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**Pandals in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone packed with revellers as film stars and songsters present entertainment.** — MNA

**Union Ministers take pleasure at Thingyan pandals in Nay Pyi Taw**

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 April**—Yein troupes of ministries and hotels participated in the dance contest at the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s Maha Thingyan Pandal, here, on Akyat Day today.

Water throwing pandals were extraordinarily lively with revellers to the accompaniment of sweet songs of movie stars and vocalists. Merry-makers and revellers were served with traditional foods at hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. Families took relaxation at the National Landmarks Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and enjoyed entertainment of Yein troupes at the pandals of companies.

In the evening, Yein troupes and movie and video stars and vocalists performed songs and dances at the Mayor’s Pandal and water throwing pandals.— MNA

**NAY PYI TAW, 15 April**—On Akyat Day of the water festival, pandals here were found to be more crowded than the previous days (Akyo and Akya Days) and were incredibly teeming with long traffic and merry-makers. Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye and Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and Minister at President Office U Soe Maung enjoyed Nay Pyi Taw Mayor’s Maha Thingyan pandal, Amara Hotel pandal, Royal Kumu-dra Hotel pandal and Shwe Myanmar Hotel pandal. MNA
Myanmar New Year ushers in peace and prosperity

Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival is being resoundingly observed in the entire nation. Myanmar people douse each other with cool water happily on the auspicious New Year occasion. Water in the Thingyan Festival makes all the people fresh and clean, washing dirt of old year.

New Year will fall in the near future as a sign of ushering in the New Year and saying goodbye to the old year. All the people should perform meritorious deeds in the New Year. Buddhist devotees should practise meditation and take Sabbath.

Young men and women are to pay respects to elder persons and teachers in accord with the Myanmar traditional culture. They all are to offer water at pagodas and monasteries, serving the aged bathing and shampooing as part of efforts to preserve Myanmar traditional culture in the transition period from the old to the New Year.

At a time when the Myanmar New Year comes into existence, Myanmar is on the track of transition to the new era with the new system. In accord with people’s sentiment, Myanmar is being shaped as a democratic new nation. Utmost efforts are to be made for successfully realizing the democracy system that controls responsibility and freedom of the people in the equal term. It is necessary to strive for ensuring better lifestyle and socio-economic life of the people.

The administrative bodies are to join hands with the people in undertaking the vast construction tasks of the State. The government with noble spirit and goodwill is to shape a prosperous future of the nation and the people.

At the auspicious occasion of Myanmar New Year, the entire people are to double their integrated strength for building the nation with peace and prosperity.

Site chosen to build main power station (500KV)

EP 2 Minister U Khin Maung Soe inspects Toungoo Main Power Station (230 KV).

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint inspects maintenance of Pyapon Bridge.

Dy Construction Minister inspects roads, bridges in Ayeyawady Region

2011 Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup Golf Tournament goes on
Belarusian emergency workers attempt to move a burnt out car in Minsk on 13 April, 2011.

So far Belarus has detained five people in its investigation and formally arrested two people who are suspected to be the perpetrators and an accomplice, the deputy prosecutor general said on Thursday.

President Alexander Lukashenko called for a “cleaning” of the country after the attack, the most deadly in the country’s post-Soviet history, but admitted the motives for the crime remained unclear.

INTERNET

Blast rocks Afghan Kandahar town, kills police chief

KANDAHAR, 15 April—Bomb blast rocked Afghan Kandahar town on Friday killing provincial police chief, an official said.

“A terrorist dressed in police uniform strapped explosive device in his boy blew himself up inside police department, leaving the police chief Khan Mohammad Mujahid dead,” the official told Xinhua, but declined to give his name, saying authorized official would brief media after investigation.

Spokesman for Kandahar provincial administration Zalmay Ayubi also confirmed the incident, saying the provincial police chief was killed and two others sustained injuries.

“A suicide bomber exploded himself at the entry gate of provincial police department this afternoon as a result police chief Khan Mohammad Mujahid was martyred and two policemen sustained injuries,” Ayubi told Xinhua.—Xinhua

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**Science**

**Dinosaur ‘dining’ habits described**

The life-sized model of a 60-foot-long Mamenchisaurus is part of “The World’s Largest Dinosaurs” exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History on 13 April, 2011 in New York City.

**E coli shows useful side in pollution**

BEIJING, 15 April — E coli bacteria, feared for its ability to cause food poisoning, could be used to extract pesticide vapors from polluted air, Chinese researchers say.

