Government, the people, Tatmadaw will see to the elections

History shows that today certain powers hurt small countries’ sovereignty through political, economic, social, dogmatic, and diplomatic ways

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addressed the Graduation Parade of the 113th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.

The translation of the speech is as follows:

Comrades,

On the occasion of the Graduation Parade of the 113th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School, I will present some points you must know in all seriousness.

Comrades,

This course comprises direct cadets who have got degrees on professional skills necessary for the Tatmadaw such as law, economics, geology, agriculture, veterinary science, and in-service cadets from regiments and units who meet the qualifications for the cadets.

Now, you have successfully completed the course in accordance with the objectives of the course: to become competent officers of Defence Services (Army), and to be capable of commanding an infantry platoon in a battlefield. So, you will be appointed as junior leaders of the Tatmadaw soon.

Comrades, However, you will have to fulfil your leadership qualities on your own. A leader has to possess qualities that are far higher than average in order to achieve the objectives. Likewise, a leader must win respect and reliance (See page 8)

Weather Forecast for 6-4-2010

Nay Pyi Taw and Neighbouring area
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Concrete Sleeper Factory (Pakokku).—MNA

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We have developed four political objectives, four economic objectives, and four social objectives.

**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
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- 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
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- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
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Extend cultivation of globally marketable beans and pulses

With its favourable geographical conditions, Myanmar is marching towards an industrialized nation based on agriculture. The cultivation acreage of the whole nation in 1988 was 19.9 million but it increased to 29.32 million in 2008-2009. There were 1.8 million acres of beans and pulses in 1998. But the acreage increased to 10.57 million in 2008-2009, producing 5.33 million MT of beans and pulses.

Myanma beans and pulses are in demand in markets, so efforts are being made to get the good price. In addition, cultivation of quality beans and pulses is being extended for export.

Myanmar is the leading exporter of beans and pulses among ASEAN countries and is making coordinated efforts for ASEAN nations to be able to boost production of beans and pulses.

Up to January, 2009-2010, 0.9 million tons of beans and pulses were exported. In the past, Myanmar stood third in exporting beans and pulses after Canada and Australia. But, it became the second biggest exporter in 2000-2001, exporting 0.83 million tons.

Now, Myanmar is exporting 72 percent of the output of beans and pulses to India and the remaining 28 percent to Indonesia, Singapore, Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan and some Middle East countries.

By extending cultivation of marketable beans and pulses, Myanmar can not only enjoy self-sufficiency but also export surpluses, thereby contributing to the family income and then to national economy.

Special sales for shoppers

YANGON, 5 April—To mark Maha Thingyan Festival, AA Electronics Ltd, sole agent of Samsung, Star and Fuji, has been launching special sales for its electronic items has been holding at Samsung showrooms, at the corner of Maha Bandoola Road and 35th Street and on Pansodan Road, and at Star showrooms from 13 March till 12 April. Jostling at the showrooms, old and new punters are buying electronics wares showcasing at special price with 10 to 50% off. AA Electronics Ltd invites all customers to come and get electronics not only at said showrooms but also at agents in states and divisions.—MNA

Filling stations, CNG stations remain open in Thingyan holidays

YANGON, 5 April—Filling stations and CNG stations in Yangon Division under the Ministry of Energy will be kept open as usual during Maha Thingyan holidays.—MNA

Road safety measures taken in Yangon Division

YANGON, 5 April—In commemoration of Global Road Safety Week Movement of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the opening of four-lane Thitsa Road (Yankin section) in Yankin Township was held today.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin. After the opening ceremony, the commander and the mayor strolled along the road.

They later inspected the installation of LED at traffic post at the corner of U Htaung Bo Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township, and making the traffic marks on Yangon-Pyay Road in front of People’s Square.—MNA

Gifting for members of Pabedan Township WVO

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Press conference on MTF President’s Cup tourney held

YANGON, 5 April—A press conference on holding Myanmar Tennis Federation President’s Cup Tournament was held at No. 16/E, East Horseracing Road, Tamwaw Township, here today.

President of MTF U Aung Maung Lay gave a detailed explanation on the tournament. The president of MTF replied to the queries raised by those attendees. The tournament organized by MTF will be held at Theinbyu tennis pitch in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 8 to 14 May.—MNA
An injured man is assisted at the site of a suicide bomb attack in Peshawar, Pakistan. (Xinhua)

**Taleban ambush kills three Afghan police, injures three.**

A Taleban militant ambushed and killed three Afghan police in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province on Sunday, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmad Khairi said.

“The Taleban rebels sprayed bullets on a police van in Nahr-e-Saraj district at 2 pm today. As a result three policemen were martyred and three others sustained injuries,” Ahmad told Xinhua.

Taleban militants fighting Afghan and the NATO-led troops have vowed to speed up activities this year.—Xinhua

**Twin suicide bombings strike Russia’s Ingushetia, killing at least two policemen.**

Moscow, 5 April — Two suicide bombings rocked Russia’s North Caucasian republic of Ingushetia on Monday morning, killing two policemen and injuring two others.

The first blast occurred at around 8:00 a.m. Moscow time (0400 GMT) when a suicide bomber detonated a car at the gate of the police headquarters of the republic’s Karabulak city, said the Interfax news agency. Local police said another suicide bombing rocked the same location ensuing the first car explosion, with casualties being checked. Investigators have arrived at the scene.

Russia’s restive North Caucasus republics, particularly Chechnya, Dagestan and Ingushetia, have been plagued by violence that particularly targeted policemen and law enforcement officers, which local rebels take as representing the Russian authorities.

**Gunmen attack US consulate in Pakistan.**

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**Unknown armed men set fire to school in Afghan province.**

Kabul, 5 April—Unknown men set fire to a school in Wardak province 40 km west of Afghan capital Kabul, a private television channel reported on Sunday.

“Unidentified men set ablaze Haider Khil School in Syedabad district last night,” Tolo said in its news bulletin. However, it did not say if it was a primary or secondary school. But there were no casualties.

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Kabul, 5 April—A Taleban commander was captured and four others sustained injuries in Afghanistan’s northern peaceful Farah province on Sunday, police said.

“Police encountered militants in Shordarya village of Daulat Abad district at 2:30 pm today. As a result a Taleban commander Mullah Qahir was captured and four of his armed men were injured in a firefight lasting four hours,” Deputy Provincial Police Chief Mohammad Afzal Imamzada told Xinhua.

