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Development of Kalaw, upgrading of Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 13 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 on 10 May visited Innbyin Nursery of Forest Department in Kalaw.

After hearing reports on work progress presented by the director of Forest Department and officials, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing called for systematic conservation of natural forests and collaborative efforts between officials and local people to reestablish forests, and inspected nurturing of saplings at the nursery.

At the People's Hospital in Kalaw, Lt-Gen Min

Aung Hlaing comforted patients and presented medicines for the hospital through officials.

Next, he looked into storage of water at Yayaye Lake and maintenance of the lake.

Then he stressed the need to store more water in the lake.

While overseeing progress in road works between Mile Post Nos 64/3 and 40, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave instructions on timely completion of work meeting set standards.

At Yinmapin briefing hall, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing heard reports on upgrading of Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi Road and work progress presented by officials and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into storage of water at Yayaye Lake in Kalaw.

MNA

Union Election Commission issues Notification No. 42/2010

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — The Union Election Commission issued Notification No. 42/2010 today. The translation of the notification is as follows:-

**The Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission**

Nay Pyi Taw

**Notification No. 42/2010
1st Waxing of Nayon, 1372 ME
13 May 2010**

Permission granted to Pa-O National Organization to register as political party

The Union Election Commission granted permission to the Pa-O National Organization with its headquarters at No. 18 on West Circular Road in Zaypaing Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State, to register in accord with the Article 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 13 May 2010.

The registration number of the Pa-O National Organization is (5).

By Order,

Sd/ Win Ko
Secretary

Union Election Commission

Applications for registration of political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May — Groups that have been granted to from political parties are submitting their applications to register as political parties to the Union Election Commission. The Democracy and Peace Party submitted the application to register as a political party to the Union Election Commission today. Of application-submitted groups, the Commission has found the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the Commission passed the registration of the party on 13 May.

Up to this date, there were 37 parties that submitted their applications to set up or to continue to existence as political parties. Of 14 that submitted applications for registration, five parties have been permitted to register as political parties, and the remaining parties are scrutinized.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 14 May, 2010

Preserve water resources for long-term use

As a Myanmar saying goes: water is more valuable than money, it is invaluable. Every living being needs adequate amount of water for daily consumption.

While carrying out the construction of dams, river water pumping stations, underground water tapping works and supply of water in the regions facing shortage of water, the government is sinking many tube-wells in the rural regions as part of efforts to implement the rural water supply project.

Many tube-wells have been sunk in States and Divisions in order to sufficiently supply clean water to the rural areas facing water scarcity. Up to now, a total of 14,979 villages enjoy clean drinking water.

As water is essential for all the living beings, the people should use water in a systematic way. All the people are to work in concert for storage of clean water conscientiously.

Some countries facing shortage of water import drinking water for their public consumption spending a large sum of foreign currency. Therefore, Myanmar blessed with rich water and land resources should utilize the existing water resources in a systematic way.

It is incumbent upon all the people of Myanmar to dutifully maintain the durability of dams, reservoirs and tube-wells built by the government by minimizing loss and wastage.

Expense for liver valve substitution paid to insured worker

YANGON, 13 May—On his tour of Workers' Hospital on 3 May, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi comforted patients with eye surgery and fulfilled the requirements of the hospital.

The minister presented K 2 million as expense for surgical operation to substitute the valve at heart to U Kyaw Wai from Kyangin Cement Plant who insured himself at Social Security Board.

The Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour repaid costs to the insured workers for medical treatments at other hospitals except Workers' Hospitals.—MNA



Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi presents expense for surgical operation at valve of heart to the patient.—MNA

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

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The Kayin Peoples Party (KPP), headquartered at No. 51 on Tawwin Road in Ward 3 of Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, on 12-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.



Flag of the Kayin Peoples Party (KPP)

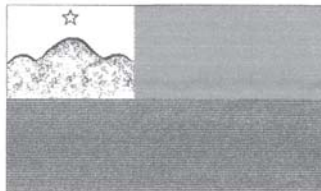


Seal of the Kayin Peoples Party (KPP)

Union Election Commission

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The "Wa" National Unity Party, headquartered at No. 17 on Byuha Road in Region 2 of Ward 1 in Lashio, Shan State, on 12-5-2010 submitted its applications for registration as a political party under Article-5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.



Flag of the "Wa" National Unity Party



Seal of the "Wa" National Unity Party

Union Election Commission

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The Union Kayin League, headquartered at No. 1 in Saw Tay Lane, U Lu Ni Road in Kayin Amyotha Ward of Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Division, in its application to Union Election Commission on 10-4-2010 for registration as an existed party issued its name, flag and seal in the dailies as public announcement for remonstrance.
2. The Central Committee for Organizing the Kayin National New Year Festival (Maha Yangon) remonstrated about the flag of the league on 15-4-2010. After the scrutiny work, the UEC founded that it is inappropriate for Union Kayin League to use the flag any more. Therefore, the Commission summoned the UKL members and asked them to amend the party flag in line with the law and rules.
3. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the amended flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.



Flag of the Union Kayin League



Seal of the Union Kayin League

Union Election Commission



Five killed, 19 injured in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 13 May—Five people were killed and 19 wounded in two bomb attacks in Baghdad overnight and Thursday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Five people were killed and 11 wounded when a parked car bomb ripped through the Shiite bastion of Sadr City neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad before midnight on Wednesday, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Sadr City is a heavily populated Shiite neighbourhood and is the main stronghold for Mahdi Army militia loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

On Thursday morning, a roadside bomb struck a police patrol near the Ghazali Intersection on the eastern side

of Tigris River in central Baghdad, destroying a police vehicle and wounding three policemen aboard, the source said.

Two traffic policemen and three civilians who were close to the scene were also wounded by the blast, he added.

Waves of violence and sporadic attacks continue in the Iraqi cities more than two months after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.

On Monday, Iraq saw its bloodiest day in the year after a wave of bomb attacks across the country killed at least 114 people and wounded hundreds.

Xinhua

Afghan forces detain 40 militants

LASHKAR GAH, 13 May—Afghan and NATO-led troops during operation against Taliban

fighters in the southern Helmand Province on Wednesday night arrested 40 insurgents, spokesman

for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said on Thursday.

Xinhua

Two injured in vehicle blast in north Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 May—Two people were injured in a vehicle blast in north Pakistan's city of Chitral on Thursday morning, a local TV channel reported.

The blast destroyed the vehicle and injured two people including a member of the Chitral Bar Association in the northern areas of the country, according to the private TV Express.

Chitral Bar Association (CBA) boycotted local courts protesting the early morning blast, local sources said. —*Xinhua*

A woman walks past a piece of a destroyed car at the site of Wednesday's bomb attack in Baghdad on 13 May, 2010. Seven people were killed and 22 wounded after a car bomb planted outside a cafe exploded in Baghdad's Sadr City, a Shi'ite area, police and a source at Iraqi Interior Ministry said.—INTERNET



Pakistani security officials stand guard near a burning oil tanker in Chaman near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border on Wednesday, on 12 May, 2010, in Pakistan. A bomb ripped through the oil tanker carrying supplies for NATO forces based in Afghanistan, killing a passer-by, Pakistani border guard Fazal Bari said.—INTERNET

Afghan boys play volleyball among a demolished building in Kabul, Afghanistan on Tuesday, on 11 May, 2010. INTERNET

Two blasts occur in prison building in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 May—Two blasts occurred in a prison building under construction in northwest Pakistan's city of Hangu

on Thursday morning, a local TV reported.

Prior to this report, at least nine people including three policemen were

reportedly injured during a jail protest which broke out this morning in another city of Peshawar in northwest Pakistan.

Xinhua



26 militants killed in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 13 May—Twenty six Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters were killed in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz Province on Wednesday night, police chief of Kunduz province Abdul Raziq Yaqubi said Thursday.

"Afghan security forces backed by international troops raided militants hideouts in Gur Tipa village outside provincial capital Kunduz city late

Wednesday night as a result 26 militants loyal to Taliban and al-Qaeda network were killed," Yaqubi told *Xinhua*.

The provincial police chief also confirmed that four suicide vests and a handful of weapons were found by combined forces during the operation.

Taliban militants have yet to make comment.

Meanwhile, resi-

dents in the area said over 20 militants were killed in the operation lasted for several hours.

Gur Tipa in western edge of Kunduz city has been regarded as the stronghold of Taliban militants in the province.

Taliban militants whose regime was toppled in late 2001 have vowed to speed up their activities this year in Afghanistan.

Xinhua



Civilians voice concerns over upcoming operation on Taliban in S Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 13 May—As the US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) is set to launch a major offensive in June on the Taliban in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province, civilians of the province voiced their concerns.