Researchers at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing have discovered that a genetically modified form of the bacteria can be used in a biofilter to extract the toxic pesticides parathion and methyl parathion from the air, and an article published in the International Journal of Environment and Pollution reported.

Junxin Liu and colleagues have demonstrated average removal efficiencies of 95.2 percent for parathion and 98.6 percent for methyl parathion, using a biofilter based on the engineered bacteria E. coli BL21, and say optimization could allow for 100 percent removal. Parathion and methyl parathion are highly effective agrochemicals used in more than one-third of agricultural crop protection worldwide. However, they can accumulate in the environment and pose a risk to human health under some conditions, researchers said.

**Technology**

**Huawei to double UK headcount**

BEIJING, 15 April — Vendor will create 500 new permanent roles in the UK bringing its total headcount to 1,000.

Chinese vendor Huawei says it plans to create 500 new jobs in the UK over the next three years, doubling its overall headcount in the country to 1,000.

The move will, according to Huawei extend its enterprise and device business bases and generate revenue growth as well as help it “exploit broader ICT ad consumer business” across the UK.

As well as increasing its employee base, Huawei says it will generate another 1,000 to 1,500 subcontracting roles over the next three years.

It says it currently has around one hundred permanent and fixed term contracts available across its UK business.

As part of the plans to increase its head count, Huawei is also in the process of developing a graduate programme to attract a “new generation” of British talent.

Huawei UK chief executive Victor Zhang said: “We are committed to bringing more job opportunities to the UK which is a key market for us.

“An increase in employees in our UK office will help us to provide more customised and innovative products and solutions for British telecom carriers, enterprise customers and consumers.”

**Google accused of unfair trade in S Korea**

SEOUL, 15 April — South Korea’s top two Internet companies filed complaints with the antitrust watchdog Friday over Google’s alleged practice of stifling competition in the local mobile phone search market.

As of last month, NHN said, citing KFTC data, Google’s share of the local mobile search market was 56 percent, topping previous records.

They said this limited access by local search engines to smartphones using the Android operating system.

NHN’s Naver has a market share of around 36 percent of the domestic mobile search market while Daum and NHN Corp told the Korea Fair Trade Commission (KFTC) that Google exploited its position as developer of the Android mobile operating system to have its search function preloaded on local smartphones.

Paul Allen says new book isn’t revenge on Gates

CALIFORNIA, 15 April — The controversy over Paul Allen’s new book, which hits stores next week, has taken a different turn, with Allen playing defence against critics over the memoir’s sometimes negative portrayal of Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

In an interview with “60 Minutes,” which airs recently, Allen rebuffs criticisms from last month, saying the book is not an act of revenge against Gates, and is instead meant to serve as a record of what happened.

Excerpts from the book have Allen going into detail about how Gates had split up ownership in the company giving Gates nearly two thirds of ownership.

Internet
Fish oil may reduce postpartum depression

WASHINGTON, 15 April—Omega-3 fatty acids consumed during pregnancy may reduce the risk of postpartum depression, but a larger study is needed, US researchers say. In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled dietary intervention trial, 52 pregnant women took either a placebo, corn oil, or a fish oil capsule containing 300 milligrams of DHA five days each week from 24 to 40 weeks of pregnancy — the same amount a woman would consume if she ate one-half serving of salmon.

Dr Michelle Price of the University of Connecticut School of Nursing says dietary DHA intake during pregnancy has been estimated to be 50 to 70 milligrams of DHA daily — a fraction of the 200 milligrams daily that is considered optimal during pregnancy by most experts.

Judge and colleagues concluded DHA consumed during pregnancy — at levels that are reasonably attained from food — has the potential to decrease symptoms of postpartum depression.

Vegetarians have less metabolic syndrome

LOMA LINDA, 15 April—Vegetarians have lower prevalence of metabolic syndrome — a precursor to heart disease and diabetes — than non-vegetarians, US researchers say.

Metabolic syndrome involves having three or more of the following: blood pressure equal to or higher than 130/85 millimetres of mercury; fasting blood sugar equal to or higher than 100 milligrams per deciliter; large waist circumference [for men, 40 inches or more, for women 35 inches or more]; low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol [for men, under 40 mg/dL, for women, under 50 mg/dL]; and triglycerides equal to or higher than 150 mg/dL.

The study examined more than 700 adults — 35 percent were vegetarians — randomly selected from Loma Linda University’s long-term study of the lifestyle and health of almost 100,000 Seventh-day Adventists across the United States and Canada.

