

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San attend presentation of religious titles to monks who passed 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Exam

YANGON, 26 May — A ceremony to honour 73 monks who had passed the 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at Maha Pasana Cave Ordination Hall on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning, attended by 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the examination, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws, examination supervisor Sayadaws and the monks who had passed the



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and congregation taking Five Precepts from members of the Sangha. — MNA

examination, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, wives of the SPDC members, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon

Mayor and their wives, deputy ministers, senior military officers, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of religious associations, disciples and wellwishers.

Director U Zarni Win, Deputy Director U Tin Aung Tun, Deputy Director U Tun Nyunt and Assistant Director U Tun Naing ushered members of the SSMNC to the dais of the cave along the aisle. Assistant Director U Aye Lwin also ushered Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of the examination. Staff Officer U Kyaw Lwin ushered Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws. Director U Ye

Htay and Staff Officer U Aung Htwe also ushered the monks who had passed the examination.

While the State Orchestra played religious songs, the congregation paid homage to members of the Sangha.

Staff Officer Saddhamma Jotikadhaja U Thura of the Religious Affairs Department acted as MC.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Vocalist Myint Myint Kyi sang the song to the accompaniment of Mingala harp troupe. Afterwards, 108 bells around the cave were rung for nine times.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 27 May, 2007

New airport terminal building, symbol of peace, progress

Transport is a major economic sector that serves as an engine for national development.

Regarding the domestic transport sector, the nation has now seen many Union highways, railway tunnels, and a network of railroads along with river- and creek-spanning bridges. And with respect to the international water transport sector, the government has built international ports including port terminals with modern equipment, and container yards.

It is also striving for improvement in the nation's aviation sector. The new terminal building of Yangon International Airport was launched the other day.

The building is 832 feet long, 206 feet wide and 68 feet high, and is designed to be able to withstand an earthquake with 8 Richter Scale. It is equipped with five lifts, three escalators, four stairways and 300 telephone lines.

It is also installed with the characteristics of an international airport such as the equipment of EM electronic lock system, the card access system, the fire prevention and warning system, the plasma screen flight information system and the news and information system plus four passenger boarding bridges.

The new terminal building can accommodate 1800 passengers per hour or 2.7 million per year. The airport can handle five aircraft per hour. Like other international airports, Yangon International Airport offers advanced services for the convenience of local and foreign passengers, thereby reflecting peace and development of the nation.



U Kyaw Myint-Daw Tin Oo of Yaykyaw street in Pazungdaung Township, Yangon donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the home recently.—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

Donors share merits for all-round renovation of PhaungdawU Standing Buddha Statue

YANGON, 25 May — A ceremony to share merits for the completion of all-round renovation of PhaungdawU Standing Buddha Statue and prayer hall was held on the platform of the statue in Myothit (ka+kha) Ward of Insein Township yesterday. The cost of the all-round renovation was contributed by wellwishers Dr Maung Maung Aye-Thiri Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Mi Mi Hlaing and family.

It was attended by Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tiloka Bhiva of Ywama Pariyatti Monastery, Chairman of Insein Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita and members of the Sangha, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Advisor U Arnt Maung and wellwishers.

Firstly, those present received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Suriya of Aung San Maha Myaing Monastery.

Next, the deputy minister and party offered provisions to members of the Sangha and General Manager U Win Pe of Myanma Timber Enterprise handed documents related to the donation of three-acre plot to the



A responsible person presents a photo of Standing Buddha to wellwishers who donated K 100 million to PhaungdawU Standing Buddha Statue.—H

Joint-Secretary Sayadaw.

Later, the Sayadaws delivered sermons and the congregation shared the merits gained. — MNA

Nipon Foundation hands over 100th school building in Shan State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 May — Nipon Foundation of Japan handed over a 100th school building in Shan State to Nawngkhio Township Education Department on 23 May.

The school building was constructed in Ohnmathi Village in Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North). It will be used as the basic education middle school (Branch) in the village. The committee for construction of the school building handed over documents related to the building to the Head of the township Education Department and headmistress of the school on 23 May in the presence of Director-General of the Rural Areas and National Races Development Affairs Department U Than Swe, Yohei Sasakawa, President of Nipon Foundation and the ambassador of Japan to Myanmar.

First, Yohei Sasakawa and the chairman of the committee for construction of the school officially opened the new building.

Director-General U Than Swe presented teach-



Opening of new school building in progress in Ohnmathi Village in Nawngkhio Township.

PBANRDA

ing aids and school uniforms donated by RANRDAD to the headmistress. So far, the foundation has spent US \$ 3 million on construction of 100 school buildings in Shan State from 2003 to 2007. — MNA

Winners of World Environment Day article, essay announced

YANGON, 25 May — National Commission for Environmental Affairs today announced winners of World Environment Day-2007 commemorative open article competitions. The first prize went to U Aye Myint (Geography), the second to Mya Phu Ngon (Yezin University of Agriculture), the third to Ko Thet Oo (MRTV) and the special prize to Ma Sein Sein (Green). In open essay competitions, the first prize went to Ma Aye Myint Myat Soe, the second to Ma Sandar Mon, the third to U Tun Thein and the special

prize to Ma Su Htaik Mon.

The prize-presentation ceremony will be held at the celebration of World Environment Day 2007 in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 June. Prize winners are to arrive at Nay Pyi Taw on 3 June and rehearsal will take place on 4 June. They are to contact NCEA (Forest Department - Head Office), Gyogon (West), Insein Township, Yangon (Ph: 644496, 644751, 6444752) and Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-405383, 067-405012) not later than 30 May. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin says Russia not to be pressured

BRUSSELS, 25 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday in Luxembourg that Western critics, who often have a hidden agenda against Russia, will not succeed by pressuring Russia on issues like human rights.

Speaking after talks with Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker, Putin said Russia's increasing economic power means that "ways of influencing Russia these days are few," Belgian media reported.

Putin said there are two reasons why some outside forces are frequently attacking Russia on human rights issues, particularly at the pre-election period.

One reason is to support the pro-Western forces inside Russia, and the other is to pressure Russia into making concessions on issues like disarmament, anti-missile defence and Kosovo, he said.

The Russian leader urged these critics to change tactic. "The best

method of talking to Russia is the same as that in relations with the other countries. Respect for each other's interests," he said.

Referring to the Iranian nuclear issue, Putin said Russia will "work together with all partners" to try to find a solution which takes into account the interests of all parties concerned.

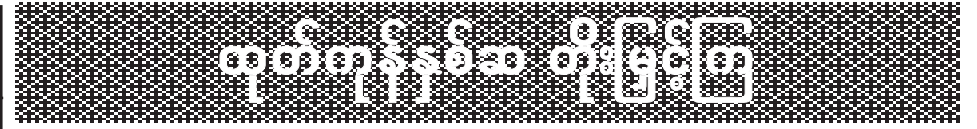
The settlement should

not deprive Iran of its right to possess advanced technologies, while at the same time eliminate concerns of the international community about Iran making nuclear weapons, he said.

Russia prefers "settling all matters, including regarding the Iranian nuclear dossier, by political-diplomatic methods", Putin said.—MNA/Xinhua



Model Deborah Priya Henry shows her trophy after winning Miss Malaysia World 2007 in Kuala Lumpur on 26 May, 2007. —INTERNET



Some 36 Singaporean adventurous volunteers form a "human net" with their bodies during a Spanish-featured performance at the opening ceremony of the Singapore Arts Festival, Singapore, on 25 May, 2007. More than 8,000 people witnessed this aerial theatrical work entitled "Dreams in Flight" by Spanish arts company "La Fura dels Baus". INTERNET

Israel bombs Hamas buildings in Gaza, killing 5

JERUSALEM, 26 May — Israel bombed a series of Hamas buildings in Gaza today and arrested another Palestinian cabinet minister, Wasfi Kahaba, a member of Hamas, at his home in the occupied West Bank.

At least five Palestinians were killed and six more wounded in the daylight bombing raids on buildings used by the paramilitary Executive Force, a parallel police force dominated by Hamas.

The raids, on buildings in the Zeitun district of Gaza City, the Shati refugee camp and the southern city of Rafah, as well as a training camp in Khan Yunis, came within minutes. Hamas has ordered its men to stay out of buildings affiliated with it and to avoid grouping and the use of cellphones. Most major

Hamas leaders are not sleeping at home or using their normal offices.

Doctors at Gaza's Al Shifa Hospital said that the five dead and most of the injured came from the strike on the Zeitun headquarters, and that two of the wounded were in critical condition. All were pulled out of the rubble of the building. — Internet

State Dept says 3 US citizens among 7 kidnapped in Nigeria

WASHINGTON, 25 May — Three US citizens were among seven people kidnapped in Nigeria, the US State Department said Friday, but it provided few details.

"Our consulate general in Lagos reports that three American citizens were kidnapped in Bayelsa state," State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said in a written statement. "We are in the process of notifying their families, and will maintain contact with Nigerian authorities to monitor this incident."

Due to the Privacy Act, Gallegos said, no more information could be provided on the U.S. citizens.

Four other foreigners were kidnapped in the same incident, he said.

Internet

'Noah's Ark' of 5,000 rare animals found floating off the coast of China

BEIJING, 26 May — Endangered, hunted, smuggled and now abandoned, 5,000 of the world's rarest animals have been found drifting in a deserted boat near the coast of China.

The pangolins, Asian giant turtles and lizards were crushed inside crates on a rickety wooden vessel that had lost engine power off Qingzhou island in the southern province of Guangdong. Most were alive, though the cargo also contained 21 bear paws wrapped in newspaper.

According to conservation groups, the haul was discovered on one of the world's most lucrative and destructive smuggling routes: from the threatened

jungles of south-east Asia to the restaurant tables of southern China.

The animals were found when local fishermen noticed a strange smell emanating from the vessel, which did not have any registration plates, on Tuesday, the Guangzhou Daily reported.

