Thingyan lovers merrily take part in water festival on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 April—Today (Maha Thingyan Akyat Day), Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s Maha Thingyan Pandal was packed with merry makers, The Aces band, Yein troupes of ministries, hotels and private companies presenting entertainment to revellers. In Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, Thingyan lovers, and celebrities merrily took part in Water Festival at Amara Hotel, Max Myanmar Company Hotel, Shwe Myanmar Hotel, Yadana Thenga Hotel, Taw Win Nay Pyi Taw Hotel, Golden Guest Hotel of Shwe Thanlwin Company, Myat Taw Win Hotel of Asia World Company, Thingaha Hotel of Aden Group and Aureum Palace Hotel of Htoo Trading Company.

In Nay Pyi Taw Pynjman, Hnit Nwe (Nan Kaung) Co Ltd, Happy Time Special, Padawkyoe, KTM and 30 other pandals were also crowded with vocalists and revellers.

In National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), water throwing pandals, entertaining pandals, free meal serving pandals were swarming with revellers from states and divisions. There, Kachin Maha Thingyan water throwing pandal of Htoo Companies Group, and free meal serving pandal of Asia World Family were filled with revellers.

At the National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) water throwing pandal, vocalists performed entertainment with Guardians band.

Diplomats, military attachés enjoy Traditional Water Festival

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 April—The ambassadors, military attachés and embassy staff of the foreign mission and their families led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe today enjoyed water throwing festival at pandals of hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s Maha Thingyan Pandal, here.

The Yein troupes of ministries and Amara Hotel and artists entertained the diplomat team led by Minister U Nyan Win and wife with dances and songs. The diplomats enjoyed the water throwing festival.

They also visited the pandals of Max Myanmar Co, Shwe Myanmar, Myat Taw Win. The Yein troupes and artists entertained them with dances and songs.

At the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s Pandal, the minister, wife and diplomats were welcomed by Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing and officials. The Yein troupes and artists performed entertainment of songs and dances. The minister, wife and diplomats posed for documentary photo.

The Mayor and wife hosted a luncheon to the diplomats and their families at Mingala Hall on the first floor of the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall.

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Keep eyes, ears to weather reports

Today, the World Meteorology Federation and the science organizations around the world are scaling up their campaigns on meteorology for security and comfort of the global family members.

Also in Myanmar, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport is putting greater efforts into the tasks on meteorology in the public interest. It regularly issues weather forecasts for smooth air and water transport including daily weather reports, short- and long-term weather forecasts, potential river floods and tidal warnings, along with public notices on media services and reminders.

The world sees a great deal of changes in weather forecasts in the Age of IT, which is making dramatic progress, thus calling for more sophisticated technologies and equipment to improve the work efficiency.

Weather reports are issued in the media such as daily newspapers, radio and TV. So, the people, on their part, have to keep their eyes and ears to the reports.

As the department releases weather reports through the media in time, the people should contact the Meteorology and Hydrology Department for comments if they hear rumours about natural disasters and suspicious weather reports.

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**Yazuaing bridge No 1 under construction**

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected progress in constructing Yazuaing bridge No 1, being situated on Maubin-Yaylekalay-Sweaunghman-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinekyun road on 12 April.

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Merry makers taking part in Water Festival in Magway, Magway Division, on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

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Civilian killed, six wounded in Baghdad bombing

Baghdad, 15 April—A civilian was killed and six others wounded in a bomb explosion at a marketplace in central Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

“Our latest report said that one civilian was killed and six others were injured by the bomb explosion in central Baghdad,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The bomb was detonated inside a shop selling sports equipment at a commercial area near the al-Ahrar bridge on the eastern bank of the Tigris River at about 1:45 p.m. (1045 GMT), the source said.

Earlier, the source put the toll at three people injured citing first police reports.

A Xinhua correspondent saw black smoke rising above the area, while ambulances rushed to the site.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraq more than a week after the country held its landmark parliamentary election which is widely expected to shape the political landscape of the war-torn country.—Internet

US drone attack kills four in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 April—At least four people were killed and one was injured on Wednesday when a suspected U.S. drone attacked the northwest Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal agency, local sources said.

Locals said a pilotless U.S. aircraft fired two missiles near Miranshah in North Waziristan near the border with Afghanistan, destroying a vehicle and causing casualties.

Americans have intensified the cross-border strike in Pakistan’s tribal belt where foreign and local militants’ networks are believed to exist including the Huqani network which America blames for violence in Afghanistan.

The U.S. has since long been pressing Pakistan to start military operations in North Waziristan to clear the region from militants’ network that would help the U.S. in bringing stability in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

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The children were a 7-month-old boy, a 3-year-old girl and a 16-year-old girl, the Chicago Tribune reported. The fourth victim was an adult woman.

A suspect, believed to be a relative, was taken into custody several miles away about 90 minutes after the shootings, police said.

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Five militants killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 April—Pakistani security forces killed five militants in an attack in Orakzai tribal region, northwest of the country, local TV channel reported Thursday.

Security forces used helicopters and heavy artillery and targeted compounds of militants in Shereen Darra of Lower Orakzai Agency, the private TV Express reported.

They have secured important heights in the area and have also seized arms and ammunition.

Troops have taken control of most areas of the agency and are advancing towards Upper Orakzai Agency, army sources said.

