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Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accordance 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend 16th ASEAN Summit in Vietnam

NAI PYI TAW, 5 April— At the invitation of H.E Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be attending the 16th ASEAN Summit scheduled to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in the near future. MNA

Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010 opened

YANGON, 4 April— Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung who is here on a working visit at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony of Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Min Dhamma Road here yesterday afternoon. Attires from the Ministries of Culture of the two countries performed at the ceremony. (See page 8)

Tachilek on the road to development

Byline: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)

Tachilek a town facing Thailand at the border is on the path to progress, with its neat and tidy Bogoyoke Road in downtown area flanked by rows of modern apartment buildings and shops. On its roads were busy people going from one place to another on motorcycles or in cars making the border town always lively and active.

As we were there to hunt news we first interviewed U Tin Htoo Maung, Chairman of Tachilek Township Peace and Development Council. He explained, “Township PDC has been carrying out development tasks in harmony.” Under the close supervision of Shan State (East) PDC, officials of Tachilek on the road to development.
Try to improve national economy making use of infrastructures

Now is the time when all-out efforts are being made to improve the socio-economy and living standards of the people. Infrastructures are also being built for regional development.

We can see signs of significant progress even in Taninthayi Division in the far south of the Union. Dawei and Myeik have emerged as developed regions. Dawei University and Myeik University have been built, and the local youths are also pursuing higher education at universities of computer studies and technological universities.

The State has built new roads and bridges for better transport that is fundamental to regional development. Dawei-Myeik-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road and Ye-Dawei railroad have emerged. Along the routes, Kyewku-Kyaukphyu bridge, Taninthayi bridge and Laybya-Mandaing bridge have been built for the convenience of the travelling people.

Even in Kyunsu that has to rely mainly on the waterway, the local people can now use inter-town roads and circular roads. On Pahtaw-Pahtat Island in Kyunsu Township, 1000-ton cold storage factories are built to conduct fish and prawn breeding, and soft crabs are being sent to markets.

As Taninthayi Division has a great deal of vacant land, it is establishing oil palm plantations on a commercial scale and have built palm oil factories. Its rich marine resources have enabled the division to extend fishery and improve the economy by sending marine products to markets.

The government has built economic, education, health and social foundations in all regions of the Union, including Taninthayi Division. By enlisting the innovative strength of the regional people alongside the State-built infrastructures, the entire nation will improve its economy for sure.

Timely completion of fertilizer factory projects discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended a meeting on timely completion of No.4 Fertilizer Factory (Myaungdaka) and No.5 Fertilizer Factory (Pathein) projects held in Hmawbwy Township Yangon Division this morning.

First, the minister made a speech and responsible persons of Asia World Company, HQCEC and China-II reported on project tasks. The minister then gave necessary instructions.

Later, he looked into installation of at the Co2 removal unit absorber, ammonia compressor house and control room in the project compound of No.4 Fertilizer Factory.—MNA

Sub-National Immunization Days-2010 observed in Ayeyawady Div

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint view booth at Sub-National Immunization Days-2010 ceremony in Pathein Town Hall.—MNA

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung today inspected construction of Yonesingyi Station Hospital in Taungtha Township of Mandalay Division.

The minister also visited Pyawbwe Textile Factory of Myanma Textile Industries.

He inspected durability of machines, production processes and products of the factory and left necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister visited Soap Factory (Yamethin) of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries and Dying and Printing (Yamethin) of Myanma Textile Industries. He inspected production processes of the factories and left necessary instructions. —MNA
Suicide attacks detonated three car bombs near embassies in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least 38 people and wounding more than 200 in back-to-back bombings.

Authorities said they foiled two other attacks aimed at diplomatic targets. The bombings came two days after a chilling execution-style attack by gunmen who raided homes south of Baghdad, killing 24 people, many of them believed to be anti-Quaida fighters. The rise in bloodshed after a relative lull deepened fears that insurgents are seizing on the political uncertainty after last month's close parliamentary elections to sow further instability.

Sun-day's blasts went off within minutes of each other — one near the Iranian Embassy and two others in an area that houses several embassies, including the Egyptian Consulate and the German and Spanish embassies, said Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for the city's operations command center.

Sunday's explosions occurred shortly before 11:30 a.m. after a number of far smaller blasts overnight and early Sunday. One of those earlier blasts, believed to be caused by a bomb underneath a parked car, killed one civilian and injured nine others, according to police.

Authorities said they believed two others in Afghanistan's northern Kunduz province hit a residence area killing an innocent child and injuring two women, the press release said.

Gunman kills four near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 4 April — Four people were killed and at least two others wounded when a gunman opened fire at a restaurant in Valley Village near Los Angeles on Saturday.

The shooting occurred around 4:40 pm at the Hot Spot Cafe, a Mediterranean restaurant packed with customers, according to police.

The gunman in his 30s walked into the restaurant and opened fire, according to police officer Rosario Herrera.

Three people were declared dead at the scene. Several more victims were taken to a hospital, where one later died, Herrera said.

The gunman ran away and remained at large, she said.

It remained unclear whether there was an accomplice. —Xinhua

Rocket attack kills Afghan child, wounds two

KABUL, 4 April — A rocket fired by insurgents yesterday to target the headquarters of Daish-e-Archi district in Kunduz province hit a residence area killing an innocent child and injuring two women, the press release said.

The security forces launched an offensive in Orakzai, the only tribal area which is not bordering Afghanistan.

The security forces also arrested eight militants.

Hamas condemns Israeli strikes on Gaza

BEIJING, 4 April — Hamas in Gaza has condemned Israeli air strikes, which hit different targets throughout the Gaza Strip. Hamas released a statement on Friday, hours after Israeli warplanes carried out at least seven missile attacks on Gaza.

