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**Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM’s departure for Thailand**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10 a.m., today.

At the invitation of Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, the Prime Minister left here by special aircraft to attend the 12th ASEAN-China Summit, the 12th ASEAN-ROK Summit, the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the 7th ASEAN-India Summit, the 4th East Asia Summit and the 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit to be held in Pattaya of Thailand.

Also present at the airport were SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, Thai Ambassador Mr. Bansarn Bunnag and officials.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and departmental heads.

Members of the delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here in advance on 9 April for Pattaya of Thailand to attend the 12th ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and the ASEAN+3 Economic Ministers’ Meeting to be held before the 12th ASEAN+3 Summits.

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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

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Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Prime Minister General Thein Sein before PM’s departure for Thailand at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein on PM’s departure for Thailand at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Take part in Maha Thingyan happily upholding culture and tradition

Tagu is the first month of Myanmar Calendar. Thingyan, the new year festival, which is held in the month of Tagu, is the longest and grandest among festivities held in 12 months of Myanmar Calendar.

According to Myanmar culture and tradition, the new year festival of Myanmar is called as Maha Thingyan. Being blessed with joy and happiness, Thingyan brings peace and prosperity to the entire people.

In Tagu the weather is pleasant. The sun is bright to the greatest extent as there are no trace of clouds in the sky. As the temperature is high, the revelers take part in the water festival by dousing each other happily in the month of Tagu in order to alleviate the heat.

Water is capable of cleansing every dirty and unpleasant substance. Therefore, people are dousing each other in Thingyan with the aim of making themselves free from dangers out of the past and mental and physical defilements.

Thingyan reflects the cultural traditions of Myanmar. Upholding the fine tradition, all the revelers are to take part in Thingyan by dousing each other happily throughout the festival.

Meanwhile, all the revelers are to abstain from such harmful acts as using fire engine pipes and throwing water packs to each other while staying away from uncouth acts under the influence of alcohol as well as behaviours, expressions and modes of dress that are incompatible with Myanmar culture and tradition.

Therefore, the entire national people are to participate in Maha Thingyan happily by dousing each other with cool water upholding the culture and tradition.

Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course opens

YANGON, 10 April—Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs’ Association opened Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course No.1 at the training hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Mawlamyine on 4 April.

The chairman and executives of MPMEEA guests, course instructors, members and trainees attended the opening ceremony of the course.

Dr Win Sithu, chairman of MPMEEA and vice chairman U Thant Zin spoke on the occasion and joint-secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win explained purposes of conducting the course.

A total of 70 trainees from Mawlamyine attended the course and similar courses will also be conducted in other States and Divisions.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of congratulations to Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Datuk Anifah Aman who has been appointed as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia on 9 April 2009.—MNA

Innocent villager in Bilin Township sustains injury in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Maung Kokku, a villager from Ziwn village of Bilin Township in Mon State stepped on a land mine planted by insurgents on his way back home at about 11 a.m. on 8 April after collecting vegetables on Shweyaungpya mountain together with other three villagers. Losing his right leg from upper ankle and sustaining two-inch wide cuts on his left thigh, he is being admitted to Bilin Hospital.—MNA

Opium, stimulant tablets seized in Shan States (South) and (North), Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The authorities of Hshiseng Township of Shan State (South) cleared the place, three miles south of Wamhae Village of the township at 3 p.m. on 6 April. They saw a dry poppy plantation.

They search a hut of U Kan, near the dry poppy plantation and seized 3.4293 kilos of opium in a polyethylene bag from an iron box. According to the investigation, U Kan confessed that the opium was produced from his poppy plantation five months ago. Therefore, action is being taken against him.

At 10.20 p.m. on 6 April, the authorities of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) searched the motorcycle driven by Ye Win together with pillow rider Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing at Asia World Toll Gate in Muse and seized 3,500 stimulant tablets with WY brand packed with a plastic bag kept in the cardboard paper box attached to the motorcycle. Action is being taken against Ye Win (a) Ayut and Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing (Cho Tu), and the authorities are undertaking to arrest their accomplices.

In another incident, the authorities of Bhamo Special Anti-Drug Squad of Kachin State searched the house of Khin Maung Than in Phyokkaik Village of NantUgyi Village-tract in Mansi Township and seized 18 packets of Khatkhu weighing one gram each in a small packet from a plastic bottle with yellow cap, one packet of opium weighing 200 grams and 246 reddish brown stimulant tablets with WY brand. Action is being taken against Khin Maung Than at Mansi Police Station.—MNA

People’s Desire

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* 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

SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to Myanmar H.E Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife at the reception to mark the birthday of Leader Mr. Kim Il Sung of the DPRK today.—MNA

MPMEEA Chairman and executives, instructors and trainees pose for a documentary photo at the opening ceremony of Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course No.1.—MNA

Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs’ Association (MPMEEA) Chairman and executives, instructors and trainees pose for a documentary photo at the opening ceremony of Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course No.1.—MNA
Obama makes new war funding request, angers anti-war lawmakers

WASHINGTON, 10 April — US President Barack Obama on Thursday requested another 83.4 billion US dollars from the Congress to fund military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through the current fiscal year which ends on 30 Sept.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the president said the requested funds “will be used to support our men and women in uniform as they help the people of Iraq to take responsibility for their own future — and to work to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaeda in Pakistan and Afghanistan.”

Obama said he made the request because “we face a security situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan that demands urgent attention. The Taliban is resur-

gent and al Qaida threatens America from its safe haven along the Afghan-

Pakistan border.”

This request reflects the reality of our day and age: We need to use all the elements of our power — economic and diplomatic as well as military — to con-

front threats to our security.”

If approved by the Congress, the lastest request would bring the running tab for both wars to nearly a trillion US dol-

lars, according to figures from the Con-

gressional Research Service.

More than three-quarters of the 864 billion dollars appropriated so far has gone to the war in Iraq, where most of the US troops involved in those conflicts have been deployed, the agency said.

Shiite rally marks anniversary

of fall of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 April — Tens of thousands of sup-

porters of an anti-American cleric burned an effigy of ex-President George W Bush on Thursday and de-

manded that US troops leave Iraq in a rally marking the sixth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to US forces.

Cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia fought U.S. troops intermittently until a ceasefire last May, had called on Iraqis to turn out for the protest at Firdous Square — where Saddam Hussein’s statue was toppled on 9 April, 2003.

Protesters set fire to American flags and to Bush’s effigy as it hung from the pillar where Saddam’s statue once stood. — Internet

US military concedes Afghan civilian casualties

KABUL, 10 April — The US military has conceded that troops under its com-

mand in Afghanistan killed a group of civilians in an operation this week, not

militants as earlier reported.

Investigations showed the late Wednesday night raid in an area of south-
estern Khost had resulted in “killing two males, two females and wounding two

females. There are reports of an infant also killed,” the military said in a state-

ment.

“We deeply regret the tragic loss of life in this precious family,” the late Thurs-
day statement quoted Brigadier General Michael Ryan of the US forces as saying.

“Words alone cannot begin to express our regret and sympathy and we will en-

sure the surviving family members are properly cared for.” — Internet

US military deaths in

Afghanistan region at 603

WASHINGTON, 10 April — As of Thursday, 9 April, 2009, at least 603 members of the US military had died in Af-

ghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its fig-

ures Thursday at 10 am EDT. Of those, the military re-
ports 445 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department re-
ports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethio-
pia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sud-
dan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen. — Internet

Obafems look to boost Afghan fight with US

WASHINGTON, 10 April — Aus-

tralia has said it was looking at how it

could boost the fight against extrem-

ism in Afghanistan while stepping up cooperation with the new administra-

tion in Washington.

The Australian and US defence and foreign affairs chiefs held a day of talks in Washington on Thursday — a session held annually but one that for

the first time in 14 years comes as cen-
tre-left parties hold power in both
countries.

In one sharp change, the two coun-

tries found common cause in seeking a world without nuclear weapons, vow-
ing to work together to lay the ground-
work for a key international meeting on non-proliferation. — Internet

Afghans look at bloodstains following a raid by US coalition

troops in Khost Pro-

vince, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 April, 2009. The raid

by US coalition troops in the eastern Prov-

ince killed four people, including two alleged female militants, and

wounded another woman, the coalition said in a statement on

Thursday. — Internet

An Afghan police officer, right, checks a damaged vehicle following a suicide attack in Lashkar Gah the provincial capital of Helmand Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 April, 2009. A suicide bomber on foot attacked a police drug eradication unit in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing four officers and a child and wounding seven other officers, police said. — Internet

The site of a car bomb attack in a Shiite district of Baghdad just hours before a surprise visit by

Barack. — Internet
US cargo ship attacked by pirates was carrying UN food for starving

United Nations, 10 April — The pirates who hijacked a freight ship carrying food to starving people in Africa are keeping an American captain hostage off the coast of Somalia are defying international law, according to a statement by a top UN official here on Thursday. Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, the UN special representative for Somalia, condemned the recent spate of pirate attacks, of which there were six in the past week.

“The proliferation of these acts of piracy is an insult to international legality,” Ould-Abdallah said in a statement, adding that “the international maritime presence of the cost should be increased and strengthened.”

He asked the international community to bring a new support to the Somali authorities to have them effectively address the root causes of piracy.

Early on Wednesday, pirates hijacked US cargo ship Maersk Alabama about 560 kilometres off the coast of Somalia — the first of its kind to involve an American crew.

The US freight ship is carrying 232 containers of food distributed by The United Nations’ World Food Program (WFP) — more than 4,000 tons of corn-soya blend for malnourished children and mothers in Somalia and Uganda and nearly 1,000 tons of vegetable oil for refugees in Kenya, according to Peter Smerdon, a WFP spokesperson.

A resident looks on while a city worker delivers her weekly water ration in containers at a low-income neighbourhood in Mexico City, on 9 April, 2009. The Mexican capital, one of the most densely populated cities in the world, cut in water supply to a historic fall in reserves, a measure that affects at least five million people, according to authorities. — Internet

Mexico City shuts off main water pipeline

Mexico City, 10 April — Mexico City has turned off the tap to millions of residents because water reserves have reached historic low.

The two-day shutdown of a main pipeline starting Thursday affects at least 5 million of the 20 million people in the Mexico City valley.

It is the third time this year the metropolis has temporarily turned off the tap to conserve water.

The water restrictions come as many residents are out of town for Holy Week.

An unusually dry rainy season last year left the city’s Cutzamala water system at 47 percent capacity compared to 85 percent in previous years.

The system supplies 20 percent of the area’s water.

The government says it will restore 50 percent of service on Saturday and full service by on Wednesday. — Internet

Police, civilians clash in rural Mexico over chemical waste

Mexico City, 10 April — Civilians from Zimapan, a town of 10,000 in central Mexico, clashed with federal police and turned back trucks carrying chemical waste to a newly-opened chemical processing plant there, local residents said on Thursday.

Residents said that the Spanish company Befesa built the facility in their town without saying its real function. They took to street to block trucks carrying toxic materials.

“There are around 200 federal policemen here, but the whole town is in a permanent state of alert. We are not going to let them through,” said Jose Maria Lozano Moreno, who leads Todos Somos Zimapan (We Are All Zimapan), a movement that opposes the plant.

He said six trucks were able to enter the facility on Tuesday, but on Wednesday residents formed blockades and kept four trucks outside.

Lozano said even though the company had obtained permission from federal authorities including the Environment Ministry and the Federal Environment Protection Attorney, townspeople had only allowed Befesa to set up the plant because they believed it would recycle municipal waste. — Internet

Bulgaria not to pay ransoms for kidnapped sailors

Sofia, 10 April — Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry declared on Thursday that it would not pay any ransom for the 16 Bulgarian sailors kidnapped by Somali pirates, local press reported.

During his regular briefing, the Spokesperson of Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry, Dragovez Goranov, stated that Bulgaria was not going to pay any ransom demanded for the release of the sailors on the British-owned cargo ship “Malaspina Castle,” which sailed under Panamanian flag.

“The Bulgarian state has no such money, and pays no ransoms,” Goranov declared explicitly. He also explained Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry had neither official, nor unofficial information of any demands for ransom. He believes it was possible that the pirates might have contacted the cargo ship’s owners. — Internet

Dozens of homes destroyed in Texas, Oklahoma fires

Midwest City, 10 April — Fire crews in Oklahoma and Texas raced on Thursday to control wind-whipped wildfires that destroyed dozens of homes, seriously injured two people, forced evacuations and shut down parts of a major highway.

