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Senior General Than Shwe receives Vietnamese Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received a delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 5.30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiri Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads, and the SRV Prime Minister and delegation were accompanied by Ambassador of Vietnam to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials of the embassy.

The two sides exchanged views on further cementing of the friendly relations between the two countries and promotion of economic cooperation.—MNA

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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With national unity and amity, border regions see eternal peace

The nation has been in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed one with the united strength of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. Priority has been given to national consolidation to shape our future. Amity and unity among the national brethren have been further cemented.

Under the correct leadership of the government, the entire national people are doing their bit in nation-building tasks. As a result, there have been fruitful results across the country with a network of roads and bridges for smooth transport plus economic, education, health and social foundations. These are signs of progress and prosperity of the Union.

The regions where national race organizations which have returned to the legal fold at the government’s kind invitation, live are also developing. Alongside regional peace and stability, the local people are enjoying fruits of progress.

For the sake of national security and peace and stability in border areas, the government is making plans for militia organizations shoulderling State defence duties together with the Tatmadaw to transform themselves into border guard forces. The ceremonies to form border guard forces took place in Pungpahkyem in Mongton Township and Mongyu in Mongyawng Township, Shan State (East), on 30 March.

With the formation of those forces, the militia organizations have had the chance to perform national defence duties as border guard forces. The local people have welcomed the forces, envisioning eternal peace in the border regions.

Unity is of significance of the Union. All the national people are living in amity and unity with the fine traditions of the Union. The border regions will surely see perpetual peace when the militia organizations carry out national defence duties conscientiously as border guard forces.

Want to buy Crown brand products?

YANGON, 2 April—Sponsored by Smart Business Group, Electronics and personal goods exhibition 2010 was held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 1 to 4 April with the participation of Asia Electronic Co., Ltd.

Crown brand TV, EVD, HEVD, AMPLIFIER invented with Japanese technique and dat brand speaker produced by Indonesia are on sale at the exhibition.

Those items are available at No. 204 (B), first floor, Setyon street, Tarmwaw Township, Ph-200958, 290385, showroom No. 18) Wayzayanta Road, 6 ward, South Okkalapa Township Ph-562279 and Service Centre, No. (10), ground floor, 133th street, Yangon, Ph-09-8024849.—MNA

A & I Minister meets Thai Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huy Oo received Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Bansarn Bunnag at the ministry yesterday evening.

The meeting was attended by directors-general and managing-directors under the ministry.

Sony TX5 camera for Thingyan

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—TMW introduced water-proof Sony TX5 camera to journalists at its Yangon branch this morning.

Daw Lwin Lwin Mya of TMW spoke at the press conference. A responsible person of Singapore branch and Ko Zarni Aung of TMW said at the conference that the water-proof Sony TX5 camera is produced ahead of Thingyan, the water festival. The world’s slimmest camera has four significant characters—enabling to take photos even at 1.5 metres deep water, being sand-resistant, sustaining no damage even if it falls from 4.5-metre height, and being usable at -10°C temperature.

High-sensitivity Exmor R CMOS sensor is installed in the water-proof Cyber-shot TX5. The combination of BIONZ image processor and high performance Carl Zeiss lens in the camera may guarantee pure and sharp pictures. Intelligent Sweep Panorama function may allow the user to shot portrait and landscape wide pictures and Twilight and Portrait function to generate pure photos even in dark. The water-proof TX5 camera may be bought at Sony showrooms of TMW enterprise limited.—MNA

Medical equipment received by Yangon Children’s Hospital

YANGON, 2 April—A donation ceremony of Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) took place at Yangon Children’s Hospital here this morning.

Mrs Anne Roger from Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) presented equipment to Yangon Children’s Hospital. Professor Dr Kyu Kyu Khin from University of Medicine(1) received and gave honouring document to the donor.

Mrs Anne Roger of Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) donates medical equipment to Yangon Children’s Hospital.

Vietnamese PM urges efforts for eco. growth rate of 6.5%

HANOI, 2 April — Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung on Thursday urged ministries and relevant agencies to make more efforts to contain inflation and achieve economic growth rate of 6.5 percent in 2010.

Dung made the order during a regular meeting held here on Thursday to review the socio-economic development of Vietnam in the first quarter.

Dung asked the central bank, the State Bank of Vietnam, to continue with flexible and careful monetary policies to control the speed of credit growth.

To boost exports, the prime minister ordered ministries and relevant agencies to flexibly use tax tools to contain trade deficit, encourage the consumption of domestic products, develop supporting industry and effectively disburse state capital.

