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## Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconciliation
- \* 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

## Emphasis to be placed on durability of roads and bridges, systematic practicing of thrifty method and minimizing loss and wastage of construction materials

### Vice-Senior General Maung Aye looks into progress of construction and regional development in Ayeyawady Division



Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers and officials, Vice-

Senior General Maung Aye arrived at Yondaunt Village of Kyaiklat Township at 7 am.

He was welcomed by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye viewed development of the village and fulfilled the requirements of education, health and road transport for improving the socio-economic status of the local people.

At Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 construction project of Public Works, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye viewed construction of the bridge from the observation tower.

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*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 views progress of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1.*

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected construction and regional development tasks in Ayeyawady Division this morning.

Accompanied by Prime Minister U Thein Sein, member of the State



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## PERSPECTIVES

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## Create a happy and healthy environment

Nowadays, global nations are striving for reduction of poverty and promotion of health standard. They are collaborating with each other in reducing the mortality rate of children under five, improving the health of expectant mothers and combating diseases in accord with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

Myanmar is also trying for reduction of mortality rates of infants, under-5s and pregnant women and disease prevention. Measures are being taken for advancing all-round reproductive health techniques and promoting services. The reproductive health strategic plan is also being carried out.

Every mother needs to pay attention to reproductive health that plays an important part in human resource development. The Health Ministry in cooperation with Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association is providing extensive health care services across the nation. Encouragement is being given to education promotion of children as they are the treasure of the future. When it comes to the life security of women, measures are being taken for prevention of violence against women and human trafficking and nurturing of women in cooperation with departments concerned.

The whole world has focused on prevention and combating of infectious diseases. The life security of women and children is still at risk due to such infectious diseases. The root cause of the mortality of women with reproductive age is infectious diseases.

AIDS affects not only the public health but also social and economic development. So it is necessary to give extensive education about disease prevention and effective treatment. By promoting education about reproductive health at the same time, a happy and healthy environment can be created.

## ICT Development &amp; Application Course concludes



**Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED awards an outstanding trainee in ICT Development & Application (1/2010).**

EDUCATION

## People's 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

## Maukmai, Mongnai on development track

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, and Chairman of the Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Yar Pyae met service men and their families from Maukmai Station at Bayintnaung Hall on 6 May. He made a speech and presented foodstuff, medicines and journals.

In meeting with township level departments, social organizations, town-selders and local people at Maukmai Township PDC office, he gave necessary instructions and



**Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence donates medicines to Maukmai People's Hospital.**

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presented gifts.

He inspected development and beautifying tasks of

Maukmai in a motorcade.

On arrival at Maukmai and Mongnai Hospitals, he encouraged

patients and donated medicines for the hospitals.

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## Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board meets in Hanoi, Vietnam



**Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attends Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Meeting in Hanoi of Vietnam.**

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 May — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the 18th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Meeting held at Hanoi of Vietnam on 4-5 May.

The opening

ceremony of the meeting took place at Sofital Plaza of Hanoi on 4 May. At the meeting, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Thein Nhan urged those attended to cooperate in combating TB, which is a deterrent to TB/HIV and MDR-TB

combating.

The first day meeting discussed findings, research, prevention, treatments, funds and research. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint explained facts about upgrading of labs and providing modern laboratory

equipment and two modern Biosafety Level-3 (BSL-3) laboratories for combating TB in Yangon and Mandalay in cooperation with Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostic (FIND).

At the second day meeting, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented matters on implementation of DOTS at national level since 1997, receiving of First Line Anti-TB medicine under GDF programme from 2002 to 2009 and second line Anti-TB and providing treatment to 1 million patients with GDF medicine.

They agreed to hold 19th Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board Meeting in Madura of Spain in November 2010.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Director Dr Win Maung of Health Department (Disease Control) and assistant director Dr Kyaw Khaing of Health Department (Foreign Relations) arrived back here today.

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YANGON, 8 May — A ceremony to conclude the ICT Development & Application Course (1/2010), jointly organized by Basic Education Department No (3) of the Ministry of Education and Soft Guide Co., Ltd, was

held at the computer room of the department in Kyimyindine Township here this afternoon.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of BED No (3) made a concluding speech and Managing Director U Aung Than

Nyunt of Soft Guide Co., Ltd gave on account of the course.

Next, Director-General U Aye Kyu and officials presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Altogether 82 trainees attended the 10-day course.—MNA





## Bombs planted in home of policeman kill three in Iraq



Residents gather at the scene of a bomb attack in Tikrit, 175 km (109 miles) north of Baghdad, on 7 May, 2010. A parked car bomb went off outside a police official's house, wounding 11 people in central.

INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 9 May—Bombs planted inside the home of a policeman in northern Iraq exploded Saturday, killing him, his mother and one other resident, a security official

said.

The bombing was one of several attacks around Iraq's north that killed at least 10 people over the weekend, a sign that authorities are

struggling to maintain security as the country's politicians clamor over the shape of a new government two months after an inconclusive election.—Internet

## Chinese, Russian leaders agree to enhance bilateral strategic ties

Moscow, 9 May—Chinese President Hu Jintao and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin met here Saturday and agreed to further enhance the strategic relations of cooperation and partnership between their two countries.

President Hu is in Moscow for celebrations marking the 65th anniversary of the victory of the Great Patriotic War over Nazi Germany.

At the meeting, Hu said that both China and Russia made great historic contributions to the victory of the World Anti-Fascist War and China takes the same stance toward the history of World War II as Russia. China and Russia should streng-



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) meets with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in Moscow, 8 May, 2010.—XINHUA

then communication and coordination to firmly safeguard the truthfulness and seriousness of history, Hu said, adding that China would like to work together with Russia to hold a series of events to mark the 65th anniversary of the

victory of the World Anti-Fascist War.

Hu told Putin that China-Russia relations are now enjoying a sound momentum of development and the two countries have made much headway in their cooperation in all fields.

Xinhua

## Pakistan successfully tests 2 short-range missiles



Pakistan said Saturday it had successfully tested two missiles capable of carrying nuclear and conventional warheads. XINHUA

BEIJING, 9 May—Pakistan successfully test fired two missiles

Ghaznavi and Shaheen I on Saturday, the army said.

Both short-range ballistic missiles hit targets successfully, according to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

Ghaznavi has range of 290 km and Shaheen I has range of 650 km. Both short-range missiles can carry traditional and untraditional warheads, the army said.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani and some other senior army officers inspected the test.

Xinhua

## 37 injured when New York ferry hits dock, mechanical problem blamed



A rescue boat berths behind a Staten Island ferry boat at the St George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island, New York City, on 8 May, 2010. The Staten Island ferry boat struck a pier as it approached a terminal Saturday, injuring at least 60 people, one seriously. Authorities listed mechanical failure as the likely culprit.—XINHUA

NEW YORK, 9 May—A Staten Island ferry boat struck a pier as it approached a terminal

Saturday, injuring 37 people, one critically. Authorities blamed the crash on a mechanical

problem. Some passengers told local media that the Andrew J Barberi, which had a

history of accidents, hit the pier as it approached the St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island.

The brakes on the boat failed as it hit the dock at about 9:25 am, NY1 television reported, quoting DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan. Of the 252 passengers and 18 crew members aboard, 17 people were whisked to hospitals, and only one was critically injured and experienced chest pains, Sadik-Khan said, adding that the other injuries were minor cuts and bruises.

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## Afghan, NATO forces kill 8 Taliban militants, detain one

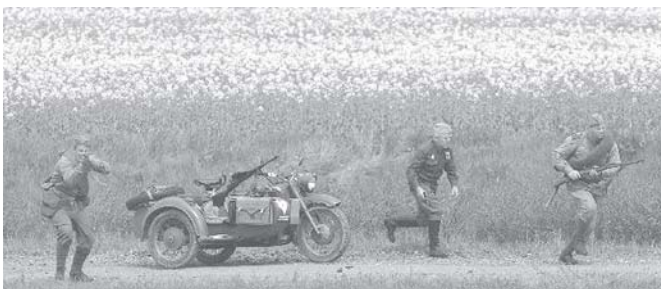
KABUL, 9 May—Afghan and NATO forces eliminated eight Taliban militants and detained another during operations in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz Province and southern Zabul Province over the past 24 hours, Afghan Defence Ministry said

in a Press release on Saturday. The Press release said that the Afghan Special Forces backed by international troops launched a cleanup operation in restive Chardara District of Kunduz Province Friday, killing six militants. "Six roadside

bombs planted by militants were found and defused by joint forces," it said. The second operation was launched by combined forces in Shah Joi District of southern Zabul Province and the gunshots left two militants dead, according to the Press release.