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Los Angeles, 5 April—At least 42 people were hit by suspected shooters with BB guns in drive-by shootings over the past month, with a Utah judge being added to the list as the latest victim, it was reported on Sunday.

Third District Court Judge Ann Boyden, who was out for a walk with her husband in Salt Lake City when she was shot, became the latest victims of a long list of at least 42. She heard a crack and realized she was shot in the leg at about 6:30 pm Thursday, local police said. She is one of four new cases reported in Salt Lake City, Utah alone.

Judge Boyden’s husband said she is at work and doing fine. Neither she nor the police are reluctant to dwell on the details.

On 23 March alone, seven people were shot with a BB gun, including a 13-year-old girl in South Salt Lake. Most of the victims were fired on between 2:12 hours. None of the wounds are life-threatening, it was reported.—Xinhua

**Two killed, 35 injured in car bombing in northern Iraq.**

Mosul, 5 April—Two people were killed and 35 others injured in a car bomb explosion on Sunday near a police patrol in Iraq’s northern city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh province, a local police source said. A booby-trapped car parked near a popular marketplace in the Wadi Hajar neighborhood in southern Mosul detonated near a passing police patrol, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A police officer and several policemen were among the wounded, the source said. The blast also destroyed a nearby old building and damaged several others, along with causing damages to several nearby civilian cars and shops, he said.—INTERNET

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Three killed, four injured in car accident in NE Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 April—A family of three died while four others were injured in a car tragedy on a highway in northeast Malaysia’s state of Kelantan on Sunday, local media reported.

The police said that the 33-year-old man Amran Che Wil was driving on the Jalan Gua Musang-Kuala Krai highway to Kuala Lumpur when his car collided with the one on the opposite side which was trying to overtake another car but failed at around 11:45 am.

Amran’s car was banged into a drain and he, his wife and their 29-day-old baby died on the spot. His son and three others in the other car were injured and sent to hospital.

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 5 April—A 5.0-magnitude earthquake jolted eastern Indonesia’s North Maluku province on Sunday, but there was no immediate report of casualties or property damage, according to the website of Indonesian Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency.

The quake struck at 23:19 local time (1419 GMT), with the epicenter located 116 km in the northwest of Ternate, the provincial capital city, at a depth of 18 km under seabed. The agency did not issue a tsunami warning.

Chinese movie week kicks off in Damascus

The movie week is held both in Damascus and Syria’s coastal city Lattakia from 3 to 8 April. Muhammad Ahmaad, head of General Organization for Cinema of Syria, told Xinhua that the movie week will boost the bilateral cultural cooperation and deepen the understanding between the people of the two countries.

Syria launched the Syrian movie week in March 2009 in China’s Beijing and central city of Wuhan, during which five Syrian movies were presented.

Australian navy intercepts boat carrying 50 asylum seekers

CANBERRA, 5 April—A boat carrying 50 asylum seekers and four crew has been intercepted off Ashmore Islands, northwest of Australia. The boat was intercepted on Sunday afternoon by Australian navy after it was spotted by a surveillance aircraft operating under the control of the Border Protection Command.

“The group will be transferred to Christmas Island where they will undergo security, identity and health checks as well as establish their reasons for travel,” Federal Home Affairs Minister Brendan O’Connor said in a statement on Sunday. The group will be transferred to Christmas Island where they will undergo security, identity and health checks as well as establish their reasons for travel, O’Connor said.

Arab League condemns Baghdad’s blasts

CAIRO, 5 April—The Arab League condemned on Sunday a spate of deadly blasts hitting the Iraqi capital of Baghdad and claiming the lives of dozens of people.

The Arab League denounces these terrorist attacks which are a serious development that needs to be studied, said the head of the Arab League chief’s office, Ambassador Hisham Yousef, in a statement.

“We are following the situation with deep concern through our diplomatic mission in Baghdad,” he said.

“We urge the political leadership in the country to promptly form a new government to be able to bring the security situation under control as quickly as possible,” Yousef said.

Earlier on Sunday, 30 people were killed and 224 others wounded in Baghdad car bomb attacks targeted at the Iranian embassy, Mansour-Melia Hotel and the consulate office of the Egyptian embassy.

Sporadic attacks, including deadly bombings, still common in Iraq about a month after the country held their landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the future of the war-torn country.

Tens fly over the Uriyawa Lake, Anamaduwa, Sri Lanka, recently. With more than 420 resident species of birds, among which more than 20 endemic birds, Sri Lanka is a good place for birds to live.——Xinhua

A staff member points to a piece of broken glass damaged in suicide car bomb explosions at the Chinese Embassy to Iraq in Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on 4 April, 2010. Three suicide car bomb explosions happening in central and western Baghdad on Sunday have left 30 people dead and some 168 wounded, Interior Ministry sources said.—Xinhua

Tourists enjoy themselves at the Dadonghai seashore in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, on 5 April, 2010. Tourists enjoy the tropical scenery in Sanya during the holiday of Chinese traditional Qingming, the Tomb Sweeping Day.——Xinhua

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Experts warn of rising cancer trend in world

ISTANBUL, 4 April—Cancer prevention specialists issued a stern warning here on Saturday that the world is experiencing a rising cancer trend in the next 20 years.

The global burden of cancer is estimated to approximately double between 2008 and 2030 from 12.4 million new cases per year to round 26.4 million, according to a cancer report from the Fifth International Conference of Asian and Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention (APOCOP) which opened in Istanbul.

More than 3000 specialists and decision makers from about 70 countries, including China, Japan, South Korea, Turkey and the United States attended the 5-day long conference.

The report said that a majority of this increase will occur in the more developing countries where the health services are least able to cope with the challenge. This inequality is highlighted by the markedly lower cancer survival rates in these regions.

Prof. Murat Tuncer, President of Asian and Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention, said at the conference that the Asia-Pacific region encounter more than 60 percent of all cancer cases in the world.

Opera ‘Xi Shi’ to stage second run

BEIJING, 4 April—The opera “Xi Shi” will be staged at the National Center for the Performing Arts in Beijing on 15 April as the opening show of the center’s Opera Festival. This will be the opera’s second run. Xi Shi was one of the Four Beauties of ancient China, and the opera portrays her complicated life. The opera’s playwright, Zou Jingzhi, unscrambled the poetic language and artistic conceptions of the play, and says the tragic ending will be more anguished than in the first run of the show.

