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True patriotism

* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Projects will achieve success only through cooperation and coordination between Union Government and State and Region governments

For food and shelter security of the people, it is necessary to improve agricultural sector first and then to establish an industrialized nation and develop other economic sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April – Special Projects Implementation Committee held the coordination meeting (1/2011) at the President Office here at 2 pm today. Committee Chairman President U Thein Sein addressed the meeting.

The meeting was attended by Vice-Chairmen of the committee Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, committee members the Commander-in-Chief and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union ministers, chief ministers of States and Regions, the auditor-general, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

First, President U Thein Sein delivered a speech. He said that in endeavouring for national development through the practice of the new system, the Union Government as well as State and Region governments have already been formed. So, together they will share the nation-building tasks.

As each and every nation is trying their utmost for their national development, Myanmar also needs to strive for development in order not to fall behind others.

Despite having natural resources both on land and in water, the country for various reasons lagged behind others in development in the past. It is therefore necessary to implement nation-building tasks with added momentum so as to catch up

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President U Thein Sein addresses coordination meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee.—MNA
PRODUCE MORE QUALITY PADDY STRAINS

Agricultural sector plays a much bigger role in national economic growth. This is why efforts are being made for establishment of an industrialized country and all-round development of other economic sectors, based on agriculture.

With the majority of the Myanmar’s population engaging in the agricultural business, measures are being taken to reclaim more land and boost agricultural produce. Particularly, more than 200 dams and reservoirs have been built to supply irrigation water and prevent farmlands from being flooded.

Peasants on their part are trying to boost per-acre yield of paddy and other crops. They also need to use quality strains, correct cultivation methods and proportionate agricultural inputs and minimize loss and wastage.

The State is encouraging the extension of vacant land and establishment of more agricultural special zones and assisting the farmers in getting modern farm equipment. As a result, modern agricultural special zones are thriving, and some of them have been able to produce over 100 baskets of paddy per acre due to the use of hybrid strains. But it is still necessary to develop and use more hybrid paddy strains.

In increasing the per-acre yield in farm works, use of proportionate agricultural inputs is important. Moreover, natural fertilizers should be used to ensure fertile soil. Natural fertilizers can prevent soil degradation and pests.

All in all, the agricultural sector will improve more if agricultural research centres are to produce more high strains and if national entrepreneurs and farmers are to reclaim more land, establish more agricultural zones and use more natural fertilizers.

POWER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURES ON INCREASE

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Aung Than Oo on 20 April visited warehouse of the ministry in Yangon and inspected power station equipment and power grip equipment, meter boxes, and furniture there.

The deputy minister inspected construction progress of switch yard of 66/11 KV power station in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. The ministry is upgrading the former 33 KV power plant into 66 KV facility.

The deputy minister then inspected construction of Project Manager (1) Office of power supply project (North) in Dagon Myothit (North) townships.—MNA

FOREIGN WELL-WISHERS HOLD RESPECT-PAYING, STATIONERY DONATION IN MYINMU TOWNSHIP

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Under the auspices of Bhaddanta Iddhibala (Maha S a d d h a h a m a Jotikadhaba), Chairman of Yangon Region Sangha Sabha, well-wishers from Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand held a respect-paying ceremony to 124 elders aged 70 and above from Latpan model village, Myinmu Township of Sagaing Region, in conjunction with donation of education requisites worth over K 37.5 million for 2078 students, 133 education staff from 14 villages of Myinmu and Myaung townships, in Latpan model village yesterday.

Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region attended the ceremonies and offered clothes and medicines to the aged.

The well-wishers awarded outstanding students and then explained the purpose of donation. The chief minister presented commemorate gifts to the well-wishers and inspected Myitta Shin Library, rural dispensary and water supply tasks.—MNA

ASEAN, JAPAN TO COOPERATE IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint returned to Yangon from Indonesia on 10 April, after attending the ASEAN-Japan Special Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Jakarta.

The meeting was held at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta on 9 April in response to the earthquake and tsunami in Japan as well as the natural disasters that occurred in other parts of the region. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Dr Marty RM Natalegawa and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Takeaki Matsumoto co-chaired the meeting and the ministers of Foreign Affairs and their representatives of ASEAN member countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General together with other delegates attended the meeting.

The permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN U Nyan Lynn, delegates from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and permanent mission of Myanmar to ASEAN in Jakarta also attended the meeting.

President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono delivered an inaugural speech at the special meeting. The ministers of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN and their representatives and the Japanese Foreign Minister exchanged views on the recent natural disasters in the region and discussed enhancement of cooperation in disaster management.

At the end of the meeting, Chairman of ASEAN Mr Marty RM Natalegawa issued a statement. The statement reaffirmed ASEAN’s and Japan’s commitment to promote ASEAN-Japan potential cooperation in disaster management and welcomed Japan’s resolve to further strengthen its support for ASEAN to promote and enhance capability in disaster management. It also supported Japan’s resolve to improve the safety of nuclear power plants, and its willingness to share experience learnt from the accident with ASEAN member states. The co-chairs held a press conference after the meeting with the prescience of heads of delegations and the Secretary-General of ASEAN. The Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister hosted a dinner to the heads of the delegations and the ASEAN Secretary-General after the press conference.

In the morning before the special meeting, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Mr Takeaki Matsumoto and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint held a meeting on promotion of bilateral relations. The Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister explained the government’s measures for safety of Fukushima nuclear power plant following the accident.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Than Aye of Agricultural Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Lt-Col Than Aung of the Ministry of Defence as Director-General of Revenue Appellate Tribunal under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

SAGAING REGION CHIEF MINISTER U THA AYE INSPECTS MYITTA SHIN LIBRARY IN LATPAN VILLAGE IN MYINMU TOWNSHIP.—MNA

PEOPLE’S DESIRE

* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

HISTORY

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Karachi, 22 April—The death toll from a bomb blast that ripped through an illegal gambling den in Pakistan's southern port city of Karachi rose to 19, with more than 40 other people wounded, officials said.

It was not yet clear if the explosion, that hit the city's largest gambling complex, the Rummy Club, was a criminal act or caused by religious extremists in the teeming violence-plagued city, a senior home ministry official said on Friday.

"Three more people died of their injuries in hospital overnight, bringing the toll to 19," the ministry's Sharfuddin Memon said, adding that more than 40 people were receiving hospital treatment with three in a critical condition.

"We are investigating if the attack was the result of rivalry between criminal gangs or if some vigilante groups of extremists were involved," Memon said.

Hospital official Saleem Ahmed confirmed the casualty figures.

The city houses many clandestine gambling dens, which are officially outlawed in the Islamic nation and subject to occasional police raids.