Howling wind that had gusted to more than 60 mph grounded firefighting efforts by air in both states and drove blazes that scorched neighbourhood like “a war zone,” Midwest City police Chief Brandon Clabes said.

“The wind is the biggest issue, because we can’t get ahead of the fires,” Midwest City Fire Marshal Jerry Lojka said. By nightfall, wind gusts dropped to about 30 mph in many areas. — Internet

Heavy storms rake Midwest; tornado hits Ark town

Mena, 10 April — A tornado struck a small Arkansas town on Thursday night, causing minor injuries, as part of a severe storm system moving quickly across the nation’s midsection. The reported tornado scored a direct hit on the Polk County Courthouse in Mena, near the Oklahoma state line, said Renee Preslar, a spokeswoman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

Gov Mike Beebe dispatched 30 National Guard soldiers to the town after local officials asked for troops to secure the heavily damaged downtown area, Preslar said.

Twelve minor injuries were reported in Mena, but authorities were going door-to-door checking for more injuries.

A 13th person was hospitalized in Howard County after a tree was toppled onto a house. — Internet

Mexico City, 10 April — The New Light of Myanmar Saturday, 11 April, 2009
Vietnam sets six steps to boost foreign investment

HANOI, 10 April—The government of Vietnam has outlined six urgent measures to help the country attract, manage and absorb foreign investment more effectively during the economic recession, the local newspaper People’s Army reported on Friday.

Accordingly, the first step is to review, adjust and improve policies for investment and business activities with an aim to provide preferential incentives for several industries and to boost disbursement.

The second measure is to publicly announce the approved master plans of development by the 4th quarter of this year to speed up the site clearance. The third way is to review and announce the infrastructure investment goals by 2020 to mobile capital resources for the completion of sea ports. The government mentioned the fourth step about training staff skilled at granting licenses for foreign-invested projects.

The government also suggested the central and local authorities to closely coordinate in the licensing and supervision of foreign-invested projects as the fifth step to ensure the effective implementation of those projects.

Finally, it is necessary to map out specific policies to call foreign investment in particular field.

Kidnap insurance costs soar tenfold in Gulf of Aden on escalating piracy

CHICAGO, 10 April—Shipowners navigating the Gulf of Aden are seeing insurance premiums for kidnap and ransom increase tenfold as piracy escalates, said Chicago-based global insurance broker Aon Risk Services on Thursday, one day after Somali pirates hijacked a US cargo ship.

This means shipowners could be paying 30,000 US dollars premium for 3 million dollars of cover for one journey through this piracy hotspot. However, more are opting for cover to protect their employees as well as avoiding lengthy detours that threaten supply chains and increase petrol costs.—Xinhua

Boeing to adjust twin-aisle airplane production amid bad business environment

CHICAGO, 10 April—Chicago-based Boeing announced on Thursday that it will adjust its twin-aisle airplane production plans for 2010 due to significant deterioration in the business environment for airlines and cargo operators driven by unprecedented global economic conditions.

Monthly production of the Boeing 777 will decline from 7 to 5 airplanes per month beginning in June 2010. Boeing will also delay previous plans to modestly increase Boeing 747-8 and 767 productions. No change is being made at this time to the 737 production rate. In addition, the weak global economy has contributed to significant declines in the escalation indices that affect forecasted pricing for commercial airplanes already ordered. The production decisions and unfavorable price escalation are expected to reduce Boeing’s first-quarter net earnings by approximately 38 cents per share. Because the 747 programme is currently in a loss position, the reduced earnings associated with the factors above will be recorded for most units in the 747 backlog. That impact, somewhat offset by a refinement in cost estimates, accounts for approximately 31 cents per share of the first-quarter charge.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency
UN climate chief says rich countries should slash carbon emissions

BEIJING, 10 April — A top UN climate official said on Wednesday rich nations must aim at contributing to carbon pollution cuts by 2020. Vvo de Boer said at a webcast news conference on the final day of a negotiation round under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), “more ambition is needed on the part of industrialized countries if we are to get a robust response to climate change.”

Some 175 nations are meeting this week in Bonn in one of a series of UN-led meetings meant to forge a deal in Copenhagen in December to replace or extend the Kyoto Protocol. The 11-day meeting is the first in a series this year — and the first to be attended by US President Barack Obama’s administration.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2007 matched global temperature increases with different cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. It said that a cut by rich countries of 25-40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020, and substantial action by developing nations, could limit temperature rise to about 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), viewed by some governments as a threshold for dangerous change. — Internet

Mexico permits company to explore oil with seismic technique

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — Mexico Energy Ministry has permitted state-owned oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) to pilot oil exploration with seismic technique.

The company will first carry out the pilot oil detection in Las Choapas, Minatitlan, Hidalgotitlan and Uxpanapa in east coastal state Veracruz and then in nearby Tabasco state’s Comalcalco, Cardenas, Jalpa de Mendez, Centro, Cunduacan and Hulumanguillo.

By sending shockwave into the earth and measuring its reflection, computers can estimate the structure deep in the earth, which can help geologists determine whether there exists oil or not. Due to the declining output in Cantarell, the largest oil field in Mexico, Pemex now tries to find oil and gas in other parts of the country. — Internet

Malaysian towboat catches fire in Vietnam, seven crews missing

HANOI, 10 April — A Malaysian towboat caught fire on Wednesday off the coast of southern Tru Vinh province of Vietnam, with seven Malaysian crew still missing by the press time, the local newspaper Young People reported on Friday.

According to the Vietnam National Committee for Search and Rescue, there were 11 crews on board when the boat caught fire. Three Myanmar and one Indonesian have saved themselves by swimming towards shore.

The seven Malaysians are still missing, said the newspaper.

