Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Indonesian Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa and delegation called on Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein at the Government Office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and departmental heads.—MNA

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Curriculum Vitae of H.E Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung was born on 17 November 1949 at Ca Mau Town in Ca Mau Province of Vietnam. He joined the Vietnamese People’s Army in 1961 and served until September 1981, as Major Commander of Infantry Battalion and Regiment. He obtained his LLB Degree and Diploma in Advanced Political Studies. From October 1981 to December 1994, he served up to the post of Secretary of Kien Giang Party Committee, Secretary of Kien Giang Military Party Committee and Member of the Party Committee of the Military Zone 9. From January 1995 to May 1996, he served as Deputy Minister of Public Security and Member of the Party’s Public Security Central Committee. (See page 7)

Prime Minister General Thein Sein shaking hands with Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa at the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa at the Government Office.—MNA

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Friday, 2 April, 2010

For greater development of auto industry

Industrial development is a giant step towards national modernization. Now, good foundations have been laid to turn into an industrialized country. Across the nation are many emerging industrial regions and zones along with a growing number of factories and workshops.

On an inspection tour of Magway Industrial Region the other day, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying in relation to the auto industry, “The government has to share auto technology with industrialists in the industrial zones, apart from running the auto industry itself. Also, the government must provide assistance for industrialists till they get on with the auto industry.”

Magway Industrial Region Project is ongoing at a place, southwest of Magway-Taungdwingyi Road, about six miles from Magway. Its main task is to manufacture vehicles. The region is in pursuit of the goal of taking the centre stage of the truck industry.

The number of high-tech factories in industrial regions is on the rise, one of which is Thagara Industrial Region in Yedashe Township, Bago Division. In the industrial region is a multipurpose diesel engine factory that manufactures generators and engines for vehicles and heavy machinery.

On completion, Magway Industrial Region will run auto industries in cooperation with auto-related factories in Thagara Industrial Region. The government, technologists and the people have to work together to achieve the goal in this regard.

The nation is making progress in number of modern factories and workshops, in addition to advanced technologies. It is, therefore, required to make sustained efforts to bring about technicians and technologists for further development in the industrial sector including auto industry.

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NAV PSI TAW, 1 April—The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on the date they assume charge of their duties.

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MTPA’s new building opened in Ottayathiri Township

NAV PSI TAW, 1 April—The new building opening ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Practitioner Association took place at the building in Ottayathiri Township here this morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Thaung Lwin attended the ceremony and unveiled plaque.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Rail Transportation Minister Thaung Lwin, Directors-General of Ministry for Health, officials concerned, members of MTPA and those invited. Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for PBANRDA, Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and Chairman of MTPA U Maung Nyan formally opened the ceremony.

The commander sprinkled inscription of the building with scented water and so did ministers, deputy ministers and officials concerned.

They looked around the newly opened building.

Those wishing to form political parties submit application

NAV PSI TAW, 1 April—The National Political Alliances League submitted application to the Union Election Commission for its formation as a political party today.

2nd Inlay Orchids’ Images Show on 3-5 April

NAV PSI TAW, 1 April—Under the guideline of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, driving up the accelerator of tourism industry, Taunggyi Hotelier and Tourism Association will organize 2nd Inlay Orchids’ Images Show at May Hawn Hotel in Nyaungdwe, Inlay from 3 to 5 April.

Businessmen, researchers, floriculturists, columnists and guests from home and abroad have been invited to take part in the activities.—MNA

New headquarters of Myanmar Traditional Practitioner Association seen in Ottayathiri Township.—MNA

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**One missing after US Navy plane crashes into Arabian Sea**

US Navy photo shows an E-2C Hawkeye landing aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Gulf of Oman in February 2010.—INTERNET

**Another six terrorists killed in NW Pakistan**

**Taleban commander, six militants killed in NW Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 1 April — Taleban commander Ziaur Rehman was killed in a shootout between different tribes in northwest Pakistan’s Orakzai tribal agency, local sources said on Thursday. Another six terrorists were also killed in the security forces offensive on late Wednesday night, local sources said.

**Four beheaded bodies found in Mexico**

Mexico City, 1 April — The Mexican authorities found four beheaded bodies in the eastern state of Michoacan, the state’s Public Security Directorate said on Wednesday. A message of a criminal group called “The Resistance was left next to the bodies, which were found at the feet of a monument in the center of Apatzingan, an area where clashes are frequent among feuding drug gangs. A total of 16 beheaded bodies have been found this year in Apatzingan, 350 km to Mexico City. **Two blasts kill 12 in southern Russia’s Dagestan**

MOSCOW, 1 April — Twelve people, including nine police officers, were killed in two blasts on Wednesday in the town of Kizlyar in Russia’s volatile North Caucasus region of Dagestan. "In the blasts, 12 people have been killed, nine of them were police officers, including the Kizlyar police chief. Twenty-three others have been hospitalized, suffering with various injuries,” Vladimir Markin, spokesman for the Investigative Committee of Russian Prosecutor General’s Office, told the Interfax news agency. Dagestan authorities has launched a criminal investigation over the two explosions, he said. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has been informed of the terrorist attacks in Kizlyar.

