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

Four economic objectives
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as will
* 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 characters
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway Road on going

NAY P YI TAW, 25 April—Special Road Construction Project Group 5 and Kyaukse District Public Works cooperate in construction of the road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road and building of Kyweshin Bridge.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway motor road is under construction of seven private companies and the Special Road Construction Group and the District.

On his yesterday inspection tour, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into construction of the roads with the use of heavy machinery and left necessary instructions. He also gave instructions on construction of conduits across Htanbin Creek and Ngalak Creek.—MNA

Transport services for passengers travelling in and around Taunggyi

Taunggyi, the capital city of Shan State (South), becomes a busy place, ever increasing its area to accommodate more and more people as downtown population density is becoming higher. Most of the places and roads are bustling with life.

During our trip, we arrived at All Bus Lines Control Committee (Taunggyi) to enquire the transport arrangements made for ensuring the convenience for the local people of Taunggyi and its surrounding regions.

Chairman of the Committee U Sein Thaung explained, “Our committee is carrying out the tasks under the supervisions of Shan State Peace and Development Council and authorities concerned. The committee is trying hard for convenience of the passengers and improvement of the living standard of bus workers and their families.”

He continued to say, “A total of 21 bus lines are plying in Taunggyi. Over 400 buses are transporting about 150,000 passengers daily.”

We learned that bus terminals are located at Taunggyi Myoma Market and nearby areas. Myoma Market is designated as the hub of city bus services for the convenience in transporting passengers and commodities.

“A total of 30 buses from No. 1 bus line are plying along Myoma Market-Pinseingon-Pantin route. No. 2 bus line runs along Myoma Market-Mingalau Ward-Chaukondan-Maw Cherry-Thittaw Bus Terminal. A total of 19 buses are transporting passengers along the above route,” said U Sein Thaung.

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**Education: A window to national development**

The government is carrying out programmes of national education promotion and human resource development. Having basic education knowledge is important so the entire human society can stand in the long run.

The Ministry of Education held the symposium on national education promotion 2010 at the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township the other day. With advances in science and technology and electronics, we need to try to know and apply technologies in order to keep up with the times.

The government is carrying out the 30-year national education promotion plan by categorizing it into the basic and higher education sectors. Now, the second short-term five year plan has turned five year, and the time has come to implement the plan of fifth year.

In 1988, the whole nation had 32 universities and colleges in the higher education sector. But now, the number has reached 159. The basic education sector has more than 40,900 schools up from 33,000 in the past. Although there were only 79 academic programmes in the past, the number has now reached 215, including master’s degree, M Research and doctoral courses.

At a time when the State is fulfilling all requirements to improve the basic education sector that is fundamental for national development, the young people are to try their best to catch up with the international community.

**Opportunity for women to take basic tailoring course**

**YANGON, 24 April—** The Working Group for Uplifting of Women’s Lives under the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation will conduct the basic tailoring course 2/2010 at Room 005 of Building P on Setyon Road between Sabei and Aungthabye Street in Mandalay Township beginning 10 May.

A total of 20 women will be admitted to take the course which will last two months. The course will be opened from 10 am to 2 pm daily during the weekdays.

Applications for the course may be sent to KSS Biriani Shop of No. 101 on Setyon Road in Mandalay Township, not later than 9 May.—**MNA**

**More production of pest-resistant quality crops emphasized**

**MAUKMAI, 25 April—** An opening ceremony of self-reliant bridge took place in Ywathit Village in Maungdaw Township on 28 February morning.

Major Zaw Win from the local station, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thet Swe and Chairman of Village PDC U Bawga opened the bridge.

Also present at the ceremony were departmental officials and local people.

The newly opened wooden bridge is 200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 24 feet high.—**District/IPRD**

**People’s Utility & Service Exhibition -2010 on 7-9 May**

**YANGON, 25 April—** Logic Myanmar (Ideas & solution) has made an arrangement to hold People’s Utility & Service Exhibition -2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Center on Uwisara road here from 7 to 9 May.

At the exhibition, crown Electronic materials of Royal Asia Co., Ltd, lady’s shoes of Chili Shoes, Asahim Hitachi electronic materials, product of victory and Skyward International Ltd, medicine of Thukha Dana Co., Ltd, Korea Gensin medicine of Kpe, product of IBTC, Global Peanut oil, Rooki brands shirts, Wadi footwear, Shwe oil, DVD/DB bank services, Fair Deal cosmetic, Rich Coffee mix, Alpine drinking water and soft drinks, Instant milk of Sein Wut Hmone, Bio Plus purified water, Mikko coffee mix, Life Line medicine, Game product of Ko Be No, Rannai Gas stove, Rain flower fine product of Myanmar Thiba, products of Fortune, Pinya manufacture and Mega Distribution Group, Concordial Copiers, Acer and MSI Laptops, network service of Red Line and Bravo coffee mix will be on show.

The exhibition will also include product show and entertainment programme of Super Star ModelAgency. Over 150 booths will be put on display. For more information, dial 09-5067340 and 09-5181791. **MNA**
10 killed as tornado strikes Miss

YAZOO CITY, 25 April — Tornadoes ripped through four states in the South on Saturday, leaving broken crosses in front of a flattened church, splintering houses and overturning vehicles as they killed 10 people, including three children.

One of the hardest hit areas was Mississippi's Yazoo County, where Gov. Haley Barbour grew up. He described “utter obliteration” among the picturesque hills rising abruptly from the flat Mississippi Delta.

More than 15 other counties in Mississippi also had damage. The swath of debris forced rescuers to pick up some of the injured on all-terrain vehicles in the west-central part of the state.