Xinhua

Actors dressed as soldiers of the Russian army re-enact a historic battle to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II in Milin on 8 May, 2010.—XINHUA



## Newton's apple tree bound for gravity-free orbit



*In this on 17 July, 2006 photo, British born US Astronaut Piers Sellers talks with reporters.*

INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 9 May—Sir Isaac Newton's famous apple tree is about to leave gravity behind.

Flying aboard space shuttle Atlantis next week will be a 4-inch sliver of the tree from which an apple fell nearly 350 years ago and inspired Newton to discover the law of gravity. British-born astronaut Piers Sellers is

flying the piece of wood for The Royal Society of London.

"I'll take it up into orbit and let it float around a bit, which will confuse Isaac," Sellers said in an interview with *The Associated Press* earlier this week.

When Sellers last flew in space in 2006, he carried up a gold medal that the society later presented to British physicist Stephen Hawking. This time, he told them, "What about something for you?"

The small slice of Newton's apple tree they offered is "from The apple tree, from the one that he was looking at when the apple fell down and he got the idea," stressed Sellers.

"It's his personal apple tree ... that's really something, isn't it?"

Sellers said the president of the Royal Society assured him the piece is authentic.

Internet

## First stem cell research centre to open in California

LOS ANGELES, 9 May—The first major stem cell research center in California will open next week as the state steps up its efforts to promote stem cell research, it was announced on Saturday.

The centre, run by the University of California in Irvine (UCI) near Los Angeles, is the first major stem cell research facility in the region, the UCI said in a statement.

The 80-million-dollar, 100,000-square foot Sue and Bill Gross Stem Cell Research Centre will house dozens of lab-based and clinical researchers, who will offer stem cell technique courses and graduate-level pro-

grammes in biotechnology, said the statement.

The school says stem cell therapy will give hope to millions of people worldwide who suffer from such debilitating condition as spinal cord injury, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

Stem cells are basic human cells that can be grown and developed into body tissues, including those for spinal cords and organs.

"We realize the importance of the mission of this new, state-of-the-art facility presents to us,"

said research centre director Peter Donovan. "We know stem cell research and regenerative medicine represent hope to millions of people, and we aspire to fully deliver on their potential."

The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) allocated 27.2 million dollars to the project, according to the statement. The institute was created by California voters through 2004's Proposition 71, which allocated about three billion dollars in state funds for stem cell research.

Xinhua

## Science

## NASA to go boldly to the bottom of the sea

TALLAHASSEE, 9 May—Two astronauts, a veteran undersea engineer and an experienced scientist will soon find themselves in the ocean depths off the east coast of Florida in a mock space mission to test exploration concepts and learn more about working in an unforgiving, treacherous environment.

NASA on Tuesday announced the 14th expedition, which is part of NASA Extreme

Environment Mission Operations, or NEEMO. The 14-day undersea mission is scheduled to begin 10 May.

Canadian Space Agency astronaut Chris Hadfield, a veteran spacewalker, will lead the NASA expedition to the Aquarius Underwater Laboratory, which rests more than 62 feet (18 metres) below the ocean's surface off the coast of Key Largo in the Florida Keys.—Internet



*File picture of rescuers searching for residents trapped by the rising flood waters sparked by typhoon Morakot in Pingtung, southern Taipei last year. The authorities have started drafting the island's first climate change whitepaper, which aims to come up with comprehensive measures to prevent natural disasters caused by rising temperatures.*

INTERNET

## Robot helpers may need safety system

ANCHORAGE, 9 May—Robots acting as household helpers likely will need built-in safety systems to prevent them from harming humans, German researchers said.

In experiments, a robotic arm using bladed tools in some cases managed to inflict wounds that could prove lethal, researchers from the German Institute of Robotics and Mechatronics said at a conference in Alaska.

The researchers equipped a robotic arm with a steak knife, a kitchen knife, scissors and a screwdriver and then programmed the arm to stab and cut a silicone lump, a leg from a dead pig and the arm of a human volunteer.

When the robotic arm's safety system was turned off, the arm stabbed deeply into the silicone and pig leg, the BBC reported Friday.

Injuries were significantly reduced when a collision detection system was turned on. The system used torque sensors to determine when the arm hit a different tissue substance and then limited the force with which the tool hit.

Internet

## New commercial rocket still aims for May launch debut

CAPE CANAVERAL, 9 May—A brand-new commercial Falcon 9 rocket designed to haul cargo to the International Space Station is still set to make its debut launch this month, despite delays in receiving final approval of its emergency destruct system in case it strays off course, the booster's makers said.

Falcon 9 rocket-builder Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) of Hawthorne, Calif., said it continues to aim for the first flight test of its Falcon 9 rocket from the

company's dedicated launch pad in Cape Canaveral, Fla., by the end of May. The firm already has a contract with NASA to use the Falcon 9 rocket to launch its unmanned Dragon capsule on cargo runs to the space station. Officials at Florida's Patrick Air Force Base, which controls the range at the Cape Canaveral Air Station, told SPACE.com that the current target date for the Falcon 9's first launch is now on 23 May. An earlier target of 8 May did not materialize.

Internet



*Japanese video game giant Nintendo's portable video game consoles "DS LL" and "DSi" are seen in this file photo. Videogame giant Nintendo Co posted a decline in full year net profit and forecast a continued slump next year as sales of its Wii console slow amid a dearth of big software releases.—INTERNET*

Internet





An actor dressed as Sesame Street character interacts with the audience in a children's play called "Sesame Street: Adventure with a Magic Map" at the boatyard theater of the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 8 May, 2010.—XINHUA

## Is OJ as good a source of vitamin D as supplements?



Oranges are seen on the tree in Ceiba del agua, Cuba on 16 September, 2008.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 9 May—A glass of orange juice may not only help the vitamin pill go down. A new study suggests that fortified varieties can also help the body's vitamin D levels go up - just as effectively as the supplement itself.

The finding could bring a welcome addition

to a very short list of sources for vitamin D, which is thought to help fend off an array of health problems including brittle bones, diabetes, and cancer.

"A lot of people don't drink milk," which has been fortified with vitamin D since the 1930s, "but they do drink OJ in the morning,"

the study author, Dr. Michael Holick, of the Boston University School of Medicine, told Reuters Health.

Simply adding a vitamin to a food does not guarantee its absorption in the body. In fact, since vitamin D dissolves in fat but not water, there was concern that only fatty foods such as milk could be used.

But preliminary research several years ago by Holick and his team suggested that orange juice - not known for its fat content - might be an effective way to deliver the vitamin. This prompted Minute Maid and Tropicana to begin adding it, along with calcium, to some of their products.

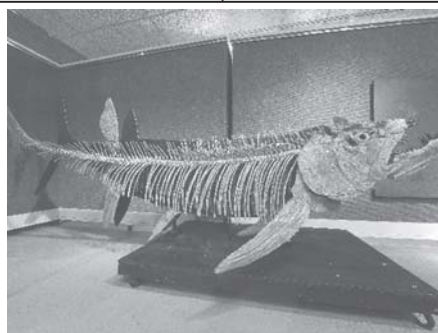
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## Health

### Dark chocolate may guard against stroke

BALTIMORE, 9 May—US researchers say dark chocolate may help guard against brain injury after a stroke. Researchers Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions found modest amounts of a compound in dark chocolate — epicatechin — helped protect up to 3.5 hours against the brain damage caused when blood supply was cut off to the brains of mice.

The study, published in the *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism*, suggested epicatechin helped jump start two previously well-established pathways known to shield brain nerve cells from damage. In mice lacking these pathways, the epicatechin did not prevent brain cells from dying. Study leader Sylvian Dore said his research was not a free pass to eat large amounts of chocolate, which is high in calories and fat — and reminded people to eat a healthy diet with a variety of fruits and vegetables.—Internet



A fish fossil of Cretaceous Period is seen in Los Angeles on 6 May, 2010. An extraordinarily wide range of categories are offered, including mineral specimens, fossils, petrified wood, amber, ammonite, meteorites, pearls, coral, and natural history-related decor and curiosities.

XINHUA

## Smoking moms tied to lasting kids' sleep woes

NEW YORK, 9 May—Mothers who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to have children with sleep problems from birth all the way through age 12, new research shows.

"The more cigarettes that mothers smoked during pregnancy, the more sleep problems the children had," Dr. Kristen Stone of Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, one of the study's authors, told Reuters Health.

What's more, while

most of the women who smoked during pregnancy used at least one other drug, Stone and her team found that nicotine was the only substance associated with sleep problems.

Stone and colleagues from centers in Miami, Detroit, and Memphis are following nearly 1,400 children born in 1993, 1994 or 1995 to investigate the long-term effects of exposure to substances during pregnancy.