Nestle sales fall on strong franc

ZURICH, 15 April—Swiss food giant Nestle said Friday its first quarter sales fell 9.3 percent to 20.3 billion francs (15.7 billion euros, $22.7 billion), hit by the strong Swiss franc and costs arising from its sale of eyecare group Alcon. Sales were impacted by -9.8 percent from foreign exchange and by -5.9 percent from divestitures net of acquisitions, the group said in a statement.

The world’s biggest food company also noted that the first three months of the year was marked by “high-impact events ranging from civil unrest and natural disasters to extreme volatility in raw material prices.”

Nevertheless, Nestle said it would be able to meet its full year target of organic growth of between 5 and 6 percent.

The group reported in February that its 2010 net profits more than trebled to 34.2 billion francs on the sale of eyecare group Alcon to Swiss pharmaceutical group Novartis.

China growth eases, inflation hits 32-month high

BEIJING, 15 April—China said Friday its robust economy slowed slightly in the first quarter of 2011 but inflation hit a 32-month high, suggesting Beijing’s efforts to rein in soaring costs are still falling short.

Gross domestic product in the world’s second-largest economy expanded 9.7 percent on year in the first three months of the year, the National Bureau of Statistics said, fueling market expectations for more tightening measures.

The figure beat Dow Jones Newswires’ estimate of 9.5 percent and was lower than the 9.8 percent growth rate posted in the final quarter of 2010.

Chinese labours work at a beer factory in Hani, northwest China’s Xinjiang region.

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Patient’s own cells used to probe schizophrenia

PARIS, 15 April—Skin cells have become lab-dish tools for probing one of the most enigmatic and distressing disorders of the mind, scientists reported on Wednesday.

Researchers in the United States took samples of skin cells from schizophrenic patients and turned them back to a primitive, versatile state called induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs).

From this blank slate, the cells were then cultured to become brain cells, enabling them to be used for lab-dish investigations into schizophrenia that can be tailored to the individual.

“Using this method, we can figure out how a particular drug will affect that particular patient’s brain cells without needing the patient to try the drug and potentially suffer the side effects,” said Gong Chen of Penn State University in Pennsylvania.

It is characterised by paranoid delusions and hallucinatory voices. Around one percent of the population worldwide are believed to be afflicted by the disorder.

Tests found that lab-dish neurons from schizophrenic patients had fewer connections with each other compared to cells taken from healthy individuals.
Kidnapped Italian activist found dead in Gaza

GAZA CITY, 15 April—An Italian activist kidnapped in Gaza by Palestinian extremists inspired by al-Qaeda was killed by her captors and found hanged several hours after his abduction, Gaza’s Hamas rulers said early Friday.

Hamas officials said police stormed an apartment in Gaza City where Vittorio Arrigoni, 36, was being held by members of a small Islamic group that had kidnapped him on Thursday. Arrigoni was dead and the apartment was otherwise empty, the officials said.

In Rome, the Italian Foreign Ministry condemned what it called a “barbaric murder” and a “vile and irrational gesture of violence on the part of extremists indifferent to the value of a human life.”

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Gangaw Township enjoys better telecommunication facility

GANGAW, 15 April—Since early 2011, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications has permitted use of CDMA MHz mobile phones in Gangaw Township. Plans are under way to install 500 mobile phones in Gangaw, 500 mobile phones in Kan Village and 300 mobile phones in Kyaw Village.

Thanks to installation of over 700 auto-telephones in Gangaw, local people are enjoying smoother and better telecommunication.—Kyemon

Shwebo District hits 74.37% of summer paddy cultivation

SHWEBO, 15 April—Shwebo District has so far put 274,265 acres of farmlands under summer paddy against the target of 368,800 acres for 2011, accounting for 74.37 per cent. Strenuous efforts are being made for cultivation of summer paddy to be able to exceed the target.—Kyemon

Sanctuary given to old cows

MANDALAY, 15 April—A ceremony to give sanctuary to cows was held in Dagundaing Ward in Pyigyidagun Township on 26 April.

Bus run a route for the public convenience from the corner of 27th and 83rd streets in Chanayethazan Township to the ceremony from 8 am to 3 pm.

Over 100 old cows are being kept as a sanctuary.—Kyemon

Betel leaves fetch good prices

BAGO, 15 April—Betel leaves produced from the farms in Oktha, Thaya-aye and Indagaw areas of Bago District fetched K 2500 per viss but betel leaves from Bago got K 600-K1000 per viss recently.

