**Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits tea plantation in Chin State, calls for expansion of rice, perennial crops**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye visited tea plantation in Dollwin Village in Tiddim Township, Chin State, on 27 May and urged local people to participate in upgrading of roads to transport tea to other regions.

At the meeting with tea farmers at Dollwin Village in the township, he called on them to make efforts for establishment of a tea factory to promote tea business in the region. He also stressed the need for extended cultivation of rice and perennial trees to meet the food sufficiency in the region and also urged departmental officials to render assistance to residents for development of the region.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on arrangements for construction of a tea factory and expansion of paddy and other crops cultivation. Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hong Ngaing reported on arrangements for the region to expand cultivation of crops and maintenance of roads.

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

*Don’t rock the boat, or perpetrators will be driven out*

“The people assume that restoration of community peace and law and order means discharging public security and national defence duties, and that is evidenced by the events that local people are preventing anyone inciting unrest.”

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**A Reader**
Create smoke free environments through public participation

The World Health Organization designates 31 May as the World No Tobacco Day every year. The World No Tobacco Day has been observed in Myanmar since 1989 and talks, paper-reading sessions and workshops on hazards of smoking are held.

Smoking harms smokers themselves and passive smokers. The smoke contains nicotine and substances that can cause lung cancer, liver cancer, oral cancer, cardiovascular disease and hypertension.

Passive smoking may also cause abortion, sudden death of infants under one year and birth of underweight babies. Moreover, passive smoker children may suffer from asthma, inflammation of trachea and lung disease.

In order to prevent from health hazards of smoking, the Control of Smoking and Consumption of Tobacco Product Law was enacted. Public places such as hospitals, clinics, classrooms, playgrounds, motor vehicles for passenger transport, department stores, cinemas and market places are designated as non-smoking areas. Authorities concerned are to take necessary measures so that no one smokes at the non-smoking areas.

Smoking of cigarettes, cheroots, cigars and tobacco pipes or passive smoking is a serious danger to health. The people should refrain from smoking and consumption of tobacco products. By doing so, healthy smoke free environments will be created.

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Pyinnma Township Education Officer U Hla Htoo spoke words of thanks. Also present on the occasion were local authorities, departmental officials and students. —MNA

Vice-President of MWAf Daw Khin Lay Myint presents exercise books and stationery to students. —MNA

Myanmar sailing team to participate in Singapore National 420 Championship

YANGON, 30 May—To participate in the Singapore National 420 Championship to be held in Singapore form 6 to 11 June, Myanmar sailing team led by U Than Sein (Chief Coach, Myanmar Yachting Federation) left here for Singapore this morning.

The male athletes—Nay La Kyaw, Min Min Aung Myin Thu and Sai Pyi Sone Hein—and female athletes—Su Sandar Wai and Khin Nyo Lin—are handled by Mr Collum Mac Donald of England.

The team is participating in the events as a preparation for the XXIV SEA Games. —H

Myanmar sailing team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Singapore.—MVF

Vice-Mayor inspects preventive measures against DHF

YANGON, 30 May—Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa heard reports on measures being taken for prevention of DHF in the townships presented by officials at the office of Thakayta Township Development Affairs Committee this morning. The vice-mayor instructed officials to carry out the preventive measures against DHF in cooperation with the social organizations and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the vice-mayor and party inspected sanitation at drains and looked into educative demonstrations and talks on prevention of DHF being carried out by staff of the Township Health Department and Development Affairs Committee, members of social organizations and local people in the township.

Similarly, preventive measures against DHF were also taken in Insein, Lannmadaw, Latha, Aholon and Sangyoung Townships. —MNA
Japan PM’s support sinks ahead of Upper House poll

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s public support rate has fallen sharply to its lowest level since he took office last September, two newspaper surveys published on Monday showed, increasing chances that his ruling camp could lose its majority in a July Upper House election.

A loss in the July poll would not automatically require Abe to step down, since the more powerful lower chamber chooses the Premier. But it could make him a lame duck and would increase calls to resign, some analysts said.

Only 32 per cent of voters who responded to a weekend survey by Mainichi newspaper backed Abe, down 11 points from April, while a separate poll by the Nikkei business daily put the Prime Minister’s support rate at 41 per cent, down 12 points.

The Mainichi survey also showed that 42 per cent of voters want the main opposition Democratic Party to win the July election, compared with 33 per cent who want Abe’s ruling Liberal Democratic Party to win.

Iran summons Swiss envoy over US “spy networks”

TEHRAN, 29 May — Iran’s Foreign Ministry summoned the Swiss ambassador to Tehran on Sunday to condemn what it said was US backing of spy networks inside the Islamic Republic, the students’ news agency ISNA reported.

“Spy networks, guided by American intelligence services, have recently been discovered in west, south-west and central Iran,” said Sobhani, who delivered Iran’s protest to the Swiss ambassador.

Iran’s strong objection over America and its intelligence services’ hostile interference in Iran’s state matters was conveyed to the ambassador, ISNA quoted Foreign Ministry official Ahmad Sobhani as saying.

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IRAQ attacks kill 10 US soldiers

BAGHDAD, 29 May—Ten US soldiers were killed in attacks in Iraq on Monday, the US military has announced, making May the deadliest month this year for US troops in Iraq.