Police said the bomb was small, made of two kilogrammes (four pounds) of explosives, but casualties were high because the gambling hall was crowded at the time.—Internet

Five oil tankers torched in N Afghanistan

PUL-E-KHUMIR, 22 April—Armed militants attacked fuel tankers supplying oil to NATO-led troops and torched five vehicles in Baghlan Province, some 160 km north of capital City of Kabul, a local official said Friday.

"A group of militants opened fire on a line of oil trucks in Sya Chobak area of Dushi District late Thursday night, leaving five tankers on fire," district chief of Dushi Mohammad Khan told Xinhua on Friday.

He said two other vehicles had received bullets and damaged in the attack but attackers fled the area.

According to Khan the drivers and co-drivers of the vehicles escaped the firing luckily and no one was hurt in the incident.

On the other hand, Zabihullah Mujahid who claims to talk for Taleban militants claimed of responsibility and in talks with media from undisclosed location via cell phone said the militants torched the tanker to punish people who provide help for foreign forces.—Xinhua

Afghan boy collects trophy pieces of a destroyed car after an explosion which was used by a suicide attacker in Batikut district of Nangarhar province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, 20 April, 2011.—Internet

KABUL, 22 April—A roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan has killed five Afghan border policemen while an militant attack

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US missiles kill 25 people in Pakistan tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 22 April—US drones fired 10 missiles at a house in a Pakistan tribal region near the Afghan border on Friday, killing at least 25 people, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

The strike came a day after Pakistan’s army chief denounced such attacks, and could further sour already deteriorating relations between Washington and Islamabad.

Also Friday, hundreds of militants attacked a checkpoint in a northwest Pakistani district along the border overnight and into the morning hours, killing 14 security troops, officials said—a show of insurgents’ continued strength despite army offenses against them.

The latest US missiles hit Spinwam village in North Waziristan, a tribal region home to militants that target American and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

The three intelligence officials said civilians were believed to be among the dead, and that several people also were wounded.

The reported death toll was relatively high for an American missile strike. Internet

Five Afghans killed in U.S. drone strike

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Officials say five Afghan police, one NATO soldier die elsewhere in the country left one NATO service member dead, officials said Friday.

Gen Abdul Raziq, chief of the Afghan border police in Kandahar Province, said one other border policeman was wounded in the blast on Thursday night in Spin Boldak District along the Pakistan border.

The NATO service member was killed Thursday in the east, following an militant attack. So far this year, 128 coalition troops have died in Afghanistan.

Each spring and summer the Taleban step up their attacks against Afghan government forces and the NATO-led coalition supporting them. That uptick in fighting is anticipated to be in full force by the end of this month, or early May.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday in Washington that if hard-won security gains made in the south and east against the Taleban during the past year can be sustained during spring and summer fighting, the US-led coalition may find it “has turned a corner” by the end of this year.—Internet

15 security personnel killed by militants in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 22 April—Heavily armed militants attacked a security checkpoint in Pakistan’s northwest and killed at least 15 soldiers, local media reported on Friday.

A large number of militants, with heavy weapons including rockets, launched a big attack on a check post in Lower Dir District along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border early Friday morning, reported Urdu TV channel ARY quoting security officials.

Army helicopter gunships later bombed positions of the militants in the mountainous areas, but there had been no report of the militants’ casualties.

Several soldiers were also injured and the army removed the bodies and injured to a hospital in Timergara, a main town in Dir District.

The injured were later shifted to Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Province.

People gather at the site of a car bomb explosion in Shala, Bagdad, Iraq recently. Internet

Iraqis walk past the site of a car bomb explosion in the Sadr City District recently. Internet
Ten shining moments of Apple

**1. In the Beginning**

Steve Jobs, a 21-year-old college dropout, started his IT career with two friends Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne.

The three young men created Apple Computers on 1 April, 1976. But just after 3 months, Wayne sold his share of the start-up Apple for only 800 US dollars.

In 1983, Jobs and Wozniak met with Michael Scott, the company’s CEO, and offered him the idea of a computer the size of a suitcase. Scott rejected their idea, saying, “There’s no market for that.”

In 1985, the board of Apple fired Jobs for the reason that “he was uncontrollable.”

But in 1997, with the company’s profits shrinking and the success of Microsoft’s Windows 95, Apple’s board decided to re-hire this genius. In August of that year, Jobs came back and became the company’s chairman.

Today, Jobs is recognized as one of Apple’s most valuable assets — just hours after news released that Jobs would take medical leave for bad health, the company’s stock fell 4 percent.

**2. Introducing Apple I**

The first Apple computer was hand-built by Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak in Steve Jobs’ parents’ garage.

It may look quite like antique by today’s standard: Wood-frame shell, without keyboard, a monitor, a mouse, or a hard drive.

Even so, as the first all-in-one microcomputer, it was also a giant step forward in the history of PC development.

In 1999, this most collectible PC of all time was sold by an Apple fan for 50,000 US dollars.

**3. 1984: Dawn of the Mac**

On 24 Jan of 1984, the first affordable computer Macintosh made its debut and caused a sensation.

It offered a graphical user interface, replacing dusty text-based operating systems with an intuitive layout of folders and icons.

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**5. Computer candy**

The iMac, introduced in 1998, soon became the most bestselling computer in the US. Its user-friendly design attracted a number of clients who didn’t know much about computers. Besides, its cute circular mouse and translucent body also helped it stand out in the competition.

A week after the candy-coloured new iMacs became available, Apple announced its most recent quarterly earnings were three times what they had been the year before.

**6. iPod mania**

Apple introduced its latest product, iPod, in October, 2001. This portable music player, with its innovative click-wheel interface, impressive storage capacity and lightning-quick download capability, quickly became one of its top-selling products.

“You can fit your whole music library in your pocket,” Jobs liked to say.

So far, more than 170 million iPods have been sold around the world since its debut.

**7. Mac OS X releases**

In March 2001, Apple released its new operating system — Mac OS X (“ten” not the letter X).

Its stability, speed and ease of use became a major selling point for new Mac users who switched from Windows-driven PCs. Even Jobs would remark about the powerfully stable system: “It’s so beautiful you just want to lick it.”

**8. Dreamy downloads**

Apple launched its iTunes store in 2003, offering legal music downloads for 99 cents per song. In its first week, iTunes sold 1 million songs; within a year, it sold more than 50 million.

**9. The iPhone**

With earning significant success of iPod, Apple unveiled its new product iPhone on 29 June of 2007, which prompted enormous lines outside of Apple stores as well as adoring praise from reviewers.

The multimedia phone, Mp3 player, camera, GPS tracker and so on has sold some 1.4 million units by 30 Sept of that year.

A year after the iPhone’s release, Jobs introduced yet another better, cheaper version: the iPhone 3G.