A local construction company manager who was speaking at a suicide bombing site on Wednesday in the city center of Kandahar, capital of the province, said that the upcoming operation will surely trigger more retaliation actions from the Taliban. Last month, the city experienced three major terror attacks leaving dozens of civilians killed and injured. "My company is doing rebuilding of this bombing site but I do wish there would be less business like this," said the manager, insisting on using only one name of Zahir.

Stricter security checking was witnessed in the city of a population of 450,000.

Police personnel at the Shahidan Chowk, or Shahidan Square, was seen checking vehicle trunks for weapons and explosive materials.—*Xinhua*



A resident on a bicycle passes by one of the sites of Monday's bomb attacks in Basra on 11 May, 2010.—INTERNET

First proof that chemicals from seaweeds damage coral on contact



Georgia Tech graduate student Doug Rasher is shown with a rack holding corals transplanted into concrete cones for experiments on reefs off the Fiji Islands.—INTERNET

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 May—Field studies have shown for the first time that several common species of seaweeds in both the Pacific and Caribbean Oceans can kill corals upon contact using chemical means.

While competition between seaweed and coral is just one of many factors affecting the decline of coral reefs worldwide, this chemical threat may provide a serious setback to efforts aimed at repopulating damaged reefs. Seaw-

eeded are normally kept in check by herbivorous fish, but in many areas overfishing has reduced the populations of these plant-consumers, allowing seaweeds to overpopulate coral reefs.

A study documenting the chemical effects of seaweeds on corals was scheduled to be published on 10 May, 2010 in the early edition of the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*. The research was supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Teasely Endowments at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Internet

Scientists better prepared to judge ash cloud

PARIS, 13 May—Scientists say they are now better prepared for measuring Iceland's volcanic ash problem, which is expected to continue for several months, after experiments using modelling and lasers to probe the atmosphere.

By knowing how much ash is spewed from the volcano, scientists can map the way the cloud will spread depending on the wind, Pierre Flamant from a meteorological laboratory near Paris explained.

During the air traffic chaos in mid-April, "there was an error in calculating ash emissions at the source", Gian Paolo Gobbi from Italy's institute of atmospheric sciences and climate said.

"The Icelanders were not so well prepared when it came to measuring this," and the flaw subsequently skewed computer modelling of the plume, he said.

But a German team carried out its own measurements of the output from Eyjafjall volcano in early May, and this has given scientists a better fix.

In an eruption event measuring three tonnes per second, many of the heaviest particles fell back down again within seven hours of being emitted.—*Internet*



Alex Holbert, 5, of Long Beach, Mississippi plays in the sand at the beach while spending time with his family in Long Beach, Mississippi on 12 May, 2010. Fishing and tourism throughout the gulf coast are being threatened due to the recent Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET

Space centre abuzz over Atlantis' last launch



CAPE CANAVERAL, 13 May—NASA is getting hit up for extra launch passes, and mission stickers and pins are flying off the shelf. Another Twittering crowd is descending on the space centre. Even science fiction writers want in on the action.

Welcome to space shuttle Atlantis' 32nd and final voyage.

When Atlantis blasts off — show time is 2:20 p.m. Friday — only two more missions will remain before the shuttle programme ends. Besides equipment for the

Phantom Ray' robot stealth jet rolls out



WASHINGTON, 13 May—US arms'n'aerospace goliath Boeing yesterday held a public unveiling of its "Phantom Ray" jet-fighter sized robot stealth plane. The firm has no

customer for the Phantom Ray, which is intended to fly by the end of the year, but evidently Boeing executives consider that it would be fatal to be left behind in the military robojet race. The Phantom Ray, which has been previously mentioned by Boeing, is a product of the giant corporation's advanced projects division, the so-called "Phantom Works".

We're really excited about this because Phantom Works is back as a rapid prototyping house, operation and organization," said Craig Brown, Boeing Phantom Ray programme manager. "This is the first of what I expect to be many exciting prototypes, and they're all with exciting technology."

Internet

A NASA technician does a final check-up as Space Shuttle Atlantis prepares to being rolled out of NASA's vehicle assembly to its launch pad at Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida. The 32nd and final voyage for Atlantis will take six astronauts to the orbiting space research facility, delivering an integrated cargo carrier and a Russian-built mini research module.—INTERNET

Mom's voice just as comforting as a hug

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 May—Moms can bring comfort, even at a distance, a new study finds. The results show simply hearing mom's voice over the phone works just as well at calming nerves of stressed children as does a real-life pat on the shoulder. The soothing effect is likely due to the release of the hormone oxytocin in the brain, the researchers say. This "love hormone" is known to quell stress, and is

likely involved in social bonding, including that between a mother and a child. Previous work has revealed this hormone was released during physical contact from mom. "But it's clear from these results that a mother's voice can have the same effect as a hug, even if they're not standing there," said study researcher Leslie Seltzer, a biological anthropologist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Science

Internet



Israeli researcher: happy marriage cuts male stroke risk

JERUSALEM, 13 May— Growing old together with a loving wife may be one key to lessening a man's chance of dying from a stroke, according to a recent research of Tel Aviv University.

Professor Uri Goldbourt's initial work at the Neufeld Cardiac Institute at the Sheba Medical Centre, points to a possible connection between marital "happiness" and the odds of suffering a lethal stroke.

The survey is based on data culled from 1963 through 1997 covering 10,059 Israeli male, middle-aged civil servants. It included information from the country's national death registry and other records, using "clinical, biochemical, anthropometric,



sociodemographic and psychosocial evaluations."

Thirty-four years of follow-up polling showed that unmarried men and unhappy married ones were about 64 percent more likely to die from stroke than happy married men, Goldbourt said in a presentation before a recent session of the American Stroke Association.

The results were "very consistent with what we're

seeing in the United States," according to Dr. Daniel Lackland of the Medical University of South Carolina.

Lackland, who was not involved in the study, said it "demonstrates the benefit of having a partner or somebody that's there that can be supportive," and noted that a spouse's positive impact could include administering medication, making healthy food choices or even getting medical aid quickly in an emergency.

Xinhua

Caffeine helps shift workers avoid mistakes

LONDON, 13 May — A new review suggests that caffeine consumption can help night-shift workers avoid making mistakes.

At least 15 percent of workers in industrialized countries are thought to be engaged in shift work or permanent nighttime work, which can disrupt their body clocks. Some suffer from shift-work disorder, in which they only sleep for short periods of time and become sleepy on the job, boosting the risk of errors, the researchers explained.

In the review, released online on 12 May in The Cochrane Library, researchers looked at 13 studies into the effects of caffeine on shift-work performance. Most of the studies, however, only simulated the workplace.

The participants took caffeine through a variety of sources, including coffee, pills, energy drinks or food, and some were given placebos.

The reviewers found that caffeine appeared to do a better job of preventing errors than naps or the placebos, and also improved performance in areas such as memory, attention, perception and reasoning.

"It seems reasonable to assume that reduced errors are associated with fewer injuries, although we cannot quantify such a reduction," lead researcher Katharine Ker, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, said in a news release from the journal's publisher.

Xinhua

The 'Reality' of sex addiction stirs debate

WASHINGTON, 13 May— Compulsive sexual behavior can be a real problem in some people, causing them to engage in risky and self-destructive acts revolving around their libido, experts say.

The career of professional golfer Tiger Woods took a beating from revelations of cheating with as many as a dozen women. Former New York Mets general manager Steve Phillips was fired from his job as a baseball analyst on the ESPN network after a workplace sex scandal.

But are they, and others like them, suffering from an actual addiction?

Both Woods and Phillips have claimed they are, and both men sought treatment at sexual addiction programmes. Mental health professionals agree that some people indulge in uncontrollable and harmful sexual behavior and that they truly cannot help themselves.

They disagree, however, about whether this behaviour constitutes a true addiction or is better characterized as some other sort of mental disorder. The new edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the book considered the bible of psychiatry, will contain a new category of behavioral addictions — but sexual addiction will not be included in that category.

"There's not enough empirical evidence to call sex an addiction at this point," said Dr. Martin P. Kafka, an associate clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a member of the task force that's revising the manual. Therapists active in sexual addiction disagree.

"We've been treating sexual addiction for more than 20 years now," said Douglas Weiss, a psychologist and executive director of the Heart to Heart Counseling Centre in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Internet

Internet

Bone drugs not linked to rare fractures

WASHINGTON, 13 May — A new study finds no association between the use of a popular class of osteoporosis medications known as bisphosphonates and an unusual type of thigh bone fracture.

Bisphosphonates include blockbuster drugs such as alendronate (Fosamax), risedronate (Actonel) and ibandronate (Boniva).