Betel leaves from Zalun and Pantanaw get good prices in Bago.—Kyemon

SSA (Ywet Sit) attack kills one, injures five innocent people

NAV PYI TAW, 15 April—SSA (Ywet Sit) terrorist group with arms is bullying innocent people, taking extortion money, recruiting and killing the people.

On 4 and 12 April, SSA (Ywet Sit) terrorists opened fire, killing one person and injuring five including one novice in Karli Sub-Township, Kunhing Township, Loilem District, Shan State.

At 11.45 pm on 4 April, explosion of 40mm grenade launcher shell fired by SSA (Ywet Sit) killed U Ohn Ngwe, 42, and injured Ko Tin Maung Myint, Ko Po Htoo, Ko Phyo and Ko Soe Min Thein. At 9 pm on 12 April, the group opened fire of small arms and 40mm grenade shells. In the incident, novice Kawira, aged 18, was injured.

The local people are joining hands with the Tatmadaw columns and giving information about the terrorist for combating SSA (Ywet Sit) group.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April — Chief Minister of Kachin State U La Chun Ngan Sai and ministers of Kachin State splashed scented water to each other to mark the beginning of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival in Myitkyina on 13 April.

At the ceremony to kick off the festival, traditional dance troupes entertained the revellers and guests with dances and songs.

At the opening ceremony, private companies contributed cash to the funds of the celebrations. —MNA

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Mon traditional songs spread in Mon State Thingyan Festival

NAV PYI TAW, 15 April—Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint and Speaker of State Hluttaw U Kyin Pe, State Minister for Social and Culture Dr Min Nwe Soe on 13 April evening launched an opening ceremony of Thingyan Festival of Mon State in Myanmar Era, 1372.

While Yein troupes were entertaining attendees with songs namely Shwe Myine Thingyan, Ma Ma’s Mawshwemyine and Mya Nanda, Mon national beauties doused water on those present.

Revellers were participating in Thingyan Festival at pandals along Strand Road and in each and every Ward in Mon State.—MNA

Mon State Thingyan Festival in progress.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 April — Rakhine State Thingyan Trophy Golf Tournament took place at Danyawady Golf Course in Sittway today.

Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin teed off to open the tournament.

A total of 40 golfers took part in the golf tournament. After the tournament, the Chief Minister of Rakhine State and ministers of the state presented gifts and awarded the golfers and hosted a dinner in honour of the golfers. — MNA

THINGYAN SONGS FLOAT IN AIR OF MANDALAY

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April— Water throwing pandals along the moat of Mandalay Nanmyo were teeming with revellers and merry makers on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day today.

Devotees practised meditation at religious edifices and the people performed meritorious deeds.

Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region and wife Daw Myat Ngwe enjoyed entertainment of film stars and vocalists at the Mandalay Mayor’s Pandal and other water throwing pandals.

On Akyat Day, downtown Mandalay was packed with Thingyan revellers including tourists. In the evening, dance troupes entertained revellers with traditional dance and songs at the Mayor’s pandal. Mandalay Mayor Minister for Development Affairs of Mandalay Region U Phone Zaw Han and wife, region ministers and guests also enjoyed the performance. — MNA
Yangonites enjoy Maha Thingyan Water Festival on Akyat Day

On Maha Thingyan Akyat Day, Thingyan lovers in townships of Yangon enjoyed the water festival peacefully and joyfully. Kaba Aye Pagoda road near Inya Lake was temporarily changed into one-way from two-way starting from the junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda road and Thitsar road for the convenience of Thingyan cars and travellers. Likewise, measures are being taken to avoid traffic jam on Pyay road near Inya Lake by officials.

Pandals in North Okkalapa, Thakayta, Botataung, Bahan, Dagon and Mayangon Townships were packed with merry makers. Yangon Mayor’s Maha Thingyan Pandal, where Yein troupes performed entertainment and singer entertained those present with songs accompanied by Lazy Club music band in the evening, was crammed with revellers.

Similarly, Spy water-throwing pandal on Pyay road near Inya Lake and Air Bagan pandal were lively with Thingyan activities.