Two soldiers died in a helicopter crash north of the capital, Baghdad. Six more were killed in the same area when bombs exploded near their vehicles.

A roadside bomb south of Baghdad left two more soldiers dead.

At least 112 soldiers have died this month in Iraq, the highest number of US casualties since December 2006.

One hundred and thirteen US troops were killed then, according to figures from the US Department of Defence.

The troops’ deaths coincided with Memorial Day, a US holiday that commemorates fallen soldiers.

The helicopter crashed in Diyala province, north of the Iraqi capital.

“There was ground fire involved but we don’t know how the helicopter went down,” a US military spokesman said.

Six other soldiers died and three were wounded in roadside blasts as they conducted operations in Diyala, the military said.

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**Japanese environment minister to be appointed acting farm minister**

Tokyo, 29 May — The Japanese Government will soon appoint Environment Minister Masatoshi Wakabayashi as acting Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister to take place of Toshikatsu Matsuoka who committed suicide and died on Monday, Kyodo News said.

Matsuoka died by hanging himself in his living room at a parliamentary housing building in central Tokyo. He was found to have committed suicide at around 12:18 pm when his secretary went to the apartment to look for him since he did not appear at a regular meeting in the morning.

He had already lost heartbeat when being found in the room and was confirmed dead in a hospital at around 2 pm.

The 62-year-old of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party has been in a quagmire of a series of political funds scandals, including acceptance of donations from companies suspected of rigging bid for public works projects.

Two of his campaign fund management bodies have received 13 million yen in donations from 14 Kumamoto-based contractors, who have been awarded construction projects by the Japan Green Resources Agency (J-Green), a government-controlled forestry management body suspected of having been involved in rigging bids.

The minister has allegedly received some 8.5 million yen in donations from contractors implicated in bid rigging for forestry road construction projects.

He was demanded by the opposition camp to resign. Matsuoka became Lower House member in 1990. The term of Farm Minister was his first in the Cabinet.

**Brazilian police kill boy in mock anti-hijack operation**

Rio de Janeiro, 29 May — Brazilian police on Monday admitted that a 13-year-old boy was killed by a gunshot in the head while police were carrying out a mock anti-hijack operation.

The boy, Luis Henrique Dias Bulhoes, was killed by a single shot from one of the 12-gauge shotguns loaded with real ammunition, and the bullets went through the cardboard targets and the bus glass window, hitting the audience.

Luis Henrique Dias Bulhoes was killed by a single shot from one of the 12-gauge shotguns being used by three of the policemen. Ten other people were also injured. Police believe that bullets from more than one of the guns, accidentally reached the audience.

Seven of the 16 policemen involved in the operation were temporarily dismissed from their positions, while investigations are underway, according to the police.

**Lebanese soldiers kill two near Beirut Airport**

Beirut, 29 May — Lebanese soldiers fired at a car that tried to drive through a checkpoint on a highway leading to Beirut’s International Airport on Monday, killing two occupants and arresting a third, a military spokesman said.

The spokesman said soldiers first fired into the air when the car did not heed an order to stop. When the car then sped away, the soldiers fired at it, bringing it to a stop and inflicting the casualties.

It was not immediately clear why the car had not stopped.

**Peres wins party backing for Israel presidency bid**

Jerusalem, 29 May — Elder statesman Shimon Peres won the backing of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday for his bid to become Israel’s next president.

“I spoke to Vice-Premier Shimon Peres and told him I would support his candidacy for president,” Olmert said at a meeting of Kadima Party legislators, urging them to endorse the 83-year-old.

Parliament will elect the country’s president on 13 July and political commentators are predicting an open race, with Peres vying for the office along with candidates from Israel’s left and right wings.

If he becomes president, Peres, a Kadima leader, would effectively take himself out of the running to replace Olmert should the prime minister resign in response to an inquiry’s scathing criticism of his conduct of last year’s Lebanon war.

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**Economic News**

**North Korea may launch more missiles**

SEOUL, 29 May — North Korea may be preparing for another missile launch as it has kept in place equipment used last week to fire off a short-range missile, a South Korean daily reported on Monday.

Launch platforms and vehicles that can transport missiles, as well as the communications equipment needed for launches, have not been removed from an east-coast site used in Friday’s launch, the JoongAng Ilbo reported, quoting intelligence sources. “We are closely monitoring the situation to see if the North will fire additional missiles, but there have been no unusual movements,” a South Korean intelligence source told the paper. Defence officials in Seoul declined to verify the report. Seoul, Tokyo and Washington, three of the six countries involved in talks on dismantling North Korea’s nuclear arms programme, shrugged off Friday’s missile launch.

Some officials said the North may have fired several short-range missiles, but the JoongAng and the South’s Yonhap news agency, citing intelligence sources, said it fired just one.

North Korea sparked a regional security crisis in July when it launched a volley of seven missiles, including one long-range missile that could theoretically hit parts of the United States and several others that could hit most of Japan.

North and South Korea will begin Cabinet-level talks on Tuesday. Seoul is expected to press Pyongyang to live up to a nuclear deal it signed in February where it pledged to start shutting down its reactor and source of weapons-grade plutonium.