Dung specifically assigned the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Finance to keep a closer eye on the latest developments of demand-supply relations to adopt appropriate measures to stabilize the domestic market.

At the meeting, Dung said that measures adopted in the first months of this year to develop the country’s economy have begun to prove effective and brought encouraging results.

In the first quarter of this year, Vietnamese economy grew by 5.83 percent, much higher than the figure of 3.14 percent during the same period last year.

Iraq says March deadliest month so far this year

BAGHDAD, 2 April — The number of Iraqis killed in violence last month was the highest this year, authorities said on Thursday, as the country’s political parties discuss forming a government after March 7 polls.

Altogether 367 Iraqis died as a result of attacks in March — a slight increase from February’s toll of 352.

The death toll for March also represented the fourth consecutive month in which the overall number of people killed was higher than the same month a year previously.

In addition, 699 people were wounded — according to the figures compiled by Iraq’s health, interior and defence ministries.

Authorities said that a total of 57 insurgents were killed in March and 666 were arrested.

Seven American soldiers also died last month according to the independent website www.icasualties.org.

In total, 4,387 US troops have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Afghan president blames foreigners for vote fraud

KABUL, 2 April — President Hamid Karzai is blaming foreigners for widespread fraud in last year’s presidential election.

Karzai told election workers on Thursday there had been “vast fraud” in the 20-Aug ballot but that it was not committed by Afghans.

Instead, he accused UN and European Union officials of interfering in the process to force the election into a runoff, which was scrapped when Karzai’s main opponent dropped out.

Karzai singled out former UN deputy chief Peter Galbraith, who was fired in a dispute with his boss about how to deal with fraud allegations, and the head of the EU observers, retired French Gen Philippe Morillon. Karzai was forced into a runoff after a UN-backed commission threw out nearly a third of his ballots.

Militants blow up schools in Pakistan’s tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 2 April — Militants blew up another government high school in Pakistan’s restive Mohmand tribal area and set on fire a middle school in Orakzai agency on Friday, official sources said.

Local officials told Xinhua that a high school was blown up by unidentified militants at Kogpand area in subdivision Safi of Mohmand early Friday, they said 21 classrooms were completely damaged and another 10 were partially destroyed.

Militants placed explosive materials at different parts of the building of the school that leveled the building to ground but no casualty has been reported.

Reports said that the number of schools so far destroyed by militants in the Mohmand agency reached 37.

S Korean police arrests two possible Taleban members

SEOUL, 2 April — Local police arrested two Pakistani men suspected to be Taleban elements for illegal entry, local media reported on Friday.

The two men, who arrived in South Korea in February last year via a Pakistan-flagged merchant ship, are charged with illegally entering the country by bypassing the immigration control, according to Yonhap News Agency.

The two were caught during the crackdown on undocumented migrant workers by immigrant authorities and police in the southern city of Changwon, where they worked at a clothing factory.

Investigators obtained intelligence alleging their link to the armed terrorist group Taleban and have asked the Pakistani government to verify the information, according to Yonhap. —Xinhua
New Zealand business confidence falls in March

WELLINGTON, 2 April—Business confidence fell in March but remains at its highest level in 11 years, according to a survey released on Thursday.

The National Bank’s latest survey has found firms remain cautiously upbeat about a recovery in economic activity. Twelve out of 13 indicators in the National Bank’s monthly confidence survey deteriorated in March.

Fog strands int’l cargo ships at east China’s port

SHANGHAI, 2 April—The sea area near China’s biggest sea transport hub of Shanghai was shrouded in a dense fog on Thursday, which has stranded at least 90 international cargo ships, according to customs police.

Zhang Xinlin, the customs police on duty at the Waigaoqiao Port in Shanghai, said the port had issued a fog weather alert immediately. She said the fog, the most severe one so far this year, reduced visibility to less than 200 meters. She said port customs had temporarily closed, but were prepared to increase manpower to cope with an influx of customs work after the fog dispersed.

Large harbour for cruise ships to begin operation in N China’s Tianjin

TIANJIN, 2 April—Construction work on a large harbor to accommodate cruise ships will be completed at the end of May in Tianjin, the largest artificial deep-water port of northern China, according to port management authorities.

The authorities said the harbor would be the largest ferry terminal in Asia. The harbor, designed to be able to accommodate two cruise vessels at the same time, will receive leading cruise liners “Costa” and “Legend of the Seas” in June.