Security forces backed by gunship helicopters have killed over 300 Taliban militants so far in Orakzai since late March when the army launched a fresh offensive in the agency to flush out Taliban.

China Qinghai quake death toll rises to 589

QINGHAI, 15 April—The death toll of China’s Qinghai Province, 14 April, 2010. About 589 people have died after a 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit Yushu early on Wednesday.—INTERNET

QINGHAI, 15 April—The death toll of China’s Qinghai 7.1-magnitude earthquake rose to 589 as of 1:20 a.m. Thursday, according to the local quake-relief headquarters. The headquarters have dispatched relief work groups respectively in charge of rescue, quake survivors’ daily life, detecting aftershocks and health and disease control.

Jia Yingzhong, Party secretary of the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture called for all local cadres to make all-out effort in rescue and relief work. Those who fail to do the job will be sacked immediately, he said. 3

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Officials say 9/11-style plot in Iraq foiled

Baghdad, 15 April—Iraqi and US security officials say Iraqi forces have foiled an Al-Qaida in Iraq plot for a 9/11-style attack to hijack airlines and fly them into Shiite holy shrines.

Two senior Iraqi officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday they have arrested two men allegedly linked to the plot, which shut down the airport in Najaf for days and Baghdad airport for hours last week.

Two senior US intelligence officials in Washington confirmed the plot but said it’s doubtful the alleged plotters were very far along in their planning—or even had the ability to carry it out.

The officials say the plan was aimed at re-igniting sectarian violence.

All spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

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### Shanghai longest river tunnel to open for Shanghai Expo

**SHANGHAI, 15 April—** The first phase of Shanghai’s longest river tunnel has been completed construction and will start operation Thursday, two weeks before the Shanghai Expo opens on May 1.

The Longyao Road river tunnel, 4.04 km long, starts from the intersection between Shilong road and Longwu road in Xuhui district, goes under the Huangpu River and ends at Chengshan road in Pudong district.

The first phase of the tunnel — the section between the intersection in Xuhui district and Jiyang road in Pudong district — took 25 months for construction, said a spokesman with Shanghai Construction Group, builder of the tunnel. The Expo site, covering 5.28 square kilometers, spans across the Huangpu River and the tunnel would be a major channel for passengers getting from one side of the river to the other, said the spokesman. Shanghai Expo 2010, with the theme “Better City, Better Life”, will run from May 1 to Oct. 31 and is expected to attract 70 million visitors.

**Xinhua**

### “East Wind, Rain” premieres in Beijing

**BEIJING, 15 April—** A portrait of star Fan Bingbing, wearing a huge red dress, has just been released in advance of the premiere. According to the costume designer, this extreme colour aims to emphasize the pain of Fan’s character in the film. With a length of 5 metres, the dress was too large to transport by elevator. The cast and crew had to carry it down the stairs to get it outside.

In the film, Fan Bingbing plays a spy during WWII. In order to fulfill her mission and keep the organization’s information secret, she sacrifices herself.

Director Liu set the film, which takes place in Shanghai, before and after the attack on Pearl Harbour. The Shanghai of 1941, as presented in the movie, is filled with spies working for different countries and organizations. An Ming, a Chinese agent, works undercover as a pianist in a local pub. He decodes the “East Wind, Rain” message and works his way to the body of Australian air force plane during a training mission over state of Victoria, Australian Associated Press reported on Wednesday.

**A man takes photos of a peony in the sleet in Luoyang, central China’s Henan Province, on 14 April, 2010. A sleet hit Sanaa, capital of Yemen, on 14 April, 2010. A heavy rain hit the low rainfall Sanaa on Wednesday.**

**Xinhua**

### Australian air force plane breakdown during flight

**CANBERRA, 15 April—** Two landing gear doors have separated from the body of Australian air force plane during a training mission over state of Victoria, Australian Associated Press reported on Wednesday. At the time of the incident, the plane was airborne in the Royal Australian Air Force’s East Sale Training Area, about 12 kilometers southwest of Heyfield.

“Loss of parts from aircraft during flight is unusual and is currently under investigation by Air Force,” the Defense Department said in a statement.

Recovering the parts would help investigators establish why they dislodged, and the public was urged not to touch the doors should they find them, spokesman of the Defence Department said. Heyfield is a town in Victoria, 206 kilometers east of Melbourne.

**A model presents a creation of traditional Indonesian batik in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 14 April, 2010.—Xinhua**

### Hungarian police arrest American sought on child porn charges

**BUDAPEST, 15 April—** Hungarian police have arrested an American man sought for the alleged possession and distribution of child pornography, local media reported Wednesday.

John D. Clark III, age 56, had been sought by the FBI and Interpol for allegedly possessing child pornography and distributing the images on the internet, said Police Major Jozsef Nahalko.

Clark, Nahalko said, apparently had been living in Hungary and working as an English teacher for at least a year before his arrest.

Nahalko said that Clark, who was arrested Tuesday, had worked in a Budapest school where his students spotted his photo on FBI website. They did not report their finding immediately, giving Clark the chance to learn that he had been recognized and disappear, Nahalko said.

Police arrested Clark after getting a tip concerning his location from one of his neighbors.