Using the opera form, Xi Shi’s music borrows many Chinese elements and musical instruments such as bell, chime stone, and bamboo flute. 

Harryette Mullen wins $50,000 Jackson Poetry Prize

NEW YORK, 4 April—Harryette Mullen has won a $50,000 Jackson Poetry Prize for being a poet of “exceptional talent who deserves wider recognition.” The nonprofit literary organization Poets & Writers Inc. announced Mullen as the winner of the fourth annual Jackson Poetry Prize on Friday.

The 56-year-old Mullen has written such books as “Recyclopedia,” “Muse & Drudge” and “Sleeping With the Dictionary.” Her socially and politically conscious verse is influenced by the feminist and civil rights movements.

Schoolgirl sues for $1 mln over arrest for desk scribble

BEIJING, 4 April—A 12-year-old US schoolgirl who was handcuffed for scribbling on her classroom desk sued police for one million dollars, according to media reports on Monday.

Alexa Gonzalez, a girl at Junior High School 190 in Queens sued police and education departments for excessive use of force and violation of her rights. Later, police was called to take her to a local school precinct where she was cuffed to a pole for two hours long which she calls a traumatizing and excessive ordeal.

“I made two little doodles... It could be easily erased. To put handcuffs on me is unnecessary,” the girl said.

Genetic mutation may cause Parkinson’s disease

LOS ANGELES, 4 April—US researchers have uncovered a link between genetic mutation and Parkinson’s disease, according to a study available here on Saturday.

The study, published in the latest issue of The Journal of Neuroscience, said that the researchers at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine made the discovery in experiments using genetically engineered mice.

The mutation eliminates the normal function of a gene called LRRK2, resulting in inherited (familial) Parkinson’s, the most common form of the disease, according to the researchers.

LRRK2 regulates the transmission of dopamine, a neurotransmitter, and controls motor performance.

The mice created and used by the researchers feature a key element of Parkinson’s disease — age-dependent reduction of dopamine — which is believed to cause the motor function problems, such as tremors, rigidity, and involuntary movement experienced by people with Parkinson’s.

“While the mice are not at the stage where they experience the typical symptoms of Parkinson’s, like tremors or reduced movement, we are able to study the potential root cause of the disease in these mice,” said Zhenyu Yue, an associate professor of neurology and neuroscience at the center.

“Importantly, as we have developed assays that allow us to measure the enzymatic activity of LRRK2 in the brain, the mouse models provide valuable tools in the preclinical development of drug compounds that target aberrant LRRK2 activity. This research may translate to non-familial Parkinson’s disease as well,” Yue added.

Oasis to release singles collection

BEIJING, 4 April—The famous British rock band Oasis has announced it will release a single collection of its songs following the band’s split up last August, Sohu.com reports.

The 26-track album entitled “Time Flies 1994-2009” includes all the songs Oasis released in the past 15 years, except for “Sunday Morning Call” which was released in 2000.

At the same time, a deluxe version of the album will be released as well. It includes all the band’s music videos and its recorded concert at the Roundhouse in London last year. The album will be released in June. Oasis split up after a fallout between the band’s guitar player, Noel Gallagher, and his brother Liam, who was the lead singer.

Noel held his first live solo concert for the Teenage Cancer Trust Charity in London after the band’s breakup.
Larger taxes on soda drinks needed to help curb children obesity

Los Angeles, 5 April—To reduce soda consumption in fighting childhood obesity will require larger taxes, a new study by RAND researchers showed. “If the goal is to noticeably reduce soda consumption among children, then it would have to be a very substantial tax,” said Roland Sturm, the study’s lead author and a senior economist at RAND, a nonprofit research organization.

“A small sales tax on soda does not appear to lead to a noticeable drop in consumption, let alone reduction in obesity,” Taxes on soft drinks and other sugar-sweetened beverages have been proposed as sweetened beverages and other sugar-alone reduction in drop in consumption, let on soda does not appear on a research organization. A senior economist at study’s lead author and have to be a very substantial tax, said consumption among children, then it would have to be a very substantial tax. A small sales tax on soda does not appear to lead to a noticeable drop in consumption, let alone reduction in obesity. The researchers showed. “If the goal is to noticeably reduce soda consumption among children, then it would have to be a very substantial tax.”

The high-calorie drinks discourage purchase of children and differential taxes on sodas versus other foods. Existing differential taxes (taxes that are imposed on sodas and not other food items sold in grocery stores) are small, averaging 3.5 percent and none are larger than 7 percent.—Xinhua

Air Canada to increase flight capacity to China

Beijing, 5 April—Air Canada, Canada’s flagship airline, announced that it will increase flight capacity between Canada and China to meet Chinese people’s growing travel demand.

The company said it will increase the number of direct Beijing-Canada and Shanghai-Canada flights to 28 a week from June this year. It will also launch direct flights between Guangzhou and Vancouver from 2013 to further improve its airline service.

As the two countries strengthen exchanges in various fields, Air Canada endeavors to provide more convenient and fast services for Chinese tourists and businessmen, Air Canada chief executive officer Calin Rovinescu said.

China granted Canada tourist destination status last December which indicated closer ties between the two countries and would bring millions of dollars into Canada’s tourism industry.

According to the latest survey conducted by the conference board of Canada, the number of Chinese tourists to Canada will jump 50 percent each year as of 2015. The Montreal-based company carries more than 33 million passengers each year and provides regular and cargo services to over 170 destinations worldwide.—Xinhua

The space shuttle Discovery sits on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 3 April, 2010. The space shuttle Discovery is scheduled to launch on a mission to the International Space Station on 5 April. Internet

Pa. lottery pays $7.77 million after 7-7-7-7 hits

The Pennsylvania Lottery proved to be seventh heaven for thousands of lottery players this week.

The lottery paid out a total of $7.77 million after the number 7-7-7-7 came up in the Big 4 drawing Wednesday. More than 3,100 tickets had the winning numbers. They won either $2,500 or $5,000, depending on whether the buyer wagered 50 cents or $1.

That set of numbers has only been a winner twice since 1980. The last set of quadruple numbers to win was 2-2-2-2 in September 2008.

