### Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, 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

### Four economic objectives
- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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**Senior General Than Shwe pays homage to pagodas in Mandalay**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe today and yesterday paid homage to pagodas in Mandalay.

Accompanied by the Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command, the ministers, senior military officers and departmental officials, the Senior General was welcomed by the Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor and officials at Mandalay Hill yesterday evening.

On Mandalay Hill, the Senior General offered flowers and water to Kakuthan Buddha Image at the eastern archway of Hsutaungpyae Pagoda and paid homage to the image.

The Head of State made cash donation to the funds of the pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees and paid homage to the pagoda.

From the hill, he enjoyed the sunset of Mandalay and its environs and signed in the visitors’ book.

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**Only when nation becomes a modern industrialized one, will it be transformed into developed one from status of developing nation**

Senior General Than Shwe meets entrepreneurs of Mandalay Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance in meeting with entrepreneurs at Kanaung Hall of Mandalay Industrial Zone in Mandalay this morning.

The Senior General, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the commanders of North-West Command and Central Command, the ministers, the Mandalay mayor and departmental officials, observed drills, tractors, three-wheel motorbike, power tillers, combined Thatcher, paddy transplant machine, stone grinding machine, concrete mixer and various kinds of trucks manufactured by factories in the zone at the compound in front of the hall.

Next, the Senior General viewed industrial products of Sein Pan Industrial Cooperative Society Limited, products of Mandalay power tiller factory, Myanmar traditional bronze ware, compound fertilizers of Toepwar Mann Company, import-substitute industrial products such as generators and farm machinery of UD Group Co Ltd and export items on display at the hall.

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**Provide better health care to public**

The government is opening more and more universities of medicine, and universities on health care throughout the nation with the aim of developing the medical science and bringing about development of human resources in the medical field.

As part of the drive for giving better health care to the public, the government is also establishing modern hospitals, general hospitals, specialist hospitals and teaching hospitals extensively, and providing modern equipment on diagnosis and health care, and hospital equipment.

It is also encouraging production of modern and traditional medicines in its bid to upgrade hospitals to modern ones. With establishment of modern pharmaceutical factories, the nation obtains more new manufacturing methods.

As a result of setting up modern pharmaceutical factories, people can get medicines at reasonable prices, and it reduces import of medicines, and contributes to regional development.

Being produced through the pharmaceutical manufacturing methods, all the medicines produced in Myanmar are of high quality, thus standing highest in potency in Southeast Asia. Myanmar has seen Inyaung and PyinOoLwin pharmaceutical factories in addition to Pharmaceuticals Factory (Yangon), which are designed to improve public health care.

In response to the government’s benevolent attitude, the people, on their part, should keep themselves fit and rely only on the medicines recognized by the government.

**Applications to set up political parties scrutinized, passed**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 22 April**—Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting applications to the Union Election Commission and up to date 16 groups have sent applications to UEC. Of them, the Commission has found the following two groups to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration rule 2010.

The said two groups are to submit their applications for setting up political parties. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the chairman.—MNA

**Meeting of Union Election Commission 20/2010 held**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 22 April**—A meeting of the Union Election Commission 20/2010 took place this morning at the hall of the Union Election Commission (Nay Pyi Taw), here.

It was attended by Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and members of the commission.

**Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe addresses meeting of the Union Election Commission 20/2010.—SNA**

At the meeting, the chairman made an opening speech and the members discussed formation of Township Election Sub-commissions, Ward and Village-tract Election Sub-commissions and scrutinization of applications for setting up political parties. The meeting attended to the needs of the construction entrepreneurs. The minister attended to the needs of the construction entrepreneurs.—MNA

**Entrepreneurs, Public Works upgrade Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon Road**

**Yangon, 22 April**—On his inspection tour, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into construction of tarred road section and building of bridge on Pathein-Thalakhwa-Mawtinsoon Road being undertaken by Moe Yadana Tun Co on 20 April.

The road is being upgraded with the undertakings of IGC Co, Same Sky Co, Shwetaung Co, Golden Harp Co, Soe Moe Construction Co, Asia World Co. The private companies are joining hands with Public Works in constructing the roads and bridges. The minister attended to the needs of the construction entrepreneurs.—MNA

**STI Education to conduct Diploma in Logistics Management and Supply Chain Management**

**Yangon, 22 April**—STI Education has conducted Diploma in Logistics Management and Supply Chain Management subjects since 2007.

These subjects carry administration, purchasing, transport, production, distribution, storage, news, monetary and commodity flow of a business. It can enable needed products and services at needed time and place effectively.

Logistics and supply chain management subjects become more popular now in the world. STI will conduct these subjects in theory and practice. The course also includes Just-In-Time (JIT) method. The course will last six months. STI will conduct the new course in the first week of May. For more information, contact No. 377, Shwebontha street (Upper), Pabedan Township, here and Ward(4), Room (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township, here, Ph (250056, 700273, 507048, 507151 and 507152).—MNA

**20,075.74 acres of poppy plantation destroyed in States and Divisions**

**Nay Pyi Taw, 22 April**—The government has destroyed a total of 19592.54 acres of poppy plantation in States and Divisions in 2009-2010 till 13 April 2010.

A total amount of destroyed poppy acres hit 20,075.74 including 483.2 more acres—11.15 acres in Pinlaung Township of Shan State (South) and 472.05 acres in Wainmaw Township of Kachin State from 14 to 20 April.—MNA
Runaway luxury train derails in South Africa, two dead

PRETORIA, 22 April—A luxury train filled with foreign tourists, many of them Americans, sped downhill out of control before derailing in South Africa on Wednesday, killing a pregnant woman and another crew member and trapping passengers in the mangled coaches.

“Rohan Vos. ‘I jumped off while it was moving.’”

The train was carrying nearly 60 passengers and about 20 crew members and trapping passengers in the mangled coaches.