Hungarian police have notified the FBI and turned Clark over to Interpol for extradition to the US.

**All Items from Xinhua News Agency**

### Alleged Tiger Woods’ mistress arrested

**BEIJING, 15 April —** Tiger Woods’ alleged mistress, Jaimee Grubbs, 24, was arrested on Wednesday suspicion of driving on a suspended license in West Hollywood.

West Hollywood Sheriff’s Sgt. Shawn Ruda told PEOPLE that Grubbs had a 26,000 dollar warrant for not clearing up the first citation and bail for this latest arrest will be 2,500 dollars. “She’ll have to pay both amounts if she wants to be released,” Ruda said.

It was Grubbs’s second time being caught for the offense, having been cited for the same crime on 4 Feb.
Suspected Somali pirates flown to the Netherlands

The Dutch Defense Ministry says a military transport plane has picked up 10 suspected Somali pirates arrested at sea and is flying them to the Netherlands to await transfer to Germany.

The pirates were arrested April 5 by Dutch special forces marines who slid down ropes from a helicopter to recapture the seized German container ship MV Taipan.

Turkish police seize large amount of heroin

Police in the southeastern province of Gaziantep, police confiscated 153.5 kg of heroin and detained six people, the agency said.

In another three operations in the eastern Van Province, police confiscated 133.5 kg of heroin and 78.2 kg of hashish and detained six people, said the report.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.

Japanese court says ‘Nazi guard’ ID card authentic

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Chinese “Readers’ Digest” to launch electronic edition

LANZHOU, 15 April—China’s most popular magazine, known as the Chinese version of “Reader’s Digest,” will launch its first e-book version in May in a drive to expand its circulation, its publisher announced Wednesday.

The twice-monthly Duzhé (“Readers”), which sold an average 4 million copies of each edition last year, would be available to owners of electronic readers, said Peng Changcheng, general manager of Readers Publishing Media Co. Ltd.

“The launch of an e-book version of our magazine is an innovative attempt to further develop our brand and to appeal to a wider range of consumers,” Peng told Xinhua.

The display price and subscription rate of the e-book version, which would be slightly smaller than the traditional A4 size of the magazine, had yet to be finalized, Peng said.

The magazine, founded in March 1981 in Lanzhou, capital of northwest China’s Gansu Province, is China’s best-selling magazine, carrying articles on culture, life and inspirational topics, similar to “Reader’s Digest” in the United States.

In 2004, “Readers,” which is published only in Chinese, developed its overseas market and began selling in North America, Europe and Australia.

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Drunk horseman rides into crowd on Mule Day

A Middle Tennessee horseback rider was jailed after being charged with running into a crowd of people at the Mule Day festivities in Columbia. The man, 32, was charged with two counts of reckless endangerment and public intoxication.

According to The Daily Herald of Columbia, witnesses told investigators that the man rode the horse Saturday into a restricted area that had been closed to animal traffic at the county park and was asking pedestrians for beer. A Maury County sheriff’s report said the man dismounted and then attempted to get back on, spooking it.

Two people were then hit by the horse, and one required hospital treatment. Bond was set at $10,500.

NZ man at strip club leaves baby in car

Police arrested a man for leaving his 1-year-old baby in a car unattended during the early hours while he watched strippers at a nightclub in New Zealand’s capital, and have placed the boy in welfare agency care.

A passer-by called police after seeing the sleeping baby in a car parked near the Mermaid Strip Club in Wellington about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

Police took the baby to hospital and arrested the father, 42, after he was located in the club, Inspector Simon Perry said. The man faces a charge of leaving a child under 14 without reasonable supervision, Perry said.

The Child, Youth and Family agency has custody of the baby for five days while it works with the baby’s relatives to decide on his future, agency deputy chief executive Ray Smith said.

New Zealand’s commissioner for children, John Angus, said leaving a child alone in a car at night was an “extreme form of neglect.”

Trading under $10

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Chinese chupacabra mystery solved

BEIJING, 15 April—As reported by the Global Times on March 29 this monster beast resembling a chupa-cabra, upper, is seen shortly after its capture in a village in Sichuan Province.

A chupacabra (“goat-sucker”), is a legendary, fearsome and possibly mythical beast said to inhabit parts of the Americas and Puerto Rico, but not China nor anywhere in Asia. Following the Global Times report, the Daily Telegraph in England claimed to have interviewed a Chinese hunter in Sichuan Province who said creature resembled a bear that had been changed from a human, just as in a Sichuan local legend. However, the mystery is solved. Kong Huazhen of the Daying Forestry Dep-arment, Sichuan rece-nately announced that the mystery creature is an albino civet cat with a skin disease and “we have let it go.”

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Massive fireball reported across Midwestern sky

Authorities in several Midwestern states were flooded on Wednesday night with reports of a gigantic fireball lighting up the sky, the National Weather Service said. The fireball was visible for about 15 minutes beginning about 10 pm, said the National Weather Service in Sullivan, Wisconsin, just west of Milwaukee.

“The fireball was seen over the northern sky, moving from west to east,” said the NWS in the Quad Cities area, which includes parts of Iowa and Illinois.
**Tapeworm brain infection ‘serious health concern’**

*ScienceDaily, 15 April*—Tapeworm infections of the brain, which can cause epileptic seizures, appear to be increasing in Mexico and bordering southwestern states, Loyola University Health System researchers report.

