron (600x600 feet) in the year 2004. In order not to mix with the normal passenger flow a separate 120x140 size VIP lounge is included for construction. The new terminal building can handle 1800 passenger/hour and 2.7 million/year and 5 aircraft can be landed per hour. It has 4 boarding bridges, 3 escalators, 5 lifts, 5 numbers of baggage conveyors, central control air-conditioning systems, aircraft docking systems, fuel farm and distribution systems, water distribution systems, flight information display boards, closed-circuit TV (CCTV) security systems, fire protection and warning system such as those requires for modern terminal building are included in this construction.

Especially, in the past when this kind of modern buildings were to be constructed, we had to hire the foreign contractor and the consultant but this new terminal building is successfully constructed by national experts. This achievement should be recorded to be honorable success of Myanmar and this airport will withstand side by side with Mandalay International Airport for national prestige.

In conclusion, the minister said that personnel of the new airport are trying hard to perform their tasks with high efficiency for providing services to the passengers.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Managing Di-

rector U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd cut the ribbon to open the new airport terminal building.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the plaque and sprinkled scented water on it together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the minister.

They inspected the VIP Lounge and four passenger boarding bridges, arrangements for transit of the passengers at the departure terminal, immigration counters, customs counters and baggage counters.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed offices, gate lounges and the arrival terminal. Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and officials conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the terminals.

At the lounge of the airport, the minister presented gifts to the Secretary-1, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander. Next, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted diplomats and responsible persons of UN agencies.

The new terminal building of the airport is 832 feet long, 206 feet wide and 68 feet high. It can withstand 8 Richter Scales of earthquake. The new terminal building is formed with the VIP lounge, the lobby and gate lounges, offices, shops, souvenir shops,

canteens and toilets.

A total of 280 vehicles can be put at the car parking on the ground floor and underground floor.

The new terminal building was installed with five lifts, three escalators, four stairs, 12 immigration counters, four customs counters, 30 check-in counters, two transit counters and five counters of money changers.

The building was facilitated with the equipment of EM electronic lock system, the card access system, the fire protection and warning system, the plasma screen flight information system and the news and information system. In addition, the building of the airport was equipped with 300 telephone lines. The new terminal building can handle 1,800 passengers per hour and 2.7 million per year. The airport can operate five aircraft per hour. A total of four passenger boarding bridges measuring 138 feet by 10 feet are facilitated at the new terminal building.

The new airport was installed with two 1,600-kva transformers and the equipment of emergency power system. Construction tasks of the airport building started on 18 April 2003.

MNA

## 10 members quit Ayadaw Township NLD

### They lose trust and faith in NLD

YANGON, 25 May — A total of 10 members of Ayadaw Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division including U Paw Tin, U Daung Htoo, U Pho Thaing, U Hmway and U Hsan of Naunggyi-aing Village, U Cho and U Aung Yi of Aungthukha Village, U Chit Than and U Tin Maung Shwe of Bonletkhat Village resigned from the NLD on their own accord on 11 May and they sent resignation letters to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Ayadaw Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they had lost trust and faith in the NLD and they were not interested in activities of the party. That is why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition. — MNA

## UNSC voices deep concern at violence in Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, 25 May — The UN Security Council expressed deep concern on Wednesday at the recent outbreak of violence in Lebanon which killed over 60 people and injured many others.

In a statement read out by US Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, the Council's president for May, the 15-member Council "condemned in the strongest possible terms the attacks by the so-called 'Fatah al Islam' gunmen on Lebanese security and Armed Forces in northern Lebanon".

Such attacks, the statement said, "constitute an unacceptable attack on Lebanon's stability, security and sovereignty".

It also stressed the need to protect and provide aid to civilians, "notably the Palestinian refugees".

Council members also condemned the latest bomb attacks in Beirut which killed one and injured several others, offering sympathy and condolences to the victims' families and to the Lebanese people and the government.

Urging "no impunity for such heinous acts",

they welcomed the "determination" of the government to bring to justice those responsible for the attacks.

