President highlights timely completion as well as quality in building bridges

**Four political objectives**
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- Strengthening of national solidarity
- Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

**Four economic objectives**
- Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment from sources inside the country and abroad
- The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**
- Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national characters
- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Accompanied by Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, President U Thein Sein left here by special flight yesterday morning and arrived in NyaungU of Mandalay Region at 10 am. The President and party were welcomed at Bagan-NyaungU Airport by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint and Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, ministers of Mandalay and Magway Regions and departmental officials.

On arrival at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project on Letpanchepaw bank, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the President on completion of 563 meters of 1790 meters for installation of steel trusses at the main structure of the bridge on Letpanchepaw bank, 31.45 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 4.8 of 15 spans have been built, completion of 185 meters of 1694 meters for installation of steel truss at the main structure of the bridge on Pakokku bank, 10.9 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 1.8 of 15 spans have been constructed, 21.5 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 6.6 of 30 spans have been installed, 75.15 per cent completion of steel truss installation of the whole bridge, arrival of 31346.12 tons of steel truss for the project and arrival of materials and funds and spending for the project.

Next, the Union Minister for Construction explained ongoing tasks and progress in constructing the bridges—Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan), (See page 8)
Work closely for development of border areas

Every government of Myanmar gives the first priority to stability, peace and national unity which are fundamental requirements of national development especially for a multicultural country like the Republic of the Union of Myanmar where in more than 100 ethnic groups make their homes together.

Localism and racism once rampant in border areas led to disunity of national brethren and armed insurrection in the post-independence period. In consequence, the nation lagged far behind other countries in development. Learning lessons from such painful memories, the ruling government has been trying to erase deep-seated feelings and beliefs in some national races. Prudent projects have been implemented intensively since May 1989 for progress of border areas, which are now yielding fruits.

New roads, railroads and bridges across the Union, for instance, have helped ensure smooth transport and commercial growth and bolster friendly relations among national races. However, the Union government has yet to work harder than ever for further development of far-flung areas.

Addressing Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw the other day, Chairman of the Central Committee President U Thein Sein called on those responsible to root out country folks’ sentiment of thinking highly of the other country; to work diligently for greater development of the nation than that of the neighbouring country; and to inspire the people to cultivate a stronger love of the nation and the people, to work hand in hand with the governments of the Union and the Regions and States, and to come to realize and trust in the benevolent attitude of the Union government.

It is required to improve the living conditions and the education and health standards of the people of border areas while trying to broaden their horizons.

Implementation of tasks in various sectors will pick up momentum if the ministries of the Regions and States work hard closely in compliance with the guidelines of the Central Committee.
487 killed in Afghan conflict over past month

SAN ANTONIO, 25 April—Hundreds of weary firefighters were racing against the clock on Sunday, pushing back massive brush fires that have destroyed near-record swatches of Texas countryside. Firefighters were hoping to make as much progress as possible before low humidity and strong winds set the stage for more potential flare-ups late Monday and Tuesday.

“We have gotten rain, but more importantly, we have gotten moister air, and that has been very, very helpful,” Marq Webb, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said on Sunday. Webb said the amount of acreage burned in Texas in 2011 is almost at the record level set in 2006, when nearly 2 million acres were burned by wildfires. So far this year, more than 1.8 million acres have burned.

“We’re only in April, with some of the worst wildfire months still to come,” he said. “We will certainly break that record.”—Reuters

Survivors say over 60 people buried alive in Philippines’ landslide

PANTUKAN, 25 April—Survivors of the avalanche of mud in Philippines said Sunday over 60 people were buried alive in Friday’s landslide, and the number could be higher than what authorities had thought of.

Lambert Detros, 47, a small scale miner who suffered bruises and was confined at a local hospital, told Xinhua on Sunday that more than 60 people sleeping in tents were on site when the tragedy occurred.

“More than 60 people were in the area when the landslide happened. I saw them before night time,” Detros said in Filipino.