**Beijing starts installing digital TVs in subway cars**

BEIJING, 29 May — Workers were busy on Sunday installing a digital television system in two of the city’s subway lines to prepare for live broadcasts of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Passengers will be able to watch Liu Xiang and other sports stars on mobile broadcasts in 56 trains on the Batong Line and 24 trains on Line 13, with six screens in each carriage, according to Beijing Mobile TV — the company in charge of the project.

Subway cars on Lines 1 and 2, and brand-new Line 5 which will start carrying passengers in September, will also provide live television broadcasts with the same technology.

Subway passengers will be able to watch news reports, get information updates such as live traffic situations, and watch live broadcasts of the upcoming Olympic games.

The installation comes after a successful one-year trial operation of the digital TV system in part of Beijing’s subway network.

**India, US to hold nuclear deal talks this week**

NEW DELHI, 29 May — A top US official will visit India this week to make a fresh attempt to break a deadlock over a controversial nuclear energy deal, an Indian Foreign Ministry official said on Monday.

US Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns, the main US negotiator for the deal, will hold talks with Indian officials in New Delhi on 31 May and 1 June to resolve differences that have threatened to sink the landmark pact.

“Hopefully, they will be able to make more progress,” the official, who did not want to be named, told Reuters. The deal, first agreed in principle in 2005, has become a symbol of the growing friendship between the two countries. It aims to overcome three decades of US sanctions on nuclear trade with India to help it meet its soaring energy needs even though New Delhi has not signed the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and tested nuclear weapons.

It was approved by US Congress in December but the two countries have struggled to conclude a bilateral pact that is required to govern nuclear trade due to India’s refusal to accept new terms included at the instance of American lawmakers.

A submarine travels during the anti-terrorist military demonstration staged by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), in the Gulf of Taranto, south Italy, recently. MNA/Xinhua

**China’s 3rd largest hydropower project passes trial operation**

NANNING, 29 May — Longtan hydropower project, China’s third largest hydroelectric plant, has seen the successful trial operation of its first generating unit recently, sources said on Sunday.

Located in southwest Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Longtan project serves as a key component of the government’s “go west” campaign to develop the western regions and to bring electricity to the economically developed, but energy-demanding eastern and coastal areas.

“We are preparing for the operation of the other two generators, which is also slated for this year,” said Dai Bo, general manager of the Longtan Hydropower Development Co of China Datang Corporation (CDT). A total of 30 billion yuan in investment from CDT was used to build Longtan’s 216.5-metre-high dam, a ship lock and an underground generating house with nine turbo-generators with a combined installed generating capacity of 6.3 million kilowatts.
UN to assess security arrangements along Lebanon-Syria border

BEIRUT, 29 May — A UN team arrived in Lebanon on Monday to assess security of the Lebanese-Syrian border, the UN Information Centre said in a Press release.

The team will work closely with the Lebanese authorities and other partners to assess Lebanese border security and will subsequently make specific recommendations on measures and assistance strategies aimed at improving Lebanon’s border management capacities, said the Press release. The assessment mission, led by Lasse Christensen of Denmark, will be composed of experts with relevant technical expertise from Algeria, Germany, Jamaica and Switzerland, it said. According to the Press release, the team was dispatched to Lebanon in line with a Presidential statement released by the UN Security Council on 17 April, which asked head of the international organization to undertake a mission to assess the situation along the Lebanese-Syrian borders.

The team is due to meet Army and security officials controlling border during the two-week mission and then draw up a report for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, according to a Lebanese diplomatic source. — MNA/Xinhua

A member of Cirque du Soleil performs at a news conference in Sao Paulo on 29 May, 2007. The touring international cast of acrobats, dancers, actors and musicians from 14 countries will perform “Alegria” in Brazil from September 2007 to May 2008. REUTERS/MNA/Reuters

Chinese warning over toy safety

LONDON, 28 May — More than 20% of Chinese-made toys and baby clothes are below standard, the country’s consumer watchdog has said.

An investigation by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine found some were even dangerous, Beijing News said.

Industrial waste, including dirty carpet fluff, paper and used instant noodle packaging, was found in some toys, the newspaper reported. Some baby clothes contained harmful chemicals, the investigation found. “These fluffy toys with bacteria or even viruses in them can cause children to sick if they touch them for a short time, or even cause disease over the long term,” Beijing News said.

It said some toys had parts which could be broken off and swallowed. China is the world’s largest exporter of toys. The US and the European Union — which have safety standards regulations — have complained about the quality of Chinese-made toys.

INTERNET

Climbers clear mountain of garbage from Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, 29 May — Climbers from Japan and Nepal picked up 500 kilos (about 1,000 pounds) of tins, old tents, food and medicines littered on Mount Everest over decades by mountaineers, the climbers said on Monday.

Hundreds of climbers carrying tons of supplies try and climb the 8,850 metres (29,035 feet) Mount Everest every year, adding to the piles of trash on its slopes.

Japan’s Ken Noguchi, who led the latest in a series of cleaning campaigns on the Everest, said most of the garbage his team collected on the northern side of Mount Everest in the past month had been handed over to authorities in Tibet.

“We have brought some of the garbage with us which will be displayed in Tokyo and Seoul to raise public awareness to keep the mountain clean,” Noguchi told Reuters after returning from the mountain.

Japanese and Koreans are among frequent climbers of Mount Everest.