To escape the daytime heat of the month of Tagu, revellers took a rest at Yangon Zoological Garden, environs of Inya Lake and Kandawgyi, Kandawmin and People’s Park. Devotees were served with refreshment at the monasteries. — MNA

Monywa of Sagaing Region celebrates Myanmar New Year Festival

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April — As Myanmar people celebrate Myanmar New Year Festival or Thingyan Festival in mid-April or in Tagu in Myanmar Calendar, when the trees are laden with Padauk blossoms and the air filled with sweet songs of cuckoos, Monywa of Sagaing Region celebrated the 1372 ME Myanmar Maha Thingyan Festival on 13 April evening at the pandal in front of Monywa Town Hall.

Monywa of Sagaing Region celebrates Myanmar New Year Festival

NAY PYI TAW, 15 April — Revellers in Ayeyawady Region today participated Maha Thingyan Akyat Day at the Region’s Central Pandal, Home Affairs Ministry’s Mitta Yesin Pandal, Pathein University’s Kanthaya Pandal and Forestry Ministry’s Pandal.

Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Region ministers and region level departmental heads enjoyed the festival at Central Pandal where movie star Thu Htoo San, damsels and Yein troupes performed songs and dances. The chief minister and party awarded the performers. — MNA

Ayeyawady Region celebrates Thingyan Akyat Day

Chief Minister U Thein Aung of Ayeyawady Region enjoys Yein dances at the region’s central pandal. — MNA

Opening ceremony
Myanmar Traditional
Maha Thingyan
Festival in
Sagaing Region
(Monywa)
in progress. — MNA

Bogyoke Aung San Road in Yangon crowded with revellers on Maha Thingyan Akyat Day.— MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye formally opened the festival. Next, Yein troupes from the central pandal and entertainment pandals performed dances to the accompaniment of song entitled “Relaxing at Mandalay Hill”.

The chief minister and his wife, personnel and guests sprinkled water to each other. Next, six decorated floats entertained alternatively and so did Yein troupes. — MNA
Police divers search for NY serial killer victims

Hemlock Cove, 15 April—New York police divers scoured the gray waters near a popular beach as the search widened in a suspected serial killer case feared to have claimed up to 10 victims.

Suffolk County police on Long Island closed off a stretch of scrub-covered bank leading down to the inlet at Hemlock Cove in their latest check on the grisly body count piling up in the nature reserve about an hour from New York City.

Three divers in hooded black and orange dry suits waded into the fog-shrouded water carrying digging implements and metal detectors.

County Police Commissioner Richard Dormer told a news conference that aircraft would be brought in to help the search.

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Road accidents kill 116 in first 3 days of Songkran festival

BANGKOK, 15 April—Road accidents killed 116 people and injured 1,760 others in the past three days in Thailand as the country is celebrating the annual Songkran festival, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Thursday.

The department said that from 11 to 13 April, a total of 1,626 road accidents happened nationwide and on Wednesday alone, 57 people lost their lives and 784 got injured in traffic accidents.

The department said most of the accidents were caused by drunk driving and overspeeding.

Songkran Festival, the traditional Thai new-year festival which is famous for water-splashing celebrations, falls on 13-17 April this year. Many Thais started to leave or enter cities since early this week.

Hundreds of people die each year on the roads during Songkran festival. Motorcycles are usually involved in most of these road accidents, followed by pick-up trucks. —Xinhua

Fiat recalls 130,000 Puntos on brake problem

MILAN, 15 April—Italian auto giant Fiat has recalled over 130,000 Fiat Puntos because of a possible problem with the anti-lock braking system that could cause a short circuit, a company spokesman said on Thursday.

“The recall concerns over 130,000 vehicles including the Grande Punto, Punto EVO, Grande Punto Van and Punto EVO Van models,” Fiat began sending out letters to affected owners at the beginning of February, the spokesman said.

The autos were recalled after a problem with the anti-lock braking system was found in a vehicle, he said.

The Fiat spokesman said it was possible cables in the system may have been “pinched” during assembly and could “be damaged, provoking a short circuit.”

Over half the vehicles are in Italy and the rest are in Europe, he added. —Internet

Radiation level of groundwater up 10-fold at troubled nuke plant

TOKYO, 15 April—The radiation level of the groundwater had increased 10 fold in one week at the troubled Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant, Kyodo News reported on Thursday, citing operator sources.

Earlier on Thursday, the country’s nuclear safety agency said that the level of contaminated water in its underground trench turned out to be rising again.

The operator of the plant, Tokyo Electric Power Co, removed some 660 tons of highly contaminated water in the past two days from one of the trenches to a “condenser” inside the No 2 reactor turbine building. The condenser has a capacity to store 3,000 tons of liquid.

