Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend religious titles and rice offering ceremonies in precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaw Kyaw Kyaing attended the religious title offering ceremony and rice offering ceremony to the title recipient Sayadaws, nuns and laypersons at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda, here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Tipitak Kovida Sayadaws, title recipient Sayadaws and nuns, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, the ministers and their wives, the Auditor General, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads, Ambassadors and Chargés d’Affaires as of foreign missions in Yangon, responsible persons of religious associations and social organisations, staff of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, title recipient laypersons and wellwishers.

Officials ushered the Sayadaws and laypersons led by members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee into the designated places. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Aung Ko supplicated on opening of the ceremony. Vice-Chairman of the SSMNC Yankin Dhammakayama Kyakti Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadha Bhaddanta Gunesana administered the Five Precepts.


Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaw Kyaw Kyaing donate provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

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**Unitedly strive to achieve national goal**

Nowadays, the government is placing emphasis on improvement of infrastructures in all sectors, aiming at all-round development of political, economic and social sectors of the nation not only for the present but also for the future.

On 16 April, a ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Yadanatheinga Bridge took place at the pandal near the bridge construction project on Kyaukmyaung Bank in Sagaing Division. Yadanatheinga Bridge is an Ayeyawady River crossing facility to enable locals in Sagaing Division to have easy access to Kachin and Shan States.

Thanks to construction of the bridge, they can travel to the Mandalay-Madaya-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road via Singu on the east bank of Ayeyawady River and then to Mogok, Momeik and Mabaen through the road. Moreover, the people can go to the Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road and the Shwebo-Khin-U-Yeu-Kalewa Road via Nwenyein-Kyaukmyaung-Shwebo on the west bank of the river and to Chin State along Shwebo-Ayadaw-Monywa-Yagy-Kala-Kalay Road.

In the past, Inwa Bridge was the only facility across Ayeyawady River. From 1988 to date, eight large bridges were constructed across Ayeyawady River. At present, five more Ayeyawady River crossing bridges namely Sinkhan, Pakokku, Malun, Nyaungdon and Yadanatheinga are simultaneously under construction. On completion, a total of 13 Ayeyawady Bridges can be put into service. Yadanatheinga Bridge will have a 28-foot-wide two-way motor road flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways. The facility will be 2,480 feet long.

As the government is building railroads, motor roads and bridges as networks across the Union up to now, the people are enjoying fruits of better transport to travel to all the States and Divisions in a short period. That is why all the national people are to harmoniously join hands with the government in undertaking the development of the Union.

STI to conduct foundation studies courses

**YANGON, 27 April—**STI is now conducting Grade 12-level certificate courses, which are recognized by schools from England, Australia and Singapore. These courses are CECS, CBME and CBIS. CECS course is the same syllabus as famous universities in England. After ending the course, students can have good command of English. CBME and CBIS courses include international economic management and information and technology subjects. Those who have passed the matriculation exam may attend the courses.

After completion of the courses, they can attend first year courses in universities of Australia and England as well as diploma courses in STI that are equivalent to first year. Those wishing to attend press meet on the courses may register at Shwebontha STI at 3pm on 2 May free of charge.

In addition, may register at No. 377, Shwebontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township here and ward (4), Room (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Township (ph: 250056, 700273, 507048, 507151 and 507152).—MNA
Militant assassinations sow new fear in Afghan city

KANDAHAR, 27 April—On Sunday evening in Afghanistan’s southern city of Kandahar two masked men on a motorbike stopped in the middle of a bazaar, pulled out guns, killed a man and then sped off.

The dead man was Haji Abdul-Hai, a tribal chieftain with strong connections to the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai, which is the target of a bitter Taleban insurgency.

The assassination of government officials, their associates or anyone notably linked to the government has become routine in the volatile city. A series of shockingly audacious murders in recent months has spread fear throughout the city and as far as the highest levels of leadership in Kabul.

The UN on Monday ordered its 200 Afghan staff in the city to remain indoors for their own safety, and relocated foreign staff to Kabul, a spokesman said.

Venezuela’s Chavez rebuffs Pentagon report

CARACAS, 27 April—President Hugo Chavez rebuffed a Pentagon report that found that an elite unit from Iran’s Revolutionary Guard has a presence in Venezuela, warning that the United States could be looking for an excuse to attack his country.

Chavez on Monday called the 12-page report that was delivered to the US Congress last week “a disgrace,” saying “these are the things they raise and repeat in reports to later justify anything.”

In the report, the Pentagon concluded that Iran’s Qods Force, an elite unit within its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, is well established and increasing its presence in Latin America, particularly Venezuela.

“It’s totally false,” Chavez said of the report’s findings. Internet

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A airstrike kills Taleban commander, two advisors in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 April—Airstrike carried out by NATO-led forces against militants left a senior Taleban commander along with his two advisors dead in northern Afghanistan’s Kunduz Province on Monday, the alliance said in a Press release. “The senior militants were driving through a rural desert area approximately 18 miles northeast of Kunduz City, the capital of same name Kunduz Province when they were struck by precision air fire, killing all three,” the Press release emphasized.