Emergency workers search the scene of a train derailment in Pretoria, South Africa, on Wednesday 21 April, 2010. The luxury Rovos Rail train was carrying foreign tourists on a luxury rail safari when it derailed just outside its final destination at Pretoria station.

As food crisis looms, FAO steps up aid to Niger, Chad

ROME, 22 April—The UN food agency said Wednesday it was stepping up aid to herders and shepherds in Niger and Chad as the two African countries face a food crisis following poor rains last year.

Livestock pastures have dried out and agricultural production had plunged in both Saharan countries, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said in a statement.

“An estimated 9.8 million people are now vulnerable to severe hunger in the two countries, with thousands more under threat in the north of Burkina Faso and northeast Mali,” the Rome-based agency said.

“…for what is usually a golden age of travel.”

Afghan peace conference delayed

KABUL, 22 April—The Afghan national peace jirga, or peace conference, will be postponed for two to three weeks, the organizer said here on Wednesday.

Farooq Wardak, head of the organizing committee of the jirga, told a press conference here that the conference which was slated on 2 May will be delayed.

Iran ready to stage joint military exercise in Persian Gulf

TEHERAN, 22 April—An Iranian military commander said Wednesday that Iran is ready to carry out joint military drills in the Persian Gulf, the semi-official Fars news agency reported.

Brigadier General Hossein Salami, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) deputy commander said that “the country is prepared to stage joint drills with its southern neighbours in the Persian Gulf,” according to the report.

Talking to the reporters in a press conference in Teheran, Salami said that IRGC will start a military exercise in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz on Thursday.
Ukraine, Russia ink deals on gas, Black Sea Fleet

According to the agreement, Ukraine will receive a discount of 100 U.S. dollars per 1,000 cubic metres on natural gas, if the price is not below 330 dollars. But if the price goes below 330 dollars, the discount will stand at 30 percent.

In return, Ukraine will prolong the lease of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet on its Crimean peninsula by 25 years, with the option to extend the lease for five more years after the new term expires.

Ukraine’s previous president, Viktor Yushchenko, had struggled to kick the fleet out when its lease expired in 2017, stressing that its presence on Ukrainian territory violates the country’s constitution.

Greek fighter jets intercept Turkish jets in international air space

ANKARA, 22 April—Greek fighter jets intercepted Turkish jets training in international air space over the Aegean Sea three times on Tuesday, said the Turkish General Staff on its website on Wednesday.

The Turkish General Staff said that Greek F-16 and M-2000 jets from the Greek centres of Tanagra and Limnos twice intercepted Turkish F-16 jets in the northwest and southwest of the Lesbos island.

The Turkish General Staff also said that Greek M-2000 jets from the Greek centre of Tanagra intercepted Turkish F-16 jets once in the northwest of Kios island.

One soldier killed in land mine blast in southeast Turkey

ANKARA, 22 April—One Turkish soldier was killed and another was injured in a land mine blast in southeast Turkey’s Hakkari Province on Wednesday, the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet Daily News reported.

The incident took place in the Semdinli District of the province, said the newspaper on its website, which didn’t give further details.

There have been many reports of explosions of land mines placed by the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in the country’s southeast.

Established in 1978, the PKK took up arms in 1984 to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts over the past two decades.

Arab League seeks international peacekeepers in Somalia

CAIRO, 22 April —The Arab League (AL) on Wednesday called on the UN Security Council to send international peacekeeping forces to Somalia.

The league and the African Union (AU) are asking the UN Security Council to send peacekeepers to the war-torn country, said head of the AL Afro-Arab Cooperation Department Samir Hosni on the sidelines of a meeting here for the International Somalia Contact Group.

AL is still holding talks with the UN Security Council to reach an agreement over the issue, the senior Arab official added.

EU naval forces capture six pirates off coast of Somalia

NAIROBI, 22 April —European Union naval forces have captured six pirates off the coast of Somalia after an attack on a French fishing vessel, official said on Wednesday.

Naval Force spokesman John Harbour said two skiffs attacked French replenishment ship Somme on Monday night, about 400 nautical miles from the coast of Somalia.

According to Harbour whilst chasing one of the skiffs, FS Somme detected another boat which turned out to be the pirate mother ship, the vessel which controls and resupplies the pirate skiffs.

Harbour said the pirates, mistaking the Somme’s silhouette for that of a merchant vessel, opened fire on the French ship but Somme responded with warning shots, causing the two pirate skiffs to flee. “During their fight, the two pirate skiffs were separated.”
**Airlines lost over $1.7 bln over volcanic ash cloud**

**BERLIN, 22 April—** The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said Wednesday that airlines have suffered a loss of more than 1.7 billion US dollars since the initial volcanic eruption in Iceland.

“Lost revenues now total more than 1.7 billion US dollars for airlines alone,” said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA’s director general and CEO, at a press conference in Berlin. “In the first three days, 400 million dollars were lost for each day.”

“About 29 percent of global aviation was impacted by this crisis, which affected 1.2 million passengers a day. The scale of the crisis eclipsed on 11 September when US airspace was closed for three days,” he said.

He also urged governments to compensate airlines for the lost revenues, as the industry has been sunk into its worst financial situation. “It is hitting hardest where the carriers are in the most difficult financial situation. Europe’s carriers were already expected to lose 2.2 billion US dollars this year, the largest in the industry,” said Mr Bisignani.—**Xinhua**

**Hyundai Motor’s Q1 net profit hits record high**

**SEOUL, 22 April—** Hyundai Motor says net profit hit a record high in the first quarter as sales rose. Hyundai said Thursday in a regulatory filing that it earned 1.13 trillion won ($1.02 billion) in the three months ended on 31 March.

That was five times higher than its net profit of 225 billion won in the same period last year.

Company spokesman Kim Jin-ho said the net profit figure was an all-time high on a quarterly basis.

He also said the company’s earnings were boosted by strong performance in China and India.