MNA/Reuters

Blast rips into Ethiopia crowd, up to 11 die

ADDIS ABABA, 29 May — A blast ripped through a crowd in Ethiopia’s volatile Somali region on Monday, killing at least five people and setting off a stampede in which up to six more died, according to witnesses and aid workers.

The Ethiopian government blamed the attack on the Ogaden National Liberation Movement (ONLF), separatist rebels who have been increasingly active in the remote east and last month attacked a Chinese-run exploration field, killing 74.

But an ONLF spokesman denied involvement. Senior Ethiopian government official Bereket Simon said it was a grenade attack and that local Somali government official Abdallah Hassan was wounded in the leg.

MNA/Reuters

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Bombing attacks kill five in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 May — A car bomb and a roadside bomb attacks struck Baghdad’s two neighbourhoods on Monday, killing a total of five people and injuring 13 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

“A car bomb detonated at around 4:00 pm (1200 GMT) in the Sabei Qusour intersection in Karrada neighbourhood in central Baghdad, killing at least a civilian and wounding three more,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off near the Ghadier Restaurant in the Bab al-Muadhah area in downtown the capital, killing four people and wounding 10 others, the source said.

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Pharmaceuticals donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 30 May — Royal Ruby Co Ltd donated pharmaceuticals to be used in health care services to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the office of the association yesterday afternoon.

Managing Director Daw Thin Nwe Win of Royal Ruby Co Ltd explained the purpose of the donation. She gave pharmaceuticals worth K 206,000 to President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win. The president presented a certificate of thanks.

MWAF donates stationery, school uniforms to students

YANGON, 30 May — Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation donated stationery and school uniforms to students at No 1 BEHS in Thanlyn Township today to mark school enrolment week.

On the occasion, Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice-President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation delivered an address.

Afterwards, the Vice-President of MWAF and Patron of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai presented exercise books, stationery and school uniforms to students.

After the donation ceremony, Daw Thin Nwe Win of Royal Ruby Co Ltd presented exercise books, stationery and uniforms to students.

**All this needs to be known**

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeased

**Basic tailoring course of Pabedan Township WAO concludes**

YANGON, 30 May — A concluding ceremony of basic tailoring course organized by Working Group for promoting socioeconomic life of women of Pabedan Township Women’s Affairs Organization was held at the Myat Saya hall of Basic Education High School No 2 in Pabedan Township yesterday, with an address by Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division WAO.

Firstly, the chairperson of the township association presented 1000 membership applications to the patron. Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai presented gifts to instructors and certificates to trainees. Next, the patron accepted cash donations presented by wellwishers for Pabedan Township WAO. Altogether 20 trainees attended the one-month course. — MNA
The article “Beware of the characters of transformational diplomacy” a compilation of the discussions of my reader friends and myself appeared in the newspapers issued on 11-5-2007.

The article in its conclusion said, “We have to raise public awareness so that people will come to be aware of dangers of internal demonstrations, direct confrontation and indirect confrontation due to US practice of transformational diplomacy, and consequences of possible unrest and terrorist acts and therefore cooperate with the responsible persons to continue to oppose and crush them.”

I have read in the dailies issued on 17-5-2007 under the title “Peace-loving people prevent instigators from trying to cause instability and unrest under the pretext of religion, and hand them over to authorities”. The summary of the news report said, “The people who oppose unrest and love peace prevented 29 persons including NLD Party member Su Su Nway from causing a disturbance at the bus stop on Statoon Road, Insein Township, Yangon Division, on 15-5-2007 at 10.30am. The people handed over the 29 persons who were constantly trying to stir up unrest under the pretext of religion to authorities concerned. Similarly, the people, who are against unrest stopped Thant Zin Myo and group from inciting unrest in Hlinethaya Township, and handed them over to the authorities.”

Although we met each other almost daily after reading the news report, we hadn’t discussed about it in detail. Because we foresaw the plots of internal and external saboteurs and their lackey foreign media which would crop up as follow-up news. But at a recent gathering we discussed the topic as follows as we had already received comprehensive information in connection with the matter.

“Hey! Reader friend! It comes exactly as we have calculated in advance. See, there are a lot of announcements flying because of the perpetration of internal and external saboteurs and some foreign media in collusion.”

“In point of fact, it is a plot made by the characters of transformational diplomacy under the dictates of their master to realize their same old goal.”

“You are right. VOA on 17 May evening aired a news report saying that the NLD and so-called ‘88’ new generation students issued an announcement; that the announcement said that a group of persons disguising themselves as ordinary citizens were arresting the persons saying prayers for the release of Daw Suu Kyi; and that it demanded to stop such acts.”

“Ko Ko Gyi of ‘88’ new generation students said such an act was not even a dream for ordinary citizens as it needed systematic preparations; that some of them were hired paying wages; and that committing such an act was out of the question for ordinary citizens. VOA in collusion with Ko Ko Gyi aired such words to disgrace the role of the people.”

“NLD announcement No 4/05/07 in an attempt to poison the people said that with the backing of the authorities, the group under the name of people’s strength arrested NLD members and took them away; and that the said group included a few members of the public who were under the control of the authorities.”

“It is an insult to the people with fine historical traditions of anti-colonialist and national independence struggles”

“In addition, the announcement was tantamount to disregarding the people who are collectively taking part in national defence and security duties from the time the nation regained independence.”