Local authorities and relevant agencies have been exerting efforts to search for them. The towboat was on its way from Vietnam to Singapore when the accident took place, said the newspaper. — Internet

Zhanjiang citizens look around on the visiting Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser of Russian navy in Zhanjiang, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 9 April, 2009. Several hundreds of local Chinese paid a visit to the Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser that opened to public here Thursday. The warship and the Boris Butoma tanker is on a five-day visit in Zhanjiang since 6 April, 2009. — Xinhua

Stolen plane from Canada lands in Missouri

A small plane stolen by a student from an aviation centre in Canada’s Ontario Province, landed near a Missouri highway Monday and the pilot is now on the run, US federal aviation officials said.

A US Federal Aviation official said that the single-engine plane was tracked by two US fighter jets when it flew into the United State, and it landed on a dirt road at Ellismore, southeast of Missouri. The pilot ran away after the plane landed and local police were responding.

French ‘Spiderman’ scales London tower

A French urban climber nicknamed “Spiderman” scaled the outside of the Lloyd’s Building in central London in a protest about climate change.

Alain Robert, famous for his daring unaided ascents of skyscrapers and iconic sites around the world, was arrested once he had climbed back down, police told AFP.

The 14-storey building, which is 88 metres (288 feet) tall, is home to the insurance group Lloyd’s of London.

The protest comes as world leaders meet in London for the G20 summit to thrash out solutions to the challenges facing the international community.

“A man has been arrested for aggravated trespass at the Lloyd’s Building,” a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

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Wisconsin warns on capitol nuts

Wisconsin is asking people to refrain from feeding squirrels at the state Capitol because they might inadvertently harm a child with a peanut allergy. The state sent a letter Monday to tenants of a downtown Madison office building, asking whomever has been feeding the squirrels on the Capitol lawn to please stop.

Ron Blair, of the Division of State Facilities, writes in the letter that someone has been carpeting the Capitol lawn with peanuts. He says the indiscriminate nut-tossing might pose a risk because thousands of school children tour the building each year and some might have peanut allergies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 4 percent to 8 percent of children have a food allergy, with peanuts being one of the most common. Some can have a reaction just touching or being near peanuts.

Shi Ligang, an instructor of Kungfu monks from Shaolin Temple in Quanzhou City, performs Kungfu Iron Head skill on 10 April, 2009.

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Man punished for mailing animal feces

A man in Sioux Falls, South Dakota of the US, was sentenced to probation, a fine and restitution for sending a letter containing animal feces in the mail.

Jeffrey Dezeuve, 45, pleaded guilty to a count of mailing injurious articles.

According to prosecutors, the man smeared the excrement on a traffic citation, an attept to please stop.

Two aigrettes play in Xiangshan Forest Park in Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province.
Travellers may notice the signboards bearing “Towns and villages must be modernized and developed in a short time” put up in all the towns and villages.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, it is known to all that the government has adopted and is implementing the five rural development tasks for narrowing the development gap between rural and urban areas.

As a result of the plan, all the travellers may see remarkable development of many villages or rural areas where most of the people are residing.

Recently, we arrived at Kyaikto to cover the news on the Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon 380-mile Long Cycling Contest. During the previous tours, we missed the chances to observe the development tasks in detail. At present, we had the opportunity to closely observe the development of the town under the arrangements of Kyaikto Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Aung Win and Executive Officer U Nay Htet Shein of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Kyaikto located on Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad and the motor road is a gateway to Mon State. Many travellers visit the town to pay homage to Hsandaung Kyaiktiyo Pagoda and other famous pagodas.

The township is constituted with six wards in the urban area and 35 village tracts and 76 villages. According to the statistics, over 200,000 people including various national races are residing in the township.

The town, gateway to Mon State is being decorated with landscapes, island areas and mobile flower boxes. The town has colourful pavements and straight detours in line with the

Bogyoke Street in Kyaikto being decorated with landscapes.

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With regard to the industrial sector, paper mill, sawmill, marble slab factory, locomotive shed, Khameik crumb rubber factory and palm oil mill being run by the State and 117 private industries had been established in the township.

In compiling the facts about rural and urban developments of various townships and villages, the complete papers should be compiled in accord with the guidance of the Head of State on five rural development tasks: to ensure smooth and better transport in rural areas; to ensure adequate supply of drinking clean water; to uplift living standards of rural people; to improve the health care services of rural people; and to develop the rural economy.

Bogoke Street in Kyaikto being decorated with landscapes.

Traditional medicine clinics, maternal and child care unit, leprosy, TB and malaria control units. In the communication sector, the local people can use auto-telephones and CDMA telephones in addition to postal telegraphic services. Indeed, the lifestyle, living standard, basic needs and businesses for the economy are important for the presentation on facts about a country, a national, a region or local national races.

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Tatmadaw a force formed with discipline...

(from page 16)

In order to possess all the five qualifications, you have to accomplish the four tasks for building a force: military training, administration, welfare service and raising morale.

By undergoing military training, you will well obey orders, and you will become competent with self-confidence. If you are good at managing things, that will help you accomplish your tasks. Welfare service helps improve morale. If a force is based on good morale, its members will be self-disciplined with good behaviour, they will have a sense of diligence, team spirit, unity, willingness to make self-sacrifice in the interest of the nation and the people, patriotic spirit, and upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Your forces will possess the three capabilities and will be able to preserve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw possess fine traditions such as being a patriotic Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw making self-sacrifice, a noble-minded Tatmadaw, and a brave Tatmadaw with capabilities to overcome challenges.

Today, the Tatmadaw organizing committees at all levels are pursuing the goal of enabling all servicemen to relay the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw from one generation to the next. Moreover, they are taking measures to make sure that the armed forces and the people remain harmonious; the Tatmadaw serves the public interest, and the people build and protect the motherland under the leadership of the Tatmadaw. I would like to call on you to work hard together under the leadership of the Tatmadaw organizing committees at all levels so as to build the Tatmadaw into a strong, efficient, modern patriotic one, and to be harmonious with the people.

Comrades,

Our patriotic Tatmadaw was born of the independence struggles, and since then our Tatmadaw has upheld discipline with a sense of duty. So, Tatmadaw members have a sense of noble spirit. You are preserving the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, so you have to play an exemplary role in observing discipline.

Tatmadaw is a force that is formed with discipline at the core. Therefore, you have to abide by military law and military rules and regulations in addition to civil law. More than that, you have to observe the military code of conduct constantly. You have to understand well and follow each of the points of individual code of conduct, code of conduct to superiors, code of conduct to subordinates, code of conduct to the public, and code of conduct to enemies. If you firmly obey the military code of conduct, you will surely lead a reliable and responsible life.