**Drone attack kills six in Pakistan’s tribal area**

ISLAMABAD, 1 April — A suspected US drone attack killed at least six people Wednesday in Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal agency, local officials said. Officials said that the drone fired two missiles on a militants compound in Miranshah area, the main town in North Waziristan. North Waziristan, bordering Afghanistan, witnessed frequent attacks after a CIA base in Khost of Afghanistan was attacked last year, leaving six US intelligence operatives killed. The attack was attributed to Haqqani network believed to be based in the area. Three militant groups, Haqqani network, Talibani led by Mulla Omar and Hizb-e-Islami led by Gulbadin Hikmatyar, are blamed to be offering resistance to US-led forces in Afghanistan. The Hizb-e-Islami agreed with Afghan government on talks for peace and reconciliation. But the other two groups are believed to be still active in the country. The United States blamed that pro-Al-Qaeda Haqqani network operates from North Waziristan.
Russia releases subway bomb suspects’ photos

BEIJING, 1 April—Russian police Tuesday released photos of two women suspects who were believed to have masterminded the deadly twin Moscow blasts that killed 39 people on Monday, media reported.

Special services are also seeking three suspected accomplices of the bombers.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed to “bring them out from the sewer into God’s light” at a transport security meeting Tuesday following the catastrophe and the President Dmitry Medvedev said his country will fight terrorism without hesitation and to the end.

The twin blasts were reportedly linked to terrorist groups in North Caucasus.

The blasts struck the Lubyanka and Cultural Park subway stations in central Moscow during rush hours on Monday morning, killing at least 39 people and injuring more than 70.

Moscow held a Day of Mourning Tuesday for victims of the catastrophe with flowers, candles and voluntary memorials at the two metro stations.

The tragedy were the deadliest in the capital city of Russia since 2004.

Xinhua

Freaky white “strawberry” on UK supermarket shelves

BEIJING, 1 April—The fruit looks like the faded strawberry, and is only in season for the next five weeks.

The fruit originated in South America where it grew wild. It has the same genetic make-up as the common strawberry.

It had been near to extinction until seven years ago when Dutch farmers saved it.

Now it is grown commercially in glasshouses, turning from green to white and are ripe when the seeds turn dark red.—Xinhua

Situation in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 April—Following are security developments in Iraq at 1600 GMT on Wednesday.

MOSUL—Gunmen stormed a house and killed a woman in eastern Mosul, 390 kilometres (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Gunmen in a speeding car killed a civilian in front of his house in eastern Mosul, police said.

BAJIA—A militant was killed while he was planting a roadside bomb in the town of Bajia, 375 kilometres (233 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD—Iraqi security forces arrested three wanted militants and confiscated three pistols equipped with silencers and other weapons, the Baghdad security spokesman office said.

Coal mine accident leaves two dead in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 1 April—Two miners were confirmed dead and one more injured in a coal and gas outburst in central China’s Henan Province Wednesday.

The accident took place at 7:20 p.m. at a coal pit run by Guomin Mining Co. Ltd in Yichuan County of Luoyang City, said a spokesman for the rescue operation headquarters.

Xinhua

Chocolate may be good for heart, blood pressure

BEIJING, 1 April—German researchers recently found having a moderate amount of chocolate may be good for blood-pressure control and therefore better protect the heart, according to a report published on European Heart Journal.

Researchers in German Institute of Human Nutrition conducted a study on more than 19,300 people.

Over a decade’s study, they discovered that those who ate the most amount of chocolate, that is, an average of 7.5 grams a day, had lower blood pressure and a 39 percent lower risk of having a heart attack or stroke compared to those who had an average of 1.7 grams a day, the least among the subjects.

“Small amounts of chocolate may help to prevent heart disease, but only if it replaces other energy-dense food, such as snacks, in order to keep body weight stable,” said Brian Buijsse, leader of the study.

But Buijsse warned those who may use the finding to indulge themselves with the sweets.

The researchers contribute the reason why chocolate seems to be good for people’s blood pressure and heart health to flavanols in cocoa. Since dark chocolate has more cocoa, it is believed to have a greater effect.

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prostate drug reduces cancer risk

BEIJING, 1 April—A new study has discovered a drug, named dutasteride, usually used to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia, could reduce the risk of prostate cancer by 23 percent, according to Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine.

Study leader Gerald Andriole said it “may potentially offer many thousands of men a way to reduce their risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer.”

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Sweden’s Princess Victoria, eldest child of King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, once dreamed of becoming princess in the romantic fairy tale.