When coastguard officials boarded the 25-metre craft, it was reportedly deserted and stripped of identification papers. They found more than 200 crates full of animals, many so

dehydrated in the tropical sun that they were close to death.

The animals — which weighed 13 tonnes — were taken to port, doused with water and sent to an animal welfare centre. "We have received some animals," said an office worker at the Guangdong Wild Animal Protection Centre. "We are waiting to hear from the authorities what we should do with them."

According to the local media, the cargo included 31 pangolins, 44

leatherback turtles, 2,720 monitor lizards, 1,130 Brazilian turtles as well as the bear paws. Photographs showed other animals, including an Asian giant turtle.—Internet

A medical worker walks in front of the national institute of infectious and tropical diseases in Hanoi. Health officials in Vietnam on 25 May, 2007, confirmed a farmer has been infected with the deadly bird flu virus, the first human case in the country since late 2005. —INTERNET





A Pakistani poultry worker feeds chickens on a farm on the outskirts of Karachi in April 2007. Pakistani authorities have found the deadly bird flu virus at two more poultry farms in the capital, bringing the number of outbreaks reported this week to five, officials said on Friday. — INTERNET

Lower gout risk for coffee lovers

LONDON, 25 May — Drinking four or more cups of coffee a day may cut the risk of having a painful attack of gout, say Canadian scientists. A University of British Columbia team found blood uric acid levels — which are linked to the condition — were lower in people who drank more coffee.

But tea had no measurable effect, sug-

gesting that the active ingredient was not caffeine.

The work is published in the journal Arthritis Care and Research.

Gout affects about 600,000 people in the UK, with numbers thought to be increasing in recent years.

Its symptoms, which are often joint pains in the lower limbs, happen when uric acid crystallises out of the blood into the joints.

Drinking too much beer, or eating too much red meat are thought to be to blame for many cases.

The main way to tackle the condition is to take anti-inflammatory pills, change diet and drink more water, or in more severe cases, to take more powerful drugs to reduce uric acid levels in the blood. The latest research looked at the eating habits of 14,000 men and women between 1988 and 1994. — *Internet*

Malaysia, Indonesia agree to jointly defend palm oil industry

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 May — Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed to make joint publicity efforts to defend the palm oil industry in the two countries in reaction to the Western criticism, local media reported Friday.

Activists in Europe and the United States have launched a massive anti-palm oil campaign, saying Malaysia and Indonesia destroyed the orangutan's natural habitats with the opening of palm oil estates, Malaysian Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Peter Chin Fah Kui said Friday here.

"We want to clear the issue jointly with Indonesia's Ministry of Agriculture," Chin said after attending the second Joint Committee Meeting on Bilateral Cooperation on Commodities between Malaysia and Indonesia.

Malaysia will organize a seminar in Brussels on 6 June while Indonesia will hold one in London in the following month, Chin told reporters at a news conference.

Chin said the criticism campaign has affected consumption of palm oil in Europe and the United States, including the biodiesel fuel, which is a mixture of diesel and palm

oil. Meanwhile, at the joint committee meeting, the two countries also agreed to cooperate on cocoa research and development, added the minister. — *MNA/Xinhua*

At least 10 survive crash of plane in Peruvian jungle

LIMA, 25 May — At least 10 people have survived the crash of a triple-engine plane that went down in the jungle of Peru, a Peruvian Air Force spokesman said Friday.

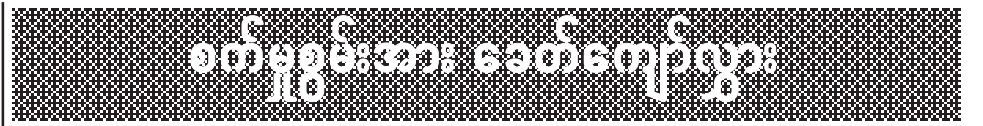
Col Jesus Arce said the plane was on a multi-stop run Thursday over the Amazon jungle on the way to Quito when contact was lost at 4:45 pm.

Its last stop had been at Requena, Peru, where it took off at 2:20 pm.

According to Arce, three air force crew members and 17 passengers were on board. — *Internet*



A Peruvian Air Force Twin Otter plane is seen in this undated handout photo. A Peruvian Air Force plane crashed in dense jungle in the remote northeast of the country but at least 10 of the 17 people aboard survived, a regional official said on 25 May, 2007. —INTERNET



No waists too wide: Health authorities target “pot bellies”

BANGKOK, 25 May — Thailand's Ministry of Public Health has launched a pilot campaign targeted to rid the kingdom of persons with overlarge mid-sections, termed “No pot bellies in the office” with the aim of reducing obesity and the increased risk of diabetes and other diseases, according to Deputy Public Health Minister Dr Morakot Kornkasem.

The senior health official said the ministry initiated the project after finding that Metabolic Syndrome, which is a concurrence of multiple medical indicators, is increasing at an alarming rate among both men and women in Thailand.

“A survey on Metabolic Syndrome among Thais aged between 19-59 years old by using waist circumference as a main indicator,” Dr Morakot said, “found that the number of Thai people with the problematic

lifestyle indicator increased from 28 per cent in 2004 to almost 36 per cent in 2006.”

Metabolic Syndrome is defined as having a waist circumference of more than 90 centimetres (cm) (35.4 inches) for men and more than 80cm (31.5 inches) for women.

Simply speaking, many people eat too

much, eat the wrong foods, and exercise little or not at all.

To prevent Metabolic Syndrome, the Ministry will raise awareness among the public on the dangers of the syndrome and encourage the public to change their affluent lifestyle-related unhealthy eating habits, he said.

Internet

Three men shot dead in Thailand's restive south

NARATHIWAT, 26 May — Three people were shot dead in the violence ridden province of Narathiwat on Friday night and Saturday, as the insurgency continues to take its toll in the region.

Anhuan Loding was shot in a drive-by shooting early Saturday after leaving a tea shop in Ruso district. When his motorcycle fell, the unidentified gunman shot him again in the head. The victim died at the scene.

Police said the killing is probably related to the southern violence because the victim was a police informant.

Internet



Fishers use a crane to load the giant blue shark on 23 May, 2007. A giant blue shark was captured by a fisher in east China's Jiangsu Province on the afternoon of 23 May. The shark is 10 metres long and 1.5 metres wide with a total weight of five tons or so. A businessman passing by purchased it at the price of over 100,000 yuan right after the capture. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Arab, S American eco ministers' meeting opens in Morocco

RABAT, 25 May — The 2nd meeting of Arab and South American countries' economic ministers opened here Wednesday, with the aim of giving a new momentum to economic relations between countries of the two regions.

This meeting falls within the framework of recommendations of Brasilia Declaration made during the first summit of Arab and South American countries held in Brazil in May. During the two-day meeting, participants will discuss ways of promoting trade exchanges,

encouraging investments, exchange of expertise, information and experiences in sectorial fields, and establishment of air and maritime links between two respective regions.

Speaking on this occasion, Moroccan Prime Minister Driss Jettou urged Arab and South American countries to take appropriate measures, notably to remove protectionist barriers, to pursue economic liberalization and to strengthen infrastructure networks.

He noted the projected trade growth of 10 per cent

between the two regions in the next five years, from the current 4 per cent, is an achievable objective.

Besides, Bolivian Finance Minister Luis Alberto Arce expressed hope that relations between Arab and South American countries will be further consolidated to succeed in the elaboration of action plans, so as to carry out recommendations adopted notably at the Brazil summit.

MNA/Xinhua

Registered investments in Philippines up 194% from Jan to April

MANILA, 25 May — The Philippine Government said on Thursday that it has registered 73.3 billion pesos (1.6 billion US dollars) of newly committed investments from January to April, 194 per cent more than the same period of last year.

The new investments registered with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) cover 234 projects throughout the country, Trade and Industry Secretary Peter Favila told reporters as he presented the data at a Press briefing.

The projects are expected to create a total of

42,742 new jobs, according to Favila. The official said that the data means that the Philippines was "still one of the best" destinations to invest in Asia.

"The first four months' performance is a strong manifestation that investors' confidence remains strong due to the positive reforms the government has undertaken," Favila said.

Committed projects in the manufacturing sector accounted 39.04 billion pesos (848.7 million US dollars), 239 per cent up from the same period last year, the DTI data showed.

MNA/Xinhua



Pedestrians walk past the NASDAQ Market in Times Square in New York recently.—INTERNET



The Reuters building is seen in Bangalore, India on 15 May, 2007. Reuters Group PLC and Thomson Corp said on Tuesday they agreed on terms for a merger to create one of the world's largest financial news providers. The cash and stock transaction values Reuters at 8.7 billion pounds (euro 12.7 billion; US\$17.2 billion). Holders of each Reuters share will be paid 352.5 pence (euro 5.16; US\$6.99) in cash and 0.16 Thomson-Reuters PLC shares.—INTERNET

Tourists to Thailand rise by 4% in first quarter

BANGKOK, 25 May — The number of foreign tourists visiting Thailand has risen by 4 per cent during the first four months this year, with most new arrivals coming from Europe, Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) governor Phornsiri Manoharn said Thursday.

Phornsiri was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that about four million foreign tourists visited Thailand between January and April, marking a 4-per-cent increase from the corresponding period last

year, while a total of 14.8 million international visitors are expected to come throughout this year.

Increasing numbers of tourists had come from Europe, while the number of arrivals from China and Singapore had dropped, Phornsiri said.

TAT plans to maintain Thailand as a major attraction for foreign tourists, especially to those from the Middle East, Africa and eastern Europe, during the low or rainy season, which normally lasts for four months, she said. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore must "find its own buzz as a global city"

SINGAPORE, 24 May — Singapore must "find its own buzz as a global city," Education Minister and Second Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam said here Wednesday.

Speaking at a marketing and branding conference, the minister said the country needs to create its distinctive appeal, not remake itself in the image of other cities.