Last year, Tianjin port received 50 visits of international cruise ships, a growth of 56 percent year-on-year, with 54,118 human entries and departures by the liners, up 77 percent.—Xinhua

China pledges anti-terror cooperation after Russia bomb attacks

BEIJING, 2 April—China said on Thursday it would step up anti-terror cooperation with Russia after a string of bomb attacks in Russia within this week.

“We will continue to strengthen cooperation with Russia on security issues and fighting terrorism to jointly combat ‘three forces’ (of terrorism, separatism and extremism), in a bid to safeguard peace and stability in the two countries and in the region,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said at a news briefing in Beijing.

Two suicide bombings killed 12 people, including nine police officers, and injured another 26 in the Dagestani town of Kisslyware Wednesday.

The blasts came two days after two female suicide bombers killed 39 people in attacks on the Moscow subway system that authorities have linked to North Caucasus militants.

Chinese President Hu Jintao has sent a telegram to Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev to extend condolences over the bombings, Qin said.—Xinhua

New vehicle sales in Japan increase for first time in seven years

TOKYO, 2 April—Sales of new vehicles in fiscal 2009 grew 10 percent from a year earlier, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association (JADA) said in a report on Thursday, marking the first rise in seven years.

According to JADA, 3,182,073 units were sold in fiscal year 2009, with sales in March surging 37.2 percent from a year before to 443,298 units, marking the eighth consecutive month of growth, as tax breaks and government subsidies for eco-friendly cars spurred buying in the wake of the global financial meltdown.

JADA additionally reported that 323,064 more units were sold in FY 2009 than a year earlier.

Sales of passenger cars jumped 40.7 percent to 402,826 units and truck sales advanced 0.7 percent to 37,778 units, according to JADA.

Models present creations by Russian designer Slava Zaitsev during the Russian Fashion Week (RFW 2010/2011 Fall/Winter) in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 1 April, 2010. The RFW kicked off here on Thursday.

Three Australia girl, Mia Wasikowska, is the new face to Hollywood. She starred as Alice in Tim Burton’s Lewis Carroll adaptation of “Alice in Wonderland”, which hits global cinemas at present.

Vibe receives a stem cell transplantation. The fluid that gets injected into her veins by a nurse on the left is only 4 degrees Celsius. It is very painful for her, giving her nausea and stomach ache. The purpose of the transplantation is to help her immune system to recover after a high dosage chemotherapy treatment. Vibe’s mother Helle is on the right.
More than one way to lose weight

BEIJING, 2 April—Do you worry about how to lose your weight? Do you face the trouble to keep your weight? Harvard researchers set out to determine exactly how much physical activity women need in midlife to avoid gaining weight as they age, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association as quoted by the New York Times Thursday.

The researchers found that an hour of moderate activity — including such recreational activities as brisk walking, leisurely bicycling, ballroom dancing and playing with children — a day prevented women of normal weight from gaining more than five pounds over any three-year period.

Half the amount of vigorous activity, like running, jogging or fast biking, will do the trick as well, they said.

“It’s so hard to lose weight and maintain the loss, so whatever weight you are, you should try to stay that weight — that is a success,” said the study lead author, Dr. I-Min Lee, an associate professor of epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health.

But any amount of exercise is beneficial, she emphasized. “People shouldn’t just throw up their hands and say, ‘Sixty minutes? I can’t do that.’ and give up. Health is more than weight.”

During the 15-year study of 34,079 women with an average age of 54 at the beginning, the average weight gain was just over five pounds without taking diet into account.—Xinhua

Expo song released for 30-day countdown

BEIJING, 2 April—“Beijing Welcomes You” was a popular hit song during and after the Beijing Olympics. So, perhaps the song “Right Here Waiting for You 2010” will become a hit from the Shanghai World Expo? The song was created to promote the expo and was released at the 30-day countdown event.

The image ambassadors of the Shanghai World Expo all appear in the music video. They include action star Jackie Chan, pianist Lang Lang, sports star Yao Ming, TV producer Yang Lan, film star Andy Lau, World champion Li Ning, film star Li Bingbing, and the image ambassador of Shanghai, Olympic champion Liu Xiang.

“Right Here Waiting for You 2010”—Xinhua

Mother-Son Relationship Key to Emotional Development

BEIJING, 2 April—New research from the University of Reading says that children, especially boys, who have insecure attachments to their mothers in the early years have more behaviour problems later in childhood.

The analysis by Dr. Pasco Fearon, from the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences, looked at 69 studies involving almost 6,000 children aged 12 and younger.

The quality of the relationship between children and their parents is important to children’s development, but past research on the link between attachment and development has been inconsistent. The volume, range and diversity of earlier studies made it difficult to get a clear picture. However this new analysis has been able to pull together evidence from past research to answer a number of scientific questions around attachment.