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Minister Igor Sechin and President Hugo Chavez. Putin and Venezuelan Prime Minister Vladimir Milano announced the news during the 7th Russian-Venezuelan intergovernmental meeting Wednesday ahead of Putin’s upcoming visit to Venezuela. During their meeting, Chavez and Putin will also sign a cooperation agreement on the production of fertilizers, agro-chemicals and transfer of technology. Both sides will also evaluate some joint projects under implementation for producing vaccines and other medical commodities. Jaua said Russia will advise his country on building a national center for disaster warning and prevention.

Venezuela, Russia to ink cooperation agreements

CANCUN, 1 April — Venezuela and Russia are to sign a series of agreements on Friday to boost cooperation in such fields as energy, industry, transportation, health, education and agriculture. The pacts will be signed by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. Russian Vice Prime Minister Igor Sechin and Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua.

Expo security tightened in Shanghai

BEIJING, 1 April — China is confident of hosting a safe and successful World Expo. Shanghai’s top leader has said in the aftermath of serial suicide bombings in Russia which have jolted the world. With 30 days to go before the grand opening of the gala, Shanghai Party chief Yu Zhengsheng said the city can ensure the security of the 184-day event with the key being mobilization of people and careful implementation of plans.

Oil producers at risk of wasting investment due to low oil prices

CANCUN, 1 April — The world’s oil-producing countries are now at risk of wasting investment if oil prices are too low or too volatile, Abdullah Al-Badri, secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said on Wednesday.

German adventurer preparing largest solar boat

LAGOS, 1 April — It is flat and it is huge, looking much like a white-and-blue space ship — and it is one skipper’s dream. German adventurer Raphael Domjan came a step closer Wednesday to realizing his plan to sail the globe in what he says is the world’s largest solar-powered boat. The catamaran-style yacht called PlanetSolar sporting some 5,400 square feet (500 square meters) of solar panels was put into the water for the first time in the northern German city of Kiel.

Pirates free two West African sailors

Residents of Bakassi sail on a boat in Atabong. — Xinhua
Mikhail Korniyenko, as well as U.S. cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Gennady Padalka, will depart on Friday from the Baikonur cosmodrome early Friday, and is scheduled to blast off from the Kazakh Dock with the ISS on Sunday. —INTERNET

New International Space Station crew approved

MOSCOW, 1 April—The 23rd crew for the International Space Station (ISS) was approved on Thursday, said Russia’s Federal Space Agency. The new expedition crew that will depart on Friday consists of Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Korniyenko, as well as U.S. female astronaut Tracy Caldwell, according to the space agency’s official website.

A Russian Soyuz TMA-18 spacecraft with the crew members aboard is scheduled to blast off from the Kazakhstan Baikonur cosmodrome early Friday, and dock with the ISS on Sunday.—Xinhua

World’s oldest malt whisky costing £10,000 a bottle goes on sale

The world’s oldest malt whisky - costing up to £10,000 a bottle - went on sale today. The Mortlach 70-year-old Speyside was sampled by a select group of tasters at a ceremony in Edinburgh Castle.

Bottles of the rare piece of Scotland’s ‘liquid history’ have now hit the market. Only 54 full-size bottles, costing £10,000 each, and 162 smaller bottles at £2,500 have been made available.

The whisky has been released under Gordon and MacPhail’s Generations brand. It was filled into its cask on October 15 1938 on the order of John Urquhart, the grandfather of the firm’s joint managing directors, David and Michael Urquhart.

Love’s bare essentials

Eight young masked women found a unique way to look for mates when they went to the Xiabei subway station in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province on March 8 and stripped to their underwear.

At about 2 pm, they came fully clothed and handed out leaflets to seek husbands and then began dancing and stripping and holding up signs with messages such as “My mother wants me to get married! Brother, please marry me” and “Catch the time to love when you are young.”

Their perform-ance soon caused onlookers to jam the area, and forced station workers to ask them to get dressed and leave.

Man fleeing Ohio police jumps fence — into prison

Police say a motorist fleeing officers in Cleveland abandoned his car and jumped a fence — landing in what turned out to be a prison yard. Garfield Heights police say the chase started in that suburb early Monday over a traffic violation and reached speeds of 90 mph.

Police say that after a race through several communities, the driver and a passenger bolted from the car and headed for a fence. They apparently did not realize it was on the outside of the state women’s prison in Cleveland.

They were arrested along with two other passengers who also tried to flee.

Toad, earthquake forecaster?

BEIJING, 1 April—Researchers suggested Wednesday that toads may be able to forecast earthquakes, according to a study in the Zoological Society of London’s Journal of Zoology.

The conclusion was based on the fact that days before a 6.3-magnitude quake hit Italian town of L’Aquila, the number of toads there witnessed a sharp decline.

Scientists from the Open University observed a sharp drop in the number of bufo bufo, a common type of toad at a breeding site in central Italy. A few days later, on April 6, 2009, the earthquake hit the town, causing death by hundreds.