The current study included children for whom

data was available up to age 12. Among the 808 study participants, 374 had been exposed to cocaine or opiates such as heroin before birth, while 434 had not.

Children's mothers or other caregivers reported on whether a child had difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep during three periods: one month to four years of age; five to eight years, and nine to 12 years.—Internet



People walk on a musical stair in a plaza in Hong Kong, south China, on 9 May, 2010.

The stair sounds differently when people walk on the steps.

XINHUA

## Couple of coffees may help some heart patients

LONDON, 9 May—A couple of cups of coffee a day may help some heart attack patients to avoid further serious problems, provided they have normal blood pressure, researchers said on Friday.

The finding is somewhat surprising, given the fact that strong coffee can cause palpitations, but it underlines the complex

nature of coffee's effect on the body.

A study of 374 patients who had a heart attack or other acute coronary event found those with normal blood pressure drinking one or two coffees a day were 88 percent less likely than non-coffee drinkers to develop a condition in which the heart fails to pump blood effectively.

So-called left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVSD) is a common precursor of heart failure.

The protective effect, however, was not seen in patients with high blood pressure, where coffee drinking was actually associated with an increased likelihood of developing LVSD.

Internet

## Nausea may be flu, not morning sickness

DALLAS, 9 May—US doctors warn nausea and vomiting, especially after the first trimester, may be signs of flu. Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas found nausea and vomiting — usually signs of flu in children but not in adults — were common in pregnant women with flu.

"Both physicians and patients should be aware of these findings so treatment is not delayed," study lead author Dr. Vanessa Rogers said in a statement. "I think our findings should encourage people to be vigilant and to take symptoms seriously." Rogers and colleagues examined 107 pregnant women diagnosed with influenza at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas during the 2003-2004 flu season. Ninety-three percent of the women had a cough and 89 percent had fever — common signs of flu — but 85 percent had a "profound" elevated heart rate and 60 percent had nausea and/or vomiting.

Internet

## Brunei seeks business opportunities at Shanghai Expo

SHANGHAI, 9 May—Despite its low-profile presence at the Shanghai World Expo, the southeast Asian country Brunei has shown its determination to boost economic ties with China at the event.

“We share a long history with China in terms of trade and cooperation, and the Expo helps us link our past, present and future,” said Mohamed Bolkiah, Brunei’s Minister of Foreign Affairs and trade at a ceremony marking the

island nation’s National Pavilion Day on Saturday.

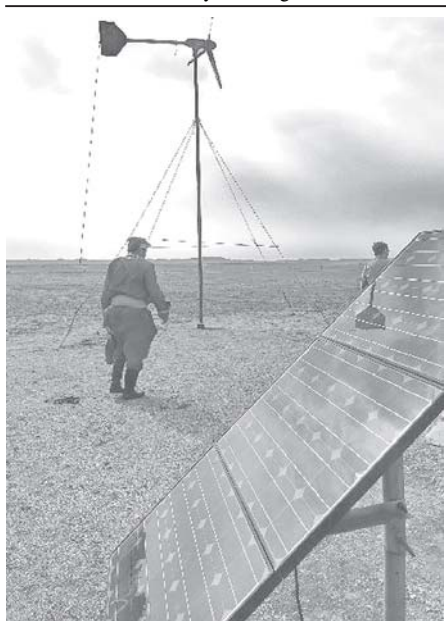
Brunei and China share a long history dating back to the 6<sup>th</sup> century. In old Chinese texts, Brunei was known as Po-Li, and later as “Bun-Lai.”

Exports from Brunei to China increased by 39 percent to 302.44 million US dollars in 2009, and Brunei’s imports from China are steadily growing, Brunei economic development board said.

Xinhua



Brunei Darussalam Pavilion.—XINHUA



*A local herdsman establishes solar and wind power equipment in Dong Ujimqin Qi, Xilingol, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 8 May, 2010. The autonomous region in recent years issued positive policies and investment to help local residents to use wind and solar power for computers, TV sets, refrigerators and so on. By far, more than 4 million sets of small wind power generators have been established by local people at home in remote areas. —XINHUA*

## Oil at \$65 a barrel may sound alarm bells for OPEC

DOHA, 9 May—Oil ministers from several OPEC nations played down on Saturday a sharp fall in prices, but Kuwait said another \$10 drop may force the group into action.

US crude oil futures settled at \$75.11 a barrel on Friday, posting their largest weekly loss in almost a year and a half, as worries grew that the euro zone’s debt crisis might derail the global economic recovery. Kuwait’s oil minister Sheikh Ahmad al-Abdullah al-Sabah said OPEC was likely to call a meeting if crude prices suffered further sharp losses.

“Sixty-five dollars would ring a bell ... and a meeting,” he told reporters before an Arab Energy Conference in Doha. Crude also hit its lowest level since February on 16 Friday at \$74.51, just five days after going over \$87 a barrel. But the price is now right in the middle of the \$70-\$80 range that Saudi Arabia has targeted as fair for both consumers and producers.

Internet

## Toyota set to post billion dollar annual profit

TOKYO, 9 May—Japan’s embattled auto giant Toyota will likely post an operating profit of around one billion dollars for the year to March despite worldwide safety recalls, a local newspaper reported on Sunday.

Toyota, which is to release its annual results on Tuesday, may report an operating profit of up to 100 billion yen (1.09 billion dollars), the *Yomiuri newspaper* reported, without citing sources.

The world’s top automaker posted a net loss of 4.4 billion dollars in the year to March 2009, the first time ever it had

sunk into the red, as global car sales collapsed during the recession.

Its annual operating loss that year was 461 billion yen.

Announcing those results in May last year, Toyota warned that it faced a net loss of 550 billion yen and an operating loss of 850 billion yen in the year to March 2010.

In addition to the industrial slump, Toyota’s reputation has taken a severe battering after it recalled about 10 million vehicles worldwide, mostly for problems with sudden acceleration.

Internet

## Fortunes of India’s Ambassador carmaker hit pothole

NEW DELHI, 9 May—Losses at Hindustan Motors, maker of the Ambassador car—easily India’s most recognisable vehicle — have been mounting, raising questions about the company’s survival.

The snub-nosed Ambassador once ruled India’s potholed roads, but last week Hindustan Motors reported that losses widened in the last fiscal year to 429 million rupees (9.5 million

dollars) from 378 million rupees the previous year. In addition, India’s oldest automaker said its net worth has tumbled by over 50 percent and it must now report to the state-run Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction — part of India’s socialist-style bureaucracy that oversees revival of “sick companies” as financially troubled firms are known.

Internet



File photo shows a man washing a white Ambassador car in Kolkata.

INTERNET

## Air China delays flights to Europe due to new volcano eruption

BEDING, 9 May —Air China, the nation’s flag international carrier,

announced here Saturday that it has delayed some of its European flights due to the new Icelandic volcano eruption that had spewed a huge ash cloud and again disrupted air traffic in the region.

Flight CA907 from Beijing to San Paulo, which stops by Madrid, and flight CA967 from Beijing to Milan were delayed, said Air China.

The company did not say when the flights will resume.

Xinhua

*Tourists walk beside tulips in Wujiaqu, city of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 8 May, 2010.*

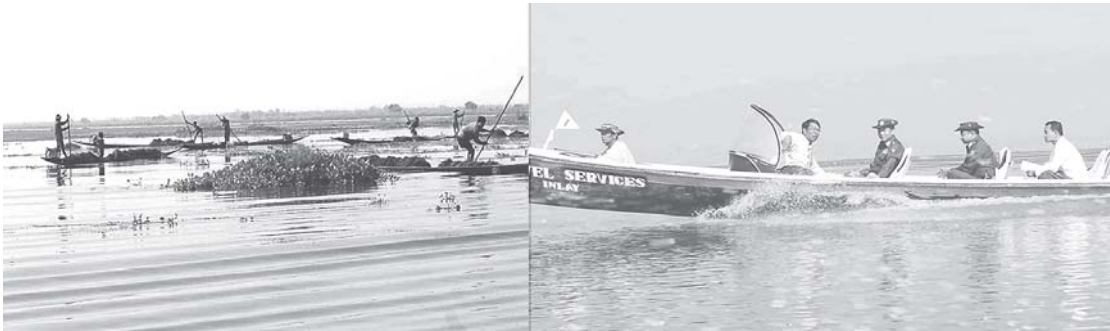
*More than 1.5 million tulips are blossoming in the city during the Tulip Festival.—XINHUA*







## Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing looks into maintenance of roads, beautifying of Inlay Lake



*Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence views beautifying of Inlay Lake. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—On his inspection tour on 5 May, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council

Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae and officials, heard reports on condition of Shwenyaung road section, Taunglaylon-Yepu-Khanugtaing road section and Aungban-

Pindaya road section presented by officials, progress of Nyaungshwe and its beautifying task by the Chairman of Nyaungshwe Township Peace and Development Council, at

Phaungdawbyan Yeiktha in Nyaungshwe. He instructed officials to maintain the roads meeting standards and beautify Inlay region in accordance with the town characteristics.

donations.