Israel says the military destroyed several Palestinian ammunition sites and that the air strikes were in response to an earlier rocket attack carried out by Gaza militants.

Orakzai has seen intensive military operation since late March, in which over 300 militants have been killed or injured.

A large number of local and foreign militants fled to this area months ago before Pakistani military launched an offensive in South Waziristan, a stronghold of al-Qaeda and Pakistani Taliban insurgents.

Nightclub shootout kills seven in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 April — Seven people were killed in a shootout at the club and injured two others in an area that houses several embassies, including the Egyptian Consulate and the German and Spanish embassies, said Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi, a spokesman for the city's operations command center.

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President Hu encourages tree planting for better environment

BEIJING, 3 April—Chinese President Hu Jintao Saturday urged people nationwide to keep planting trees in a voluntary way to help build a more attractive country. Hu made the remarks when he was planting trees with young pioneers together with other top leaders of the country including top legislator Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao at the Beiwu Park in the northern part of the capital. Saturday marked the 26th voluntary tree planting day of Beijing. Some 2 million local residents had taken part in the activity over the past few days. Hu said the voluntary tree planting activity helped improve the environment and fight global warming. Hu called on constant efforts to mobilize the whole society to join the activity to create a beautiful and hospitable environment.

Dengue fever cases up 72% so far this year in Brazil

RIO de JANEIRO, 3 April—The number of dengue fever cases in Brazil from January to March reached 227,109, up 72 percent from the same period last year, the country’s Health Ministry said on Thursday. According to the ministry, 184,574 of those cases, or 86.5 percent of the total, were registered in the same states in which most dengue fever cases occurred last year; Rondonia and Acre in the northern region; Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul and Goias in the midwestern region; and Minas Gerais and Sao Paulo in the southeastern region.

At least one dead in NJ private plane crash

WEST MILFORD, 3 April—At least one person was killed and a second critically injured on Saturday in the crash of a private plane in the northernmost part of the U.S. state of New Jersey, officials said. There were unofficial reports from first responders that two people died in the crash. West Milford, NJ, police said the Cessna 172 aircraft carrying two people crashed in a wooded area near Ridge Road and Iron Hill Road about noon, EDT. It was not immediately known if the aircraft had been flying into or out of nearby Greenwood Lake, or even had been there recently.

A police statement said conditions of the people on board were being withheld pending notifications.

One of eight hijacked Indian cargo ships released

MUMBAI, 3 April—One of the eight hijacked India’s cargo ships several days ago were freed by Somali pirates due to less fuel to sail, local media reported on Saturday evening.

The cargo ship Krishna Jyot managed to refuel following being released off the coast of Somalia, and is now on its way home with fifteen sailors on board, the news agency Press Trust of India quoted Bholim, president of Kutch-based Ship Communication Association of Gujarat as saying.

Bholim said the association was informed by the sailors of the Krishna Jyot after it was released.

The freed ship was one of the 7 Gujarat-registered cargo ships with about 100 crew members hijacked by Somali pirates on March 28. However, there was still no word about the other 6 ships and one more Gujarat-registered cargo ship which was captured by Somali pirates on March 30, according to the president.

India has asked the Somali government to help the release of the remaining cargo ships and sailors held by pirates.

Carpets made of sawdusts are seen in Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras, on 2 April, 2010. Local residents made 42 sawdusts carpets with traditional patterns on Friday. Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

7 security guards, one soldier killed in Algeria bomb attacks

ALGERIA 3 April—Seven security guards and a soldier were killed late Saturday in two bomb attacks in east Algeria, local El-Watan daily reported.

The report said the attacks, which were an ambush, occurred on a town road in Tifra, near Bejaia, some 250 km east of Algiers. The first bomb exploded in the path of a van carrying nine security guards, killing seven while two managed to flee. One hour later, the second bomb, which was remotely detonated in the same place, killed a soldier and wounded two others. The report said local authorities have started a search operation immediately using two helicopters, while the whole region was sealed by the military.
Bolivia, China team up on communications satellite

LAPAZ, 4 April—Leftist Bolivian President Evo Morales signed an agreement on Thursday that paves the way for the acquisition of a $300 million Chinese telecommunications satellite, the latest sign of deepening ties between the resource rich Andean country and commodity-hungry China.

The Morales government announced earlier this week that China will provide Bolivia with a $67 million loan to build infrastructure in the mineral-rich Oruro region and transportation equipment worth $2.6 million to the Bolivian armed forces.

Other recent deals have included a $60 million loan from China late last year, part of which will be used to purchase natural gas drilling rigs. Bolivia has also announced plans to buy six Chinese light military aircraft worth $58 million to fight cocaine traffickers.

“Now the President, the Vice President and the Finance Minister have to guarantee the funds, so that we can sign a contract and ... in three years, as the technicisns are saying, we’ll launch the Tupac Katari satellite,” Morales said after signing the deal in La Paz.

The satellite, which will be named after an Indian who led an uprising against the Spanish conquistadors in the 18th century, will improve Internet access and communications in remote rural areas, Morales said.—Internet

Officials seize seven mlr cigarettes on lorry from France

LONDON, 4 April — Border police have seized seven million illegally imported cigarettes from a lorry after it arrived from France, officials said.

The cigarettes were recovered from a freezer unit in the vehicle after it reached Newhaven ferry port from the French port of Dieppe late Wednesday, according to border officials.

Authorities estimated the tobacco would have cost the government 1.3 million pounds in lost tax revenues had it reached the black market.

Police arrested a 42-year-old Scottish lorry driver in connection with the seizure.—Internet

Six die in Minneapolis fire

WASHINGTON, 4 April—Six people, including three children, died Friday in a fire that engulfed a two-story building in Minneapolis, Minnesota, local authorities said.