**10. iPad coming**

When Apple unveiled the iPad on 27 Jan this year, the whole world went so crazy.

This touchscreen tablet computer allowed users to check email, browse the web, play games, read books, watch movies and download applications on something that looked like a giant iPhone but functioned like a laptop.
Health

Pecans may lower bad cholesterol

LOMA LINDA, 22 April—A handful of pecans each day may boost antioxidant levels in the body and help protect the heart, California researchers suggest.

Dr Ella Haddad, associate professor at the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University in California, says pecans contain different forms of the antioxidant vitamin E, known as tocopherols, and the nuts are especially rich in one form of vitamin E called gamma-tocopherols.

This type of antioxidant has been shown to double in the human body after eating pecans and it may lead to a decrease in bad cholesterol, Haddad says. The study, published in The Journal of Nutrition, finds testing conducted after participants had eaten pecans showed gamma-tocopherols doubled and oxidation of low-density lipoprotein, bad cholesterol, decreased by one-third.

“This study confirms previous research which shows pecans are a healthy food,” Haddad says in a statement.

“Our study indicates that antioxidants in pecans are absorbed in the body and provide a protective effect against the development of various diseases such as cancer and heart disease.”—Internet

Health Tip: Yoga can help your health

No matter what style of yoga you prefer to practice, it’s a great exercise that offers a number of physical and mental health benefits.

The US National Centre for Complementary and Alternative Medicine lists these possible health benefits of yoga:

* Better mood, improved sleep and better overall well-being.
* Better stress management.
* Lowered heart rate and blood pressure, as well as improved lung capacity.
* More relaxed muscles and healthier body composition.
* Improved management of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety.
* Better flexibility, strength and general physical fitness.
* Positive effects on chemicals in the brain and blood.

Native ducks more towards a pond in a farming village in Temanggung, Central Java. It will take at least 10 years to eradicate the HSNI bird flu virus, which has killed scores of humans, from poultry in the six countries where it is endemic, a UN agency has said.—INTERNET

Business

JPMorgan to pay $800 M in Lehman bankruptcy case

NEW YORK, 22 April—US banking giant JPMorgan Chase agreed to pay some $800 million to settle claims stemming from the massive bankruptcy of Wall Street firm Lehman Brothers in 2008, a court trustee said.

James Giddens, the trustee for Lehman Brothers, said the cash and securities would help cover some of the losses in the massive collapse that was a key point in the global financial crisis.

“This is a milestone... the global economy into recession. Claims from creditors were believed to be a whopping $875 billion, much of which would be written off under the reorganization.

A large portion of Lehman’s assets were acquired by British bank Barclays for $250 million. JPMorgan Chase said the settlement would not affect its results.—INTERNET

Toyota to recall 333,000 SUVs for airbag risk

DETROIT, 22 April—Toyota Motor Corp said on Thursday it would recall about 333,000 RAV4 and Highlander SUVs because of the risk airbags sensors could fail and cause the curtain airbags to deploy.

The recall covers about 214,000 RAV4 and about 94,000 Highlander SUVs from the 2007 and 2008 model years in the United States, and about 19,000 RAV4 and 6,000 Highlanders in Canada.

The recall only affects vehicles sold in North America, Toyota said.

Toyota said owners of the vehicles would be notified of the recall by mail in May. Toyota said that, in cases where two sensors fail at almost the same time, the side curtain airbags designed to protect passengers in a rollover accident could be inflated outside such an accident.

In cases where just one of the sensors fails, the airbags warning light will be activated, the automaker said.

The sensors were made by Denso Corp. A Toyota spokesman said a change was made in the making of the sensors in January 2008 that fixed the issue and that no more recalls on this issue are expected.

The spokesman said he knew of no accidents related to the curtain airbags issue, but said that some minor injuries have been reported. He said he did not know how many injuries have been reported.

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Toyota is recalling more than 300,000 sport utility vehicles in the United States to fix faulty airbag sensors.—INTERNET

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S Korean commandos storm ship after pirate attack

This undated photo released by Hanjin Shipping Co, shows the container ship 'Hanjin Tianjin' of South Korea. South Korea on 21 April, 2011 said that the ship 'Hanjin Tianjin' may have been hijacked by pirates in the Indian Ocean. Internet

SEOUL, 22 April — South Korean commandos stormed a container ship hours after it was attacked by pirates in the Indian Ocean on Thursday and freed all crew members unharmed, officials said.

A second ship, an Italian-flagged vessel with 21 crew, was also hijacked by Somali pirates Thursday, the European Union’s anti-piracy task force said.

Hanjin Shipping Co spokeswoman Sonya Cho said the South Korean commando raid was carried out by the Choi Young, a helicopter-carrying warship with a crew of 200.— Internet

Breastfeeding boosts maternal response

Chinese women shop for dried milk products at an international supermarket in Beijing. Internet

BEIJING, 22 April — Mothers who feed their babies breast milk exclusively — no formula — are more likely than others to bond emotionally with their child, US researchers say.

Lead researcher Dr Jeongyeon Kim, of the National Institute of Mental Health, part of the National Institutes of Health, and colleagues used functional magnetic resonance imaging to map the brain’s responses when the mothers were breastfeeding. The breastfeeding mothers showed greater responses to their infant’s cry in brain regions that up to three or four months after delivery some of the maternal, sensitive behavior among the same group of mothers.— Internet

China to build $1bln airport in Chad

N’DJAMENA, 22 April — The government of Chad and Chinese engineering firm CAMC have signed a $1 billion deal to build a new international airport north of the capital N’Djamena.

The airport with an ultra-modern terminal “will cost a billion dollars and will be financed by the state of Chad through a loan from a Chinese bank.” Infrastructure Minister Adoum Younousssi said at the signing ceremony on Thursday.

Negotiations over the loan would start 28 April with the Chinese government, he said. The project also includes building a motorway between the airport at Djermaya and the capital, 40 kilometres (25 miles) to the south.

One million passengers a year were expected to use the airport, which should be completed in four years. N’Djamena’s current airport, Hasssan Djamous, is situated near the centre of the capital, which is growing rapidly and where property values have soared.— Internet

Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region will grow strongly in the next few years but air transport in Europe is likely to stagnate, the outgoing head of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has said. Internet

POS CO quarterly profit misses forecast as higher costs hurt

SEOUL, 22 April — POSCO (005490), the world’s No 3 steelmaker, reported a 36 percent fall in quarterly operating profit, missing forecasts, hit by high raw materials costs and low demand.

The global steel sector, seen as a barometer of the broader economy’s health, is facing a margin squeeze as China continues to churn out record steel despite rising interest rates, while raw material costs remain high partly due to persistent rains in Australia delaying production recovery.