At PhaungdawU Yeiktha, the director of Irrigation Department reported on tasks of greening 20-mile radius of Inlay Lake, maintenance of Inlay

Lake and dredging of silt at the lake, and the Head of Shan State Forest Department, on silting in the lake, narrowing of water surface and degrading of water quality.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visited Mya Sakya silk wear industry in Inpawkhon Village and Nantpan Market.

At the village hospital (50-bed), they comforted the patients and presented cash to the funds for the hospital.

After viewing thriving tomato plantation on a floating island, they visited Shan Yoma Breeding Zone in Tilaw Village of Nyaungshwe Township.

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## Myitthange Dam: reliable water resource of Kanbalu residents

Article & Photos: Reporter Moe Myint (Kanbalu)



*Photo shows water filtering tank and radial collector tank of Kanbalu Township Development Affairs Committee, Sagaing Division.*

Kanbalu, one of the major towns in Sagaing Division, is located on the highland of Minwun mountain range between Ayeyawady River and Mu River, not far from Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad. Over 25,000 people from over 3,000 households are residing in five wards of the town. Traditionally, they consume water from lakes and wells.

In accordance with the motto "Towns and Villages must develop rapidly", Kanbalu Township Development

Affairs Committee has been implementing the water supply project since 2006-2007. The committee built a 6,000-gallon-capacity water tank on 40 feet platform for Ward 3 and Ward 4, installed water pumps and motors and laid water pipelines spending over K 30 million.

In 2007-2008, a 6000-gallon-capacity water tank was constructed on 40 feet high platform for supplying water to Ward 1 in addition to installation of motors,

pumps and water pipelines. The committee spent K 34.65 million on such work. In 2008-2009, pipelines were laid to supply water to Ward 2 by spending K 7.96 million. However, the tube-wells could pump only hard water.

In accord with the directives of the State leaders, the Township Development Affairs Committee continues implementation of the urban water supply project to be tapped from Myitthange Dam in 2009-2010. The committee has

spent K 130.225 million on construction of 55000-

gallon-capacity radial collector tank in Ward 2, installation of 11450 feet long eight-inch diameter PVC pipeline from Myitthange dam, fitting of water pipes at the water canals, construction of water pumping station, building of the platform for 6000-gallon-capacity water tank, installation of power lines, construction of sub-power station, laying of water pipelines and installation of water and air bars.

On 27 January 2010, a ceremony to launch the supply of water from Myitthange Dam to the

local people took place in Kanbalu. Initially, a total of 42,000 gallons of water is being supplied to 500 households. At present, the Township DAC managed to supply 240,000 gallons of water to the local people daily.

Kanbalu residents have forgotten bitter experiences on use of hard water in the past. Now, they are consuming fresh water by overcoming the problem of water scarcity.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:  
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*Myitthange Dam that can store 90 million gallons of water for Kanbalu.*

**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 inspects progress of Cyclone Shelter in Daminseik Village.**

MNA



## Emphasis to be placed on durability of roads and...

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Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road included in the Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Development Project, successful opening of 540 feet long Yazudaing Bridge No. 2 on 9-1-2010, 83 per cent completion of Yazudaing Bridge No. 1, plans and progress of tasks.

The minister also submitted reports on co-operation between Pub-

lic Works and private companies in construction of 10 roads in the Ayeyawady Delta Road Network Development Project—43 miles and 5 furlongs long Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road, 69 miles and 3 furlongs long Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpok-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu Road, 35 miles and 2 furlongs long Labutta-Thingangyun-Pyinsalu Road, 39 miles long Labutta-Thongwa-Oktwin-Htaiksun Road, 41 miles and 2 furlongs



Photo shows construction site of Yazudaing No. 1 in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA



Aerial view of Yazudaing No. 1 on Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road.—MNA

long Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani Road, 38 miles and 5 furlongs long Bogale-Sethsan-Htawpaing-Ahmar Road, 51 miles and 5 furlongs long Pyapon-Kyonkadun-DawNyein-Ahmar Road, 19 miles and one furlong long Kyonkadun-Sethsan Road, 96 miles long Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinson Road and 66 miles long Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-Wakema-Myaungmya Road, progress in construction of 20 cyclone shelters and hillocks in the Nargis storm-hit-regions.

After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye stressed the need for placing emphasis on durability of roads and bridges and systematically practicing thrifty method and minimizing (See page 9)





## Emphasis to be placed on durability of roads and...

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loss and wastage of construction materials. He said that natural disasters mean storm, floods, drought and scarcity of water and others. It is necessary to make preparedness for overcoming any natural disaster. Next, he

cated in connection with Road No. 1 Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun, Road No. 2 Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpok-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu and Road No. 10 Bogale-Mawlamyinegyun-

Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye looked into development of the town in a motorcade.

After inspecting progress of Township People's Hospital (100-bed), he comforted the patients.

At Daminseik Village of Pyapon Township,



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets patients at 100-bed hospital in Mawlamyinegyun.—MNA**

explained systematic construction of roads and bridges and measures for preparedness against natural disasters.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye looked into progress of bridge construction.

Yazudaing Bridge No. 1 being built across Yazudaing River will link Kanyinkhe Village of Nwayegyaw-Nyaungyan Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township of Labutta District and Yayleinkyun near Mawlamyinegyun.

The bridge is lo-

Kyonmange-Wakema-Myaungmyaincluded in the Ayeyawady Delta Region Road Network Development Project. On completion of the bridge, Mawlamyinegyun will gain access to all the regions of the nation through Kyaikpi-Shwetaunghmaw-Yaylegale-Maubin Road.

The 1955 feet long bridge has one way motor road. It is of reinforced concrete bored piles structure and steel frame.

On arrival at Mawlamyinegyun, they were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border



**Photo shows 100-bed hospital in Mawlamyinegyun.**

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**Cyclone Shelter in Daminseik Village.—MNA**



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Basic Education High School (Branch) at Cyclone Shelter in Daminseik Village.**

MNA

they were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party looked into progress in

construction of the cyclone shelter, opening of Basic Education High School (Branch) and donations of school uniforms, exercise books and multi-media accessories by Yuzana Co

scenes of surrounding area from the cyclone shelter.

In Kadonkani Village, they paid homage to the Abbot Sayadaw of Aungmyechartha Monastery and donated offertor-

Ltd to teachers and students.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party heard reports on storage of water at the lake and thriving of paddy and other crops, and viewed the

ries.

At Pyapon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected progress of the town in a motorcade and left there in the afternoon.

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**The 1955 feet long Yazudaing No. 1 has one way motor road. It is of reinforced concrete bored piles structure and steel frame.**

## Three bodies found headless near Acapulco; 5 more shot



Map locates the Acapulco, Mexico where the beheaded bodies of three men were discovered.

INTERNET

ACAPULCO, 9 May— Three headless bodies showing signs of torture were found just outside Acapulco and the bodies of five other men with multiple gunshot wounds were discovered in a car north of the Pacific resort, police said on Saturday. Police in the southwestern state of Guerrero, where Acapulco is located, said

the three beheaded men appeared to be in their 20s and 30s, but their identities and a motive had not been determined. They were found on a peninsula a few miles south of Acapulco. About 50 miles (80 kilometres) north, near the small town of Tecpan de Galeana, police discovered five bodies in a car left on a dirt road about 100 yards (90 metres) off a main highway. A police report said all five men had been repeatedly shot. Two bodies were in the front of the vehicle and three in the trunk, the report said.

Internet



Hundreds of Swiss in traditional garb dance festival participants perform during the Swiss traditional festival in 2006. Swiss yodellers are up in arms over the planned use of 'playback' recordings to back their voices at the 100th anniversary of Switzerland's national yodelling association on Saturday.—INTERNET

## Moderate quake jolts near Tonga

HONG KONG, 9 May— A 5.8-magnitude earthquake jolted off the Kingdom of Tonga at 3:46 am. local time (1446 GMT Saturday), the US Geological Survey reported Saturday.

The epicentre of the quake, at a depth of 33 km, was identified at 18.3 south latitude and 174.3 west longitude, 323 km from Nuku' alofa, capital of Tonga, and only 50 km from Tonga's Neiafu island, it said. There is no report of

damage or casualty as yet. Tonga is a country in the southwest Pacific Ocean, comprising about more than 100 islands, 36 of which are inhabited.