In Mexico, up to 10 percent of the population may have the infection, neurocysticercosis. While many people never develop symptoms, neurocysticercosis nevertheless “remains a serious health concern, especially among the poor,” Loyola researchers wrote in the journal *Neurological Research*.

Their article is among several articles in the journal’s April issue that describe neurological infections in Latin America. Guest editor is Dr. Jaime Belmares, assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

**Neurocysticercosis** is caused by a tapeworm found in pigs called *Taenia solium*. A person can get infected with the parasite by eating undercooked pork. That person then can excrete tapeworm eggs. The contamination spreads through food, water or surfaces contaminated with feces. A person can become infected, for example, by drinking contaminated water or putting contaminated fingers in the mouth.

Neurocysticercosis is most common in poor rural communities in developing countries with poor sanitation and hygiene and where pigs are allowed to roam freely and eat human feces.

Once inside the stomach, the tapeworm egg hatches, travels through the bloodstream and ends up in the muscles, brain or eyes. The worm, which can grow to more than one-half inch long, becomes enveloped in a fluid-filled cyst. Cysts in the muscles generally don’t cause symptoms.

**Geraniums could help control devastating Japanese beetle**

*ScienceDaily, 15 April*—Geraniums may hold the key to controlling the devastating Japanese beetle, which feeds on nearly 300 plant species and costs the ornamental plant industry $450 million in damage each year, according to scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

The beetle, *Popillia japonica* Newman, can feast on a wide variety of plants, including ornamentals, soybean, maize, fruits and vegetables. But within 30 minutes of consuming geranium petals, the beetle rolls over on its back, its legs and antennae slowly twitch, and it remains paralyzed for several hours. The beetle typically recovers within 24 hours when paralyzed under laboratory conditions, but they often succumb to death under field conditions after predators spot and devour the beetles while they are helpless.

ARS entomologist Chris Ranger at the agency’s Application Technology Research Unit in Wooster, Ohio, is working on developing a way to use geraniums to control the beetles.

**Cat brain: a step toward the electronic equivalent**

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U-M computer engineer Wei Lu has taken a step toward developing this revolutionary type of machine that could be capable of learning and recognizing, as well as making more complex decisions and performing more tasks simultaneously than conventional computers can.

Lu previously built a “memristor,” a device that replaces a traditional transistor and acts like a biological synapse, remembering past voltages it was subjected to. Now, he has demonstrated that this memristor can connect conventional circuits and support a process that is the basis for memory and learning in biological systems.—*Internet*

**Only known living population of rare dwarf lemur discovered**

*ScienceDaily, 15 April*—Researchers have discovered the world’s only known living population of siberbe’s Dwarf Lemur, a rare limur known only in eastern Madagascar. The discovery of a thousand of these lemurus was made by Mitchell Irwin, a Research Associate at McGill University, and colleagues from the German Primate Center in Gothenburg Germany; the University of antananarivo in Madagascar; and the University of Massachusetts.

The species was first discovered in Madagascar in 1989, but this tiny, nocturnal dwarf lemur was never studied throughout the 20th century. Following the destruction of its only known rainforest habitat, scientists had no idea whether the species still existed in the wild—or even whether it was a distinct species. The study will be published in the current issue of the Phyllogenetics and Evolution.—*Internet*

**The new T. Rex: a leech with an affinity for noses**

*ScienceDaily, 15 April*—The new T. rex has ferociously large teeth lining a single jaw. But its length is less than 2 inches. Tyrannobdella rex, which means tyrant leech king, is a new species of blood sucker that lives in the remote parts of the Upper Amazon. Although its regular host remains unknown, it was discovered three years ago in Peru when a 44.5 millimeter leech was plucked from the nose of a girl who had recently been bathing in a river. The new species, described in *PLoS ONE*, has led to revising the group of leeches that has a habit of feeding from body orifices of mammals.

“Because of our analysis of morphology and DNA, we think that Tyrannobdella rex is most closely related to another leech that gets into the mouths of livestock in Mexico,” says Anna Phillips, a graduate student affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History and the first author of the paper.—*Internet*
Thingyan lovers merrily...

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Revellers participated in Maha Thingyan Water Festival at pandals of private companies of national race entrepreneurs. Water throwing pandal of Shwe FM family and Myanmar International TV was packed with merry-makers who enjoyed performances of artistes and tasted free foods at the pandal.

East Shwegondine, Kaba Aye Pagoda, U Chit Maung and Pyay Roads, and downtown Yangon were filled with Thingyan lovers.

Devotees were doing meritorious deeds at pagodas, temples and monasteries in Yangon. Free foods were offered to all in wards and houses in an accord with Myanmar Tradition.

Mandalarian Thingyan lovers, preserving fine tradition of Myanmar, celebrated Maha Thingyan Akyat Day happily with Pandals in Amarapura Township were also filled with revellers who gathered there to enjoy entertainments of artistes.

In the evening, decorated floats were organized manners.

Celebrities entertained the merry-makers at Mandalay Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal on 26th Road where was crowded with revellers. Among the spectators, the mayor and wife enjoyed the performances.

The Mandalarian Thingyan lovers moved to Mandalay Hill and Kuthodaw Garden in Mandalay and U Pein Bridge in Amarapura.