It said that the senior Taleban commander was involved in all aspects of military operations in Kunduz Province. “He was responsible for setting target Priorities, weapons distribution and directing attacks against coalition and Afghan forces. However the Press release did not identify the names of those killed in the air raid.

Earlier, media reported that a Taleban commander Mullah Yar Mohammad alias Mullah Noor Mohammad was killed in Kunduz.

“Mullah Yar Mohammad, the shadowy governor of Kunduz Province, was killed in the wee hours of Monday in Dasht-e-Archi District,” Mohammad Omar the governor of Kunduz was quoted by media as saying.

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**Indonesia reduces Malaria cases by two-thirds**

**Jakarta, 27 April**— The number of malaria cases in Indonesia dropped to over 1.1 million in 2009 from about 3 million per year in the past due to appropriate technology in combating the deadly disease, a statement from Health Ministry said on Monday.

Health Minister Endang Rahayu Sedyaningsih said that among the technology were new anti-malaria drug Artemisinin-based Combination Therapy, Rapid Diagnostic Test tool and mosquito-net equipped with insecticide.

However, the minister said that the current number of malaria cases still resulted in huge financial lost.—Xinhua

**Fidel Castro warns of aftermath of climate change**

**Havana, 27 April**— Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro warned of the aftermath of uncontrollable climate change and the side effect of scientific progress in an article published on Monday.

“Science created the ability to destroy ourselves and the planet several times in a matter of hours,” said Castro in an editorial published by local media.

“The greatest contradiction in our age is the ability of our species to destroy itself and its inability to govern itself at the same time.”

In the editorial entitled “The madness of our time,” Castro listed the catastrophic effects of global warming and pointed to threats posed by new weapons and military devices such as the recent launch of an unmanned “space plane” by US air force from Cape Canaveral.

These moves “reveal the true philosophy of the United States,” said Castro. He also described the role of US President Barack Obama at the Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen as “disappointing” and a “painful deception” to the public.

Castro said global warming will lead to the rise of sea levels, the decrease of drinkable water and arable land.—Xinhua

**Shanghai World Expo to open new chapter in expo history, says Chinese diplomat**

**Geneva, 27 April**— As the first World Expo ever hosted by a developing country, the Shanghai World Expo will open a new chapter in the history of such events, China’s ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva said on Monday.

“The Shanghai Expo is an unprecedented grand gathering of human civilizations with many new records in the Expo history,” He Yafei said at the opening of a photo exhibition on the Shanghai event.

He said some 192 countries and 50 international organizations would take part in the Shanghai Expo, which features some 189 National Pavilion Days and 39 International Organization Days as well as 20,000 cultural performances.

The six-month event is expected to attract over 70 million visitors, of which 3.5 million are from abroad. It will also be participated by leaders from more than 100 countries.

“It is fair to say that the Shanghai Expo is just like a global village enriched with diverse civilizations from all over the world. Shanghai will become a grand stage for dialogue and interaction among nations and cultures,” He told Geneva-based diplomats and UN officials.—Xinhua

**Toyota road-test hybrid electric cars in Strasbourg**

**Strasbourg, 27 April**— A hundred plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) jointly developed by French power giant Electricite de France (EDF) and Japanese car maker Toyota rolled out Monday onto the streets of Strasbourg.

The Prius hybrid cars will be leased to selected individuals and companies, who will be among the first in Europe to road-test the vehicles over a duration of three years, reports said.

To kick off the real-world trial, French energy company Schneider Electric, partner of the PHEV project, unveiled 135 chargers installed in the parking lots of partner companies and at the homes of participating Strasbourg residents.

“Schneider Electric today presented the electric vehicle chargers it has supplied for the plug-in hybrid vehicle (PHV) trial in Strasbourg, being conducted jointly by EDF and Toyota,” the company confirmed in a news release.—Xinhua

**S Korea, Turkey discuss joint research on nuclear energy**

**Seoul, 27 April**— South Korean Knowl-edge Economy Minister Choi Kyung-hwan on Monday met with Turkey’s energy vice minister Metin Kilic to discuss joint research on whether to construct nuclear reactors in the Eurasian country.

According to the economy ministry, the two officials met in Seoul to look into the feasibility of a South Korean-designed reactor in the proposed Sinop nuclear plant on Turkey’s Black Sea coast. “The minister sought for joint research and evaluation efforts leading to the actual building of a nuclear power generation plant,” a ministry official was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

**All items from Xinhua News Agency**
France announces 260 mln euros loss in volcanic ash trouble

PARIS, 27 April—The disruption of civil aviation due to volcanic ash clouds from Iceland has cost France 260 million euros (346.6 million US dollars) in sectors of air traffic and tourism, French State Secretary for Tourism Herve Novelli announced on Monday.