Xinhua

## 5.0 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand's White Island

WELLINGTON, 9 May— An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale occurred 100 km north of New Zealand's White Island early Sunday, causing no damages. It was recorded at 2:14 am local time on Sunday (14:14

GMT Saturday) at a depth of 5 km. New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science said the tremor would have been felt in Auckland and the Bay of Plenty.

Xinhua



A float in the shape of a giant catfish with a large stone placed on its head is drawn by festival goers during the annual Kanda Myojin Festival parade in Tokyo on 9 May, 2010. The fish is locally known as the symbol of earthquakes and the sacred keystone is believed to contain the power of temblors.

INTERNET

## Tsunami warning lifted after 7.4 quake in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, 9 May— A local tsunami alert was issued and later lifted after an earthquake of magnitude 7.4 struck Sumatra, Indonesia, the country's quake agency and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported on Sunday.

"Sea level readings indicate that a significant tsunami was not generated. Therefore the tsunami watch issued by this center is now canceled," the USGS said.

West Aceh police chief Djoko Widodo, told Reuters that the quake, which happened at 0559 GMT around 140 miles south of Banda Aceh,



Residents pray outside their houses shortly after an earthquake hit in Darussalam, Aceh Besar, province of Aceh on 9 May, 2010. A local tsunami alert was issued and later lifted after an earthquake of magnitude 7.4 struck Sumatra, Indonesia, the country's quake agency and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported on Sunday.—INTERNET

briefly caused panic.

"From what I see around my office, there's no damage but I see

people running out of their houses. They are still outside, afraid to go back," he said.—Internet

## Somali pirates hijack chemical tanker with 22 crew

NAIROBI, 9 May— Somali pirates armed with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic guns hijacked a chemical tanker off East Africa with 22 crew members on board, the European Union Naval force said Saturday.

Spokesman Cmdr John Harbour said there is little chance that military

forces can storm the ship because officials don't believe the crew all made it to a safe room before the pirates boarded. The crew consists of 19 Indians, 2 Bangladeshis and 1 Ukrainian, he said. The ship — the Marida Marguerite — was heading from India to Belgium.

Internet



A Swedish sailor, part of the helicopter flight deck crew, aboard the Swedish Warship, HMSwMS Carlskrona, the flagship of EUNAVFOR (European Naval Force Somalia) which is hunting for pirates in the Indian Ocean off Somalia's coast, on 6 May, 2010.

INTERNET

## Australia's industry urges more funds on climate change in budget

CANBERRA, 9 May— Businesses want to see more money spent on climate change to help them ease into an emissions trading scheme, the Australian Industry Group said on Sunday.

"We'll be saying to the government in the budget — put some money back into the climate change action fund, so that industry can get on with the job of doing what it needs to do," The Australian Industry Group's chief executive Heather Ridout told

Network Ten.

"So that when this thing does come into play we will be prepared and the whole thing will be better understood.

"Ridout said it was also vital for the government to invest in training, said the skills shortage was one of the biggest challenges faced by businesses.

"Seventy-five percent of them expect to be hit by skills shortage at an extreme level over the next five years," Ridout said.

Xinhua



## India's 3G licence auction sees stellar price rise

NEW DELHI, 9 May— Bids for nationwide licences in India's sale of



**An Indian woman speaks on a cellular telephone in Allahabad, India.—INTERNET**

spectrum for superfast 3G mobile services have hit 2.65 billion dollars, a government website said Saturday.

An offer of 120.69 billion rupees

(2.65 billion) reached on Friday was nearly 3.5 times the 35 billion rupee reserve price set by the government for a pan-India slot.

Final figures weren't available for Saturday but bidding was expected to kick off at 122.52 billion rupees.

Nine cellular firms, including Indian market leaders Bharti Airtel and Reliance Communications, are competing for 3G airwaves in the country, which added a record 20.31 million subscribers last month.

Proceeds from the auction, which began 9 April, will be an important source of revenue as the government seeks to plug a yawning budget deficit.

Telecom Minister A Raja has said the government is likely to earn upwards of 500 billion rupees from the auction of 3G spectrum and a follow-on sale of broadband airwaves.

Analysts believe the auction could be heading into its final stretch and could conclude in the coming days.

The sale, in which phone operators are slugging it out for scarce spectrum space in the world's fastest-growing mobile market, is seen as propelling India decisively into the Internet era.

Internet

## Dongfeng Nissan starts building new plant in Guangzhou

GUANGZHOU, 9 May—Dongfeng Nissan Passenger Vehicle Company, China's leading auto industry joint venture, began construction of its second plant in Guangzhou City's Huadu District Saturday.

With an investment of 5 billion yuan (732 million US dollars), the new plant is expected to begin production in 2012 with an annual production capacity of 240,000 units, said Ren Yong, the company's vice-general manager.

The new plant will cover 2.4 million square meters.

Xinhua

## Green economy needs aid from developed nations

BEIJING, 9 May— Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang has called for developed nations to assist the developing world in its green economy endeavor by technology transfer, financial assistance and market liberalization.

Green economy offers a new model where people could both protect the climate and develop the economy,

said Li at the International Cooperative Conference on Green Economy and Climate Change here Saturday.

Li urged countries across the world to focus on developing new energies and promoting the development of energy-saving and environmental protection industries.

Xinhua

## Turkish warplanes hit northern Iraq

ANKARA, 9 May— Turkey's military says its warplanes have struck Kurdish rebel targets inside northern Iraq.

The military's press office said on Saturday that Turkish warplanes pounded positions across the border on Friday after army helicopters came under anti-aircraft fire from Iraqi soil. It said the rebel positions there were destroyed.

The helicopters were chasing a group of Turkish Kurdish rebels who killed two soldiers in a cross-border attack near the Daglica area along the Iraqi border. Five rebels were killed in the clashes.

Internet



**Lebanese chefs celebrate around the largest plate of hummus after setting a new Guinness world record in Beirut. Lebanon on Saturday claimed another victory in the continuing battle with Israel over which country can make the largest plate of the chickpea delicacy hummus — with a 10-tonne broadside.**

## Boy, 11, learned fire dancing from YouTube

An 11-year-old Florida boy entered in the annual World Fire Knife Championship in Hawaii said he learned the dangerous dancing from YouTube.

Preston Weber of Fort Lauderdale said he first saw Samoan fire knife dancing at the Mai-Kai Restaurant and learned the art from studying YouTube videos, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel

reported Friday.

"I kept watching videos on YouTube and I figured out how to do it," he said. "It's just fun to do. I made my own new tricks."

The competition involves dangerous dance moves with a flaming baton that has a knife at one end.

**News Album**

## Salad bowls lead to arrest

Prosecutors said salad bowls used in the creation of a homemade bomb led to the arrest of a 51-year-old Texas man.

Federal prosecutor

*In this photo courtesy of Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Sylar, an 8-week-old male red fox is seen among his toys at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, Calif. Federal wildlife officials discovered a litter of nine kits near Paso Robles, after a trapper had killed the mother. Because the red fox is not native to California, these offspring could never be returned to the wild. Six Flags Discovery Kingdom was one of several wildlife facilities adopting a kit to raise for educational purposes.*



Bret Helmer said David Barouch's ex-wife returned home from church Sunday and opened a FedEx package that turned out to contain an explosive device made from the two bowls taped together, a six-volt battery and a large bag of what appeared to be gunpowder, the Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram reported Friday.

"Taking the bowls apart was supposed to have formed a circuit that would have set off the gunpowder," Helmer said.

"The detectives determined that these bowls were sold only at Bed, Bath and Beyond."

Helmer said detectives then found the only nearby location that had sold two of the bowls in the same day during the past month and a review of 14 April surveillance camera footage identified Barouch, of Fort Worth, as the man who bought them.

## Terrier saved family from coyote

A Los Angeles fox terrier was named Hero Dog of the Year by an animal organization for fighting off a coyote in his owner's yard.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Los Angeles said the 9-year-old dog, Ronnie, was in his back yard 1 Aug. with owners Janis and Eric Christensen and the family's other dog, Annie the Yorkie, when a coyote jumped over a fence, KTLA-TV, Los Angeles, reported Thursday.

The society said during Tuesday's award ceremony that Ronnie jumped in between his owners and the coyote and the two animals exchanged bites before the coyote fled.

Ronnie and his owners received a plaque proclaiming him the winner of the organization's 28th annual Hero Dog Award.



**A zookeeper holds two-day-old white lion cubs in Belgrade Zoo, Serbia, on 7 May, 2010. The two white lions cubs, an extremely rare subspecies of the African lion were recently born in Belgrade Zoo. White lions are unique to the Timbavati area of South Africa and are not albinos but a genetic rarity.**

### Ministry of Finance and Revenue Internal Revenue Department Commercial Tax Directorate

#### Reminding to furnish the Annual Return

1. Any Individuals, Partnerships, Joint Ventures, Companies, other taxable business enterprises, Cooperative societies, State economic enterprises, State-owned mills, factories, trading and service enterprises, who have taxable sale proceed or receipt from services in the financial year 2009-2010 (1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010) are reminded that they are according to the law, to fill up, sign and furnish an annual return to the respective Township Revenue Office or Company Circle Tax office, by hand or by registered post **not later than 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2010.**

2. If it is production business apart from salt production, those whose sale proceed in a financial year is kyat 240001 and above, or the sale proceed of Trading business during the financial year that is kyat 300001 and above, the receipt from Passenger transportation that is kyat 180001 and above, Entertainments, Hotel and lodgings, Restaurants, Travel and Tours (including tour guide only), Motor vehicle servicing, Insurance (excluding life insurance), Hair dressing and beauty saloon, Body fitness centres, Printing, Computer desk-top and design services (excluding photo copying) are responsible to file the Annual sale or service Return attached with annual accounts, to the respective offices. Those returns will be accepted by **opening the offices up to 18:00 hrs in the evening on the last date of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (Wednesday).**

3. If there is failure to file return without any sufficient cause, a sum not more than 10% of the tax due will be fined by way of penalty according to the Commercial Tax Law, section 21.

4. The prescribed Annual Return forms will be provided at the respective Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office, free of charge. If it is filed by hand, the concerning office will issue the acknowledgement slip instantly.

5. Enquiries can be made for further details at the Township Revenue Offices or the Company Circle Tax Office concerned.

**San Lwin  
Director  
Commercial Tax Directorate**

### Police protection for rare orchid

LONDON, 9 May — Britain's rarest wild flower will receive police protection from thieves when it blooms later this month. The Lady's Slipper orchid at Silverdale Golf Course in Carnforth, Lancashire, is the last remaining flowering plant of its kind in the wild in Britain.

It is protected by law but wildlife officers are so concerned about it that they are setting up extra patrols and considering installing hidden CCTV cameras. Police are also considering tagging the plant with a specialist marker fluid normally used to deter burglars.

The plant is visited by hundreds of orchid fans every year but has been mutilated twice in the

past six years, probably by collectors. Cuttings from the plant, whose Latin name is *Cypripedium calceolus*, are so rare they can be sold to collectors for up to £5,000. Horticultural experts have tried to re-introduce the purple and yellow species in other areas but none of them have flowered.

*Internet*



**A rare Lady's Slipper orchid at Silverdale Golf Course in Carnforth, Lancashire.—INTERNET**

### Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday for Sayarma Mayflora

(10<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Monday)

J.P Moe Than & Friends



**Actress Cybill Shepherd, right, and her daughters Ariel Oppenheim, centre, and Clementine Ford participate in a 'Mother Daughter' fashion segment during 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' live from Radio City Music Hall, on 7 May, 2010 in New York.—INTERNET**

### Runaway parrot returns to London home for a tippie

LONDON, 9 May — A wayward parrot returned home after going on the run in England — lured back by some booze. Mischievous Reggie escaped through a window and was only tempted back when owner Hubbell Walker left out his favourite tipples — red wine and Pringles, *The Sun* reports. Hubbell knew about Reggie's peculiar tastes and came up with the plan after the parrot fled in Brockley, south London.

*Internet*

### Chicago rail chief 'commits suicide' on train tracks

CHICAGO, 9 May — The chief of the Chicago commuter rail system has killed himself by stepping in front of a speeding train, officials have said. Philip Pagano was under investigation over alleged financial irregularities and was on paid leave. The board of the Metra system had been due to meet later on Friday to determine his fate.

In his pocket, police found a manual detailing procedures for handling a suicide on the railway, officials said. Mr Pagano had been executive director of the Metra system, which serves the city of Chicago

and its outlying suburbs, since 1990. State prosecutors and federal officials had launched investigations into whether Mr Pagano had improperly steered public funds to his personal coffers.—*Internet*



**An electric car being recharged. Telekom Austria has decided to turn its public telephone boxes — which are in danger of becoming obsolete anyway thanks to mobile phones — into battery recharging stations for electric cars.—INTERNET**

### Pythons in Florida stalked by hunters and tourists alike

FLORIDA CITY, 9 May — Thousands of pythons, the offspring of former pets, have invaded the Everglades, eating birds, bunnies, even alligators. It has gotten so bad that Congress is considering an outright ban on buying or selling nine kinds of giant snakes.

But an odd thing has happened here in the swamp: The pythons have become celebrities. The snakes are fast becoming an element of Florida lore, attracting "oohs" and "aahs" from tourists, along with groans from biologists and even python hunters like Bob Freer.

"It's a little frustrating and very strange," said Freer, who figures that his 40 captured pythons — most of which he has euthanized — make him the state's top private hunter. "They're asking about pythons that don't even belong here, instead of alligators."

Trouble is, the newfound fascination obscures what biologists and Freer describe as a serious problem. In their view, python proliferation — still significant despite a cold winter that might have killed half the population — is simply the sexiest example of widespread disrespect for pets and the wilderness.—*Internet*

### Hollywood stars robbed by teenage 'bling ring'

LOS ANGELES, 9 May — Not every young woman who stands in the dock at Los Angeles Superior Court accused of burglary has journeyed to the venue in a limousine that also contained her personal assistant, her make-up artist, and a large camera crew who track her every move. But Alexis Neiers is not your average young woman to stand accused of burglary.

On Tuesday, the 18-year-old Hollywood socialite and model, who stars in a reality TV programme called *Pretty Wild* with her Playboy model sister, stood before Judge Lesley Swaine, dressed head-to-toe in designer clothes, at a hearing to determine what evidence will be presented at her forthcoming trial, which is scheduled to begin next week.

Attorneys for Ms Neiers were attempting (unsuccessfully, as it turned out) to use a legal technicality to prevent pros-



**The gang robbed, from left, Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan and Orlando Bloom.—INTERNET**

ecutors from being able to present the jury with damning evidence, including an apparent confession, taken from police interviews video-taped shortly after her arrest in October. Ms Neiers is one of six youngsters accused of carrying out an extraordinary series of robberies that saw millions of dollars worth jewellery, cash, designer clothes and fashion accessories taken from the homes of modish Hollywood celebrities.—*Internet*

### Archaeologists find 5,000-year-old skeletons in Morocco

RABAT, 9 May — Archaeologists in Morocco uncovered an ancient burial ground in a cave east of the capital Rabat, digging up human skeletons dating back 5,000 years.

It is the first time that human skeletons dating from the end of the Neolithic period to the Bronze Age have been discovered in Morocco, said Youssef Bokbot, leader of the team carrying out the digs.

"Seven skeletons and four graves will allow us to identify very precisely the funeral rites of the Beaker culture, a first," Bokbot said of the discovery in a cave near Khemisset, 80 kilometres (50 miles) from Rabat.

*Internet*



## US oil spill no Chernobyl, but still toxic



*Fishermen use their shrimp boat to place oil booms into the water in an effort to protect the coast line from the massive oil spill near Shell Beach, Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico.*

INTERNET

OCEAN SPRINGS, 9 May—The huge oil spill inching closer to shore in the Gulf of Mexico is no Chernobyl disaster but will have a huge impact on the key fishing industry, a marine biologist said here. A ruptured well from the sunken Deepwater

Horizon offshore drilling platform has spewed out more than three million barrels of crude so far, encroaching on prized southern US coast wetlands and wildlife preserves, as well as billion-dollar fishing and tourism destinations.

"There will be no Chernobyl in the Mississippi Delta," Gulf Coast Research Laboratory marine biologist Joe Griffitt told AFP on Friday, referring to the 1986 nuclear disaster in Ukraine that killed at least 4,000 people and contaminated over two million.—Internet

## Body MRI may detect breast cancer spread

SAN DIEGO, 9 May—Whole body magnetic resonance imaging may detect the spread of breast cancer to the bones.

Researchers at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre in Pune, India, conducted a study and concluded whole body scans using MRIs was an effective tool to detect the spread of metastatic breast cancer. The researchers noted MRI had the advantage — unlike other procedures commonly used — of not emitting radiation.

"Of the 99 patients, MRI accurately revealed that 47 patients were positive for metastases while 52 were negative," lead author Dr Joshita Singh said in a statement. "Of those patients who were positive for metastases, whole body MRI frequently detected bone metastases earlier when the patient was still asymptomatic." Singh and colleagues highly recommended whole body MRI as the imaging modality of choice for the detection of metastases in patients with breast cancer.