A motorist drives past an overturned truck which was among several vehicles damaged when a tornado crossed Interstate Highway 55 south of Durant, Miss on Saturday, 24 April, 2010. —INTERNET

Explosion targeting NATO convoy rocks near Afghan capital

KABUL, 25 April — An explosion targeting a convoy of NATO-led troops rocked Tangi Waqjan area in Logar Province, south of Afghan capital Kabul Sunday morning and casualties were feared, an official said. A government official who insisted on anonymity, told Xinhua that it was a suicide bombing but failed to give more detail. Logar Province was relatively peaceful in the war-ravaged country. Xinhua

Suicide bombing rocks S Afghanistan killing four, injuring seven

KABUL, 25 April — A suicide bombing targeting a convoy of a private security company Sunday in Shah Joj District in southern Afghanistan’s Zabul province killed four people and injured other seven, a governmental official said.

Mohammad Jan Rasslyar, governor of Zabul Province, told Xinhua through telephone that a suicide attacker detonated explosives tied on his body at a bazaar, killing one private security guard on board of one of the vehicles of the convoy, two passers-by and himself.

Seven other passers-by, all civilians, were injured in the attack, said the official. Xinhua

Roadside bombings kill three Afghan civilians, wound two others

KABUL, 25 April — Two separate roadside bombings happened in Afghanistan left three people dead and two others injured on Friday, according to a statement issued by the Interior Ministry on Saturday.

In the first incident which took place in Dilaram District of western Farah Province on Friday, three Afghan civilians were killed as their car ran over a mine, the statement said.

Hours later, in a similar incident, a bomb blast struck a car in country’s eastern Paktika Province on the same day left two employees of a construction company injured, it added.

The statement put the attacks on enemies of Afghanistan, a term used against Taleban militants but the militants have not made any comments yet. —Xinhua

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IRGC to test new types of Iran-made missiles

TEHERAN, 25 April — A senior Iranian military commander announced Saturday that the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) plans to test fire 4 new types of Iran-made coast-to-sea and sea-to-sea missiles in the next stage of the massive war games underway in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, the semi-official Fars news agency reported. “Four types of naval missiles have been selected and will be fired tomorrow,” IRGC Navy Commander Rear Admiral Morteza Saffari was quoted by Fars as saying. Various kinds of short-range missiles were also fired during the military maneuvers which will see its fourth stage on Sunday, according to Fars. The commander further pointed to Iran’s recently made short-range Nasr cruise missiles as among those to be test fired during the next stage of the war games.

IRGC staged a series of war games in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, codenamed as the Great Messenger 5, to boost vigilance and combat preparedness of its naval forces. Xinhua

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Floods, storm hit northeast Indian state, killing 2

New Delhi, 25 April—At least two people drowned and 150,000 people displaced in flash floods triggered by heavy rains in the northeastern Indian state of Assam Friday night, reported the Indo-Asian News Service. A thunderstorm also swept parts of the state, damaging homes and uprooting trees, electric and telephone poles, the report quoted local officials in the state capital Guwahati as saying Saturday. Up to 250 villages in four districts of the state have been hit by the floods while two youths drowned late Friday when they went in a country boat to collect timber floating on a river, said the report. This is the second wave of floods in Assam this year, after the first wave hit the same area last month. This also followed a deadly storm ten days ago in the neighboring state of West Bengal which killed at least 120 and displaced tens of thousands.—Xinhua

Yemeni Shiites kidnap two Saudis, a Yemeni in fresh breach of truce

Sanaa, 25 April—Yemeni Shiites rebels have kidnapped two Saudi citizens and a Yemeni in Yemen’s northern province of Amran, but released the two Saudis soon, the country’s Defence Ministry reported late Friday. “A number of Houthi rebels led by Mahghout Shatbouny abducted on Thursday two Saudis citizens in Haisha area of the district of Harf Sufian in Amran Province, north of the capital Sanaa,” said the ministry on its website, citing an unidentified security official of the Interior Ministry. “The rebels held the Saudis several hours in Haisha area before later setting them free,” said the security official.

“In light of the release of the two Saudis, we believe that the Yemeni authorities will look into this breach of truce and we will not participate in the future in breaches of truce until the Yemeni authorities ensure the protection of the citizens,” said the Yemeni Embassy in Riyadh.

Three dead in New Zealand military helicopter crash

Wellington, 25 April—Three people were dead and one was seriously injured after a fatal crash of an Iroquois military helicopter north of Wellington on Sunday morning.

Police and ambulance services said they were called to the scene on farmland near the Paekakariki Hill Rd, about 40 km north east of Wellington about 6:45 am local time (1845 GMT Saturday). The helicopter was going to Wellington for a dawn service in the capital on Anzac Day.

An ambulance spokeswoman said three people died in the crash and a fourth person had serious injuries and was being transported by ambulance to Wellington Hospital. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Two Germans abducted in Nigeria freed

Abia, 25 April—The police in oil rich Nigeria’s Abia State has confirmed the release of the two German nationals abducted by gunmen operating in the region. State police spokesperson Ali Okechukwu confirmed this to Xinhua on Saturday night. The two, both male, were kidnapped on Sunday as they were heading to their vehicle at the beach at Imo River of the state. Okechukwu said the police was not directly involved in the rescue and he was not sure any ransom was paid. Meanwhile, a German Embassy official in Abuja also confirmed the release but she did not provide more details. The Niger Delta is an unstable area where inter-ethnic clashes are commonplace. Access to oil revenue is the main trigger for the violence. Over 300 foreigners have been seized in the Niger Delta since 2006. Almost all have been released unharmed after paying a ransom.—Xinhua
Greece presses “help” button, markets still wary

ATHENS, 25 April—Debt-stricken Greece appealed to its European partners and the IMF for emergency loans on Friday, yielding to overwhelming market pressure to start the first financial rescue of a member of the euro zone.

Prime Minister George Papandreou asked to tap the $5 billion euro ($60.5 billion) package after investors feared a default and pushed borrowing costs to record levels, undermining Athens’ efforts to cut its 300 billion euro debt pile.

“It is a national and imperative need to officially ask our partners in the EU for the activation of the support mechanism we jointly created,” Papandreou said in a statement broadcast live from the remote, tiny Aegean island of Kastelorizo.

“The time that was not granted to us by the markets will be given to us by the support of the euro zone.”