The conclusions, appearing as a letter-to-the-editor in the May 13 issue of the New England

Journal of Medicine, do little to settle an ongoing debate about whether or not these drugs cause this type of rare fracture.

A pharmaceutical company sponsored study published in March in the same journal concluded that bisphosphonates did not boost people's risk for this type of fracture, although prior studies had suggested they did.

That "very large study," said Dr. Kenneth A. Egol, chief of the Orthopaedic Trauma



Service at New York University Hospital for Joint Diseases, "certainly can allay some fears regarding the drug."

Xinhua

Working overtime links to heart attacks

BEIJING, 13 May— A new study has found that staff who regularly work over 10 or 11 hours a day are up to 60 percent more likely to suffer heart disease, media reported quoting Wednesday's European Heart Journal.

Researchers who tracked 10,000 UK civil servants aged between 39 and 61 over 11 years found overtime junkies were more prone to heart attacks and angina — even when factors such as age, weight and smoking were included.

The increased risk was linked to working between three and four hours extra a day on top of a normal seven-hour day.

The researchers said there could be a number of explanations for the possible link between overtime and heart problems. These include "hidden" high

blood pressure that is not always picked up, stress, anxiety or depression, and being a "Type A" personality who is highly driven, aggressive or irritable.

"The association between long hours and coronary heart disease was independent of a range of risk factors that we measured at the start of the study, such as smoking, being overweight or having high cholesterol," said Marianna Virtanen, who led the study at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health in Helsinki and University College London.

Dr John Challenor, of the Society of Occupational Medicine, said: "This study confirms what we know — that work/life balance plays a vital role in well being."

Internet



This undated photo provided by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission shows three sizes of 'Best Friends' charm bracelets, which were sold by Claire's Boutiques. On , 10 May, 2010 the agency announced the recall of about 19,000 'Best Friends' charm bracelets because of high levels of cadmium., which can harm the kidneys and bones and is a known carcinogen. Federal regulators are announcing another recall of children's metal jewelry with high levels of the toxic metal cadmium, and say they're expanding their investigation in an effort to keep to try to and keep dangerous items off store shelves in the first place.

Internet

Health

Kan sales tax hike cuts against state's image

TOPEKA, 13 May—Come July, shoppers in Kansas will be handing over more money on every purchase because of a sales tax increase at odds with the state's image as a conservative stronghold.

Even as Republicans from Kansas talk up lower taxes and smaller government in Congress, the GOP-led state Legislature approved the jump in sales tax from 5.3 percent to 6.3 percent

that critics say makes Kansas more like California than its Midwestern neighbours.

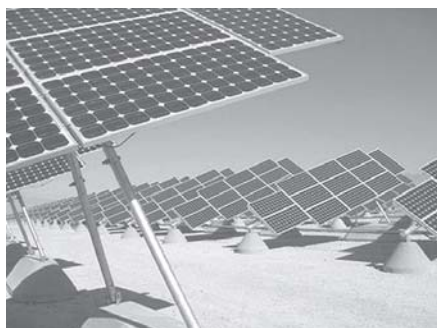
Across the country, much of the talk has been about budget cuts as states try to wrestle their spending down to balance out lower revenues. After severe reductions last year, Kansas lawmakers were hearing concern from many voters about preserving schools as districts began

discussing program cuts and staff layoffs.

"No one likes the thought of paying more taxes, but with the current economic situation, some type of tax increase seems inevitable," said grocer Mark Fillmore, whose family has owned the M&M Market in Belle Plaine for three generations. He said any reasonable person knows schools need the money.—Internet



An overall view of the current Cadia mine in Orange district on 8 January, 2010 in New South Wales. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's plans to impose a 40 percent levy on the so-called "super profits" of resources firms was met with anger from the nation's most valuable export sector, which warns it will kill investment.—INTERNET



This illustration photo shows a solar farm in Nevada, US-Japanese trading house Sojitz Corp is planning to enter the solar power generation business through a 100 million dollar investment in a US firm, it was reported on Thursday.

INTERNET

Oil falls to near \$75 on weak US crude demand

SINGAPORE, 13 May—Oil prices fell to near \$75 a barrel on Thursday in Asia as traders mulled signs of tepid US crude demand against growing consumption in developing economies.

Benchmark crude for June delivery was down 27 cents to \$75.38 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The June contract lost 72 cents to

settle at \$75.65 on Wednesday.

Crude inventories keep rising, defying analyst predictions that a recovering US economy would boost demand.

The Energy Information Administration said on Wednesday that oil supplies increased more than expected last week as stockpiles grew for 14 of the last 15 weeks.

Internet

A Saab 95 on display at the New York International Auto Show in New York in April 2010. The newly reorganized Saab is steadily reducing its breakeven point and has more than enough cash to survive as it begins to rebuild sales, its chief executive officer said on Tuesday.

INTERNET



Microsoft looks to 'cloud' with Office 2010

NEW YORK, 13 May—Microsoft released the latest update to its popular Office software on Wednesday including a Web-hosted version aimed at countering competition from emerging "cloud" products offered by Google.

Office 2010, which was unveiled at a launch event here, features updates to the ubiquitous spreadsheet, email, presentation and word processing programmes used by tens of millions of businesses: Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and Word.

For the new version

of Office, the first since 2007, Microsoft is offering Office Web Apps—online versions of its most popular products which work directly in a Web browser and are hosted on servers in the "cloud" instead of on personal computers.

While Microsoft dominates the workplace and claims over 500 million Office users worldwide, the move is seen as a response to the challenge posed by Google and others offering free online cloud-computing programs.—Internet

The mobile phone "Desire" by HTC. Taiwan-based mobile phone maker HTC Corp. filed a patent infringement complaint against Apple on Wednesday seeking a ban on imports of Asian-manufactured iPhones, iPods and iPads into the United States.—INTERNET



Asia shares rise on Europe, IBM; euro wobbles

HONG KONG, 13 May—Asian stocks rose on Thursday as fresh austerity measures promised by Spain and Portugal gave investors hope that Europe's debt crisis can be contained, while IBM's strong profit forecast gave a further boost to tech shares. The euro struggled near 14-month lows, however, on worries that steep government spending cuts in parts of Europe would drag on the region's already feeble economic growth.

Doubts about the euro's long-term viability and worries about inflation continued to spur a flight into gold, which shot to a fresh record for a second day in a row. The jump to \$1,248.15 an ounce brought gold's

gains to nearly 20 percent since early February. Spain said on Wednesday it will slash civil service pay and cut public jobs while Portugal's finance minister told Reuters his government had identified new austerity measures to reduce its budget deficit, offering investors some reassurances that those countries are addressing their deep-rooted fiscal problems. While worries remain that Greece and other governments will not be able to deliver on deeply unpopular spending cuts, there were signs that recent strains in global money markets were easing, further buoying investor confidence.

Internet

Business



Bring about skilled librarians

Than Tun (IPRD)

The Ministry of Information, adhering to the guidance of the Head of State, has been opening self-reliant village libraries since 2004 with the aim of broadening the horizons and improving the socio-economic status of rural people, who constitute the majority of the population of the nation. The establishment of village libraries generates a variety of benefits such as rural folks, old and young — having easy access to publications; gaining knowledge; being able to distinguish between right and wrong; spending valuable time in a beneficial way; becoming more polite and upright; and bringing about reliable people for the nation. In addition, establishment of libraries is a national duty for building a modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Ministry of Information is in pursuit of ensuring sustainable development of the libraries in line with the five work programmes as follows:-

- to organize rural people to cultivate a good habit of reading,
- to keep the publications for their durability, and to raise funds to increase the number of the publications,
- to get a land and a building for a library,
- to furnish libraries,
- to bring about skilled librarians, and form library committees.

With a growing number of libraries that meet the five work programmes, rural residents will have greater knowledge. So, libraries will enable the people to practise democracy effectively.

Moreover, a plan has been laid down to form community learning centres by providing Internet access for self-reliant village libraries. Therefore, establishment of self-reliant village libraries not only widens the horizons of country people, but also represents an important national duty of

Today, the government and the ministry are planning to build Rural Library Foundation to contribute towards the tasks for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries, and render necessary assistance. The lofty aim of the foundation is to enable the village libraries to possess the five standards in order to build a life-long learning Myanmar society, and to ensure their sustainable development.

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After the foundation has been built: the patron and executive committees will serve as volunteers in its functions, cash donations will be entrusted to the Myanma Economic Bank, the interests will be used in implementing the functions, and the annual budget for foundation's management will be fixed through coordination.

In compliance with the instructions of the Minister for Information, service personnel of the Information and Public Relations Department are trying in conformity with the five programmes for sustainable development of the village

libraries. In the process, to produce skilled librarians plays a key role. Therefore, IPRD offices are conducting courses to nurture ward clerks to bring about competent libraries of self-reliant village libraries. At a time when Rural Library Foundation is mobilizing collaborative efforts to achieve development of human resources, young villagers should be nurtured to become skilled libraries.