In the statement, Council members also reiterated their "unequivocal condemnation" of any attempt to destabilize Lebanon and underlined their readiness to continue to act in support of the legitimate and democratically elected government. — MNA/Xinhua



Belarus special forces soldiers demonstrate the ability to break concrete slates with their foreheads, at the opening of the the 4th international exhibition of arms and military hardware, the Milex 2007, in Minsk, on 22 May, 2007. Over 100 enterprises and firms from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and other countries displayed their products at the Milex 2007 exhibition, which was opened on Tuesday in Minsk. — INTERNET

## ARF security policy meeting held in Manila

MANILA, 25 May — Senior security and defence officials from 24 countries attending the 4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Thursday agreed to push forward regional security cooperation in peacekeeping, fighting terrorism and transnational crimes, as well as disaster relief operations.

Some 90 officials in charge of defence and security issues from 10 ASEAN countries and its

22 dialogue partners participated in the one-day ARF security policy meeting, which was the

fourth of its kind since it was first held in Beijing in 2003.

Delegates also discussed the results of the Six-Party Talks on the nuclear issue of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after two important agreements were signed in Beijing in these talks in 2005 and February this year. Senior officials from the Republic of Korea and DPRK gave their stands on the nuclear issue and the situation in the Korean Peninsula as well as the Inter-Korean Dialogue, according to Filipino officials hosting the meeting.

Delegates from China,

the United States, the European Union, Russia, Japan, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Timor-Leste, New Zealand and Mongolia also attended the meeting as dialogue partners of ASEAN countries.

The ARF senior officials' meetings also includes those of senior officials from foreign ministries of some 24 participating countries.

The meetings have been held since early this week in preparation for the ministerial level meeting of ASEAN countries and its dialogue partners to be held in August in Manila.

MNA/Xinhua

## Some Los Angeles beaches seriously polluted

LOS ANGELES, 25 May — Seven best-known beaches in the Los Angeles County rank among California's 10 most polluted, according to an annual environmental report.

For the second straight year, Los Angeles County had the worst coastal water quality in the state for the 12 months ending 31 March, said the report by the environmental group Heal the Bay.

Although record low rainfall made most of

California's coastal waters safer to bathe in over the past year by reducing contaminated storm and creek runoff into the ocean, it was not enough to improve potentially risky bacteria levels at some of Los Angeles County's best known beaches, according to the report published by the *Los Angeles Times* on Thursday.

The nonprofit group assesses daily and weekly fecal bacteria pollution from nearly 500 California beach sites from Humboldt County to the Mexican border, giving each a grade of A through F.

Beaches rated F included Surf Rider and Marie Canyon storm drain in Malibu, Santa Monica Municipal Pier area, Castle Rock in the Pacific Palisades area, and Avalon on Catalina Island.

Higher bacteria counts raise the risk of contracting gastrointestinal ailments, ear infections, upper respiratory infections and skin rashes, and can also harm fish and wildlife.

MNA/Xinhua



A worker from Rome's Biopark zoo holds *Testudo Kleinmanni* hatchlings, an endangered species also known as Egyptian tortoises, in Rome on 22 May, 2007. The offsprings are the hatchlings of several Egyptian tortoises that were rescued from a smuggler's suitcase in 2005 at Naples airport, southern Italy, by Italy's forestry police and were entrusted to Rome's main zoo. — INTERNET

## Indian PM presents 10-point social charter for industry

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Thursday presented a 10-point charter to make the country's growth process inclusive and efficient at the annual general meeting of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) here, a Press release issued by the government said.

The PM invited the corporate sector to become the government's partner in making society more just and humane.

The Ten Point Social Charter includes healthy respect for workers and investment in their welfare; corporate social responsibility; employment to the less privileged; resist excessive remuneration and discourage conspicuous consumption; and investment in people and in their skills.

The PM further asked the industry to desist from non-competitive behaviour, invest in environment-friendly technologies, promote enterprise and innovation, fight corruption at all levels and promote socially responsible media and finance socially responsible advertising. — MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese farmer collects water with the help of donkeys at a partially dried-up pond in Huan County, Southwest China's Gansu Province, on 22 May, 2007. The Huan County suffered drought since September 2004 and there has been no effective rainfall for the past 32 months. — XINHUA

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**Indonesian girl dies from bird flu**

JAKARTA, Indonesia, 23 May—A 5-year-old Indonesian girl from Central Java province has died of bird flu, a Health Ministry official said on Wednesday.