He said the Singapore brand carries with it both positive and negative images. "The positives include a stable, multiracial society. Forward-looking and corruption-free

government. Safe streets, a clean and green city. High educational and medical standards. A quality of life in public housing neighborhoods that remains a bit of an anomaly in a world where public housing often means trouble," he said.

While there is no lack of negatives. Singapore is referred to as a nanny-state, a "fine city", with penalties for numerous offences, and as lacking in creativity and an innovative culture, he added.

But he pointed out that Singapore should not be

defensive about every negative.

Tharman set out five key planks needed to preserve and build for an enduring Singapore brand: keeping the trust in the Singapore system, being the most open city in Asia, continuously remaking the country, supporting individuals in breaking new ground as strengthening a culture of excellence for all.

He said, "I believe this Singapore brand will endure, and make Singapore a leading global city in Asia 15 years from now." — MNA/Xinhua



Guangzhou Customs officials check python skins seized during a recent campaign against smuggling. A large batch of skins were found in a parcel meant for an overseas destination.—INTERNET



Spanish singers Joan Manuel Serrat (L) and Joaquín Sabina stand after their news conference in Madrid on 24 May, 2007. Serrat and Sabina were there to present their joint tour, called "Dos pajaros de un tiro", which will tour Spain and Latin America over the next six months.—INTERNET

Pakistan, Germany agree to establish joint chamber of commerce

ISLAMABAD, 24 May—Pakistan and Germany have agreed on the establishment of a joint chamber of commerce to help further strengthen their commercial cooperation, officials said Wednesday. Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri and his German counterpart Frank Walter Stein Meier were talking to reporters after their talks in Islamabad on Wednesday.

talks, both sides explored the possibility of strengthening bilateral relations especially in trade, investment, education, defence, culture, health-care, railways, power generation, engineering and oil and gas sectors.

He said Germany is hosting G-8 foreign ministers meeting on May 30 and that he would be attending the conference.

German Foreign Minister Frank Walter said the European Union has

decided to increase assistance for Pakistan and that the country would now receive 200 million euros (some 269.8 million US dollars) during the next three years. He said his country is keen to enhance economic and commercial relations with Pakistan, adding Pakistan is a very important partner of EU in Asia and has special significance in stability and peace in South and Central Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

Shell explosion kills Vietnamese couple

HANOI, 24 May — A Vietnamese couple have been killed when an artillery shell exploded in Vietnam's southern Dong Nai Province, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Wednesday.

The explosion hit the private house of Nguyen Van Nhan and his wife in the province's Nhon Trach District on Tuesday when the couple were sawing the shell for explosive for sales. Nhan died on the spot, and his wife named Nguyen Thi Nhi passed away on the way to hospital. According to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund of the United States, during the Vietnam War in 1965-1975, the US Armed Forces deployed more than 15 million tons of bombs, mines, artillery shells and other ordnance in Vietnam, among which 10 per cent did not detonate as designed.

Local scrap collectors often saw off unexploded ordnance (UXO) for metal and explosive, while small children play ammunitions by breaking them, resulting hundreds of deaths and injuries annually. Now, there are over 300,000 tons of UXO in Vietnam, estimated local officials. — MNA/Xinhua

No gunman roaming the halls in Toronto school shooting

OTTAWA, 24 May — The shooting incident that seriously injured a 14-year-old boy in a Toronto school on Wednesday is not a situation in which a gunman is roaming the hall, police said.

The victim was shot around 2:30 pm local time on the second floor of CW Jefferys Collegiate, located in north Toronto. He has since been rushed to hospital, reports reaching here said.

The school with 850 students has been locked down and is being guarded by the police following the incident, but nearby roads have not been closed to

traffic. What led up to the attack is not yet clear, but the shooting is likely an isolated incident, a report by Canadian Television said. "At this stage in the investigation, the only information we have is that the 14-year-old male victim was in critical condition when the police arrived at the school," CTV cited Constable George Schuurman as saying. No arrests have been made, Schuurman said.

The incident is not a situation in which a gunman is roaming the halls, Canadian Press quoted the police as saying.—MNA/Xinhua



New York City firefighters battle flames on the roof of a building on Manhattan's West Side on Thursday, 24 May, 2007, in New York. A fast-moving fire in a storage shed on the roof of a commercial building sent thick black smoke throughout midtown Manhattan. About 100 firefighters worked to bring the flames under control.—INTERNET

Israeli plane makes emergency landing, terror attack not ruled out

BERLIN, 24 May— An Israeli plane with 163 passengers on board made an emergency landing at a Berlin airport and a terror attack cannot be ruled out, an airport spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The Israeli Flight 251 touched down at Berlin's

Schoenefeld Airport at 10:40 pm (2040 GMT) Tuesday night shortly after smoke was detected in the cabin, airport spokeswoman Rosemarie Meichsner said.

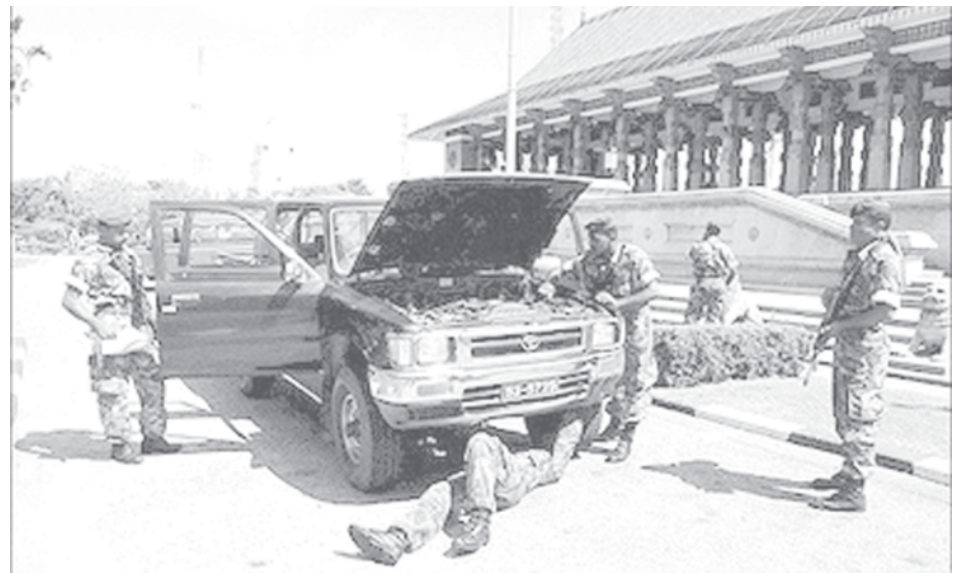
"An attack cannot be ruled out," she said, adding that the German Federal

Aviation Agency has opened an investigation.

The passengers, including a baby, left the aircraft via emergency exits and one woman injured her arm while sliding down the emergency chute and has been taken to hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

Sri Lankan Special Task Force soldiers search a car in Colombo following a Tamil Tiger attack in the north of the island a day earlier. Sri Lankan government troops have shot dead 12 suspected Tamil Tiger rebels, the Defence Ministry said on 25 May, 2007, the day after the rebels attacked the capital and a key naval base.—INTERNET



Eight mortars land in Baghdad's Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 26 May — At least eight mortars landed in Baghdad's Green Zone on Saturday afternoon, according to CNN's Baghdad Bureau Chief Cal Perry, who witnessed the apparent attack.

The US Embassy in Baghdad had no information on the report, and there was no immediate word about casualties.

The heavily-fortified zone, a 4-square-mile area in central Baghdad, houses the US military and US diplomatic agencies, as well as the location of the Iraqi government and parliament.

It is also called the International Zone and is frequently the target of mortar and rocket attacks, although many do not result in casualties.

Internet

NLD's special announcement that is not special

Ye Baw Tin Shwe

NLD released the so-called special announcement on 11 May 2007.

The paragraph (f) is stated in the announcement. So, there may be other paragraphs from (a) to (e). But I have no idea whether there are more paragraphs following the paragraph (f).

The main statement of the paragraph (f) is the demand to release Daw Suu Kyi soonest as she was the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the father of the Tatmadaw.

Another point said that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the general secretary of the National League for Democracy must be released unconditionally for national reconciliation and the true nature of national requirement. The above paragraph is the last one of the announcement.

The Tatmadaw government has been governing the nation without any discrimination.

It always takes actions against the lawbreakers in accord with the existing laws. It is totally free from bias in doing so. Although she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the father of the Tatmadaw, the government has taken action against her in accord with the existing law she has violated.

As she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San she is being placed under restriction order although her offence is punishable by imprisonment. The entire nation knows that the legal action taken against her is much lighter than the degree of her offence.

No one will accept the idea that she should be exempt from legal action just because she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San.

Everyone will face punishment depending on the offence one has committed.

Daw Suu Kyi has been placed under restriction order because of the conflict that broke out near Kyi village in Dabayin Township, Sagaing

Division, on 30 May 2003.

Authorities concerned detained Daw Suu Kyi as she was the main person whose acts caused the conflict.

After Daw Suu Kyi was released from the previous restriction order, she met with officials concerned of the Tatmadaw government and discussed with them for her field organizational trip. The officials gave her permission after due coordination. But during the trip she broke the mutual agreement more and more day after day. The undesirable conflict broke out as she was trying to realize her line of confrontation in accord with the wish of her outside manipulators and to stir up unrest.

The people have freedom of beliefs and they have their own opinions. So it is realistic that there are Daw Suu Kyi and some of her followers who do not have trust in the democracy transition of the Tatmadaw government and at the same time there will be people who have trust in and support it.

It was Daw Suu Kyi who tried to make waves on the still waters. The root cause that led to fanning the Dabayin conflict was her harsh words she used in attacking the Tatmadaw government in accord with the wish of neo-colonialists.

Hence, Daw Suu Kyi was put under restriction order at her owned house again for her instigative acts to destroy community peace and stability.

The authorities have experiences that every time when Daw Suu Kyi was released from restriction order, she committed instigative acts to break up the Union and harm national peace and stability in accord with the manipulation of her masters. The people have understood that they (the authorities) are reluctant to release her without any firm assurances that she will not commit such acts again.