“True, patriotic people who would not like to be enslaved under the colonialists collectively fought back the intruders with all available weapons in their respective regions when lower Myanmar was annexed. Are they (the saboteurs) ignoring history? Or are they not well-versed in history?” Something must be wrong with them.”

“If Bo Myat Tun, who gallantly fought back the colonialists in Ayeyawady Division, were still alive today, he would surely cut them into pieces for disregarding the people’s strength.”

“The British exploited the traitors like Maung Pyat Gyi as a stepping-stone to occupy the whole Myanmar in 1885. Without anyone’s urge, all the national races of the entire nation rose up against and tried with strong patriotism to drive the intruders out of the hilly regions and the plains.”

“Bo Myat Tun gathered and led national races and launched the national independence struggle with unyielding spirit. He even passed judgement and killed his own son, Maung Pyat Gyi, as a national traitor for the latter’s words of longing the aunt over the mother. Those saboteurs will be terrified if they have knowledge of it.”

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“Like the poem composed by Achouk Tan Saya Pe, throughout the successive era of history, our nation has traitors who are making themselves like poodles of colonialists or neo-colonialists, and on the other hand, she has a large number of patriots possessing unyielding spirit and whose fighting spirit will never die. They should know this.”

“Due to the divide-and-rule policy and the policy of cajoling of the colonialists, political awareness of Myanmar people might be low for a certain period, but patriotism in their hearts remains ever high.”

“So, the entire people took part in the front role together with the Tatmadawmen in the final stage of independence struggle.”

“People accepted national defence as their inborn duty after the nation regained independence. History stands witness to the public participation in the Tatmadaw’s operation to drive out the Kuoamong troops intruding into Myanmar territory under CIA manipulation.”

“Using factional and ideological prejudices, Burma Communist Party tried to divide Myanmar people who possessed such unyielding spirit and push them into internal strife.”

“Yes, like the NLD and its cohorts and the so-called ‘88’ generation students of today, the BCPs once tried to sacrifice the lives of the people to grab power through short-cut with demands, demonstrations and instigation. However, the people who realized the difference between national politics and party politics did not fall into the BCP trap. They even launched people’s warfare against the BCPs. I trust you all remember this.”

“How can we forget that? The people joined hands with the Tatmadaw that root out the BCP in Ayeyawady Division through Shwelinyon and Moehlein military operations and in Bago Yoma through Aungsoeom operation. Those events stood as the milestones of Myanmar history.”

“In times of emergency, the Tatmadaw stands by the people and participates in all the affairs of the nation, with the Armed Forces as the backbone. It is a fine tradition of Myanmar.”

“I agree with you. During the 1988-89 unrest, the genuine desire of the people was peace, prosperity and progress of the nation. But neo-colonialists and BCP joined hands. So, peaceful demonstrations turned violent, and anarchy ruled the nation with killings, looting and destruction occurring everywhere.”

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Don’t rock the boat, or perpetrators will be driven out

A Reader

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“The reason is that they are still holding on the rightist opportunists policy of the cohorts of the neo-colonialists and the leftist opportunist policy of the BCP. The democracy the NLD and its associates are shouting is indeed democracy on namesake.”

“There are no differences between their activities and that of Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi. They committed anti-government acts repeatedly so action was taken against them under the Law. In 2005, they were released from the prison. Then they realized that they would be imprisoned again if they carried on open confrontation. So, they are now committing various indirect confrontation campaigns in a composed manner.”

“In fact, they are following the line of the group of Aung Din. He served as the vice-chairman of the All Burma Students Union and confronted the government in collusion with Min Ko Naing and Ko Ko Gyi. And he is now the director of US Campaign for Burma in the US.”

“Right, the letter campaign, prayer campaign, white expression campaign and line campaign they launched under the name of “88” generation students group are in reality the same as the activities Aung Din and party have been doing in the US and some western countries since 2005 to the liking of their foreign masters. So, everyone who is constantly watches their activities knows well that they also launched many similar campaigns in the nation.”

“The “88” generation student group is trying to overtake the NLD and waging a variety of campaigns of indirect confrontation against the government. I hear that NLD has to organize the group superficially supporting and encouraging it.”

“I see. In Myanmar, there are several methods that are disturbing others because they have no chance to play a leadership role in the Myanmar’s political arena, and they are now vying each other for popularity. While Min Ko Naing and group are engaging indirect confrontation and opposition, the NLD is giving the limelight on Su Su Nway through the campaign for the release of Daw Suu Kyi, isn’t it?”

“Of course. So far, Min Ko Naing has been awarded six prizes by their alien masters, and Su Su Nway has won a prize. The external elements, with the intention of disrupting community peace and prevalence of law and order, are raising the role of those who are inciting unrest and mass protests in the nation.”

“However much they are hatching plots, I am sure they will never accept any of their activities. Now, the people know well that democracy practice is not possible by asking dollar earners to make demands, and democracy is just a principle all have to practise in harmony.”

“The people suffered untold miseries in the 1988 unrest. So, they do not want to face similar experiences again in the democratic transition.”

“It is reasonable to block and hand over those who stage various campaigns to disrupt peace, stability and national development, to the authorities concerned.”

“The people assume that restoration of community peace and law and order means discharging public security and national defence duties, and that is evidenced by the events that local people are preventing anyone inciting unrest.”