The girl from Wonogiri, who had fallen ill on May 8, died last Thursday after being treated in hospital in the town of Solo for fever and respiratory problems, said Suharda Ningrum of the ministry's bird flu centre.

Authorities were still investigating the case, but at least 20 chickens had died suddenly near her home, the official said.

Internet

**Samoan plane loses wheel while landing at airport**

WELLINGTON, 24 May—One of Samoa's Polynesian Airline aircraft, *Dash-8*, was grounded in Tonga after one of its landing wheels went off during touch-down at Fu'amotu Airport in Tonga, reported Radio New Zealand Wednesday.

The airline's operation manager, John McNeely, confirmed Wednesday the incident happened Tuesday, saying it only caused minor damage to the aircraft. Airline officials have been unavailable to give the number of passengers who were on board the 37-seater aircraft at the time of the incident.

McNeely said an engineering assessment of the damage and an investigation are underway.

The aircraft was on its service from Samoa's capital Apia to Tonga via Pago Pago in American Samoa.

MNA/Xinhua

**One more Vietnamese province infected with bird flu**

HANOI, 24 May—Bird flu has hit Vietnam's southern Dong Thap Province over the past few days, bringing the total number of affected localities nationwide to six, according to a local veterinary agency on Wednesday.

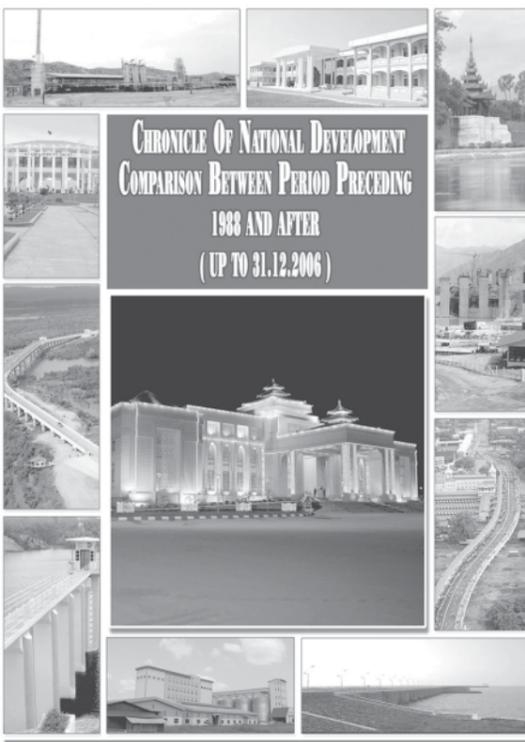
Bird flu has killed 1,600 out of 2,600 ducklings in a farm in Thap Muoi District, said the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The affected ducklings are tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, said the department.

To prevent the disease from spreading, Vietnam has so far this year vaccinated 119 million fowls in 60 cities and provinces nationwide, said the department.

Bird flu has hit five Vietnamese provinces, namely Quang Ninh, Son La and Nam Dinh in the northern region, Nghe An in the central region, and Dong Thap in the southern region, and southern Can Tho City since early this month.

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**UNODC, Vietnam jointly strengthen counter-terrorism legislation**

HANOI, 24 May—The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Vietnamese Government are co-organizing a workshop on strengthening national legislation on counter-terrorism, following a similar workshop in 2004.

"UNODC stands ready to provide necessary technical legal assistance to overcome any obstacles of legal nature" in studying legislative requirements emanating from universal counter terrorism instruments and relevant

resolutions of the UN Security Council, Narumi Yamada, representative of the UNODC Office in Vietnam, said at the two-day workshop starting here Wednesday.

She said the Vietnamese authorities and the UNODC have joined hands in the efforts to establish comprehensive and effective legal framework against terrorism, including a national workshop in November 2004 on the ratification and legislative implementation of anti-terrorism

universal instruments, and a visit to Vietnam by a staff member of the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch in February in 2004.

Out of 12 universal conventions and protocols which are now in force, Vietnam is party to eight instruments, she said, noting that those yet to be acceded to include: International Convention against the Taking of Hostages, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, and

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings.