That needs the following points:—for township IPRDs to cooperate with township Peace and Development Councils in conducting courses for librarians from village librarians, to collect the list of librarians, who will attend the courses, in cooperation with officials of respective villages, and village library committees concerned, for the departments related to rural development to disseminate knowledge of libraries in cooperation with course instructors and Township PDCs, for township IPRDs to form committees for organizing in-service courses to inspect the courses, and to award outstanding trainees, to train trainees to know library works of the township IPRD office, to organize courses in consistence with the directives of Self-reliant Village Library Manual published by IPRD (Head Office), to give assistance and advice to expedite the tasks of trained librarians once every three or six months and for township IPRDs to report work progress to division/district headquarters.

In particular, it is needed to sharpen the skills of the librarians of village libraries in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Information. In that regard, IPRD staff need to collect the list of the villages that have yet to meet the standards, under the aegis of the Rural Library Foundation concerned in cooperation with local authorities.

Let's work in concert to bring about skilled librarians.

Translation: MS

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Minister looks into training schools, lake in Ayeyawady Div

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—To uplift livelihoods of the local women, the Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs is conducting the Advanced Tailoring Special Course No. 2 and the Basic Vocation Special Course No. 4 in Labutta on 9 May.

Minister for PBANRDA U Thein

Nyunt viewed practical works of the trainees.

At Carpenter, Masonry and Steel Fixing Training School in 3rd-Mile Satellite Town of Labutta, the minister looked into works of trainees.

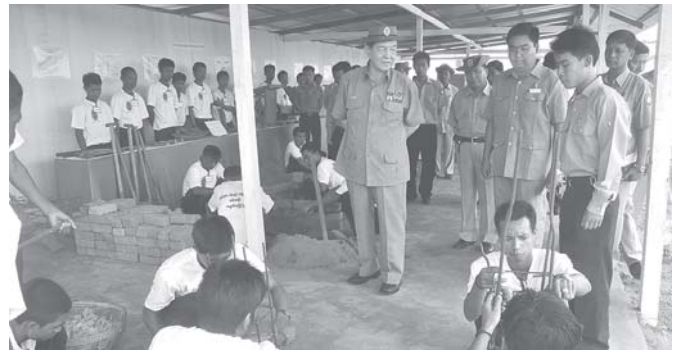
Similar training courses are being conducted in Pyapon, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun and Labutta Townships.

The minister

inspected construction of gravel-filled retaining walls for 66-acre lake being undertaken by Development Affairs Department, building of 180 feet long, 12 feet wide and 12 feet high jetty in 3rd-Mile Satellite Town and dredging of lakes.

On completion, the 66-acre lake can store 206 million gallons of water to supply water to residents of Labutta.

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PBANRDA Minister U Thein Nyunt inspects practical works of trainees from No. 4 course for carpenter, masonry and steel fixing in Labutta Township.—MNA

Local authorities, departments, wellwishers manage supply of drinking water to people in Yangon and Bago Divs, Shan States (North) and (South)



Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee sinking tube-well with contributions of local authorities and wellwisher.—DAD

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Due to abnormal levels of heat, lakes were dried up in Yangon Division, and local people are facing shortage of drinking water. Local authorities, Kyauktan Township Development Affairs Committee, social organizations and wellwishers supplied water to the local people of six wards in Kyauktan with the use of six water bowers.

Residents of Bago, Waw, Thanatpin and Kawa townships are facing water scarcity. Under the supervision of Bago Division DAC, the local authorities, Township DAC, social organizations and wellwishers donated drinking water to the local people.

A total of 12,000 gallons of drinking water from Mingala Lake of Waw Township DAC

was supplied to 2,683 households of 23 villages in Waw Township from 5 to 8 May.

As of 24 April, drinking water has been supplied to nine villages of Thanatpin Township. On 6 May, six private water bowers supplied water to the local people.

Bago Township DAC managed to supply 26,400 gallons of drinking water from tube-wells of Bago Township DAC, Mazin Dam and private wells to five villages of Bago Township, four villages of Thanatpin Township, two villages of Waw Township and one village of Kawa Township with the use of five water bowers from 8 to 12 May.

Lakes, wells and artisan wells were dried out in Inma region of Thegon Township. The local people face shortage of water. Under

the supervision of Bago Division (West) DAC, Thegon Township DAC is joining hands with the local authorities and social organizations in supplying drinking water to the local people.

Yesterday, Thegon Township DAC supplied water to 1331 houses of villages by water bower. The committee pumped water from the artisan wells to supply it to the local people.

Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee is providing 2.7 million gallons of water from water resources, namely Yaykantaung lakes, Myotwam spring, Humon dam, Kaukawe dam and Namtkhike spring to the people of 12 wards in Lashio daily. The committee is tapping underground water at the urban wards with the contribution of local authorities and

MH issues notifications on steps to be taken against high temperatures

People urged to pay serious heed to the notifications

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Some people in Magway and Mandalay Divisions were hospitalized due to high temperatures, which also caused loss of lives.

Altogether 11 people in wards and villages in Taungdwingyi, Magway Division, received treatments at Taungdwingyi Township People's Hospital till 12 May. Of them, seven—one in 3 May, one in 4 May, one in 5 May, three

in 7 May and one in 10

May—were dead. The remaining four are under treatment.

In NyaungU Township of Mandalay Division, 14 people fell ill and sick due to excessive heat and are being admitted to NyaungU District People's Hospital where they are being provided with medical attention by medical superintendent, doctors and nurses. There is no loss of life.

Ministry of Health has issued notifications on absolute steps to be taken against the impact of high temperature through TV, radio, newspapers and journals on a daily basis. But, there were unnecessary losses of lives as some failed to follow the notifications. Thus, the authorities concerned have reminded the people to pay serious heed to the notifications.

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wellwishers in order to meet the previous water consumption as only 2.1 million gallons of water have been distributed to the people daily due to decrease in water output under intense heat.

Thanks to efforts of the committee, 5,000 people of 1,000 houses residing in four wards enjoyed water sufficiency as new tube well emerged – a four-inch tube well with the water output rate of 1,000 gallons per hour on Layinkwin street in Ward-12, a four-inch tube well with the water output rate of 2,000 gallons per hour on Yadana street in Ward-11, a four-inch tube well with the water output rate of 1,000 gallons per hour on Taingyon street in Ward-10 and a four-inch tube well with the water output rate of 1,500 gallons per hour on Parami street in Ward-1. Similarly, Kalaw Township Development



Water bower supplies water to local people of Ward 6 in Kyauktan.—DAD

Affairs Committee of Shan State (South) is supplying 0.14 million gallons of water from Yayaye Lake to Ward Nos 3, 4, 5, 10 and 0.12 million gallons of water from Innpyin spring to Ward Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 40,000 gallons of water from Thatthwin spring to Ward Nos 8, 9, 10 daily. Thus 0.28 million gallons of water are being provided to Kalaw. The committee in cooperation with the wellwishers is distributing water to

Ward Nos 3, 4, 5, 10 by eleven water bowers daily as Yayaye Lake can provide only 50,000 gallons of water under intense heat and water shortage.

Likewise, 100,000 gallons of water from Ngakyaung-aing dam are being supplied to local people in Aungban. Besides, the township development affairs committee is distributing water to wards facing water scarcity by four water bowers.

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Diplomatic relations established between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji

NAY PYI TAW, 14 May—The Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level effect from 10 May, 2010.

The Joint Communique on the agreement to establish diplo-

matic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Fiji was signed by the Permanent Representative of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations and the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations in New York on 10 May, 2010.

Myanmar has been making efforts to expand diplomatic relations with countries all over the world and the Republic of Fiji has become the 101th country with which Myanmar has established diplomatic relations.

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Strong winds, heavy rains cause loss and damage in some States, Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—In recent days, it was learnt that loss and damage was caused by strong winds and heavy rains in some States and Divisions.

On 9 May, strong winds and heavy rains blew off roofs of 64 houses, two schools and some buildings in Loisawnghtauk Ward, destroyed 34 houses in Wamkan Ward and 15 houses and some buildings in Konmyinthar Ward of Mongshu Township.

On 11 May afternoon, roofs of some houses were blown off, trees broken, lamp-posts fall down and roofs of primary

schools and some building collapsed in Macaokham, Hsamsai (B) and Wamkaung wards of Tachilek due to strong winds and heavy rains.

On 11 May, strong winds blew off roofs of some schools in Bawlake Township.