“In the 1988 unrest, people had to protect their wards from various dangers. So if some people from foreign masters have a hand in a rowdy way in a ward, ward dwellers have to prevent such activities. And if a ward dweller gets involved in such an instigation in the ward of his own, other ward dwellers have to drive him out of the ward according to the Myanmar tradition.”

“I think social organizations formed to serve the interests of the nation and the people should also participate in the State security and national defence duties in cooperation with the people.”

“That is right. At last, I would like to present an excerpt form the speech Bogyoke Aung San delivered at Yangon City Hall on 13 July 1947.”

“We are all ears. Indeed, 1947 was the year when the cohorts of the colonialists and the BCP members were active to incite mass demonstrations in the nation.”

“Bogyoke said, “Activities designed to incite unrest and protests in the nation are just to the liking of the colonialists. So, think it over, please, so that you (the people) can know whether such activities are beneficial to the nation or not. All people who love the motherland have to crush any forms of insurgency.”

(Translation: TMT+MS)
Information Minister arrives back from China

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — At the invitation of the State Council Information Office of the People’s Republic of China, a Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan paid a goodwill visit to China under the arrangement of information and cultural exchange programme between the Myanmar and Chinese governments. The minister arrived back here by air this morning. Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, departmental heads of departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials.

On 24 May evening, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan called on Politburo Member of the Chinese Communist Party Head of Publicity Department Mr Liu Yunshan in Beijing. They discussed bilateral cooperation in development of media sector between Myanmar and China and extension of media tasks. Next, they exchanged souvenirs.

On 23 May afternoon, Minister Mr Cai Wu of the State Council Information Office hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation. They discussed cooperation in media between Myanmar and China and exchange of technologies and reached agreement on their discussion.

On 22 May evening, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met Vice Minister Mr Cai Mingzhao of the State Council Information Office and discussed extension of media tasks between the two countries. The Chinese Vice Minister hosted a dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation and they exchanged gifts. — MNA

Health Minister explains performance of Myanmar in disease control at 60th WHO Conference

Myanmar to have opportunity to get global fund to control diseases

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the 60th World Health Conference in Geneva of Switzerland from 14 to 18 May.

The minister and party attended the opening ceremony of the 60th World Health Conference in Palais des Nations of Geneva in Switzerland on 14 May morning.

Health Minister Prof Paulo Ivo Garrido of Mozambique opened the conference. The Geneva Mayor extended greetings.

Minister of Health and Ageing Ms J Halton of Australia was elected as the chairman of the conference.

In the afternoon, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint met Director of TB Control Dr Mario Raviglione and the management secretary of the TB, malaria and AIDS Control Department at WHO Headquarters. At the meeting, the minister explained activities of Myanmar in combating TB in cooperation with WHO, local and international social organizations. He said that TB control tasks are being undertaken with the assistance of Three Diseases Fund and Global Drug Facility after suspension of the Global Fund. The TB Control Director explained Myanmar will have the opportunity to get the global fund.

The minister also met with Coordinator Dr Huihua Zhang of Traditional Medicine Department of WHO. The minister explained that the University of Traditional Medicine of Myanmar has turned out the first batch of the students. The traditional medicine subject is included in the syllabus of the Third MB course of University of Medicine. The syllabus of MMEdSc (anesthetics) course includes the acupuncture subject, and the minister requested the Traditional Medicine Department of WHO to put record on the activities of Myanmar.

On 15 May morning, WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan delivered an address at the WHO conference. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint met Director Dr L Savioli of Neglected Tropical Diseases and NTD Project Manager Dr Denis Daumerie and explained combating of leprosy disease. Officials of WHO said that they will provide expertise for the task and will seeking the fund for control of elephantiasis disease in Myanmar.

At 5 pm, the minister signed the MoU on surveillance of infectious diseases in Mekong region together with Health Ministers of the People’s Republic of China, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam at the WHO Headquarters.

On 16 May, Health Ministers delivered policy addresses of respective countries at the WHO conference. In his speech, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that after a thorough review, Myanmar is trying to improve its news reporting system in cooperation with related ministries. Myanmar vowed to carry out (See page 11)
Health Minister explains performance...

On 17 May, the minister met Director, Dr. Michel Sidibe of Country and Regional Support Department of UNAIDS Office and explained control of HIV/AIDS in Myanmar. The director said he was proud of Myanmar for its performance in control of HIV/venereal disease with the use of the fund. As a result, Myanmar will have the opportunity to get the Global Fund for control of HIV.

The minister also called on Nippon Foundation Chairman Mr. Sasakawa of Japan. The minister thanked the chairman for his contributions in control of leprosy in Myanmar and welcomed more donations. Mr. Sasakawa discussed signing of the MoU on research and training for traditional medicine together with the Ministry of Health. In the afternoon, the minister met Assistant Director-General Dr. David Haymann and officials of Polio Eradication Department at the UN Headquarters in Geneva. The minister explained preventive measures of Myanmar against wild polio disease in Maungtaw Township and future tasks.

The Myanmar delegation led by Minister Dr. Kyaw Myint attended the ceremony to present the Award of Leon Bernard Foundation to Dr. Than Tun Sein, adviser to the Health Research Department (Lower Myanmar), at Palais des Nations Hall. On 18 May, the minister attended the meeting of the "A" Committee of the conference at the UN building in Geneva.—MNA
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INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MEETING OPENS IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG, 29 May — The second International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aeronautical Telecommunication Network Implementation Co-ordination Group Meet opened here Monday.