The devastating earthquake in Japan is also dimming overall demand prospects from key consumers such as carmakers, shipbuilders and consumer electronics goods makers as they struggle to normalize production amid rolling power blackouts.

Japan’s JFE Holdings (5411.T), the world’s No 5 steelmaker, reported a 67 percent fall in quarterly profit on Thursday after the 11 March earthquake curtailed shipments, and provided no guidance for the current financial year.

South Korea’s POSCO, which trails AcerelMittal (BPA.AS) and Baosteel (600019.SS), said its January-March operating profit was 921 billion won ($852 million), below the consensus forecast of 1.1 trillion won by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

The profit compares with 1.44 trillion won a year ago and 519 billion won in the previous quarter, POSCO said. Reuters

It is important for loved ones to support mothers and help them cope with challenges related to breastfeeding and parenting during this period,” Kim said in a statement.— Internet

Uncle of would-be terrorist pleads guilty

NEW YORK, 22 April — The uncle of a man who admitted a plot to bomb the New York subway system has pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with investigators, court papers say.

Naqib Jaji, a taxi driver in Colorado, entered a plea secretly last year to obstruction of justice, the New York Daily News reported Thursday. He admitted destroying bomb-making supplies his nephew, Najibullah Zazi, had left at his home.

While Zazi pleaded guilty last year, his father, Mohammed Zazi, and another alleged accomplice are awaiting trial. Jaji has agreed to testify against them, the News said.

Jaji said his nephew used his garage to store chemicals, including toilet cleaner and nail polish, and equipment like scales and goggles. When he asked Zazi what the material was for, he responded “fertility medicine,” court papers said.

Mohammed Zazi and Jaji had their wives clean out the garage so the FBI would not find the equipment, court papers said. Zazi is scheduled to be sentenced this year and faces life in prison. Internet
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with the neighbouring nations by tapping human resources and natural resources in an effective way. Only then will the nation develop speedily.

For the food security of the people, measures must be taken to improve the agricultural sector first and then to establish a modern industrialized nation and develop other economic sectors. In this regard, efforts are to be made to produce agricultural items for local self-sufficiency as the first step and to extend exportation as the second step.

As water is essential for the agricultural sector, it is necessary to complete the ongoing dam and river-water pumping projects as quickly as possible. In addition, to provide adequate irrigation water and clean drinking water in the regions where water is scarce, new dam, reservoir and river-water pumping projects must be launched as special projects. Holding the concept that where there’s a land and water there’s a job efforts are to be taken to create more job opportunities, to effectively employ human resources and land and water resources so that the agriculture, meat and fish sector can develop. Particularly, the State and Region governments themselves need to make such efforts in their own regions. Some projects such as dams, river-water pumping, hydropower plants, strategic railway networks and strategic road networks need great investments and much time, they are to be included in the list of special projects and implemented under the supervision of the Union Government.

Those projects will achieve success only through cooperation and coordination between the Union Government and the State and Region governments. So, cent-per-cent cooperation is necessary sharing the same goal of national development, concluded the President.

Next, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun, Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Energy U Than Hlay, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min reported on the projects to be implemented by their respective ministries and Kayin State Chief Minister Brig-Gen Zaw Min, Chin State Chief Minister U Hlong Ngai, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win on matters related to roads, bridges, electricity and education. For his part, the President gave necessary instructions and the meeting came to a close in the evening.—MNA

Roads, bridges and 19 future projects under implementation for better transport

NAV P YI TAW, 22 April—At the meeting 1/ 2011 of Special Projects Implementation Committee today, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint presented a brief report on construction of roads and bridges and 19 future projects by the Ministry of Construction. These 19 projects are construction of Putao-Yabbawi-Khaunglanphu road, Sagaing-Shinmaka-

19 projects to be implemented

* Putao-Yabbawi-Khaunglanphu road
* Sagaing-Shinmaka-Myiikyina road
* Kyunhla-Chatthin-Kawlin road
* Kani-Mining-Taungwinchaung road
* Malun, Sissano-Yenanma-Kantok road
* Upgrading of Muntegwin-Kyitauang-Nay Pyi Taw ring road
* Ongoing of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Construction Project
* Construction of Mybon-Kantha-Kapaing new road
* Bandoosa-Maungtaw-Angumaw road
* Mongnawng-Mongsan (Monesha) new road
* Karli-Mongsan (Monehsan)-Mongshu road
* Mongpan-Monehta-Monehtaw road
* Construction of Thetkethaung Bridge on Labutta (Kyaukphyalay)-Ottwin-Heiksun road
* Paunglaung Bridge (Nay Pyi Taw) on Nay Pyi Taw ring road
* Machanbaw Bridge on Putao-Machanbaw-Nagmon road
* Construction of two above-180 feet long bridges on Mybon-Kantha-Kapaing road that links Mybon and Yangon-Sittway Road in Rakhine State
* Construction of four bridges on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road
* Four bridges on Kyauktaw-Paletha road and
* Yaw (Kantwin) bridge on Chauk-Seikpyu-Pakokku road in Magway Region.

Vehicles running on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway (Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay road section) after opening ceremony.
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Myebon and Yangon-Sittway Road in Rakhine State, construction of four bridges on Ponnagyun-Yathedaung Road, four bridges on Kyauktaw-Paletwa road and Yaw (Kantwin) bridge on Chaung-Seikpyu-Pakokku road in Magway Region.

The projects to be implemented by the Ministry of Construction are 136 miles long Putao-Yabawti-Khaunglangphu earthen road to be upgraded in Putao District of Kachin State to 53 miles long Yataw-Yabawti gravel road section and 65 miles and four furlongs long Yabawti-Khaunglangphu hard road section.

In Sagaing Region, Sagaing-Sheinmaka-Katha-Myohla-Hsunbo-Myiktyina Road which is 225 miles and one furlong long section in Sagaing Region, 114 miles and six furlongs long section in Kachin State, totalling 339 miles and seven furlong long. The road constituted with 49 miles long asphalt section, 38 miles and seven furlongs long gravel section and 252 miles long earthen section will be upgraded to the asphalt facility.

Along 38 miles long Kyunhla-Chatthun-Kawlin gravel road will be improved with road shoulders and reinforced concrete bridges.

The 65 miles and four furlongs long Kani-Mingin-Taungdwinchaung road is located between Chindwin River and Shwethamin mountain range. A new asphalt road will be constructed by searching new alignment for enabling the local people to have easy access to other regions.

The 47 miles and four furlongs long Malun-Sissano-Yenanma-Kantok road will be constructed to link the road from Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun) to Pathein-Monywa Road and the Thayet-Mhinla Road. The embankment will be transformed into asphalt facility. On completion, the local people can gain access to Thayet-Mhinla Road and the east bank of Ayeyawady River through Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun).