The new research sought to clarify the extent to which bonds between children and their parents early in life affect children’s later behavioural problems, such as aggression or hostility. The studies included in the review used a range of methods for assessing children’s behaviour problems, including parent and teacher questionnaires and direct observations.

The study also recommends the need for treatment studies focusing on attachment and for more research on the significance of attachment between children and their fathers.—Internet
Shanghai tells citizens to be polite, friendly as one month countdown to Expo begins

SHANGHAI, 2 April—“Be friendly. Don’t cut in line. Keep to the right while driving and walking.”

As the one month countdown to the World Expo began Thursday, authorities are asking Shanghai residents to be on their best behavior. The Shanghai Expo Citizenship Pledge also requires residents of the host city to protect the environment, talk and dress politely, and not to litter.

The pledge was drawn up after the government called suggestions from the 35,000 letters, e-mails and phone-calls, according to the municipal civil affairs office.

The suggestions focused on citizen behavior, such as the way to treat guests and how to dress and speak. Others related to expo visiting, travel and environment protection.

About 70 million people are expected to visit the expo which runs from 1 May to 31 Oct. Xinhua

Library book is returned — 45 years late

LONDON, 2 April—Staff at the Dinnington Library are used to people bringing books back late but the package they received last month was in a class of its own.

It contained a paperback first edition copy of “Quatermass and the Pit” by Nigel Kneale which had been borrowed on September 24, 1965.

“I thought at first it was just a normal return, until I saw the color of the pages: they were very brown around the edges,” said Alison Lawrie, the Principal Library Assistant. “It’s true that some people like to take their time with a good book, but 45 years is an incredible amount of time!” Staff believe the book was borrowed from the old Dinnington Lib-rary, in Sheffield, South Yorkshire which opened in 1936 and is close to the current building which opened in 2009.

Internet

Chinese shares rise Thursday

BEIJING, 2 April—Chinese equities rose Thursday, led by property developers. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index on the Shanghai Stock Exchange closed up 1.23 percent, or 38.32 points, to end at 3,147.42 points. The Shenzhen Component Index on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange closed at 12,686.06 points, up 191.71 points, or 1.53 percent.

Combined turnover was 277.60 billion yuan (40.64 billion U.S. dollars), up from 219.76 billion yuan on the previous trading day. Gainers outnumbered losers by 803 to 75 in Shanghai and 786 to 113 in Shenzhen.

Internet

Calif woman gets six months for fake breasts heist

An Orange County woman’s new breasts cost her six months in jail. Yvonne Jean Pampellonne was sentenced Monday in Westminster for using a fraudulent line of credit established in another person’s name to get the plastic surgery heist.

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Bobcat walks in front door of Washington home

A Washington state homeowner says he left his front door open for his own cats. He wasn’t expecting a 35-pound bobcat to walk in, but that’s what happened.

The Port Ludlow resident told animal control officers he watched the wild cat jump over a couch, climb over a big screen TV and then jump up to a loft, where it made itself at home.

Washington Fish and Wildlife Officer Win Miller says the bobcat apparently felt safe upstairs. With the help of a tranquilizer gun, animal control officers were able to secure the cat and remove it from the home last weekend.

Fish and Wildlife says the bobcat wasn’t harmed and was released back into the wild about six miles from the home. One of the homeowner’s pet cats was briefly scared away, but “Boo Boo” made it home safely on Tuesday.

Australian artist James Corbett, 46, transforms used automobile parts into amazing sculptures. It’s reported that those vivid sculptures may be worth thousands of pounds.

Xinhua

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A Russian police officer guards the Russian Soyuz TMA-18 space ship, that will carry new crew to the international space station, getting transported from a hangar to the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Wednesday, on 31 March, 2010. Start of the new Soyuz mission with US astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Kornienko are set to blast off for the international space station from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on 2 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Xinhua

A bee collects nectar in a mustard flower at Sitgram village, about 185 km (115 miles) south from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri .
Close relations are usually followed by strong bonds of friendship. In my childhood, we used to shout a slogan in procession “National Day, Our Day” without any knowledge of its significance. On Independence Days, we enjoyed ourselves, joining commemorative sports events, but we were at that time too young to realize its essence, and so also on Union Day, Armed Forces Day, Martyrs’ Day, and Workers’ Day.

When we were in high school, we came to have little knowledge of the days of significance. I spent my schooldays from primary to tertiary education in a small town Yedashe. I knew national races just by name. I hardly saw some Kayin nationals in the areas on the eastern bank of the Sittoung River. The memory of the word “Kayin Age” is still with me.