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Drunk man calls police to help him out of bar

Drunk in a bar and can’t get out, who you gonna call? Police. That’s what Todd Fitzwater did in Lexington. WLEX-TV reported Fitzwater called 911 on Thursday and said he’d gotten drunk and passed out at Todd’s Karaoke Bar the night before, awakened and had a few more — then couldn’t get out of the bar, which was closed.

Officers tapped on the door Thursday afternoon to guide the 45-year-old Fitzwater to it so he could let them in to help him.

The bar owner said Fitzwater is a “regular” who lives nearby. The barkeep stayed with him until 7:30 a.m. Thursday, then left figuring Fitzwater would eventually let himself out and go home.

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Two people were injured, including an employee who returned to work after treatment and a girl with a bruised arm.

Zock told WOOD-TV her foot slipped from the brake. She’s a regular customer and says she was “so embarrassed.”

Stylist Kristi Dochod told WWMT-TV the crash sounded like an explosion. The salon stayed open as the car was removed, and is open during repairs.

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Concrete Sleeper Factory (Pakokku) in Magway Division starts going into operation

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The opening ceremony of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Pakokku) implemented by Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the factory in Pakokku of Pakokku District in Magway Division yesterday, with an address by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Thaung, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, senior military officers, division and district level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

The commander in his address said that Concrete Sleeper Factory (Pakokku) emerges in pride of Magway Division and of the State, for the factory will play its role in realizing cluster of railroad networks around the nation in line with the guidance of the Head of State.

He revealed that the factory will not only facilitate transportation but create job opportunities for locals whom are urged to make endeavors in the State’s interest.

The minister said the construction of the factory started on 1 December 2008 and did a test run in March 2010. It took one year and four months for the completion of the construction of the factory. The reason for replacing concrete sleepers instead of wooden sleepers is for durability, he said.

He continued to say that three concrete sleeper factories are being implemented in Khin U of Sagaing Division, Pakokku of Magway Division and Okshitpin of Bago Division in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State and four factories have been opened in Myitnagar, Pyuntaza, Mottama and Pakokku.

He also gave account of implementation of national railway network, expressing the great potential for better transport.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and party inspect production processes of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Pakokku).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu today attended commemorative ceremony of 73rd Anniversary Foundation Day of the CSSTB.

The CSSTB chairman gave a speech on purpose of holding the ceremony.

Next, he and CSSTB members presented awards to outstanding staff members and their offspring who passed with flying colours in matriculation exam.

Those wishing to form political parties submit applications

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The Kachin State Progressive Party and the Myanmar New Society Democratic Party today submitted their applications to the Union Election Commission for their formation as political parties.—MNA

US, British embassies frequent NLD 31 times in March

YANGON, 5 April—The National League for Democracy (NLD) stays in touch with and adheres to the instructions of the US and British embassies in Yangon, thereby drawing the widespread criticism and watchful eyes from the public.

It was reported that in March 2010, staff from the two embassies visited NLD on West Shwedgeondaing Road in Yangon for 31 times and that during the visits they held meetings with NLD CEC members, and presented the latter large and small envelopes.—MNA

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Next, he and CSSTB members presented awards to outstanding staff members and their offspring who passed with flying colours in matriculation exam. They put fingerlings into No. 26 Dam.—MNA

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Dignitaries at the Graduation Parade of the 113th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.—MNA

In order to achieve maximum victory, a leader must be well-experienced. Experience is something from which you can learn lessons, risking life and limb. A leader has to take lessons from others’ experience, as well as to seek and shoulder all the duties with a sense of duty in order to have vast experience. I would say a military leader must be capable of building the force under your command.

Comrades,

In order to achieve this goal, every regiment and serviceman have to possess five fundamental qualifications: morale conduct, self-discipline, loyalty, unity and being endowed with three forms of calibre. You will have to try to be noble-minded with fine traditions such as having a strong sense of true patriotism, taking risks in the interest of the nation and the people, and sacrificing self-interest. You have to play an exemplary role in discipline. You have to remain loyal to the State and the people. You have to show loving-kindness, attachment and loyalty to one another. You must be capable of building unity among the members of your forces, and must be harmonious with the people.

Similarly, you must make sure that you yourselves and your subordinates are always endowed with three capabilities, namely military capability, organizing capability, and administrative capability. Only if every battalion and serviceman possess five fundamental qualifications can they see to the major duties of the Tatmadaw.

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Our Tatmadaw’s three major duties are national defence duty, military training, and public welfare service.

Regarding the national defence duty, today every country is modernizing their armed forces. Today, the world has seen rapid changes in science and technology. So, the influence of geographical conditions in warfare such as weather, geographical features, transport, and supply has been less important than ever. Therefore, we have to make military reforms in order to catch up with the modern warfare. I would deduce that we must build a modern Tatmadaw to be capable of defending our country from any forms of danger.

In that regard, you have to train the force physically, theoretically and morally harmoniously and systematically. If so, the force will always be on full alert militarily, and will always be ready for a combat. Therefore, we have to constantly carry out military training and improving the warfare system in building a modern Tatmadaw.

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In the Anti-Fascist Resistance, our Tatmadaw had to disperse troops in the public and Tatmadaw members were like family members of the people. We regarded the houses we stayed in as our parents’ houses, and we treated them as though they were our parents. In return, they took care of us, and we achieved formidable victories due to the participation of the people. Therefore, I would like to urge you to take an active role in the public welfare service as a gesture of being grateful to your parents. Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw is a patriotic force conceived in the independence struggles. At that time, Tatmadaw members shouldered duties without salaries and rations. Inspired by a noble-minded sense, we risked life and limb, and showed resilience, great perseverance and self-discipline. In addition, we managed to face and overcome all forms of difficulties. Therefore, our Tatmadaw could stand as a capable force.

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History shows that today certain powers hurt small countries’ sovereignty through political, economic, social, dogmatic and diplomatic ways. And sometimes, they occupy their targeted countries. We have to take a valuable lesson from the historic evidence that when our nation was on the verge of losing independence, colonialists put all the blame on our weak country.