Muntegwin-Kyitaw-Nay Pyi Taw road called Nay Pyi Taw District ring road, 21 miles and four furlongs long, was used as a product extraction road in the past. A plan is under way to upgrade it to the asphalt road. On completion, the people from 14 villages nearby the road will enjoy the fruits of better transport and transport their products to other regions.

On Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, the road section from No. 3 Highway junction of Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw (C) junction was inaugurated on 25 March 2009 and the road section from Nay Pyi Taw (C) junction to Sagar-in junction near Mandalay Interna-
tional Airport on 29 December 2010. The 13 miles and five furlongs long section from Road junction to Mandalay Tagandaung Bridge will be upgraded to the eight-way concrete road. On completion, every vehicle can drive along Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay with speed limit to save the time.

Myebon-Kantha-Kapaing Road will be up-
graded to the asphalt facility for enabling the people of Myebon to have easy access to all regions through Yangon-Sittway Highway. The road is 12 miles and four furlongs long. The three miles and six furlongs long section from Myebon to Kanttha Village has been built as a hard road. The remaining section will be constructed. The 150 feet long Pekauk Creek Bridge, 1080 feet long Pyunshay Creek Bridge and 2372 feet long Kyaunggahmaw River Bridge will be built on the road section. On completion, the road will contribute much to smooth transport of local people and swift flow of commodities.

The 94 miles and five furlongs long Bandoola-Maungtaw-Angumaw Road will be built in Rakhine State from the mouth of sea to the border of Bangla-
desh. All season use road on completion will help develop the western area of Myanmar.

A plan is under way to construct 22 miles and five furlongs long Mongawng-Mongshu (Monghsan) road to link southern, northern and eastern parts of Shan State. The 400 feet long Nampanket Creek Bridge and RC bridges will be installed on the road.

On completion, the local people can travel to Mongshu and Taunggyi via Karli-Tarkaw in a short period.

The 68 miles long one-way Karli-Mongsa-
g (Monghsan) will be upgraded to the asphalt facility. The road will directly link Karli on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek road to Mongshu and Mongnawng via Mongsa (Monghsan). On completion, the road will contribute to development of the area between Thanlwin River and Panmp Creek, and the people can save travelling time from Karli to Mongshu.

About 74 miles long Mongpant-Monghta-
Mongtaw Road will link Shan State (South) and Shan State (East). The road will be upgraded to the all season use facility. A 920 feet long suspension bridge across Thanlwin River will be built on the road. On comple-
tion, the road will help create better transport between Shan State (South) and Shan State (East) and develop social status of the local people.

A total of nine bridges of 14 have been built on Labutta (Kyanphyutlay)-Otwin-Heiksen Road, which is No. 4 road in Ayeyawady Road Network Development Project. The remaining four bridges are under construction. Of them, Thetkethaw Bridge will be built with RC bored piles at the lower structure and two-way steel frame suspension bridge at the upper structure. The bridge will be 2840 feet long and 28 feet wide with three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. It can withstand 60-ton loads. On completion, the local people can gain easy access from Myanyangya and Labutta to Otwin-Heiksen. In addition, the road will contribute to all-round development of the region.

Paunglaung River Bridge (Nay Pyi Taw) on new Nay Pyi Taw ring road will be 480 feet long and 24 feet wide motor way with three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The facility will withstand 60-ton loads. On completion, the local people from villages of western bank of Paunglaung River can enjoy better transport to Nay Pyi Taw and the bridge will help develop the all-round development of the region.

Machanbaw jeep suspension bridge across Malikha River was built on Putao-Machanbaw-Nagmore Road of Kachin State in 1991. A plan is under way to build a 700 feet long bridge with 11 feet and three inches motor way. The bridge will withstand 36-ton loads with RC pales at the lower structure and bailey suspension facility at the upper structure. On completion, the people from Putao will easily travel to Machanbaw. Nganom and Khaunglangpha for devel-
oment of the region.

The 1080 feet long Pyunshay Bridge and 2324 feet long Kyawngumaw Bridge will be built on Myebon-Kantha-Kapaing Road that link Myebon and Yangon-Sittway Highway. The lower structure of the bridge will be built with RC pales and the upper (See page 9)
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structure with iron frame two-way facility. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads. On completion, the people will have easy access from Myebon to Yangon, Sittway and other towns of Rakhine State.

On Ponnagyun-Yathedaung road (new road) in Rakhine State, four above -180 feet long bridges—Tawphyar, Sanmati, Tunyawai and Yathedaung bridges—will be built with RC piles at lower structure and with two ways RC facilities at upper structure. Each bridge will have 24 feet wide motorway with three feet wide pedestrians on both sides. Upon completion of the new road, Yathedaung will have easy access to Ponnagyun on Yangon-Sittway road and all parts of the nation, and the road will contribute to swift flow of commodity.

Kalandan river crossing Paletwa bridge of four above -180 feet long bridges on Kyauktaw-Paletwa road (new road) will be built with RC piles at lower structure and with two ways steel frame suspension facility at upper structure. The remaining three bridges—Meechaung, Thaichauaung and Hnamadachaung bridges—will be constructed with RC piles at lower structure and with two ways RC facilities at upper structure. Upon completion of the road, Paletwa not only will have direct link to Kyauktaw but also will have easy access to all parts of the nation including Rakhine State via Yangon-Sittway road, and the road will contribute to all-round developments of the region.

The new bridge will be built as Yaw (Kantwin) bridge on Chauk-Seikpyu-Pakokku road was damaged by Storm “Giri” in the rainy season of 2010. The 720 feet long new bridge will have 24 feet wide motorway with three feet wide pedestrians on both sides and it will withstand 75 tons of load. On completion of the bridge, local people will enjoy developments in economic, social, education and health sectors thanks to better transport in the regions on west side of the Ayeyawady.

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MNA

CPT Ministry plans to install 30 million more lines of mobile phones within five years

He presented a brief report on a proposed plan to launch a communication satellite owned by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with the aim of enhancing capabilities in communications and information sectors and ensuring acquisition and dissemination of space technology.—MNA

Communication towers set up in regions and states.

(right)

Yatanarporn Cyber Hall of Yatanarporn Cyber City seen to enhance information and communication technology development. (below)

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MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 22 April—At the meeting 1/2011 of Special Projects Implementation Committee today, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun explained works to be done by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in cooperation with private companies for extended installation of 30 million lines of mobile phone system through a five-year plan for development of communications and information technology of the nation and increasing the numbers of telephone users.