Children of us stayed hiding in the bomb shelters out of fear when Kayin insurgents approached our town. We had to run passing among the blazes for our lives after they set fire to our town. When we were close to Shwe Wettin Pagoda, the whole town was in flames. I hardly suppressed my emotional feeling to cry just as I witnessed some flames coming up from the sight of our house. As the town was caught in surprise, some service personnel and police were killed in the raid, including fathers of some friends of mine. At that time, I was puzzled by the incident, which was beyond my thinking power.

Only at present do I come to realize that such incidents are due to lack of relations between one national race and another. Such undesirable consequences would not have come true if national races had known the importance of mutual understanding between them, and put non-disintegration of national solidarity in the forefront.

In my youth, students of us had not seen people of other national races. So, rural folks had less chance to deal with and were strange to national races. Only with the might of the national unity could we overcome the evil consequences of the terrible period. We had ever seen Kachin nationals only when they came to our town from the northern part of the nation. They joined the armed conflicts on the government’s side. I was overwhelmed by sadness when we saw the sight of our house. As the town was caught in flames. I hardly suppressed my emotional feeling to cry just as I witnessed some flames coming up from the sight of our house. As the town was caught in surprise, some service personnel and police were killed in the raid, including fathers of some friends of mine. At that time, I was puzzled by the incident, which was beyond my thinking power.

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Only at present do I come to realize that such incidents are due to lack of relations between one national race and another. Such undesirable consequences would not have come true if national races had known the importance of mutual understanding between them, and put non-disintegration of national solidarity in the forefront.

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NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein today received a delegation headed by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Zeyathiri Beikman here.

Also present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads.

The visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials of the embassy.

First, Prime Minister General Thein Sein made a welcoming speech.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister then made an introductory speech.

The two prime ministers discussed matters on enhancing the existing friendship between the two countries and cooperation in multi sectors, boosting mutual collaboration in agriculture, fisheries, finance, transportation, communication, energy, mines, construction, trade and investment sectors. They also frankly exchanged views on international and regional issues.

After the contracts signing ceremony, the two prime ministers exchanged joint declaration of bilateral cooperation.

Next, the ministers and the officials of the two countries signed seven contracts and MoUs covering investment promotion, fisheries, agriculture, finance, communication and mines sectors.

Deputy Prime Minister of National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw presented permit to bank chairman for launching representative office of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) in Yangon, and Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport to Vietnamese airline chairman for running Yangon-Hanoi direct flight.

Minister and Chairman of the Government Office of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Huan Phuc presented educational (See page 9)
Myanmar PM General Thein Sein …

(from page 8) aids worth 0.1 million US dollars to Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein; Chairman of BIDV Mr Tran Bac Ha, computer sets to Director-General U Htay Lwin of Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department of the NPED Ministry; Chief Executive Officer of the Hoa Sen Group of Vietnam Mr Le Phuc Vu, 0.3 million US dollars to President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw.

Those wishing to form parties submit application

NAV PYI TAW, 2 April — The PaO National Organization today submitted its application to the Union Election Commission for its formation as a political party.—MNA

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung observes Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

Delegation led by Vietnamese Prime Minister visits Myanmar Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw

NAV PYI TAW, 2 April — The delegation led by Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who is on a working visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein this morning arrived at Myanmar Gems Museum from Aureum Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone where they were staying.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and delegation were accompanied by Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and officials.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister signed in the visitors’ book. On the ground floor of the museum they observed gems of the private companies.

They also viewed the ministries, staff housing, Thiriayadan market, construction of Presidential Residence, Pyithu Hluttaw buildings and International Convention Centre.—MNA

16718.84 acres poppy plantations obliterated in 2009-2010

NAV PYI TAW, 2 April — Officials concerned were making efforts to destroy poppy plantations in 2009-2010 poppy growing season. From 1 September 2009 to 22 March 2010, 15383.8 acres of poppy plantations from states and divisions were destroyed.

From 22 to 31 March, 1335.04 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed again, bringing the total number to 16718.84 acres—45.5 acres in Namhkam township of Shan State (North), 134.95 acres in Pekhon, Pinlaung and Hsiseng townships of Shan State (South), and 1154.59 acres in Waingmaw and Tanai townships of Kachin State.—MNA
Vietnamese delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—At an invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party arrived in Nay Pyi Taw of the Union of Myanmar with a special flight at 9.30 am this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival Committee (Nay Pyi Taw) Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Vice Chairman of MTMTFC Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and members of MTMTFC.