“Stones rolling from hill woke me up. I look from my tent’s window and saw mud everywhere. I hurriedly ran but I was trapped. Later, my relatives from my tent’s window and saw mud everywhere. Later, my relatives gripped me and pulled me from the mud,” Detros added.—Xinhua

Afghan police examine a damaged police vehicle near to the site of an militant attack in Dara Nur District in Nangarhar Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 April, 2011. The Afghan Ministry of Interior said militants attacked the policemen in Dara Nur District in the northern tip of Nangarhar Province. Two policemen were killed and two others were wounded in the attack, the ministry said. —INTERNET

Militants tunnel into Kandahar jail, freeing nearly 500

KANDAHAR, 25 April—Militants tunneled into the main jail in Afghanistan’s volatile Kandahar Province on Monday, freeing hundreds of prisoners, including many Taliban commanders, a serious setback for US forces who hope to start withdrawing in coming months.

Tooryalai Wesa, the governor of Kandahar Province, said a total of 478 prisoners managed to escape due to “negligence” of Afghan security forces.

He said the start of the tunnel had been traced to a house near the prison.

The prison, which is supposed to be one of the country’s most secure, sits on the outskirts of Kandahar City and holds both captured militants and criminal prisoners.

The Taliban, in its own statement, said that 541 prisoners escaped through an extensive tunnel that took months to construct, and were later moved in vehicles to safer locations.

Seven wounded in Easter bombing outside Baghdad church

BAGHDAD, 25 April—At least seven people were injured when a bomb outside the entrance of a Baghdad church exploded on Easter Sunday, an Iraqi official said. The blast took place just yards (metres) from the Sacred Heart Church in Baghdad’s Karrada neighbourhood. Shrapnel from the bomb struck the outside of the building, and at least four of the church’s windows were shattered. Shards of broken glass lay on the street in front of the building.

Like many Baghdad houses of worship, the church is surrounded by blast walls to protect it from such attacks. The officer said no parishioners were inside and services had not been held in the building.—Internet

40 Australians arrested for drug offences at Melbourne music festival

CANBERRA, 25 April—Forty Australians were arrested on Monday for drug offences at the Creamfields Music Festival in Melbourne.

The police dog operation resulted in the seizure of ecstasy tablets, amphetamines and cannabis at the Flemington Racecourse festival.

According to Inspector Paul Ross, the number of arrests was disappointing.

“There is this idea with some young people that taking drugs enhances their day out, but in reality, they are putting their lives at risk by taking illegal drugs,” he told Australia Associated Press on Monday.

“People need to be aware that there are heavy penalties associated with drug use and trafficking,” he added.

Of those arrested, 38 were referred to a drug diversion programme, and two of them received a cannabis caution.

Internet

Seventy-two missing after boat capsizes in DR Congo

KINSHASA, 25 April—A total of 72 passengers have been missing after their boat capsized possibly because of bad weather and high winds on Monday in Democratic Republic of Congo, media quoted boat owner as saying.

Owner of the ship Maneno Muzuka said seven survivors had been recovered on Lake Kivu.

A security chief confirmed that 80 people were onboard the ship as the tragedy occurred.

Internet
Chinese tea farmer finds orphaned ‘moon bears’

BEIJING, 25 April—A farmer in south China found twin black bear cubs alone in a forest while he was out picking tea leaves, state media said Saturday. He was planning to raise them until they were big enough to fend for themselves, but an animal welfare group has intervened.

China Central Television reported that the tea farmer, Tian Shougui, heard the animals crying in the forest two weeks ago and brought them home to his house in Sichuan Province’s Longshu township without realizing they were bears.

“I heard their crying high up a hill, which made me very curious,” Tian told CCTV. “I didn’t know what animals they were but still decided to bring them back to my home, just to save their lives.”

The twins, a boy weighing just 7.05 pounds (3.2 kilograms) and a girl weighing 6.83 pounds (3.1 kilograms), were confirmed by local animal welfare experts to be Asiatic black bears, the report said.

“Asiatic black bears are also known as moon bears because of a crescent shaped marking on their chests. They are protected under Chinese law but are sometimes poached for their bile, which is used in Chinese traditional medicine.”

Private US firm aims to put man on Mars in 10-20 years

NEW YORK, 25 April—Private US company SpaceX hopes to put an astronaut on Mars within 10 to 20 years, the head of the firm said.

“We’ll probably put a first man in space in about three years,” Elon Musk told the Wall Street Journal on Saturday. “We’re going all the way to Mars, I think... best case 10 years, worst case 15 to 20 years.”