The bodies of a women, two men and three children were recovered from the building which housed apartments on the second floor and a pub on the first. Their names were not released.

All victims in the building were believed accounted for, the Minneapolis Fire Department said in a news release.

The fire was reported around 6 a.m. local time (1100 GMT) and firefighters took hours to bring it under control.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation.—Xinhua

45 killed in flood-ravaged village in South Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 4 April—Kazakhstan Ministry of Emergency Situations revealed on Friday that the final number of flood victims was confirmed to 45 in Kyzyl-Agash village South Kazakhstan.

The last person on the village’s missing list — villager Toleybay Reiszhan has not been found yet. According to the ministry Reiszhan was declared dead. However, the Almaty State Emergency Bureau and local residents are still searching for his body alongside the channel of Kyzyl-Agash River.

At present, the Almaty State Prosecutor’s Office has initiated the investigation on relevant suspects related to this disastrous accident. Suspects include some local officials and private companies/_executives responsible for the dam’s maintenance.—Xinhua

Landslide kills 5 in northern Peru

LIMA, 4 April—A landslide in northern Peru on Thursday killed at least five people and left three others missing, the country’s national institute of civil defense said.

The landslide, occurring near the town of Canejos in Huancuco province, destroyed 10 houses, damaged 43 houses and blocked a section of the inter-provincial highway.

Rescuers have already been sent to the disaster area. Canejos is 550 km northeast of the capital city of Lima.

The institute of civil defense said the landslide was triggered by downpours which lasted over five hours in the area.

Another landslide a week earlier killed seven people in the mining province of Puno in eastern Peru.

GM China reports record monthly sales in March

SHANGHAI, 4 April — GM China, the Chinese subsidiary of US carmaker General Motors, said Friday sales of GM and its Chinese joint ventures in March jumped 67.9 percent from a year ago to a new monthly record. Sales totaled 230,048 units last month, the company said in a statement.

The US company and its joint ventures sold 623,546 vehicles in the first quarter, up 71.4 percent, setting a new record of GM sales in China.

March sales of Shanghai GM, GM’s joint venture with Chinese auto giant Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation, surged 88.8 percent to 86,967 units.

Beware of Fire
Bird with H5N1 virus found in Bulgaria

SOFIA, 4 April — A dead bird found near Bulgaria’s Black Sea port of Varna has tested positive for the deadly H5N1 virus, officials said on Thursday.

The Agriculture Ministry said the tests on a common buzzard were conducted at a national veterinary. No other cases of the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of avian influenza were detected in Bulgaria, but farmers were alerted to the risks of transmission by migratory and wild birds. Two weeks ago, a bird flu outbreak was found at a backyard poultry farm in a village in neighboring Romana, and all its birds were killed.

The European Commission called it the first detection of bird flu in the European Union in a year, following a confirmed case in March 2009 involving a wild duck in Germany. Gregory Hartl, a World Health Organization spokesman in Geneva, told The Associated Press on Thursday that he heard about the bird flu cases in Bulgaria and Romania, but that WHO doesn’t confirm or record bird flu cases unless they involve humans. Bird flu has killed 291 people around the world since it began ravaging poultry stocks in 2003, Hartl said, with Indonesia being the worst hit country.

Fla chef has nine reasons his octopus tastes better

Nineopus, Novopus. Freak of nature. Whatever you want to call it, the nine-legged octopus probably had a leg up on all the other creatures in the Gulf of Mexico — until it was caught and found its way to Hellas Bakery and Restaurant in Florida.

Head Chef Emmanuel Psomas says he was steaming the octopus Thursday when he discovered that it seemed, well, leggier than normal. Psomas says he’s cooked octopus for 40 years — it’s a Greek delicacy — and has never seen one with an extra leg.

He says he counted the legs three times in disbelief. “I’m like, this can’t be,” Psomas said. “I’ve seen a lot of octopus.”

He’s keeping the octopus in his refrigerator for now, but he plans to enjoy it soon with a bit of vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and herbs. While unusual, marine experts say the extra leg on the octopus is likely due to a genetic mutation.

3-year-old boy drives away with mom’s car

A toddler in Oshkosh is OK after taking his mother’s car out for short spin down the block. Police said the mother of the 3-year-old boy told officers her son was asleep in the 1985 Buick sedan when she left it running and ran into the house for a moment Wednesday morning.

When she returned, the car was gone. Police say the boy knelt on the seat, pulled down on the gear shift lever and started to roll down the block.

The car had traveled nearly two blocks before an officer was able to stop the vehicle.

Ohio inmate’s letter to wrong address nets charges

Prosecutors say an Ohio inmate’s letter to his mother included detailed instructions on how to sneak drugs to him — but lacked the correct ZIP code.

Ottawa County Sheriff Bob Bratton says the letter was returned to the Port Clinton jail where corrections officers read it along with the other incoming mail. Donald Dudrow III of Toledo was indicted Thursday on charges of attempted drug trafficking and trying to get drugs into a correctional facility.

He already was in jail on a probation violation. Jail officials didn’t know whether Dudrow has an attorney.

China to buy air defence systems from Russia

MOSCOW, 4 April — China has agreed to buy a large number of S-300 anti-aircraft missile systems from Russia, Interfax news agency reported on Friday, citing the director of the Russian plant that makes the weapons.

The truck-mounted S-300, known in the West as the SA-20, can shoot down cruise missiles and aircraft.

Interfax quoted Igor Asharbeili, director general of Almaz Antei which makes the missiles, that China would receive a total of 15 batteries of S-300s. He did not give the value of the deal. In Russia’s armed forces, a S-300 battery normally consists of four truck-mounted installati-ons, each consisting of four missiles held in metal tubes.