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Vice Chairman of MTMTFC Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt attended to the needs.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung being welcomed by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win — MNA

Signing ceremony for Thakyet Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The Hydropower Administration Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and Yuzana Co Ltd signed MoU on implementation of Thakyet Hydropower Project through B.O.T at the meeting hall of the ministry yesterday. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, directors-general and managing directors and officials.

The minister made a speech and then Director-General of HAD U Kyee Soe and Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint signed the MoU and exchanged it.

Signing of MoU between EP-1 Ministry and Yuzana Co Ltd in progress — MNA

Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival (Nay Pyi Taw) to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—A coordination meeting of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival Committee (Nay Pyi Taw) took place at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning.

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PBANRDA Minister Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt addresses work coordination meeting of observing Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Festival — MNA

EP-2 Minister receives Vietnamese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received a delegation led by member of foreign relations permanent committee of Vietnamese Council of State and Viet A Group Madame Pham Thi Loan of Vietnam at the ministry here this morning.

Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation in electricity. It was also attended by Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electric Power Supply Board and officials.

Electric Power No. 2 Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives member of foreign relations permanent committee of Vietnamese Council of State Madame Pham Thi Loan and party — MNA

CPT Deputy Minister meets Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Maj-Gen Thein Tun receives Deputy Minister of Information and Communications H.E Mr. Le Nam Thang of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and party at his office here this morning. They discussed matters on cooperation in communication sector.

They were also attended together with the deputy minister and departmental heads — MNA
US Navy says radar aircraft crashes into Arabian Sea

RIYADH, 2 April—A US Navy radar aircraft carrying four service members crashed into the Arabian Sea on Wednesday, the US Fifth Fleet said.

"An E-2C Hawkeye from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAM) 121 stationed aboard USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) crashed at sea at approximately 2:00 pm (1100 GMT) on 31 March while operating in the North Arabian Sea," the Bahrain-based Fifth Fleet said in a statement.

According to the statement, three of the four crew members have been rescued and returned to the ship, while a search operation for the missing fourth member is underway.

The aircraft was returning from a mission when it experienced mechanical malfunctions, and the crew performed a controlled bailout, the statement said.

The incident is under investigation, the statement concluded.

China inks 300 ml USD purchasing deals with South Africa

PRETORIA, 2 April—China on Wednesday signed a package of deals, purchasing products worth more than 300 million US dollars from South Africa.

The deals, the biggest-ever single purchase China made from South Africa, coincided with top Chinese political advisor Jia Qinglin’s official goodwill visit to South Africa from 28 March to 1 April.

Jia, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country’s top advisory body, witnessed the signing ceremony on the sidelines of a China-South Africa Economic and Trade Forum in Pretoria. The deals, involving nearly 30 corporations in the two countries, covered fishmeal, mohair, wool, bulk wine, copper, wood pulp, chrome ore and others. "The signing of the enormous deal showed the cooperation initiative of when the two countries forged diplomatic ties," Xinhua quoted.

Medvedev orders stronger transport security

MOSCOW, 2 April—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday ordered the government to strengthen security on national transport in response to recent terrorist attacks.

"I have signed a decree today, ordering to build a complex system to guarantee security on transport," Medvedev told the Security Council as quoted by the Interfax news agency.

According to the decree, priority should be put on public transport such trains and buses to effectively prevent terrorist attacks.

The president also ordered the Security Council to draw up relevant programmes that would equip key transport hubs with tighter security by the end of next March, and establish a complex transport security system nationwide by 2014.

Russian Transport Minister Igor Levitin said the ministry would implement security checks in all transport facilities, especially the metro, airports, railway stations and seaports.

Iran Air gains approval to resume flights to Europe

TEHERAN, 2 April—Managing Director of Iranian national air carrier, Farhad Parvarehs, said on Wednesday that Iran Air has gained approval of the European air safety committee to resume flights to European destinations.

The permission was issued by the European Community Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) due to the implementation of related standards by Iran, Parvarehs was quoted by the semi-official Fars news agency as saying.

The European Union has recently banned all the Philippine and Sudanese airlines from flying into the European bloc for failing to comply with international flight safety standards. It also reduced the number of flights operated to the EU by Iran Air.

Meanwhile, local satellite Press TV reported that Iran Air would be allowed to continue its operations in the EU with its fleet of 18 Airbus A300/310s, nine Boeing 747s, six Airbus A320s and one Boeing 737.

"Iran Air’s existing scheduled flights to different European destinations continue as before and there are no bans on these flights," Reza Jafarzadeh, the spokesman for Iran’s Civil Aviation Organization, told Press TV.