Yesterday, strong winds blew off roofs of 12 houses, school and some buildings in Kaungton Village of Bhamo Township. Likewise, roofs of houses, school and some buildings were blown off by strong winds and heavy rains in Pyingyi, Upper Kwinhla, Kyartaik, and Ywathahla villages of Padaung Township yesterday afternoon.

Strong winds and heavy rains destroyed roofs of some houses and buildings in Ward 3 of Hsinpaungwe yesterday evening.

Strong winds and heavy rains usually occur in some regions during this period. Departments reminded that the people are to take care of dangers of strong winds and heavy rains so as to avoid loss and damage and to take preventive and preparedness measures against natural disasters.

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Union Election Commission Meeting 30/2010 held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—The meeting 30/2010 of the Union Election Commission was held at the meeting hall of the office of the Union Election Commission, here, this morning, attended by Chairman of Union Election

Commission U Thein Soe and all commission members.

First, Chair-man of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe made an opening address. Next, applications for political parties registration were

scrutinized and matters on elections were discussed at the meeting.

The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the commission chairman.

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Chairman of Union Election Commission U Thein Soe speaking at UEC Meeting 30/2010.

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RECEPTION HELD: The reception to mark the European Union Day was held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 13 May evening. Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aye Myint Kyu is being welcomed by Ambassador of EU to the Union of Myanmar Mr David Lipman at the reception.—MNA



7th SEA U-18 Men's Basketball Championship 5-9 July

YANGON, 13 May—A press meet on hosting 7th SEA U-18 Men's Basketball Championship 2010, organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Basketball Federation under the supervision of Myanmar Olympic Committee, at Western Parkroyal at Kandawgyi Park, here, this morning.

Vice-President of the federation U Myint Thein made an opening address, and Secretary U Maung

Maung Myint explained facts about the championship.

Joint-Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw Win also explained the fund-raising matter. Officials replied to the queries raised by journalists.

Athletes from Myanmar, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Laos will take part in the championship to be held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna from 5 to 9 July.—MNA



COURTESY CALL: General Manager Mr. Chong Wai Yen and party of Carrier Singapore (Pte) Limited of Singapore called on Deputy Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung at his office on 13 May morning. Photo shows Deputy Minister U Nyan Tun Aung receiving Singaporean guests.—MNA

Angola records eight million mobilephone users

LUANDA, 13 May— The number of mobile-phone users in Angola has mushroomed from 30 to some 8 million after the market liberalization in the 1990s, the Director of Angola's Telecommunications Pedro Mendes de Carvalho said here on Monday.

The growth of mobile subscribers, in particular, fits the government's goals which is intended to offer services of good quality, good price and benefiting

all regions of the country, the official told reporters on the sidelines of a meeting of experts of telecommunications, mail and information technology and communication from the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Angola's official Angop news agency reported.

Pedro de Carvalho expressed optimism that the event, which precede a meeting of SADC ministers, addresses stra-

tegies that will lead to the positive impacts on the lives of citizens in the region in terms of telecommunications.

He said Angola would make proposals on the technological development and innovation from analog to digital television and communications, the protection of the consumers' rights who use the telecommunication services in Angola and elsewhere in the region.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 May, 2010 shows the natural beauty of Sand Lake in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Sand Lake is one of the best places for bird watching in China. Nearly 200 species and over one million birds inhabit in the area. Every spring and autumn, over one million birds stop at Sand Lake.

INTERNET

Singapore enhances public sector infocomm projects

SINGAPORE, 13 May— Singapore has lined up about 350 new infocomm projects for the public sector this financial year, local media reported on Tuesday.

According to the TV broadcaster Channel News Asia, the projects to be tendered will be worth 1.1 billion Singapore dollars (799.37 million US dollars).

Some of the projects include the redevelopment of the eCitizen Portal to facilitate individuals and business to receive correspondences from government agencies, and the enhancement of business intelligence capabilities to analyze information through the use of business analytics tools.

Singapore's Infocomm Development Authority (IDA), the agency in charge of IT for the government, said that the actual infocomm tenders in the last financial year added up to about 1.2 billion Singapore dollars (872.04 million US dollars).

Xinhua

Five dead as tornadoes rip through southern plains

NORMAN, 13 May— Tornadoes ripped through the Southern Plains on Monday as storms that killed five people and injured dozens more blew cars off highways, toppled homes and sent baseball-size hail crashing through windshields.

Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management spokesman Jerry Lojka said two people

were killed in Oklahoma City and three were killed in Cleveland County, south of the city. Oklahoma City officials said the fatalities there involved a young boy who was hit by debris in his home and a man whose recreational vehicle flipped over on top of him. Details on the Cleveland County deaths weren't immediately available.

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Residents Ryshelle, left, and Ivanhoe Coleman, center, walk with their daughter Rikki, right, through what is left of Prairie Creek Village, a mobile home community in Slaughterville, Okla., after a tornado struck the area on, 10 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Fabulous hand-painting art of India



Medical institutions to ban smoking

BEIJING, 13 May — From January next year, China is expected to ban smoking in all indoor public places including offices and in public vehicles. It's great news for non-smokers who are sick of inhaling second hand smoke.

The Ministry of Health said at least half of the country's medical institutions and health administrations will take the lead to become smoke-free zones by the end of this year.

The Ministry has also encouraged civil servants to quit smoking. For those who can kick the habit for a year, they'll receive a 500 yuan bonus. But, for those who violate the indoor smoking ban, the Ministry says they will face punishment.

Xinhua

BEIJING, 12 May— Along the streets and lanes in most of Indian cities, stalls of hand-painting art are always a common but unique scene for tourists. A piece of plastic cloth and several conoid pigment containers are the only tools the artists need.

Xinhua

US man found dead in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 13 May— US officials confirmed Monday that an American citizen was found dead in northern Mexico.

The US Embassy said the body of Ronald C. Ryan was recovered in Sonora state, across from Arizona, but gave no other details.

Jose Larrinaga, spokesman for Sonora state prosecutors, told reporters Sunday that Ryan's body was found the previous day partially buried near a creek on the outskirts of Santa Ana, a city 60 miles south of Nogales, Arizona. A cause of death had not been determined and the body was taken to the border city of Nogales, Mexico, for an autopsy, he said.

Larrinaga said Ryan, 67, of Phoenix, Arizona, had been reported missing 3 May.

State police had reported detaining three men the following day who had left Ryan's pickup truck at a carwash in Santa Ana. Officers seized several automatic rifles, dozens of bullets and marijuana from the men, ages 18, 20 and 21, state police said.

Local media said two of the men are the son and a nephew of Jose Vasquez Villagrana, an alleged key operator of the Sinaloa cartel who was arrested in February.—Internet

China helps Cuba modernize earthquake warning system

HAVANA, 13 May— China has donated modern seismic equipment to Cuba to help the nation upgrade its earthquake warning system, the Cuban government said Monday.

Vladimir Moreno, director of the National Earthquake Research Center (CENAI), said the donation includes highly sensitive seismometers, accelerometers, radio facilities for voice communications and mobile stations for earthquake engineering studies.

Moreno said he was expecting the arrival of Chinese specialists to install the equipment.

Renewal of the screening and monitoring services could ensure real-time transmitting of alert signals through an interconnected

system of seismic stations, Moreno said.

Cuba would "have modern technology which could provide faster and better information before the occurrence of earthquakes," Moreno said.

CENAI, the governing body of Cuba's seismological research, is responsible for monitoring seismic activities across the island.

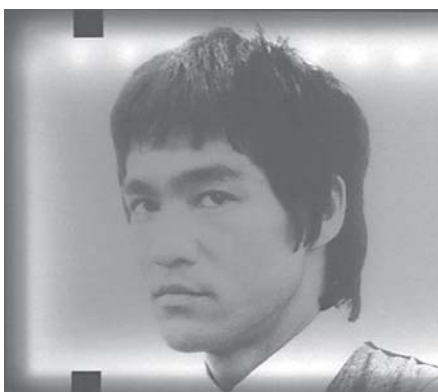
Cuba is located in a region that has several fault systems that produce about 2,000 mostly minor seismic events a year. A 5.6 magnitude earthquake occurred near Guantanamo, Cuba, on March 20 but caused no reported casualties or significant damage.

Xinhua

Bruce Lee biopic to be shot in June

BEIJING, 13 May — A biopic about Bruce Lee will mark the 70th anniversary of the late action hero's birth on November 27 of this year, M1905.com reports.

Filming of "Bruce Lee" is expected to begin at the end of next month, the report says. It is slated for release before 27 November. The film will tell Bruce Lee's pre-stardom story. Hong Kong-based singer-turned-actor Aarif Lee will play young Bruce. Aarif Lee was named Best Newcomer at this year's Hong Kong Film



A file photo of Bruce Lee.—INTERNET

Awards in April for his performance in the family drama "Echoes of the Rainbow".—Internet

Philip Morris forced to incinerate 20 million cigarettes in Finland

HELSINKI, 13 May—Tobacco company Philip Morris was forced to destroy 20 million cigarettes because of a new law requiring that all cigarettes sold in the country be self-extinguishing, local media reported on Thursday.