The volcanic ash trouble caused a 188-million-euro loss for civil aviation companies, 31 million euros for tour operators and 40 million euros for travel agencies, Novelli told a news conference here.

His announcement came after the second meeting about the loss evaluation of the aviation crisis in the two sectors impacted by the late trouble of the volcanic ash clouds.

During a meeting on Tuesday, Novelli released an estimation of 200 million euros’ loss resulted from the eruption of Iceland volcano.

Russian government mulls volcano-induced compensation for airlines

MOSCOW, 27 April—The Russian government is considering proper compensation for Russian airlines suffering losses of terminated flights due to the Icelandic volcanic ash, said a Deputy Prime Minister on Monday.

Sergei Ivanov said at the Volga city of Rybinsk that Russian airlines could calculate their respective losses within two weeks before submitting the sums to the government.

“As soon as they are presented, we will think about compensation in the near future,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Ivanov as saying.

Mazda, MMC forecast jump in profit as sales recover

TOKYO, 27 April—Mazda Motor Corp (7261.T) and Mitsubishi Motors Corp (7211.T), Japan’s No5 and No 6 automakers, forecast a more than trebling in annual operating profit on Tuesday, counting on new models to ride a sales recovery in the United States and Japan.

With Mazda bouncing back from the worst of the financial crisis, analysts are now looking at how quickly the Hiroshima-based company can turn its recent capital boost into sustainable profits.

Late last year, Mazda raised about $1 billion in a share sale to invest in hybrid and other technologies. It agreed with Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) last month to license hybrid technology with the aim of launching a hybrid model in Japan by 2013 — still later than most domestic rivals.

Mazda’s operating profit forecast for the new business year is still just a fraction of the pre-crisis 162 billion yen posted in 2007/08.

Iran to issue bonds worth 750 million euros

TEHERAN, 27 April—Iran will soon issue bonds worth 750 million euros to develop its oil industry, which will be followed by a further five billion euros after March next year, a top oil official said on Monday.

“We were authorised to issue one billion euros of bonds,” the ILNA news agency quoted the deputy head of the state-owned National Iranian Oil Company, Hosajatollah Ghanimi-Fard, as saying.

He added: “250 billion euros were issued and the rest will be issued next Monday.”

Ghanimi-Fard said that “euro bonds worth five billion will be issued” next Iranian year which begins on 21 March , 2011.

Brazil, Caribbean countries to strengthen co-op in economy

BRASILIA, 27 April—Brazil and Caribbean countries on Monday pledged to further promote the integration of their economies as well as cooperation in international politics. Heads of state and government of Brazil and 14 Caribbean countries signed here the Brasilia Declaration at the end of the first Brazil-CARICOM Summit, expressing their mutual desire for further integration and cooperation. The two sides will work “to strengthen the historical and cultural ties that unite these countries and draw a blueprint for a common future,” said the declaration.

They acknowledged that “the current international financial structures do not correspond to the unique needs of highly indebted small countries with middle income, like CARICOM members,” and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva pledged to bring these concerns to the deliberations of the next G-20 meeting, which will take place in Canada in June.
USGS to fund 47 earthquake projects

RESTON, 27 April—The US Geological Survey says it will award about $4 million for 2010 earthquake research at 47 universities, state geological surveys and private firms. "These external research grants are an important component of our overall strategy for earthquake risk reduction," said Marcia McNutt, USGS director. "They help us engage the creativity and imagination of the best researchers nationwide who develop new tools and insights that will ultimately make us safer from seismic hazards."

Cambodia’s death toll by lightning increases to 13

PHNOM PENH, 27 April—At least 13 Cambodians have so far died by lightning since the first early rain that dropped last month, a government official said on Monday. Keo Vy, communication officer of National Committee of Disaster Management said, to date, including the latest victims by lightning that occurred last Friday in Kompong Cham Province, the death toll is 13. Early last week, six people have died by lightning in Pursat Province alone.

Study links drug enforcement to more violence

MEXICO CITY, 27 April—The surge of gunbattles, beheadings and kidnappings that has accompanied Mexico’s war on drug cartels is an entirely predictable escalation in violence based on decades of scientific literature, a new study contends.

A systematic review published Tuesday of more than 300 international studies dating back 20 years found that when police crack down on drug users and dealers, the result is almost always an increase in violence, say researchers at the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy, a nonprofit group based in Britain and Canada.

When communities get tough on drug crime, that drives up the black market profits, prompting fierce battles to control the lucrative trade, their study says. And when powerful and successful drug bosses are taken out, it’s all too common for more brutal and less sophisticated criminals to step in.

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Man sets 380-foot free-diving record

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Devotees pour water on Bo trees on Fullmoon Day of Kason

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Today is Fullmoon Day of Kason. On this significant day, this Buddhists pour water on Bo Tree dedicated to the Lord Buddha.