The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American College of Radiology in San Diego.

Internet



*In this photo taken on Saturday, on 8 May, 2010, a sand surfer surfs down a gold mine dump in Benoni, east of Johannesburg.*

INTERNET

## Four killed after scaffolding collapse at south China construction site

GUANGZHOU, 9 May—Four people were killed and four others injured Saturday night after scaffolding at a building construction site in south China's Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province, collapsed, a provincial

government spokesman said on Sunday.

The accident occurred at 10:30 pm Saturday at the Huahuashijie construction site, South Aoti Road, Tianhe District.

A witness said the

scaffolding started collapsing from the third floor.

The injured were rushed to hospital and an investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.

Xinhua

## Schoneborn wins pentathlon gold at Budapest World Cup

BUDAPEST, 9 May—Olympic champion Lena Schoneborn from Germany won the women's gold medal at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup held in Budapest, Hungary on Saturday. The German took gold while Amelie Caze of France finished in second place. Schoneborn's victory was built on a commanding performance during the fencing event in which she scored 28 wins and only six defeats. This was six more wins than Caze, her closest rival for gold.

Caze finished fourth in the swimming event, while Schoneborn came only 20<sup>th</sup> to set up an exciting climax. Schoneborn however had a perfect horse-riding event to give herself a comfortable 18 seconds lead going into the final combined event of the pentathlon, the



*A Neil Durback-designed house (C) cantilevers over the sandstone cliff on Sydney's eastern seaboard. In Australia's largest cities of Sydney and Melbourne, the growth in property prices has been enough to ensure many prospective home owners are priced out of the market before they make their first tentative bid.—Internet*



*Olympic champion Lena Schoneborn of Germany rides her horse at the Modern Pentathlon World Cup Women's Final in Budapest, capital of Hungary, on 8 May, 2010.*

XINHUA

run/shoot, a lead which was enough to give the German the gold medal. Hungary's Leila Gyenesei passed Samantha Murray of Britain in the run/shoot event to take the bronze medal by three seconds. Murray had battled her way up from 10th to third

during the run/shoot but failed to overtake the Hungarian at the line.

The men's final takes place on Sunday. The event was the fourth of a series of six World Cup competitions which finishes with the World Cup final in Moscow on 18-20 June.—Xinhua

*Performers from the Czech Republic entertain visitors outside their pavillion at the Shanghai World Expo on 5 May, 2010. The Expo, a display of culture, ideas and technology from 189 countries and dozens of companies, is seen as a showcase of China's growing political and economic clout.*

INTERNET



## China, Angola vow to promote energy cooperation

BEIJING, 9 May—China and Angola share broad prospect in energy cooperation, which will facilitate economic development of both nations, Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang said here on Sunday.

The Chinese government values the friendly cooperation with Angola, Li told Manuel Domingos

Vicente, president and chief executive officer of Sonangol, Angola's state-owned oil company, during a meeting in Beijing.

Li hailed the friendship, political ties and cooperation between China and the oil-rich African state.

He asked for joint efforts to realize lasting and

stable cooperation in energy and resources for mutual benefit.

Vicente said Sonangol will enhance cooperation with its Chinese partners in project development, trade and personnel training.

Angola was the largest source of Chinese oil imports in the first quarter, according to Li.

Xinhua

## Robben seals Bayern's 22<sup>nd</sup> German league title

BERLIN, 9 May—Dutch winger Arjen Robben's second-half brace gave Bayern Munich a 3-1 win at relegated Hertha Berlin on Saturday that sealed the Bavarian giants' 22<sup>nd</sup> German league title.

Bayern had already opened up an effectively insurmountable three-point lead over title rivals Schalke and ended the season five points clear as the players celebrated in style at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

Having also scored twice on his debut last August, Robben's double means he finishes with 16 league goals for the season.

The 26-year-old cost Bayern 24 million euros from Real Madrid, but has been



**Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel raises the trophy as his teammates in Berlin**

INTERNET

worth every penny after a stellar season that saw him play a huge part in getting Bayern to the Champions League final against Inter Milan on 22 May. "It is important that we won here," said Bayern coach Louis van Gaal, who was drenched in beer by his players after the match in what has become a Bundesliga custom.

Internet

## SPORTS

### La Liga goes to wire as Barca and Real both win

MADRID, 9 May—The Spanish league title will go down to a thrilling final day of the season with champions Barcelona holding a one-point lead over Real Madrid after a tense 3-2 win at 10-man Sevilla on Saturday.

Real defeated 10-man Athletic Bilbao 5-1 at the Santiago Bernabeu although it was not as easy as the scoreline suggested with three goals

in four minutes turning the tide. Barcelona have 96 points, a point ahead of Real, and host Valladolid at Camp Nou on the final day of the season while Real travel to Malaga.—Internet



**Real Madrid's defender Sergio Ramos.**

## Chelsea beats Wigan 8-0 to win Premier League



**Didier Drogha scores a second-half hat-trick as Chelsea crush Wigan 8-0 to clinch the Premier League in style.**

INTERNET

LONDON, 9 May—Chelsea has regained the Premier League title from Manchester United with a 8-0 victory over Wigan.

Even though United finished the campaign with a 4-0 victory over Stoke at Old Trafford, the big celebrations Sunday were at Stamford Bridge. That's where three goals by Didier Drogha, two by Nicolas

Anelka and one each by Frank Lampard and Salomon Kalou made Chelsea the champion by one point in manager Carlo Ancelotti's first season in English soccer. It is Chelsea's third league title in six years and the result means it prevented United becoming the first team to win the English title four years in a row.

Internet

### Magic trounce Hawks to close in on series sweep

ATLANTA, 9 May—The red-hot Orlando Magic are one win away from advancing to the Eastern Conference finals after a dominating victory on Saturday that left the Atlanta Hawks on the brink of elimination.

Orlando, winners of 13 straight since 2 April, cruised to a 105-75 victory over Atlanta for a commanding 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.—Internet



**Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James goes to the basket against Boston Celtics' Ray Allen (L), Tony Allen (C), and Rasheed Wallace (R) during the first quarter in Game 3.—INTERNET**

### Westwood takes 1-shot lead at Players



**Tiger Woods gets a pat on the back as fans react after chipping from the rough on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole during the third round of The Players Championship golf.—INTERNET**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, 9 May—One round away from one of the biggest wins of his career, Lee Westwood of England knows what to expect on the final day of The Players Championship.

Not only because of his 16 years and his 30 victories worldwide, or his 54-hole lead last

month at the Masters. Saturday on the TPC Sawgrass was enough of a reminder.

Westwood watched a two-shot lead turn into a two-shot deficit. Over the final hour, Robert Allenby picked up three shots on the last three holes, while Heath Slocum dropped four shots on the last six holes. The day ended with Westwood hitting a daring shot with a 6-iron through a gap in the trees for a par on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for a 2-under 70 to finish the third round with a one-shot lead, same as he started. He has more company now—Masters champion Phil Mickelson included—but the course is as significant as the names behind him on the leaderboard.

Internet

### Canada beats Italy 5-1 win at hockey worlds



**Team Canada goalie Chris Mason looks behind as the puck falls under him during first period action against team Italy.—INTERNET**

MANNHEIM, 9 May—Chris Mason made 23 saves, and Steve Stamkos, Rene Bourque and Matt Duchene each had a goal and an assist to help 24-time champion Canada beat Italy 5-1 on Saturday in its world hockey championship opener.

"Overall, we did some things well," Stamkos said. "But we have things to improve on: Making smarter plays with the puck, getting pucks in, going in on the forecheck instead of making those pretty plays." Corey Perry opened the scoring in the Group B game at 2:43 of the first period. Michele Strazzabosco tied it 10 minutes later, and Kris Russell gave Canada a 2-1 lead with 48 seconds left in the period.—Internet

**Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts during his semi-final Estoril Open tennis match against Alberto Montanes of Spain at Jamor Stadium.—INTERNET**

### Mexico's Cazares new WBA super fly champion

OSAKA, 9 May—Hugo Cazares of Mexico took a sweet revenge by beating champion Nobuo Nashiro on a unanimous decision to become the new World Boxing Association (WBA) super flyweight champion on Saturday.

Two American judges each assessed the bout at 117-111 and a South African at 115-113—all in favour of the Mexican.

The fight was a re-match of Nashiro's second defence of the title, when he drew with the Mexican 116-112, 112-116, 114-114.