Nay Pyi Taw Fountain Garden packed with merry-makers on Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA
Thingyan lovers merrily...

(from page 8) scrutinized at the Mandalay Mayor’s Pandal where the celebrities performed Thingyan songs and dances. Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife Daw Moe Thida, guests and Thingyan lovers watched the performance of the artistes and decorated floats. Rakhine State celebrated the Thingya Akyat Day at Central Pandal in Sittway and other pandals.—MNA

A celebrity presents entertainment to revellers on Latha Street in Yangon on Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Thingyan lovers at a pandal on East Shwegondine Road in Yangon on Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA

Water throwing plands in downtown Yangon swarming with revellers on Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Crowds of revellers gathering around southern moat at the corner of 66th street and 26th street in Mandalay on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.

MNA

Revellers crowding on Kandawgyi ring road in Mandalay on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA

Merry-makers merrily take part in Water Festival in Sittway of Rakhine State on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.—MNA
Expose and ward off destroyers of Thingyan beauty with public force

Kyaw Ye Min

It was Maha Thingyan Akyat Day, a summer afternoon on the 15th of April 2010. Yangon was lively with the beauty of the traditional water festival, the whole city reverberating with the sound of drums, laughs, songs and music of the pandals and merry-makers.

At that time, bad news occurred: “Three bombs went off in Kandawgyi!” “People were killed! There were cries, tears and blood all around the scene! It was like hell! What a brutal act! It’s so sorrowful! Parents are grieving for their dead or injured children! Why even in Thingyan? So cruel and evil is the crime!”

Suddenly, the bad news had tarnished the beautiful image of Yangon Maha Thingyan. I felt absolutely shocked to hear the news visualizing the scene of confusion and blood with so much sadness in heart. Imagine, how worried would be the parents about the children enjoying the festival? I fully sympathize with them.

As for Myanmar people, Maha Thingyan is one of the most significant and sublime seasonal festivals. It is a traditional festival Myanmar people value, cherish and enjoy most. It is also the most joyful occasion. And this is a common knowledge.

As the happiness is at its height so also is the religious solemnity during the festival. It is also a religious occasion where people do meritorious deeds in accord with Buddhist faith. Thingyan marks the end of the old year and the start of a new year. People try to wash away impurities of the old year with Atar or Thingyan water and enter the New Year together with lots of pious deeds. It is a cultural heritage of the Myanmar people who wish the entire World peace and prosperity and a cultural heritage of the Myanmar people who wish the entire World peace and prosperity.

And it is true that we never try to weaken the traditional Maha Thingyan has been stained with blood; that the public taking part in the festival peacefully and happily participate in our traditional Thingyan. The traditional culture, and insult the public; that the injured were rushed to Yangon General Hospital; and that those responsible are trying to expose the bombers. Authorities later today announced that revellers in various regions (See page 11)

The injured being rushed to hospitals with the help of officials.—MNA

Attacking those participating in the traditional Thingyan happily and peacefully with the bombs is an insult to the people. It is an inhumane act. Because of such subversive acts, we the people abhor and loath the terrorist insurgents.

Bomb blasts kill eight, injure 170

Yangon, 15 April—A series of three bomb blasts occurred in front of X.O pandal on Kandawgyi ring road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, at about 3 pm today, leaving eight dead and 170 innocent merry-makers—125 men and 45 women — injured. It was reported that those hearing the bad news found the incidents absolutely repugnant as such terrorist attacks in Thingyan Festival were merely intended to tarnish Myanmar traditional culture, and insult the public; that the injured were rushed to Yangon General Hospital; and that those responsible are trying to expose the bombers. Authorities later today announced that revellers in various regions (See page 11)

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around the nation including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, and Mandalay are to remain vigilant against potential atrocities, to help expose terrorists and to inform authorities if they find anything suspicious as terrorists in disguise stay among ordinary people to commit destructive acts.

Xinhua

Aspirin can reduce migraine symptom pain, review says

Oxford, 14 April—Taking an aspirin can reduce the pain of a migraine headache within two hours for over 50% of people, research says.

The results come from a Cochrane Systematic Review using data from 13 studies.

Researchers found that a single dose of aspirin also reduces nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light or sound - other symptoms of a migraine.

But experts stress aspirin can cause side effects and some people will still need to rely on migraine medication.

In the review, which looked at the data from 4,222 participants, researchers found that severe or moderate migraine headache pain was completely relieved in one in four people.

This happens within two hours, by taking a single dose of 900-1000mg aspirin alone.

In comparison, one in 10 had complete pain relief taking placebo.

And for one in two people, the headache pain was reduced to no worse than mild pain, compared to one in three taking placebo.

Researchers also found that a combination of aspirin plus an antiemetic, which stops people feeling sick, was particularly good at reducing the migraine symptoms of nausea and vomiting.

Although it did not produce any greater pain relief.

Co-author of the study, Sheena Derry, who works in pain research at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, said the use of aspirin would not be an effective therapy for everyone with acute migraine attacks.—Internet

Japanese whale meat ‘being sold in US and Korea'

LOS ANGELES, 14 April—Scientists say they have found clear proof that meat from whales captured under Japan’s whaling programme is being sold in US and Korean eateries.