At Uppatasanti Pagoda, the most famous in Nay Pyi Taw, religious associations of ministries, regiments and units recited religious verses and the Desana of Buddha. The local people offered flowers, water and lights to the Buddha images. The devotees practiced meditation and performed meritorious deeds.

Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, Phayakoehsu and Koekhangyi and Lawkamareinzein pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana were packed with pilgrims and visitors. The people poured water on Bo trees at the pagodas, stupas and religious edifices in Nay Pyi Taw District.

The 27th water pouring ceremony was held at Bo tree of Shwedagon Pagoda this morning, with the participation of members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, religious associations and pilgrims. Similar ceremonies took place at Sule Pagoda, Botataung Pagoda, Maha Wizaya Pagoda, MNA

24th water pouring ceremony at Bo tree in progress at Maha Wizaya Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Kason.—MNA

YANGON, 27 April—Conducted by Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association, a party led by Secretary of the association U Tin Ko Ko yesterday morning left here for Hong Kong, the People’s Republic of China, to visit “Hong Kong Printing and Packaging Fair 2010” to be held from 27 through 29 April. The printers and publishers were seen off by Chairman of MPPA Dr Tin TunOo and family members at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

People pour water at Bo tree of Datusaya Datpaungsu Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

27th Kason water pouring ceremony seen at Bo tree of Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

Myanmar Printers and Publishers to observe Hong Kong Printing and Packaging Fair 2010

People pouring water on Bo tree at Lawkamareinzein Pagoda in Yanaung Ward 2 of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.—MNA

Ceremony of pouring water on Bo tree in precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda in progress on Fullmoon Day of Kason.—MNA
Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend religious ...

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Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presented certificates of Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita title and religious insignia to Nun Daw Nanavati of Pyay Dhammikayon Nunnery, Nun Daw Nanavati of Pyay Dhammikayon Nunnery, Nun Daw Nandi of Chanmyae Myinzayi Nunnery of Bhamo Township of Kachin State and Nun Daw Vannasingi of Kanbawza Theingi No. 1 Nunnery Primary School of Mongyu 105-Mile Village of Muse Township, Shan State (North). Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conferred certificates of Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and religious insignia on U Bo Gale (a) U Bo Thaung of Kalay of Sagaing Division and Mr. Ricardo Vieira Sasaki Rio de Janeiro; RJ of Brazil. Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs.

Then, Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Gonyi Nunnery and Nunnery Education School of Thingangyun Township. Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, presented certificates of Ganthavaçaka Pandita title and religious insignia to Nun Daw Nanavati of Pyay Dhammikayon Nunnery, Nun Daw Kulavati of Saddhammayant Nunnery of Monywa of Sagaing Division and Nun Daw Tinnavati of Yadan Maung Nunnery of Dawei of Taninthayi Division. Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Prime Minister U Thein Sein, offered certificate of Ganthavaçaka Pandita title and insignia to Nun Daw Kaluari of Zayamedani Myoma Pariyatti Nunnery of Yesagyo of Magway Division, certificates of Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and insignia to Nun Daw Nandi of Chanmyae Myinzayi Nunnery of Ganthavaçaka Pandita, Kammathanaçariya, Ganthavaçaka Pandita and Dhammakhtika Bahujanahitadhara titles and religious insignia to the title recipient Sayadaws.

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Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on the religious affairs. The ceremony came to a close with a three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Cirim Titthatu. This was followed by a ceremony to offer rice and alms to the title recipient Sayadaws and nuns. The rice and alms were donated by the families of the Ministry of Defence, the Prime Minister’s Office, the State Peace and Development Council Office and central offices, the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Adjutant-General’s Office, the Quartermaster General’s Office, Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministries, the offices of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General, the Department of Religious Affairs.

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(from page 8) the Auditor-General, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Nay Pyi Taw District and Township PDCs, religious and social organizations, companies and public wellwishers.

Taking positions at designated places of the Southern Archway and the circular road of the Uppatasanti, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the ministers, the auditor-general, the chairman of CSSTB, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, staff families and public wellwishers offered rice and alms to the Sayadaws.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers religious title to a Sayadaw. — MNA

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun offers religious title to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Myanmar WWW Institute to conduct digital media courses

YANGON, 27 April—Myanmar WWW Institute established in 2003 has been opening advanced IT digital media courses.

The training courses will provide technology of animation, application of actionScript, Symbol and Flash component to the trainees.

The enthusiasts in Web Design and Flash technology may join the two and a half months courses that will be opened on every Tuesday and Thursday. The professional multi-designer course will last four months. The advanced photoshop will be opened in the first week of June 2010.

For detail information, contact Room 4 of Building 5 at Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, Yangon, Tel: 521125, 652288 and 652320. — MNA
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents certificate of religious title to a lay person. (News on page 1)

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Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents religious title to a nun. (News on page 1)

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Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, offers religious title to a nun. (News on page 1)

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21st Annual Meeting of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club was held at Chatrium Hotel here this evening.

U Khin Maung Thwin (Mainichi), who chaired the meeting, spoke on the occasion. Secretary of MFCC U Thitsar Hla Htway reported on financial statement for approval.

New executive committee members for 2010-2011 were elected. Those elected were U Hla Htway (Nikkei Shimbun) as Patron, U Min Zaw (Tokyo Shimbun) as President, Mr Zhang Yunfei (Xinhua) as Vice-President, U Han Hwe Aung (TV Asahi) as Secretary, U Myat Thura (Kyodo News) as Joint-Secretary, U Thurein Hla Htway (Nikkei Shimbun) as Treasurer and Daw Sint Sint Aung (NTV) as Auditor.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Patron U Hla Htway. MFCC hosted a dinner in honour of the guests. Officials of the Ministry of Information, honorary members of MFCC H E Yasuaki Nogawa, Ambassador of Japan and U Thein Tun, Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank and MFCC members attended the dinner.

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Junior Karate Competitions - 2010 on 12-13 May

YANGON, 27 April — Under the directive of the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Karate Federation will conduct Junior Karatedo Competitions -2010 on 12-13 May at Aung San Stadium here from 12 to 13 May on a grand scale.

Women event will comprise Kata (single), Kata (interclub), Kumite (single) 48 kilos and under, 53 kilos and under, 59 kilos and under and above 59 kilos. Men event will comprise Kata (single), Kata (interclub), Kumite (single) 55 kilos and under, 61 kilos and under, 68 kilos and under, above 76 kilos.

Karatedo clubs which are registered at MKF may take part in the competitions. Selected Karatedo players aged between 16 and 21, who were born between 12 May, 1989 and 12 May, 1994, are eligible to participate in it. It is required to apply the forms enclosed with copy of birth certificate (or) NRC card.

Drawing fixtures for the competitions in conjunction with the meeting of coach/manager at the hall of MKF in Aung San Stadium is to be attended by the coaches and the managers.

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Talk on strategies for managing change on 1 May

YANGON, 27 April — Subject-wise talks (May/2010), conducted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, will be held at 2 pm on 1 May at the first floor of the UMFFCC Officer Tower of No.29, Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township here.

U Aye Kyaw (MHR) will give a talk on strategies for managing change. The talk can be attended by chairmen, executives and members of the UMFFCCI and its congenial associations and interested persons.

MNA
Two nabbed after beating toddler in S African robbery

JOHANNESBURG, 27 April—South African police have arrested two people for beating a one-year-old baby and a helper in a house robbery in Johannesburg, in a case which as caused widespread reaction in South Africa. On Friday Nomvula Mokonyane, the premier of South African Gauteng province, said she was shocked by the attack on the one-year-old child and her helper.

News of the incident featured on the front pages of most newspapers in Johannesburg on Friday, and there were regular updates broadcast on radio and television throughout the weekend.

The toddler was severely beaten, along with helper Francina Sekhu, in a house robbery on Thursday.

On Sunday, Liezel Furlong, spokeswoman for the Sandton Medi-Clinic in northern Johannesburg, said the girl remained in a serious but stable condition. Sekhu was being treated for serious head injuries in a hospital in Southern Johannesburg. 

On Sunday Gauteng police Eugene Opperman told the South African Press Association (SAPA) about the arrests.

“I can’t tell you if we are expecting to make any more arrests. We are letting the investigations continue and then we will see what comes out of it,” he said.

Three detained in Switzerland on suspicion of planning bomb attack

GENEVA, 27 April—Three men have been detained in Switzerland on suspicion of planning a bomb attack against the Swiss subsidiary of a major international company, the official Swissinfo.ch news website reported on Sunday.

The three men, two Italians and a Swiss living in Italy, were held on 15 April during a police traffic control in the canton of Zurich, the website quoted the federal prosecutor’s office as saying.

Police found explosives and other items in their car that could have been used in an attack. But the office said that no other details could be given for the time being as inquiries were continuing.

The office also declined to comment on a newspaper report which said the target of the planned attack was the IBM research center in Ruschlikon near Zurich, according to the website. —INTERNET

Mexico says cartels turning attacks on authorities

MEXICO CITY, 27 April—Mexico’s drug cartels have changed tactics and are turning more attacks on authorities, rather than focusing their fire on rivals gangs, the country’s top security official said on Sunday.

Interior Secretary Fernandez Gomez-Mont said at a news conference that two back-to-back, bloody ambushes of government convoys — both blamed on cartels — represent a new tactic.

“In the last few weeks the dynamics of the violence have changed. The criminals have decided to directly confront and attack the authorities,” Gomez-Mont said. “They are trying to direct their fire power at what they fear most at this moment, which is the authorities,” he said.

Officials here have long said that more than 90 percent of the death toll in Mexico’s wave of drug violence—which has claimed more than 22,700 lives since a government crackdown began in December 2006—are victims of disputes between rival gangs. Mexican drug gangs have been known to target security officials. The nation’s acting federal police chief was shot dead in May 2008 in an attack attributed to drug traffickers lashing back at President Felipe Calderon’s offensive against organized crime.

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The conference is held in the Zambian capital Lusaka, where nearly 200 children from all over Zambia gathered to receive knowledge on adaptation and mitigation and to become main force to combat Climate Change in their home districts, according to UNICEF.

The three-day conference aims to produce climate ambassadors who also can serve as HIV/AIDS peer educators, and to develop a group of young people who can band together to tackle some of the country’s most critical problems.

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According to UNICEF/Zambia Country Representative Lotta Sylvander, Zambia has never held these type of activities before, especially when children themselves are designing them.

80 Afghan schoolgirls sickened in a week

KABUL, 27 April—Authorities say more than 80 schoolgirls in northern Afghanistan have fallen ill in three cases of mass sickness over the past week. That’s raising fears that militants who oppose education for girls are trying to poison them to scare them away from school.

Kunduz provincial spokesman Mahbobullah Sayedi said the latest case occurred on Sunday when 12 girls fell ill at school. Officials said 47 complained of dizziness and nausea on Saturday, and another 23 got sick last Wednesday. None of the illnesses have been serious. Sayedi blames the sickness on “enemies” who oppose education for girls. Girls were not allowed to attend school when the Taliban controlled most of Afghanistan until they were ousted in the 2001 US led invasion.

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A south Sudanese girl grinds simsim seeds at a village in 2009 near Wau, an area where the population is exposed to malaria—a leading cause of death of infants and children in Africa. The Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in poor countries is facing a crucial challenge to find cash after the financial crisis, its head said Monday. —INTERNET

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Held by college students sumo wrestlers, a couple of babies cry in their competition during Nuki Sumo, or Crying Baby Contest, at Sensoji temple in Tokyo on 25 April, 2010.—XINHUA

INTERNET

A man drinks water from a water fountain in Kuwait, capital city of Kuwait, on 25 April, 2010. Under the assistance of the Kuwait government, some rich households in the city designed and built water fountains piping fresh water from their houses to offer free drinks to passers-by. —XINHUA

INTERNET
Two people killed as balloon crashes in Emirates desert

ABU DHABI, 27 April — Two people were killed when a hot air balloon with 14 people on board crashed in the United Arab Emirates. Several other passengers were injured, one seriously, in the crash in a desert area east of the capital, Abu Dhabi.

A French and an Indian national died as the pilot made an emergency landing in rising winds, the tourist company which operated the flight said. An investigation into the cause of Sunday’s crash was under way, the General Civil Aviation Authority said.

Star bullfighter Jose Tomas gored in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 27 April — One of Spain’s top bullfighters, Jose Tomas, has been badly gored during a fight in Mexico, his manager says. The matador was in a serious condition in hospital after losing several litres of blood, manager Salvador Boix said. He received a 4-inch (10cm) tear to the groin.

The matador bled so profusely officials appealed for donors at the ring. — INTERNET

Autistic artist Stephen Wiltshire ready to dazzle Sydney with his memory

SYDNEY, 27 April — An artist who can draw a city skyline after looking at it for a few minutes is set to take on Sydney. Stephen Wiltshire will arrive in Australia this week to show off his extraordinary talent for drawing cities in intricate detail. The 36-year-old artist, who was diagnosed with autism when he was three, hopes to produce a poster-size pen and ink drawing of the harbour city after examining its skyline for just 20 minutes.

He’s already impressed many around the world with his large-scale intricate panoramas of New York and London. Before drawing those two world-famous cities, he memorised the position and size of hundreds of buildings and landmarks while on 20-minute helicopter rides. His four-metre long panorama of London on a curved can was taken five days to complete in 2007, with not one sneak peak at a photograph of the city for help. — INTERNET

Cheated spouses take revenge on the cars

London, 27 April — Three in five people would take revenge on cheating spouses, with cars the main target of their fury, according to a survey. Women were more likely than men to get even, with 10% of angered females targeting their man’s motor, the poll of 3,000 people by the Autoglass company found.

Amitabh Bachchan has cirrhosis

Mumbai, 27 April — Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan has revealed he has cirrhosis of the liver and needs regular medical check-ups.

Bachchan, 67, is teetotal but writing on his blog he said 25% of his liver had been destroyed by the condition.

The liver damage is the result of a blood transfusion after an accident when filming nearly three decades ago.

Bachchan said he knew any disclosure about his health could cause alarm in fans but said he wanted to be open. — INTERNET

Brazilian housewife lynch after drunk hit and run

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 April — A Brazilian housewife celebrating her 24th birthday was shot and lynch after running over a pregnant woman and her daughter while driving drunk.

Pamela de Souza Costa was shot five times after being caught by a group of residents in the town of Macae, 160km northeast of Rio de Janeiro, immediately after the accident on Friday. The woman she ran into, Silmara Rodrigues, was badly hurt and lost her unborn baby. — INTERNET

Stephen Hawking warns over making contact with aliens

WASHINGSTON, 27 April — Aliens almost certainly exist but humans should avoid making contact, Professor Stephen Hawking has warned. In a series for the Discovery Channel the renowned astrophysicist said it was “perfectly rational” to assume intelligent life exists elsewhere. But he warned that aliens might simply raid Earth for resources, with cars the main target of their fury, according to a survey. Women were more likely than men to get even, with 10% of angered females targeting their man’s motor, the poll of 3,000 people by the Autoglass company found.
Ancient asphalt domes discovered off California coast

**Females shut down male-male sperm competition in leafcutter ants**

Panama, 27 April—Leafcutter ant queens can live for twenty years, fertilizing millions of eggs with sperm stored after a single day of sexual activity.

Danish researchers who have studied ants at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama since 1992 discovered that in both ant and bee species in which queens have multiple mates, a male’s seminal fluid favours the survival of its own sperm over the other males’ sperm. However, once sperm has been stored, leafcutter ant queens neutralize male-male sperm competition with glandular secretions in their sperm-storage organ.

“Females belonging to many species—from vertebrates to insects—have multiple male partners. Seminal products evolve rapidly, probably in response to the intense male-male competition that continues even after courtship and mating have taken place,” said William Eberhard, Smithsonian staff scientist.

“This study continues the STRI tradition of looking at post-copulatory selection in a very biodiversity range of organisms, following in the footsteps of people like Bob Silberglied, who asked why butterflies and moths have two kinds of sperm in the 1970’s,”

Do the blind have a more acute sense of smell?

ScienceDaily, 27 April—An ongoing study by Mathilde Beaulieu-Lefebvre, a graduate student from the Universite de Montreal Department of Psychology, has debunked the myth that the blind have a more acute sense of smell than the sighted.

Vision loss simply makes blind people pay more attention to how they perceive smells.

“If you enter a room in which coffee is brewing, you will quickly look for the coffee machine. The blind person entering the same room will only have the smell of coffee as information,” says Beaulieu-Lefebvre. “That smell will therefore become very important for their spatial representation.”

The three-step study tested 25 subjects, 11 of whom were blind from birth. Participants answered a questionnaire and were subjected to two experiments: one where they had to differentiate 16 different perfumes using an olfactometer, another where they lay in a tomodensitometer to identify three smells: a rose, vanilla and butanol (a sweet alcohol).

The different shape and appearance of these individual cobalt atoms is caused by the different spin directions.

Hamburg, 27 April—Though scientists argue that the emerging technology of spintronics may trump conventional electronics for building the next generation of faster, smaller, more efficient computers and high-tech devices, no one has actually seen the spin—a quantum mechanical property of electrons—in individual atoms until now.

In a study published as an Advance Online Publication in the journal Nature Nanotechnology, physicists at Ohio University and the University of Hamburg in Germany present the first images of spin in action.

The researchers used a custom-built microscope with an iron-coated tip to manipulate cobalt atoms on a plate of manganese. Through scanning tunneling microscopy, the team repositioned individual cobalt atoms on a surface that changed the direction of the electrons’ spin. Images captured by the scientists showed that the atoms appeared as a single protrusion if the spin direction was downward, and as double protrusions with equal heights when the spin direction was upward.

The study suggests that scientists can observe and manipulate spin, a finding that may impact future development of nanoscale magnetic storage, quantum computers and spintronic devices.
Barca can pass way to victory, says Ibrahimovic

BARCELONA, 27 April — Barcelona striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic is confident if his side are faithful to their style of football then they do not need to be worried about the physical threat from Inter Milan and can turn around their Champions League semi-final tie.

Coach Pep Guardiola has constructed an all-conquering side that swept all before them last season but now they face their toughest European test against Inter after losing the first-leg 3-1.

The showdown at the San Siro was about two different styles of football. The free-flowing open game of Guardiola was pitted against the controlled approach of Jose Mourinho and it was the Inter who came out on top. — Internet

Gulbis sets up Federer clash as Ferrero crashes in Rome tennis

ROME, 27 April — Latvia’s Ernests Gulbis took little more than an hour to dispose of Cypriot Marcos Baghdatis 6-2, 6-2 at the Rome Masters here on Monday to set up a second round clash with world number one Roger Federer.

The Swiss master had a first round bye and the 21-year-old will miss Real’s September 15-21 away to AS Roma. Even if Juve win their last three games, including an away trip to AC Milan, they will need both Samp and Palermo to collapse in order to snatch fourth place, but Del Piero thinks it’s possible. “It will be very tough for us to finish fourth but that’s what we want and we have to believe,” he said.

“We can’t look too much at the other games and just think first and foremost about ourselves. “We won and we’re happy but now we have to win our last three games as well and then cross our fingers.” — Internet

Gerrard sees Reds confidence floating back

LIVERPOOL, 27 April — Steven Gerrard believes Liverpool’s season could yet end on a high with the club back in contention for a top four finish in the Premier League as well as gunning for the Europa League trophy.

A deeply disappointing campaign had seemed destined for a disappointing finale after Fernando Torres was forced to undergo his second knee operation in three months.

But a 3-0 win over West Ham last on Monday followed by Sunday’s 4-0 defeat of Burnley — Liverpool’s first away victory in eight attempts — has proved they can score goals without their leading scorer. — Internet

Sorensen World Cup dream alive as surgery avoided

LONDON, 27 April — Stoke goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen learned on Monday that the dislocated elbow he suffered in Sunday’s 7-0 thrashing at Chelsea will not require surgery, suggesting he should be able to go to the World Cup with Denmark.

Sorensen, who suffered the injury while trying to prevent Salomon Kalou from putting Chelsea 2-0 ahead, initially looked certain to miss the trip to South Africa. — Internet

Injured van der Vaart to miss season run-in

MADRID, 27 April — Real Madrid’s Dutch international midfielder Rafael van der Vaart will be sidelined for at least three weeks after he tore a muscle in his left thigh during a weekend match, the Spanish club said on Monday.

The injury means the 27-year-old will miss Real’s four remaining league matches but may be fit in time to play for Holland at the World Cup in South Africa in June.

The club made the announcement after van der Vaart, who was replaced by Raúl after 15 minutes in Real’s 2-1 away win over Real Zaragoza on Saturday, underwent a scan at a Madrid hospital.

Van der Vaart, product of the Ajax youth system, has scored 15 times for the Dutch national team during 75 appearances. He joined Real in 2008 from German side Hamburg for a five-year contract. — Internet

Bilbao’s European hopes suffer in Osasuna stalemate

MADRID, 27 April — Athletic Bilbao dropped key points in their bid for a place in the Europa League after being held to a 0-0 draw on Monday by Osasuna. It was a hard-fought battle from beginning to end between the two rivals from the north of Spain.

What the game gained in determination and work-rate it lost in fineness with chances few and far between. While Osasuna, looking to secure their top-flight status, tried to take the game to Athletic Bilbao, the basque side were faithful to their style. — Internet

Pique wants packed stadium for Inter Milan clash

MADRID, 27 April — Barcelona defender Gerard Pique has urged the public to fill the Camp Nou stadium and cheer on the Spanish side during their Champions League semi-finals second leg against Inter Milan.

“I hope the Camp Nou makes history. I hope it will be a Camp Nou as it has never been seen before, that there is not one empty seat and when the players enter the pitch they hate their profession for 90 minutes,” he told a news conference on Monday. — Internet
Asleep in Jesus
Rev. Fr. Singa Rayar
75 years
43 years of priesthood (1967 - 2010)

Rev. Fr. Singa Rayar, the Parish Priest of St. Anthony’s Church and dearly beloved daddy and greatest benefactor of all the servants, compassionate daddy of (140) poor children of St. Mary’s Home passed away suddenly on the 27th April at 12:45 am.
We will be terribly missing him in our lives.
May God reward him for all his goodness especially his untiring zeal, selfless service and deep commitment.
In death, life is not destroyed, but, changed.
Heart breakingly missed by his beloved servants.

Zhang Lin of the Beijing team competes in the men’s 1500m freestyle final at the Chinese Swimming Championships in Shaoxing, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 26 April, 2010. Zhang won the gold medal with 15 minutes and 00.39 seconds. — Xinhua

**Weather**: Tuesday, 27 April, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
MST. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (8°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Mon States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) below average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (43.5°C), Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) and Magway (43.0°C), Chauk (43.3°C), Myingyan (42.8°C) and Aunglan (42.6°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hakha and Pakokku (0.86) inch each, Myeik (0.79) inch, Falan (0.47) inch and Kalay and Kalaywa (0.52) inch each. Maximum temperature on 26-4-2010 was 104°F.

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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

People’s Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyang Kyang ...

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Pakokku of Magway Division, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiri of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa of Pakhan Monastery in Shwebo ofSagaing Division.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann presented certificates of Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammapotakatite and religious insignia to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida of Hminkataung Monastery at Hmeikyi Village in Kama Township of Magway Division, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indaka of Dhammikayon Pali Tekkatho in Dewathagara Thentoon Monastery in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Magway Division, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tiloka of Thanlawhunt Kyuang in Maha Withokdayon Monastery in Mahaungmye Township of Mandalay Division, Prime Minister U Thein Sein presented certificates of Tipitakadhara Dhammahandagarika title and religious insignia to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sundura of Sunlungu Vipassana Monastery of Thingangyun Township of Yangon Division and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indapala of Tipitaka Nikaya Monastery of Sagaing of Sagaing Division.


Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun presented certificates of Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title and religious insignia to three Sayadaws and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, certificates of Agga Maha Pandita title and religious insignia to three Sayadaws.

The senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the Auditor-General, the ministers and the deputy ministers offered certificates of Agga Maha Pandita, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja.

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donate alms to a Sayadaw.—NNA