Moscow has said it plans to fulfill a contract to supply the S-300, nicknamed “the favorite” in Russia, to Iran, unnerv- ing Israel and its close ally the United States.

NASA to conduct 3rd listening check on Mars lander

LOS ANGELES, 4 April — NASA on Friday announced it will check whether the Phoenix Mars Lander has come back to life after experiencing a Martian arctic winter.

The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said the Mars Odyssey orbiter will conduct the check by “listening” to the lander for a third time.

The listening period will last from 5 April through 9 April the JPL said in a news release.

While Odyssey listens to Phoenix during 60 fly-overs next week, the Phoenix site will be in around-the-clock sunshine.

The Mars Odyssey orbiter received no signal from the solar-powered Phoenix Mars Lander in the previous two listening check-ups conducted earlier this year.

The lander showed no sign of coming back to life in February when it had supposedly revived itself after the northern Mars winter.

The solar-powered Phoenix Mars Lander operated two months longer than its planned three-month mission in the Martian arctic in 2008—Xinhua.
Share duties for better future of motherland

A single grain of sesame is not enough to extract edible oil from it, but we can get enough edible oil if we collect a huge number of grains of sesame. Now, the nation is in its transition to democracy, thus calling for concerted efforts, broader views, thoughts, advice and knowledge from the entire people. I am glad to learn that now journals are featuring cartoons, articles, news stories and photos of historic events, processes and views about political affairs.

National brethren at the age of around 60 across the nation passed that period. I don’t think there is much difference between characters, ways of thinking, diets, and parental management of a person and that of another. They adhered to the advice of their parents, and practised thrift in that, married life at that time, the price of 10 duck eggs was just one kyat, but on average, a portion of dish for a family member was just half of a boiled duck egg.

No one can deny that the living standard of their children was better than theirs. In like manner, their grandchildren enjoy better living conditions and socio-economic status, with fine educational institutions, clothes and utensils. Myanmar has seen a lot of positive changes during the period.

However, under various circumstances and reasons, a small number of people migrate from rural areas to towns, then to districts and then to capital Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, and then to foreign countries in search of greener pasture. In that regard, some of them are getting on with their businesses, whereas some are not. The former should not forget where they came from, and the latter should not consider that to be a Myanmar citizen is to be shameful and disappointing. They have to accept good results and evil consequences of their past deeds in line with the Teachings of the Buddha. They should not put blame on others, with a negative attitude to life. The more hardships they face the more intention they should turn to the Teachings of the Buddha and the more they should practise meditation.

That is supported by the Six Supreme Qualities of the Dhamma, one of which says that one can enjoy good returns practically if one follows the Dhamma; and the next of which says one doesn’t have to wait to enjoy the fruits of honouring the Dhamma.

In Buddhism, there are the Three Refuges, the Five Infinite Venerables, Supreme Attributes of the Buddha, Supreme Attributes of the Dhamma, and Supreme Attributes of the Sangha, parittas, gathas, ways of counting beads, and methods of meditation.

All phenomena such as wealth, poverty and bad health are in connection with the Nature of Cause and Effect. In particular, one’s innate nature can turn one’s living status on its head. Only when one acts with good volition can one enjoy fruitful results.

History reveals that there are many countries suffering from one or two or all of the Three Catastrophes namely famine, war and epidemics. As for Myanmar citizens, Myanmar is the most suitable land to live in. To put it another way, for them, there is no country like Myanmar.

I wish those citizens who are now abroad due to various reasons would take national interest into consideration, viewing the objective conditions of the nation as they really are. And I wish they would recognize the value of adoral traditions, humanitarian spirit of the people, fresh air, waters and land, green vegetable fields, and beautiful natural sceneries of the nation.

So, each and every citizen is duty-bound to do their bit in the tasks for generating a better future of the motherland. Sometimes, I have a nostalgic look back at the past periods in which our ancestors worked very hard and harmoniously to rise from the miseries. The people of us also have to do all what should be done in the interest of our younger generations.

Needless to say any alien does not love Myanmar more than Myanmar people do. So, it is fair to say that any aliens cannot bring prospects to the nation. Therefore, those who are under a duty to create a prosperous future of the nation are no one other than Myanmar people.
Vietnam-Myanmar International

(from page 1)
The Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce extended greetings. Mayor Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivered an address.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Soe formally opened the fair.

The delegation members led by the Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, the commander, the minister, the mayor, deputy ministers, departmental heads, entrepreneurs of both countries, and guests viewed booths staged at the fair. The fair runs at MCC between 9 am and 5 pm from 3 to 6 April. Products of Myanmar and Vietnam will be displayed and meetings for boosting investment and trade between the entrepreneurs of both countries will be held at the trade fair.

Vietnamese Prime Minister concludes visit

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and Myanmar Ambassador U Khin Maung Soe open Vietnam-Myanmar International Trade Fair-2010. —MNA

YANGON, 4 April—The visiting delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung left here by a special flight at 10.45 am today. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint presented Myanmar traditional paintings and video and documentary photo disc of the visit to the visiting Prime Minister before his departure. The delegation was seen off by the commander, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Than Aung Ko, departmental heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar HE Mr. Chu Cong Phung and families of the embassy at Yangon International Airport. Earlier in the morning, the Vietnamese Prime Minister and party visited Shwedagon Pagoda.