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**Prizes presented to top dealers of Super Power**

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Super Power and Speed engine oil and lubricant distribution office (Upper Myanmar branch) of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd held its seventh prize presentation ceremony to top dealers for 2009 at the office at No (330), 82nd Street between 28th and 29th Streets, Chanayethazan Township on 30 March.**

In-charge Director U Maung Hla of the branch office extended greetings and presented prizes to top dealers for 2009. Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd, a sole agent of Super Power and quality Speed engine oil and lubricant for Myanmar, has started next step to import Super Rocket Engine Oil. Those who want to become wholesaler or retailer of the products may contact Ph: 01-686263, 01-686727 and 01-681894 in Yangon, 02-72374 and 01-21160, and Fax: 686306 for Upper Myanmar.—MNA

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**Director U Maung Hla of Myanmar New Stars Industry Co Ltd (Upper Myanmar Branch) presents prizes to top dealers.—MNA**
**Four die in Los Angeles restaurant shooting**

**Los Angeles, 5 April**—Four people have been killed and two others wounded in a shooting.

Three men died at the scene at the Hot Spot Mediterranean Cafe, while the other died later of his wounds, Los Angeles police department said. The two injured people were taken to hospital where one remains in a critical condition.

The suspect, a white man in his 30s who may be Armenian, fled the scene. Police have not yet discovered a motive but inside sources say the shooting may be linked to Armenian gangs. “It’s a very complex investigation that we are involved in right now,” LAPD Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese said.

“Anytime we have a shooting at an eatery in broad daylight, we all need to be concerned.”

Police do not think it was a random shooting.

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**Fermi maps an active galaxy’s ‘smokestack plumes’**

**Science Daily, 5 April**—If your eyes could see radio waves, the nearby galaxy Centaurus A (Cen A) would be one of the biggest and brightest objects in the sky, nearly 20 times the apparent size of a full moon. What we can’t see when looking at the galaxy in visible light is that it lies nestled between a pair of giant radio-emitting gas plumes ejected by its supermassive black hole. Each plume is nearly a million light-years long.

NASA’s Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope maps gamma rays, radiation that typically packs 100 billion times the energy of radio waves. Nevertheless, and to the surprise of many astrophysicists, Cen A’s plumes show up clearly in the satellite’s first 10 months of data. The study appears in Thursday’s edition of Science Express. This is something we’ve never seen before in gamma rays,” said Teddy Cheung, a Fermi team member at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington. “Not only do we see the extended radio lobes, but their gamma-ray output is more than ten times greater than their radio output.” If gamma-ray telescopes had matured before their radio counterparts, astronomers would have instead classified Cen A as a “gamma-ray galaxy. Also known as NGC 5128, Cen A is located about 12 million light-years away in the constellation Centaurus and is one of the first celestial radio sources identified with a galaxy.

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**Beijing to lower tomb lease renewal fees**

**Beijing, 5 April**—Tomb leases more than 20 years old in public cemeteries can be renewed at lower prices and detailed regulations will be introduced after Qingming festival, the China Daily reported Monday.

Original renters will get priority to use the tomb land once the regulations come into effect, the newspaper quoted Jiang Xiaogang, secretary-general of the Beijing Funeral Association as saying.

“Tomb land in public cemeteries in Beijing is not for permanent use. Instead, the longest term for renters is 20 years. After that period, renters must pay extra fees to renew the leases.

The price of tomb renewals will be much cheaper than the first-time rent after this price adjustment, Jiang said.

“The first-time rent includes the land fee, management fee and construction. For renewal, the renter just needs to pay the land fee and management fee,” he said.

The term for renewals will not exceed 20 years, either, he added.

Besides the renewal fees, the location of public cemeteries will also be adjusted. According to the Chinese Funeral Development Report 2010 from the Ministry of Civil Affairs, public cemeteries in Beijing will be clustered around northernwestern Beijing, while few will be built in eastern and southeastern Beijing.

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**England test bowling great Sir Alec Bedser dies**

**London, 5 April**—Former England fast bowler Sir Alec Bedser has died at the age of 91.


Bedser remains one of England’s greatest bowlers having taken 100 or more wickets in a county season 11 times during his career.

“Alec Bedser deserves to be remembered as one of the greatest England bowlers of all time, a master of the craft of seam bowling and a true legend of the game,” said England and Wales Cricket Board chairman Giles Clarke.

He had been, until his death, the last man alive to have taken the wicket of Sir Donald Bradman—dismissing the legendary Australian batsman six times in Test cricket.

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**Breast-feeding would save lives, moneys**

**Chicago, 5 April**—The lives of nearly 900 babies would be saved each year, along with billions of dollars, if 90 percent of U.S. women breast-fed their babies for the first six months of life, a cost analysis says.

Those startling results, published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics, are only an estimate. But several experts who reviewed the analysis said the methods and conclusions seem sound.

“The health care system has got to be aware that breast-feeding makes a profound difference,” said Dr. Ruth Lawrence, who heads the American Academy of Pediatrics’ breast-feeding section.

The findings suggest that there are hundreds of deaths and many more costly illnesses each year from health problems that breast-feeding may help prevent. These include stomach viruses, ear infections, asthma, and even childhood leukemia.

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**Riders in traditional Hungarian (L) and Habsburg (R) cavalry uniforms fight during a reenactment of Battle of Tapiobicske.**
Magnitude-7.2 quake rocks US-Mexico border, two people killed

MEXICO, 5 April — A 7.2-magnitude earthquake Sunday rocked Mexico’s northern Baja California state which borders the United States, causing minor damage and killing at least two people with some 100 others injured in Mexico, according to latest reports.

The strong quake was also felt across the U.S. side of the border area.

Following the earthquake, a state of emergency was declared in Mexicali, capital of northern Mexico’s Baja California state and a commerce center along the border.

But tsunami experts have ruled out the possibility of a disaster along the West Coast after the quake, previously measured at 6.9 magnitude by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

The USGS said the quake occurred at 5:40 p.m. local time (2240 GMT) with a depth of 10 km.

The epicenter was some 26 km southwest of Guadalupe Victoria, 173km east-southeast of Tijuana, which borders the U.S. city of San Diego, California.

S.Korean ship hijacked by Somali pirates

SEOUL, 5 April — A South Korean oil tanker has been hijacked by Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean on Sunday, Seoul’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade said.

There are a total of 24 crew members onboard, including five South Koreans and 19 Filipinos.

The Marshall Islands-registered “Samho Dream”, owned by South Korea’s Samho Shipping, was seized by Somali pirates in waters some 150 km southeast of the Gulf of Aden at around 16:10 Seoul time (0710 GMT Monday), the ministry said.