European markets rallied on the announcement but fell back as investors said the long-awaited bailout, which could be the largest multilateral rescue of a country ever tried, would bring only short-term relief. There were concerns it could force harsher austerity on Greece, deepening its recession, and that it would set a precedent for other euro zone underperformers.

Greek riot police fired teargas on Friday at leftist protesters marching through central Athens against austerity measures, police said.

Toyota agrees to Brazil Corolla recall

SAO PAULO, 25 April—Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) has agreed to recall a yet-undetermined number of vehicles sold in Brazil since 2008 due to floor mat problems, the latest in a string of safety problems the Japanese automaker faces globally, local newspapers reported on Saturday.

Toyota executives agreed to replace the floor mats of its Corolla model after a meeting with government regulators and consumer protection agencies, Folha de S Paulo reported.

In 2009, more than 54,500 Corollas were sold in Brazil, O Globo newspaper said on Saturday.

The move comes after the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais ordered dealerships on Thursday to suspend sales of the Corolla, citing consumer complaints of accidents. Toyota, the world’s largest automaker, said it will abide by the state’s decision but denied any wrongdoing.—Internet

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Austria signs on to Russian gas pipeline

VIENNA, 25 April—Russia and Austria signed a deal on Saturday that will expand Moscow’s position of strength in supplying Europe with natural gas by allowing it to expand a planned pipeline further into the EU.

Ahead of the signing ceremony, Russian President Vladimir Putin praised his country’s planned South Stream pipeline, in comments dismissive of a competing EU-endorsed pipeline meant to reduce energy dependence on Russia.

The agreement signed by government and energy officials of the two countries allows Russia to lead South Stream into Austria.—Internet

JAL seen posting loss of $1.7 billion

TOKYO, 25 April—Debt-ridden Japan Airlines (JAL) is forecast to have posted a group operating loss of about 160 billion yen ($1.7 billion) for the financial year that ended in March, Japan’s Sankei newspaper reported on Sunday.

JAL and two subsidiaries filed in January for bankruptcy protection with a combined $25 billion in debt — on of the largest corporate failures in Japanese history.

JAL’s results will be the worst since it had tied up with Japan Airlines System in 2002 as revenue dropped sharply due to a rapid slowdown in the Japanese economy, the newspaper reported without citing any sources.

The airline’s subsidiary, Japan Airlines International, appears to have secured a small profit in March, Sankei reported. But JAL continues to face difficulties in its business in April as volcanic eruptions in Iceland forced flight cancellations, the newspaper added.

Japanese warns debt, fund flows may hurt global growth

WASHINGTON, 25 April—Countries must not be complacent about the state of the global economy, despite brighter signs of recovery, Japanese Finance Minister Naoto Kan said on Saturday as he warned his counterparts at the Group of 20 rich and emerging economies could disrupt the world economy, according to the text of Kan’s speech to the IMF’s International Monetary and Financial Committee.

“Thus, we should remain cautious about future prospects.”

Kan said Japan’s economy now seems to have a better chance of overcoming difficulties, but he added that the situation remains tough as shown in its persistently high jobless rate.
Egypt restricts underground smuggling along Gaza borders

Gaza, 25 April — Egyptian security measures along Gaza borders have led to a shrink in smuggling via underground tunnels, a Palestinian daily reported on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Palestinian security sources told Xinhua that the Egyptian forces had blown up a smuggling tunnel that ending into the Egyptian part of Rafah city in southern Gaza Strip. Blowing up the tunnel was a part of the ongoing Egyptian efforts to fight smuggling which flourished in 2008 and 2009 as a result of an Israeli blockade imposed on Gaza when Hamas took power there in June 2007.

The sources said that the Palestinian workers in the tunnel received warnings and fled before the tunnel explosion and nobody was hurt. Last week, four tunnels had been discovered and the Egyptian forces sealed off their shafts on Gaza when Hamas took power there in June 2007.

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Chinese culture popular in Greek book fair

Thessaloniki, 25 April — The seventh Thessaloniki Book Fair is drawing to an end, yet the enthusiasm of Greek readers to the Chinese culture and learning the Chinese language remains high.

Greek people have been provided this year with an opportunity to take a good look at China, the Guest of Honor of the event this year, through the books, paintings and music displayed at the fair.

Some Chinese publisher presented their multi-media language learning material and devices, which favor the Greek readers’ efforts to learn Chinese. For those who have never learned how to speak Chinese, the Chinese exhibitors presented them with a special pen which can pronounce a Chinese character when it is pointed at, so that they can follow the pronunciation. Dina, a Greek sociologist who is very interested in the Chinese culture, has been to China twice.

She bought a set of books with CDs and the pen, saying culture is always linked with the language.

Four policemen killed, 12 NATO oil tankers destroyed in Pakistan

Islamabad, 25 April — Four policemen were killed and 12 oil tankers of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces were set on fire in Pakistan’s Punjab province on Saturday.

Unknown militants attacked the NATO’s tankers near the city of Chakwal in Punjab Province, police sources said.

Police officer Aslam Tareen confirmed the death of the policemen in the attack. He said that the attackers had come by Land Cruiser.

Nearby petrol station also caught fire due to the attack on the oil tankers.

Ambush on security official kills 4 people in Mexico

Mexico City, 25 April — Four people were killed and 10 others wounded in an ambush against the motorcade of a Mexican security official in the western state of Michoacan on Saturday.

Minerva Bautista, public safety secretary of the state, was wounded in the ambush. She was taken to hospital and was in stable condition.

Blockading the road with a trailer truck, a group of about two dozen assailants attacked the motorcade with assault rifles and grenades, said State Attorney General Jesus Montejan.

13-pound, 15-pound baby born in Britain

A British mother said she and her partner were shocked when their newborn son came out weighing 13 pounds and 15 ounces.

Sharon Needham, 35, of Bessacarr, England, said she and baby Harry’s father, Paul Crossland, 51, were stunned to see the size of their baby, which

Doncaster Royal Infirmary employees said is the heaviest newborn at the hospital since they began keeping computer records in 1994, the Doncaster Free Press reported on Friday.