Concluding ceremony of hospitality courses held

YANGON, 4 April—The concluding ceremony of hospitality courses of the training school of Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy was held at 10 am on 2 April at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here. Managing Director Daw Nay Yi Aung of the academy extended greetings. Lecturers presented certificates on 150 trainees. —MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Managing Director Daw Nay Yi Aung presents certificate to a trainee at the course conclusion of Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy. —MNA

Health Minister inspects hospitals in Ayeyawady Division

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint on 2 April visited Farmers’ Hospital in Samalauk village of Nyaungdon Township in Ayeyawady Division and inspected health care services. The minister instructed to carry out staff welfare tasks with the profits from fish pond in the compound of the hospital and comforted the patients. He later visited Pantanaw Township People’s Hospital and met with officials. He also met with township health committee members and staff at People’s Hospital of Kyaungdon Township. The minister inspected wards and laboratory of People’s Hospital of Kangyidaunt Township and met officials. He inspected wards and laboratories in Pathein General Hospital and met with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors, nurses and staff. He left necessary instructions.—MNA
Vietnamese Prime Minister attends opening of representative office of BIDV

YANGON, 4 April—The opening of the representative office of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) in Yangon, was held at Ruby Land Plaza on Pyay Road, here, yesterday, attended by Vietnamese delegation, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung. It was also attended by Vice General Director of BIDV Mr. Dao Nguyen, chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Myat, and Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vice President of BIDV Vice General Director Mr. Le Phung and embassy members, and businessmen of the two countries. Vietnamese children performed Vietnam's traditional dances and songs to the attendees.

Vice Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Myat hall in Yangon, was held at Ruby Land Plaza on Pyay Road, here, yesterday, attended by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung. It was also attended by Vietnamese delegation, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Myat, and Deputy ministers Col Hla Thein Swe and Col Nyan Tun Aung, and Myanmar ambassador open representative office of BIDV. —MNA

Tachilek on the road to development

Tachilek Basic Education High School is standing grandly for nurturing well-qualified youths. Furthermore, Golden Triangle Paradise Hotel, Shan Yoma and Golden Palace departmental stores in Ponholon Ward reflect economic growth of Tachilek. Tali-Mongkoe, Tali-Mongphone, Tali-Honglaik and Tali-Maelan bus lines are plying daily in downtown area for public convenience. Short and long route bus lines with modern coaches are also running. In communication sector, two GSM stations, and auto telephone lines are bringing to-and-fro clear voices all over the country.

Now, Tachilek is on the road to all-round development as a result of sound infrastructures and prevailing peace and tranquility.

Translation: ZS

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Tachilek in Shan State (East) enjoying remarkable development with magnificent buildings.

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Myat, and Myanmar minister, the mayor, and deputy ministers, and Myanmar Ambassador formally opened the representative office. The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party looked around the office and the former signed visitors’ book.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and party in the evening attended a dinner at Traders Hotel here hosted by responsible persons of BIDV and Vietnamese airline which is flying Hanoi-Yangon-Hanoi route. —MNA

Colourful flowers in full bloom on traffic islands on the road to Tachilek Airport.
Car crashes into 737 aircraft

LAGOS, 4 April—A man crashed his car through security gates and into a parked commercial aircraft at a Nigerian airport Wednesday, marking the latest airport security breach in a country where the attempted Christmas Day airline bomber apparently managed to get by screening.

The man slammed an aging Audi sedan through two sets of gates guarded by the Nigerian Air Force at Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Calabar, a city near the country’s eastern border with Cameroon, its front bumper hanging off.

The aircraft was empty at the time of the collision and no one was injured, Olukunle said. A photograph of the car published online by the Nigerian newspaper NEXT showed it wedged underneath the belly of the aircraft, its front bumper hanging off.

Olukunle said he had no information about the man, who was immediately arrested and is in Air Force custody. A local police bomb squad found no traces of explosives in the car, he said.—Xinhua

Four die in central China building fire

CHANGSHA, 4 April—Four people were killed in a building fire in Changsha, capital of central China’s Hunan Province Wednesday night, local authorities said Thursday.

No one was injured in the accident which occurred at about 10:00 pm in an old five-story building in Kaifu District, said a spokesman with the district government.

Police were questioning the landlord and four other people who managed the building, he said. They were in police custody.

The landlord allegedly had illegally separated the rooms into smaller compartments using flammable building materials. Liquid gas had accelerated the fire spreading, the spokesman added.

The victims were two couples originally from Hunan’s Ningxiang County and Yiyang City.

Police were further investigating the cause of the fire, he said.—Xinhua

Breakthrough reported in fight against sleeping sickness

LONDON, 4 April — Scientists said Wednesday they had identified a new treatment for the potentially fatal disease known as African sleeping sickness, which infects tens of thousands of Africans each year.

The findings, published in the British journal “Nature,” pave the way for the development of effective, orally administered, low toxicity drugs to treat the disease. “This is one of the most significant findings made in recent years in terms of drug discovery and development for neglected diseases,” said Professor Paul Wyatt, director of the Drug Discovery for Tropical Diseases program at the University of Dundee, Scotland.

The World Health Organization estimates between 50,000 and 70,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa are infected with sleeping sickness, or Human African Trypanosomiasis, which is spread by the bite of the tsetse fly.

The disease is caused by a single-celled parasite called trypanosome that can infect the brain and disrupt the sleep cycle. —Xinhua

Why Earth wasn’t one big ball of ice four billion years ago when sun’s radiation was weaker

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 April — Scientists have solved one of the great mysteries of our geological past: Why Earth’s surface was not one big lump of ice four billion years ago when Sun radiation was much weaker than today. Scientists have presumed that Earth’s atmosphere back then consisted of 30 percent CO2, trapping heat like a greenhouse. However, new research shows that the reason for Earth not going into a deep freeze at the time was quite different. In 1972, the late, world famous astronomer Carl Sagan and his colleague George Mullen formulated “The faint early Sun paradox. “ The paradox consisted in that Earth’s climate has been fairly constant during almost four of the four and a half billion years that the planet has been in existence, and this despite the fact that radiation from the Sun has increased by 25-30 percent. —Internet

UN mission in DR Congo to support relocation of orphaned gorillas

KINSHASA, 4 April—The UN mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) will send helicopters to facilitate the transportation of orphaned gorillas to a new sanctuary in a natural reserve of Tanya in North Kivu province.