The ministry said it held an emergency meeting to discuss related measures, and decided to set up a task force for rescue mission.

At least 13 prisoners escape in Mexico-US border region

MEXICO CITY, 5 April — At least 13 prisoners escaped during an alleged attack by hit men in northwest Mexico’s Reynosa city, which borders the United States, officials said on Sunday.

The General Prosecutor’s Office said in a statement that the attack took place on Friday when an armed squad arrived aboard 10 vehicles at the jail of Reynosa in Tamaulipas state.

The statement said that 11 of the escapees were federal criminals and two had committed common crimes.

Before announcing the escape, the local government said on Saturday that three other prisoners were killed during the attack.

Sources with the National Defense Ministry said on Sunday that four helicopters were sent to Tamaulipas and the neighboring state of Nuevo Leon to assist the investigation.

Crystal designer Eric Delvaux posts beside his crystal work “Rocket” in eastern Belgian city Liege, on 4 April, 2010. The crystal rocket, with 2.6 meters height and 200 kilograms weight, will be shipped to China and exhibited at the Belgian pavilion during the 2010 Shanghai Expo. It was claimed the highest crystal creation in the world and had applied to Guinness Records.

Moderate quake shakes central Chile

SANTIAGO, 5 April — An earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter scale shook central Chile Sunday night, but there was no report of casualties or damage.

The quake, which occurred at around 23:32 local time (0330 GMT Monday), was centered at 35 km west of the capital of Santiago with a depth of 67.2 km. The tremor was strongly felt in the capital.

Power outages were reported in part of the port city of Vina del Mar following the quake.

Crude oil tanker hijacked by Somali pirates

MANILA, 5 April — Nineteen Filipino seafarers were seized by Somali pirates on Sunday, the Philippine Foreign Affairs Department said on Monday.

A map of the Horn of Africa and surrounding coastline where piracy is rife.

According to a statement issued by the department on Monday, the Philippine Embassy in Nairobi reported that 19 Filipino crew members were on board the Marshall Island flagged South Korean-owned M/V Samho Dream when the vessel was hijacked by Somali pirates, northeast of Somali Basin on Sunday.

The ship was enroute to the port of Louisiana from Iraq when it was captured by the pirates.

Philippine diplomats are coordinating with the vessel’s principal, the local manning agency and the Philippine embassies in Nairobi and Seoul for the early resolution of the case.

There are now 24 Filipino seafarers on board four vessels held captive by Somali pirates.

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A patient, who was receiving heart-failure treatment, and his relative in the ambulance were killed on the spot.—MNA/Xinhua

Short-binge programme has long-term benefit

MIDDLETOWN, 5 April—US researchers say a short-term self-guided six-step programme may help provide long-term help for binge eaters.

Researchers at the Kaiser Permanente Centre for Health Research, Weslyan University and Rutgers University said 63 percent of binge eaters assigned to the 12-week programme as part of a controlled, randomized trial, stopped binging — vs. 28.3 percent of those who received usual care.

Six months later, 74 percent of programme participants and 44 percent of those in usual care continued to abstain from binging. At one year, 64 percent vs 44 percent were binge-free.

“Our studies show that recurrent binge eating can be successfully treated with a brief, easily administered programme, and that’s great news for patients and their providers,” study principal investigator Ruth Striegel-Moore, a professor of psychology at Wesleyan University, said in a statement.

Striegel-Moore and colleagues conducted the 2004-2005 study with 123 Kaiser Permanente health plan members in Oregon and southwest Washington who had had at least one binge eating episode a week in the last three months.—Internet

Plane crashes on Australian highway

HOBART, 5 April—A trainee pilot with the Australian air force practicing aerobatic maneuvers crash-landed his plane on one of Hobart’s busiest highways, officials say. Patrick Humphrey, 18, walked away uninjured after the engine on his single-engine plane stalled about 10 am local time on Sunday, The Australian reported.

Witneses allegedly saw the airplane circling overhead apparently in distress over Hobart’s Brooker Highway, prompting several onlookers to call emergency services.

The aircraft slid almost 218 yards along the road under an overpass, ripping off one of its wings before coming to rest, The Australian said.

The first thing Humphrey did after crash landing was tend to the engine 328 feet, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.

One witness, Brad Almond, said the debris field extended 328 feet, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.—Internet

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Entombed car unearthed after 40 years

KANKAKEE, 5 April—A 1958 Buick has been unearthed almost 40 years after three young men walled it up underground an Illinois house as a practical joke, observers said.

The Buick Special was abandoned in Kankakee, Ill, in 1971 when it broke down and its owner couldn’t afford the repair costs, The Chicago Tribune reported on Sunday.

A local dealer had no use for it and gave it to the three jokesters, who bricked it behind a wall in the basement of a house one of them owned, the newspaper said.—Internet

China’s Ding Junhui (R) smiles while Mark Williams of Wales holds his trophy after the final of 2010 World Snooker China Open in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 April, 2010.—Xinhua

Sneaking in some exercise effective

UNIVERSITY PARK, 5 April—Unintentional activity can help people burn a few extra calories, US researchers suggest.

David Conroy, an associate professor of kinesiology and human development and family studies at Pennsylvania State University, said unintentional physical activity—such as climbing stairs instead of waiting for the elevator—helps prevent weight gain.

“It isn’t the overall level of activity we focused on, it was specifically the unintentional activity—those little things that you don’t even think about that help you burn those extra few calories,” Conroy said in a statement.

Conroy and colleagues examined 200 college students for a connection between attitudes toward physical activity and levels of unintentional activity.
**Gaza tension still concerned after Hamas’ call for calm**

**Jerusalem, 5 April** — Israeli Air Force aircraft on Sunday opened fire at two Palestinians, who Israelis claimed seemed to be laying explosives near the border fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip, Israeli media reported.

The incident came one day after four Palestinian organizations met in Gaza. There remains a degree of uncertainty as to what really happened during the meeting, while media reports suggest the Palestinian Islamic resistance movement Hamas called for calm on the part of the armed factions in the Palestinian coastal enclave.

Those followed escalating violence between Palestinian militants and Israel over the last couple of weeks, which have aroused the international community of great concerns.—INTERNET

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**Heavy fog hits China’s Shanghai port, ships stranded**

**Hanghai, 5 April**— Heavy fog hit Shanghai’s Yangshan port Monday morning, reducing visibility and stranded ships, local customs police reported.