The researchers say they used genetic fingerprinting to identify meat taken from a Los Angeles restaurant as coming from a sei whale sold in Japan.

They say the discovery proves that an illegal trade in protected species still exists.

Whale meat was also allegedly found at an unnamed Seoul sushi restaurant.

Commercial whaling has been frozen by an international moratorium since 1986.

But a controversial exemption allows Japan to kill several hundred whales each year for what is termed scientific research.—Internet

NASA spacecraft successfully passes Saturn’s moons

LOS ANGELES, 15 April—NASA’s Cassini spacecraft completed its double flyby this week, swinging by Saturn’s moons Titan and Dione with no maneuver in between, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) said Monday.

The spacecraft has beamed back stunning raw images of fractured terrain and craters on Dione, a moon that had only been visited once before by Cassini, the JPL said in a press release. Cassini obtained fewer images of Titan than expected as an unexpected autonomous reset occurred during the flyby, but the cameras were reset before reaching Dione, which was the primary target on this double flyby, according to the release. Cassini had made three previous double flybys and another two are planned in the years ahead. The mission is nearing the end of its first extension, known as the Equinox Mission. It will begin its second mission extension, known as the Solstice Mission, in October 2010, the release said.—Xinhua
A ferry at the port of Dover. A British man accidentally left his ageing mother-in-law in a Dover ferry car park and only realised halfway across to France that her car had been left behind.

**Dust from volcano closes airports**

GLASGOW, 15 April — All flights to and from Scotland’s airports have been grounded as a plume of volcanic ash drifts across much of northern Europe. Dust from the eruption in Iceland presents a serious risk to aircraft. Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow airports have been shut and five EasyJet flights due to depart from Stansted Airport were cancelled.

Search and rescue helicopters are still able to fly as long as they do not need to rely on instruments. A BAA spokeswman said: “Following advice from the Met Office, the National Air Traffic Service (NATS) has introduced restrictions to UK airspace this morning as a result of volcanic ash drifting across the United Kingdom from Iceland.”

*Passengers intending to fly today are asked to contact their airline for further information and should expect disruption in the coming hours.* — Internet

**Mother left in car park as couple head off to France**

DOVER, 15 April — A couple alerted police at one of Britain’s busiest ports after accidentally leaving their elderly mother behind in a car park at Dover while on a ferry trip to France. The pair made an urgent call to the Port of Dover Police after discovering midway across the Channel that their relative was still sitting in the vehicle in the multi-storey car park.

Officers managed to locate the woman and gave her a drink, before her flustered relatives, who are thought to be from Merseyside, returned to collect her around four hours later. The incident warranted a special mention in the Port of Dover Police’s monthly report for March.

The document reads: “And finally, an unusual telephone request for assistance was received in the Police Control Room from a couple who were on board a ferry that had just left Dover advising that they had forgotten that their elderly mother was still in their car that they had parked in the multi-storey car park ahead of their day trip.” — Internet

**Scientists to create babies with three parents**

LONDON, 15 April — “What we’ve done is like changing the battery on a laptop.” Babies with three biological parents could be conceived within three years as a result of research that could stop children from inheriting severe diseases. Scientists at Newcastle University, in England, have grown human embryos after merging DNA from two fertilised eggs, with a technique that could soon be used to prevent serious genetic disorders that affect 100 children in Britain a year.

The aim is to correct faulty “cellular batteries”, mitochondria, which can cause fatal heart, liver, neurological and muscle conditions, by replacing them with healthy ones from a donated embryo. A child would inherit genetic material from three parents. The mother and father would supply 99.8pc of its DNA, with a small amount from another woman, the mitochondrial donor. — Internet

**‘Scaffolding’ for cells may help fix brains**

LONDON, 15 April — It may soon be possible to repair damage to the human brain by reactivating stem cells within the body that can grow on specially constructed “biological scaffolding” inserted into the brain, scientists say. The hope is that the brain could be regenerated in the same way that tissue can regrow in animals such as salamanders and fish where nerves are capable of repairing themselves in the same way the human body can repair skin or bone.

Mike Modo, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, said that medical scaffolds made of synthetically made biological materials inserted into the brain could provide the structural framework for naturally existing stem cells to repair damaged regions caused by strokes or trauma. “If we have damage to the brain, we are trying to put biomaterials in there to provide a structure for these cells to attach to and start forming connections between each other and eventually, hopefully, to regenerate the tissue that has been lost,” Dr Modo said. — Internet
Online sites win journalism firsts at Pulitzers

NEW YORK, 15 April—

ProPublica, in an historic first for online journalism, won a coveted Pulitzer Prize on Monday for investigative reporting about controversial deaths at a New Orleans medical centre following Hurricane Katrina.

The Chronicle of decisions by doctors caring for patients stranded by the flood, written by Sheri Fink of ProPublica in collaboration with The New York times magazine, marked the first time an online service won a top journalism award given annually by the Pulitzer Prize Board at Columbia University.

The nonprofit ProPublica is considered by some to be a new model for journalism as struggling for-profit outlets have fewer resources to put towards investigative reporting. The Times magazine published the Hurricane Katrina piece.

“This is something we’re going to see more of in the years ahead as there’s more and more collaboration of news entities when it comes to enterprise journalism,” Sig Gissler, administrator of the prizes, said in announcing the winners.