The five-day meeting provided a forum for aviation experts to exchange views on the latest developments in aeronautical telecommunication. About 80 delegates from the Air Traffic Services authorities of 20 ICAO Contracting States in the Asia Pacific Region, and representatives from international organizations and aviation industry are attending the meeting.

Topics of the meeting include the implementation and co-ordination of the Aeronautical Telecommunication Network (ATN) and Air Traffic Services Messages Handling System (AMHS) in the Asia Pacific Region, the AMHS address database and address management, regional guidance material, strategy and implementation time line. “We are pleased to host this international meeting for the first time in Hong Kong, which fosters co-operation for the advancement of aviation technology in the region,” Hong Kong’s Director-General of Civil Aviation Norman Lo said at the opening session.

MNA/Xinhua
New species of limbless lizard discovered in India

BEIJING, 29 May — Scientists have found a new species of limbless lizard in a forested area in east India, according to media reports Tuesday.

“The lizard is new to science and is an important discovery. It is not found anywhere else in the world,” said Sushil Kumar Dutta, head of the zoology department of the North Orissa University in the eastern Indian town of Baripada.

The newly found 7-inch long lizard looks like a scaly, small snake, Dutta said. “It prefers to live in a cool retreat, soft soil and below stones.”

The lizard was found 10 days ago during a field study in the forested region of Khandadhar near Raurkela in Orissa state, about 1125 kilometers southeast of New Delhi, he said. “The new species will be scientifically described at a later stage after accumulation of more data,” Dutta said.

The other limbless lizards belonging to different families have been found in India’s Nicobar island, in the northeast, and in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh states, he said.

While modern snakes and lizards are derived from a common evolutionary ancestor, they belong today to two entirely separate groups of animals, or orders. Snakes, over millenia, gradually lost their limbs and developed their characteristic forms of locomotion. But modern limbless lizards are not snakes, Dutta said.

The closest relatives of the new species are found in Sri Lanka and South Africa, Dutta said. Internet

Weight-loss surgery may damage nervous system

BEIJING, 30 May — Patients who undergo gastric bypass surgery for morbid obesity may develop potentially disabling neurological complications, most likely due to deficiencies in certain nutrients, media reported Wednesday.

Some patients begin hallucinating and lose the ability to walk a couple of months after the surgery, said Dr Katalin Juhasz-Pocsine from the University of Arkansas in US “After resolution of the acute symptoms they are quite weak, and it takes around a year to recover.”

“There are permanently disabled” she said, adding amongst patients who develop symptoms years down the road, the spinal cord typically is affected, resulting in falling, extreme coordination and gait problems, and severe spasticity, and some individuals need to use wheelchairs.

Gastric bypass patients and their doctors should be aware of the early signs and symptoms of neurological problems, and should know that these symptoms can strike many years after a person has had the surgery, Juhasz-Pocsine advised.

The researcher suggested that steps should be taken to help prevent gastric bypass patients from developing these problems in the first place by advising them to take vitamin and mineral supplements and to avoid “severe and rapid weight loss.” —Internet

Indonesia reopens border with Timor-Leste

JAKARTA, 29 May — The Indonesian military has reopened the land border with Timor-Leste, after a three-month closure due to political tensions in the neighbour, an officer said on Monday.

“In accordance with instructions from the President and the military commander, we have reopened the border since yesterday (Sunday),” Major-General Syarif Rizal, chief of the Udayana Military Command overseeing eastern Indonesia, was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

The traffic of people and goods has returned to normal, he said.

Indonesia shares land border with half-island Timor-Leste in East Nusa Tenggara Province. —MNA/Xinhua

Haneya’s aide met kidnapped BBC journalist in Gaza

GAZA, 29 May — Ghazi Hamad, a spokesman for Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haneya of Hamas, met several times with kidnapped BBC reporter in Gaza, a pro-Hamas daily reported on Monday.

The Palestinian newspaper added that Hamad has embarked on a low-profile visit to London to discuss the release of a key al-Qaeda figure in exchange for the release of Alan Johnston as his captors demanded.

The British Government invited Hamad to visit the UK to discuss the release of Abu Qatada who is held in London following September 2001 bombing, said the newspaper. The Army of Islam, which joined Hamas movement in kidnapping an Israeli soldier almost a year ago, claimed responsibility for holding Johnston, a 44-year-old British working for the BBC in Gaza.

MNA/Xinhua
Petrova beaten in first round for second straight year

PARIS, 30 May — Russian 11th seed Nadia Petrova suffered a first-round defeat at the French Open for the second successive year when she was dumped out 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 by Czech Kvetta Peschke on Tuesday.

The Russian, who was forced to withdraw during the Italian Open earlier this month because of a back injury, put up little resistance in the third set and Peschke, playing her first Tour-level match of the year, cruised to victory.

The first two sets contained 10 breaks of serve but Petrova looked on course when she levelled the match. But with her movement nowhere as good as it usually is, Petrova could not match Peschke in the deciding set and the world number 182, who qualified for the event, raced through. — MNA/Reuters

Jankovic cruises into French Open second round

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Serbia’s Jankovic, whose first-round match was postponed from Monday because of rain, needed just 68 minutes to advance on a cloudy morning in Paris.