Young men who smoke have lower IQs, study finds

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 April—“Only dopes use dope,” goes the memorable warning about drugs. Now a Tel Aviv University researcher cautions that the same goes for cigarettes. A study led by Prof. Mark Weser of Tel Aviv University’s Department of Psychiatry and the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer Hospital has determined that young men who smoke are likely to have lower IQs than their non-smoking peers. Tracking 18- to 21-year-old men enlisted in the Israeli Army in the largest ever study of its kind, he has been able to demonstrate an important connection between the number of cigarettes young males smoke and their IQ.

The average IQ for a non-smoker was about 101, while the smokers’ average was more than seven IQ points lower at about 94, the study determined. The IQs of young men who smoked more than a pack a day were lower still, at about 90. An IQ score in a healthy population of such young men, with no mental disorders, falls within the range of 84 to 116.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BILLION VOY NO (117)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (117) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SIAM PHULSAWAT MARITIME CO. LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV BANG KHON THI VOY NO (1144)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG KHON THI VOY NO (1144) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.6 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
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MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (002)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (002) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 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 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.

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

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SHIPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING (MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Syria to build protection zone around old Damascus
DAMASCUS, 2 April—The Syrian Ministry of Culture recently issued a resolution to establish a protection zone around old Damascus city, the oldest inhabited city in human history, to preserve its surroundings, Syrian Arab News Agency (ANA) reported on Thursday. Damascus Antiquities director Ghazwan Yaghi said it is the first time Syria had a scheme for the protection of the city, which is included in the world heritage list, by preventing violations which severely disfigure the city view. However, it was once suggested in 1997 to create a special protection zone, the report said.

The Syrian official confirmed that the it is important to find a way to establish the isolation zone without affecting residents’ life, ANA said.—Xinhua

Balto driver truck admits stealing diesel
BALTIMORE, 2 April—A truck driver for the Baltimore Department of Public Works has admitted he stole and sold more than 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Maurice Boone, 45, entered a guilty plea on Monday in a deal that spared him a prison term, The Baltimore Sun reported. He may testify against James Wright, the alleged buyer of the stolen fuel. Boone was arrested in early 2009 after a police investigator car thief saw him filling storage tanks in a warehouse from his city tanker truck. Investigators say he admitted he had been stealing fuel for about 18 months by filling up his truck, making the rounds to deliver fuel to city vehicles and then selling what was still in the tank.

His plea agreement includes a requirement to pay $187,000 in restitution for just over 100,000 gallons. But city officials say because of gaps in paper work they have no idea how much fuel actually disappeared, and the financial loss could be as much as $1 million.—Internet

The zebra finch, which gets its name from the black-and-white stripes on the male finch’s throat is the first songbird to have its genome decoded. Internet

Indonesian Red Cross vows to help Palestinians
JAKARTA, 2 April—Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) insisted to help Palestinian people and to boost cooperation with Palestinian Red Crescent, head of PMI Jusuf Kalla said here on Thursday.
Kalla made the statement during the visit of President of the Palestinian Red Crescent Younis Al-Khatib at the PMI headquarters.
The head of the PMI, Kalla quoted by Antara news wire as saying that PMI was ready to help the Palestinian people and he planned to meet the invitation from the Palestinian Red Crescent in the near future. “The schedule is being worked on. We will help, and we’ll see what we can do,” he said.
On the occasion, the PMI chief presented humanitarian aid worth 100,000 US dollars for the Palestinian people.
The Palestinian Red Crescent wanted to strengthen cooperation with red cross and red crescent organizations throughout the world, including with PMI, Al-Khatib said. “During the war, we have difficulty in sending medical supplies, and the way only, sometimes, is by establishing cooperation with existing red cross organizations in the world,” he said. —Xinhua
Teaching hygiene in school effective

ATLANTA, 2 April — Teaching students in schools in the developing world about hygiene helps the whole household reduce illness, US researchers said.

Lead study investigator Elizabeth Blanton of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said poor sanitation and a lack of access to safe water contributed to an estimated 1.87 million deaths per year from devastating diseases worldwide, mostly among children ages 5 and younger in the developing world.