According to the report, 20 million cigarettes were burned under the supervision of Finnish Customs in Riihimäki, some 70 kilometers north of Helsinki. The cigarettes

had a retail value of five million euros (6.35 million US dollars).

Philip Morris Finland said the incineration resulted in a significant financial loss for the company. From April 1, 2010, Finland became the first country in Europe to require the self-extinguishing standard. Cigarettes that fails the new standard were banned thereafter.

Xinhua

International students on rise in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 13 May—The number of international students in New Zealand is on the rise for the first time in six years, showed latest official figures.

Education New Zealand figures, released on Tuesday, showed 93,500 fee-paying foreign students in New Zealand in 2009, up from 88,570 in 2008 but well down on the 121,190 students in 2003, The Press reported on Wednesday.

Education New Zealand chief executive Robert Stevens said people tended to stay in education longer or enter tertiary education in tough economic times. The organization had also carried out intensive marketing last year in China, India, Vietnam, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia, North America, Brazil, and Germany.—Xinhua

Russian bombers spend 12 hours over the Pacific

Moscow, 13 May—Two Russian long-range bombers Tu-95MC completed their patrol mission that lasted 12 hours, Interfax news agency reported on Wednesday.

The bombers were patrolling the neutral airspace over the Pacific ocean and Sea of Japan as a part of routine air forces activity.

"Russian bombers were followed by Japanese and South Korean fighters F-2, F-15 and F-16," a Russian Defence Ministry spokesman told the Interfax news agency.

The strategic bombers were also joined by two Russian multipurpose fighters Su-27.—Xinhua



A Qiang ethnic woman does her stitchwork at Mao'ershi Village of Leigu Town in Beichuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 7 May, 2010. The art of Qiang folk stitchwork, which once faced danger of disappearance in Wenchuan Earthquake 2008, find its renaissance after two years works of protection.

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.

Dialing for trouble

A 43-year-old man in Xianyang, Shaanxi Province was arrested last week for sneaking 1,800 yuan (264 US dollars) worth of phone calls at a neighbouring company's expense in order to call his teenage Internet girlfriend.

The man, surnamed 'Zhang,' had fallen in love with a high school

girl via a networking site.

The two called each other so often that Zhang couldn't afford the increasingly expensive phone bills, so in order to keep the tele-romance alive he strung a phone line from the manager's office of a neighbouring company, 'Xi'an Tianyu Concrete, to his room.

Man makes up robbery to get ride home

The Charles County sheriff's office said a man called 911 and made up a story about being robbed so that he could get a ride home. Authorities said they were called to Hawthorne Road near Manor Drive in Ripley for a reported armed robbery on Thursday. The man

told officers that he had been walking on Route 225 when a car stopped and a someone put a gun to his head and demanded money. The man claimed to have complied and the suspects fled.

But as officers searched the area and noticed inconsistencies in

his account, the man admitted fabricating the robbery story because he wanted a ride home.

He said his cell phone was out of minutes and 911 was the only number he could still call.

Officials say charges against the man are pending.



New Orleans Ritz Carlton hotel staff member Daisye Suduran shows human hair that has been stuffed into nylon stockings on May 8. The plan is to use the hair to help soak up the oil that has begun to wash ashore on the US Gulf Coast.

News Album

Thieves abandon Malaysian top cop's car; say sorry

Malaysian police have recovered a car stolen from a top officer with a note from the thieves inside saying, "Sorry police, wrong target." Police officer Arjunaidi Mohamed said the car belonging to the police chief of central Selangor state was found Saturday in a parking space on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. On its dashboard was the handwritten note.

Arjunaidi said on Sunday that only the door lock on the Proton Perdana was damaged.

The car, which did not have a police logo, was stolen on Thursday near a restaurant where the police chief's driver had stopped to have breakfast.

Peru moms celebrate their day in the boxing ring

Forget brunch. Sports promoters in a Peruvian city are honouring its mothers by inviting them to slip on gloves and head protectors and try to punch each others' lights out.

Sunday's Mothers Day bouts took place in a grassy, makeshift ring in Huancaayo, at 10,500 feet (3,200 metres) above sea level.

Ten women took a day off from farm work to spar in three-round bouts while clad in "polleras," the colourful, embroidered skirts typical of the Andean region.

Some were knocked down by powerful blows, but quickly got back up.

Promoters said the success of Peruvian boxer Kina Malpartida, the current world super flyweight champion, is inspiring women in Junin state to take up the sport.

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Woman killed in attack by giraffe

EDINBURGH, 13 May—A woman has been kicked to death by a giraffe at a game farm in north-eastern South Africa. It was reported yesterday that the woman took a walk with her two dogs on the game farm in Limpopo Province and one of the dogs ran towards a herd of giraffe, scaring them. The 25-year-old woman tried to protect the dog, prompting a giraffe to kick her in the neck, killing her.

Internet

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG SAO TONG VOY NO (129) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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The home was destroyed after it was engulfed by the giant sinkhole.—INTERNET

Family killed as home swallowed up by giant sinkhole in Quebec

OTTAWA, 13 May — The earth opened up and swallowed a family of four in their home in Canada as they watched ice hockey on TV. The bodies of Richard and Lynn Prefontaine and their daughters, Amelie, 11, and Anais, 9, were found in the basement of their two-storey house in Saint-Jude, Quebec. Only the green roof of the property was visible after the disaster. The family's golden retriever, Foxy, was found safe outside tethered to a tree in the mud.

"After digging and going through the rubble we found the four victims," said Michael Dore, Quebec's emergency management co-ordinator. "They were very close to one another, some of them lying on the couch in the family room in the basement."

The giant sinkhole was caused by a landslide on Monday in the farming town of 1,000, about 50 miles northwest of Montreal. It ate up three cars, a stretch of concrete road and most of the Prefontaines' house on a cliff over a tributary of the Yamaska River.—Internet

Sugar drops 'ease baby jab pain'

TORONTO, 13 May — Babies should be given something sugary before a jab to reduce pain, Canadian researchers say. Experts at the University

of Toronto say newborns are less likely to cry if given a few drops of a sugar solution before immunization. Data based on 1,000 injections suggests infants given a glucose solution are 20% less likely to cry following a jab. The research, published in *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, is based on clinical data from 14 studies.

A team led by Dr Arne Ohlsson, of the University of Toronto, looked at data from clinical trials in babies up to a year old. As

well as the findings related to glucose, the researchers found that between a few drops of sucrose and glucose also led to a small reduction in the amount of time a baby spent crying. The Canadian researchers, who worked in collaboration with colleagues in Australia and Brazil, concluded: "Healthcare professionals should consider using sucrose or glucose before and during immunization."

Internet



Sugary solutions reduced crying time, the researchers said. INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BUNGA MAS12 VOY NO (106)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BUNGA MAS 12 VOY NO (106) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.5.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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British unemployment rate remains at 8% in three months to March

LONDON, 13 May—The unemployment rate in Britain for the three months to last March remained at 8.0 percent, but still the highest level since the three months to September 1996, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported on Wednesday.

The report showed that the number of unemployed people in Britain increased by

53,000 in the three months to March over the previous quarter to 2.51 million, the highest figure since the three months to December 1994. The number of people unemployed for more than twelve months also increased by 94,000 over the quarter and reached to 757,000, the highest since the three months to May 1997. However, the number of

people unemployed for up to six months fell by 52,000 to 1.21 million in the three months to March.

The UK employment rate for the three months to March 2010 was 72.0 percent, down by 0.3 percentage points over the previous quarter and it has not been lower since the three months to September 1996.

Xinhua



Visitors watch Chinese farmers paintings in the Romanian Peasant Museum in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 11 May, 2010. About 50 paintings reflecting the life of Chinese farmers are displayed here at the exhibition jointly organized by Chinese Embassy in Romania and the Romanian Peasant Museum.—XINHUA

Egypt detains NY passenger with guns in luggage

CAIRO, 13 May—Police detained an American-Egyptian man who arrived in Cairo on a flight from New York with firearms in his luggage, airport officials said Wednesday.

The officials said the man was taken into custody as he tried to pass through customs with a metal box containing two 9 mm handguns, 250 bullets, several swords, daggers and knives.

The box had been checked and the contents were discovered during a routine inspection upon arrival on an Egypt Air

flight from New York's JFK International Airport in Cairo, according to the officials. They said customs inspectors were then alerted and the man was detained.