Radioactive water was found in the basements of the Nos. 1 to 3 reactor turbine buildings, and the nearby trenches connected to them. The water totaled about 60,000 tons.

Removing the water to nearby tanks and other storage places is considered vital to the attempt of restoring the key cooling functions at the reactors.

Japan’s nuclear safety agency on Tuesday had raised the severity level of the accident at the crippled Fukushima No 1 nuclear power plant to 7, the worst on an international scale, from the 5 current. —Xinhua

Death toll reaches 13,498 from great quake-tsunami in Japan

TOKYO, 15 April—The National Police Agency said on Thursday that the March 11 earthquake and tsunami had left 13,498 people dead and 14,734 others unaccounted for in Japan by 19:00 pm local time (10:00 GMT).

About 139,000 survivors are staying in 2,300 shelters across the country as one month has passed since the quake and tsunami.

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

Saudi Airlines plane makes emergency landing in Athens airport due to false alarm for fire, no injuries

ATHENS, 15 April—A Saudi airlines plane made an emergency landing in Athens International Airport on Thursday due to a false alarm for fire in the luggage area, according to Greek media reports.

According to early information, the pilot of the Boeing 777 which had taken off from Washington US for Riad with 239 passengers on board, requested Greek authorities permission to land due to an electronic indication that there was a small fire in the luggage area.

All passengers evacuated safely, no injuries occurred and after a swift check by the “Eleftherios Venizelos” airport experts it was proved that the alarm was false. —Xinhua

People carry out water fight during Songkran water festival at Silom Road, in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 13 April, 2011, to celebrate traditional Thai New Year. Thai New Year celebrations “Songkran Water Festival” is held from 13 April to 17 April. —Xinhua

A girl of Dai ethnic group performs with a Hulusi or cucurbit flute in the street in Jinghong, capital of Dai Autonomous Prefecture of Xishuangbanna, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 14 April, 2011. Tens of thousands of people celebrate the great ethnic culture performance of Dai on Thursday, the second day of the Dai New Year festival according to the Dai calendar. —Xinhua

An employee of the Fiat Mirafiori plant works on a Punto assembly line in Turin in 2006. —Internet

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**New Orleans police convicted over killing of Katrina**

**Washington, 15 April**

The New Orleans police department’s reputation was further tarnished on Wednesday when two officers were convicted in relation to the killing of a handcuffed man in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

In Wednesday’s case, a patrolman, Melvin Williams, was found guilty of kicking and beating a baton Raymond Robair and submitting a false report about the incident. A fellow officer, Matthew Dean Moore, was also found guilty of submitting a false report and lying to the FBI. Williams could be jailed for life, and Moore for up to 25 years. They are to be sentenced on 14 July.

New Orleans PD has been under investigation by the US justice department, and there are at least a dozen cases pending against serving or former officers in the city.

The prosecution said Williams beat Robair, put him in a police car and took him to hospital, telling staff he was a known drug user.

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**Australia mate on China Barrier Reef ship ‘tired’**

**London, 15 April**

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has found that a Chinese cargo ship ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef because the chief mate was tired.

The coal-carrying Shen Neng 1 foundered on the reef on 3 April 2010, leaking tonnes of oil into the protected area. The accident left a hole in the reef 3km (1.8 mile) long; the ship was leaking tonnes of oil into the protected area.

Environmenal officials say it could take 20 years for the reef, and its turtle breeding grounds, to recover.

The ship’s chief mate had managed just 2.5 hours of sleep in the previous 38.5 hours. “The chief mate was affected by fatigue and this resulted in a decreased level of performance while he was monitoring Shen Neng 1’s position,” the bureau’s final report on the incident concluded.

“The ship did not have an effective fatigue management system in place to ensure that the watchkeeper was fit to stand a navigational watch,” the report said. The bureau found that the ship lacked proper procedures for planning routes and for handling fatigue.

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**Japan gets 1,160-calorie ‘Meat Monster’ burger**

**London, 15 April**

In a nation known as one of the world’s healthiest, it remains to be seen what Japanese consumers will make of the Meat Monster. The gut-busting sandwich, unveiled only in Japan by Burger King, is a mountain of mixed meat weighing in at 1,160 calories.

The creation houses two hamburgers, a chicken breast fillet, two slices of processed cheese, three rashers of bacon and all the trimmings. It has more salt than four bags of crisps and would take two hours to jog off — if you can move after devouring it.