I assume that the authorities concerned would release her if she returns to England where her family lives.

The NLD announcement also

states "for national reconciliation and the true nature of national requirement".

Actually, what the NLD says is that the nation lacks national reconciliation at present. So, I will have to present the true situation.

The NLD is saying that national reconciliation cannot be achieved without Daw Suu Kyi's participation. In reality, Daw Suu Kyi is only the authoritarian leader of the NLD. She is not the national leader representing the entire people, nor an elected representative. The great majority of people know her only as the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San. They have never recognized her as the leader of the people.

The Tatmadaw government is now holding the National Convention with the aim of ensuring national reconsolidation. In other words, it is trying to achieve national reconsolidation through the National Convention. The entire people have known and witnessed that representatives of various national races, people of all strata of life, political parties, independent representatives-elect, intellectuals and intelligentsia, other invited persons and State service personnel are holding frank and cordial discussions at the National Convention.

The people do not assume that Daw Suu Kyi, a puppet of the colonialists and their cohorts, should participate in the drive for national reconsolidation.

And the Tatmadaw government has created necessary conditions for ensuring national reconsolidation, so there is no need to think the matter again.

The NLD's special announcement mentions "the true nature of national requirement".

It fails to state, in a clear way, what is happening to the nation and what is needed in the nation.

So, it is required to view the conditions and prevailing situations of the nation objectively without any influence of alien instigation. **I am a veteran politician, whose experiences date back to the colonialist period, Fascist Japan period and Parliamentary Democracy period. So, I would say that the Tatmadaw government has managed to restore peace and political stability at the unprecedented level.**

With political stability, the National Convention is being held successfully with the participation of the representatives of the entire people, and it is known not only to Myanmar but also to the whole world. As a result of the National Convention, there will soon be a modern developed nation.

Like other countries, Myanmar is facing high commodity prices. The Tatmadaw government is taking necessary measures stage by stage to tackle this problem. It is not correct that

the government did not pay any heed to this issue.

Now, the people of working class earn reasonable amount of incomes. In a day, a trishaw man earns roughly more than 3000 kyats, and a taxi driver, nearly 10,000 kyats.

A skilled construction worker earns at least 3000 kyats and an ordinary construction worker, 1500 kyats a day.

The daily income of odd-job labourers in a port or railway station is not low. To my experience, my wife and I had to pay 1000 kyats for labour charges to the labourers who carried our two handbags and a basket at Yangon Central Railway Station when we returned from Mandalay.

A hairdresser charges a customer 500 to 1000 kyats.

Enjoying healthy prices of rice and other crops, farmers are now doing well in their businesses. And they have owned fine wooden houses roofed with corrugated zinc sheets and furnished with TV and video cassette players.

Farm owners pay wages of reasonable amount to the farmland labourers they hire. So, farmland labourers lead a comfortable life. Now, problems on hardships are hardly seen in rural areas. The government has increased the salary rates for service personnel unprecedentedly. So, service personnel can earn their living without any problems.

And today, the living standards of the people of various classes are getting high, as evidenced by prevailing conditions, and these are undeniable facts.

So, it is vivid that the release of Daw Suu Kyi is not the fundamental requirement for ensuring national reconsolidation. In my opinion, Daw Suu Kyi is needed by NLD to serve as its nominal head.

Present NLD leaders are in a pitiable state because they have no right or power and dare not make a decision to do something important.

How can the people believe that the NLD that has no access to intra-party democracy will transform the nation into a democratic one.

Moreover, its members are resigning from it daily and that reflects its real situation.

The NLD's special announcement No 5/07 is as usual, not different from the previous ones.

Instead of issuing such hollow announcements repeatedly, the NLD should release an announcement calling for immediate lifting of the economic sanctions imposed against Myanmar by certain powers so that the nation will see more job opportunities and prosperity for economic growth.

(Translation: TMT+MS)

(Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 26-5-2007)

The Tatmadaw government has been governing the nation without any discrimination.

It always takes actions against the lawbreakers in accord with the existing laws. It is totally free from bias in doing so. Although she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the father of the Tatmadaw, the government has taken action against her in accord with the existing law she has violated.

Religious titles conferred on members of Sangha who passed 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination



Daw Mya Mya San offers provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Daw Khin Khin Win donates alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

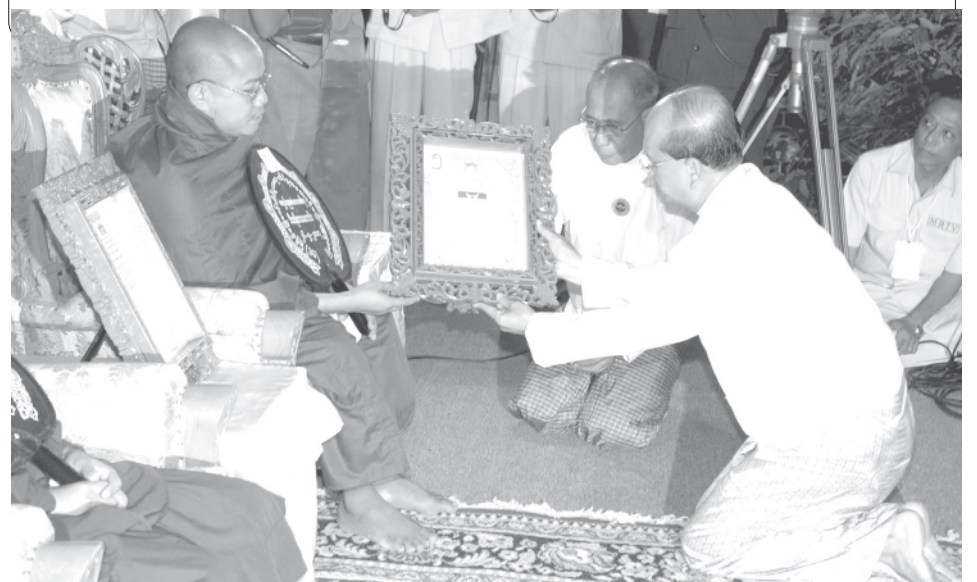


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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also offered certificates of honour for Mula Abhidhamma Kovida title to Ashin Paññasirilankara of Tipitaka Monastery of Dagon Township, Mula Arbhidhammika titles to Ashin Vasetthalanka of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery of Mingaladon Township and Ashin Çakkinda (Myaing) of Tipitaka Monastery of Dagon Township and

Dighanikaya Kovida title to Ashin Paññavamsalankara of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery of Mayangon Township.
SPDC member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence presented certificates of honour for Dighanikaya Kovida titles to two members of the Sangha and Dighabhanaka titles to three members of the Sangha.
SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Min-

istry of Defence presented certificates of honour for Dighabhanaka title to one member of the Sangha and Vinaya Kovida title to four members of the Sangha.
Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein also offered certificates of honour for Vinayadhara title to five members of the Sangha and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Vinayadhara titles to five members of the Sangha.
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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein confers Dighanikaya Kovida title on Ashin Paññavamsalankara of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery of Mayangon Township. — MNA



The ceremony to honour monks who passed 59th Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination in progress at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill. — MNA



Chairman of SSMNC Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara gives Saraniya Ovadakatha.
MNA

Religious titles conferred on members of Sangha who passed 59th Tipitakadhara...

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Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence presented certificates of honour for Vinayadhara title to one member of the Sangha and Ubhato Vibhangakovida titles to five members of the Sangha, and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence Ubhato Vibhangakovida titles to two members of the Sangha and Ubhato Vibhangadhara titles to four members of the Sangha.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Minister for

Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha offered certificates of honour for Ubhato Vibhangadhara titles to six members of the Sangha each.

Secretary of the SSMNC Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and the congregation shared merits gained. The ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, members of the Sangha left the dais of the cave through the passage way. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party donated alms and offertories to members of the Sangha. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence confers title on a Sayadaw.
MNA



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein presents title to a Sayadaw. — MNA

New models of mobile phone handsets introduced

YANGON, 26 May — A ceremony to introduce new models of mobile phone handsets imported by GSM Care Centre was held at Yangon City Star Hotel on Maha Bandoola Garden Street in

Kyauktada Township yesterday.

General Manager U Tin Win Hlaing of GSM Care Centre extended the greetings to the guests. Marketing Manager U Thiha explained new

models of mobile phone handsets, customer service and after sales service.

FX Technology Group in Singapore provides GSM Care Centre with hardware and software technology.

New handsets are available at No 01/12 Lanmadaw Plaza on Lanmadaw Road for further information, dial 01-395600.

General Manager U Tin Win Hlaing of GSM Care Centre explains functions of new mobile phone handset models.

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Religious Affairs Minister accepts cash and kind donation



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donated to the fund for missionary by Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Buddhapiya through a disciple. — MNA

YANGON, 26 May —

A ceremony to donate cash and kind for the missionary of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana under the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Advisor U Arnt Maung, officials and

wellwishers.

On behalf of Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Bhuddapiya from India, a wellwisher presented US\$ 8500 and Euro 3000 and wellwisher Thiri Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Nan Mon and family, 200 robes to the minister. The minister presented certificate of honours to them.

MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials presented physic nut seeds to family members of the station. Altogether 6,000 physic nut saplings were grown on five acres.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected cultivation of trees under the Shwenattaung Greening Project. They went to the briefing hall of arid zone forest conservation area. Staff Officer U Myint Aung of Forest Department reported on cultivation of hardwood. They also inspected physic nut farm and nursery in the station.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint met Tatmadaw members and their families. He told them to participate in regional and rural development tasks in cooperation with local people.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the briefing hall of Magyee Thonbin Dam Project in Pakokku Township.

Director U Aye Thein of Irrigation Department

reported on the data of the project and progress of work.