At the workshop, Le Kinh Tai, Vietnamese Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs said his country is building and amending some laws on battling criminals. "We are compiling the Extradition Law, and planning to build up the Counter-Terrorism Law," he said.

The workshop participants are scheduled to focus their discussions on legislations against terrorism, including those on combating money laundering and terrorism financing.—MNA/Xinhua



American film producer and CEO of DreamWorks Animation SKG Jeffrey Katzenberg, left, poses with actress Cameron Diaz during a media event before the evening's premiere of 'Shrek the Third,' on 25 May, 2007, in China (Taipei). — INTERNET

**Suicide bomber kills 15 in eastern Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 24 May —Some 15 people were killed and 20 others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a coffee shop in the town of Mandaly in Iraq's Diyala Province on Wednesday, a provincial police source said.

The attack took place in the morning in the town that borders the neighbouring Iran when a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt blew himself up inside the coffee shop, the source from Diyala police told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

On Saturday, gunmen stormed a village near the town of Mandaly, some 110 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, killing 15 people, deputy mayor of the town said.

He held the responsibility for the attack on the al-Qaeda in Iraq militants, who have a strong presence in the volatile Diyala Province.

MNA/Xinhua

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# Human activities wiping out three species each hour

OSLO, 24 May — Human activities are wiping out three animal or plant species every hour and the world must do more to slow the worst spate of extinctions since the dinosaurs by 2010, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

Scientists and environmentalists issued reports about threats to creatures and plants including right whales, Iberian lynxes, wild potatoes and peanuts on 22 May, the International Day for Biological Diversity.

“Biodiversity is being lost at an unprecedented rate,” UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement. Global warming is adding

to threats such as land clearance for farms or cities, pollution and rising human populations.

“The global response to these challenges needs to move much more rapidly, and with more determination at all levels — global, national and local,” he said.

Many experts reckon the world will fail to meet the goal set by world leaders at an Earth Summit in 2002 of a “significant reduction” by 2010 in the rate of species losses.

“We are indeed experiencing the greatest wave of extinctions since the disappearance of the dinosaurs,” said Ahmed Djoghlaif, head of the

UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

Dinosaurs vanished 65 million years ago, perhaps after a meteorite struck.

“Extinction rates are rising by a factor of up to 1,000 above natural rates. Every hour, three species disappear. Every day, up to 150 species are lost. Every year, between 18,000 and 55,000 species become extinct,” he said. — MNA/Reuters



Soldiers shoulder sand bags to repair a broken levee with a 14-metre-long breach caused by the continuous punch of rainstorms in Yichang, Central China's Hubei Province on 23 May, 2007. More than 100 people were mobilized to repair the levee. —XINHUA

## Dinosaur footprints found on cliff in Chongqing

BEIJING, 24 May — Chinese scientists have discovered over one hundred dinosaur footprints within 75 square metres,



One hundred dinosaur footprints within 75 square metres had been discovered on a mountainside in Chongqing municipality, southwest China. INTERNET

on a mountainside in Chongqing municipality, southwest China.

The former curator of the Chongqing Museum of Natural History, Zhou Shiwu, and five other researchers found the fossilized footprints at the Laoyingshan mountain last October. The footprints range in size from 11 centimetres to 35 centimetres long, with shapes similar to clubs, chicken paws, disks and three-toes. The steps range from tens of centimetres to 1.6 metres. —Internet

## Peruvian, Brazilian experts set out to find source of Amazon

LIMA, 24 May — A group of Brazilian and Peruvian experts began an expedition on Wednesday to explore the source of the Amazon River, the world's second longest river, which runs through the two nations' jungles.

The two Peruvians and seven Brazilians set off from the Peruvian city Arequipa in Chivay Province, 1,020 kilometres south of Lima. On Friday, they

climbed the 5,597-metre-high Mismi Mountain in the province.

Some experts say the Amazon starts in Mismi's Carhuasanta ravine, and others believe it originates in the Apacheta gully, close to the Mount Quehuisha glacier.

The controversy has persisted despite recent expeditions.

The team will carry out hydrological and geodesic measurements, to find the source with the help of satellite tracking.