Rachel Grant, one of the researchers, said the findings suggested “that toads are able to detect pre-seismic cues such as the release of gases and charged particles, and use these as a form of earthquake early warning system.”

The number of toads at the site fell to zero three days before the quake, according to the study. The relations between unusual animal behaviors and cataclysmic events have always been suspected, but evidence recorded is few.

Roger Musson, a seismologist with the British Geological Survey said the new study was “another bit of data in the large pile that has been accumulating over the years. But it’s not in any shape or form a breakthrough.”

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A visitor relaxes behind a garden gnome in Germany’s Garden Gnome Park in Trusetal, central Germany. The warm spring weather with temperatures over 15 degrees Celsius (59 degrees Fahrenheit) will not continue in the next days. The Garden Gnome Theme Park with more than 2,000 garden gnomes is visited by more than 100,000 people each year. 
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He was Member of the Politburo of the Party Central Committee, Standing Member of the Politburo and Chairman of the Party’s Central Committee for Economic Commission from June 1996 to August 1997. During the period from September 1997 to June 2006, he served as Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Deputy Secretary of the Party Affairs Committee of the Government and Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He was Chairman of the National Financial-Monetary Policy Council from 1998 to 1999 and served as Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam and Secretary of the State Bank of Vietnam’s Party Affairs Committee until June 2006.

He was also Member of the Party’s Central Committee of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth National Party Congresses and Politburo Member of the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth tenures, and Deputy to the 10th and 11th National Assemblies.

From June 2006, he has been serving as Member of the Politburo and Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Myawady TV celebrates 15th anniversary

YANGON, 1 April—Myawady TV celebrated its 15th anniversary today presenting prizes to outstanding staff and winners of best annual manuscript awards for Myawady and Ngwetayi magazines and Myawady colour photo contest.

The ceremony at the TV station in Hnawby, Yangon Division, was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, and Adjutant-General Li-Gen Thura Myint Aung. In his ceremonial address Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung said, periodical industry can give encouragement to national cause in addition to helping promote national awareness, education development and moral behaviour.

The danger of alien cultural domination through the media window is grave, he warned, adding, the race and nation will vanish gradually in the absence of a guardian.

The advancement in science and technologies invites proper changes in art and society together with innovations, but such changes should not be a carbon copy of alien culture and living styles that are against the Myanmar culture, he noted.

Every citizen has the duty to ward off the domination of powers, he said, stressing the need to build a strong social and cultural wall with national awareness.

The promulgation of laws and rules for the success of the election is a significant progress for systematic democracy transition according to the seven-step Road Map, he said.

He urged staff of the TV station to make efforts for the digital switch on to become a reality.

Published by Myawady Literary House, both the 58-year-old Myawady magazine born in 1952 and the 50-year-old Ngwetayi magazine born in 1960 are still flourishing as the longest living periodicals of Myanmar, he said.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Adjutant-General Li-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and responsible persons presented awards to winners in the respective contests.

Myanmar WWW Institute’s IT courses to be opened

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Myanmar WWW Institute will launch IT Essentials, System Essentials and Web Easy courses starting from last week of April.

The courses will last about two months—IT Essentials course four days a week, System Essentials course three days a week and Web Easy course on weekends.

Those interested may enrol not later than 9 April, as the number of seats is limited.

For more information, contact Myanmar WWW Institute at Campus 5, Room 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Yangon (Ph: 652288 or 521125).
Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence gives words of encouragement to members of Pungpahkyem border guard force. — MNA

Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate a member of Pungpahkyem border guard force with rank insignia of the Tatmadaw. — MNA

Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate a member of Mongyu border guard force with rank insignia of the Tatmadaw. — MNA

Members of Pungpahkyem border guard force taking oaths of a serviceman. — MNA

Local people attending the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. — MNA

UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.
Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo speaking at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. —MNA

Those posing for a photo at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. —MNA

Director of People’s Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn speaking at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. —MNA

Photos taken at ceremonies to form border guard forces in Shan State (East)

Mongyu border guard force members and local people perform traditional dances to the accompaniment of the song titled the flower garden of peace. —MNA
Road safety movement week motivated in Yangon

YANGON, 1 April—An opening ceremony of Hanthawadi Road in commemoration of global road safety movement week of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee was held here today. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin opened the ceremony.

Forestry Minister attends library opening ceremony in Loikaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace Ball Contest were awarded and 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Cane Ball Contest was held at Ba Hto Indoor Stadium on 30 March.

Myanmar Ambassador presents credentials to Andorran Co-Prince

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—U Saw Hla Min, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Principality of Andorra, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mons. Joan Enric Vives Sicilia, Co-Prince of the Principality of Andorra, on 18 March, 2010, in Episcopal Palace.—MNA

Prizes presented to winners in cane ball contests

YANGON, 1 April—Winners of the sixth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Sports Minister’s Trophy Myanmar Traditional Cane Ball Contest were awarded and 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Cane Ball Contest was held at Ba Hto Indoor Stadium on 30 March.