The earth dam is 1,875 feet long and 44 feet high. The capacity at full brim is 440 acre feet. Irrigated area is 200 acres.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the construction of the dam. They also inspected forest conservation and Tetmataung greening project in Pauk Township.

They inspected Yaw Creek Water Pumping Station (Yaypya) near Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu Road.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected cultivation of summer paddy near Yaypya Village, No 2 Pauk Bridge (Yaypya), Win Thuza Shops of the Ministry of Industry-1.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended the cultivation of physic nut in Thayettaw Village and grew physic nut saplings. Altogether 6,000 physic nut saplings were grown on five acres.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party attended a physic nut plants growing ceremony held near Panhsan village in Kyaukhtu, Saw Township, Gangaw district and greeted those present growing the plants. Five acres of land were

put under 6000 physic nut plants. Next, they visited the irrigated land of Minletaw Diversion Weir at mile post (0/2) on Pauk-Kyaukhtu road. An official reported on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy. Kyaukhtu township grew 16,987 acres of monsoon paddy and 2,648 acres of summer paddy.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Aigyaik bridge (Kyi Creek) between mile post Nos (18/6) and (18/7) that was in bad condition due to floods and gave instructions to officials on repairs of the bridge.

They next attended a physic nut plant growing ceremony held in Tharakha village in Htilin Township and encouraged those present growing the plants. A total of 4,200 plants were grown on 3.5 acres of land. They then went to the 300-acre summer paddy plantation at the entrance to Htilin. Township PDC Chairman U Zaw Min reported on cultivation of Shwe Myanmar paddy strains. At the office of Htilin Township PDC, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met service personnel, social organizations and local people and explained regional development work. In response to the reports presented by officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said the township is now developing with smooth transport. So relying on this smooth transport, local people are to strive for the development of education, health and social sectors as well as for extending crop items. It is also necessary to boost agriculture and livestock breeding and flow of commodities. Next, he urged local authorities, departmental personnel and local people to cooperate in regional development and greening tasks.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Htilin People's Hospital (16-bed) and made cash donations. They also visited Myinttha dam project site and gave necessary instructions. The dam will be 205 feet high and 29,750 feet long. It can store 377,600 acre feet of water, generate 170 kilowatt million hours of electricity and irrigate 12,000 acres of land.

Later, they inspected a 50-acre physic nut plantation on Htilin-Gangaw road and went to Gangaw by car. — MNA

SWRR Minister tours Lashio, Kyaukse, Tatkon



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects fire station of Kyaukse.—SWRR

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by Deputy Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials, visited Youth Training Centre in Lashio, Shan State (North) on 20 May, and urged officials to carry out tasks of the department effectively.

The minister also called on officials concerned to carry out preventive measures against trafficking in person and drug rehabilitation tasks joining hands with other departments and social organizations. He also urged them to make arrangements for welfare of the youths at the centre.

Deputy Director U Thein Naing of Social Welfare Department reported to the minister on social welfare tasks in Shan State (North).

The minister also went to Mandalay Division and visited the Fire Services Department in Kyaukse on 22 May and assisted in construction of a new building for the department.

The minister and party also visited Tatkon Township's Fire Services Department where officials of the department reported to the minister on tasks and arrangements for construction of a new building for the department.

On his tour, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe also inspected the site chosen to construct the building and attended to the needs.

MNA

Innocent woman wounded in mine explosion in Kyaukkyi Township

YANGON, 26 May — Terrorists are undermining stability of the nation and prevalence of law and order and committing destructive acts through various ways and means with the intention of killing innocent people and making them panic.

Together with companions, Ma Sein Phawt, 21, daughter of U Yi of Tontada Village in Kyaukkyi Township stepped on a mine planted by the insurgents near Kyaukphyi Lake, at 11 am on 21 May while on her way to collect edible globular fungi in the forest. The mine victim lost her left leg, and her right ankle was hit by the explosive.

Under the arrangements of officials, the mine victim was rushed to Mone station hospital, and medical treatment is being provided to her. Officials and the local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents. —MNA

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Warning on control of bird flu issued

YANGON, 26 May — Bird flu, which broke out in five townships, Yangon Division from 28-2-2007 to 31-3-2007, has been under control and restriction on transport and sales of chickens, ducks, quills and their products in those areas was lifted on 22-4-2007.

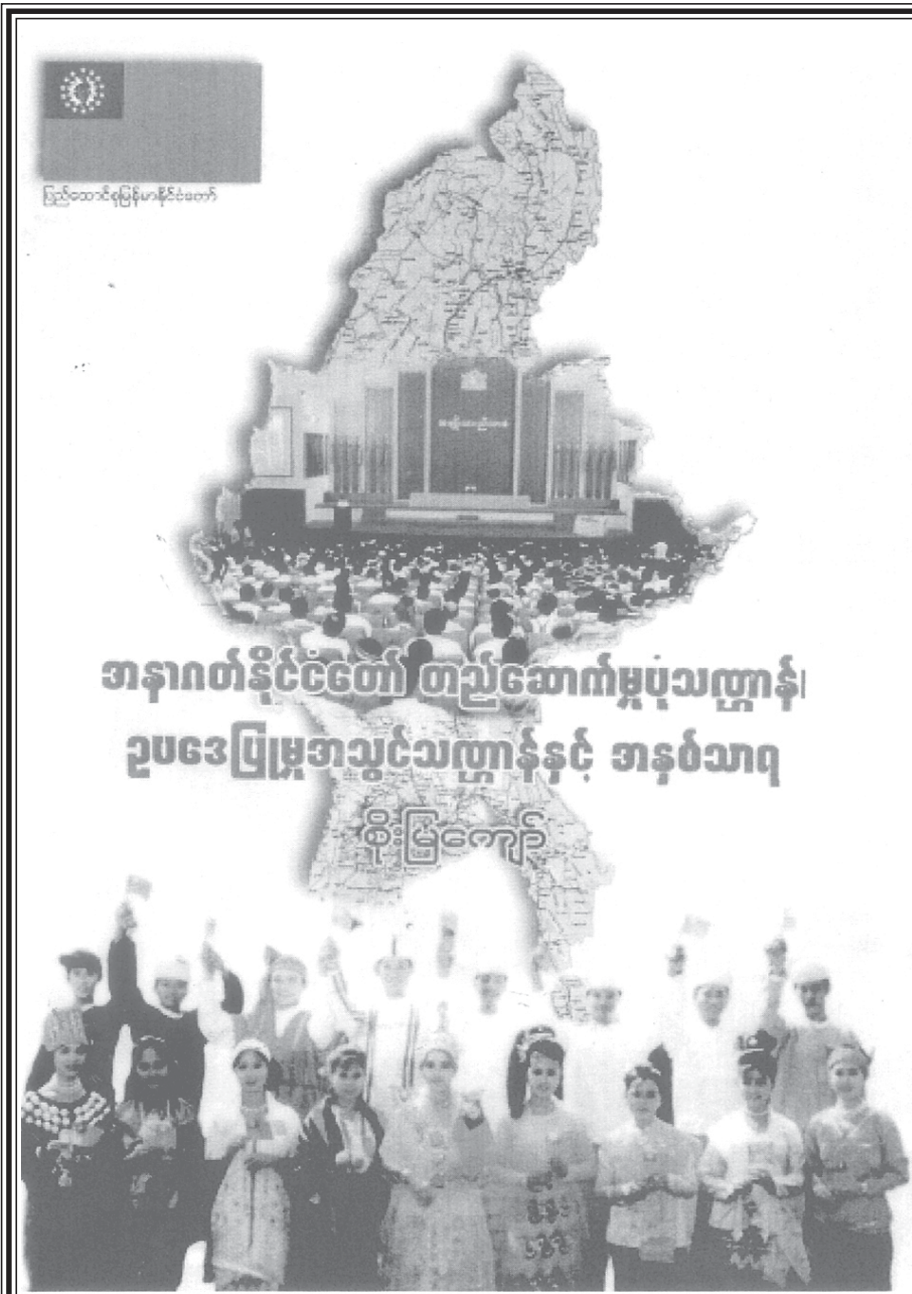
Post-outbreak surveillance was carried out in areas three kilometers radius of the affected farms after outbreak containment based on serum and other samples of 44,000 poultry.

Although antigen was found from serum of a duck farm, no bird flu virus was found from other samples. Co-infection was found at a broiler farm but no evidence of NAI infection was found at the remaining 93 farms.

Restriction on transport and sale of ducks from the affected farms was imposed while outbreak surveillance was carried out as a rapid response. Poultry from the broiler farm were culled and disinfection and bio-security was carried out.

It can be assessed that the outbreak of bird flu in Yangon Division has been under control but there is still residuals of bird flu virus.

In order to control the residuals of bird flu virus and to ensure no recurrence of bird flu, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department called on the people and breeders to carry out biosecurity of poultry farms, to inform the LBVD, the Township, Ward and Village PDCs, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation if the unusual death of poultry was found, not to sell and consume the affected poultry and its products, to systematically bury the dead bodies of poultry, to wear hand gloves and masks when entering poultry farms, to have personal hygiene whenever coming out of poultry farms and to cooperate with the relevant departments and organizations in control of the bird flu. — MNA



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Heavy rainfall causes crop damage, closes rail lines in Spain

MADRID, 26 May — Days of heavy rain in central Spain have flooded roads and destroyed crops, local media reported recently Thursday.

In Castilla-La Mancha, the worst-hit region, more than 400,000 hectares of crops, mainly vineyards and grains, have been damaged, Jose Maria Barreda, the region's president, was quoted by local media as saying.

Local media said the region has witnessed agricultural losses of some 250 million euros (about 337.5 million US dollars).

The meteorology department forecast that thunderstorms were set to keep pounding Castilla-La Mancha until the weekend.

In Alcazar de San Juan, over 400 people fled their homes and some 1,500 to 2,000 homes there were flooded as the town's rainfall in the past 24 hours surpassed the total amount of 2005.