He was only identified as a botany teacher.

The US Transportation Security Administration confirmed the man had two firearms in the suitcase and ammunition.

The agency said in a statement on Wednesday that transporting firearms in checked

baggage within the US is permitted if declared to the airline, but noted that other countries have different laws on the transportation and possession of firearms.

A police official confirmed the man was questioned by agents of the State Security Apparatus and the case had been turned over to prosecutors for further investigation.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

Xinhua

Greek cargo ship with 24 crew members seized by Somali pirates

ATHENS, 13 May—Somali pirates seized on Wednesday morning a Greek cargo ship sailing with Liberian flag in the Gulf of Aden, the Greek Coast Guard said on Wednesday.

The ship, Eleni P, with a 24 member crew aboard, was sailing from Ukraine to China carrying iron, according to unconfirmed sources.

The cargo ship reportedly belongs to the Greek company Eurobulk and has Greek and Philippine seamen on board.—Xinhua

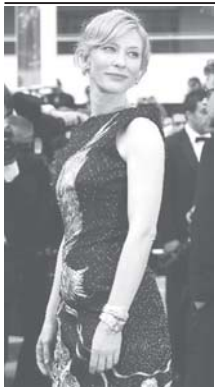
Somali pirates hijack Bulgarian chemical tanker

NAIROBI, 13 May—Somali pirates have hijacked a Bulgarian chemical tanker carrying a crew of 15, all Bulgarians, in the pirate-infested Gulf of Aden, the European Union Naval Force said on Wednesday.

The naval force said in a statement that the Bulgarian-flagged tanker, the MV Panega, was seized about 100 nautical miles east of Aden, Yemen, en route from the Red Sea to India.

"As long as the pirates are on board of the ship, we are just monitoring the situation," said Anders Kallin, a Swedish navy commander for the EU naval force. He said he had no reason to believe that anyone had been hurt.

The force's Operation Atalanta focuses on escorting merchant vessels carrying humanitarian aid for the World Food Programme and those of the African Union Mission in Somalia, protecting vessels in the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean, and deterring and disrupting piracy.—Xinhua



Australian actress and cast member of film "Robin Hood" Cate Blanchett arrives for the opening ceremony and screening of "Robin Hood" presented out of competition at the 63rd Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France, on 12 May, 2010.

XINHUA

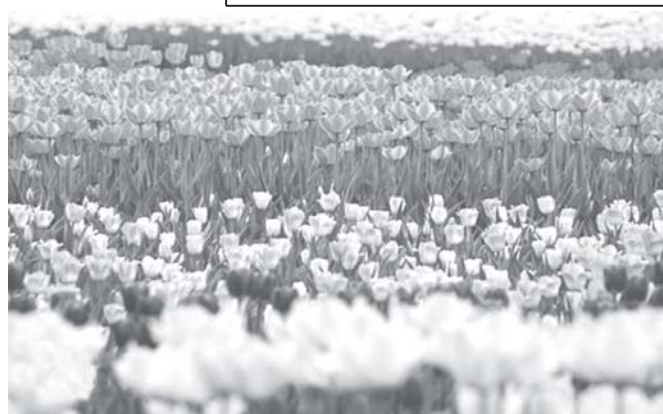
Photo shows the Dutch child who survived a plane crash being treated at a hospital in Tripoli. A Libyan airliner arriving from South Africa disintegrated on landing at Tripoli airport, killing 103 people but leaving the child as the sole miracle survivor, officials said.

INTERNET



Flowers including peach blossoms, winter jasmine and magnolias are in full bloom in the Beijing Botanical Garden, located in the western part of the capital.

XINHUA



Four people killed in Macedonia shootout

SKOPJE, 13 May—Four people have been killed in a shootout in a northern Macedonian village in the early hours of Wednesday morning, police said.

Police spokesman Ivo Kotevski said that police forces exchanged fires with an armed group

near the village of Radusa on Macedonia's border with Kosovo at about three o'clock in the morning.

He said police tried to stop a van under suspicion near the village about 10 kilometres north of the capital of Skopje. The

van refused to stop and the people inside the car started to shoot at police.

Police returned fire and killed four men. A large amount of weapons and explosives were found in the van. No police casualties were reported.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Celtics stun Cavs, take 3-2 lead in series

CLEVELAND, 13 May — His team down by 27 points and a promising season suddenly in peril, LeBron James walked off the floor to a smattering of boos and rows of empty seats.

If this was goodbye Cleveland, it wasn't the send-off he imagined.

The Boston Celtics have pushed the two-time MVP and the Cavaliers dangerously close to an early start to the Summer of LeBron.

Ray Allen scored 25 points, Rajon Rondo scored all of his 16 in the second half and the Celtics, once thought too old to challenge for another title, beat James and the Cavs 120-88 in Game

5 on Tuesday night to move within one win of knocking the league's top team from the playoffs.

Internet



Boston Celtics' Ray Allen goes up for a shot against Cleveland Cavaliers' Delonte West (13) in the second.
INTERNET

Lyon close on Champions League place

PARIS, 13 May — Lyon took a big step towards Champions League qualification for next season by beating Monaco 3-0 on Wednesday.

Goals either side of half-time from Miralem Pjanic and Bafetimbi Gomis and a late strike by Lisandro Lopez secured a comfortable victory for Claude Puel's side over the beaten French Cup finalists. Lyon, who lost to Bayern Munich in the semi-finals of this season's Champions League, are now third in the table, a point behind second-placed Lille and a point above Auxerre.

With the top three qualifying for the Champions League, Lyon can make sure of a place in Europe's top club competition with victory at home to already-relegated Le Mans on the season's final day on Saturday. "It was a

good match. It had everything — good control, two lovely goals and opportunities that we could have taken," said Puel. —Internet



Lyon's Argentinian forward Lisandro Lopez (L) vies with Monaco's Nigerian forward Moussa Mazou during their French L1 football match at the Gerland. —INTERNET

Nadal, Murray pleased after opening Madrid tennis wins

MADRID, 13 May — Former champions Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray both booked their passage



This multiexposure image shows Spanish Rafael Nadal serving to Ukrainian Oleksandr Dolgoplov during their match of the Madrid Masters. Nadal won 6-4, 6-3. —INTERNET

to the third round of the Madrid Masters on Wednesday as the countdown to Roland Garros began to heat up. Nadal took the first step towards a third clay title this season by defeating Ukrainian qualifier Oleksandr Dolgoplov 6-4, 6-3.

Murray, seeded third and desperate to start turning a so-so season on clay, beat Juan Ignacio Chela for the fourth time in a row, earning a 6-3, 6-3 opening victory after a bye in the first round. —Internet

Atletico wins Europa League

HAMBURG, 13 May — Diego Forlan scored his second goal of the game with four minutes remaining in overtime, giving Atletico Madrid a 2-1 victory over Fulham on Wednesday night in the first Europa League final.

Clint Dempsey became the first American to play in a European club soccer final when he entered in the 55 minute in place of Bobby Zamora. A day earlier, the 27-year-old from Nacogdoches, Texas, was selected for the 30-man preliminary US World Cup roster.

Forlan put Atletico ahead in the 32 minute when he redirected a mis-hit shot by teammate Sergio Aguero, but Simon Davies tied the score five minutes later with a right-footed volley.

Fulham, a small London club, was trying for the first major trophy in its 131-year history. Its only

previous major final was a 2-0 loss to London neighbour West Ham in the 1975 FA Cup.

Internet



Fulham's Clint Dempsey, left, and Atletico's Alvaro Dominguez, right, challenge for the ball during the soccer Europa League final between Atletico Madrid and FC Fulham in the arena in Hamburg, Germany, on Wednesday, 12 May, 2010.

INTERNET

Maradona omits Zanetti and Cambiasso

BUENOS AIRES, 13 May — Inter Milan pair Javier Zanetti and Esteban Cambiasso will not feature at the 2010 World Cup after they were left out of coach Diego Maradona's provisional 30-man squad on Wednesday.

Right-back Zanetti and holding midfielder Cambiasso have played key roles in Inter's run to the Champions League final this season and both have been important figures for Argentina in the past. Former captain Zanetti has won 136 caps, while 44-cap Cambiasso scored a memorable goal

Hosts S Africa add Fransman to World Cup squad

JOHANNESBURG, 13 May — Hosts South Africa on Wednesday added Israel-based defender Bevan Fransman to a preliminary World Cup squad they named last month.

There are no other changes to the original 29-strong list released by Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira 13 days ago for the 11 June -11 July tournament.

Fransman, a tall, 26-year-old native of Cape Town who plays for Maccabi Netanya, owes his call-up to an injury which ruled out Morgan Gould from champions SuperSport United.