In another online first, www.sfgate.com, the website of the San Francisco Chronicle, won for editorial cartooning. The award for the animated cartoons by Mark Fiore marked the first time an Internet-based entry won in that category.

Shell gets key Alaska permit for Beaufort drilling

ALASKA, 15 April—

Royal Dutch Shell Plc has been granted a long-awaited federal air-quality permit the oil company needs to conduct exploratory drilling this year in Alaska’s Beaufort Sea, government officials said late on Friday.

The US Environmental Protection Agency issued the permit to Shell to cover air pollutants emitted from the drill ship and fleet of support vessels that the company plans to mobilize to drill two exploratory wells on leases 16 to 22 miles offshore from Alaska’s northern coast.

The Beaufort Sea permit—which Shell has been seeking for nearly four years— was granted a week after the EPA issued a similar permit for the company’s planned drilling operations this year in the Chukchi Sea off Alaska’s northwestern coast.

The permit requires Shell to use technological advances, ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel and to commit to other protective measures, EPA officials said in a statement.

“The permit ensures that exploration and drilling will occur in a way that protects air quality,” Rick Albright, director of the air, waste and toxics issues for EPA’s Seattle regional office, said in a statement.

The Beaufort permit is an important milestone, a Shell spokesman in Anchorage said, after the company spent $84 million on its Beaufort Sea leases and intends to drill prospects there called Sivulliq and Torpedo that are known to contain hydrocarbons.

Two dead after stabbing rampage near S China school

BEIJING, 15 April—

A mentally ill man went on a stabbing rampage after students left a nearby elementary school, killing a second grader and an elderly passer-by and wounding five others, a government website said Tuesday, in the second random attack on schoolchildren in three weeks.

The attack on Monday afternoon in Hepe County of southern China’s Guangxi region happened not long after classes were dismissed at the Xizhen Elementary School, according to a statement on the web site of Beihai city, which oversees Hepe.

The attacks come amid a crime wave that shocked China on March 23, when a former medical worker stabbed eight children to death as they stood outside their elementary school in southern Fujian province.

Zheng Minsheng reportedly said in court that he had been rejected by a woman and treated unfairly by his wealthy family, and admitted to “killing” the children.

Mexican army says ex-cop caught unloading pot load

TIJUANA, 15 April—

A former police officer in the Baja California city of Rosarito has been detained along with another man while allegedly unloading marijuana from a boat on a beach.

The Mexican army says Mario Herrera Sanchez was caught by soldiers as he and an 18-year-old suspect unloaded 82 pounds (37 kilograms) of marijuana. It says they also had two pistols and a small amount of cocaine.

An army statement released Monday said Herrera Sanchez worked for the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix cartel and is suspected of having carried out killings, kidnappings, drug trafficking and attacks on police.

Michelle McGee says “sorry” to Sandra Bullock

BEIJING, 15 April—

The tattoo model Michelle “Bombshell” McGee apologized to Oscar winner Sandra Bullock in an interview with Australian TV show Today Tonight Tuesday.

McGee gave an interview to In Touch Weekly and talked publicly about her affair with Jesse James.

McGee said she understands what Bullock is “going through.” “She must be hurt, devastated, upset, embarrassed,” she adds. “I’m sorry for her embarrassment and pain. I do feel really bad about it.”

“I want to give her a heartfelt apology,” McGee said. “I’m sorry for her embarrassment and pain. I do feel really bad about it.” She’d like to tell Sandra, “I’m sorry all this is public.”

Moreover, McGee blamed Jesse James for claiming he was separated from Bullock. “I feel like I was duped just as much as Sandra was. I feel like I was lied to just as much as she was,” she said. “If Jesse was upfront with me in the beginning, we wouldn’t be in this situation.”

Former “The Tonight Show” host Conan O’Brien performs at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene, Ore., on 12 April, 2010.
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Brighton’s John Carew (centre) and Everton’s Sylvain Distin compete for the ball during their Premier League match at Villa Park in Birmingham. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. — Internet

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Platini hits out at free-spending European clubs

BRUSSELS, 15 April—UEFA president Michel Platini on Wednesday slammed the free-spending attitude of European football clubs, notably in the English Premier League, which he claims is destroying the sport.

And the former France international said the only way to save the sport was to return to old-fashioned economics of not spending more than you earn.

“Everywhere that football was managed in a fashion of unbridled liberalism, its financial health is threatened,” Platini told the European Union’s Committee of the Regions.

“In many cases, professional clubs, the property of private investors, have had to beg aid from local authorities or regions to avoid bankruptcy.” — Internet

O’Neill concedes defeat over Champions League bid

BIRMINGHAM, 15 April—Martin O’Neill admits Aston Villa are almost certain to miss out on a place in the Champions League after being held to a 2-2 draw by Everton.

O’Neill’s team created a host of first-half chances but needed a late own goal from Everton defender Phil Jagielka to salvage a point at Villa Park on Wednesday.

Villa have now drawn six of their past seven Premier League matches at home and they lie seven points behind fourth placed Manchester City with five games to play.

The result didn’t do much for Everton’s hopes of qualifying for the Europa League either.