Train services between the capital and major Mediterranean coast cities were suspended on Thursday, and the railway authorities said they were unable to confirm when services would resume due to the ongoing heavy rain.

The heavy rain is set to head northward on Friday, the meteorology department forecast, but adding that most of Spain will still have rain. — MNA/Xinhua

Number of rhino on rise in relocated area of Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 May — A total of 31 rhinos were spotted by the rhino census team in the Karnali Embankment Region under Bardiya National Park, situated some 400 kilometres west of Kathmandu, reported the website the himalayantimes.com Friday.

The team of 24 park officials and wildlife conservationists led by rhino expert Dr Shanta Raj Gyawali started counting the animals a week ago. The census is being carried out by the Bardiya National Park.

Chief of the National Nature Protection Fund of the Bardiya Conservation Project Naresh Subedi said 31 rhinos were spotted in the park until 24 May.

Expressing surprise at the number of rhinos, he said, "We were amazed and encouraged to see 31 rhinos at the place where only 13 rhinos had been relocated earlier." — MNA/Xinhua

Floods, mudslides leave 21 dead, 11 missing in S-W China

CHENGDU, 26 May — Twenty-one people were killed and 11 are missing after continuous rainstorms on Wednesday and Thursday triggered flash floods and mudslides in southwest China, local government sources said.

Flash floods and mudslides in Ganzi and Liangshan autonomous prefectures in Sichuan Province killed 11 people, injured five, and left five missing on Thursday.

In Ganzi, the mudslide has also damaged a 300-metre stretch of the No 215

Provincial Highway.

Continuous rains in the neighbouring Chongqing Municipality have caused floods, slides and lightning strikes since Wednesday noon, leaving ten people dead and six others missing. About 363 people have been injured.

The rains have affected more than 2.3 million people and caused the evacuation of 112,000 people from their homes, said She Mingzhe, head of the municipality's civil affairs bureau.

Governments in Sichuan and Chongqing are organizing relief and search efforts for stricken people.

The rugged terrain and lack of communication have greatly hindered the efforts in rural mountainous areas. — MNA/Xinhua

In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a truck is partially sunken into the ground after a mudslide was triggered by heavy rains in Ganzi, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on Friday, 25 May, 2007. Heavy rainstorms in southwest China triggered flash floods and mudslides that killed some 21 people and left at least 11 missing, state media said on Friday. XINHUA



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Renewable energy shines at All-Energy '07 Exhibition

ABERDEEN, 25 May — Despite the name of the exhibition, renewable energy shines as the most prominent at the All-Energy '07 Exhibition and Conference opening in the Scottish city of Aberdeen on Wednesday.

"Very firmly, the event is turning out to be UK's largest renewable energy exhibition and conference," Judith Patten, press officer of the event said.

About 180 representatives from countries like the United States, China, Germany, France, Canada, South Korea, Brazil and Mexico, are to deliver speeches on topics ranging from all sources of renewable energy to the oil and gas industry with carbon capture and storage, the utilities of micro-generation, wind farm development, etc. The two-day event will focus on "the USA and Europe getting down to business" on energy and environment protection. The exhibition and conference will also feature the first one-on-one discussions among companies in reducing carbon emission. What's eye-catching is that on the opening day, the British Government is to publish its long-awaited energy White Paper. — *MNA/Xinhua*

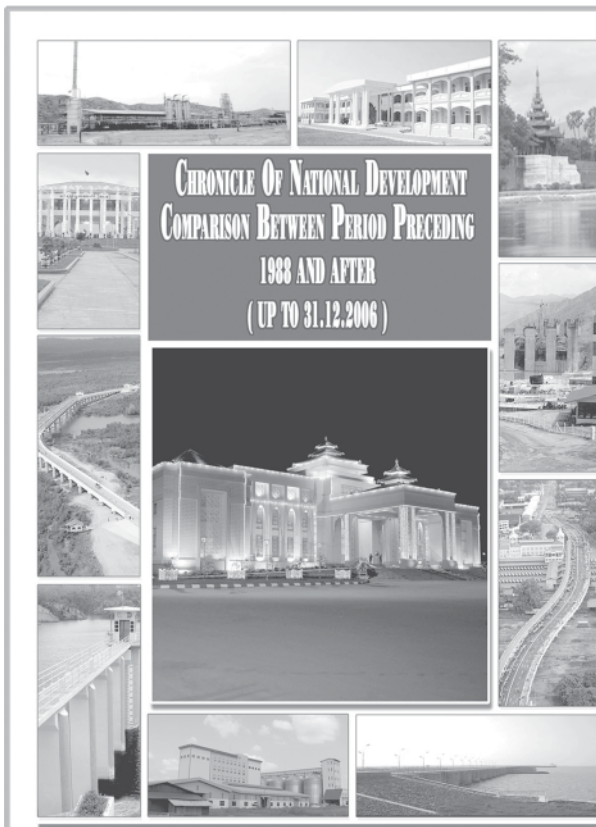
Brazilian President allocates \$6b for family farming

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 May — Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Wednesday announced that his government would set aside 12 billion reais (about 6.2 billion US dollars) for the development of family farming for the 2007-2008 harvest.

According to Minister of Agrarian Development Guilherme Cassel, the government will announce within 20 days a reduction in the interest rate for credit lines to family farmers, which currently range from 1.15 per cent to 7.25 per cent per year. He revealed that the rate will get close to zero.

On Wednesday, President Lula also revealed the government's plan to settle 100,000 families in 2007. The authorities would use land expropriated by the National Institute of Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA) and spend 200 million reais (about 103.1 million dollars) on technical support and acquisition of food to achieve the aim.

Cassel stressed the importance of keeping a high quality in the agricultural settlements of families of the peasants. He added that it is of no use settling 600,000 or 800,000 families if there is no technical support or proper production condition.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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Australia, Greece sign social security agreement

CANBERRA, 25 May — The Australian and Greek prime ministers on Wednesday signed a historic social security agreement which has taken both sides years to negotiate.

Under the deal, Greek Australians who return to Greece will have better access to an Australian pension, and vice-versa.

The agreement will be of enormous benefit to some tens of thousands of Australians of Greek background, Australian Prime Minister John Howard said at a Press conference here after signing the memorandum of understanding.

"This social agreement has taken a number of years to negotiate but we are now delighted at the fact that it's been signed," he said.

Greek Prime Minister Kostas Karamanlis said the deal will enable Greek Australians to enjoy their pension rights and their healthcare rights.

"This is a very important agreement and it will actually settle something that is pending for thousands of Greek Australians," he said at the Press conference.

MNA/Xinhua

Wedding Message of Thanks

Dr. Christopher Michael Sin Chan,
B.Sc (Hons); M.B.,B.S (University of London)
House Officer, Queens Hospital Romford.
Son of Mr. Roger Sin Chan + Mrs. Helen Sin Chan
28, Dartview Close, Grays, Essex, UK.

and
Dr. Wint Yu Mon,
B.Sc (Hons); M.B.,B.S (University of London)
House Officer, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow.
the only daughter of Professor Dr. U Myint Thein (Neurosurgeon)
and Professor Dr. Mi Mi Cho (Neurophysician),
No. 12(B), Tharlarwady St, 7th Mile, Mayangon Tsp, Yangon
were married and their wedding reception was held in the Myanmar Ballroom, Traders Hotel on 26-5-2007 (Saturday)

Dr. Christopher Michael Sin Chan and Dr. Wint Yu Mon and their parents would like to express their heart-felt thanks to Professor Dr. U Kyaw Myint, Minister for Health and Professor Dr. U Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for Health, who graced the reception with their attendance, to Professor Dr. U Maung Maung Lay, Director-General (Rtd), Ministry of Health and wife Professor Dr. Daw Yin May, who offered wedding garlands; Dr. U Maung Maung Wint, Director General (Rtd), Medical Education Department; of the Ministry of Health and Advisor to Defence Services Medical Academy and wife Daw Lei Lei Yu, who offered wedding rings; Master of Ceremonies U Kyaw Soe Oo; Younger sister Dr. Tin Tin Wai, who sprayed wedding flowers; Dr. Pan Ei Ei Thant, who carried the tray of wedding garlands; Younger sister Htoo Myat Moe, who carried the tray containing the wedding rings; Younger sister Myat Hmu Khin, who carried a basket of wedding flowers; Make-up Khin San Win, the Beautician; Pianist Tin Win Hlaing and Musicians; Sai Phone Htoo and party who took video and photographic records of the wedding ceremony; Traders Hotel Manager and employees, the relatives and friends who gave all the necessary help in the holding of the wedding reception and all the friends for their presence.

Parents and Dr. Christopher Michael Sin Chan and Dr. Wint Yu Mon

Cast member Brad Pitt arrives with Angelina Jolie for the world premiere of US director Steven Soderbergh's film "Ocean's 13" at the 60th Cannes Film Festival on 24 May, 2007.

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Iran will resist “any threat”

TEHERAN, 25 May — Iran will resist any threat and give a powerful response to its enemies, the Defence Minister said on Wednesday in comments coinciding with a US naval show of force off Iran’s coast.

Mostafa Mohammad Najjar made his statement to mark the 25th anniversary of the recapture of an Iranian port which was seized by Iraqi forces during the two neighbours’ 1980-88 War. “Islamic Iran will resist... any kind of threat and will give a powerful answer to enemies and oppressors,” he said, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Earlier on Wednesday, nine US warships carrying 17,000 personnel entered the Gulf in what Navy officials said was the largest daytime assembly of ships since the 2003 Iraq war.

US Navy officials said Iran had not been notified of plans to sail the ships, which include

two aircraft carriers, through the Straits of Hormuz, a narrow channel in international waters off Iran’s coast and a major artery for global oil shipments.

Tension has been increasing between Teheran and Washington over Iran’s disputed nuclear work, which the West suspects is aimed at making atom bombs.