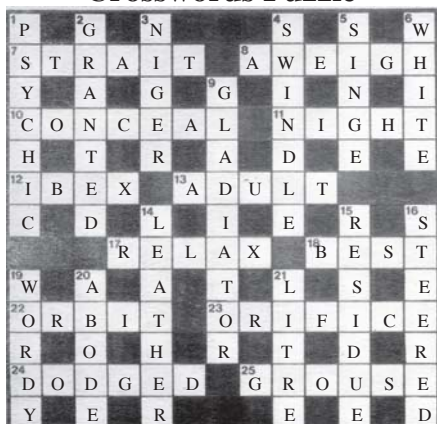
The 32-year-old Mexican, ranked top in the WBA, improved his record to 31 wins, including 22 KOs, against six defeats and two draws.

Internet



**Nobuo Nashiro (left) of Japan and Mexican challenger Hugo Cazares trade blows during the WBA super flyweight title match in Osaka in 2009. Cazares took a sweet revenge by beating Nashiro to become the new (WBA) super flyweight champion.—INTERNET**

### Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



### Federer keeps clay faith despite Estoril exit

ESTORIL, 9 May—Roger Federer will attempt to put his game right with a rapid turnaround in Spain after falling 6-2, 7-6 (7/5) to defending champion Alberto Montanes at the Estoril Open on Saturday.

The Swiss world number one, Estoril champion in 2008, was ambushed on a slow, rain-soaked court by the Spanish specialist, who he'd beaten in

three previous meetings. But despite going down in just under 90 minutes, Federer is looking ahead with quiet optimism to a pair of high-profile title defences in Madrid from Sunday and then at Roland Garros.

Internet





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(Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, USA)  
(73 years)

**Chairman, Shambhala Co., Ltd.**  
**Maw Htoon & Partners (Advocate)**

Beloved eldest son of (The Hon'ble Justice Thado Maha Thray Sithu U Chan Htoon & Daw Khin Khin Thein) of 53, Pyay Road, 61/2 Mile, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Son-in-law of (Adipati Dr. Ba Maw-Daw Khin Ma Ma Maw), beloved husband of Daw Onma Maw, beloved father of Daw Yuza Maw Htoon (SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, USA, Myanmar Development Foundation)-Dr. Phone Win (Shambhala Group, Mingalar Myanmar), (Ko Ogga Maw Htoon), beloved grandfather of Ma Haithi (X-A, TTC), Mg Phone Maw Htoon (VII-L, TTC), brother of Daw Sanda Khin-Mr. Westley Kingsley, U Aung Chan Htoon, U Win Htoon-Daw Thin Thin, Daw Khin Thuzar Chan Htoon, (U Fred Chan Htoon)-Daw Aye Aye Yee, Daw Mya Marlar Chan Htoon-Mr. Douglas Georgian, (U Zeyar Chan Htoon)-Daw Sao Hem Hsai, passed away peacefully at 2.35 pm on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Haematology Department, Yangon General Hospital. Cremation will take place at 9.00 am on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Ye Way Cemetery.

The bereaved family cordially invites all friends and relatives for the soon-offering from 7:00 am to 10:00 am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010, at the above address.

**Bereaved Family**

## Neanderthals live on in some of us: DNA study

WASHINGTON, 9

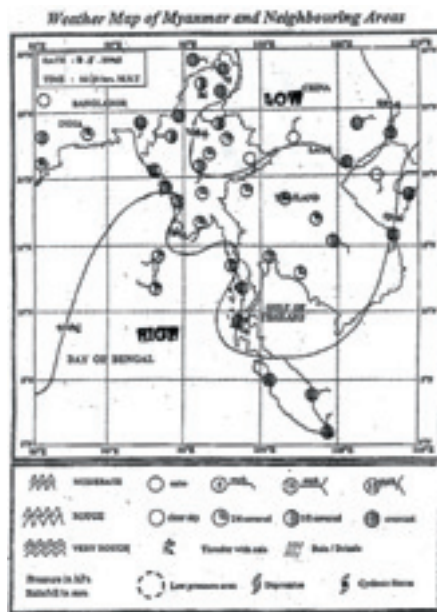
May—Neanderthals and modern humans interbred, probably when early humans first began to migrate out of Africa, according to a genetic study released on Thursday. People of European, Asian and Australian origin all have Neanderthal DNA, but not Africans, researchers reported in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

The study may help resolve the long-running debate over whether Neanderthals and modern humans did more than simply live side by side in Europe and the Middle

East.

"Those of us who live outside Africa carry a little Neanderthal DNA in us," said Svante Paabo of the Max Planck Institute in Munich, Germany, who led the study.

"The proportion of Neanderthal-inherited genetic material is about 1 to 4 percent. It is a small but very real proportion of ancestry in non-Africans today," Dr David Reich of Harvard Medical School in Boston, who worked on the study, told reporters in a telephone briefing.—Internet



## WEATHER

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.**

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan State, Sagaing Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were about May average temperatures in Kachin and Rakhine States, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in Kayah State, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Theinzayat and Chauk (44°C) each, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin), Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana), Minbu and Magway (43°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (1.42) inches, Putao (0.67) inch, Machanbaw and Kawthoung (0.55) inch each, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.39) inch and Aungmye (0.07) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-5-2010 was 107°F. Minimum temperature on 9-5-2010 was 82°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-5-2010 was 59%. Total sun shine hours on 8-5-2010 was (11.5) hours.

Rainfall on 9-5-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from West at (21:30) hours MST on 8-5-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Northern Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-5-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-5-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-5-2010:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (10-5-2010)(Monday)

#### Transmissions

#### Times

**Local** - (09:00am-11:00am) MST  
**Oversea Transmission** - (10-5-10 09:30 am ~ 11-5-10 09:30 am) MST

#### Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living & Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
- \* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- \* News
- \* Today's Efficient Youths
- \* Music Gallery
- \* News
- \* Computer Human
- Oversea Transmission**
- \* Opening

- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living & Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
- \* Water Fountain Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) Blessed with a Variety of Beauties
- \* News
- \* Computer Human
- \* Today's Efficient Youths
- \* News
- \* Be a Typical Myanmar Lady
- \* News
- \* Current Affairs "Living & Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
- \* News
- \* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
- \* Mant Hero, Beauty Queen On Shweli River
- \* News
- \* Elegant Myanmar Dance
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* Myanmar Movies "Up Stream"



**Monday, 10  
May  
View on today**

**7:00 am**

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်  
ဘုရားကြီး၏  
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:15 am**

2. အဂ္ဂိယမင်္ဂလံ

(ယဉ်ဇေယျာတို့၏  
တေးရေး-  
ဂီတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

**7:25 am**

3. To Be Healthy  
Exercise

**7:30 am**

4. Morning News

**7:40 am**

5. Nice & Sweet Song

**7:55 am**

6. "လက်ဆေးပြုလား"

**8:00 am**

7. Song of National  
Races

**8:10 am**

8. Cute Little Dancers

**8:25 am**

9. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:30 am**

10. International News

**8:45 am**

11. Musical Programme

**3:45 pm**

1. AFC Presidents Cup  
(2010) တောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ  
တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု  
အစီအစဉ် FC Vakhsk  
(TJK) အသင်းနှင့်  
Renown Sport  
Club (SRI) အသင်း

**5:45 pm**

2. Musical Programme

**6:00 pm**

3. Evening News

**6:15 pm**

4. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**

5. Sing & Enjoy

**7:00 pm**

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"တို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက"  
(အပိုင်း-၁၉)

**8:00 pm**

7. News

**8:00 pm**

8. International News

**9:00 pm**

9. Weather Report

**9:00 pm**

10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

**9:00 pm**

- "မေတ္တာနုနု"  
(အပိုင်း-၁၃)

**9:00 pm**

11. "သုခုမရုပ်ရှင်"

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

### People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

### SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, wife attend reception to mark 65th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945)

YANGON, 9 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn attended the reception to mark the 65th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) at the Embassy of the Russian Federation at No. 38 on Sagawa Road in Dagon Township here at 6 pm yesterday.

They were welcomed by Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and wife.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassadors

and their wives from Yangon, diplomats, their wives and the foreign embassies in military attaches and guests.—MNA



*State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn being welcomed by Russian Ambassador Mr Mikhail Mgeladze and wife at the reception to mark 65th Anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945) held at the embassy of Russian Federation.—MNA*

### Strong earthquake jolts northern Sumatra

NAY PYI TAW, 9 May—A strong earthquake of magnitude 7.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (910) miles south of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (12) hrs (34) min (08) sec M.S.T on 9 May, 2010.

MNA

### The significant day temperatures

(9-5-2010)

Theinzayat	44.0° C
Chauk	44.0° C
Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin)	43.0° C
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Minbu	43.0° C
Magway	43.0° C