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MSI to organize Taylor's University College Information Day 2010

YANGON, 1 April—Taylor’s University College offer programmes such as Pre-University Cambridge A Level (CAL), South Australian Matriculation (SAM), International Canadian Pre-University (CPU), International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), American Degree Transfer Programme (ADP), Foundation In Science (FIS), Taylor’s Business School (TBS), Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Art (TCHT), Architecture, Building, Design (SABD), Design(TDS), Computing (SOTC), Communication (SOC), Biomedical

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Refresher course for English, Mathematics teachers in Pyapon

YANGON, 1 April—Ministry of Education opened a refresher course for Basic Education Level English and Mathematics teachers at Thiri Anaw Taung Hall in Pyapon yesterday. Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Assistant Director-General of Department of Police Maj-Gen Win and Chairman of Social Security Board and director-general of Central Trade Dispute Committee Mr. Andrew Heyn at the ministry here on 30 March. The meeting was also attended by chairman of Social

Labour Minister receives British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi met British Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Andrew Heyn at the ministry here on 30 March. The meeting was also attended by chairman of Social

Myanmar, China to boost cooperation in transport sector

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Russian Journalist Delegation observes development of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—A Russian journalist delegation led by First Deputy Head of International News Division, Mr. Alexander P. Kachev from Russian Information Agency “Novosti” arrived Yangon on 29 March morning. The journalists visited various prominent sites of Yangon that evening.

Russian journalist delegation visits MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon

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Indian space research organization may explore collaboration with Boeing

NEW DELHI, 31 March — The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) may explore entering into a collaboration with global aircraft maker Boeing after the latter showed interest in the field of communication satellites, a top official of the agency said on Tuesday.

“They (Boeing) said they are interested in having collaboration with us in the field of communication satellites. But we (ISRO) already have an alliance with Europeans (EADS Astrium). May be some new areas of business we (ISRO and Boeing) have to explore. We need to do a lot of homework before we could arrive at collaborative level,” ISRO’s commercial arm, ISRO’s chief, KR Sridhar Murthi, the head of Antirix Corporation, told the media in the southern city of Bangalore.

India, which started its space programme in 1963, carrying out its first successful launch of a domestic satellite by an Indian-built rocket in 1980, launched Insat — the largest domestic communication satellite system in the Asia-Pacific region, providing services in telecommunications, television broadcasting and meteorology including disaster warning.

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Helicopter out of fuel during exercise

AULTBEA, 31 March — Members of the British Royal Air Force said a Coastguard helicopter and 50 rescue personnel were scrambled to seek a chopper than ran out of fuel in Scotland.

A Royal Air Force source told The Daily Record, Glasgow, Scotland, the Super Puma helicopter until it could be landed in a remote area that did not allow for radio contact with its base.

A Coastguard helicopter and about 50 rescue workers were scrambled to search for the helicopter in Ross-Shire county after it made an emergency landing near Loch Maree in Wester Ross.

The crew was found safe and the members chose to remain with the helicopter until it could be refueled the following day.

“There are some red faces over this one. It’s a cock-up, plain and simple,” an RAF source said.

“The helicopter was supposed to have been following a road between Applecross and Aultbea, in Ross-shire,” — Internet

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Weight training injuries up 50 percent

COLUMBUS, 31 March — There has been an increase of injuries due to weight training of nearly 50 percent during an 18-year study period, US researchers said. Researchers at the Centre for Injury Research and Policy of The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, found more than 970,000 weight-training-related injuries were treated in US hospital emergency departments between 1990 and 2007.

The study, published online in advance of print in the American Journal of Sports Medicine, found those under the age of 24 had the largest proportion of injuries and were usually injured when using free weights. However, the largest increase in the incidence of injuries occurred among those age 45 and older. — Internet

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Plastic waste may be lethal to marine life

SHEFFIELD, 31 March — British scientists say they’ve determined plastic waste floating in the ocean can produce microbes that are potentially lethal to marine life.

The scientists from the University of Sheffield and Britain’s Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science said they’ve shown the combination of marine microbes that can grow on plastic waste varies significantly from microbial groups that colonize surfaces in the wider environment.

That, said researcher Jesse Harrison from the University of Sheffield, raises the possibility plastic-associated marine microbes have different activities that could contribute to the breakdown of the plastics or the toxic chemicals associated with them.

“Plastics form a daily part of our lives and are treated as disposable by consumers,” Harrison said.

“As such, plastics comprise the most abundant and rapidly growing component of man-made litter entering the oceans.”

But, he added, over time the size of plastic fragments in the oceans decreases as a result of exposure to natural forces. Tiny fragments of 5 millimetres or less are called “microplastics” and are particularly dangerous, Harrison said, since they can absorb toxic chemicals that are transported to marine animals when ingested.