“We want to do a painstaking investigation to present it to the scientific community,” said team leader Ciro Sierra, a Peruvian Army engineer who represents the Peru Geographical Institute.

The Brazilians belong to the National Space Research Institute, the National Water Agency and the Brazilian Geography and Statistics Agency.

The new expedition's results will be published by June in a scientific forum planned for Lima.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepali zoo tiger kills sibling

KATHMANDU, 24 May — A tiger has been killed by a sibling for the first time in Nepali Central Zoo in capital Kathmandu, *The Kathmandu Post* daily reported on Wednesday.

A 38-month-old tiger died Monday night after being attacked by its own brother, zoo officials said. “We never expected such a thing to happen,” said RK Shrestha, director of the Central Zoo.

The tiger that died was grievously assaulted two-three days ago, said Shrestha. It was injured in the chin and forelegs, he added. The injured tiger was given medication through darting Monday afternoon. However, after walking a few steps the tiger fell and finally died, he said.

Now there are four Royal Bengal tigers left at the Central Zoo, according to the zoo administration. The two tiger siblings are kept separately, according to the administration.

The Royal Bengal, one of the four species of tiger remaining in the world, are at high risk of extinction due to

increased poaching and other illegal activity. However, Nepal has a satisfactory Royal Bengal population of 350 to 370. — MNA/Xinhua



A baby elephant plays near its mother in a zoo of Berlin, Germany on 23 May, 2007. The baby elephant is the twelfth newborn baby in the zoo since 1989. —INTERNET

## China resorts to computer to test Mandarin Chinese

BEIJING, 24 May — Chinese scientists have developed a computer programme to test how well people speak Mandarin Chinese.

The technology will help improve oral testing of Chinese and promote Mandarin Chinese both at home and abroad, said Fu Yong, former deputy director of the State Language Work Committee.

The technology was jointly developed by the Acoustics Institute and the Software Institute under the Chinese Academy of Sciences and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Lab experiments show that more than 98 per cent of the results given by the computer evaluation system were as same as the results given by linguists, said Ju Qi, deputy director of the Acoustics Institute.

The system will be introduced to Mandarin Chinese examinations in Hong Kong's middle schools and universities. Although Chinese share a similar written language — Chinese ideograms or characters, which has been in use for three thousand years — the pronunciation of identical characters differs widely from region to region. — MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Mac: Door still open for Becks

LONDON, 24 May — Steve McClaren insists the door is not closed on a possible England recall for David Beckham.

Speaking on the eve of England's B international against Albania, McClaren revealed he would still consider the LA Galaxy-bound midfielder for selection.

The Real Madrid man, impressive for his club in recent months, has not played for England since resigning the national team captaincy following England's World Cup exit last summer.

Beckham has never hidden his desire to make a return for his country,



**David Beckham.** and has now been given added encouragement by McClaren, with the England boss revealing that he is still monitoring the 32-year-old's form. "I've never said the door is closed for David Beckham," McClaren told the Sun. "I keep an eye on everybody and David's form has been monitored." — *Internet*

## Makelele staying at Chelsea

LONDON, 25 May — Chelsea midfielder Claude Makelele is staying put, the club made clear on Thursday.

"We have not had any offers for Claude and we are not looking for any offers," a statement said.

Makelele said: "I have one year to run on my contract with Chelsea FC and I am not looking to leave. The comments that have been made on my behalf have not been authorized by me and the individual making them is not my agent." — *MNA/Reuters*

## South African goalkeeper Fernandez joins Germany's Bielefeld

BERLIN, 25 May — German Bundesliga football club Arminia Bielefeld announced Wednesday that they signed South African goalkeeper Rowen Fernandez.

Fernandez, 29, joins the German Bundesliga club from Johannesburg's Kaizer Chiefs as his contract will expire next month.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Milan hailed by thousands on open top bus tour

MILAN, 25 May — Thousands of fans lined the streets on Thursday to welcome home AC Milan a day after they clinched their seventh European Cup with a 2-1 win over Liverpool.

The players toured the city in an open-top bus which struggled to move through the crowds on its way to Piazza del Duomo, where jubilant fans had lit bonfires the previous night after watching the Athens final on a big screen.