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**Yellowstone’s geysers are driven by a hot plume beneath the surface.**

**Internet**

**Yellowstone supervolcano fed by bigger plume**

**Salt Lake City, 15 April**

The underground volcanic plume at Yellowstone in the US may be bigger than previously thought, according to a new study by geologists. The volcanic hotspot below Yellowstone feeds the hot springs, mud pots and geysers that bring millions of visitors to the US national park each year. But the Yellowstone “supervolcano” has erupted violently in the distant past and could do so again at some point.

The new study is set to be published in Geophysical Research Letters journal. In 2009, researchers used seismic waves from earthquakes to build up an image of the hotspot beneath Yellowstone, which straddles the US states of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The authors of the latest work used variations in the electric conductivity of rocks to produce a new picture of the plume.

This conductivity is a property of the molten silicic rocks and the hot briny water that is naturally present in them. “It’s like comparing ultrasound and MRI in the human body; they are different imaging technologies,” says co-author Michael Zhdanov, a professor of geophysics at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.
California cat shot in head with arrow, survives

A northern California cat that survived being shot through the head.

Police say two people tried to sell stolen property.

Police say two people swiped tools from a central Pennsylvania home then unwittingly tried to sell them back to their owner at his place of employment.

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Man, 81, fights robber with pan, pitchfork

An 81-year-old Florida man said he used a pan full of fried potatoes and a pitchfork to fight off an armed robber he found in his home.

Pique says he’s ‘very happy’ with Shakira

Barcelona defender Gerard Pique says being constantly followed by gossip media since he started dating Colombian pop star Shakira has been trying but despite this, he and the singer are “very happy.”

Sally Field to play Abraham Lincoln’s wife

Sally Field will star as Mary Todd Lincoln, the wife of the 16th president of the United States, in Steven Spielberg’s “Lincoln.”

Jewelry stand throws attempted robbery off-track

Police say two men tried to kick, smash and shoot their way into a display of jewelry at a Hawaii store, but came up empty.

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John Lennon’s handwritten lyrics for “Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds” from “Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” is shown in this publicity photo released to Reuters 13 April, 2011.

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Barcelona vs Real Madrid rivalry comes to the fore

MADRID, 15 April — Barcelona and Real Madrid have had a bitter rivalry dating way back to 1902 and they are braced to face each other four times in an 18-day period that will define their respective seasons.

Football fans around the globe will be treated to four installments of “El Clasico”, arguably the biggest game in football, with the two wealthiest and most successful clubs in Spain doing battle for the league, Kings Cup and Champions League crowns. Each club and city stands for something different, with Madrid keen to represent the heart of Spain and its values, while Barcelona wants to have its own identity and sees itself as a separate country with Catalan, rather than Spanish, its language. Historically, Real have been the more successful of the two, boasting nine European Cups to Barcelona’s three and 31 league titles to Barcelona’s 20.

Bayern star Schweinsteiger doubtful for Leverkusen

BERLIN, 15 April — Bayern Munich’s German star Bastian Schweinsteiger is doubtful for Sunday’s key Bundesliga clash against Bayer Leverkusen after spraining an ankle ligament. The 26-year-old twisted his ankle in training on Thursday and faces a race against time to be fit for Sunday’s clash at Munich’s Allianz Arena.

The hosts are fourth in the table and under pressure to secure a Champions League berth for next season. Bayern sacked Louis Van Gaal as coach last Sunday and his assistant Andries Jonker will take over for the last five matches of the season.

Schalke’s fans snap up all available Man Utd tickets

GELSENKIRCHEN, 15 April — All available tickets for the home leg of Schalke’s Champions League semi-final against Manchester United on 26 April sold out in just two and a half hours on Thursday. Schalke beat holders Inter Milan 2-1 at the Veltins Arena in Gelsenkirchen on Wednesday night to complete a 7-3 aggregate win.

42 cars, 4 past winners line up for Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS, 15 April — Four Indianapolis 500 winners will try to qualify for this year’s race. There are 35 driver-car combinations listed among the entrants for the race’s centennial celebration. The 83-car list is the highest total since 2002.

Past winners trying to make this year’s traditional 33-car field are three-time winner Helio Castroneves, two-time winner and defending champ Dario Franchitti and former series points champ Scott Dixon and Dan Wheldon. The first woman to ever lead the race, Danica Patrick, is one of three women hoping to qualify. Five rookies also will attempt to make the field, and 18 of the 35 drivers have one at least one victory in open-wheel racing. The race is scheduled for 29 May.