MONUC said on Wednesday the decision was taken by the representative of the UN secretary general in the DR Congo, Alan Doss, during a ceremony to award the prize of Alexander Abraham for Nature Conservation in Kinshasa, posthumously to eight conservationists of the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN).

The decision is within the MONUC programs aimed at protecting the environment. MONUC has also banned all its military contingents in the province from using wood charcoal. They are supposed to seek alternative fuels for the sake of environmental conservation.—Xinhua

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Four die in central China building fire

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Asian wheat could strengthen US wheat

Wheat species from Asia could aid in the US fight against a blight that causes wheat to shrivel and turn chalky white, scientists in Kansas said. Fusarium graminearum fungi infects wheat heads, producing mycotoxins that reduce the kernels' value and quality.

Wheat collected from Japan, China and South Korea contain anti-fungal genes that could increase resistance in US wheat varieties, said Guiliua Bai, a molecular plant biologist at the Hard Winter Wheat Genetics Research Unit in Manhattan, Kan.

The Asian wheat samples include 87 "landrace" populations — domesticated species that have changed little since the advent of modern plant breeding. In testing so far, 26 of the landrace lines showed high resistance to the blight, Bai wrote in the April issue of Agricultural Research Magazine.

The blight cost the US wheat industry an estimated $2.7 billion when it swept through the Great Plains states from 1998 to 2000.

Internet

Hyundai bundles iPad with Equus

NEW YORK, 4 April — The head of Hyundai Motor America said in New York that consumers buying the new Equus luxury car will receive owner's manuals in an iPad rather than book form.

Hyundai Motor America Chief Executive Officer John Krafick said the free iPad included with a purchase of the Equus, due out during the summer, will serve as an "interactive" owner's manual as well as all of the standard features of the iPad tablet computer, USA Today reported Friday. William Matthies of automotive electronics research firm Coyote Insight said he believes the iPad will add to the car's "gotta-have" factor.

"Many will respond positively to the inclusion of an iPad, not because they needed or planned to buy one but simply because it is topical and cool," Matthies told USA Today.

Internet

Crew members on attacked DPRK vessel hospitalized in Kenya

MOMBASA, 4 April — Three crew members of a Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) vessel attacked off Somalia waters were Friday rushed to a Kenyan hospital in Mombasa after docking at the port of Mombasa.

The vessel, named Chol San Bong Chong Nyon Ho, was attacked by pirates on its way to Somalia from Brazil with a sugar cargo on Wednesday.

Port police chief Ayub Gitonga said the vessel had a 40 member crew on board at the time of attack where eight of them were injured.

He said the vessel docked at the port of Mombasa to take the injured to hospital for further treatment. "The crew had documents, we could not deny them entry for treatment," said Gitonga adding that they had been cleared by immigration officers.

He said were it not for good firefighting equipment the vessel would have caught fire under the pirates' attack.

The vessel had a large mark suspected to have been caused by a rocket propelled grenade launcher during that daring attack.

A crew member on board the vessel suspected to have been injured was seen limping with a bandage on one of his legs.

Despite a heavy presence of well-equipped international naval forces patrolling the high seas of the Indian Ocean, Somali pirates have continued to launch attacks on ships passing through the corridor.

An Islamist three weeks ago, eight pirates were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment after the court found them guilty of attempting to hijack a ship.

Internet

Russia to apply electronic ticket system to road transport system

MOSCOW, 4 April — Russia will use an electronic ticket system with its transport system in an effort to strengthen security, Transport Minister Igor Levitin said Thursday.

The Transport Ministry will install the e-ticket system to public transport. The e-ticket would contain each passenger's identity and destination, and establish a complex transport security system nationwide by 2014.

Levitin said at a meeting of road transport companies to carry out specific operations for the ministry will long-distance buses next year.

The ministry will order the government to strengthen transport security in response to recent terrorist attacks. He also ordered new 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.

Staff members escape a shopping center during a drilling in Beijing, 2 April, 2010. The police bureau in Beijing carried out a drilling Friday to test the reaction of shopping centres and policemen under emergent situations.

Internet

Expert decodes Arctic conflict

BERLIN, 4 April — Few would have predicted some years ago that the Arctic would become a boom region — but that's exactly what has happened.

Climate change is causing Arctic ice sheets to melt, with the oceans in the region possibly ice-free during the summer months. This is opening a new Atlantic-Pacific shipping channel and makes the natural resources lying under the seabed more accessible.

Nations have laid conflicting claims to the seabeds. Russia and Norway are disagreeing over a part in the Barents Sea that is poised to hold major oil and gas reserves. The United States and Canada are rowing over a swath of the Beaufort Sea and over the Northwest Passage, which in 2007 for the first time in modern history was free of ice.

Stefan Nicola, United Press International's Correspondent in Berlin, talked to Michael Byers, a politics and law professor at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and a senior expert on the Arctic, about a region that some observers say has become a potential hot spot for future conflicts.

Internet

Photo shows the model of the 2012 Olympic tower. The 19.1 million pound cost tower will stand in the southern part of the Olympic Park in the London Aquatics Centre and will open in time for the 2012 Games.

Internet

A rescuer looks at a pit of Wangjialing Coal Mine in north China's Shanxi Province, on 2 April, 2010. 153 miners have been trapped for nearly six days.

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Drug may prevent Alzheimer’s, slow aging

SAN ANTONIO, April 4—A drug already approved by the US Food & Drug Administration to prevent organ rejection may help prevent Alzheimer’s disease, researchers said.