The parents said they had to buy the child clothing designed for 3- to 6-month-old babies.

Two girls wearing high-heel shoes take part in a special running competition in the Labo Garden in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 25 April, 2010. A funny high-heel shoe competition was held here on Saturday.

Indian pupils walk on fire, glass to boost confidence

A private school in the western Indian state of Gujarat made pupils walk over burning coals and broken glass in a test designed to boost their confidence.

Officials at the Riverdale school in the city of Surat on Wednesday described the challenges set at a summer camp as “important exercises that will make a child strong and determined”.

“We asked the students to walk with naked feet on fire and on broken glass pieces as it teaches them to deal with their fear and find new ways to overcome it,” Kalpesh Patel, a school administrator, told AFP.

Patel said 80 children aged nine to 14 walked after having found nothing to eat in it. Having been used to the company of human beings, the clever baboon has figured out how to open doors of cars andransack them for food.

Fred took the handbag of Hazel Murray and looked around. Murray and her brother were standing right next to the car.

Humpback whales (C) rise out of the water off the coast near Sydney in 2008. Experts from the Australian Antarctic Division have found that whale excrement — much of which is derived from the huge mammals’ consumption of krill — effectively places a plant-friendly fertilizer into ocean waters.

Baboon caught red-handed stealing from car

At a tourist spot in South Africa, a baboon walked straight off a car, opened the door, and grabbed the purse in the back seat, The Daily Mail reported on 22 April.

The baboon has a nickname “Fred”. Victim of the crime is 71-year-old British woman Hazel Murray, who was on vacation with her brother George Cox and his wife Jacqueline.

Luckily for them, Fred flung the purse aside after having found nothing to eat in it.
China says quake relief will shift to rebuilding

BEIJING, 25 April — A senior government official said earthquake relief efforts in a Tibetan region will shift from searching for possible survivors to reconstruction and the resettlement of those who lost homes after the temblor flattened tens of thousands of houses, state media reported Sunday. Saturday was the final day that rescuers would search the quake zone for survivors still buried under rubble, Xinhua News Agency said, and Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said work would now focus on building temporary shelters, treating people who were hurt and reconstructing the quake-hit area.

On Saturday, the Chinese government also promised to repair monasteries that were damaged, days after monks assisting in relief work were told to leave the disaster area. The death toll from the massive quake that flattened houses rose by 11 to more than 2,200, state media said.

Residents gather to commemorate the more than 2,000 victims killed by the recent Qinghai quake, at a square in Xining in China’s Qinghai Province

Ethiopia explosion kills at least five

MAKELLE, 25 April—An explosion at a cafe in Ethiopia’s northern region of Tigray killed five people Saturday and wounded 20 others, officials said, blaming the attack on neighbouring Eritrea.

“This is an attack by the Eritrean government to deliberately disrupt the upcoming elections,” said Micheal Abraha, Tigray’s administrator. Ethiopia is scheduled to hold national elections on 23 May.

The explosion on a market day in the town of Adi Daero came only a day after two Eritrean rebel groups said they had killed 11 government soldiers in coordinated attacks on military camps in southern Eritrea.

The two Horn of Africa neighbors have had long running hostilities and tensions simmer along their common border due to a dispute over the frontier. Relations have been at an impasse since they fought a 1998-2000 war in which at least 70,000 people were killed.

Tigray’s regional president, Tsegay Berhe, said Eritrean agents sneaked into the country and were responsible for the attack.

FAA to require Boeing 737 inspections

CHICAGO, 25 April—A new federal directive will require Boeing Co to conduct speedy inspections to prevent potentially dangerous vibrations affecting certain flight-control surfaces on the tails of some of its 737 models, The Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday. The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue a new safety directive as early as Monday that requires inspections of the mechanisms that control part of the elevators on about 125 of Boeing’s aircraft, the report said.

The inspections of the elevators, which help control a plane’s pitch, must be completed in the next six to 30 days, depending on the age of the aircraft, the Journal said.

Several injured as UAE flight falls into airpocket over western India

NEW DELHI, 25 April—Several passengers suffered injuries after a United Arab Emirates’ flight Sunday hit an airpocket and fell to 2,500 feet over the western Indian state of Goa, civil aviation sources said.

However, the southern Indian city of Kochi-bound Emirates flight, carrying some 400 passengers from Dubai, landed safely at Kochi Airport, the sources said.

“Some 70 passengers were injured and one has been admitted to a local hospital after the flight landed in Kochi. The flight hit an air pocket and fell from 20,000 feet to 2,500 feet while its descent above the airspace of Goa. The flight has landed safely and has been taken to the taxiing bay after passengers were evacuated. Blood stains have been found on the flight,” the sources said.

Several small business owners to suffer for interest rate hike

CANBERRA, 25 April—Australia’s small business owners are bracing for more pain, with the next official interest rate rise expected to lead to higher costs for business lending, Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported on Sunday.

“The important point to bear in mind is that when they make the next move they will raise lending interest rates, not only to average for home loans, but a little bit above for business lending.” Nomura Australia economist Stephen Roberts told AAP after the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) board minutes released last week.

While the minutes have justified the central bank’s decision to lift the cash rate by a quarter of a percentage point, Roberts said tightening monetary policy would push rates “hard up on the average” for the past 15 years.

“Home loans will be on average and small business loans will be well above average because of what’s happened there for small business overdrafts,” Roberts said.

In March the average small business unsecured overdraft rate was 9.8 percent compared to 6.9 percent for the average standard variable home loan rate, RBA estimates showed.

Singaporean property developer Eric Cheng (2nd R) checks on lobsters as workers pull the net at his floating farm in Singapore. His new venture is one of 106 licensed coastal fish farms in the city-state, which last December launched a Food Fund of five million Singapore dollars (3.6 million US) to support entrepreneurs willing to venture into farming.

Internet

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An Indonesian man prepares a traditional giant puppet called ‘ondel-onde’ during a festival marking the National Education Day in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 25 April, 2010.