The team eventually paraded the trophy in front of the packed square, with supporters again waving giant red and black flags while one banner read "Thank you Pippo" in reference to striker Filippo Inzaghi's two goals.

The team had earlier been greeted by fans at Milan's Malpensa Airport having flown in from Athens following an all-night party laid on by club president Silvio Berlusconi.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti told reporters that the victory would mean one major sacrifice. He had promised his children he would stop smoking if they lifted the trophy.



*AC Milan soccer team parades through downtown Milan, Italy, on Thursday, 24 May, 2007, the day after beating Liverpool 2-1 in the final match of the Champions League. —INTERNET*

"Now I will give up smoking," he said. "After a very difficult year we have won something extraordinary so there is plenty of happiness and satisfaction. We did great things because there was little hope."

European soccer's governing body UEFA had been reluctant to let Milan take part in this season's Champions League after their role in last year's match-fixing scandal in Italy. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Glazers rubbish sale claims



**Malcolm Glazer.**

LONDON, 25 May — The Glazer family rubbished suggestions on Friday that they are considering selling Manchester United.

For the second time in a fortnight reports surfaced claiming Malcolm Glazer had become disillusioned by the profit-making potential at Old Trafford.

Having completed an £800million takeover two years ago, Glazer restructured the club's debt with a view to the long term and a spokesman for the family insists their commitment has not wavered.

"The Glazer family have a long-term commitment to Manchester United and that is not going to change," said the spokesman.

"Quite simply, they are not interested in selling the club. Why would they?"

"They are determined to make United more successful, both on and off the pitch." — *Internet*

## Doll-faced Fukuhara exits world championships

ZAGREB, 25 May — Romanian Daniela Dodean on Thursday handed a straight-set defeat to Japanese Ai Fukuhara, one of the most popular table tennis players in the world.

Dodean, ranked 63rd in the world, stunned the 11th-rated Japanese 12-10, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9 to reach the women's singles fourth round of the world championships.

Feted as a child prodigy from the age of three, Fukuhara reached the quarterfinals in her first world championships in 2003 when she was not even 15. In 2004, she helped Japan to a third-placed finish but she is yet to win an individual medal.

In Zagreb, her dream was dashed again.

Against the fast Fukuhara, Dodean was patient. She lured Fukuhara to attack first and then counter-attacked with killer shots.

Fukuhara looked even more impatient as the match went on. In the fourth set, Fukuhara missed an easy kill to trail 8-10 but closed it to 9-10 as Dodean hit into the net. A wayward shot by Fukuhara sent the Romanian into the fourth round. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Owen raring to go on international return

MANCHESTER (England), 25 May — England striker Michael Owen says he does not expect to suffer any further injury problems when he makes his international return on Friday.

Owen will captain an England B team against Albania at Burnley in his first international appearance since damaging knee ligaments during the World Cup.

He has previously suffered with hamstring problems and broke a bone in his foot before last summer's tournament in Germany while playing for club side Newcastle.

"I came in earlier to training at Newcastle than anyone and stayed until it was dark every single day and was doing more than anyone could do," Owen told reporters on Thursday.

"It's impossible I could do anymore and I really feel the benefits now... I haven't felt an ounce of discomfort from my knee.

"When you have a bad, bad injury you have to get the bit between your teeth and think I'm going to come back better than ever.

"And although my body let me down in the World Cup, it won't let me down again."

England coach Steve McClaren admits England need Owen's goals to boost a faltering Euro 2008 qualifying campaign. England are currently fourth in Group E after six games.

Their next qualifier is in Estonia on 6 June and it is a game Owen feels England have to win.

"There isn't too much room for a slip now," Owen added. If we lose one game it doesn't mean we won't qualify but we couldn't afford more than one slip up.

"You don't want to slip up against Estonia when you still have some big hitters to come."

*MNA/Reuters*



*China's Zhang Yining returns the ball against NG Sock Khim from Malaysia during the first round competition of women's single at the 49th World Table Tennis Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, on 22 May, 2007. Zhang Yining won the match 4-0. —INTERNET*



*Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball to Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland during their quarter final match at WTA Istanbul Cup tennis tournament in Istanbul on 24 May, 2007. —INTERNET*

### Singapore aquarium puts chips in fish

SINGAPORE, 25 May — Singapore's aquarium has tagged some of its fishes using microchips to help visitors identify the different species on display.