The fourth seed, who had worried her fans last week when she pulled out with gastroenteritis before her semifinal in Strasbourg, said she had fully recovered.

The 22-year-old Jankovic has won three titles this year, two of them on clay, in Charleston and notably Rome, where she beat Russia’s Svetlana Kuznetsova in the deciding set to confirm her status as a leading contender in the French capital. — MNA/Reuters

Federer uses dry spell to finish off Russian

PARIS, 30 May — World number one Roger Federer wasted no time in completing a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 win over American Michael Russell in his opening French Open match on Tuesday.

Top seed Federer, chasing victory in the only grand slam tournament to elude him so far, was 6-4, 4-1 up when rain interrupted his first-round contest on Monday.

The 29-year-old Russell, remembered for holding a match point against eventual champion Gustavo Kuerten in the last 16 here in 2001, tried his best but was never in contention.

Back on centre court on a cloudy but dry Tuesday morning, the 25-year-old Federer wrapped up the second set with a service winner.

World number 68 Russell dropped serve in the fifth game of the third set. Federer stayed in control after that, sealing victory with an unforced error from Russell on the first match point after an hour and 45 minutes of play.

"The conditions are tough for everybody," Federer said after miserable weather ruined the first two days of action at the showcase claycourt tournament.

Federer, whose best result here was his final defeat by Rafael Nadal last year, is bidding to become the third man to win four grand slams in a row after Don Budge and Rod Laver. — MNA/Reuters

Diego voted player of the year in Germany

BERLIN, 30 May — Werder Bremen’s Brazilian midfielder Diego has been voted Germany’s outfield player of the year by his fellow professionals. Diego, who moved to Werder for six million euros (8.07 million US dollars) from Porto last year, polled 50.7 per cent of the votes of 268 players in German soccer magazine Kicker.

Greek forward Theofanis Gekas, the league’s top scorer with 20 goals, finished a distant second with 10.7 per cent, while young German striker Mario Gomez was third with 6.3 per cent. — MNA/Reuters

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MADRID, 30 May — Valencia winger Joaquin said on Tuesday he was determined to make the most of the second chance given to him by Spain coach Luis Aragones in the June Euro 2008 qualifiers.

The 25-year-old, who has won 42 caps, was dropped from the squad eight months ago and took a swipe at the national team saying they were in disarray under Aragones, although he later backed-track on his comments.

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The ‘Home of FIFA’, which includes five underground levels, a fitness centre, meditation room, geographically themed parks and a full-size international soccer pitch, has actually been in use since FIFA moved from its nearby old headquarters last May. The organization delayed the official inauguration to coincide with this week’s congress.

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China welcomes Thai PM

BEIJING, 30 May — Chinese leaders welcomed Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont with agreements to promote bilateral cooperation in his first visit to China since taking power following a military coup last year.

Meeting Surayud on Monday, President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao indicated that the change in leadership in Thailand would not affect relations. “China has always viewed Thailand as a close friend and a trustworthy cooperative partner and has always respected the choices of the Thai people on their path to development,” China’s Foreign Ministry quoted Hu as saying.

“No matter how international circumstances and the internal situation in the two countries change, we will firmly keep unchanged the guiding principle of Thai-China friendship,” said the notice posted on the ministry’s website (www.fmprc.gov.cn).

Surayud is to visit facilities for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing on Tuesday and travel to Kunming, capital of the Southeast Asian border province of Yunnan, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

He and Chinese leaders signed deals to promote strategic cooperation and cooperation in higher education. Surayud also encouraged Chinese companies to become involved in infrastructure projects in Thailand, Xinhua said.

But his two-day trip is shorter than initially planned, as Surayud is set to head home to handle the outcome of a court verdict due on Wednesday that will decide whether to disbanded Thailand’s top two parties and ban their leaders from politics for breaking election laws.

Surayud has an emergency decree empowering him to deploy troops and impose curfews should the court’s decision result in street protests from supporters of former leader Thaksin Shinawatra, ousted by the military last year and living in exile in London.

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Merits shared for completion of Ananda Gonyi building of Inya Ywathit Monastery in Kamayut Township

YANGON, 30 May — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence formally unveiled the plaque and sprinkled scented water on it to mark the completion of Ananda Gonyi two-storey building in the precinct of Inya Ywathit Monastery in Sanyeiknyein of Ward 2 in Kamayut Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and three wellwishers cut the ribbon to open the ceremony in front of the building.

Next, the commander, wellwishers and guests sprinkled scented water on the plaque.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Yenangyoung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Tejaniya administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered alms to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw. Next, the commander, wellwishers and guests donated provisions to members of the Sangha.


After receiving a sermon delivered by Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasahabhivamsa, the congregation shared merits gained. — MNA

MWAF donates exercise books, stationery to students in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 May — To mark the school enrolment day, the books and stationery donation ceremony, organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Vice-President of MWAF Daw Kin Lay Myint explained the purpose of the donation.


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Weather Forecast for 31-5-2007

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
One or two rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 16:30 hours MST today)

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced that an earthquake of slight intensity (4.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Taunggyi inside of Myanmar about (125) miles southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory, was recorded at (14) hours, (23) min and (50) sec MST today. — MNA