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Alvaro Queiros of the Spain hits his tee shot during an exhibition match, part of the Montecristo golf tournament, at Varadero beach in Matanzas, around 115 km (84 miles) from Havana 24 April, 2010.

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Residents gather to commemorate the more than 2,000 victims killed by the recent Qinghai quake, at a square in Xining in China’s Qinghai Province
Cash donated for X-ray machine of YGH

Yangon, 24 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint heard a report on preventive measures against DHF and diarrhea at the office of Tamway Township General Administration Department.

The commander inspected the treating of mosquito nets with insecticide, health educative talks programmes, sanitation tasks and measures for proper drainage. Next, he inspected preparations for 2010 academic year at No.1 Basic Education Primary School and left necessary instructions. The commander then attended a ceremony to donate cash for an X-ray machine necessary for Yangon General Hospital.

It was also attended by Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Wellwishers have been donating cash for the X-ray machine and so far, K540608000, US$101000 and FEC 5000 have been received.

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Myanmar timber delegation leaves for Thailand

Yangon, 25 April — A delegation of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association left here for Bangkok, Thailand, today to participate in the preliminary meeting for holding 8th ASEAN Skills Competition. The delegation comprises members of the central executive committee of the association U Moe Thaw and U Win Ko, and emeritus principal U Kaung Yin.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint Secretary of the MTEA U Aung Naing Oo and officials concerned.

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Transport services for passengers travelling...

(User Supplied Image)

Bus lines No. 3, 4 and 5 are in the same group. No. 3 bus line runs from Myoma Market to Sao San Htun Market. No. 4 bus line plies from Myoma Market to Kayinma Yayhtwet, while No. 5 bus line drives along Myoma Market-Tekkatho-Hsawshi Village daily.

No. 5 bus line is giving transport service to the passengers along Myoma Market-Taunggyi Station and Kangyi route and Maw Cherry-Thittaw Bus Terminal daily. No. 7 bus line is transporting passengers between Taunggyi and Naungkar Village. And, 18 buses run along Taunggyi-Taungni Village daily,” explained U Sein Thaung.

The buses of No. 9 line drive along the circular road in Taunggyi. No. 10 bus line plies from Taunggyi to Ayethaya Industrial Zone while the route for No. 11 line is designated for the Shweyaung and Taunggyi.

Taunggyi-Phetkon Linlay, No. 20 bus line on the Taunggyi-Sale Village, and No 21 bus line on the Taunggyi-Kyauktan.

The disciplines are issued that each bus must wait for the passengers for their convenience. Responsible persons of the committee are giving educative talks to the bus workers.

While in Taunggyi, we witnessed that the buses are serving the transport services for enabling passengers including tourists to visit Taunggyi and its surrounding regions conveniently.

Translation: TTA Myanma Alin:

“No. 1 bus line transports a large number of passengers.” U Hla Htay

Buses of No. 1 bus line are ready for plying Taunggyi Myoma-Pinseigong-Pantin Route.
The Buddha’s Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Buddha’s Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason falls on 27th April 2010. We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha’s Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason because over 2550 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Full Moon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrate the Buddha’s Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April or on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar. All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhists across the world always celebrate the Buddha’s Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagodas, shrines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha’s Day, Full Moon of the month of Kason to pour clean water on the sacred Bodhi Trees existed there.

All the Buddhist peoples know that the sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained the Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribhoga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist peoples across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Omniscient Buddha.

Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha’s day or Vesakha Festival

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We saw cultivation of cold season groundnut in some areas. The 108 feet long conduits of the dam is of reinforced concrete type. It is three feet diameter conduit and the flow of water is 50 cubic feet per sec through the conduit. The 40 feet wide spillway is of broad crest type RC and its flow of water is 2050 cubic feet per sec.

The dam started tostore water on 29 October 2008. Despite gaining 41 inches of rainfall yearly, the region is still a dry one in summer. North Wettoe and Mezaligon villages can use the irrigation water from Linpan Dam built with K 4950 million contributions of the government.

The Staff Officer continued to explain that Theinyin Dam is under construction for supplying water for the local people and irrigating 6000 acres of farmlands. Linpan Dam will supply water to 2000 acres of farmlands. Two dams with about 1.5 miles distance will benefit their surrounding regions.

Linpan Dam was built for greening the region, irrigating 2000 acres of farmlands, supplying drinking water for public consumption, contributing to thriving of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops plantations and improving the economic, social, education, health and transport sectors of the region. That is why the local people are to help maintain the dam and its feeder canals for their durability and for long-term use of irrigation facilities.

Linpan Dam in Kanbalu Township for local...
Topalov takes lead against world chess champ Anand

SOFIA, 25 April—Bulgarian challenger Veselin Topalov took a 1-0 lead Saturday against defending champion Viswanathan Anand of India on the first day of their duel for the world chess title to run until 13 May.

Topalov, who played white in the first game, defeated Anand on the 30th move.

The Indian grandmaster, who became World Champion in 2007, had already once successfully held onto the title in 2008. He was ranked fourth on the March 2010 ratings list by the FIDE international chess federation.

The 35-year-old Topalov, who is currently ranked number two by FIDE, won the right to challenge Anand by beating Gata Kamsky of the United States in the semi-final in February 2009.

Topalov and Anand will play the second of the 12 planned games to decide the future world champion on Sunday, when Anand will take his turn playing white.

Under the rules, Topalov will play white in the first, third and fifth games, when Anand will play black. Colours will be reversed after game six.

The first player to score 6.5 points or more in the 12 games shall be the new world champion. If the scores are level after 12 games, the two will play four tie-break games of rapid chess, where each player has a total of 25 minutes to make his moves.

Yemeni soldier killed in southern anti-unity stronghold

SANAA, 25 April—A Yemeni military soldier was killed in the restive southern province of Lahj, where separatist sentiments are deeply rife, local news website almotamar.net reported.

The ruling party’s website said outlawed separatists shot the soldier dead, who belonged to the 35th Armored Brigade Camp.