With the aim of ensuring high living standards and improvement in socio-economic status of the people and better communications in carrying out regional administration and natural disaster preparedness measures, the ministry installed more telephone lines yearly. As a result, telephone density the whole nation has increased by 5 per cent. The ministry planned to install 30 million more lines of GSM mobile phone during the five-year plan in accord with the thorough examination and discussions of technological working committee of the ministry in order to install more mobile phone lines within the short period of time for increasing the telephone density of the nation. The ministry will carry out as follows:

1 first year four million lines 10.3 %
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4 fourth year seven million lines 38.5%
5 fifth year eight million lines 50.6%

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2. 4/23/2011, 8:40 AM
NAY PYI TAW—At the meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee today, Union Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein explained a project for manufacturing 1000 sets of hi-tech Automobile Mould & Die, Jigs & Fixture yearly in order to produce spare parts locally for vehicles by the Ministry of Industry-2, projects for manufacturing 10000 sets of various kinds of axles and spare parts for light trucks, medium trucks, heavy trucks, super trucks and commercial vehicles, and arrangements being made for implementation of projects at Ywathaywa region in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region.

The Union Minister continued saying that four technical training schools have been opened at Sinde, Mandalay, Thagara and Pakokku in order to fulfill the requirements and to satisfy the need of skilled workers for industries. The schools have turned out 750 skilled workers and arrangements are being made to implement Industrial Training Center project with the aid of the government of the Republic of India. —MNA

Three-ton forklift and backhoe manufactured by Bulldozer and Excavator Plant (Thagara) of Ministry of Industry-2.

Technical Training School (Thagara) to satisfy the need of skilled workers for industries.

No. 3 Automobile Maker from Magway Industrial Region in Magway Township.

Clarifications of ministries concerned to be continued

NAY PYI TAW—Clarifications on projects of ministries concerned made by Minister for Electric Power No-1, Minister for Electric Power No-2, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation and Minister for Rail Transportation at the meeting (1/2011) of Special Projects Implementation Committee will be reported.

MNA

New monsoon paddy strains under test-run

NAY PYI TAW—Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Phone Zaw Han and Minister for Agriculture and Forestry U Myint Than inspected progress of summer paddy cultivation at Shwenandaw Farm in Sila Village-tract, Myittha Township yesterday. The chief minister put a question about progress of summer paddy, quality of monsoon paddy strains used for growing summer paddy, and running pilot fields before growing new monsoon paddy strains and analyzing cost-effete-ness. They then visited 50-acre farm with quality paddy strains of farmer U Kyin Khe in Chaungmagyi agricultural education station and met farmers. MNA
MOGE to cooperate with foreign companies in oil and natural gas exploration and production

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—At the meeting 1/2011 of Special Projects Implementation Committee today, Union Minister For Energy U Than Htay explained arrangements being made to sign contracts for oil and natural gas exploration and production at inland block F (Ngahlinetwin region) by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy and North Petro-Chem Corporation Ltd (NPCC) of the People’s Republic of China, for mining of shale in Mepale region in Kayin State by MOGE in cooperation with SNOG Pte., Ltd of Singapore and UPR Pte., Ltd, for oil and natural gas exploration and production at Rakhine offshore blocks A-5 and A-7 and Taninthayi offshore blocks M-15 and M16 by MOGE in cooperation with Korea-Myanmar Development Co Ltd (KMDC) of ROK and Brilliant Oil Corporation Pte Ltd (BOC) of Singapore and arrangements for upgrading of Petrochemical Plant (Thanpayakan) under MOGE to cooperation with foreign companies in oil and natural gas exploration and production.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise will carry out oil and natural gas exploration and production at Taninthayi offshore block M-16 in cooperation with Korea-Myanmar Development Co Ltd (KMDC) of ROK and Brilliant Oil Corporation Pte Ltd (BOC) of Singapore.

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A thriving field of F1 strain paddy at Paddy Plot (4) of Mechanized Farming Model Special Agricultural Zone (4) in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon.

Petrochemical Plants (Thanpayakan).

To hit target of over 100 baskets of paddy...

(from page 16) unless farmers’ agricultural awakening takes place, clinging on to conventional methods. I was struck by these ideas on my way home from Paddy Plot (4) of Mechanized Farming Model Special Agricultural Zone (4) in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon.

Farmer in charge of the plot U Kyaw Myint said that per acre yield of paddy (green) was estimated to be 261 baskets; that a paddy plant propagated into nine plants; that on average, a paddy ear had 282 grains; that they used hybrid paddy strain of F1; and that farmers could make greater profits only if they used high-yield hybrid strains.

He went on to say that an acre of paddy field needed only seven kilos of F1 strain paddy seeds; that per acre yield of his paddy field was at least over 100 baskets, and that is his model paddy field. 261 baskets of green paddy; that F1 was high-yield strain and tasted good; and that F1 strain paddy was highly saleable, so farmers should use advanced methods and high-yield paddy strains for more handsome profits.

He said that they put 100 acres under F1 strain paddy that summer and were planning to grow at least 500 acres of paddy in the rainy season; that they had grown F1 strain paddy in Muse, Namkham and Kutkai since 2000; that they had a plan to provide F1 hybrid strain paddy seeds and advanced methods for farmers for higher profits; and that if farmers chose F1 strain paddy, the per acre yield of 100 baskets was within striking distance.

With extensive practice of scientific methods, Myanmar’s average paddy per acre yield will touch over 200 baskets.

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Earth Day’s 41st anniversary celebrated by Google

LONDON, 22 April — If you open Google’s homepage you will be greeted by an Eden-like scene of diverse wild animals in their natural habitats. This Google doodle, built around the search giant’s logo, is its latest celebration of Earth Day, started 41 years ago to raise awareness of and appreciation for the natural world.

The interactive scene features two pandas, one of which shows the other with a sneeze when you click on it. The other features two pandas, one eating six parrots, while the other is leaping off an iceberg. The idea to Google.

Bratz dolls case resolved with $88.4m payout by Mattel

NEW YORK, 22 April — The Bratz dolls have beaten Barbie in a plastic cat fight of epic proportions. A US jury has found that Barbie toymaker Mattel had stolen trade secrets from a smaller rival, a ruling that could set a countercontroversial line of dolls fighting over the rights to the toys. Bratz has won $88.4m (£53.5m).

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Scientists find ozone hole has dried Australia

LONDON, 22 April — The Antarctic ozone hole has about one-third to blame for Australia’s recent series of droughts, scientists say. Writing in the journal Science, they conclude that the hole has shifted wind and rainfall patterns right across the Southern Hemisphere, even the tropics. Their climate models suggest the effect has been notably strong over Australia.