Visitors to the Underwater World aquarium can see the name, species and other information displayed on a touch screen whenever any

of the 20 tagged fishes swim past a sensor, said Peter Chew, sales and marketing manager at Underwater World.

"Gone are the days when visitors are happy looking at animals and matching them with the information on the sign boards," Chew said.

Underwater World, which is on Singapore's Sentosa Island, is the first aquarium in the world to tag its exhibit fishes with microchips using the radio frequency identification technology, Chew said.

The aquarium, which took three months to set up the 30,000 Singapore dollars (19,600 US dollars) system, is also considering tagging sharks, he said.

Those tagged include arapaima, one of the world's largest freshwater fish, and pacu, which is related to the piranha.

MNA/Reuters

### China vows to promote education cooperation with Malaysia

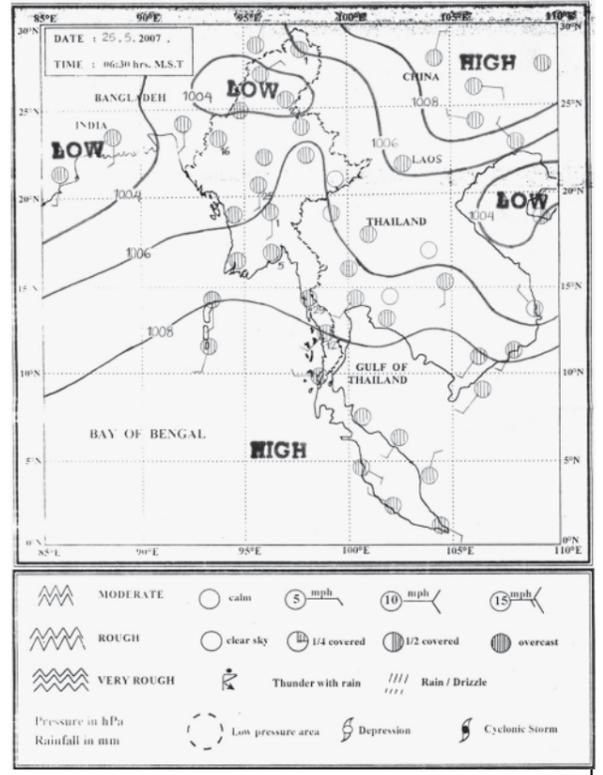
BEIJING, 25 May — China hopes to deepen educational exchanges and cooperation with Malaysia, Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili said here on Wednesday in a meeting with visiting Malaysian Minister of Education Hishiamuddin Tun Hussein.

Cooperation on education is an important part of bilateral relations, Chen said, adding that he hoped both sides could further promote cooperation in this area so as to positively boost bilateral ties.

Hishiamuddin Tun Hussein is here at the invitation of Chinese Minister of Education Zhou Ji and he will also visit east China's Shanghai.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



#### WEATHER

Friday, 25 May, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. Day temperatures were (5°C) above May average temperature in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below May average temperatures in Kachin State, Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kanbalu (2.29) inches, An (1.57) inches, Kayan (1.30) inches, Dawei (1.18) inches, Meiktila (0.98) inch and Myingyan (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2007 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 25-5-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-5-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 24-5-2007 was (7.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-5-2007 was (0.36) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.90) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (25.28) inches at Mingaladon, (29.49) inches at Kaba-Aye and (28.66) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 24-5-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 26-5-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 26-5-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Weather outlook for last weekend of May 2007:** During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon Division, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Miss Singapore 2007 Jessica Tan displays her costume at the 2007 Miss Universe National Costume Show at the Angel of Independence in Mexico City, Mexico, on 20 May, 2007. The 56th Miss Universe pageant will be held in Mexico City on 28 May. Picture taken on 20 May, 2007. — INTERNET