“They fired 30 bullets into the body of the soldier while he was on the way to return to his camp,” said the report, citing unidentified provincial official.

Meanwhile, the report said that security forces arrested a most wanted man in al-Habilain city of Lahj Province, one of the leaders of a brutal criminal group in the Province.

“The man, identified as Bassam Abdullah al-Said, was captured while he was hiding in a hotel in al-Habilain,” said a security official.

“The group includes al-Qaeda’s member Samiee Daiyan and other killers,” said the official, adding that “al-Said and his group were accused of killing several citizens and government troops, as well as committing acts of terrorism.”—Xinhua

A strong earthquake hits Indonesia

JAKARTA, 25 April—A strong earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale struck Indonesia’s North Maluku Province on Saturday, according to the country’s Meteorological and Geophysics agency.

The quake struck at a depth of 30 km and 155 km southeast of the town of Labuha at 14:41 pm local time (0741 GMT), according to the agency. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, and no tsunami alert was issued.—Xinhua

Three dead as sandstorms blanket northwest China

BEIJING, 25 April—Violent sandstorms engulfed northwest China on Sunday, leaving three people dead and one missing, as visibility dropped to near zero.

The region was swept by a blast of cold weather, stirring up clouds of dust and sand in weather expected to continue through to Monday, the state meteorological administration reported.

On Saturday the violent storms in Xinjiang’s Turpan region left three people dead and one missing, Xinhua news agency reported.

Black clouds of sand and dust blanketed much of Gansu province also on Saturday leaving visibility in parts of the province at between zero and two metres (yards), the Gansu weather bureau said.

Sandstorms are an annual occurrence in arid northern China in the spring, when temperatures start to rise, stirring up clouds of dust that can travel across China to South Korea and Japan, and even as far as the United States. Scientists blame the storms on a combination of deforestation, prolonged drought, overgrazing of livestock and a resulting increase in desertification throughout northern China.

Japan firms to standardize mobile software

TOKYO, 25 April—Four major Japanese electronics companies will standardize their core software platform for next-generation cellphones aimed at reducing costs and raising competitiveness, the Nikkei business daily reported on Sunday.

The firms — Sharp, Panasonic, Fujitsu and NEC — will apply the software system, used to drive animations and music, in the next-generation cellphones developed by NTT DoCoMo, the newspaper said without citing any sources.

The unified software will be loaded in NTT DoCoMo’s next-generation model set to be launched during the financial year ending in March 2012, Nikkei said.

Electronics makers currently have their own software platforms but the move to unify all systems will lead to 50 percent reductions in development costs of next-generation phones, it said. The Nikkei said the development usually takes one to two years and would cost about 20 billion to 30 billion yen ($213 million-$319 million) per model, the newspaper said.

The four companies would aim to retain domestic market share while aiming to expand overseas shares. Their domestic shipments have accounted for nearly 70 percent of overall shipments of 34 million units in the financial year that ended March, it said.

Their global market share however accounts for only 2 percent, lagging far behind industry heavyweights like Nokia and Samsung Electronics, the newspaper said.—Internet
Congo volcano symbolizes death, rebirth

In this 31 March, 2010 photo, magma churns and gushes in the lava lake of Mount Nyiragongo, one of Africa’s most active volcanos, outside Goma, Congo. —INTERNET

Mount Nyiragongo
25 April — I was startled to see it perched at the lip of the volcano’s rocky summit: a small cross marking the spot where one visitor tragically slipped from the crater’s edge and plummeted to her death.

Below, the mesmerizing lava lake that drew her here several years ago — an awe-inspiring vision of hell — still gushes bright orange flames. That calls itself Sprouts, a community garden on campus.

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Med students get hands dirty growing food

Buffalo, 25 April — University at Buffalo medical school students are planting a vegetable garden to improve their own diets and learn more about nutrition for their patients. Second-year medical students Jennifer Chang and Dan Donovan have organized a group that calls itself Sprouts, to plant a one-quarter-acre garden on campus.

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Deadly airborne fungi may be on the move

Durham, 25 April — A strain of an airborne fungus that has caused several deaths in Oregon appears to be moving toward California, researchers said.

Edmond Byrnes III, a graduate student at the Duke University Medical Center, said the mortality rate for Cryptococcus gattii fungi in the Pacific Northwest is approximately 25 percent out of 21 cases analyzed.

“This novel fungus is worrisome because it appears to be a threat to otherwise healthy people,” Byrnes said in a statement. “Typically, we see this fungal disease associated with transplant recipients and HIV-infected patients, but it is not what we are seeing.”

Researchers said the symptoms can appear two to several months after exposure to the fungus and may include a cough, sharp chest pain, shortness of breath, headache, fever, nighttime sweats and weight loss.

C. gattii can be treated, but it cannot be prevented and there is no vaccine. Byrnes said. —INTERNET

Revolutionary Hubble space telescope turns 20

Washington, 25 April — Astronomers around the world this weekend mark the 20th anniversary of the launching of the iconic Hubble, NASA’s first orbiting space telescope that has revolutionized human understanding of the universe. More than any other instrument, the Hubble has stimulated a modern-day infatuation with deep space, beaming to Earth the most spectacular images ever taken of faraway galaxies and the births and deaths of stars — and along the way helping scientists make some of the most important discoveries of our time.

Hubble was launched aboard space shuttle Discovery on 24 April, 1990 and deployed into orbit the following day. Piloting the shuttle on that historic mission was astronaut Charles Bolden, who went on to become the US space agency’s administrator last year.

In the two decades since, Hubble has enabled astronomers to peer through the celestial curtain to set the age of the universe at 13.7 billion years old.

“Hubble is undoubtedly one of the most recognized and successful scientific projects in history,” said Ed Weiler, associate administrator for NASA’s Science Mission Directorate. —INTERNET

Scientist says Arctic getting colder

Moscow, 25 April — A Russian scientist says the Arctic may be getting colder, not warmer, which would hamper the international race to discover new mineral fields.