You are reckoned to be good Tatmadaw members. So, you have to share joys and sorrows with the people; you have to take care of the people as if they were your natural parents; and you have to put public interest in the fore because community welfare service is one of the primary duties of the Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

The Tatmadaw took up State duties in 1988 to protect the nation and the people and to generate a prosperous future of the people. Our Tatmadaw is a patriotic Tatmadaw, and so from that time on we have dedicated ourselves to the tasks for well-being of the public with the conviction that we must work far harder than others do. We laid down the Project for Progress of Border Areas and National Races, the 24 Special Regions Development Project and the Rural Development Project for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation.

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not been mature enough in the countries concerned. Therefore, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have to continue to pursue the goal in order that the goal does not divert from its course before the democratic practice is mature. Therefore, I would say you are responsible for seeing to democratic transition process in cooperation with the people for successful completion of the 2010 elections.

Comrades,

Of our Tatmadaw’s primary duties: national defence duty, military training duty and public welfare duty, the national defence duty is the most primary duty. You have to give priority to gaining work experience for discharging national defence duty. You shall be always ready for national defence duty whatever duty you are shouldering with whatever technology. I would like to urge you to work hard with heart and soul in the regions you are posted to in order that you will gain vast experience on national defence duty.

You are reckoned to be good Tatmadaw members. So, you have to share joys and sorrows with the people; you have to take care of the people as if they were your parents.
Mu Tain creek bridge conducive to smooth transport of villagers

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Mu Tain creek bridge was put into service in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Division on 8 April.

It was opened in the presence of Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe.

The 145-foot long and 12-foot wide facility is built on Nyaunggaing-Minbe-Zebygong village-to-village road.

The facility contributes to the smooth transport of locals who took boat for their transport in the past. The bridge was funded by the State, Shwebo Township Development Affairs Committee and the people in 2008-2009 financial year.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe inspected upgrading of Wetlat-Ywathagy-Khawtaw gravel road in Wetlat Township on 6 April. The one mile and seven-furlong long and 12-foot wide road is being built with the financial assistance of the State. On completion, it is conducive to smooth transport of residents of nine villages.

On 7 April, the deputy minister met with local residents of Shennama model village. Their discussion focused on water supply and road building tasks.

Next, the deputy minister donated K 100,000 for buying fire engine, K 100,000 to the village library and K 100,000 to the station hospital, and Managing Director U Tin Maung Win of Barani Engineering Company, K 100,000.

The deputy minister inspected upgrading of Wetlat-Ingyinpin-Shennama gravel road, which is two miles long and twelve feet wide. It is being built with the financial assistance of the State and can contribute to the smooth transport of locals from 18 villages.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to funds for development of Mingin Township

YANGON, 10 April—With a view to ensuring development of Mingin Township, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn held meetings in Tinbat Village-tract, Mingin Myoma and Kyaytaung Village-tract on 7 April and in Shadaw and Maukkamaw Village-tracts on 8 April, attended by 13,400 local people.

The deputy minister donated cash assistance to the funds of the regional development and two computers and two 21-inch TVs for the multi-media rooms of the schools and cash assistance for North-West Command.

At the meetings, the deputy minister explained the future tasks of the State, progress of the present Myanmar political situation and the global politics.—MNA

Development tasks carried out in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win met with the chairman of Township PDCs, departmental officials and chairmen of ward and village PDCs at Uru Yadana Hall of Phakant Township PDC on 29 March.

On 30 March, the commander gave cash assistance to the patients at Phakant Township People’s Hospital and inspected the hospital compound. The commander also presented gifts to families at Township Police Station.

After meeting with members of social organization and townsmen, he looked into the completion of new 25-bed hospital in Taungga Village-tract.

The commander oversaw the Nantyaytaung bridge on Tarmakhan-Haungpa-Loneton road section and reclamation of farmlands in Nalinesville Village and met with members of social organization and townsmen at Hsein Village.

On 31 March, the commander viewed the site chosen for construction of a diversion weir at Nantyar Creek. In Lehmi Village of Hopin Township, he heard the reports submitted by the Township Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

At Lwelaw Village of Mogauk Township, the commander looked into supply of water to summer paddy plantations.

Myanmar, Bangladesh hold joint trade commission meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The Third Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Trade Commission Meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce here on 7 April, attended by Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and Bangladeshi delegation led by Secretary of Commerce H.E Mr. Feroz Ahmed.

They held comprehensive discussions on extended export of Myanmar’s products including agricultural produce aiming to boost bilateral trade and prosperous trade cooperation.—MNA

251 drug-related cases exposed in March

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 251 drug-related cases in March 2009. Seizure of the drug-related cases were 34,9471 kilos of opium in 69 cases, 27,7352 kilos of heroin in 66 cases, 0.1858 kilo of opium oil in eight cases, 13,9173 kilos of low-grade opium in 14 cases, 79,3886 kilos of marijuana in 19 cases, 3,084,427 stimulant tablets in 58 cases, 332,0075 kilos of opium speciosa, 270.4 kilos of stimulant powder, 25 kilos of Ephedrine, one litre of opium speciosa liquid, 12.7 kilos of Caxin, 600 capsules of tramedol in one case, 340 tablets of Ativan, 90 tablets of diazeepam in one case, 86 litres of chemical liquid, 17 kilos of chemical precursors and other one case.

Action was taken against 368 persons—291 men and 77 women—in 251 cases.—MNA
China, Japan, Russia, ROK stage maritime oil spill emergency drill

QINGDAO, Shandong, 10 April — China, Japan, Russia and the Republic of Korea (ROK) conducted a drill off the east China coast on Friday to handle an oil spill emergency.

The drill was conducted to address extensive drifting oil leaks after an oil tanker bumped into a cargo ship off the southern coast of ROK, said an official with Shandong Maritime Safety Administration.

China, Japan and Russia provided technical support and resources to handle the spillage as soon as they received ROK’s call for help.

The exercise, of nearly three hours, used English as its working language for communications.

The drill aimed to enhance regional cooperation to cope with major oil spill emergencies within the northwestern Pacific area, the official told Xinhua.