Gould has been sidelined since February and Parreira said the South African Premiership star would not be ready for a challenging Group A schedule against Mexico, Uruguay and

France. Coach of the 1994 Brazil World Cup-winning team, Parreira has five central defenders and one is likely to drop out by 1 June when the 32 qualifiers must cut their squads to 23 players. —Internet



South African national football team coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, seen here on 15 April. Hosts South Africa added Israel-based defender Bevan Fransman to a preliminary World Cup squad they named last month. —INTERNET



Inter Milan's Argentinian midfielder Esteban Cambiasso, seen here on 2 May, will not feature at the 2010 World Cup after they were left out of coach Diego Maradona's provisional 30-man squad on Wednesday. —INTERNET

for Argentina against Serbia and Montenegro at the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Real Madrid midfielder Fernando Gago, Barcelona centre-back Gabriel Milito and Marseille playmaker Lucho Gonzalez were also overlooked, but the squad remains full of talent, including current European Player of the Year Lionel Messi and Gago's Real teammate Gonzalo Higuain.

Internet

Woods says he has inflammation of neck joint

ORLANDO, 13 May — Tiger Woods said tests on Wednesday showed an inflamed neck joint that causes pain and makes it hard to turn his head, an injury that will require little more than medicine, massages and rest.

Woods had an MRI that revealed inflammation in a facet joint of his neck. He said on his website that when facet joints are inflamed, it causes pain in the area along with headaches and difficulty rotating the head.

He withdrew from the final round of The Players Championship on Sunday

after a week in which he was seen stretching and rolling his neck.

Internet



Tiger Woods looks down after putting on the third green during the final round of The Players Championship golf tournament on Sunday. —INTERNET

Pacquiao ready to fight Mayweather after vote win

MANILA, 13 May — World boxing champion Manny Pacquiao said on Wednesday he was finally ready to fight Floyd Mayweather for the last professional bout of his career and potentially the richest in history.

Pacquiao made the announcement about the potential Mayweather clash, which US promoter Bob Arum said could take place on November 13 in Texas or Las Vegas, after winning a seat in the Philippine parliament. —Internet



World boxing champion Manny Pacquiao, pictured, has announced that he was ready to fight Floyd Mayweather.

INTERNET



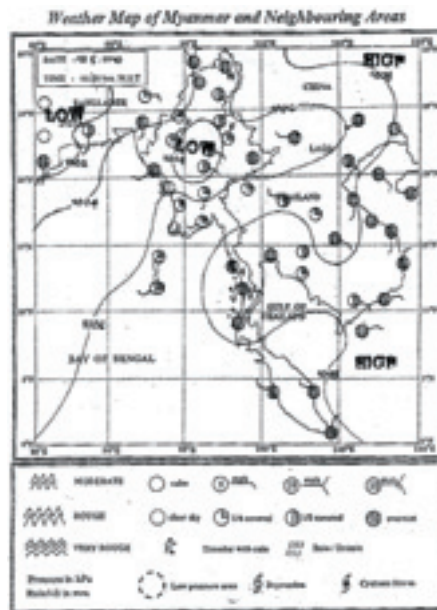
An exhibitor demonstrates a remote-controlled helicopter model at the 9th China Model Exposition in Beijing on 30 April, 2010. Some 300 international enterprises in model industry from more than 20 countries and regions attended the four-day fair showing their different models. —XINHUA

Iraqi officials: seven killed in Sadr City bombing

BAGHDAD, 13 May — A bomb in a parked car ripped through a Sadr City neighbourhood on Wednesday evening, killing seven young people who had gathered at a nearby cafe to drink tea and play dominoes, Iraqi officials said.

The attack comes just days after a string of shootings and bombings convulsed the country in Iraq's worst violence so far this year. The violence appears designed to stir up sectarian tensions at a time when Iraq still has no new government after inconclusive parliamentary elections and as US troops prepare to go home.

Police and hospital officials said the blast took place near a popular cafe where young people were gathered. —Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 13th 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 and Taninthayi Division isolated in Shan and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (5°C) above May average temperatures in Chin Rakhine and Eastern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) to (8°C) above May average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Myinmu (47.0°C) Myingyan (46.5°C), Monywa (45.7°C), Magway (45.5°C), Mandalay (45.0°C) and NyaungU (44.8°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.59) inch, Putao (0.55) inch, Thayawady (0.43) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.31°C) and Dawei (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2010 was 108°F. Minimum temperature on 13-5-2010 was 83°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-5-2010 was 62%. Total sun shine hours on 12-5-2010 was (10.2) hours.

Rainfall on 13-5-2010 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 (8) m.p.h from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 12-5-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th May 2010: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-5-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (14-5-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (14-5-10 09:30 am ~ 15-5-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprints"
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar "Dusit Inya Lake Hotel"
- * News
- * Topic On Journal "Alaungkaw Kathapa National Garden"

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening

- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprints"
- * Beach Resort of Chaung Tha
- * News
- * Valuable Lacquerware Arts
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Yangon International Airport
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (The Shwedagon Pagoda)"
- * News
- * Documentary "Shrinking Footprints"
- * The Art of Paper Folding "Origami"
- * News
- * Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Myanmar Movies "The Great Expectation"



Friday, 14 May View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- မိုးရာဇာလက်ကစားနည်း

8:10 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- Song of National Races

8:25 am

- မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

8:40 am

- International News

8:45 am

- The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies

3:45 pm

- AFC President's (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်သရုပ်ဖော်မှု အစီအစဉ် (FC Valkhsk (TJK) အသင်းနှင့် Nagacorp (CAM) အသင်း)

5:45pm

- Musical Programme

6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:15 pm

- Weather Report

6:20 pm

- ရသလင်အင်တာနက်ဥယျာဉ်

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆူးလွမ်းသောချစ်နှင်းဆီ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

- News
- International News
- Weather Report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅) (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- သီချင်းချစ်သူ (ကေကေတီ)



- ★ 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

Local authorities, departments, wellwishers donate drinking water to some regions of Ayeyawady Div, Rakhine and Mon States facing shortage of water

NAY PYI TAW, 13 May—Under the management of the government, the local authorities, departments concerned, non-governmental organizations and local people are making concerted efforts for supply of sufficient water to the residents of the regions facing shortage of water.

Myint Myat Alin group and North Monastery Sayadaw of Pyinkhayaing Village joined hands in supplying 25,000 gallons of drinking water with the use of small trucks, motorboats and trawlers to Phonedawpyay, Chaungwa, Pyaingkhayaing, Alethaung, Thayachaung, Phonesoegy, Ottwin, Kyaukkalal, Didugon, Phayahla, Yegyaw and Kyonku villages of Ngapudaw Township as of 28 April. They also donated 1500 gallons of drinking water to Magyibin, Thongwa, Ahtetpyun and Aukpyun villages in Ngapudaw Township with the use of trawlers yesterday.

The social organizations in Pathein donated 2000 gallons of drinking water to the households on Ohnmadanti 1st, 2nd and 16th streets in Ward 14 of Pathein and Panhset Road yesterday. Beginning 10 May, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism managed supply of drinking water to the people of Pyapon with the use of 2600-gallon-capacity water tankers four times a day.

Wellwishers and members of Thandwe Town-

ship Union Solidarity and Development Association donated drinking water to residents of Dwarawady Ward 3, 4, 6, and 7, Mazin and Kyunpauk villages of Thandwe Township by water bowers daily.

Wellwishers and departments supply water from Wapa Dam to the people of Theingon, Nankhe, Aukkyin and Leikkyin wards of Thaton. A total of 22,680 gallons of water were supplied to the people with the use of 36 trucks yesterday. Wellwishers also donated 20,500 gallons of drinking water to residents of extended ward, Kanthaya, Yedagasu and Zoktalisu villages of Kyaikto Township yesterday.

Likewise, social organizations, departments and wellwishers supplied 30,000 gallons of water to Kinchaung, Kadonpaw, Wegali and other villages of Mudon Township yesterday. A total of 17,200 gallons of water were supplied to Yangyiaung, Danitaw and Yanmyoang wards of Ye with the use of water tankers. Yesterday, wellwishers of Kalawt Village of Chaungzon Township donated drinking water to the people of Kanyaw, Mudun, Daukyat and Kawmupun villages of Chaungzon Township with the use of 10 small trucks. Similarly, the wellwishers from Ywaluk, Welan, Kalabi, Chaungzon East and West Wards donated drinking water to Nathmaw, Hsebalakwamraik and Tawkana villages of the township.—MNA



New research suggests that children with Williams Syndrome—who have unusually friendly natures because they lack the sense of fear that the rest of us feel in many social situations—lack the proclivity to stereotype others based on their race.—INTERNET

The significant day temperatures

(13-5-2010)

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