Hyundai said quarterly sales rose 39.6 percent to 8.42 trillion won from 6.03 trillion won a year earlier.—**Internet**

**Hyundai turns 1st-quarter profit as DRAM prices rise**

**SEOUL, 22 April—** Hynix Semiconductor returned to profit in the first quarter after a loss last year as sales more than doubled and prices for its mainstay computer memory chips increased.

Hynix, the world’s second-largest manufacturer of memory chips, earned 822 billion won ($742 million) in the three months ended on 31 March, the company said Thursday in a release. It reported a net loss of 1.18 trillion won a year earlier.

Sales more than doubled to 2.82 trillion won from 1.31 trillion won the year before, Hynix said.

It was the company’s third straight quarter in the black. Hynix recorded its first net profit in two years for the third quarter of last year as prices for memory chips rose amid a rapid recovery in the market.

Hynix Semiconductor Inc. manufactures DRAM chips, used mostly in personal computers. It also ranks No. 3 in the world in NAND flash memory chips, used in products such as digital cameras, music players and smartphones.

Hynix supplies NAND chips to Apple Inc. for its iPod and iPhone products and mobile DRAM chips for the iPad, according to Hynix.

The Icheon, South Korea-based company competes with world memory chip leader and South Korean rival Samsung Electronics Co. as well as Japan’s Toshiba Corp.—**Internet**

**Japan’s exports rise for 4th straight month**

**TOKYO, 22 April—** Japan’s exports rose for a fourth straight month in March as a recovering global economy drove demand for the nation’s cars and gadgets. Exports jumped 43.5 percent from a year earlier to 6.11 trillion yen ($65.5 billion), the government said Thursday.

The figures offer more evidence that robust growth, particularly in Asia, is feeding a turnaround in the world’s second-biggest economy, offsetting weak demand and falling prices at home.

Shipments rose worldwide, with those to Asia up almost 53 percent. Led by a booming China, the region’s robust growth has been key in lifting Japanese corporate profits, factory output and business confidence. The International Monetary Fund forecast Wednesday that China’s economy — which has overtaken the US to become the biggest market for Japanese exports — would surge 10 percent this year.

Exports to the US grew 30 percent, and those to the European Union rose 27 percent, the finance ministry said.

 Overseas shipments of vehicles more than doubled, while electrical machinery exports were up 43 percent.—**Internet**

**JAPAN’S NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 23 April, 2010**

**Automakers showcase new models at Beijing show**

**BEIJING, 22 April—** Automakers plan to unveil dozens of new models at the Beijing auto show this weekend as foreign producers look to surging China to drive slack global sales and local brands try to raise their profile following Greely’s purchase of Volvo.

The show has quickly become a premier global event as expansive sales growth propelled China, a country with almost no private cars 15 years ago, past the United States in 2009 to become the world’s top auto market.

Major producers that used to reserve vehicle launches for US or European auto shows plan to debut 14 new models at Auto China 2010, according to organizers.

Chinese manufacturers plan to show 75 new sedans, SUVs, experimental “green” cars and other vehicles. The event opens to auto writers Friday and to the public on Tuesday.

“Auto China has grown to be one of the biggest and most important auto shows of the year, joining Detroit, Tokyo and Paris,” said Trevor Hale, a spokesman for Daimler AG.

The reason: China’s buoyant auto market shrugged off the global crisis and sales soared by an eye-popping 45 percent last year to 13.6 million vehicles, well ahead of the 10.5 million units sold in the United States.

The expansion accelerated this year, when sales jumped by 63 percent in the first quarter.

**South Korean men walk past the headquarters of Hynix Semiconductor Inc. in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday, 22 April, 2010.—Internet**

**Hyundai Motor Co’s vehicle Sonata is displayed at a showroom in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday, 22 April, 2010.—Internet**

**In this 22 April, 2008 file photo, visitors look at a Volkswagen Lavida, right front, and a VW New Bora, at the Auto China 2008 auto show in Beijing, China.—Internet**

**In this 29 March, 2010 file photo, Japanese vehicles for export park at a Yokohama port, near Tokyo, Japan.—Internet**
Egyptian court convicts 58 officials over sunken ferryboat case

CAIRO, 22 April — An Egyptian court on Wednesday convicted 58 officials of involvement in a sunken ferryboat case, in which around 1,400 people died after the boat sank into the Red Sea off Saudi coast, state-run MENA news agency reported.

Egypt’s Supreme Disciplinary Court ordered dismissing 11 employees of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Navigation Safety and the Ministry of Transport of their jobs, sending 15 others to early retirement and suspending 21 for six months.

The court also ordered reducing one-month salary from three employees, fining six others five-fold their monthly salary whereas the last two were reprimanded.

The al-Salam 98 ferry sank in the Red Sea in February 2006, claiming the lives of around 1,400 people.

According to the verdict, the convicts have facilitated granting the owner company passenger safety certificates despite its lack of the “least maritime safety devices.”

Greek cargo ship seized by Somali pirates

ATHENS, 22 April — A Greek cargo ship, with 21 Filipinos on board as crew members, was hijacked by Somali pirates on Wednesday, while sailing near the Gulf of Aden, Greek authorities announced.

Greek officials confirmed that Panama-flagged “Voc Daisy” was seized at a distance of about 190 nautical miles southeast off Oman, while it was sailing to Morocco from the United Arab Emirates.

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Fire at police station kills one in Pakistani capital

Islamabad, 22 April—A 25-year-old young man was killed on Wednesday evening when fire broke out at a police station in the Pakistani capital city of Islamabad, police said.

The incident occurred in the Aabpara police station of the city. The fire soon engulfed the record room and a store inside the station. Witnesses said some rooms of the police station were still on fire with fire-engines fighting to put off the flames.

The Aabpara police station, adjacent to a food market, also houses the Control Room from where the police activities throughout the Islamabad district are monitored.

Afghan, NATO forces kill 6 Taleban militants in E Afghanistan

Khost, 22 April—Afghan security forces, backed by NATO-led forces during a cleanup operation, killed six Taleban militants in Afghanistan’s eastern Paktika province, spokesman for the provincial administration said on Wednesday. “A joint operation was launched by Afghan police, army and international forces in Tor Ghra area this morning at around 10 am local time, as a result, six militants were killed in the gun fight during the operation,” Mukhlis Afghan, the spokesman, told Xinhua. He said that the combined forces also recovered a handful of weapons including five Kalashnikovs, a heavy machinegun, a RPG 7 (rocket launcher) and two communication equipments on the ground.

Peace still elusive in eastern DR Congo

Kinshasa, 22 April—After days of negotiations with the South Kivu provincial authorities in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo), the local Mai Mai armed group on Friday released the eight hostages working for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The ICRC staff were kidnapped on 9 April in the Fizi territory, about 200 km south of Bukavu, the provincial capital, according to the Fizi administrator.

The official said Mai Mai fighters continued battling DR Congo’s Armed Forces (FARDC) in resistance against military integration before the release of the ICRC hostages. The fighting killed three FARDA soldiers and 15 Mai Mai militia and injured many more, the local official said after the release of the hostages.

All sports-loving nations mourn Samaranch, says Hungarian PM

Budapest, 22 April—Hungary’s Prime Minister Gordon Bajnai lamented the death of Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee, who died earlier on Wednesday at 89, saying that all sports-loving nations had suffered a loss.

Noting that Samaranch took the helm of the Olympic movement in the middle of the cold war, during a time when east and west mutually boycotted the 1980 Moscow and 1984 Los Angeles Games, Bajnai credited him with restoring unity to the Olympic movement.

USOC pays tribute to Samaranch

Los Angeles, 22 April—The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) issued a statement on Wednesday to express sadness over the death of Juan Antonio Samaranch, former president of the International Olympic Committee.

“It is with great sadness that we learned the news today about Juan Antonio Samaranch,” USOC Chairman Larry Probst said in the statement. Samaranch died in a hospital in Barcelona on Wednesday at age 89. “President Samaranch was a great supporter of the Olympic movement in the United States, and in particular was a great supporter of our athletes,” Probst said.—Internet

Former IOC chief Samaranch’s death “loss for all Russians”

Moscow, 22 April—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev expressed his deep grief over the death of former president of International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch, who passed away on Wednesday in Spain at the age of 89.

The president said during his visit to Ukraine that Samaranch had always been the true bearer of the Olympic movement spirit and “a big friend” of Russia. “His death is a loss not only for those connected with the Olympic Movement, but for all citizens of Russia,” Medvedev said as quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency.

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Senior General Than Shwe pays...

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At Maha Muni Buddha Image, the Senior General and party were welcomed by departmental officials and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. The Senior General offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image.

The ministers and senior military officers who accompanied the Senior General offered gold foils to the image. The Head of State signed in the visitors’ book and made cash donations. He then visited the Gandakuti Building. This morning, the Senior General, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and party went to Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay) and offered flowers, water and fruits to the pagoda. After presenting cash to the funds of the pagoda, the Senior General signed in the visitors’ book.

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Pwegauk Dam under construction in PyinOoLwin Township

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo visits worksite of Pwegauk Dam Project.

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April — Pwegauk Dam Project is being implemented by Construction 2 of Irrigation Department by damming Gelaung Creek near Yethayaukgon Village of PyinOoLwin Township.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo looked into construction of the damming tasks and installation of penstock pipelines, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The dam will have 1450 feet long and 107 feet high earthen embankment, and it will have 1230 acre-feet of water storage capacity. On completion, the dam will supply water not only for the agricultural purpose but also for public consumption.

In addition, the dam will contribute to generating 2.20 million kwh yearly for boosting agricultural produce and enhancing socio-economic status of the local people.

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Cash for Yangon Children’s Hospital accepted

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for renovation of medical ward and equipment to Yangon Children’s Hospital took place at its meeting hall here this evening.

On the occasion, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Bansarn Bunnag explained the purpose of donation before he presented $56,900 contributed by Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win who spoke words of thanks.

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Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing being welcomed by Israeli Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Yaron Mayer at the reception to mark the 62nd Anniversary Independence Day of Israel on 22 April.
Senior General Than Shwe inspects industrial products manufactured by factories in Mandalay Industrial Zone.—SNA

Some damages caused by strong winds in some States and Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—The strong winds caused loss and damage in some States and Divisions on 20 April evening.

Due to strong winds, roofs of some buildings were blown off and many trees, telephone posts and lamp-posts fell in Muse and Kyukok (Pangsai) of Muse District, Shan State. In addition, three men and seven women totalling 10 were injured (not in critical condition), and they are undergoing medical treatment at Muse Hospital. There was no death of human being and animal in the incident.

The strong winds blew off roofs of some buildings and fell trees, telephone posts and lamp-posts in Tamoenye of Kukkai Township. Neither human being nor animal was injured. In Laukkai, roofs of many buildings were blown off and buildings damaged in the heavy rains and strong winds. The strong winds caused damage to some buildings in Kunlong Township and two persons, one man and one woman, were injured but not in critical condition. The injured persons are undergoing medical treatment at Kunlong Hospital.

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The department concerned has reminded the people to be aware of strong winds that can occur some times during this season.

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However, such progress will not be adequate for the nation to achieve industrialization.

Nowadays, rapid progress can be seen in the world and competition in the trade of the world. Therefore, he pointed out that all the people should not be content with the progress of their tasks and it is necessary to make all-out efforts to operate in order to achieve the target with a wide range of knowledge.

He continued to say that it is necessary to place emphasis on achieving progress of the industries both with form and content. Only when the industries gain developmental momentum with form and content, will the nation be established as an industrialized one, he added.

If the industrialists submit their requirements on investment and technology in addition to genuine situations on other weak points, the Senior General said that the State will solve them. In conclusion, the Senior General noted that the State and the private entrepreneurs are to harmoniously strive for gaining more and more development in the industries, he said.

Later, the Head of State greeted the entrepreneurs. MNA

Technological University (Lashio): alma mater of technocrats

Nowadays, the government is giving priority to construction of infrastructures for ensuring development of human resources which is essential for emergence of a modern and developed nation.

With the aim of contributing to human resources development, the educational infrastructure such as Technological Universities and Universities of Computer Studies have been opened in 24 development regions of the nation.

On 1 July 2007, the Ministry of Science and Technology inaugurated Technological University (Lashio) on a grand scale in Lashio of Shan State (North). The university was built on 55.36 acres of land near Hopeik Village, seven miles from the exit of Lashio to Hsenwi, near the Union Highway of Shan State (North).

The Technological University (Lashio) held the first convocation for the M.E degree and the sixth convocation for the B.E and B.Tech degrees on 14 March 2000. So far, the university has produced over one thousand engineering graduates. Thanks to the endeavours of the government, the local national youth have the opportunity to pursue higher engineering education in their regions. As such, some of those national people are discharging State duties at the higher level.

At the convocation, a total of 58 male and female graduates were conferred the engineering degrees.

Today’s local youth will not face the difficulties of pursuing higher education in the major cities that was the case in the past, and they have easy access to learning education in their own regions. Indeed, Technological University (Lashio) in Shan State (North) is an educational infrastructure that is turning out the technological human resources on which the State can rely.

Video: TTA

Photo shows main building of Technological University (Lashio).

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Gunmen abduct 6 from hotels in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 22 April — Dozens of gunmen burst into a Holiday Inn and another hotel in the northern Mexican city of Monterrey on Wednesday, searching from room-to-room and abducting at least six people, prosecutors said.

Nueve Leon state attorney general Alejandro Garza y Garza said that between 20 and 30 gunmen abducted four guests and a receptionist from the 17-story Holiday Inn in Mexico’s industrial hub, which has seen a surge in violence recently.

The gunmen had with them a handcuffed man who led them to the fifth floor, Garza Garza said. The assailants stormed room 517 where an Asian guest was staying, realized he wasn’t who they were looking for and left, he said.

The group then searched at least seven more rooms on the fifth floor, apparently looking for specific targets, before going across the street to the Hotel Mision where they abducted a receptionist, the attorney general said.

Those abducted included three male guests who registered at the Holiday Inn as businessmen from Mexico City and a woman registered as from the border city of Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas.

Bomb alert at New Zealand’s Dunedin Airport

WELLINGTON, 22 April — Dunedin Airport’s terminal, in New Zealand’s lower South Island, has been evacuated Thursday morning after the discovery of a bottle containing liquid and wires sparked a bomb alert.

“The bottle was found in a rubbish bin in a downstairs toilet around 9 am local time on Wednesday, police said. Around 300 passengers and staff were told to leave the terminal amid fears the bottle was an improvised explosive device”, the Otago Daily Times online website reported. —Xinhua

Suspends stand behind seized marijuana packages guarded by police and soldiers during a presentation to the media in Tijuana, Mexico, Wednesday, 22 April, during a conjoined operation with the police in Tijuana, arresting eight suspects. —INTERNET

Singapore firms scramble to clear cargo backlog

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Crew members of yacht Strunzje Light from Germany take part in the first race on the first day of the Rolex Farr 40 World Championship 2010 at Casa de Campo in La Romana on 21 April, 2010. Ten yachts from Italy, USA, Germany and Australia are competing until 24 April. —INTERNET

Attendees mingle at the Facebook F8 Developers Conference in San Francisco, California. Facebook on Wednesday set out to spread its influence across the Internet by weaving its social networking service into all websites and making the Web revolve around its users. —INTERNET
Latin American renewable energy gets a cash boost

WASHINGTON, 22 April — Renewable energy development in Latin America and other Western Hemisphere countries will receive a major cash boost over the coming years to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, the Inter-American Development Bank said.

The new incentive for renewable energy comes at the same time as governments in Latin America — Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela — have laid out plans for increased spending to develop hydrocarbon resources.

The latest plans for crude oil exploration and development were announced by Venezuela as IDB unveiled its programme for cash to boost renewable energy. IDB said it will increase its financing for renewable energy and climate-related projects to $3 billion a year by 2012.

IDB President Luis Alberto Moreno made the announcement as he addressed energy ministers of several countries at the bank’s headquarters in Washington. Representatives from 32 Western Hemisphere countries attended the event, including US Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton.

The IDB support will supplement efforts under way and funded by the United Nations and other aid agencies.

Moreno cited demands faced by IDB for support to developing renewable energy resources and in combating the effects of climate change.

Roadside blast hits NW Pakistan, no casualties reported

ISLAMABAD, 22 April — A remote-controlled bomb exploded on a roadside on Wednesday in Bili Tang area of Kohat District in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province of northwest Pakistan, local sources said.

They said the blast partially damaged a passing vehicle but no casualties have been reported so far.

A series of suicide attacks rocked a refugee camp and a police station in Kohat over the weekend, killing 47 people and suspending UN aid distribution in northwest Pakistan.

Some 200,000 people have been displaced as a result of the military offensive against the Taliban militants in nearby Orakzai tribal agency, according to the United Nation refugee agency.

The internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Orakzai and Kurram tribal regions have been camped in Kohat and Hangu districts.

Three sound bombs explode in Istanbul tourist centre

ISTANBUL, 22 April — Three sound bombs were detonated in Istanbul’s tourist Sultanahmet District late Monday night, reported CNNTurk here on Tuesday.

The blasts took place in Divanyolu Avenue of Sultanahmet, said the report, adding that the three sound bombs went off 50 metres from each other.

The first sound bomb was inside a garbage can in the avenue, the second in front of a restaurant and the third in front of a cafe.

No one was wounded or injured in the incident, according to the report. The police is currently investigating the matter.

Space shuttle Discovery back on Earth

WASHINGTON, 22 April — US space shuttle Discovery landed safely at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on Tuesday morning, ending a 15-day resupply mission to the International Space Station.

According to NASA TV, Discovery and its seven astronauts landed at 9:08 am EDT (1308 GMT). Earlier, rain and worries about fog forced NASA to skip Discovery’s first landing attempt this morning.

Rain also thwarted Monday’s tries.

Discovery lifted off on 5 April, delivering eight tons of supplies and equipment to the station, including spare bunks for the occupants of the space station, a large tank of ammonia coolant and seven racks filled with science experiments.

Discovery’s mission is the 33rd shuttle mission to the station. Three flights to the station remain before the shuttles retire in 2010.

Russia holds second joint rehearsal for Victory Day parade

MOSCOW, 22 April — Russian troops on Tuesday held their second joint rehearsal for the 9 May Victory Day Parade at the Alabino shooting range outside Moscow.

Mimicking the actual parade slated for 9 May, Red Square, two officers, who played the roles of the defense minister and the Moscow military district commander respectively, inspected and saluted the troops with festival greetings.

With music from military orchestra, servicemen in high spirits passed by the inspection stand carrying various kinds of armaments. However, choppers and fixed-wing aircraft did not participate in the rehearsal due to unsatisfactory weather conditions.

Russian Defence Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said earlier that more than 10,000 personnel, 159 military armaments, 127 fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters will participate in the Red Square parade.

Preparation for the Victory Day parade started in last October. Before the formal review, four rehearsals would be held at the Red Square, three of which during the day and one at night. The first joint rehearsal has already been staged at the Alabino shooting range on 13 April. Russia is set to host its first national parade celebrating the 65th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany with the involvement of nearly 100,000 people.
CLAMS DAY NOTICE
MV BILLION VOY NO (118)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (118) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

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Tailored arthritis treatment on the way with new test
LONDON, 22 April — A simple blood test could lead to a “new era” of tailored therapy for rheumatoid arthritis (RA), it was claimed on Wednesday. Research has shown patients with certain immune system antibodies can respond to an advanced form of treatment. Eight out of 10 patients suffering from RA are believed to have one of the two antibodies.

Trial results presented yesterday show they have a good chance of being helped by the drug rituximab, also known as MabThera. However, it may not be worth giving the drug to the 20pc of patients who test negative.

Professor John Isaacs, from Newcastle University, who led the research, said: “This is an important breakthrough in the treatment of this chronic and debilitating condition, heralding the beginning of an exciting new era for patients, physicians and the entire RA community.”— Internet

Varicose veins often misunderstood
ATHERTON, 22 April — A US interventional radiologist says those with varicose vein disease are often misdiagnosed. Dr Douglas Lewis, a board certified vascular and interventional radiologist in Atherton, Calif, says mistreating or ignoring of varicose veins can result in needless suffering and complications because patients aren’t treated until the disease reaches a more debilitating stage. “It is crucial to better educate physicians and to inform the community about how to detect early stage vein disease and when to seek treatment,” Lewis says in a statement.

Lewis says varicose vein misconceptions include: — Varicose and spider veins are only a cosmetic issue.— Internet

Tailed arthritis treatment on the way with new test

Animals still suffer from Exxon Valdez oil
BURNABY, 22 April — Canadian scientists say lingering oil from the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill is still inflicting suffering on wildlife more than 20 years after the disaster. Simon Fraser University researchers in British Columbia said they used biomarkers to reveal long-term exposure to oil in wildlife. They said their findings demonstrate how the consequences of oil spills are measured decades, rather than years.

The Exxon Valdez tanker ran aground on the Prince William Sound in Alaska on 24 March, 1989, spilling 10.8 million gallons of crude oil into the sea, covering 1,300 square miles. It is still regarded as one of the most devastating human-caused contamination events in history.

The international team of scientists, led by researcher Daniel Esler of the university’s Centre for Wildlife Ecology, used the biomarker CYP1A, which is induced upon exposure to crude oil, to measure prolonged exposure to oil in local wildlife populations.— Internet

NASA’s Solar Dynamics Observatory returns first images
HOUSTON, 22 April — NASA’s Solar Dynamics Observatory has provided an astonishing new vista on our turbulent star. The first public release of images from the satellite record huge explosions and great looping prominences of gas. The observatory’s superior resolution is expected to help scientists get a better understanding of what drives solar activity.

Launchen in February on an Atlas rocket from Cape Canaveral, SDO is expected to operate for at least five years. Researchers hope in this time to go long a way towards their eventual goal of being able to forecast the effects of the Sun’s behaviour on Earth. Solar activity has a profound influence on our planet. Huge eruptions of charged particles and the emission of intense radiation can disrupt satellite, communication and power systems, and pose a serious health risk to astronauts.

Scientists working on SDO say they are thrilled with the quality of the data received so far. “When we see these fantastic images, even hard-core solar physicists like myself are struck with awe, literally,” said Lika Guhathakurta, the SDO programme scientist at NASA Headquarters. SDO is equipped with three instruments to investigate the physics at work inside, on the surface and in the atmosphere of the Sun.

Infant forgotten in car seat dies
SAN FRANCISCO, 22 April — A 7-month-old child died after being left in a car overnight for more than 14 hours in front of the family’s central California home, authorities said. Sofia Wisher was left in a child seat when the family arrived at their Antioch, Calif, home late Saturday, each parent thinking the other would take her home. Each saw the door to the child’s room closed and asumed the other had put her to bed, the newspaper said.

Sofia was still strapped in her seat when Cameron Fisher, 25, woke at noon Sunday to go to a nearby gym, the newspaper said.— Internet
UAE investor confidence boosted by Dubai World proposal

ABU DHABI, 22 April—Investor sentiment towards Dubai and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in general has been boosted significantly as a result of state-owned conglomerate Dubai World’s restructuring proposal, a local business journal reported on Tuesday, citing the latest data released by investment bank Shuaa Capital.