China, Japan, Russia and ROK passed the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) in 1994 in order to deal with oil pollution accident at sea.

The four countries signed a memo on oil spill response cooperation in May 2004 on the basis of NOWPAP.

Another drill of the same kind will be staged at the end of this year, the official said.

China and ROK held “The 2008 Maritime Rescue and NOWPAP China-ROK Pollution Exercise” last September, the first time that China has hosted an international joint maritime oil spill emergency exercise.

Five US soldiers killed in truck bombing in Iraq’s Mosul

BAGHDAD, 10 April — At least eight people including five US soldiers were killed and 60 others were injured in a suicide truck bombing in the northern city of Mosul, according to US military and Iraqi source.

A suicide truck bomber detonated bomb in front of a police station in the southern part of the city and most of the victims are policemen, according to the source.

The main building of the police station and some nearby buildings in the neighbourhood were severely damaged by the explosion, the source added.

A sixth US soldier was also injured in the blast and two suspects have been arrested, US military said in a statement.

According to an Iraqi Interior Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity, at least 20 Iraqi policemen were injured in the bombing.

The attack is the largest single loss of American life recently seen in Iraq. Four US soldiers and an Iraqi interpreter were killed in a suicide car bombing in Mosul in February of this year.

forces in Iraq.

In two separate attacks earlier Friday, at least two people were killed, 15 others injured in two bombings in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad, according to the police.

Two people, including a woman, were killed when a civilian car was damaged by a roadside bomb in al-Mansorea district, about 35 km east of Baqubah, the capital city of Diyala province.

Five others were also injured in the bombing, according to the source.

Despite security improvements, attacks continue across Iraq. Dozens of people were killed in a series of bombings in Baghdad this week, raising fears of al-Qaeda and other threat groups are trying to stage a comeback.

Scientists start to unlock secrets of bird flight

WASHINGTON, 10 April — For millennia, people have watched the birds and bees and wondered: “How do they do that?”

Thanks to high-speed film and some persistent scientists, at least one of the secrets of flight is now revealed. When birds, bats or bugs make a turn, all they have to do is start flapping their wings normally again and they straighten right out.

That came as a surprise to researchers who thought turning and stopping took more steps. Lead researcher Tyson L. —

Internet

Kids curb marital satisfaction

DENVER, 10 April — Parents all know that children make it harder to do some of the most enjoyable adult things. Bluntly put, kids can get between you.

Now scientists have attached some numbers to the situation. An eight-year study of 218 couples found 90 percent experienced a decrease in marital satisfaction once the first child was born.

“Couples who do not have children also show diminished marital quality overtime,” says Scott Stanley, research professor of psychology at University of Denver.

“However, having a baby accelerates the deterioration, especially seen during periods of adjustment right after the birth of a child.” —

Internet

China for the first time in 1999 in Beijing.—

The 2009 World Stamp Exhibition, “the Olympics of stamp collecting,” was held in China for the first time in 1999 in Beijing.

More than 60 international experts will review the entries.

It is the first time all 84 members of the Federation of International Philately have participated in an exhibition.

More than 3,200 framed stamp collections will be displayed at the event, which runs from 10 to 16April. Guo said eight medals will be awarded to stamp collections.

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Suspected ex-Nazi extradition appeal rejected

WASHINGTON, 10 April — A US immigration board Friday rejected suspected Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk’s appeal of an extradition order, paving the way for deportation to Germany to face charges he committed atrocities.

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The Board of Immigration Appeals “deny because it does not appear they are going to grant the motion to reopen the case,” Susan Eastwood, a spokesperson in the Executive Office for Immigration Review, told AFP. German prosecutors issued an arrest warrant last month for Demjanjuk, 89, accusing him of complicity in murdering at least 29,000 Jews at Sobibor death camp, where he allegedly served between March and September 1943.
DECLARES AS THE THIRD DAY AFTER FINAL DISCHARGE OF CARGO

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY (NO) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.4.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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 up 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 Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY (NO)

Invitation to Tender
Sr No Description Qty Issuing Date Closing Date
1. Control System For 400 T/D 1 Lot 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
2. Air Separator For Cement Mill (FE) 1 Set 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
3. Supporting Roller For Bearing Metal (FE) 2 Sets 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
5. Head Cover (Feed Side) (FE) 1 Set 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
7. Spare Parts For Electrical Control (FE) 1 Lot 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
8. Spare Parts For Production Machine (FE) 1 Lot 22.4.2009 25.5.2009
10. Spinning Brick (Ks) 2200 Pcs 22.4.2009 25.5.2009

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Industry, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidders who purchased Tender Documents officially.

(For further details, contact telephone number: 067-408298)

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INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited for supply of the following in Euro:

   Tender No Description Quantity

   12(T)/MR(MC) Vacuum Brake Cylinder 21" F Type 100 Sets 2009-2010

   Closing Date/Time : 15.6.2009 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

   2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 10.4.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Thienbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 951-1-291994, 951-1-291985.
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**Experts say butterflies soaring higher due to climate change in Himalayas region**

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**Adults with brown fat don’t burn calories as believed**

**BEIJING, 10 April** — It was generally believed, but could be wrong, that humans lose brown fat after infancy, no longer needing it once the shivering response kicks in, said Thursday’s issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Papers made by three groups of researchers indicate that nearly every adult has little blobs of brown fat that can burn huge numbers of calories when activated by cold, as when sitting in a chilly room that is between 16 and 19 degrees centigrade.

Thinner people appear to have more brown fat than heavier people; younger people more than older people; people with lower glucose levels, presumably reflecting higher metabolic rates, have more than those whose metabolisms are more sluggish; and women have more than men. People taking beta blockers for high blood pressure or other medical indications have less active brown fat.

“The thing about brown fat is that it takes a very small amount to burn a lot of energy,” said Dr Ronald Kahn, head of the section on obesity and hormone action at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston. —Xinhua

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**Edge of space found**

**WASHINGTON, 10 April** — Hold on to your hats, or in this case, your helmets. Scientists have finally pinpointed the so-called edge of space — the boundary between Earth’s atmosphere and outer space. With data from a new instrument developed by scientists at the University of Calgary, scientists confirmed that space begins 73 miles (118 kilometers) above Earth’s surface.