Many parts of the country have seen drought in recent years, with cities forced to invest in technologies such as desalination, and farms closing. The scientists behind the new study — led from Columbia University in New York — added the ozone hole into standard climate models to investigate how it might have affected winds and rains. “The ozone hole results in a southward shift of the high-latitude circulation — and the whole tropical circulation shifts southwards too,” explained Columbia’s Sarah Kang.

Mexico seizes tigers from menagerie

MEXICO CITY, 22 April — A decades-long battle by a big-cat aficionado to hold on to his menagerie has apparently ended after Mexican authorities seized eight tigers and two jaguars. Jose Juarez Gil, who calls himself “Pepe Tiger”, has been battling allegations from private and government groups that animals suffered under his care for inadequate food, space and veterinary care.

The cats “did not have treatment, and the conditions they were being held in were unsafe”, the Atif.
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Bollywood blog addict Bachchan celebrates landmark

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CHINESE PIANIST LI YUNDI (L) GIVES INSTRUCTIONS DURING his class at China’s National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 April, 2011. Li Yunzi was best known for being the first, yet the youngest Chinese pianist winning the International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition in 2000, while he was at the age of 18. —XINHUA

Chinese pianist Li Yunzi (L) gives instructions during his class at China’s National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 April. —Reuters

‘S&M’ is No1 on the US record chart

LOS ANGELES, 22 April—Rihanna’s “S&M” is No1 on the US record chart, Billboard.com reported Thursday. Coming in at No 2 on the Hot 100 is Katy Perry’s “ET” featuring Kanye West, followed by the Black Eyed Peas’ “Just Can’t Get Enough” at No 3, Jeremih’s “Down on Me” featuring 50 Cent at No 4 and Cee Lo Green’s “F**k You (Forget You)” at No 5.

Madeyng Pugh Davis, ‘Lucy’ writer, dead at 90

LOS ANGELES, 22 April—Madelyn Pugh Davis, a screenwriter who co-created the lines and slapstick that Lucille Ball brought to life in TV’s classic comedy “I Love Lucy,” has died. She was 90. Davis died Wednesday at her home in the Bel-Air neighbourhood of Los Angeles after a brief illness, her son, Michael Quinn Martin, said Thursday. Davis and her longtime writing partner, Bob Carroll Jr, crafted all episodes for the hit CBS TV sitcom’s first four years before they were joined by two other writers, said Lucie Arnaz, Hall’s daughter.

Comedians raise $750,000 to end malaria in Africa

In this 10 Feb, 2011 file photo, Conan O’Brien arrives at the ‘An Unforgettable Evening’ event benefitting the Entertainment Industry Foundation’s Women’s Cancer Research Fund, in Beverly Hills, Calif. —REUTERS

In this 20 April, 2011 photo released by the Governor’s Island Foundation, a calico cat is seated across from some buildings on Governors Island in New York. —Reuters

Montana cow delivers triplets, is nursing all 3

Cow-a-bunga! A black Angus cow in Montana is the proud mother of triplet calves. The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reports Cow No 403 at Lance and Erika Chaney’s ranch near Manhattan gave birth Monday to three, 40-pound calves. The two females and male are all healthy. Washington State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine says the odds of a beef cow having triplets are one in 105,000 births, with longer odds that all three survive. And Lance Chaney says the cow is nursing all of them, which is rare. He’s a fourth-generation rancher who oversees about 300 Angus cows year-round and several hundred of their offspring each spring.

Spanish football Cup slips, falls under bus

Earlier measures — including destroying nests and installing a bird-scaring acoustic system — failed to do the trick. “We had to try something new,” Karalevicius said. Locals said battling the crows was a must.

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Defender Sergio Ramos held the Spanish football Cup slips, falls under the team bus and was rushed to retrieve the Cup and gave it to the bus driver but it was not displayed to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the bus driver but it was not displayed to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again. Emergency services workers picked it to the public again.

In this 20 April, 2011 photo released by the Governor’s Island Foundation, a calico cat is seated across from some buildings on Governors Island in New York. —Reuters

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Hanover down Freiburg to leapfrog Bayern

BERLIN, 22 April—Hanover 96 went third in the Bundesliga on Thursday with a 3-1 win at Freiburg which knocked Bayern Munich out of the Champions League places before the weekend’s matches. First-half goals by Norway forward Mohammed Abdellaoue and ex-Germany striker Jan Schlaudraff put the visitors 2-0 up at the break. Defender Konstantin Rausch added a third with a header on 58 minutes before Freiburg pulled a goal back through midfielder Jan Rosenthal with just over 10 minutes remaining.

The win pushes Hanover up to third place with three games left while Freiburg are eighth.

Arsenal can cope with title pressure, says Szczesny

LONDON, 22 April—Arsenal goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny insists his side are mentally strong enough to win the Premier League title race. Arsene Wenger’s side squandered another chance to close the gap on leaders Manchester United as they blew a 3-1 lead in Wednesday’s 3-3 draw against Tottenham at White Hart Lane. Szczesny, 22, was partially responsible for Arsenal’s latest meltdown as he conceded the second half penalty converted by Rafael Van der Vaart for Tottenham’s equaliser.

Arsenal have now drawn five of their last six league matches and lie six points behind United with just five games to play. The situation looks bleak for an Arsenal side seemingly incapable of closing out their matches, but Szczesny is adamant his team-mates have enough belief and character to cope with the pressures of a title battle. ‘Of course we are fighting when you play at White Hart Lane for Arsenal you give everything,” 110 percent,” he told ArsenalTV. — Internet

Willis’ birdie run brings him Heritage lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, 22 April—Garrett Willis couldn’t give up on “Old Faithful,” no matter how many flashy, new belly putters he tested out this week. Willis entered The Heritage seeking answers to his poor putting and had planned to park his longtime, Scotty Cameron model. As he walked to the range Thursday morning, though Willis just couldn’t go through with it and asked his caddie to “go back to my car and get ‘Old Faithful.’”

Good thing he did. Willis had a run of six straight birdies on the front nine on the way to a 7-under 64 and a one-shot lead in the suspended first round of The Heritage. “Obviously, very excited about putting this well, and having a chance to making the cut for La change,” Willis said. — Internet

Cyclist Basso out of Giro title defence

ROME, 22 April—Tour of Italy champion Ivan Basso will not be defending his title when the Giro begins on 7 May in Turin, he said on Thursday. Instead Acqua & Sapone’s Stefano Garzelli, the winner in 2000, will wear the number 1 jersey usually reserved for the champion.

Italian Basso, who will instead set his sights on July’s Tour de France, said he simply wasn’t in the right shape to race, although he would only have taken part to help Liquigas team-mate and compatriot Vincenzo Nibali.

“It’s a great sacrifice for me to pull out of the Giro but unfortunately with the shape I’m in all the moment I wouldn’t be able to do it justice,” he said. — Internet

Aston Villa manager Houllier in hospital

LONDON, 22 April—Aston Villa manager Gerard Houllier is recovering in hospital after being taken ill on Wednesday night. Villa confirmed Houllier will be kept in hospital for several days while he undergoes a series of tests, so assistant boss Gary McAllister takes charge for Saturday’s home Premier League clash with Stoke.

The 63-year-old, who is believed to have checked himself into hospital, is in a comfortable condition and was well enough to speak to the club’s chief executive Paul Faulkner. AlthoughVilla didn’t reveal the nature of Houllier’s problem, the Frenchman had open heart surgery in October 2001 while he was managing Liverpool, after suffering severe chest pains during a match against Leeds. — Internet

Man City captain Tevez could be fit for Cup final

LONDON, 22 April—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini believes Carlos Tevez has a good chance of recovering from injury in time to play in the FA Cup final against Stoke on 14 May. Tevez missed the semi-final victory against Manchester United last weekend after suffering a hamstring problem in the previous match at Liverpool. City expect the Argentinean forward to be out of action for the next four league games starting at Blackburn on Monday.

But Mancini believes his captain could be back in time to feature at Wembley next month as City try to win their first major trophy since 1976. “I hope Carlos can recover in time as we have four weeks,” Mancini said on Thursday. Mancini also confirmed that England defender Micah Richards will be sidelined for the Blackburn game after missing the semi-final with a hamstring injury. — Internet

Dubai group buys Spain’s Getafe

DUBAI, 22 April—Royal Emirates Group, which is chaired by a member of Dubai’s ruling Al-Maktoum family, announced on Thursday it has signed a deal to buy struggling Spanish La Liga football club Getafe.

The group’s managing director Kaiser Rafiq told a news conference in Dubai it has agreed to buy 100 percent of the club for “between 70 and 90 million euros” (101 and 130 million dollars), with the exact amount confidential. — Internet

Wozniacki into Stuttgart tennis semi after impressive fight-back

STUTTGART, 22 April—World number one Caroline Wozniacki averaged her shock Mike debut defeat to Andrea Petkovic by battling back to beat the German crowd favourite 6-4, 6-1 and reach the Stuttgart semi-finals on Thursday.

Despite finding herself 4-1 down after just 21 minutes of the first set, the 20-year-old Danish top seed roared back to break Petkovic, ranked 19th in the world, three times to take the opener.

Petkovic then ran out of steam and the 23-year-old had few answers as Wozniacki blazed into a 5-0 lead in the second set. — Internet

Germany’s Loew eyes Gdansk as Euro 2012 base

BERLIN, 22 April—German coach Joachim Loew said on Thursday he is keen to base his team in the north Poland city of Gdansk as they look to plan their Euro 2012 campaign. Germany are currently five points clear at the top of their Euro 2012 qualifying group and on course to qualify with the tournament to be held in the Ukraine and Poland and the final to be held on 1 July in Kiev.

Gdansk, on the Baltic coast of north Poland, is Loew’s first choice for the Germans, who finished second to Spain in the final of Euro 2008 in Vienna. “The climate there is excellent, Gdansk lies on the Baltic Sea, which is good to clear the head,” Loew told German daily Bild. — Internet

Astro Villa’s Frenchman coach Gerard Houllier

A model of the proposed new stadium in Gdansk.
WEATHER

Friday, 22nd April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin and Chin States, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Shan State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Ayeayawady Regions and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk, Aunglan and Zaungu (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (2.21) inches, Namasun and Mindat (0.63) inch each, Pyay (0.43) inch, Lashio and Gangaw (0.32) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2011 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:00) hours MST on 22-4-2011 was (61%). Rainfall on 22-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 22-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 22-4-2011 was (Nil).

OBITUARY

U Sein Bain (Toungoo)
Aged 86 years
No. 167-173, 5D, Seikantha St, Kyauktada Tsp, Yangon
Son of U Kwa Chi (deceased) and Daw Myint Naing (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay (deceased), father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye, father of U Myint Lay-Daw Khin Nwe, Dr Khun Moira (deceased), husband of Daw Kyin Aye.

At Yayway Cemetery at 10:00 am on 21st April, 2011, and will be cremated at Yayway Cemetery at 10:00 am on 25th April, 2011.

Bereaved family

Myanmar TV

Saturday, 23 April

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

4. Dhamma Puja Song
7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Poem Garden
8:15 am
7. Musical Programme
8:30 am
8. Teleplay (Health)
8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

11:00 am
11. Martial Song
11:10 am
12. Musical Programme

11:25 am
13. Game For Children
12:00 pm
14. Yan Can Cook
12:20 pm
5. TV Drama Series

1:10 pm
16. Song Of National Races
1:15 pm
7. Documentary
1:25 pm
8. Music Series
1:45 pm
9. Teleplay (Traffic)
2:35 pm
10. One village and one Product
2:45 pm
11. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
2:50 pm
12. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Cultural Dances
4:25 pm
3. Teleplay
4:45 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
-Fist Year
(History)
5:00 pm
5. TV Drama Series

5:30 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
5:35 pm
6. Musical Programme
5:45 pm
7. Documentary
6:00 pm
8. Evening News
6:15 pm
6:20 pm
10. Ahalashmae Hlaagabwai
6:35 pm
11. Yindagomae
7:00 pm
12. TV Drama Series
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International
15. Weather Report
16. Cartoon Series
17. Myanmar Movies
18. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 23 April, 2011
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

To hit target of over 100 baskets of paddy an acre

Things have changed a lot in the agriculture of Myanmar as time passes by, thus suggesting that it needs to transform from traditional into scientific farming on a wider scale.

In this case, farmers have to take several points into account such as to use combine harvesters, to practice seed-sowing system in place of direct-sowing system, to choose high-yield strains, to apply scientific methods, to use agricultural inputs in proportion, and to minimize loss and wastage.

Only then will it be possible for Myanmar to become the world’s leading paddy exporting country again. Indeed, that is not a great challenge as the nation is blessed with all favourable conditions for agriculture. And the goal will soon be within touching distance if scientific methods are used nationwide. However, the dream will not come true (See page 11)

Per acre yield of F1 strain paddy (green) is as many as more than 260 baskets.

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

ASEAN, Japan to cooperate in disaster management

S Korean commandos storm ship after pirate attack

Pakistani volunteers rush a person injured by bomb blast ripped through a illegal gambling den in Karachi, Pakistan killing 15 people and wounded many more on 21 April.

Wozniacki into Stuttgart tennis semis after impressive fight-back

Significant day temperatures (22-4-2011)
Chauk (41º C)
Aunglan (41º C)
Zaungtu (41º C)