Study says airports likely not ready for WCup

SÃO PAULO, 15 April — It will be difficult to get most Brazilian airports ready in time for 2014 World Cup, according to a government report released on Thursday.

Renovation work in 10 of the 13 airports which will be used during the monthlong tournament will not be completed in time unless there are changes in the investment plans made by Brazil’s airport authority, Brazil’s Economic Research Institute said in its study. “If the usual timelines for infrastructure projects in Brazil are maintained, 10 of the 13 passenger terminals will not be completed by 2014,” the report said, adding that “the low efficiency in the execution of investment programs is worrisome.”

Cink, Henry lead Texas Open after Na’s meltdown

SAN ANTONIO, 15 April — Kevin Na watched his first shot on No. 9 veer badly off course. His next stroke wasn’t any better. Or the next one. Or the 11 after that. Or maybe it was 12. Thirteen? Na himself couldn’t keep track. “I got done with the hole and I said (to my caddie), ‘I think I made somewhere between a 10 and 12.'” Na said. “But I think it’s close to a 15.” Try 16.

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Air Pacific cancels order for 8 Boeing 787s

NEW YORK, 15 April — Fiji’s Air Pacific has canceled its order for eight Boeing 787 aircraft, the US aerospace giant said Wednesday, the latest blow for its delay-plagued Dreamliner programme.

“Boeing confirms that Air Pacific no longer is a Boeing 787 customer,” the Chicago-based firm said in an email to AFP Wednesday.

Aviation Week earlier reported that Air Pacific, the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006 and the official international airline of Fiji, had canceled orders for five Dreamliners placed in 2006.

The 787 programme has been beset by technical problems that have delayed the timetable for delivery of the inaugural aircraft to All Nippon Airways by three years.

“We recognize that Air Pacific’s evolving business model has affected its fleet requirements,” Boeing said in the brief statement.

Shares in Boeing closed 1.3 percent lower at $72.13 in New York trade.—AFP

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Friday, 15th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.

The past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Mon and Shan 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 lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Chin States, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Taninthayi Region and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (45°C); Mibneband, Magway (42°C), Myingyan and Nyaung Oo (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bilin (1.18) inches, Hispaw (0.67) inch, Kalaywa (0.45) inch and Myiikyimi (0.24) inch.

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Weather Outlook for the 3rd Weekend of April: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-4-2011) (Saturday)

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Local - (09:00 am ~ 11:00 am) MST
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Local Transmission
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Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Plum growers enjoying big harvest in Yamethin Township

Byline & photos: Reporter Nyunt Shwe

A pile of dried plum at a plum brokerage house in Yamethin Township.

Due to the unusual rainfall, the yield of plum trees that grow naturally at crop plantations and paddy fields in rural areas and the farmed plum trees in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region, is far higher than previous year. So, the plum brokerage houses and plum mills in urban areas of the township are thronged with plum dealers.

Local plum growers are making hefty profits from plum farming at low expenses this year. Inspired by the good news, I visited Yaza Phyo Plum Brokerage House and Plum Mill at Wa-toe Zaygon Ward in Yamethin Township. There, a plum farmer said that plum started to be in fruit in the Myanmar month of Tazaungmone and were in season in Pyatho and Tabodwe; that plum was of two types — thick flesh and thin flesh; and that thin-flesh plum was exposed to the sun for five days and thick-flesh plum, for 10 days to be dried.

I also heard that thick-flesh plum was priced at 2200 kyats and thin-flesh plum, at 2600 kyats a basket; that it rained a lot this year, so every plum tree was in cluster; even at the beginning of the plum season, plum was sold at the price of 2500 to 2600 kyats a basket, which was two times the price last year; and that therefore, after the harvest of monsoon paddy, farmers also got extra money from the trade of plum.

Owing to the abundant plum harvest, Yamethin Township sees 17 plum wholesale centres this year. Plum merchants are visiting the villages.

Model chick pea plot harvested

SEIKPYU, 15 April — A seed bank in Seikpyu Township provided quality strains of cold season crops and chick pea (Yezin-8) to local farmers. Model chick pea plot was harvested on 1.50 acres of farmland at field No. 1116 of farmer Daw Than Huay in Koedaunt Village on 2 March.

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Internet

Tablets may be starting to steal people away from their laptops, desktops, and even televisions, according to a survey released this week by Google’s AdMob service.