Several weeks after researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio said the drug rapamycin helped mice engineered to develop Alzheimer’s to retain memory, the same researchers said the drug helped an entirely different mouse model engineered to have early Alzheimer’s disease to remember how to swim a maze.

“Rapamycin treatment lowered levels of amyloid-beta-42, a major toxic species of molecules in Alzheimer’s disease,” Veronica Galvan, an assistant professor from the Barshop Institute and the department of physiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center, said in a statement.

“These molecules, which stick to each other, are suspected to play a key role in the early memory failure of Alzheimer’s.”

The drug is produced by a bacterial product isolated from soil of Easter Island and last year the same researchers and colleagues found rapamycin was shown to extend life in mice.

The current findings are published in the journal PLoS ONE.

Even toddlers notice good intentions

KINGSTON, April 4—Canadian researchers found even toddlers notice and could reward good intentions.

Kristen Dunfield and Valerie Kuhlmeier of Queen’s University in Kingston found children as young as 21 months old selectively helped the person who had shown good intent.

“Some of the characteristics of the rich reciprocal relationships observed in adults are in place in infancy,” Dunfield and Kuhlmeier said in a statement.

The study, published in the journal Psychological Science, reported a toddler was more likely to help someone showing good intentions — even if the person did not accomplish a desired outcome.

In one experiment, Dunfield and Kuhlmeier introduced toddlers to two actresses — one who offered a toy, put it on a slanted surface and showed surprise when the toy rolled away. The other actress showed the child the toy, but then took it away.

When the toddler was put in the position of being able to “return” a toy, it was most likely given to the actress showing good intentions, the researchers said.

Worm gene could offer clues to human aging

BIRMINGHAM, April 4—A gene greatly involved in determining the life span of a laboratory worm could offer clues to aging in people, researchers in Britain said.

The gene DAF-16 helps determine the rate of aging and the average life span of C. elegans elegans and its close evolutionary cousins, researchers at the University of Birmingham said. The gene is found in many other animals, including humans, said researcher Robin May, who led the study.

May’s team compared longevity, stress resistance and immunity in four related species of worms. In general, high levels of DAF-16 activity correlated with longer life, increased stress resistance and greater immunity against some infections.

Future studies will examine how DAF-16 coordinates a complex network of genes to balance the differing needs of an individual’s immune system over time, May said in Thursday’s edition of PLoS ONE.
Coffee beans may become insecticides

CAMPINAS, 4 April—Brazilian scientists say they’ve found unroasted coffee beans contain proteins that can kill insects — a finding that may lead to new food crop insecticides.

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Although the high heat involved in roasting coffee beans destroys the globulins, Mazafera said he and his team wondered whether the coffee proteins might also have an insecticidal effect.— Internet

Hormone may aid gastric cancer patients

OSAKA, 4 April—Japanese medical researchers say they identified a protein that might help reduce the incidence of malnutrition in gastric cancer patients.

Scientists from Osaka University’s School of Medicine said gastric cancer patients who have undergone surgery to remove all or part of their stomach often suffer post-operative weight loss. But the research shows that the hormone ghrelin — the only gastrointestinal hormone known to stimulate appetite — can improve weight and dietary activity after gastrectomy,” said Dr. Shuji Takiguchi, the study’s lead author. "Although there are some issues to be resolved before clinical use, surgeons dealing with gastric cancers and other gastroesophageal diseases should be encouraged by the availability of ghrelin."

The research is reported in the journal Gastroenterology.— Internet

Grenadian minister calls on developed nations to take biggest climate change responsibilities

PANAMA, 4 April—A senior small island politician has demanded industrialized nations face up to their responsibility in leading a global solution to the global threat of climate change.

Grenada Environment Minister Michael Church, whose country chairs the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) said those developed countries who polluted in the biggest way over the history of industrialization must make the biggest sacrifices now.

“We believe the historical responsibility becomes an extremely important and critical element in what we do now and in the future,” Church told Xinhua in a recent interview.

“Other words, we should not, not withstand our smallness, we should not sit back and allow low countries to get away by not taking their responsibilities. It has nothing to do with ideologies. It has everything to do with the survival of man on this planet.”

Small island nations face the direct threat of climate change. For the 42 member nations of AOSIS, survival is non-negotiable.— Xinhua

Cambodia shrugs off US halting shipments of military trucks

PHNOM PENH, 4 April—Cambodia shrugged off US suspended shipments of 200 military trucks over retaliation of Cambodia’s deportation of Chinese asylum seekers last year.

Koy Kong, spokesman for Cambodian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, said that Cambodia has her full sovereignty to implement its policy in deporting the 20 Chinese Uighur asylum seekers back to China in December last year.

"It is the rights of US government to either donate or suspend such assistance. Cambodia is implementing its own policy and laws within the frameworks of full sovereignty," Koy Kong told Xinhua.

“That means US can implement their policy and we can implement ours.”

Xinhua

Rescuers transfer Moldavskiy Leonid, a sailor who suffered an attack of hypertension suddenly on a Russian cargo ship, to the ambulance in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China’s Shandong Province, on 2 April, 2010.— Xinhua

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Barcelona brush aside Bilbao to go top

**Madrid, 4 April—**

Champions Barcelona brushed aside Athletic Bilbao 4-1 on Saturday to return to the top of La Liga and open a three-point gap on Real Madrid who face next week in ‘El Clasico’. Barcelona have a decisive week ahead of them with the Champions League quarter-final second leg at home to Arsenal on Tuesday and then a trip to Real four days later.

They enjoyed the perfect preparation on Saturday with three points and a convincing win that puts the pressure on Real Madrid to win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

Mancini eyes Champions League after Manchester United win

**BURNLEY, 4 April—**

Roberto Mancini has his walking wounded. Having missed a goalscoring return for Inter Milan on Saturday as the champions beat Bologna 3-0 while AS Roma and AC Milan also won to keep up the Serie A title pressure. Miro Vucinic scored the only goal of the game as second-placed AS Roma triumphed 1-0 at Bari, to stay one point behind Inter, while Milan stayed three points off top with a 3-2 success at Cagliari.