The CDC and colleagues at the Cooperative for Assistance and Relieve Everywhere, Inc found that the school student hygiene and water treatment education programme in Kenya resulted in a 200 percent increase in household water treatment. In addition, the hygiene education programme also resulted in a 164 percent increase in proper hand-washing techniques among adults and 240 percent among students, the study said. — Internet

Toxic groundwater organisms studied

OAK RIDGE, 2 April — US scientists say they are studying micro-organisms in toxic groundwater to find biological methods of dealing with such contaminants. The research by a collaboration of scientists from the US Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Joint Genome Institute and the University of Oklahoma, involved a “stressed” microbial community near a former waste disposal pond on the Oak Ridge Reservation in Tennessee.

The study revealed microbes with an overabundance of genes involved in DNA recombination and repair, and other defence mechanisms for dealing with contaminants and other environmental stresses. The studies, said ORNL researcher David Watson, are aimed at developing ways of reducing the level of contaminants in groundwater, which at the site includes nitrates, solvents and heavy metals, including uranium.

“We are looking to better understand the evolution of microbes in the groundwater plume,” Watson said. “The microbes that can break down nitrate into nitrogen can have a long-term benefit toward attenuating the plume.” Watson says researchers particularly want to better understand the genetic makeup of microbes that can metabolize oxidized forms of uranium into a form that is only slightly soluble and thus easier to precipitate and remove from the environment. — Internet

End of freezing in many states by 2099?

PRINCETON, 2 April — A US organization called Climate Central says its preliminary figures show average future US March temperatures will be higher because of climate change.

The organization’s scientists say they have just published an interactive map showing what various states might expect during the third month of years to come.

Climate Central said its map uses special high-resolution projections covering the lower 48 states to show where average March temperatures are expected to be above or below freezing each decade this century. The group’s maps also compare projections under a reduced-carbon-pollution scenario versus a high one that extends current trends.

The scientists say their findings show either a high or complete loss of freezing zones by the end of the century in every state analyzed.

“Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota would lose the most total below-freezing area, while seven other states — from Arizona to Wisconsin — are projected to lose all they currently have,” the scientists said in a statement.

“These maps imply future changes the research community is only beginning to appreciate,” said Climate Central scientist Ben Strauss.

Climate Central says it is an organization of scientists and journalists “dedicated to communicating the best and latest climate science.” The maps are available at http://www.climatecentral.org. — Internet

Parkinson’s drug may cause prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 2 April — The US Food and Drug Administration says it’s evaluating a clinical trial that suggests taking Stalevo may place people at risk of getting prostate cancer.

Stalevo (entacapone) is used to treat symptoms of Parkinson’s disease. The long-term trial investigating the drug was sponsored by the drug’s developer, and compares the drug to a placebo. The researchers particularly want to better understand the genetic makeup of microbes that can metabolize oxidized forms of uranium into a form that is only slightly soluble and thus easier to precipitate and remove from the environment. — Internet

New soybean aphid biotype identified

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Biotype 3 is not distinguishable by its appearance, Hartman said. It was identified by testing the aphid on soybean plants with known resistance genes. The scientists found it was capable of feeding and multiplying on varieties carrying the resistance genes Rag1 and Rag2.

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**SPORTS**

**Fulham fairytale continues with win over Wolfsburg**

**LONDON, 2 April** — Fulham are in pole position to extend their fairy-tale run in the Europa League to the semi-finals after beating Wolfsburg 2-1 in Thursday’s quarter-final first leg.

Roy Hodgson’s un-fashio...
Dinosaur skull changed shape during growth

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 April—The skull of a juvenile sauropod dinosaur, rediscovered in the collections of Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Museum of Natural History, illustrates that some sauropod species went through drastic changes in skull shape during normal growth.

University of Michigan paleontologists John Whitlock and Jeffrey Wilson, along with Matthew Lamanna from the Carnegie Museum, describe their find in the March issue of the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology. —Internet

WEATHER

Friday, 2nd April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. MST. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division, (9°C) to (10°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw (Tessi and Hpa-an (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paletwa and Falam (0.79) inches, Lashio (0.55) inch, Kalay and Kyauktaw (0.51) inch each, Putao (0.39) inch and Machanbaw (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-4-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 2-4-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2010 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 1-4-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 1-4-2010. Bay inference: Weather was cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd April 2010: Rain or thunder showers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the central Myanmar areas. For Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of April 2010: During the coming weekend, isolated rain are possibility in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division.
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein welcomes Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein welcomed Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung who is here on a working visit at his invitation with a ceremony in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 3:15 pm today.

Upon arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman from Aureum Palace, the Vietnamese Prime Minister received a warm greeting extended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The two prime ministers got onto the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour, while the State Band played the National Anthems of the two countries.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister presented his entourage to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein also presented Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads to his Vietnamese counterpart.

Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads to his Vietnamese counterpart.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA