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NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gave an address to members of Union level organizations, Chief Ministers of Regions and States and Union Deputy Ministers at the hall of President Office here this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the Union Government and the governments of Regions and States were formed on 30 March 2011 to take charge of executive duties assigned by the State. So, they all are under the duty to shape the nation into a better one in accord with the Constitution, he said.

He said that he had already clarified the tasks and responsibilities of the Government in implementing the nation-building tasks at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2011 and in meeting with Union level organizations, ministers and deputy ministers of Union Government on 31 March 2011.

Accordingly, all ministries will have to share the said tasks and responsibilities among themselves to successfully implement them. The President said, he had entrusted Union level ministries and Region/State ministries with these tasks.

Having faith in them, he said, he had also vested them with powers. Hence, they will have to discharge all their duties and every (See page 8)

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

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

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

All the mothers are to take care of reproductive health which plays an important role in development of human resources.

In Myanmar, health care services are being provided to mothers and children by reducing the infant mortality rate and the death rates of children under five and expectant mothers, combating HIV/AIDS diseases through all-round reproductive health methods.

With a view to declining infant mortality and maternal death rate, officials and health staff made field trips to grass-roots level for disseminating health knowledge to all expectant mothers to go under pregnancy care, to refer expectant mothers who are in serious condition to hospital in time and to get health assistance for giving birth.

Activities on nutrition week, breastfeeding week, nutrition development for under-5 children and eradication of iodine deficiency were carried out across the nation for ensuring nutrition sufficiency of expectant mothers and giving birth of health and fitness children.

Systematic breastfeeding is the most important for the infants to have sufficient nutrition and to be free from cholera. As the colostrum or foremilk is rich in antibodies and minerals to prevent against diseases, all the mothers must know the foremilk is the best medicine for their babies. Expectant mothers are to take systematic pregnancy care and to follow the health instructions to make sure that their babies are healthy and genius.

AUX air-conditioner with four-year warranty on sale

Yangon, 6 April — AUX air-conditioners were on sale at Yangon Expo 2011 held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 1 to 4 April.

AUX air-conditioners with dual rotor compressor that can save power consumption are eco-friendly. Thanks to its sound characteristics, this brand wins customer satisfaction. AUX air-conditioners with four-year warranty are on sale at a 5 % discount.

For further information, contact United Asia Co. at No. 255, Anawrahta Street between 11th street and Hledan street in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region (Ph: 01 210834 and 218021 and Fax: 0095 1 228384).— MNA

F&R Ministry focuses on implementation of future tasks

Nay Pyi Taw, 6 April—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the coordination meeting for accomplishment of the tasks in 2011-2012 financial year at its hall, here, yesterday evening, with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

Managing directors and directors-general reported on their respective sectors and future tasks. Deputy Minister U Win Than gave a supplementary report.

In his remarks, the minister urged the staff to implement the aims of the State and objectives of the respective departments, applying advancement of information and communication technology.— MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun addresses coordination meeting on accomplishment of tasks for 2011-2012 fiscal year.— MNA

Workshop on Achievements and Limitations at present in realizing ASEAN Community by 2015 held

Yangon, 6 April — Workshop on Achievements and Limitations at present in realizing the ASEAN Community by 2015 was held at Sedona Hotel here today.

The two-day workshop is jointly conducted by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and a German foundation Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES).

The workshop aimed at assessing the achievements and limitations of the ASEAN member nations in establishing the three pillars of the ASEAN Community — the political-security pillar, the economic pillar and the socio-cultural pillar — in accordance with the ASEAN Charter.

At the opening session of the workshop, Daw Yin Yin Myint, Acting Secretary of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies and Mr. Henning Effner, Director of FES delivered welcoming remarks.

The workshop has been participated by representatives of ASEAN — ISIS network from ASEAN Member States, China and India, Mr. Rajaretnam, Special Adviser to the ASEAN Secretary General and officials from relevant ministries. Resident ambassadors and charged d’ affaires of the ASEAN nations, China, India, Germany and France attended the opening session of the workshop.

MNA
Foreign troops kill one civilian, injure two in Kabul

KABUL, 6 April— NATO-led forces killed a civilian and injured two others in a road accident in Afghan capital Kabul on Wednesday, a statement released by the Kabul police department said.

“A unit of international forces accidentally killed a woman in a traffic accident and injured two others including a woman and a child today at around noon,” the statement said.

The statement added that the injured persons have been evacuated to a nearby hospital and investigation has been initiated into the incident, which happened in the Darulaman neighbourhood in southwest of Kabul.—Xinhua

NATO oil tankers attacked in Pakistan

QUETTA, 6 April— Gunmen on motorbikes attacked two tankers carrying oil for NATO forces in Afghanistan on Wednesday, setting the vehicles ablaze in Pakistan’s restive southwest, officials said.

The attack took place near the town of Dadar (in Bolan District, 90 kilometres (56 miles) southeast of Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan Province, local tribal police official Abdul Aziz told AFP.

Unknown gunmen on motorbikes signalled the vehicles to stop and opened fire when the driver ignored them.

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 6 April— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 6 April reached 705482 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1277608, according to the news on the Internet.

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Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 6 April— The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33776 Afghan people were killed and 41191 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 6 April.

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Eight killed in two attacks near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 April— Gunmen attacked two families in south and north of Baghdad and shot dead eight people and wounded four others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on Tuesday.

One of the attacks took place on Monday night when unidentified gunmen stormed a house in a village near the town of al-Yousifiyah, some 20 km south of Baghdad, killing six brothers and wounding their mother and two sisters, the source said on condition of anonymity. The father of the family was a college lecturer who was assassinated by gunmen two years ago, the source added. Another attack occurred on Tuesday morning when gunmen wearing military uniforms stormed a house in the town of Tarmiyah, some 40 km north of Baghdad, killing a teacher and wounding his brother, the source added.—Xinhua

Blast wounds five policemen in S Afghan City

KANDAHAR, 6 April— Five policemen were injured Tuesday when a bomb blasted in Kandahar City, capital of the same name Kandahar Province, some 450 km south of Afghan Capital of Kabul, a statement of provincial administration said.

“A unit of border police force was on routine patrol in sub-District nine of Kandahar City but at round 11:40 am local time a roadside bomb was detonated near police vehicle. As a result five policemen slightly injured,” the statement said.

The statement blamed the enemies of peace and stability, a term use by Afghan officials referring to Taleban militants, for initiating the explosion.

However, Taleban militants who largely rely on roadside and suicide bombings have yet to make comments.—Xinhua

Blast kills four children in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 April— At least four children were killed and three other people injured Wednesday in an explosion in the northwestern Pakistani City of Kohat, local sources said.

Xinhua

An Afghan landmine victim practices walking with his prosthetic legs at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) orthopaedic rehabilitation centre in Kabul on 16 March, 2011.—INTERNET

INTERNET
Japan to stop dumping radioactive water

BEIJING, 6 April—Japan’s Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry — Banri Kaeda — says his country will not dump any more radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean, from the stricken Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

The declaration follows Monday’s release of a total of 11,500 tons of low-level radioactive water into the sea by the site’s embattled operator, the Tokyo Electric Power Company. Michael Weber has the details. Japan says the releasing of water was aimed at freeing up more space to store highly radioactive water, from in and around the troubled Number 2 Reactor at the plant, so as to ease restoration work at the facility.

Yukio Edano, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary, said, “The measure was to prevent highly radioactive water from spreading. But we are dumping radioactive water, and we feel very sorry about this.”

Government officials say the dump should not affect the safety of seafood in the area. Japan also used a liquid glass in the hope of plugging cracks in a leaking concrete pit of the Number 2 Reactor.

Unfortunately, the efforts utilizing sawdust, shredded newspapers, polymers, and cement have not been successful. Experts have said that radiation dissipates quickly in the vast Pacific, but they have also said that it’s unclear what the long-term effects of large amounts of contamination will be. Meanwhile, after seeking help from France and the United States, Japan has also asked Russia to send a floating radiation treatment plant. It will help solidify contaminated liquid waste from the Fukushima Daiichi Plant. —Xinhua

Trace amounts of radioactive Iodine found in US drinking water

WASHINGTON, 6 April—Trace amounts of radioactive iodine has been found in drinking water samples in two northwestern US states, but the levels detected have been far below levels of public-health concern, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said late Monday.

According the EPA, Drinking water samples from two locations, Boise, Idaho and Richland, Washington, showed trace amounts of iodine-131 — about 0.2 picocuries per liter in each case.

“A infant would have to drink almost 7,000 liters of this water to receive a radiation dose equivalent to a day’s worth of the natural background radiation exposure we experience continuously from natural sources of radioactivity in our environment,” the EPA said in a statement.

As a result of the incident with the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan, several EPA air monitors have detected very low levels of radioactive material in the United States consistent with estimated releases from the damaged nuclear reactors.

EPA has stepped up monitoring of precipitation, milk, and drinking water in response to the Fukushima events.—Xinhua

Death toll rises to 47 in flood-hit S Thailand

BANGKOK, 6 April—A total of 47 people were confirmed killed by the flash floods and mudslides in southern Thailand, authority said on Tuesday.

The department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation said Nakorn Si Thammarat is the most deadly province where 20 people died in floods caused by heavy rains that have pummelled the coastline of the Gulf of Thailand since 23 March.

Provinces hit by major flooding are Nakon Si Thammarat, Phatthalung, Surat Thani, Trang, Chumphon, Songkhla, Krabi and Phangnga. As many as 2,009,134 people from 601,085 households have been affected and 1.679 million square metres of farmland submerged, according to the department.

A flooded street in Thailand’s southern city of Narathiwat. Thai troops joined the search for victims of deadly mudslides that engulfed homes in the flood-hit south, officials said Thursday, as naval boats rescued hundreds of tourists stuck on holiday islands.—Xinhua

Death toll reaches 12,468 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 6 April—The National Police Agency said on Wednesday that the 11 March earthquake and tsunami have left 12,468 people dead and 15,091 others unaccounted for in Japan by 10:00 am local time (0100 GMT).

A 9.0-magnitude earthquake hit the Pacific coastal areas of northeastern and eastern Japan on 11 March, triggering enormous tsunami. Heavy casualties and extensive damage have been caused by the twin disasters. —Xinhua

Earthquake shocks Afghan district, houses damaged

KABUL, 6 April—An earthquake jolted Marmal District in Balkh Province 305 km north of Afghan Capital Kabul on Wednesday, a local television channel reported.

“The earthquake shocked Marmal District Wednesday morning and according to locals, 140 houses have been damaged,” Tolo aired in its news bulletin.

There is no casualty, the television said, adding aftershocks have been reported. However, it did not mention the magnitude of the tremor on the Richter scale.

Radiation detected in Japan fish

TOKYO, 6 April—High levels of radioactive iodine and cesium have been detected in fish caught near the troubled Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, a media report said.

The fisheries ministry said one kilogram of young launce fish caught near Kitabiraki Town in Ibaraki Prefecture contained 526 bequerels of radioactive cesium, at least 500 bequerels more than the legal limit, and 1,700 bequerels of iodine.

Authorities have urged people to stop eating fish, while fisheries minister Michihiko Kano said the government would toughen inspection of marine products caught in the area.
**Health Tip: Getting my child to go to sleep**

Your growing child needs a good night’s rest, and a consistent bedtime routine can make putting your youngster to bed a little less challenging.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions:

* Make the time before bed “quiet time,” with a bath, book or soft music.
* Have your child go to bed at the same time each night.
* Let your child choose a favourite blanket or stuffed animal to take to bed. Just make sure there are no choking or strangulation hazards.
* Take care of your child’s preferences before bedtime, such as leaving the door slightly ajar, having a night light or having a drink of water.
* Your child should sleep in his own room, not yours.
* Don’t make a habit of going back into your child’s room each time the child cries or calls for you.
* Be patient if the child wakes at night or has trouble falling asleep.

**Meditation can deliver powerful pain-relieving effects to the brain with even just 80 minutes’ training for a beginner in an exercise called focused attention, a study released Tuesday found.—INTERNET**

**Congress struggles to find budget deal**

WASHINGTON, 6 April—With a government shutdown looming, congressional negotiators will meet again on Wednesday to search for a deal on budget cuts to keep federal agencies operating beyond Friday.

The two sides must resolve what programmes would go under the knife to satisfy Republican demands for sharp spending cuts. The size of the package is still at issue as well. Negotiators had tentatively agreed on a figure of $33 billion, but Republican House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner is now pushing for a new target of $40 billion.

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**Bourse veto will not hurt investment**

SYDNEY, 6 April—Australia denied Wednesday that its appeal to foreign investors had been dented by the effective blocking of a politically toxic merger between the Australian and Singaporean stock exchanges.

Treasurer Wayne Swan said Tuesday he had “serious concerns” about the deal on national interest grounds, and intended to accept the unanimous advice of the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) that the takeover would not work.

The Singapore exchange has been asked to provide further comments, but has made clear it does not intend to alter its proposed Aus$8.4 billion ($8.7 billion) bid for the ASX. Swan took to the airwaves Wednesday after fund managers and business leaders said his decision sent a negative signal to foreign investors.

“No, I don’t believe so,” he told ABC radio, when asked if Australia’s international standing had been harmed.

**Moody’s may cut Toyota rating amid production halt**

TYO, 6 April—Moody’s Investors Service warned Wednesday it may downgrade its credit rating for Toyota Motor Corp due to the financial fallout from suspended car production following the 11 March quake and tsunami.

The rating agency said Toyota’s financial and operating performance will worsen as a result of the disasters, which are causing major disruptions in auto parts supply and have forced Toyota and other automakers to halt production.

Toyota, the world’s No 1 carmaker, suspended production at all its 18 factories in Japan from 14 to 26 March due to parts shortages. Since 28 March, Toyota has been running just two plants at limited capacity to make Prius and Lexus cars.

The disasters resulted in a production loss of 200,000 cars from 14 March to 1 April, said Toyota spokeswoman Shiori Hashimoto.

She declined to comment on Moody’s warning. Mamoru Kato, an analyst at Tokai-Tokyo Securities, said Toyota’s production at the two plants accounts for only 3 to 4 percent of its normal capacity.—INTERNET

**UNSG’S Message for World Health Day**

7 April 2011

“Combat Antimicrobial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow”

The discovery of antibiotics and other antimicrobial medicines has been responsible for some of the most dramatic advances in human health. Before these drugs were introduced in the 1940s, infectious diseases took the lives of tens of millions of people each year. These medicines helped drive down the infectious disease burden.

Initial gains were primarily in higher-income countries and among wealthier populations in poor countries. But over the past two decades, new public health strategies and financing mechanisms have enabled poorer communities to access medicines that combat major killers, including TB, HIV, malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases. Private sales of medicines for human and animal use have also dramatically expanded.

The gains have been profound. Yet we now risk losing many of these precious medicines as drug-resistant organisms emerge. Antimicrobial resistance is a natural phenomenon, but it is exacerbated by the widespread use, overuse and misuse of medicines, and the spread of resistant infections in health-care and agriculture.

Trade, travel and migration are increasing the spread of these organisms across communities and borders.

Some of the medicines that saved our parents and grandparents are already unusable today. Drug resistance imposes huge costs on health systems and is taking a growing – and unnecessary – toll in lives, threatening to roll back much of the progress we have made towards the health-related Millennium Development Goals. It could also undermine the gains of other modern medicines and technologies used to fight non-communicable diseases. Perhaps most disturbing is that the pipeline for new antimicrobial medicines to replace those that have been lost has nearly dried up.

The World Health Organization has selected “Combat Antimicrobial Resistance: No Action Today, No Cure Tomorrow” as the theme for this year’s World Health Day. The emergence of antimicrobial resistance is a complex problem that involves a range of stakeholders. It needs to be urgently and aggressively addressed through a comprehensive response across sectors, within and across nations.

Today, WHO is calling for action to raise accountability and halt the spread of drug resistance through a six-point policy package: joint planning; surveillance; drug regulation; rational use of medicines; infection prevention and control; innovation and research.

Governments, industry and all stakeholders must answer the call. Global health and untold millions of lives are at risk.

The Singapore Exchange Centre is seen in the financial district of the city state.—INTERNET
Ecuador expels US ambassador over Wikileaks cable

QUITO, 6 April—Ecuador announced on Tuesday it is expelling the US ambassador in Quito over US diplomatic cables released by Wikileaks. The US Embassy in Ecuador said that the cables had been stolen and that neither the embassy nor the government would comment.

The cables were released Monday by the whistle-blowing website Wikileaks. Patiño called Hodges yesterday to request an explanation, and according to him, the diplomat replied that the documents had been stolen and that neither she nor her government would comment.

The 2009 diplomatic cable, the US Embassy in Ecuador said that the US Embassy in Ecuador said that the cables had been stolen and that neither the embassy nor the government would comment.

The embassy also alleged that corrupt activities were so well known that some officials at the US embassy believed that the cable, which was allegedly signed by her, was released Monday by the whistle-blowing website Wikileaks.

Tashan scenery spot in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province, on 5 March, 2011, the Qingming Festival or the Tomb-sweeping Day. It is a folk custom for the Chinese to kneel boiled eggs against each other for fun on Qingming Festival. After the game, people eat the egg, praying for a good fortune this year.—Xinhua

Three killed as gunmen loot, burn bus in S Philippines

ZAMBOANGA CITY, 6 April—Three people were killed while another wounded when gunmen looted a passenger bus late Tuesday in the southern Philippine Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, military officials said Wednesday.

Santiago Babuyot, army’s 102nd Brigade chief said the bus was bound for Zamboanga City from Pagadian City in Zamboanga del Sur Province when four unidentified gunmen boarded it along the highway in Tungawan town, Zamboanga Sibugay Province.

Upon reaching upper Tungawan, the gunmen fired at one of the two bus marshals and an army major and his wife who were among the passengers, killing the three on the spot. The other bus marshal was wounded as he fought back against the suspects armed with handguns.

The Combine police and military forces have launched a pursuit operation against the suspects. Xinhua

Cops investigating pig’s foot sent to US congressman’s Washington office

NEW YORK, 6 April—Capitol Hill Police has said that a package containing a bloody pig’s foot and a hate-filled note was mailed to the Washington office of Republican Party leader Peter King.

The parcel was intercepted at a postal facility in Maryland, during a routine screening of congressional mail that began after the 9/11 attacks and an anthrax scare. The severed pig’s foot was accompanied by a letter filled with anti-Semitic slurs. “We have an active open investigation regarding the incident and are working with postal inspectors,” the New York Daily News quoted Capitol Hill Police Sergeant Kimberly Schneider, as saying.

The threatening mailing came after King launched a series of controversial hearings last month on the “The Extent of Radicalization in the American Muslim Community”.

It was not clear if the package was mailed in response to the hearings, King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, has been the target of threats since he scheduled the hearing.—Internet

A Crocodile is seen sunbathing. A Thai man has been attacked and killed by a crocodile while fishing in Brunei, in a rare incident in the oil-rich sulphate, police have said. Internet

37 arrested over robbery, theft in Istanbul police operation

ISTANBUL, 6 April—A large-scale police operation in Istanbul on Tuesday arrested 37 people suspected of robbery and theft, the Anatolia News Agency reported.

The operation was prepared after three months of technical and physical investigation by the Istanbul Police’s Theft Directorate, Anatolia News Agency said.

Officers from the directorate were supported by helicopters and teams from the Special Forces department when they conducted simultaneous busts at 57 addresses in the Districts of Maltepe, Pendik, Sancaktepe, Umraniye and Kartal.

The searches revealed one stolen automobile, several televisions and electronics, as well as an amount of narcotics.

The suspects are currently being processed at the police department.—Xinhua

Master Hsing Yun (R), founder of the Taipei-based Fo Guang Shan Monastery, receives a present from Zhu Chongshi, president of Xiamen University, at Xiamen University in Xiamen, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 5 April, 2011. Xinhua

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Australian Navy to buy used UK landing ship

CANBERRA, 6 April—Australian Navy on Wednesday said it will buy a near-new navy amphibious landing ship from United Kingdom to help overcome its lack of heavy transport ships. According to Defence Minister Stephen Smith, Australia had been successful in its bid for RFA Largs Bay, a 16,000 tonne landing ship launched in 2002 and commissioned in 2006.

The ship is set to be decommissioned as a cost saving measure under the United Kingdom government’s Strategic Defence and Security Review released last October.

Smith said Australia would pay 103 million US dollars at the current exchange rate for the Largs Bay. He added that the book value was around 130 million British pounds (210 million US dollars). “So we believe it is very good value for money,” he told Australia Associated Press on Wednesday.

The new vessel is expected to arrive in Australia at the end of the year and be ready for operations early 2012, providing the navy with a much-needed amphibious heavy lift capability.—Internet
Cuba to drill five oil wells this summer

HAVANA, 6 April—Cuba and its foreign partners will begin drilling five oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico this summer, searching for “larger deposits,” an official said Tuesday.

“We will move to the drilling phase,” said Manuel Marrero, an official with Cuba’s Ministry of Basic Industry (MINBAS).

The drilling is expected to run through 2013. “We are all very hopeful to find larger oil and gas deposits,” he said. Marrero did not specify which countries Havana would cooperate with.

Cuba opened its oil sector to foreign investment in the 1990s, and since then international companies have invested more than 2.8 billion US dollars in exploration and oil production.

According to MINBAS, Cuba’s Exclusive Economic Zone in the Gulf of Mexico covers an area of 112,000 square km and is divided into 59 blocks, more than a third of which have been contracted to foreign companies.

Despite the Deepwater Horizon oil spill tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico last year, Marrero insisted the platform they will use is among the “safer and most modern in the world.” He said the drilling would be conducted under “very severe” regulation.

A merchant talks business with workers of a Chinese pavilion during the Hanover Fair, the world’s leading industrial expo, in Hanover, Germany, on 5 April, 2011. Xinhua

Venezuela makes important step in building new hydroelectric plant

TEHERAN, 6 April—The manager of Iran’s 16th international oil and gas exhibition said Tuesday that hundreds of foreign firms will attend the show, the local satellite Press TV reported.

About 460 foreign firms are taking part in the 16th International Oil, Gas, Refining, and Petrochemical Exhibition, including companies from Austria, Spain, Australia, Britain, Italy, Germany, Turkey, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Russia, France, the Netherlands, Norway, India, Singapore, Japan, China, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Canada, and Brazil, the manager Hossein Porsan was quoted as saying.

The number of foreign companies attending the show will increase by 22 percent compared to the previous year, Porsan said.

Some 927 Iranian companies are also participating in the exhibition, Porsan said.

The exhibition is scheduled to kick off in the Iranian Capital of Teheran on 15 April and will be open to the public from 16 April to 19 April, Press TV reported.

Citizens enjoy a sun bath on a man-made sandy beach set up on the bank named south Waitan along the Huangpu River in Shanghai, east China, on 5 April, 2011, the last day of China’s three-day Qingming holiday. Xinhua

Hundreds of foreign firms to attend

Iran oil, gas show

PANAMA CITY, 6 April—Panama will build a third bridge across the Panama Canal at a cost of about 300 million US dollars, Foreign Minister Juan Carlos Varela said Tuesday.

Varela, also Panama’s vice president, told local Press that the government would soon invite companies to bid for the construction of the third bridge, which will provide the first direct connection between Colon, a sea port on the Atlantic coast, and communities on the other side of the canal.

“This shall tender for the construction in the next three months ... This will be very important because it will open access to many isolated communities,” he said. Varela said the construction of the third bridge is part of a bigger government plan for a new infrastructure project.

The Panama Canal, joining the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean, currently has two bridges, the Bridge of the Americas and the Centennial Bridge. Both bridges are located near the Pacific entrance to the Panama Canal.
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(work they assume necessary dauntlessly and conscientiously. In addition, they need to work with initiative, dynamism and conviction without waiting for any exhortation. As responsible persons they must be alert. Moreover, they should be aware of the acts that may harm the interest of the people, tarnish the reputation of the country and undermine the nation’s sovereignty.

At first, there will be some difficulties to distinguish between the gem mining and industries at their own region individually or in groups. But they must be aware of the possible manipulation by foreigners from behind the scenes or inflow of black money. As regards food, clothing and shelter, the country will have to rely mainly on agriculture for food and clothing. It needs to set certain guidelines for the people, the government and the private sector to be held accountable for what they have done. Truly accidental faults resulting from sincere deeds may be pardoned. However, they all should stay away from committing mistakes personally.

More importantly, the ministries should know well the national policy, objectives and goals and should always work within their framework. Only then will they be free from the burdens of population control, education and health. They must know well the national economic development, instead of relying solely on the upper level organizations at every stage. Hence, the foundation must be robust.

* It is necessary to create job opportunities for everyone in the market economy system. With every citizen being able to work, they will earn income, thereby contributing to the growth of GDP. As permission will be given to engage in cultivation and trade freely in accord with the law, any restrictions have to be lifted. It is needed to control the market with the rules and laws. Only then will the commodity flow be smooth and commodity prices will fall.

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Commander inspects rehabilitation works in Tahlay

NAY P YI T A W, 6 April—Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo attended coordination meeting on relief and rehabilitation of quake-hit Tahlay, at the Tahlay relief camp on 3 April.

The commander inspected construction of temporary Bailey bridge, erecting of health educative signboards and clearance of damaged buildings. He also looked into relief camp opened at Tahlay People’s Hospital, supply of drinking water and repairing of lamp posts. At the local battalion, the commander met with officers and other ranks and presented TV and DVD.—MNA

Chief Minister of Mon State inspects regional development

NAY P YI T A W, 6 April—Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint inspected University of Mon State BEHS in Thaton on 3 April afternoon.

He looked into construction of 100 feet long and 70 feet wide RC one-storey building of No.6 Basic Education Primary School by Asia World Co in Zeyathiri Ward of Mawlamyine and 75 feet long and 50 feet wide RC one-storey extended building at Mawlamyine BEHS No.10.

In the evening, the Mon State Chief Minister met the deputy commissioner, township administrator, the principal of University of Computer Studies and departmental officials at UCS in Thaton. He gave instructions on opening of the university and academic matters.—MNA

ASEAN-India trade promotion...

 replication entrepreneurs, beans and pulses entrepreneurs and rice and paddy merchants of Myanmar participated in the trade fair.

The trade sector between Myanmar and India hit US$ 400 million in 1988-1989 and the trade between the two countries reached US$ 1,206 million in 2009-2010. The trade promotion of the two countries was 10 per cent of Myanmar foreign trade. Yearly, Myanmar and India have been promoting their trade. In consequence, products of Myanmar get better markets.

Myanmar mainly exports beans and pulses, rubber, maize and forest products to India and imports pharmaceuticals, textiles, fertilizers, pesticides, plastic and electronic equipment for household use.

At the same time, remarkable promotion of trade can be seen between India and ASEAN. ASEAN and India trade rise 18.3 per cent yearly. Based on such progress, Heads of State/Government who have attended the 7th India-ASEAN Summit expected to increase US$ 70 billion of bilateral trade in 2012.

The trade between ASEAN and India is increasing yearly. Therefore, Myanmar is enjoying the opportunity to extend export of its products to the market in India and ASEAN countries.

Translation: TTA

Father Land takes part in Myanmar New Year Exhibition 2011

YANGON, 6 April—Myanmar New Year Exhibition 2011, sponsored by Father Land Construction and Decoration Co., Ltd and organized by Myanmar Anawrahta Business Group, will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U-Wisara Road here from 7 to 10 April.

Father Land Construction and Decoration Co., Ltd will sell condominium, room type, hall type and ordinary flats, with monthly payment, installment and other payment systems.

As a promotion programme, decoration, renovation, wall paper, bamboo parquet and ready-made parquet are available at special discount. The company will offer 5 to 20 percent discount during the promotion period.

For more information, contact No. 229/221, Bo Myat Tun road, Botataung Township, Yangon and dial 09-5131071, 09-7303041 and 01-397649.—MVA
Zulu newspapers thrive in South Africa

Tuesday, applies to inspections, expected on hundreds of flights. Airlines Co to cancel kind of fatigue cracks that Boeing Co of certain older model — The government will table built from cardboard and sticks but most customers go straight for Isolezwe, one of South Africa’s growing Zulu-language dailies.

Johannesburg, 6 April—Five newspapers line a vendor’s makeshift table built from cardboard and sticks so he can learn Zulu. While most South African print media battle declining circulations and an advertising market still soft after the 2009 recession, Zulu-language papers are flourishing, with more titles appearing and sales rising.

Spain gets world’s first ‘contactless’ bank machines

MADRID, 6 April—Spain’s biggest savings bank, La Caixa, said Monday it has installed “contactless” automatic teller machines in three Spanish cities, making it the world’s first bank to use the technology.

Instead of inserting their debt cards into a slot, customers using the machines only need to wave their debit cards next to a reader and enter their PIN code to withdraw cash or carry out other transactions.

The technology was developed by Japan’s biggest IT services firm, Fujitsu.

La Caixa installed the machines in Barcelona, where it has its headquarters, in the nearby city of Sitges and on the holiday island of Mallorca, it said in a statement.

“According to technical figures, this is the fastest automatic teller machine cash withdrawal system on the market,” the statement said.

US trade with Japan expected to decline as result of massive quake

LOS ANGELES, 6 April—The massive quake that hit Japan last month would also deal a blow to US trade with Japan, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) said on Monday.

The Port of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is expected to witness major declines in trade between the two countries later this month, the LAEDC told a pair of City Council committees.

Tourism from Japan and foreign investments will also be hit hard, the agency said, without giving specific figures.

“The city itself has a very large amount at stake in this trade,” LAEDC chief economist Nancy Sidhu told a special joint meeting of the trade, commerce and tourism and the jobs and business development committees.

DNA shows history of TB spread

PALO ALTO, 6 April—Indigenous peoples doing business with fur traders in Canada in the 18th century contracted tuberculosis in the bargain, researchers said.

Infectious disease specialist Caitlin Pepperell of Stanford University studying the DNA profile of a tuberculosis strain collected from a French Canadian population compared it to one in native communities and found the TB strains had very similar genetic signatures, AASAS ScienceMag.org reported Monday. Pepperell and her colleagues traced the spread of a certain strain of tuberculosis, characterized by a unique patch of missing DNA, to a period in the 18th century when French fur traders moved into Canada and married indigenous women, bringing TB with them.

The disease endured in native communities “at a low, grumbling level” for several decades because otherwise healthy people can live for decades with TB infections without becoming sick, Pepperell said.

When hide hunters nearly exterminated the buffalo native populations and settlers vanished the native peoples to reservations, the disease exploded into large-scale epidemics in the 19th and 20th centuries, the researchers said.

FAA to order emergency checks of older 737s

WASHINGTON, 6 April—The government will order emergency checks of certain older model Boeing Co 737s for the kind of fatigue cracks that prompted Southwest Airlines Co to cancel hundreds of flights.

The Federal Aviation Administration directive on 737-300 fuselage inspections, expected on Tuesday, applies to domestic carriers. But overseas regulators are expected to follow with the airlines operating in their countries. The order will cover 175 planes globally. Most of the 737-300s needing checks in the United States are flown by Southwest, which is in the midst of its own emergency inspections after one of those planes landed on Friday in Arizona with a hole in its fuselage.

McDonald’s one-day hiring blitz seen as PR move

LOS ANGELES, 6 April—Fast-food chain McDonald’s Corp (MCD.N), trying to grab positive headlines in an economic recovery still struggling to create living-wage jobs, announced on Monday that it would do all of its spring hiring in one fell swoop.

The world’s biggest hamburger chain — which for years has wanted to stop the use of “McJob” as shorthand for low-wage, dead-end work — said it plans to hire up to 50,000 new US workers on 19 April. The jobs range from restaurant crew to managers.

A consumer (C) chooses shoes at a shoes wholesale market in Shenyang, capital of northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 1 April, 2011.

Xinhua

A man walks out of a McDonald’s restaurant in New York on 24 January, 2011.
Japan tsunami dog reunited with owner

Tokyo, 6 April — A dog rescued from a roof drifting off Japan’s north-east coast more than three weeks after a quake and tsunami has been reunited with her owner. The owner recognised the dog from a TV news report on the rescue on Friday. The female owner and the two-year-old dog called Ban had an emotional reunion at an animal care centre where she was being looked after.

“We’ll never let go of her,” the owner, who wished to remain anonymous, was quoted as saying by a centre official. The dog was found by a Japanese Coast Guard helicopter on a drifting roof some 1.8km (1.1 miles) off Kesennuma, Miyagi prefecture, one of the worst-hit areas along Japan’s north-east coast.

The roof is believed to have been detached and washed out to sea by the tsunamis hit areas along Japan’s north-east coast. The roof was tracked while moving round the body. — Internet

Clean up begins after massive website attack

New York, 6 April — The Lizamoon website attack seems to have ended relatively few victims. The massive attack managed to inject the name of several rogue domains into hundreds of thousands of websites.

The link led to a page that carried out a fake virus scan and then recommended fake security software to clean up what it supposedly found. But despite the huge success by the attackers, swift action by security firms looks to have limited the number of victims.

The Lizamoon attack was first detected by security firm Websense on 29 March and initially the rogue domains were only showing up about on 28,000 websites. However, as Websense began tracking Lizamoon the sheer scale of the attack became apparent.

By late on 3 April, Google was reporting that more than four million webpages were showing links to the domains involved in the attack. — Internet

Glaciers in Chile ‘melt at fastest rate in 350 years’

London, 6 April— Melting mountain glaciers are making sea levels rise faster now than at any time in the last 350 years, according to new research. Universities at Aberystwyth, Exeter and Stockholm looked at longer timescales than usual for their study. They mapped changes in 270 of the largest glaciers between Chile and Argentina since the “Little Ice Age”. Studies showed glaciers have lost volume on average “10 to 100 times faster” in the last 30 years. The rapid melt rate is linked to their contribution to global sea level. The new research was published in the journal Nature Geoscience on Sunday. Their survey centred on remotely sensed images of outlet glaciers of the south and north Patagonian icefields, but used longer timescales than previous studies. The glaciers straddle the Andes, on the border between Chile and Argentina. The northern icefield extends for nearly 200 km and covers a surface of 4,200 square km, while the southern icefield is more than 350km long covering 13,000 square km. The scientists mapped changes in the position of the glaciers since the “Little Ice Age”. — Internet

Gauguin painting in Washington DC attacked by woman

Washington, 6 April— A woman who attacked a painting by Paul Gauguin hanging in the National Gallery in Washington DC said she was “evil”, court records show. Susan Burns pounded canvas and the frame. A museum security officer intervened and restrained and detained her.

Inspection worry over same-day surgeries

Newark, 6 April— Health experts say they worry more than 300 same-day surgery centres in New Jersey are not subjected to a level of scrutiny needed to protect patients. The centres are not licensed and therefore do not get state inspections because New Jersey doesn’t require licensing for surgeries that have just one operating room. The (Newark) Star-Ledger reported on Monday.

Such surgery centres are big business in New Jersey, patronized by patients who want convenient, quick elective surgeries, and by physicians trying to overcome the income squeeze from managed care companies, the newspaper said. Though not required to, the state Department of Health and Senior Services randomly inspected 40 unlicensed surgical centers between August 2009 and February 2011. — Internet

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Man trapped in clothes bin for 4 hours

Police in Britain said a man who attempted to use clothes from a donation bin became trapped in the container for 4 hours.

Investigators said security camera footage of the area in Bradley Stoke, England, depicts the 28-year-old man being boosted into the bin by an accomplice who was then chased away from the scene by security officers, the BBC reported Tuesday.

Police said the man was trapped in the bin for about 4 hours while firefighters worked to remove the top of the container.

The man, from Elton, England, was arrested on suspicion of theft and released with a warning, police said.

Kanye West to design scarves

LONDON, 6 April—Rapper Kanye West is set to launch a collection of scarves inspired by the artwork for his hit album “My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy”.

The hip-hop star had hired contemporary visual artist George Condo to create five different pieces of cover art for the album.

He has taken inspiration from those designs for a collaboration with M/M design duo Mathias Augustyniak and Michael Amzalag, reports daily-star.co.uk.

The limited edition range will be sold only at the Colette boutique in Paris and online at MMParis.com.

West has earlier done an internship at top Italian fashion house Fendi and created shoe designs for Louis Vuitton and Nike.

Harry Potter exhibition opens at New York’s Discovery Times Square

New York, 6 April—Harry Potter fans were able to take a close look at the original artifacts that appeared throughout the Harry Potter films at an exhibition opened on Tuesday at New York’s Discovery Times Square.

“Harry Potter: The Exhibition”, offers fans a firsthand view of hundreds of authentic artifacts displayed in elaborate settings inspired by the film sets. Visitors can experience locations in the films including Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the Gryffindor common room, Hagrid’s hut and the Great Hall.

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NY’s rat problem damaging tourism - city official

Absolutely no one likes a rat, a city official said on Tuesday, demanding $1.5 million (920 thousand pounds) be restored to the budget to help control the problem.

Seeking vermin running amok on city streets and in subway tunnels is a turn-off for tourists, said Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer.

“They don’t want to come here and share their vacation with a New York City rat,” Stringer told Reuters. Demanding rat control money be restored to the city Health Department budget, Stringer said the cuts forced the layoff of 57 Pest Control workers. The result has been a 1.5 percent rise in complaints over last year and damage to New York’s appeal as a tourist destination, he said.

Charity toasts windfall from Antarctic whisky find

A charity that recovered a cache of whisky abandoned in Antarctica more than 100 years ago is set to reap a windfall after a Scottish distillery painstakingly recreated the historic tipple.

The Mackinlay’s scotch belonged to British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton’s 1907-08 Antarctic expedition and was left beneath a hut on the frozen continent after his attempt to reach the South Pole failed.

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The wooden crate, marked “British Antarctic Expedition 1907”, was frozen solid in temperatures of minus 30 degrees Celsius (minus 22 degrees Fahrenheit) — but the whisky in the bottles was still liquid.

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Four-star Madrid rout 10-man Tottenham in Champions League

MADRID, 6 April — Real Madrid put a giant foot in the last four of the Champions League with a thumping 4-0 home win over 10-man Tottenham Hotspur in the quarter-final, first leg at the Santiago Bernabeu on Tuesday.

A headed brace from Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor and late goals from Angel di Maria and Cristiano Ronaldo put Tottenham to the sword in Madrid’s fifth straight home win in Europe and a four-goal lead gives Tottenham a mountain to climb in the second leg at White Hart Lane on 13 April.

Tottenham, who last reached a European Cup semi-final back in 1962, were left to rue the early sending off of striker Peter Crouch on 15 minutes for a late lunge as Real made the ten men pay. — Internet

Attacking mentality paid off, claims Rangnick

MILAN, 6 April — Schalke 04 coach Ralf Rangnick claimed his side had been rewarded for their attacking mentality as they stumped the reigning champions Inter Milan 5-2 at the San Siro.

Inter boss Leonardo admitted the tie was as good as over as he saw his side slump to their second heavy defeat in three days as they flopped again at the most crucial stage of the season.

On Saturday they lost 3-0 to bitter neighbours AC Milan in a top of the table clash that left them trailing their rivals by five points in Serie A.

In both games they had Cristiano Ronaldo sent off but in both games they

Howard keen to catch Reds

Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard

London, 6 April — The Toffees have moved up to seventh and within four points of their arch-rivals in the Premier League with a thumping 4-0 home win over 10-man Tottenham Hotspur in the quarter-final, first leg at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid. Real Madrid won 4-0. — Internet

Henry surprised by lack of depth

LIVERPOOL, 6 April — The lack of depth in Liverpool’s squad came as a shock to John Henry when the American’s Fenway Sports Group (FSG) bought the Anfield club last year.

FSG paid £300 million to buy Liverpool from Tom Hicks and George Gillett in October and Henry admitted tackling problems with the squad was “a bigger issue than we feared”.

“The worst surprise was the lack of depth,” the American told FourFourTwo magazine. “There was a huge multi-year pay-roll for a squad that had very little depth.”

Henry said the financial outlay on the group of players in terms of salaries was huge in comparison to the resources available. “Our number one priority is to win the Premier League title,” added Henry. “That is what we take with us each day to work as the force that drives us to excel.” — Internet

Wright-Phillips wants to stay at City

MANCHESTER, 6 April — England international Shaun Wright-Phillips says he would love to see out the rest of his career at Manchester City. Wright-Phillips, 29, has been a City player ever since he arrived at Eastlands as a 16-year-old apart from three difficult seasons with Chelsea. “It feels like I am part of the furniture here,” the winger told www.mefe.co.uk, the club’s official website on Wednesday.

“I would love to retire as a City player and I have my fingers crossed it is something that can still happen. When I did leave in 2005, I broke down crying on the way to sign for Chelsea, but back then, we needed the money my sale brought in.

“The fans didn’t even turn their back on me. They always give me a brilliant reception and I can’t explain how good that feels.” — Internet

Croatian Karlovic advances in Houston tennis

HOUSTON, 6 April — Former winner Ivo Karlovic continued his domination over German Benjamin Becker, winning 7-5 (7/5), 6-4 in the first round of the US Men’s Clay Court Championship.

Qualifier Karlovic now has six victories and no losses against Becker. He also beat Becker en route to the Houston title four years ago. — Internet

Uihlein on the slow road to the PGA Tour

AUGUSTA, 6 April — Contrary to popular belief, Peter Uihlein’s first golf club was not a Tittleist. It was a Fisher Price. “My parents have footage of me in a walker, swinging a plastic club,” he said. “I’ve been playing golf ever since I can remember.”

Uihlein brings stout credentials to his debut at Augusta National. He qualified for the Masters by winning the US Amateur on his 21st birthday last summer at Chambers Bay. Two years ago, he was picked for the Walker Cup team and delivered a 4-0 record to help lead the Americans to victory. He is No. 1 in the world amateur ranking. — Internet

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Donald Trump driving pace car at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS, 6 April — Donald Trump hasn’t announced whether he’ll run for president, but he will be involved in a race of a different kind next month.

The real estate tycoon has been selected to drive the pace car in the 100th anniversary Indianapolis 500. Race organizer said Tuesday that Trump will drive a 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible Pace Car to lead the field of 33 drivers at the start of the race May 29 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Trump says he’s honored to have the job and says the race “has been the gold standard of motorsports for a century.” The Camaro is equipped with a 400-horsepower V-8 engine and six-speed automatic transmission. The race starts at noon and is being televised by ABC. — Internet

Aggies beat Notre Dame 76-70 for 1st NCAA title

INDIANAPOLIS, 6 April — No one was paying too much attention last week when Texas A&M coach Gary Blair proclaimed: “We’re going to win a national championship.”

Who could have known what havoc Danielle Adams would wreak? Notre Dame certainly found out.

The senior scored 22 of her 30 points in a dominating second half and answered the Fighting Irish basket for basket Tuesday night to help the Aggies beat Notre Dame in a 76-70 thriller and bring their women’s title on the form of the all-male military academy. “I had a lit- tle voice in my head. ‘Don’t let this team down,’” said Adams, who

SHAWN WRIGHT-PHILLIPS

Internet
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Ayeawaddy and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeawaddy and Tanintharyi Regions and Kachin State, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Yangon Region and about average April temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperature were Chaungt (44°C) and Sinphyukyun (41°C). The noteworthyamounts of rainfall recorded were Chaungt (0.71) inch, Taungyu (0.48) inch and Kyekkhame (0.32) inch.

**Nay Pyi Taw**

Maximum temperature on 5-4-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 6-4-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 6-4-2011 was Nil.

**Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)**

Maximum temperature on 5-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 6-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-4-2011 was (65%).

Rainfall on 6-4-2011 was Nil. Rainfall on 6-4-2011 was Nil at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (4.25) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (8) mph from South-South-East at (06:30) hours MST on 6-4-2011.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 7th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers as likely to be scattered in Upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin State and isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeawaddy Regions, Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of slight increase of day temperature in the lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Outlook for subsequent two days:**

- Weather is partly cloudy in the lower Myanmar Areas.
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**Thursday, 7 April**

**View on today**

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Saydaw
- 7:15 am 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:25 am 3. To Be Healthy Exercise

- 7:30 am 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:50 am 6. Health Programme
- 8:00 am 7. Song Of National Races
- 8:10 am 8. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:20 am 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am 10. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 8:40 am 11. International News
- 8:54 am 12. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
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- 4:20 pm 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm 4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures -First Year Spirit)
- 4:45 pm 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm 6. Dance Of Thin Gyan Festival
- 5:10 pm 7. Science and Environment (Wind power)
- 5:20 pm 8. Song Programme
- 5:35 pm 9. Documentary
- 6:00 pm 10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm 11. Weather Report
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- 6:35 pm 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
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- Tiger Woods raises his putter at the driving range before a practice round for the Masters golf tournament 5 April, 2011, in Augusta, Ga.—INTERNET

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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**

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**People’s Desire**

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

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**MS Columbus cruiseliner arrives Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty**

NAV PI TAW, 6 April—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Ministry of Transport, cruiseliner MS Columbus with 177 crew members and 292 tourists arrived at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty in Yangon via Pukhet Port of Thailand this afternoon.

They were welcomed at the jetty by Minister for Social Welfare and Hotels & Tourism Dr Myint Thein of Yangon Region and departmental officials.

The tourists has planned to tour downtown Yangon, Thanlyin and Bago and they will leave Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty in Yangon on 8 April morning.—MNA

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**ASEAN-India trade promotion creates better market for Myanmar products**

The Association of South-East Asian Nations-ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 for ensuring peace and stability of regional countries.

At present, the ASEAN is constituted with Myanmar, Brunei, Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The ASEAN member countries are cooperating with Asian countries—the People’s Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea as the ASEAN+3 and promoting economic cooperation joining hands with India in the India-ASEAN sector.

As part of efforts to enhance sector-wise cooperation between India and ASEAN countries, the Delhi Dialogue has been held since 2009. The Delhi Dialogue III was successfully held in New Delhi of India recently.

At the dialogue, officials of India and ASEAN countries held discussions on Beyond Twenty Years of India-ASEAN Engagement on 3 and 4 March.

Secretary-General Amit Mitra of Federation of Indian (See page 10)