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**Burnley floored**

**BURNLEY, 4 April—**

Roberto Mancini has his eyes firmly on playing in next season’s Champions League after Manchester United moved into fourth place.

City moved into final Champions League berth with Saturday’s win, which featured five different goal scorers. It was City’s biggest away win in the Champions League and their best result in the top flight since a 5-0 win at Manchester United in February 1955.

“It’s important to be fourth now but it will be important to be there at the end of the season,” Mancini said. “Now we play six games and they are six difficult games but if we have concentration like the first half today we have a good chance.”

Wenger hits back at Domenech over Gallas injury

**LONDON, 4 April—**

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has stepped up a war of words with France coach Raymond Domenech over the treatment of defender William Gallas.

Wenger was furious at Domenech’s criticism of the decision to play Gallas in last week’s Champions League quarter-final clash with Barcelona.

The defender aggregates a calf injury that has ruled him out for the rest of Arsenal’s season and made him unsure of featuring for his country in the World Cup in South Africa.

Bayern eye Champions title as Man United clash nears

**BERLIN, 4 April—**

Bayern Munich’s midfielder Franck Ribery (R) fights for the ball with Schalke’s defender Benedikt Hoewedes (C) during their Bundesliga football match in Gelsenkirchen, western Germany.

Man United count the cost of Rooney injury

**Manchester, 4 April—**

Ferguson’s angry tirade at the officials in last week’s Champions League quarter-final tie.

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Early Detection of Age-Related Memory Deficits in Mice

April—By studying the aging of memory in the mouse, researchers in the Laboratory Neurobiologie des Processus Adaptatifs (CNRS/Université Pierre et Marie Curie) have developed an experimental protocol that can detect age-related memory deficits at an early stage. They have shown that even at 10 months, which corresponds to a third of their life expectancy, some mice present with age-related memory disorders. Published in the Journal of Neurobiology of Aging, this work opens new perspectives for an understanding of the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the aging of memory and for the diagnosis of Alzheimer’s diseases.—Internet

Russian manned spacecraft docks with space station

MOSCOW, 4 April—A Russian spaceship carrying three astronauts was docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Sunday morning, the Mission Control Centre outside Moscow said. The 23rd ISS mission, consisting of Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Korniyenko, as well as US female astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, will work at the space station for some 167 days. After two days of flight, the spacecraft docked with the small research module Poisk of the Russian segment in an automatic mode at 9:24 a.m. Moscow time (0524 GMT), said Valery Lytvyn, spokesman for the Mission Control. The three astronauts were scheduled to enter the space station about three hours later after checking on airight conditions and pressures of the sealed cabin. MNA/Xinhua

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Mr Patrick Watson @ U Soe Myint
Aged (56) years

Beloved eldest son of Mr H A Watson (deceased) & Daw Aye Sein, brother of Kenneth Soe Win (deceased), Kathleen Tin Tin Aye-Joseph Thein Pe (Singapore), Albert Khin Maung Thien-Ester, Alick Tin Maung Htwe (deceased), uncle of (4) nieces and nephews and grand uncle of (1) grand niece passed away on 1st April 2010 at No. 155, Rm 13, 45th Street, Botataung Township, Yangon. Funeral Mass and burial will be held on 5th April 2010 (Monday) at 11:30 am at Yewwai Christian cemetery. (Buses will leave the residence and St Mary’s Cathedral Catholic Church at 10:00 am).

Two dead in north China chemical blast

HORHOT, 4 April—Two people were killed and another injured after a silicon tetrachloride storage tank exploded in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Sunday, local authorities said. The blast occurred at about 10 a.m. in the Shengsen Silicon Technology Development Co., Ltd., in Yuanbaoshan District, Chifeng City, said officials with the local government. Rescuers were cleaning up the toxic chemicals. Residents were evacuated. Police and work safety officials were investigating the cause of the accident. MNA/Xinhua

Participants look over cars of all sizes to be auctioned off by the US Marshals Service Thursday, 1 April, 2010, in North Salt Lake City, Utah. The collection, containing hundreds of automobiles and other vehicles, was seized by the government from Jeffrey Mowen, who is accused of swindling investors out of millions of dollars.—INTERNET

WEATHER

Sunday, 4thApril, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan, Rakhine, Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and generally fair the remaining areas. Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average tempertures in Shan, Kayah, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant daytemperatures was Magway (4°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.47) inch and Machanbaw (0.24) inch.

Minimum temperature on 3-4 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 4-4 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4  was 69%. Total sun shine hours on 3-4 was 9.7 hours approx. Total rainfall on 4-4 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-4 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (0.75) in Bago (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (20:30) hours MST on 3-4-2010.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the West Central Bayand partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-4-2010: Partly cloudy.
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

Regional development tasks in Thongwa, Kayan townships in full swing

Test battery has inlet and outlet on the sides to provide a flow of air, providing oxygen for the battery’s operation.

Significant step toward lightweight batteries

SCIENCE DAILY, 4 April — A team of researchers at MIT has made significant progress on a technology that could lead to batteries with up to three times the energy density of any battery that currently exists.

Yang Shao-Horn, an MIT associate professor of mechanical engineering and materials science and engineering, says that many groups have been pursuing work on lithium-air batteries, a technology that has great potential for achieving great gains in energy density. But there has been a lack of understanding of what kinds of electrode materials could promote the electrochemical reactions that take place in these batteries.—Internet

Each and every citizen is duty-bound to do their bit in the tasks for generating a better future of the motherland.

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