A lot remains very fuzzy, however, as the boundary is surrounded by a host of misconceptions and conflicting definitions. For starters, astronauts can say they’ve been to space after only passing the 50-mile (80-kilometer) mark. Meanwhile the boundary recognized by many in the space industry is also somewhat arbitrary 62 miles (100 kilometers). Scientist Theodore von Kármán long ago calculated that at this altitude the atmosphere is so thin that it’s negligible, and conventional aircraft can no longer function because they can’t go fast enough to get any kind of aerodynamic lift. This 62-mile boundary is accepted by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), which sets aeronautical standards.

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**Mexican rescuers head for Italy quake zone**

**MEXICO CITY, 10 April** — A Mexican earthquake rescue team has sent eight members to Italy’s quake-ravaged Abruzzo region. Mexican media said on Wednesday.

The rescuers from the Tlaltetelco-Azteca International Rescue Brigade left Mexico City early Wednesday, and a second seven-member squad of the non-profit brigade is on standby in Mexico City waiting for funds to fly to Italy, the reports said.

The rescue brigade is nicknamed “Los Sept 19 Toppers” (19 Sept Moles) after Mexico City’s devastating 19 Sept, 1985, earthquake.

L’Aquila, the capital of Abruzzo, was hit by a strong earthquake early Monday morning. The death toll from the quake rose to at least 260 on Wednesday, with over 15,000 people injured and 28,000 homeless. The Toppers have participated in rescue operations in some 20 countries, including in operations in New York, the United States, after the 11 Sept, 2001, collapse of the Twin Towers, and in Turkey after the 1999 earthquake.

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**Stem cell surgery for cancer patient in Shanghai**

**BEIJING, 10 April** — A 21-year-old leukemia patient underwent pioneering surgery in a Shanghai hospital on Wednesday, when doctors transferred 30 milliliters of umbilical-cord blood donated by a Shanghai cord bank. Today they will transplant a batch of his father’s stem cells, which are an imperfect match.

This combination of umbilical-cord blood and half-matched stem cells can offer lifesaving transplant opportunities to many more patients than traditional methods, which require a perfect match between patient and donor, said doctors from Shanghai No. 1 People’s Hospital. It will be a month before results of the transplant are determined.

About 40,000 to 50,000 people on China’s mainland are diagnosed with leukemia every year - all of them children. Only about 1,000 are able to receive a stem-cell transplant because of the difficulty of finding a matching donor. —Internet

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**Hog cholera occurs in central province of Vietnam**

**HANOI, 10 April** — An outbreak of hog cholera broke out in the central province Nghe An of Vietnam, the local newspaper Pioneer reported Friday.

According to head of the provincial animal health bureau Nguyen The Do, the outbreak was detected in Nghe Kim commune, killing 53 pigs.

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**The new light of myanmar**

**KATHMANDU, 10 April** — Climate change comes home to roost. A research, based on Apollo butterfly and Pika hare, the harbingers of global warming, conducted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Nepal’s Langtang region of the Himalayas indicate a disturbing trend.

According to this week’s THT Online report, both the insect and mammal have migrated up to 500 metres in the upper reaches in the last 15 years or so due to the adverse impact of climate change. “Usually Apollo butterflies are found at 3,000 meters above sea level. Over the years, it has moved 500 meters above. While, Pika has relocated 100 meters higher,” Bhayaa Khanal of Natural History Museum told the report.

Khanal, an expert on butterflies, was a part of the WWF team that conducted the res-each. “We can find more evidence of climate changes in the Himalayan region if we conduct an extensive survey. It has been observed that some species of butterfly like Pancy and Crow, which are usually found in the Terai (plain), are now being sighted in the Valley these days,” he explained. There has been a discernible shift in the life cycle of butterflies as well.

Earlier, it would be visible from April to October-November. Now, species like Pieris, Urema and Papilion are found in the wild in March.

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**Police officers of the Shanghai Wusong frontier inspection station wait for the arrival of the Chinese Antarctic exploration vessel, “Snow Dragon,” in Shanghai, east China, on 9 April, 2009. —Xinhua**

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City sink as Germans shine in UEFA Cup

PARIS, 10 April — Germany celebrated a winning double in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals on Thursday as English Premier League moneybags Manchester City were left clinging onto European survival.

City slumped to a 3-1 first leg defeat against high-flying Hamburg despite having taken a 35-second lead. Hamburg’s Bundesliga rivals Werderv Bremen were also casting an eye on the semi-finals after seeing off Udinese of Italy 3-1 at home. Ukraine came out on top in their double-ended duel with France as Shakhthar Donetsk beat former European champions Middlesbrough 2-0 at home while Dynamo Kiev grabbed a precious 0-0 away draw against Paris Saint German.

In front of 57,000 fans at the HSH Nordbank Arena, Stephen Ireland put Manchester City in front after just 35 seconds, only for defender Joris Mathijsen to equalise shortly afterwards. City goalkeeper Shay Given kept his side in the game with some magnificent saves, but a handball by Micah Richards allowed Pirot Trochowski to stroke his side in front from the penalty spot.

Ancelotti ‘to take over at Chelsea next season’

AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti, who has agreed to take over at Chelsea next season to replace interim coach Guus Hiddink, has agreed to a contract worth 3.8 million pounds a season to move into the hotseat at Stamford Bridge.

Ancelotti, who took a giant step towards the Champions League semi-finals by beating Liverpool 3-1 in Wednesday’s quarter-final first leg at Anfield, earmarked the Italian as their first choice after Hiddink insisted he wanted to resume coaching the Russian national team on a full-time basis at the end of the season.

The Sun, quoting unnamed sources at AC Milan, said the personal intervention of Chelsea’s billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich had proved decisive in swing- ing the deal with Ancelotti.

Egypt’s Zaki soon for show-down with Wigan boss

WIGAN, 10 April — Egypt striker Amr Zaki is set for showdown talks with Wigan manager Steve Bruce after returning late from international duty for the fifth time this season.

Bruce is furious that Zaki, currently on loan at the Premier League club from El Zamalek, once again opted not to fly back to England in time for training after playing for his country last week. The Latics boss is set to meet the player and his advisors on Friday and is sure to pull no punches after accusing the striker of unprofessionalism and claiming his attitude showed disrespect to- wards the club who pay his wages and his team- mates.