The United States also accuses Iran of fomenting instability in Iraq. Teheran denies both charges.—MNA/Reuters

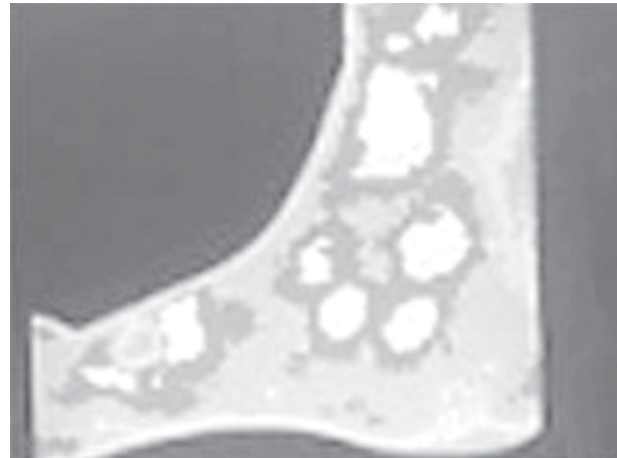
Firm makes ‘healing super-water’

LONDON, 24 May—US scientists have developed “super-oxidised” water which they say speeds up wound healing.

Oculus, the Californian firm which developed the water - made by filtering it through a salt membrane - says it kills viruses, bacteria and fungi.

It is also effective against MRSA and UK trials are being carried out on patients with diabetic foot ulcers, New Scientist magazine reported.

Experts said wound healing was a major problem for people with



Bad circulation can prevent foot ulcers from healing.—INTERNET

diabetes.

The key ingredient of the water, called Microcyn, are oxychlorine ions — electrically charged molecules

which pierce the cell walls of free-living microbes.

The water can only kill cells it can completely surround so human cells

are spared because they are tightly bound together in a matrix.

It is made by taking purified water and passing it through a semi-permeable sodium chloride membrane, which produces the oxychlorine ions.

One study showed that patients with advanced foot ulcers who were treated with the water, alongside an antibiotic had an average healing time of 43 days compared with 55 days in those who received standard treatment.

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Miss Singapore Jessica Tan, Miss Indonesia Agni Kuswardono, Miss India Puja Gupta and Miss Israel Sharon Kenett (L-R) pose for photographers before an interview with journalists in Mexico City on 25 May, 2007. They will compete in the Miss Universe 2007 finals in Mexico City on 28 May.—INTERNET

27 killed in Tamil Nadu wall collapse

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Authorities Thursday identified 14 of the bodies of the 27 people killed Wednesday night in a wall collapse near Tirupur City in South India’s Tamil Nadu area, Indo-Asian News Service reported here.

The accident took place late Wednesday evening at the KPK Dyeing unit building, a garment dying set-up, in Angeripalayam, a small town on the outskirts of the textile hub of Tirupur, in south India.

Many bodies were taken to local hospitals

and are yet to be identified. Some bodies were severely mutilated as the wall was made of huge stone blocks and people were crushed under it. Most of the dead were textile unit workers.

The 20-foot tall wall guarded the factory. Next to it was a cinema hall and the place was crowded.

Nearly half a dozen injured people are in hospital.

Police said rescue efforts were on to rescue people trapped under the debris. Excavators were pressed into service.

MNA/Xinhua

Lightning kills 7 pupils in S-W China village

CHONGQING, 25 May — A lightning strike killed seven students and injured 30 others in a village school on Wednesday afternoon in southwest China, said local authorities.

The lightning struck the school while children were attending class at around 4:00 pm on Wednesday, in a primary school in Xingye Village, Kaixian County of Chongqing Municipality, said officials.

The students were in two separate classrooms. Four of them were seriously hurt, the sources said. All the injured are being treated in hospital, said doctors.

The seven pupils who

were killed were aged 10 years to 14, said the county officials.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE calls for stability, security of Lebanon

ABU DHABI, 25 May — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Wednesday called for the stability and security of Lebanon that has suffered a severe internal conflict in the past three days, Emirates News Agency reported. The appeal was made by the UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan during a telephone conversation with Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Seniora on Wednesday, the report said.

During their conversation, Seniora briefed Sheikh Khalifa on the latest development in Lebanon and thanked him for ordering the delivery of urgent relief supplies to the residents of the Nahr el-Bared Palestinian refugee camp in northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, the report added. It was reported that at least 50 soldiers and militants have died in three days of fighting between Lebanese security forces and militants from the faction Fatah al-Islam in the Nahr el-Bared camp that started from Sunday. — MNA/Xinhua



China’s first ten-thousand-ton-class sea water desalting plant has settled in Tianjin Municipality on May 23, 2007. The technology used in the plant is introduced from a French company by Tianjin Baochen Group. The plant will be put into production by the end of this year.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Ferrari's Formula One driver Kimi Raikkonen of Finland drives during the second training session of Monaco's F1 Grand Prix in Monte Carlo on 24 May, 2007.—INTERNET

Late birdie hat-trick sends Rose clear at Wentworth

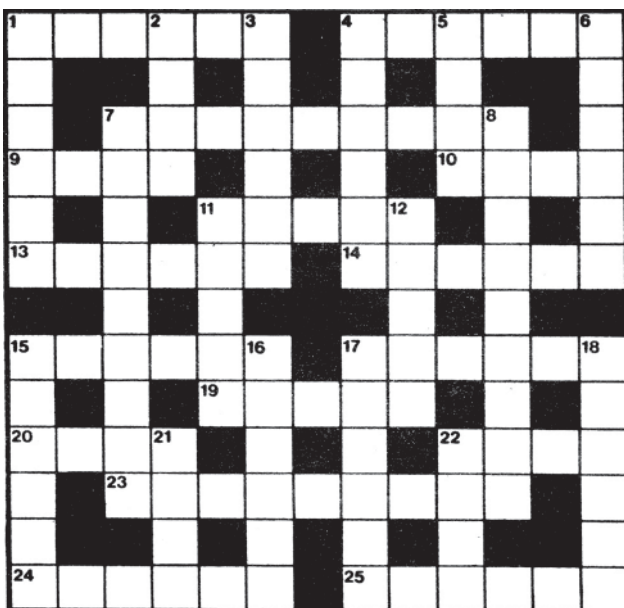
VIRGINIA WATER (England), 26 May — Justin Rose finished with a flourish on Friday, securing a one-stroke lead after a hat-trick of birdies midway through the PGA Championship second round.

Fellow Briton Ross Fisher (67) occupied second place on seven-under 137 after going birdie-eagle-birdie at the end of his round.

Irishman Pdraig Harrington (69), who will land a bonus of one million euros (1.34 million US dollars) if he can add victory at Wentworth to his Irish Open triumph last week, and Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez (68) were a further stroke back on 138.

The 26-year-old Rose, who held a share of the overnight lead with compatriot Paul Broadhurst, mixed two birdies with three bogeys as he reached the turn in one-over 36.—MNA/Reuters

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ACROSS

- 1 Tenant's conditions, rights, etc.
- 4 Walked with swaying gait
- 7 Trite, obvious remark
- 9 Remain
- 10 Cry of pain
- 11 Pry
- 13 Old sailor (3-3)
- 14 Lower
- 15 Fetters
- 17 Strong malt liquor
- 19 Trench
- 20 Nocturnal birds
- 22 Sleeve-end
- 23 Space for action (5-4)
- 24 Crown
- 25 Spread out

DOWN

- 1 Scholastic essay
- 2 Repulsive to sight
- 3 Consuming
- 4 Allowance of food
- 5 Board game
- 6 Vacillate
- 7 Pleasant to taste
- 8 Brass instrument
- 11 Measure depth of
- 12 City of Australia
- 15 Suffocated
- 16 Hot, desert wind
- 17 In short supply
- 18 Displease
- 21 Snow conveyance
- 22 Chicken-cage

Beckham hopes for England future

LONDON, 26 May — David Beckham insists he can still play for England after his summer move to Los Angeles Galaxy from Real Madrid.

The former captain, 32, is expected to be recalled when Steve McClaren unveils his squad at noon on Saturday for the matches against Brazil and Estonia.

Beckham told BBC Radio Five Live: "I'll be a lot fitter [playing in LA], still as fit as I am now, maybe more fit.

"The training will be difficult in America with the humidity so I still feel I'd be able to play for



David Beckham

England."

Beckham has not played for England since the World Cup quarter-final defeat against Portugal last June.

However, McClaren is now expected to turn to Beckham for the friendly against Brazil at Wembley on Friday 1 June and the Euro 2008 qualifier in Estonia five days later.—INTERNET

Czechs to face Argentina in World Team Cup final

DUESSELDORF (Germany), 26 May — Czech Republic sealed a place in the final of the World Team Cup with a 3-0 victory over holders Germany on the last day of group action on Friday. The Czechs, who will now face Argentina in Saturday's final, took the first point when Tomas Berdych continued his French Open preparation with a commanding 6-3, 6-2 win over German number one Philipp Kohlschreiber.

Jan Hajek then made certain of extending his side's unbeaten run in the Blue Group this week by seeing off Florian Mayer in a tougher 7-6, 6-2 victory.

Hajek came from 3-5 down in the first set to take it 7-4 on the tie-break and was also a break behind in the second before Mayer lost his way.

"I've no idea what happened out there," said Mayer about losing the first set from such a strong position. "It's a real shame for the team because we definitely had a chance." Berdych also played the closing doubles, partnering Martin Damm to a 6-4, 6-4 win over Michael Kohlmann and Benjamin Becker.

"It's been a great week before Paris and it's fantastic to be in the final," said Berdych, who is the 10th seed at Roland Garros.—MNA/Reuters

Inspirational Riquelme sends Boca to semifinals

ASUNCION, 26 May — Midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme scored an individual goal to set Boca Juniors on the way to a 2-0 win over Libertad and a place in the Libertadores Cup semifinals on Thursday.

Boca's win in the quarterfinal, second-leg tie against the Paraguayan champions sent them through 3-1 on aggregate and earned them a place against Cucuta of Colombia in the last four.