**TV Myanmar**

**Saturday, 26 May**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝုရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</li> </ol> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To be healthy exercise</li> </ol> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Morning news</li> </ol> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Nice and sweet song</li> </ol> <p><b>7:55 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</li> </ol> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ ဧရာဝတီတံတား(ဒေးဒရီ)</li> </ol> <p><b>8:15 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Musical programme</li> </ol> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. International news</li> </ol> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Grammar Made Easy</li> </ol> <p><b>11:00 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Martial song</li> </ol> <p><b>11:15 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Musical programme</li> </ol>	<p><b>11:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. News</li> </ol> <p><b>11:40 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Games for children</li> </ol> <p><b>12:05 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Round up of the week's TV local news</li> </ol> <p><b>12:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. "ရှင်နောင်" ကျောင်းရောက်ပြီ" (ကြည်စိုး၊ ထူးသာ၊ချောနုဝင်း၊ ကျော်မေမေမွန်၊ ယွန်းငုံဖူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော် (ကောသိပနီ))</li> </ol> <p><b>12:50 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. နိုင်ငံတကာအဆင့်မီရန်ကုန် အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာလေဆိပ်ဆီ</li> </ol> <p><b>1:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Dance of national races</li> </ol> <p><b>1:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်</li> </ol> <p><b>1:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ရိုးရာလုပ်ငန်းပန်းပွတ်စွမ်း ရွာလွတ်ထုတ်ကုန်နိုင်ငံဂုဏ်)</li> </ol> <p><b>2:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်" (အကယ်ဒမီဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီမိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)</li> </ol> <p><b>2:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</li> </ol> <p><b>2:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း မဟာရာ ရေလှောင်တံ</li> </ol> <p><b>2:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. International news</li> </ol> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Martial song</li> </ol>	<p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</li> </ol> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. အလေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)</li> </ol> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. နားဝင်ပီယံသုလင်္ကာသံ</li> </ol> <p><b>4:50 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Musical programme</li> </ol> <p><b>5:05 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Games for children</li> </ol> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်</li> </ol> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Evening news</li> </ol> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Weather report</li> </ol> <p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</li> </ol> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ပင်လောင်းလက်ဖက် နတ်သစ်ရွက်)</li> </ol> <p><b>7:10 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၂၈)</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. News</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. International news</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. Weather report</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. The next day's programme</li> </ol>
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**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises regional development tasks in Pakokku District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chair-

man of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone

Maw Shwe, attended the physic nut growing ceremony in Pakokku Township on 22 May.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected 15 acres

of physic nut plantation of General Administration Department in Pakokku Township.

At Gwaygyo Dam Project site in Gwaygyo

Village of Sitha Village-tract of Yesagyo Township, they inspected construction tasks.

The earth embankment of Gwaygyo Dam is

57 feet high and 2,100 feet long. The dam can store 1,840 acre feet of water and it will irrigate 400 acres of land. At present, (See page 9)

## Htongyi Village in Bago gets new school building

YANGON, 25 May — Htongyi Village Basic Education High School (branch) in Bago Township, Bago Division, was handed over to the Ministry of Education at a ceremony held at the school this morning.

It was built with the contributions made by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife and wellwishers.

Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the facility.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye unveiled the stone plaque of the building.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, the commander and the ministers inspected it.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Tin Aye cited the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on ensuring fine school buildings, utilization of modern pedagogical aids, prescription of international level cur-



*Lt-Gen Tin Aye delivers an address at opening of new building for BEHS (Branch) in Htongyi Village, Bago Township. — MNA*

ricula, and bringing about competent teachers in order to produce qualified new generation youth students.

He said that now is the knowledge age, so teachers have to nurture the students to enable them to possess innovative and reasonable powers.

Teachers are also to equip students with Our Three Main National Causes, the fundamental factor of the brighter future of the nation, Union Spirit, and patriotic fervour. Only then will the nation see a greater number of human resources.

He called for maintenance of the building for its durability.

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## All township school enrolment day marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — All township school enrolment day for 2007-2008 academic year was marked at Basic Education High School No 6 in Nay Pyi Taw this morning with an address by Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin. Also present on the occasion were Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of the commander,

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, departmental heads,

the deputy director general of No 2 Basic Education Department, officials, local

authorities and education officers.

(See page 9)

**Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin meets parents and students on school enrolment day at a school. — MNA**