The Dubai-based finance firm’s Investor Sentiment Report of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) had its second-biggest gain on record, driven almost entirely by a positive change in attitudes towards the UAE, Arabian Business said on its website.

Shuaa’s UAE Investor Confidence Index recorded a jump of 36 points, according to the report. It said all GCC countries — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE — are now above the 100-point thresholds, which represents positive sentiment. “The increase in investor confidence towards the UAE clearly indicates that the cloud of uncertainty hanging over the investment community has now been removed,” Shuaa CEO Sameer Al Ansari was quoted as saying.

“The outcome of Dubai World’s restructuring proposal has had a very positive impact on the investment community, both regionally and internationally,” he added. Last November, Dubai World sent shockwaves across financial markets when it said it would not be able to repay its debts on time and asked for a six-month freeze on debt payments.

Indian air companies flights to Europe remain canceled

NEW DELHI, 22 April—Indian air companies canceled flights to Europe on a sixth consecutive day on Tuesday, due to the clouds of volcanic ash from Iceland, reported the Press Trust of India.

Flights to Britain and other European destinations of Air India, Jet Airways and Kingfisher Airlines, the three major air companies of India, remained canceled, while they operated their flights to North American destinations with stopovers at Cairo and Athens, said the report.

Five of Air India’s planes are stuck in London, Frankfurt and New York due to the disruption, said the report.

Somali pirates hijack three Thai fishing ships with 77 crew members

NAIROBI, 22 April—Somali pirates are holding three Thai fishing ships and 77 crew members on board off the Somali coast after hijacking the vessels on Sunday, a regional maritime official and EU Naval Force confirmed on Tuesday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Programme (SAP) said the pirates hijacked MV Prantalay 11, 12, and 14 with 77 crew members onboard in one of the farthest-off-shore attacks to date.

“The three fishing vessels were hijacked on Sunday and all have 77 Thai crew onboard,” Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone from Mombasa.

EU Naval Force Commander John Harbour also confirmed the seizure, saying the three Thai vessels were attacked almost 600 miles (960 km) outside the normal operation area for the EU Naval Force. “These latest hijackings are the furthest east of any pirate attacks in the area since the start of EU NAVFOR’s Operation Atalanta in December 2008, almost 600 miles outside the normal EU NAVFOR operating area,” Harbour said.

He said the attack so far out at sea was a clear indication that the EU, NATO and CMF were having a marked effect on pirate activity in the area.

Harbour said the MV Prantalay 11 has 26 Thai crew members, MV Prantalay 12 has 25 and MV Prantalay 14 has 26 on board. He also said he hijacked vessels belong to a Thai based company PT Interfishery Ltd. He confirmed that all 77 Thai crew members were safe and well and that the vessels were heading towards the Somali coast.

Harbour said pirates have expanded their range south and east in response to an increase in patrols by European and US warships off the Somali shore.

Piracy has become rampant off the coast of Africa, especially in the waters near Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991.
**SPORTS**

**Don’t expect England to win WC, says John Barnes**

LONDON, 22 April — Former England football star John Barnes insists it is unrealistic to expect England to win the 2010 World Cup. The ex-Liverpool left winger said Spain and Brazil are the undoubted favourites to lift the trophy in South Africa this July — and England have no divine right to be considered likely champions. Barnes, who played in England’s run to the 1990 World Cup semi-finals - their best performance since their 1966 triumph — also urged fans not to heap pressure on the team’s youngsters, and reckons David Beckham’s absence could actually boost England’s chances. — Internet

**Pompey debt hits £120m mark**

LONDON, 22 April — Debts at Premier League crisis club Portsmouth were revealed to be around 120 million pounds (185 million dollars) in total on Wednesday - some 40 million pounds more than previously estimated. Portsmouth, bottom of the table and already relegated after being deducted nine points last month for entering administration, sent a 70-page document to all their known creditors on Wednesday detailing their debts which include the 38.2 million owed to former owners in unsecured loans. The club have passed through four owners this season in a series of moves that have done precious little for Portsmouth’s off-the-field stability. Hong Kong-based businessman Balram Chaudhry, the club’s most recent owner, is owed 14 million pounds, while Portsmouth’s total unpaid bill to British tax authorities amounts to 17.1 million pounds. Portsmouth, whose Fratton Park ground now holds some 20,000 fans, have also been hit by transfer fees a club of their size could not afford without the support of an indulgent benefactor. — Internet

**Villa move up EPL table as Hull suffer**

LONDON, 22 April — Aston Villa climbed into sixth place in the English Premier League and in sight of a spot amongst Europe’s elite next season as they edged Hull nearer relegation with a 2-0 away win on Wednesday. Gabriel Agbonlahor’s first-half goal and James Milner’s penalty 14 minutes from time saw Villa to a win that left the Midlands club just three points behind Tottenham Hotspur, who currently occupy fourth place and the last spot on offer to English clubs for next season’s Champions League, with three games to play. Victory saw Villa leapfrog Liverpool and continued their revival after losing 7-1 to Premier League leaders Chelsea, who also knocked them out of the FA Cup, last month. “We’re in the mix,” Villa manager Martin O’Neill told Sky Sports. — Internet

**Home final dream fires up Hamburg for Fulham clash**

HAMBURG, 22 April — The prospect of playing in the Europa League final on May 12 on home soil will inspire Hamburg against English giant-killers Fulham in Thursday’s first-leg semi-final, insists striker Mladen Petric. Both the Hamburg-Fulham semi-final and Liverpool’s game at Atletico Madrid will go ahead despite fears the games may be cancelled due to the cloud of volcanic ash from Iceland that has grounded flights across Europe.