Visibility in the port’s two channels was reduced to 0.5 to 0.2 nautical miles at around 4:45 a.m., said an authority of the Shanghai Maritime Safety Administration.

The administration has dispatched workers to guide lost ships and help them anchor in safe areas.

There are 11 international ships stranded in the Shanghai controlled part of the Yangtze river, and 111 Chinese ships had been stopped from entering Yangshan port.

In other related news, an 8-grade strong wind was forecast to hit an area where the Bohai Strait meets the Yellow Sea, near east China’s Shandong Province, on Monday, the local weather observatory reported.

The gale could weaken on Tuesday but then turn into a 9-grade wind on Wednesday.

The local observatory warned passing ships to seek a safe port for shelter and dial the rescue hotline 12395 if necessary.—INTERNET

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**S Korea, India to hold security meeting in Seoul**

**Seoul, 5 April**— South Korea and India will hold bilateral security talks between deputy ministers in Seoul on Friday, the foreign ministry said here Monday.

South Korean vice foreign minister Shin Shin Kak-soo and his Indian counterpart Latha Lreddy will discuss expanding bilateral cooperation on diplomatic and defense issues and security matters of mutual interest in the region, the ministry said in a press briefing. The meeting comes after the two countries bolstered bilateral ties earlier this year to the strategic partnership level, following South Korean President Lee Myung-bak’s state visit in January to New Delhi, it said.—INTERNET

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**Fired wrecked ship’s 12 sailors saved, two missing**

**Beijing, 5 April**— The Ministry of Transport (MOT) said on Monday 12 sailors of the wrecked Panama-flagged cargo ship were saved and the fire was under control.

The “Golden Crux 18” ship, with 14 crew on board, were sailing near the mouth of Yangtze River late last night when its engine room exploded suddenly.

Twelve sailors abandoned ship on life rafts after the fire spread uncontrollably while two others who were on duty in the cabin became trapped.

The East China Sea Salvage Bureau (ECCSB) sent a vessel to rescue the sailors the moment it received the alarm. Due to its efforts, 12 sailors were rescued around midnight.

The ECCSB said it would continue to search for the two missing sailors, both of whom are Filipinos.

The 12 rescued sailors are all from the the Philippines except one from Myanmar.

The Panamanian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) tanker which was 95 meters long and 15 meters wide was on its journey from Nantong in Jiangsu Province to the Republic of Korea for LPG loading when the accident happened.—INTERNET

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**Dubai jail sentence upheld for UK kissing couple**

**Dubai (United Arab Emirates), 5 April**— A Dubai appeals court on Sunday upheld a one-month prison sentence for a British couple convicted of kissing in a restaurant.

The couple landed in court after an Emirati woman complained about the public kiss, which the couple insisted was just a peck on the cheek. They were arrested in November and convicted of inappropriate behavior and illegal drinking.

Cosmopolitan Dubai has the most relaxed social codes in the conservative Gulf, but authorities enforce strict decency laws and regularly crack down on people accused of pushing the limits, which can include everything from wearing a mini skirt to losing one’s temper in traffic.

As recently as Sunday, though, a young Italian-Iranian couple could be seen kissing among the visitors to the 127th floor observation deck of the Burj Khalifa, the world’s tallest skyscraper.

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**114 survivors rescued from flooded coal mine, 39 still trapped**

**Xiangning, 5 April**— Rescuers have taken out 114 miners from the flooded Wangjialing Coal Mine in north China’s Shanxi Province by Monday afternoon, nine days after the accident occurred, the rescue headquarters said.

“Rescuers are continuing the search for 39 trapped miners. The rescue work is still challenging,” said Wang Jun, governor of Shanxi.

Survivors with clothes covering on their eyes are being lifted out by rescuers.

“It is a miracle in China’s mining rescue history,” said Luo Lin, head of the State Administration of Work Safety, who is waiting at the pit entrance.

“Scientific methods and technology used in the rescue have ensured the survivors rescued alive after being trapped underground for a week,” said Shanxi Party chief Zhang Baoshun.—Xinhua

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**Models display creations of Yohji Yamamoto men’s collection in Tokyo**

**Yamamoto plans to open a flagship store in China in coming years as his brand, despite filing for bankruptcy last year, eyes Asia’s growing class of luxury shoppers.—INTERNET**
**SPORTS**

Roddick ends Berdych’s run
to win Miami Masters title

MIAMI, 5 April—Sixth-
seeded American Andy
Roddick ended the giant-
killing run of Czech
Tomas Berdych to secure
the Miami ATP Masters
1000 title Sunday.

One break of serve in
each set was enough for
Roddick, who didn’t face
a break point in the entire
match which he won 7-5,
6-4. “It’s a surprising stat,
especially on one side,”
Roddick said. “It was real
rough with the sun on first
serve you’re having to
adjust your toss and see-
ing spots on the first ball.

“I think that’s what
helped me break in the
first set, you know, but I
think it was maybe a little
bit of an advantage that I
played out there in that
time slot a couple times.”

His victory brought an
doctor to the impressive run
of the 16th-seeded
Berdych, who had sur-
vived a match point to
shock world number one
Roger Federer in the
fourth round.—Internet

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Wolfsburg beat Hoffenheim, rekindle Euro hopes

BERLIN, 5 April—German
champions Wolfsburg
rekindled their hopes of
European football next season with a 4-0 home
win against Hoffenheim on
Sunday.

Bosnian striker Edin
Dzeko scored a double
which put him joint top of
Dzeko opened after 25
minutes, before Italian
midfielder Zvjezdan
Misimovic netted the
third on 74.—Internet

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Zola backs battling Hammers to prove owner wrong

LIVERPOOL, 5 April—Gianfranco Zola
insists West Ham’s battling 2-2 draw at
Everton proves his players can ignore
the criticism from their club’s owner and
avoid relegation from the Premier
League.

Zola and his players had to endure
the indignity of Hammers co-owner
David Sullivan launching several pub-
lic attacks on their ability during a run
of six successive defeats which threat-
ened to plunge the team into the relega-
tion zone.

The criticism combined with last
weekend’s defeat to Stoke forced Zola
to consider his future, but the Italian
opted to stay and try to keep the east
London outfit in the top-flight.

And judging by the gutsy way they
won against Hoffenheim on
Sunday, the squad remain firmly be-
hind their boss.—Internet

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Ronaldo, Higuaín strike again
to put Real top

MADRID, 5 April—Real Madrid’s deadly
strikeforce of Cristiano Ronaldo and Gonzalo
Higuain engineered a 2-0
win at Racing Santander on Sunday to put their
side back on top of La
Liga and push Barcelona
into second place.

Ronaldo won and con-
verted a penalty for his
10th league goal in just 21
games before Argentine
Higuain netted for the
fifth consecutive game to
make it 24 goals for the
season.

The duo have scored
42 out of Real’s 83 goals
this campaign and Madrid
have now netted 12 con-
secutive league wins to
move above Barcelona on
goal difference.

Champions Barcelona

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Liverpool need perfect finish
to grab fourth

BIRMINGHAM, 5 April—Rafael Benitez has
warned his faltering Liver-
pool stars that nothing
short of a perfect finish to
the season will do if he is
to make good his promise of
delivering Champions
League football to
Anfield.

Failure to make it into the
lucrative competition
would be potentially dis-
astrous for American
owners George Gillett and
Tom Hicks as they con-
continue their attempts to find
the lucrative competition
which will enable
them to mount a serious
challenge to Manchester
United and Chelsea next
season.—Internet

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Red Bull’s Sebastian Vettel
wins Malaysian GP

SEPANG, 5 April—Sebastian Vettel captured the
Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday, an overdue victory
after mechanical failures cost him chances to win
the first two Formula One races of the season.

Vettel passed pole-sitter and teammate Mark
Webber in the first corner and held the lead through-
out, capping off a 1-2 finish for Red Bull. Nico Rosberg
finished third for Mercedes as forecast rain stayed
away from the 3.44-mile Sepang circuit.

“A very good result for us, especially for me, after
two races where we didn’t finish where we wanted
to be,” Vettel said.

Renault’s Robert Kubica was fourth and Force
India’s Adrian Sutil took fifth.

Webber gave up the lead when he spun his tires
trying to get off the line and had to settle for second
after a close battle into the fourth turn on the first lap.

“A 1-2 finish for us was sensational,” Webber said.

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Ten-man Marseille pile on
French title pressure

PARIS, 5 April—Mar-
seille overcame being re-
duced to 10 men to defeat
Lens 1-0 on Sunday to
hammer home their
French league title cre-
dentials, just a week after
they snatched a 1-7 silverware
drought.

Marseille, who lifted the
League Cup last
weekend, moved into fifth
spot, just a point behind
leaders Lyon and, like
fourth-placed Bordeaux,
boosted by the luxury of
having two games in hand.

Lyon have 57 points
and lead the way on
goal difference ahead of
Montpellier and Auxerre
who both missed opportu-
nities to take pole position
after 0-0 and 1-1 draws
against Monaco and Paris
St Germain respectively.

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**Make-or-break week for Barca at home and abroad**

MANCHESTER, 5 April—Bar-
celona have a crucial
week in their season with
games against Arsenal and
Real Madrid inside
four testing days as they
bid to defend their league and
Champions League titles.

Pepe Guardiola’s team
brushed aside Athletic
Bilbao 4-1 on Saturday to
keep pace with Real Ma-
drid, currently ahead on
goal difference, before
next Saturday’s ‘El
Clasico’ at the Santiago
Bernabeu that could de-
cide the destiny of this
season’s title.

However, Barcelona
must first take on Arsenal
at Camp Nou in the sec-
ond leg of their Champi-
ons League quarter-final
on Tuesday after drawing
2-2 in London.—Internet

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

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**LIVERPOOL, 5 April—Steven Gerrard cele-
brates scoring his goal against Bir-
mingham City during a
Premier League match at
St Andrew’s in Bir-
mingham.**—INTERNET

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**Paris Saint-Germain’s forward Brandao celebrates at the
end of the French L1 football match Marseille vs Lens on 4 April, 2010 at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.**—INTERNET

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**Marseille’s forward Brandao celebrates at the end of the French L1 football match Marseille vs Lens on 4 April, 2010 at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.**—INTERNET

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**Red Bull Formula One driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany crosses the finish line to win the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix in Sepang, Malaysia, on 4 April, 2010.**—INTERNET
Fat clue to triggering latent tuberculosis

SCIENCE DAILY, 5 April—The factors instrumental in triggering latent tuberculosis (TB) infection to progress into active disease have long remained elusive to researchers. New insight into the mystery is provided by Professor David Russell, speaking at the Society for General Microbiology's spring meeting in Edinburgh. His work could help develop innovative strategies for treating the disease.

Professor Russell and his group at Cornell University in New York, USA, have demonstrated that TB-causing bacteria are able to hijack fat metabolism in the host to drive the progression of the disease. The team's research shows that Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb) is able to stimulate macrophages — the immune cells — the bacterium infects — to accumulate fat droplets, turning them into "foamy" cells. This cellular transformation can trigger a reawakening of the TB infection from its latent state. — Internet

WEATHER

Monday, 5th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Chin State and Taninthayi Division. Weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Eastern Shan, Northern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Southern Shan, Chin and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (45°C), Monywa, Myingyan, Nyaung Oo, Magway and Minbu (44°C) each, Naypyitaw (Yezin), Mandalay, Yamethin, Aunglan and Pakokku (43 °C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.39) inch, Putao (0.36) inch and Myeik (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-4-2010 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 5-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-4-2010 was 85%. Total sun shine hours on 4-4-2010 was (8.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 4-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. 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.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-4-2010: 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

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses Graduation Parade of 113th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The Graduation Parade of the 113th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held at the school in Bahtoo at 7 am today, addressed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quarters-master-General General Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Defence Services Inspector-General Lt-Gen Thein Htwe, Military Appointment General Lt-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Lt-Gen Soe Maung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Hla Htaw Win, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae, Ministers Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win and Maj-Gen Thein Myint, directors Maj-Gen Myint Win, Maj-Gen Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt, Maj-Gen Than Soe, Col Hla Myint, Maj-Gen Than Htaw, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Brig-Gen Ye Aung and senior military officers of Bahtoo Station, invited guests, and relatives of the cadet trainees.

At the parade, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of the cadet companies. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the cadet companies and took the salute.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the best cadet award to cadet Zin Min Tun and delivered an address.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of the cadet companies and left the parade ground.—MNA