Zaki, 26, insists he sustained a hamstring injury with Egypt but that is un- likely to cut much ice with Bruce, who could decide to call time on the loan deal before the end of the season.

“I find it very dif- ficult to contemplate how I feel on the situa- tion,” Bruce said on Thursday.

I’m a fighter insists Klinsmann

MUNICH, 10 April — Jurgen Klinsmann came out fighting on Thursday, 24 hours after overseeing Bayern Munich’s shattering Champions League loss to Barcelona. The under-fire Bayern manager insisted he had not lost control of his players in the wake of Wednesday’s 4-0 rout in Barcelona which followed last weekend’s 5-1 drubbing by Wolfsburg.

“I think my word still goes down very well with the team,” Klinsmann told Germany agency SID. “It’s normal that a manager must take the flak after such defeats. It’s not pleasant but it comes with the territory to be criticised,” he added.

“The time is beginning to count but I’m a fighter and I tell myself that I have to lead from the front.”

5 strokes back, Woods has field where he wants it

AUGUSTA, 10 April — Every time Tiger Woods opened the Masters with a round of 70, he went on to win the tournament. The first time, a dozen years ago, it was by a mind-blowing 12 strokes. Even though he’s five behind after just one day, he has the field exactly where he wants it.

On a picture-postcard day when journeymen and superstars took the field where he wants it, the excitement it had been missing for most of the decade returned to Augusta National.

The quiet Texan led a charge that dispelled the myth that the thrill was gone from the Masters, getting off to the best start in tournament history be- fore two late bogeys forced him to settle for a 7-under 67 and one-shot lead over Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan.

Woods got into the action, too, running off three straight birdies late in the afternoon until his momentum stalled and he shot 70. Even so, it was his first time to break par in the first round of the Masters in seven years. And more than 11 hours of action-packed golf gave the tournament the excitement it had been missing for most of the decade.

Heartbroken Adriano stays in Brazil

BRAZIL, 10 April — Brazilian striker Adriano, who is battling depression after a failed love affair, said Thursday that he is not planning a speedy return to Inter Milan.

“I’m not planning an immediate return to Italy. I’ll be unhappy there,” the 27-year-old told a news conference. “I need to think about my career. I’m not happy in Italy.

I am here in Brazil with my family and friends.”

Adriano has been the subject of wild speculation in the Brazilian press this week including hav- ing been the victim of kid- napping and even gunned down in a shooting.

His ex-fiancee Joana Machado told reporters that the player had been depressed after their break-up.

Adriano is expected to forfeit his estimated monthly pay of 400,000 euros as a result of his absence from Inter Milan, the Italian champions.
Huge computer worm
Conficker stirring to life

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 April — The dreaded Conficker computer worm is stirring. Security experts say the worm’s authors appear to be trying to build a big moneymaker, but not a cyber weapon of mass destruction as many people feared.

As many as 12 million computers have been infected by Conficker. Security firm Trend Micro says some of the machines have been updated over the past few days with fake antivirus software — the first attempt by Conficker’s authors to profit from their massive “botnet.”

Criminals use bogus security software to extort money. Victims are told their computers are infected, and can be fixed only by paying for a clean-up that never happens.

Conficker gets on computers through a hole Microsoft patched in October. PCs set up for automatic Windows updates should be clean.

Internet

At The Garbage Museum in Stratford, Conn the first thing a visitor encounters is this 24-foot-long sculpture Trash-O-Saurus” by Pennsylvania sculptor Leo Sewell as seen here on 27 March, 2009. The sculpture weighs 1,000 pounds, representing that average amount of garbage and recyclables each person in Connecticut discards per year. Internet

WEATHER

Friday, 10 April, 2009

Summery of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State and Ayeayawady Division, (5°C) below April average temperatures in Shan State and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Manbu and Maungmyaung (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlong (1.26) inches, Kawthoung (0.82) inch, Kaba-Aye (0.78) inch, Dawes (0.63) inch, Monhbu (0.39) inch, Katha (0.27) inch and Mawlamyine (0.23) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2009 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 10-4-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-4-2009 was 53%. Total sunshine hours on 9-4-2009 was (10.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 10-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kabu-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (40) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 9-4-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeayawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuance of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for third weekend of April 2009: During the coming weekend, possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.
Tatmadaw a force formed with discipline at core
Welfare service helps improve morale

NAV PHT TAW, 10 April—The following is a translation of the full text of the speech delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, at the graduation parade of the 112th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School in Bahtoo Tatmyo today.

Comrades,

At the Graduation Parade of the 112th Intake

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Comrades,

This course comprises direct cadets who will get degrees in professional skills necessary for the Tatmadaw such as law, economics and agriculture and in-service cadets from regiments and course in accordance with the objectives of the course: to become competent officers of Defence Services (Army), and to be capable of commanding an infantry platoon in a battlefield. So, you will be appointed as junior leaders of the Tatmadaw soon.

Comrades,

I would like to say something as to combat leadership because you will soon have to assume discharge of combat duties as junior leaders in the Tatmadaw. What you will soon have is position only. You will be able to take the leadership role only if you win respect and reliance from your subordinates. Basically, you will have to possess all the 16 characters of leadership. In addition, you will have to possess the five sorts of prowess such as physical prowess and mental prowess as much as enough to win respect and reliance of your subordinates, because discharging combat duties is, indeed, coping with a challenge. So, you will have to improve your abilities and capabilities to be able to take the leadership role. In this regard, I would like to remind you that you will become competent leaders only if you have built true leadership, not superficial leadership.

Comrades,

A military officer must be capable of helping build his force into a stronger one. A strong force possesses three capabilities: military capability, administrative capability, and organizing capability. And the officers and other ranks must all have five qualifications: good morality, self-discipline, loyalty, unity, and possessing three capabilities.

You are responsible for seeing to democratic transition process in cooperation with the people for successful completion of the 2010 elections.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation parade of 112th Intake of OTS

NAV PHT TAW, 10 April—The graduation parade of 112th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School took place in the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo at 7 am today with an address by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General General Tha Ha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein. (See page 9)