An Arctic cold snap that began in 1998 could last for years, freezing the northern marine passage and making it impassable without icebreaking ships, said leg Pokrovsky of the Voeikov Main Geophysical Observatory.

“I think the development of the shelf will face large problems,” Pokrovsky said Thursday at a seminar on research in the Polar regions.

Scientists who believe the climate is warming may have been misled by data from US meteorological stations located in urban areas, where dense microclimates creates higher temperatures, RIA Novosti quoted Pokrovsky as saying. “Politicians who placed their bets on global warming may lose the pot,” Pokrovsky said. —INTERNET

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Annapolis is seen on the surface of the Arctic Ocean after breaking through three feet of ice during a training exercise on 21 March, 2009. —INTERNET
Alaska dog honored for leading troopers to fire

Anchorage, 25 April — Buddy the German shepherd was hailed on Friday as a hero for guiding Alaska State Troopers through winding back roads to a fire at his owners’ workshop.

“Buddy is an untrained dog who for some reason recognized the severity of the situation and acted valiantly in getting help for his family,” Col Audie Holloway, head of the troopers, said on Friday at a ceremony for the 5-year-old dog, who stood quietly before an adoring crowd.

http://www.alaskatimes.com/article/20100425/201004250001

INVITATION TO TENDER
(TENDER NO. 1 (TMPE/LBO (1) 2010-2011)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of 3,668,654.15% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
2. Tender Closing Date : 11-5-2010 at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : 11-5-2010 at (13:00) hrs.
4. Delivery Time : 1st week of July 2010
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 26-4-2010 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

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Oil leaking from well at blast site

NEW ORLEANS, 25 April—The Coast Guard discovered on Saturday that oil is leaking from the damaged well that fed a massive rig that exploded this week off Louisiana’s coast, while bad weather halted efforts to clean up the mess that threatens the area’s fragile marine ecosystem.

For days, the Coast Guard has said no oil appeared to be escaping from the well head on the ocean floor. Rear Adm. Mary Landry said the leak was a new discovery but could have begun when the rig sank on Thursday, two days after the initial explosion. “We thought what we were dealing with as of yesterday was a surface residual (oil) from the mobile offshore drilling unit,” Landry said. “In addition to that is oil emanating from the well. It is a big change from yesterday ... This is a very serious spill, absolutely.”

Cuba reports 93 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HAVANA, 25 April—A total of 93 people were newly infected with A/H1N1 flu in Cuba last week, the fifth consecutive week with increasing cases of the strain, the Public Health Ministry said Saturday.

Ottó Péalez, head of the transmissible diseases department of the ministry, said “the increasing cases of respiratory diseases associated with the pandemic virus are widely circulating throughout the country.”

Currently, the total infected cases reached 13,274 in Cuba. The newly infected cases were confirmed by the National Virus Laboratory of the Tropical Medicine Institute Pedro Kouri. The increasing cases and the nationwide vaccination campaign happened simultaneously.

S Africa hosts developing countries on climate talk

JOHANNESBURG, 25 April—As the world struggles to break a deadlock in climate change negotiations, South Africa and three other influential developing nations are gathering for a strategy session to ensure poor countries are heard.

Brazil, South Africa, India and China began to coalesce as a bloc at UN climate talks in December in Copenhagen. The group, known as BASIC, plans a high-level meeting on Sunday and Monday in Cape Town. The size of their economies means India and China can’t be ignored, and South Africa and Brazil are good partners because of the standing they enjoy in their respective regions.

“BASIC is an important group,” said Sunita Narain of the Centre for Science and Environment, an independent Indian think tank. “But only if it is willing to be the voice of the voiceless.”

Copenhagen ended with an agreement forged by the BASIC countries, the EU and the US calling for reducing emissions to keep temperatures from rising more than 2°C (3.6°F) above pre-industrial levels. The non-binding agreement also calls on rich nations to spend billions to help poor nations develop clean energy and deal with drought and other impacts of climate change.

Russia swaps Siberian tigers for Iran’s Persian leopards

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Plates percolate to revive some SF native creeks

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 April—Riffling through old maps while researching a history project for San Francisco public schools, landscape architect Bonnie Sherk made a discovery: a century ago a creek coursed where two school campuses stand today. “There was Islais Creek, running where Balboa High School is now,” said Sherk. “All of a sudden it made sense: the school’s cafeteria had been flooding and the basements of homes in this neighborhood flood during heavy rains because they’re in this large watershed.”

Two wells have been drilled on the school campuses since Sherk’s discovery a decade ago, tapping the hidden creek’s water to irrigate community gardens, parks and street vegetation, while hopefully reducing the threat of floods.

Now, as part of an estimated $4 billion sewer upgrade, Islais Creek and other streams that last saw daylight more than a century ago could flow openly once again through neighborhoods of one of the country’s most densely built cities.—Internet

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One of two Siberian tigers delivered by Russia is pictured in Teheran’s Eram Zoo. Internet

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Bean and Lu take lead 1-stroke at Legends

SANDA NNA, 25 April—

When regular partner Terry Pate was unable to play, Andy Bean turned to Lu Chien-soon. Turned out to be a good move. Bean and Lu teamed to shoot a better ball 12-under 60 in a steady, light rain Saturday for a 125 total and a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. “We have one more round to play, but I’m sure I’ll be getting a phone call from Terry,” Bean said with a laugh. Is it possible Pate will have to find a new partner next year? “I think I got a pretty good one right now,” said Bean.

“Yes,” Bean and Lu played the final 10 holes in 10-under par to pull ahead of the teams of Blaine McCallister and Bob Tway (63) and first-round co-leaders Nick Price and Mark O’Meara (64).—INTERNET

Rodionova and Stosur give Australia commanding lead

KHHARKIV, 25 April—

Australia’s Samantha Stosur gave her team a commanding 2-0 lead in their Fed Cup World Group play-off match with hosts Ukraine beating Maria Koryttseva in straight sets here on Saturday.