Despite playing more than 1,000 kilometres away from their base in Buenos Aires, Argentina's most popular club had the majority of the support at the Defenders of the Chaco Stadium.

Libertad, who held Boca to a 1-1 draw away last week and needed

only a goalless draw to progress, paid for an over-defensive approach and failed to muster a single shot on goal. Boca, however, still had to wait until the last half hour to settle the game against last year's semifinalists.—MNA/Reuters

Vardar win Macedonian Cup again

SKOPJE, 26 May — Vardar Skopje beat 2-1 Pobeda Prilep in the Macedonian Cup final on Thursday to lift the trophy for the fifth time in their history.

Hristijan Kirovski put Vardar ahead in the 22nd minute and Dos Santos Vandeir doubled their lead five minutes later.—MNA/Reuters



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball to Aravane Rezai of France during their semi final match at the WTA Istanbul Cup tennis tournament in Istanbul on 25 May, 2007. Rezai, who beat Venus Williams in the second round, defeated Sharapova in the semi final of the tournament in Istanbul on Friday.—INTERNET

Milan's victory spotlights UEFA's legal concerns

BRUSSELS, 26 May — AC Milan's Champions League final victory over Liverpool on Wednesday left a bitter-sweet taste among many of European soccer's top officials who believe they should never have been in the competition in the first place.

For Milan's 2-1 win in the Olympic

Stadium, brings the spotlight back on to a deeper problem that soccer, and sport in general, is currently having to live with on an almost daily basis: the fear of court action which can erode the power of ruling sporting bodies.

On the pitch, the Italian club won Europe's top prize fair and square and the image of veteran Paulo Maldini being handed the trophy by Michel Platini -- the former Juventus player now officiating at his first Champions League final as UEFA president -- was one to savour.

According to senior officials at European soccer's governing body if Milan's match-fixing indiscretions were fast-forwarded by 12 months, they would not be admitted to the prestigious competition next season.—MNA/Reuters

Kim fires six birdies in row in rain-hit Colonial

FORT WORTH (Texas), 26 May — Anthony Kim, 21, the youngest player on the PGA Tour, birdied the last six holes for an opening round seven-under-par 63 in the rain-hit Colonial Invitational on Thursday.

"I couldn't putt earlier in the round, but the putts started dropping and six birdies came out of it," Kim said.

MNA/Reuters



South Africa's Ernie Els hits a shot on the 17th hole at the PGA Championship of golf at the Wentworth Club in Virginia Water, southeast England, on 25 May, 2007.—INTERNET

Pregnant women “should avoid all alcohol”

LONDON, 26 May — Pregnant women and those trying to conceive should avoid drinking any alcohol at all, according to new advice from the Department of Health.

The government’s previous position was that they could drink up to one or two units of alcohol once or twice a week. Deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr

Fiona Adshead said the new guidance had been introduced to provide stronger, more consistent advice for the whole of the UK.

“Our advice is simple: avoid alcohol if pregnant or trying to conceive,” she said. “This advice could also be included on alcohol packaging or labels. The advice now reflects the fact that many women give up drinking alcohol completely during pregnancy. It is now straightforward and stresses that it is better to avoid drinking alcohol altogether.”

Dr Sheila Shribman, the government’s clinical director of maternity services, said: “Our last survey of pregnant women showed that nine per cent were still drinking above the recommended levels.

“It is vital that we alert pregnant women and women hoping to conceive about the potential dangers of excessive alcohol consumption during pregnancy.”

MNA/Reuters



Miss France Rachel Legrain-Trapani poses during the Miss Universe 2007 Contest at the National Auditorium in Mexico City, on 23 May, 2007.

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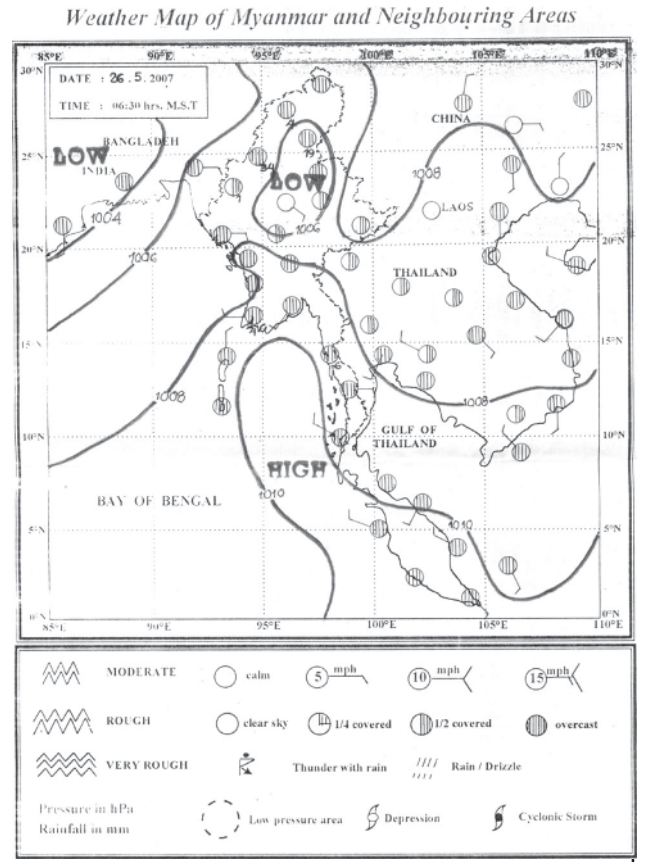
Swarm of bees forces passenger plane to land

LONDON, 26 May — A passenger plane was forced to land after flying into a swarm of British bees on Thursday.

The Palmar Boeing 737, with 90 passengers on board, had to return to Bournemouth Airport in southern England shortly after take-off following an engine surge.

The pilot decided to abort the flight to Faro in Portugal and returned for safety checks. The plane’s engine was thought to have become clogged with bees, the company said on Friday.

Huge clouds of bees have been seen around Bournemouth over the past few days, a spokeswoman said. — MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Saturday, 26 May, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Ayeyawady and Mandalay Divisions. Day temperatures were (5°C) above May average temperature in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) above May average temperatures in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyapon (3.54) inches, Myitkyina (2.17) inches, Gwa (1.85) inches, Lewe (1.69) inches, Homalin and Kayan (1.34) inches each, Sittwe (1.10) inches, Tatkon (0.98) inch and Thaton (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-5-2007 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 26-5-2007 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-5-2007 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 25-5-2007 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 26-5-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Tr) 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 (21) mph from Southwest at (15:15) hours MST on 25-5-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 27-5-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayin States and Bago Division 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: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-5-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-5-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-5-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 27 May

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Sunday, 27 May
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ</p> <p>8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am 7. မဒေးရေလှောင်တစ်</p> <p>8:20 am 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am 9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 10. Say it in English</p> <p>11:00 am 1. Martial song</p>	<p>11:10 am 2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news</p> <p>11:40 am 4. Yan can cook</p> <p>12:00 pm 5. Myanmar video feature: “ချစ်သူပုံပြင်” (နေမျိုးအောင်၊ ယမင်းကိုကို၊ ခိုင်းနှင်းစေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒယ်နီ)</p> <p>1:35 pm 6. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများအချင်းချင်း ပေါင်းစပ်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံမှူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး ပပျောက်ရေးကြိုးပမ်းချက်)</p> <p>2:00 pm 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>2:10 pm 8. မဟာနိသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်</p> <p>2:30 pm 9. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်အရှေ့ပိုင်း နှစ်မြေတံတား</p> <p>2:45 pm 10. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use</p>	<p>4:45 pm 4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာတေး</p> <p>4:50 pm 5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (တောဗေဒအထူးပြု) (တောဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:05 pm 6. Dance of national races</p> <p>5:20 pm 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm 9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 11. သီရိဇောတာ</p> <p>7:00 pm 12. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုးအထွက်တိုး (ပိုးသတ်ဆေးများအန္တရာယ် ကင်းစွာသုံးစွဲနည်း)</p> <p>7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၂၉)</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ပန်းနှင်းဆီ” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife and party took the Five Precepts from Chairman of the Ovadaçariya Committee of the Examination Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa of Webyan Monastery of Mawlamyine.

Chairman of the SSMNC Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a Saraniya Ovadakatha.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

Afterwards, the ceremony to offer certificates of honour for the religious titles followed.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered a certificate of honour for Tipitakadhara title in the Tri-Pitaka oral contest to Ashin Abhijatabhivamsa of Maha Thubawdayon Monastery of Sagaing.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects agricultural and regional tasks in Pakokku, Gangaw Districts



Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits Magyithonbin Dam in Pakokku Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman

of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office attended a ceremony to grow physic nut of Pakokku Station on 23 May.

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NLD places too much reliance on external elements

NLD leaders very pleased to see economic sanctions imposed against Myanmar

One leaves Hlegu Township NLD

YANGON, 26 May—Member U Ni Tut of the township organizing committee of Hlegu Township National League for Democracy in Yangon Division on 24 May resigned from the NLD of his own volition, sending a resignation letter to the NLD Headquarters and local administrative organs.

In the letter he sent to Hlegu Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, he said he came to realize that the NLD placed too much reliance on external elements, and NLD leaders were very pleased with the economic sanctions imposed against the nation with the intention of causing grinding poverty to the nation and the people, and that was very disappointing for him. He said that he felt sorry for the fact that stuffing naive and artless young people with their political ideas, they were organizing prayer services at the pagodas, and they were just exploiting the youths. They were focusing on destabilizing the nation, and making the people get into troubles in term of basic needs, but had never done anything in the interests of the nation. As a result, he could no longer put trust in the party and party leaders. In the end, he decided to leave the party of his own accord.—MNA

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Special announcement of NLD that is not special

The government always takes actions against the lawbreakers in accord with the existing laws. It is totally free from bias in doing so. Although she is the daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, the father of the Tatmadaw, the government has taken action against her in accord with the existing law she has violated.

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