O’Neill said: “Maybe a point did not suit either team in terms of our respective aspirations. Everton in terms of European football and ourselves in terms of something higher.” — Internet

Dementieva to spearhead Russian Fed Cup team against US

MOSCOW, 15 April—Russian Fed Cup and Davis Cup skipper Shamil Tarpishchev named on Wednesday his squad for the Fed Cup semi-final with the United States on 24-25 April.

Elena Dementieva, who is currently sixth in the WTA rankings, will spearhead the injury-depleted Russian team in the clash against the hosts.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, 30th in the world, Yekaterina Makarova and Alla Kudryavtseva, who are 62nd and 78th in the WTA rankings respectively, were also selected.

“Too many of our leading players are injured,” Tarpishchev said.

“I can’t play on three courts and I have to play on one court. I can’t play four sets.”

Brilliant Barca crush Depor to go

The world number two, Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, coming off a triumph at Ponte Vedra Beach on Sunday, held off Czech Barbora Zalavara Strycova, 6-4, 6-1, in her Family Circle Cup opener.

Wozniacki was down a break and trailing 3-4 in the opening set, but broke back to level the frame.

The world number two from Denmark then held serve in a game that went to deuce three times, and broke again to pocket the set. — Internet

Dundee United on Wednesday as they edged Sochaux 1-0.

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Mbia extends Marseille title lead, Bordeaux hopes fade

PARIS, 15 April—A late goal by Stephane Mbia boosted Marseille’s hopes of a first French title since 1992 on Wednesday as they edged Sochaux 1-0.

As Marseille could end up with two trophies this season, Bordeaux, the team they beat in the League Cup final, hopes of retaining their league crown were almost extinguished with a 2-1 defeat by relegation-threatened Le Mans.

Marseille lead second-placed Auxerre by five points with four matches remaining, while Bordeaux - who only a month ago had the possibility of winning three trophies this season - are nine points adrift with a game in hand. — Internet

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- Myanmar Movies “Love was born”

**Oversea Transmission**
- Opening

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**WEATHER**

**Thursday, 15th April, 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 and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Rakhine States, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Shan and Chin States, Sagsang, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44°C), Minbu and Magway (43.5°C)each, Monywa, Mandalay and Aunglan (43°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.28) inch and Putao (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 15-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-4-2010 was 65%.

Total sun shine hours on 14-4-2010 was (10.0) hours. Rainfall on 15-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (4.1) inch at Tr at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (21:30) hours MST on 14-4-2010.

**Bay Influence:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and the Bay Bengal

Forecast valid until evening of 8th April: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

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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

Use natural fertilizer to prevent environmental pollution

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A pile of bags of natural fertilizer ready for sale.

Development tasks of Bago are significant and bewitch our news hunters’ mind to observe. We there made a study of water supply system, beautifying the town and remanufacture of valuable natural organic fertilizer from wastes and rubbishes.

Bago is composed of 31 wards. Due to tourists observing ancient historic pagodas, ancient palace (Kambawza Thadi) and museums, and standing at a short distance from Yangon, Bago is swarming with people daily.

It is reliable that the Township Development Affairs Committee is forging ahead with plans for requirements of Bago busying itself with daily visitors and locals.

Water is obtained by damming Thephyu creek flowing from Bago Yoma and collecting rains. Then it was stored in Kandawgyi Lake about five miles northwest of the town, from which the water is supplied to downtown Bago through water pipelines. Existence of water supply system of Bago has passed many decades, supplying water to 12 wards, 59 lakes, 42 emergency taps, 52 public water posts and 1296 private water posts through 18-, 14- and 12-inch diameter pipeline as of 1924.

Deputy Director of Bago Development Affairs Committee U Tun Myaing said, “Daily water requirement of Bago is 1,542,000 gallons. More than one million gallons of water are being supplied daily to 31 wards. There is no need to worry any longer about water for Mazin Dam about three miles west of Bago has been translated as reserve water source.”

Chief Engineer of Bago DAC U Aung Kyaw Lu and Assistant Engineer U Lay Lwin explained that the Township DAC had tarmacked on 24 roads and built an earth road, five rural roads and one tarred road. And one bridge had been constructed and two were under construction. After 1988, Bago sees 11 tarred roads, three gravel roads, 97 fine earth roads and 293 earth roads.

As to beautifying the town, downtown roads, the road section of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Kyunthaya car park were decorated with pedestrian way, neat and tidy, which is 42,800 feet long.

Chief Inspector of Township DAC U Zaw Lwin explained rubbish collection system to us. He continued, “Apart from easily decaying rubbish like leaves and papers, the rest like plastic and glass are to be buried. We first splash easily decaying rubbish with EM micro-biotic liquid and then discard them for about six months to get organic natural fertilizer.”

We together with Deputy Director U Tun Myaing, and Chief Engineer U Aung Kyaw Lu observed organic natural fertilizer workshop, rubbish tanks and seasonal plants with the use of the organic fertilizer.

It is admirable and nice of Bago Township DAC’s efforts to produce such environment-friendly fertilizer from wastes. The best endeavours of the Township DAC creating lovely environment are the epitome of other townships.

Bago District possesses abundant paddy plantations. As young paddy sapling growing method has been introduced in the region, local farmers are in need of using low-cost organic natural fertilizer to improve their living standards and to prevent environmental pollution.

Significant day temperatures

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