With their chances of winning the Bundesliga title effectively ended by a shock 1-0 defeat at home to Mainz last weekend, Bruno Labbadia-coached Hamburg are determined to win a place in the final in their home stadium next month. Only Roy Hodgson’s Fulham, the tournament’s surprise package, stand between Hamburg and their dream final. Fulham pulled off one of the most stunning feats in European football history when they turned a 3-1 deficit from the first leg into a 4-1 win at home to go through 5-4 on aggregate in the last 16 against Juventus. — Internet

**Roma to meet Inter in Cup final after Udinese draw**

ROME, 22 April — AS Roma and Inter Milan will contest the Italian Cup final for the fifth time in six years after Roma reached the trophy match despite a 1-0 defeat at Udinese on Wednesday’s semi-final, second leg. Roma triumphed 2-1 on aggregate due to their 2-0 win at home in the first leg back in February. Alexis Sanchez scored the only goal of the game nine minutes from time but that wasn’t enough to take the relegation threatened club past the Serie A leaders.

Roma had to survive some nervous last few moments after Marco Cassetti was harshly sent-off for a second booking six minutes from time. Roma coach Claudio Ranieri had claimed on Tuesday that there would be no turnovers but he still made five changes to the team that beat Lazio 2-1 on Sunday. — Internet

**Green overcomes loss of leg to play golf**

SAVANNAH, 22 April — The first big step in Ken Green’s improbable return to golf came with a severe limp, just like every step since a horrific auto accident that took the lives of his girlfriend and brother and cost Green his right leg. This was only a pro-am Wednesday on the Champions Tour, yet it carried so much uncertainty.

“Right, guys,” he said quietly to his amateurs as he stood over his opening tee shot. “I don’t know. This might be interesting.” Even more beautiful than the flight of his tee shot were the ropes lining both sides of the fairway at the Savannah Harbour Golf Resort, indisputable evidence that Green was back on the stage where some thought he might never return. — Internet

**No Venus for US against Russia in Fed Cup**

BIRMINGHAM, 22 April — Venus Williams will not compete for the United States in this weekend’s Fed Cup semi-final tie against Russia because of nagging leg injuries similar to those of sister Serena. "I waited until this moment to hope that I would have an opportunity to play, but I am being advised by my medical support team that I will need more time to recover,” Williams said in a statement on Wednesday. The elder Williams sister was wrapping on both legs in a final loss to Kim Clijsters earlier this month at a hardcourt event in Miami.

“She has been trying to get better,” Fernandez said. “Obviously I knew it was going to be tough for her because she hurt herself at the end of the Miami tournament and couldn’t hit balls until the last week or so. “I did everything I could do to give her as much time as possible to see if she got better. She’s not quite.” — Internet

** Bayern Munich’s Arjen Robben now scored 20 goals in all competitions, but none so important as his 69th-minute strike which bounced off the back of team-mate Thomas Mueller and into the net. “It was tremendously important that we kept our composure, even with ten men,” said Bayern captain Philipp Lahm with Mark van Bommel suspended. — Internet

**Bayern Munich’s Arjen Robben**
6.2 magnitude earthquake hits off Samoa

WELLINGTON, 22 April—An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale struck off the Samoa Islands on Thursday morning, the US Geological Survey said. The quake, occurred at 05:20 a.m. Thursday New Zealand Time (1720 GMT Wednesday), was centered 198 km southwest of the Samoa capital of Apia at a depth of 32 km.

No immediate tsunami alert was issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center following the quake. There were no reports of casualties or damages so far. A magnitude 8.0 earthquake on 29 September 2009 triggered a tsunami which killed at least 145 people in Samoa, 32 in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.—Internet

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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 Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (6°C) below April average temperatures in Kaunghmudaw Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Mindu (42.9°C), Chank (42.3°C), Myawady and Nyaung U (42.2°C) each, Magway, Monywa and Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (41.5°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pato (1.73) inches, Machanbaw (1.30) inches and Shwebo (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-4-2010 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 21-4-2010 was (9.7) hours. Rainfall on 22-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (9.7) hours.

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay Division and generally fair 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: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Generally fair.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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The Senior General held discussions cordially with the entrepreneurs of the zone.

At the meeting, Chairman of Mandalay Industrial Zone Management Committee U Aung Win Khang reported to the Senior General on establishment of the zone, number of private-owned industries in the zone and types of industries, products manufactured at the zone, works of foundry shop and moulding factory of Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Company, U Khin Maung Win, Secretary of Mandalay Industrial Zone Automobile Assembling Sub-Committee, on various kinds of vehicles manufactured at the zone, efforts being made for production of Myanmar 2000 CC engine, U Aung Moe, member of Mandalay Industrial Zone Electric Supply Committee, on matters related to supply of more electricity to the zone, U Kyaw Win, Chairman of Sein Pan Industrial Cooperative Society Limited, on establishment of the society and setting up of factories and manufacturing machinery, U Maung Aye, Managing Director of Mandalay Power-Tiller Factory, on location and area of the factory, manufacturing power-tiller, various kinds of farm equipment, tractors and three-wheel motorbike and trial production of combined thrasher and paddy transplant machine, and Agriculturist U Aye Paw of Toepwar Mana Co Ltd, on production of compound fertilizer with the use of sewage.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein said that the Head of State was encouraging industrial entrepreneurs to manufacture industrial products with the use of domestic materials without placing too much reliance on imported materials. He called for production of quality consumer-friendly industrial products. He said it is necessary to have skilled workers and to manufacture more industrial products in cooperation between entrepreneurs and the State.

In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the need to significantly contribute to progress of the State’s industrial sector and development of private industrial zones including Mandalay Industrial Zone. The government has encouraged industrial zones enabling entrepreneurs to have opportunities for setting up private industries through cooperation between the government and the people in building the industrialized nation. Only when the nation becomes a modern industrialized one, will it be transformed into a developed one from the status of a developing nation. Thus, the industrial entrepreneurs are to strive for achieving success in their industries, he said.

The Senior General noted that it can be said that progress was made in reviewing the functioning of industrial zones during the period of 20 years.

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