The 26-year-old Stosur, who is 10th in the world, won 6-3, 6-0 her first ever head-to-head meeting with Koryttseva in one hour eight minutes. Koryttseva looked confident from the start breaking her rival’s serve twice for a comfortable 3-0 advantage. But Stosur picked up steam and took six games in a row for a one-set advantage after 35 minutes on court.

In the second Stosur underlined her dominance over Koryttseva, who is 103rd in the WTA rankings, producing three more breaks to take the set to love to increase her team’s lead. Earlier on Saturday, Anastasia Rodionova, who gained Australian citizenship in December, performed a dramatic come-back battling from a set down to beat Ukraine’s Alona Bondarenko 6-6, 6-3, 7-5 to lift her side 1-0 up.—INTERNET

Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur

Norwich secure League One title

LONDON, 25 April—Norwich secured the League One title but were made to work hard for the win by a resilient display from Gillingham. After a goalless first half, Darell Russell opened the scoring in the 74th minute when he curled a shot over keeper Alan Julian from 25 yards.

Although the ball was hooked clear by a defender, the referee awarded the goal as it had clearly crossed the line. And Michael Nelson netted his second goal in two games in the 82nd minute when he headed in Simon Lappin’s cross.—INTERNET

Drop looms for Hull after defeat

LONDON, 25 April—Hull are all but relegated after a home defeat by Sunderland in which Jimmy Bullard missed a first-half penalty. Darren Bent turned in a header from Kenwyne Jones at the far post to give the visitors an early lead. Bullard’s penalty struck the outside of the post before Hull’s Jozy Altidore and Sunderland’s Alan Hutton were dismissed for a touching spat.

Hull failed to muster a clear opening in the second half and West Ham’s win over Wigan leaves them facing the drop. If the Tigers win both their remaining games, they could still match West Ham’s current points total of 36 - but their vastly inferior goal difference means they are effectively down.—INTERNET

Bohn leads weather-plagued Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, 25 April—

Jason Bohn had a three-stroke lead Saturday when third-round play in the weather-plagued Zurich Classic was suspended because of darkness. Bohn, celebrating his 37th birthday, shot a 5-under 67 in the completion of the second round and was even par through six holes in the third.

What I’m most excited about is how I’m just really focused and I’m very patient at what I’m trying to do,” Bohn said after completing the second round.

Greg Chalmers and Alex Cejka were tied for second at 9 under. Chalmers played seven holes in the third round, and Cejka completed six. “I’m a little bit tired today,” Cejka said.

Mikkel Kessler snatches WBC title from Carl Froch

LONDON, 25 April—

Britain’s Carl Froch lost his WBC super-middleweight title on Saturday, outpointed by Denmark’s Mikkel Kessler after a brutal encounter in Herning. Froch, 32, lacked urgency from the outset, allowing Kessler to come on strong to take lead 60 in a steady, light rain Saturday for a 125 total and a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. “We have one more round to play, but I’m sure I’ll be getting a phone call from Terry,” Bean said with a laugh.

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“Yes,” Bean and Lu played the final 10 holes in 10-under par to pull ahead of the teams of Blaine McCallister and Bob Tway (63) and first-round co-leaders Nick Price and Mark O’Meara (64).—INTERNET

Inter Milan are off to a good start

BARCELONA, 25 April—

Inter Milan are 5-0 winners over Mallorca to open the season in the San Siro. The Italian giants are the first team to score 100 goals in the Serie A season. 

Norwich have had an extraordinary run and deservedly clinched the League One title.—INTERNET

Arab world deserves World Cup, says Blatter

DOHA, 25 April—

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Saturday that Qatar could well become the first World Cup hosts from the Arab world.

In Doha to attend a conference. It,” Blatter told a news conference. “The Arab world deserves the World Cup and Qatar has a good chance to become the first country from the region to host it,” Blatter told a news conference.

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Al-Qaeda statement confirms death of 2 top figures

CAIRO, 25 April—An al-Qaeda front group in Iraq has declared in a statement posted on the internet that its two top figures have been killed. The statement on Sunday provided the first confirmation from the terror network of the Iraq and US governments’ claim on 19 April that the two men were killed in a joint operation while hiding at a safehouse near the city of Tikrit, north of Baghdad.—Internet

WEATHER

Sunday, 25th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44.3°C), Minbu (44.2°C), Mandalay (43.5°C), Myingyan and Magway (43.0°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (1.03) inches Machanbau and Myinkya (0.78) inch each, Putuo, Toungoo and Myeik (0.47) inch each, Mogok (0.39) inch, Pinlaung (0.24) inch and Bhamo (0.16) inch. Maximum temperature on 24-4-2010 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-4-2010 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 25-4-2010 was (10.7) hours.

Rainfall on 25-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 24-4-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman sea and South Bay and generally fair in the elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Northern Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).
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Linpan Dam in Kanbalu Township for local consumption and agricultural purpose

With the aim of ensuring the growth of State economy, Linpan Dam was built in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Division. It is an earthen embankment for irrigating 2,000 acres of paddy and other crops on the left bank of Linpan Creek and preventing damage of feeder canal of Kindat. Linpan Dam Project is located about three miles from Mezaligon Village of Kanbalu Township.

Department left Mahananda Lake of Shwebo for Linpan Dam along the left canal of Kindat Dam. On arrival at the dam, Staff Officer U Win Htaik explained facts about the dam in detail. He said that construction of the dam started in 2006-2007. It was a 40 feet high and 9,800 feet long earthen embankment damming Linpan Creek. The facility has 16 square miles of catchment area. The water inflow of the dam is 8,000 acre feet annually. The dam can store 10,180 acre feet of water at the highest level and 1,850 acre feet of still water. The water surface of the dam is 1,056 acres.

The irrigation facility has one 5.21 miles long main canal and 9.92 miles long tributary canal. There are 73 structures located along the canal. The dam can supply water to 2,000 acres and started to irrigate 338 acres in 2009 rainy season. Irrigation water has been supplied to 500 acres of summer paddy since 25 January 2010. The tributary canal of the main canal will supply water to 2,000 acres of monsoon paddy, he said.

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