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A ship with Filipinos hijacked in Somalia

MANILA, 31 March — An undetermined number of Filipino sailors were among the 24 crew members of a Panama-flagged vessel seized by pirates on Monday off Somalia, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Tuesday. The MV Iceberg 1 was hijacked by ransom-seeking Somaliland pirates 10 miles outside the Gulf of Aden Port. Aside from Filipinos, the crew consists of nationals from Yemen, Pakistan, Ghana, India and Sudan.

“It cannot be confirmed as of this time how many Filipinos are on board the ship,” the DFA said in a statement. Other than this incident, there are four Filipinos in two vessels, being held by pirates in Somalia.

The Iceberg 1, a roll on roll off vessel with a deadweight of 4,500 tons, was carrying a mixed cargo of general mechanical equipment and was bound for Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates when hijacked, according to the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR).
**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV SEAWAY VALOUR VOYNO (922)**

Consignees of cargo carried on **MV SEAWAY VALOUR VOY NO (922)** are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will be the consignee’s risk and expense and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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**Historic handgun returned to museum**

**CHICAGO, 1 April**—A historic handgun stolen 62 years ago is back in a Chicago museum where it belongs, thanks to an 83-year-old Pennsylvania gun fancier.

The 1851 Colt “Navy” revolver once belonged to Owen Brown, the third son of pre-Civil War abolitionist John Brown. It disappeared from the Chicago History Museum in 1948 only to turn up at a gun show in Miami in 1991. That’s where it caught the eye of Robert Hassinger of North Hills, Pa., who traded another Colt for it.

It took him a while to track down the rightful owner, but once he did it went back to the museum in Chicago, even though it is worth $100,000-$250,000, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported on Wednesday.

“I realized that it belonged to them and that it had to go back,” he said.

That honesty drew the appreciation of museum collections director Kathleen Plourd.

“I can’t really believe that it’s resurfaced. You’re an extremely honest person,” she told Hassinger.

Hassinger called the revolver “a symbol of the development of this country” and said he’d like to see the gun go on display, something museum officials won’t guarantee.

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**Solvent may change cooking oil production**

**KINGSTON, 1 April**—A Canadian professor says a special solvent he invented might revolutionize the manufacturing of cooking oil.

Queens University Professor Philip Jessop says his solvent, when combined with carbon dioxide, extracts oil from soybeans.

Industries currently manufacture cooking oils using hexane, which is a cheap, flammable solvent that is also a neurotoxin and creates smog.

The current manufacturing process, Jessop said, also involves distillation and that uses large amounts of energy.

The researcher says his new method of making oil involves a “switchable” solvent that is hydrophobic, meaning it mixes with water and doesn’t like water. But when carbon dioxide is added, the solvent becomes hydrophilic, meaning it mixes with water and doesn’t like to be in oil. So, Jessop said, when carbon dioxide is added to a mixture of the solvent and soybeans, the oil is extracted from the soybeans and collected. When the carbon dioxide is removed, the solvent switches back to its hydrophobic state.

While this process has only been performed in the laboratory, Jessop says he’s already heard from cooking oil companies interested in his research. But the solvent is still years away from being used in large-scale oil manufacturing, he said.

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**Europe’s oldest woman turns 114**

**PUDESTY, 1 April**—A British great-great-grandmother named Europe’s oldest woman last year has celebrated her 114th birthday.

Florrie Baldwin of Pudesy, England, celebrated with family including her sons Maurice Worsnop, 89, and grandson David Worsnop, 64, and received her 11th telegram from Queen Elizabeth congratulating her on reaching her advanced age, The San reported on Wednesday.

“When I’m chatting to people I don’t know well and I tell them I’ve got to go and see my grandmother they often give me a funny look,” David Worsnop said.

“When my mother told the girl in the post office she wanted a Mothers’ Day card, the assistant looked at her as if she was crazy. But my grandmother is amazing, every year we say this will most likely be the last year we will do this. We have been saying that for 14 years but she keeps battling on.”

Baldwin was named Europe’s oldest woman last year and is believed to be the fourth oldest person in the world.
Ancient snakes found living in Madagascar

STATE COLLEGE, 31 March—US biologists say they are studying the evolution of blindsnakes, often mistaken for earthworms, by examining the genetics of living species.

Pennsylvania State University Professor Blair Hedges, along with Nicolas Vidal of the French Museum of Natural History in Paris, are co-leaders of a team that discovered blindsnakes are one of the few groups of organisms that inhabited in Madagascar when it broke from India about 100 million years ago, and are still living today.

The scientists said blindsnakes comprise about 260 different species and form the largest group of the world’s worm-like snakes — scolecophidians. The burrowing creatures, found mostly in southern continents and tropical islands, have reduced vision — which is why they are called “blind.”

Because there are nearly no known fossil blindsnakes, their evolution has been difficult to piece together, Hedges said.

In the recent study, the team investigated the evolution of blindsnakes by examining the genetics of living species. —Internet

Function loss after brain injury studied

LEXINGTON, 31 March—A German study suggests loss of physical and psychological function after brain injury isn’t closely related to brain structure injuries, as had been thought.

Researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Cognitive and Neuro Sciences led by Rainer Scheid and D Yves von Cramon said the loss of physical and psychological function after traumatic brain injury is, in Germany, more frequently caused by traffic accidents, falls or blows to the head than by strokes. And such loss of function is usually blamed on changes in brain structures. But Scheid and von Cramon analyzed data from 320 patients treated in the Cognitive Neurology Outpatient Clinic at the University of Leipzig between 1996 and 2007. They investigated whether changes in brain structure have reduced vision — which is why they are called “blind.”

Brucellosis increasing among some elk

BOZEMAN, 31 March—US Geological Survey scientists say brucellosis, a bacterial infection of cattle, elk and bison, appears to be increasing in northwestern Wyoming elk herds.

“The elk-to-ELK transmission of this disease may be increasing in new regions of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, which remains the last reservoir for brucellosis in the United States,” said Paul Cross, a USGS disease ecologist and lead author of the study. He said infected animals often abort pregnancies, and the presence of the disease within livestock results in additional testing requirements and trade restrictions.

Officials said several cattle herds have been infected in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana since 2004 and recent cases of brucellosis cattle are thought to have spread from elk due to the lack of contact between bison and cattle.

Bullies may be shy types

FARIBAX, 31 March—US researchers say shy people who suffer social anxiety may aggressively act out as bullies — as children, bosses or romantic partners.

Psychologists Todd Kashdan and Patrick McKeown of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Virginia say people suffering from social anxiety are often characterized as shy, inhibitive and submissive, but a subset of the socially anxious act out.

The study, published in Current Directions in Psychological Science, finds evidence a subset of adults diagnosed with social anxiety disorder are among those who tend toward violence, substance abuse and other risky behaviors. “Parents and teachers might think their kids is a bully, acts out and is a behavior problem because they have a conduct disorder or anti-social tendencies,” Kashdan said in a statement. —Internet

Study suggests hormones may fight bacteria

By ANNE S. KALAMAKIS, Special to the Times Union

DALLAS, 31 March—University of Texas scientists say the use of hormones, rather than antibiotics, might be a better way of treating food-borne bacterial infections.

The scientists from the university’s Southwestern Medical Centre said pathogenic bacteria in the gut recognize their surroundings by detecting hormonal signals from the host, prompting them to express lethal toxins. Intercepting those hormonal messages could be a more efficient way to treat food-borne infections where antibiotics do more harm than good, they said.

The researchers, led by Associate Professor Vanessa Sperandio, said gut bacteria use a sensor in the bacterial surface to detect and respond to adrenaline released by the host.

That triggers a chain of events that can result in the production of toxins.

Sperandio’s group identified a molecule called LED209 that stops adrenaline binding to the sensor, preventing signaling events inside the bacterium, reducing toxin production and hindering bacteria from attaching effectively to the epithelial cells that line the gut.

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Pupils run after receiving donated drinkable water at a primary school in Tien’s county of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 March, 2010. Around one million students from some 3500 schools are suffering from water shortage in Guangxi which was hit by the worst drought in a century. With the help of the government and students’ and teachers’ own efforts, no school has been suspended due to drought.—XINHUA

China’s famous film star Zhou Xun donates stationery to pupils of Mcedo-Beijing Primary School in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 30 March, 2010. As an activity of the Bright Moon Action, China’s famous film star Zhou Xun and Alec So visited Mcedo-Beijing Primary School, located in a slum in Nairobi, on Tuesday. They brought stationery to the 200 pupils here and had a good time with these orphans and single-parent family children. The Bright Moon Action, which was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Xinhua’s Africa Regional Bureau, opened on Monday in Nairobi.—XINHUA

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**CSKA hold Inter to single goal defeat in Champions League**

**Milan, 1 April — Inter Milan will take a slender lead to the Luzhniki Stadium next Tuesday after beating CSKA Moscow 1-0 at the San Siro here on Wednesday in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final.**

‘Il Principe’ Diego Milito scored the only goal of the game during an Inter siege in the second half after a forgetful first 45 minutes. Jose Mourinho’s team, listless in the first period, were unrecognisable after the break and will be disappointed to have managed only the one goal.

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**Rooney injury wait drags on for England and United**

**London, 1 April — England and Manchester United’s tortuous wait for news of a scan on key striker Wayne Rooney’s ankle injury stretched into Thursday, just 10 weeks before the World Cup in South Africa kicks off.**

In a sight that England fans were dreading, Rooney limped off in the closing minutes of United’s 2-1 Champions League defeat to Bayern Munich on Tuesday and left the Allianz Arena with his right ankle encased in a plastic boot.

Rooney had MRI scan on the ankle Wednesday and fans are praying that it does not reveal serious damage and leave the 24-year-old facing the same desperately long race for fitness he endured before the 2006 World Cup.

United manager Alex Ferguson sought to downplay the injury, saying: “I don’t think it’s terribly serious, but we’ll wait and see.” Despite no official word on the scan or his country’s World Cup campaign.

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**Henin downs Wozniacki to reach semi-finals**

**Miami, 1 April — Belgian Justine Henin, playing her fourth tournament since returning from retirement, downed world number two Caroline Wozniacki on Wednesday to reach the semi-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open.**

Henin, a former world number one, downed the second-seeded Danish teenager 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-4.

In the semi-finals of the hardcourt event, Henin will face 14th-seeded compatriot Kim Clijsters, who beat ninth-seeded Australian Samantha Stosur 6-3, 7-5.

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**Exhaustion forces Stepanek to take time off circuit**

**Prague, 1 April — Czech tennis star Radek Stepanek is to take at least two months out because of fatigue, the Czech Davis Cup team’s spokesman told AFP on Wednesday. The 31-year-old ranked 18th in the world having been a highest-ranked eighth — started feeling tired during the Davis Cup World Group first round defeat of Belgium at the beginning of March.**

Stepanek, winner of four ATP titles but has never got further than the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam (at Wimbledon in 2006) — underwent blood tests in Florida, where he has a property. “He (Stepanek) has to rest for at least two months so as to see if his blood tests improve,” said Karel Tejkal. “Happily the Davis Cup quarter-finals, in July against Chile, are still a long way away.”

Stepanek, who was once engaged to former world number one Martina Hingis, is due to marry compatriot and now retired 21-year-old former world number seven Nicole Vaidisova, in July.

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**File photo of Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer who is desper- ate to make amends for one of the worst moments of his career by helping Fulham continue their UEFA Cup fairytale with a quarter-final victory over German champions Wolfsburg.**

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**One-year doping ban recommended for Mutu**

**Rome, 1 April — The Italian Olympic Committee’s anti-doping prosecutor has recommended a one-year ban for Fiorentina forward Adrian Mutu, seen here in 2009.**

The Romania captain had twice tested positive for the banned stimulant salbutamol in January following matches against Bari and Lazio. The 31-year-old was provisionally suspended after the positive results were returned. Should he be found guilty it would be his second such conviction for doping having been banned for seven months in 2004 after taking cocaine whilst at Chelsea.
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VIETNAM’S EXPORT OF WOOD, WOOD PRODUCTS TO GO UP IN Q1

HANOI, 1 April—Vietnam is expected to rake in 716 million US dollars from export of wood and wood products in the first three months this year, up 26.3 percent year-on-year, according to the General Statistics Office of Vietnam on Wednesday.

However, domestic insiders forecast that Vietnam’s wood exporters may face more difficulty when exporting wood to the United States as the US Lacey Act on forestry will be effective as of 1st April this year. The Lacey Act requires wood exporters and retailers to prove the origins of its wood and related materials.

According to the Vice President of the Vietnam Timber and Forest Product Association Nguyen Ton Quyen, a majority of Vietnam’s wood products come from imported timber, making it hard to trace the timber’s origins.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 1 April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division, scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions.

Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kayin and Rakhine States, Yangon and Ayeayawady Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (8°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions.

The significant day temperatures were Zanzua and Hpa-an (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (2.87) inches, Tauk (2.64) inches, Katha (3.36) inches, Blamo (1.09) inches, Homa Bay (1.62) inches, An (1.18) inches, Mindat and Haka (1.11) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-3-2010 was 100°F.

Minimum temperature on 1-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours M.S.T on 01-4-2010 was 60%. Total sun shine hours on 31-3-2010 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon.

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

For subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

For Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

For Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

For Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy

Riots beget riots, not democracy

Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire

We favour peace and stability

We favour development

We oppose unrest and violence

Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people

RFA, DVB-generating public outrage

Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Border guard forces formed in Shan State (East)

Nay Pyi Taw, 1 April—Ceremonies to form border guard forces were held on a grand scale in Pungpahkyem in Mongton Township, and Mongyu in Mongyawng Township, Shan State (East), on 30 March. Among some 1200 attendees were Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo, Director of the People’s Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, and senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence and local stations.

At the ceremony held in Pungpahkyem on 30 March morning, the State Flag was hoisted. Members of the border guard force took the oaths of a serviceman, received the rank insignia of the Tatmadaw and were assigned duties. The commander and the director of the People’s Militia and Frontier Forces delivered speeches. Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled the commemorative stone plaque. New members of border guard force enjoyed themselves singing and having traditional dances with local people.

In the afternoon, a luncheon was hosted in honour of the new members. Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn addressed the ceremony to form a border guard force held in Mongyu, in the afternoon Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled the stone plaque. They are happy to be troops of the border guard forces. National race leaders and local people welcomed formation of border guard forces designed for stability, community peace, security, and perpetual peace of border areas.

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