SpaceX is one of the two leading private space companies in the United States and has won $75 million from the US space agency NASA to help its pursuit of developing a spacecraft to replace the space shuttle. The California-based company last year completed its first successful test of an unmanned space capsule into orbit and back.

“‘Our goal is to facilitate the transfer of people and cargo to other planets, and then it will be up to people if they want to go,” said Musk, who also runs the Tesla company which develops electric cars.

The US space shuttle programme is winding down later this year with final flights of Endeavour set for next week and Atlantis in June, ending an era of American spaceflight that began with the first space shuttle mission in 1981.”

Youngest on Hillary’s Everest team dies in India

KOLKATA, 25 April—Sherpa mountaineer Nawang Gombu, the youngest on Sir Edmund Hillary’s climbing team that first scaled Mount Everest in 1953, died on Sunday at his Indian home at the foot of the Himalayas. He was 79.

Friends and family were at Gombu’s bedside when he died after a brief illness in Darjeeling, about 400 miles (650 kilometres) north of Kolkata, his son Kursung Phinjo Gombu said.

The first person to summit Everest twice, Gombu was considered one of the last of the so-called “Tigers of the Snow” — a small group of Sherpa mountaineers who scaled the Himalayas to bring fame and prestige to their ethnic community that originates from the mountains of eastern Tibet and Nepal.
Preserve, maintain Myanmar’s cultural heritage

YANGON, 25 April – Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who was a member of President U Thein Sein’s tour of Bagan-NyaungU, visited Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan Archaeological Region and Pyinsapathada Golden Palace of King Anawrahta yesterday afternoon.

At Bagan Archaeological Museum, Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department and officials reported on strength of staff of Bagan Archaeological Museum, facts about the museum, research work and excavation tasks.

The Union Minister for his part stressed the need for the staff members responsible for maintaining ancient buildings to visit archaeological zones on a daily basis and to take supervisory measures in accord with the rules and regulations, to systematically keep the antiques displayed at the museum for their durability, to systematically register the collected admission fees and to work with patriotism as they are responsible for preserving and maintaining Myanmar’s cultural heritage.

On his visit to Pyinsapathada Golden Palace, the Union Minister spoke of the need to protect the palace buildings against the elements, to carry out beautifying tasks in the environs and to maintain the splendor of the palace.

Myanmar, Thai to cooperate in information and broadcasting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—A ceremony to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Government Public Relations Department of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Myanma Radio and Television of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place in conjunction with Joint Technical Committee Meeting at MRTV in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

Present on the occasion were MRTV Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Ye Tin, personnel of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Thai Director-General Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich of Public Relations Department and members.

The MRTV Director-General and the Thai PRD Director-general signed the MoU and exchanged the documents. And those present posed for documentary photos.

It was followed by the meeting of the Joint Technical Committee in which Myanmar side led by the MRTV Director-General and the PPE Managing Director and Thai side led by Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich hold discussion on implementation of agreements in the MoU in detail.

The Thai director general and party viewed the functions of the MRTV.
This year, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 will implement Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project with 100 megawatts installed generating capacity that can generate 500 million kilowatt hours yearly on Paunglaung River, three miles upstream of the proposed place of Paunglaung River Bridge on Yamethin-Taunggyi Inter-District Road and eight miles downstream of Upper Paunglaung Dam and Namtabat Hydropower Project with 104 megawatts installed generating capacity that can generate 575 million kilowatt hours yearly on Namtabat River, 45 miles southwest of Myitkyina in Kachin State.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is undertaking power grid and sub-power station projects and submitted 18 new projects to the Special Projects Implementation Meeting. Of 278 power grid and sub-power station projects submitted to the recent meetings, the ministry has completed 104 projects, is implementing 33 projects and has planned to implement 141 remaining projects. This year, the plans are under way to implement 12 projects such as Waingmaw-Bhamo-Letpanhla-Myaukpyin 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Namtabat-Waingmaw 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Mongyai-Tangyan 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Mindat-Matupi 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Hopong 132 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Laymyo (1)-Laymyo 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Bilучаung (2)-Toungoo 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, Thayagon-Minhla 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, Middle Paunglaung-Paunglaung 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, Mongyai-Tangyan 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Aungban-Pindaya 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Ahlon-Bayintnaung 66 kv underground power line 7.4 miles project, Ahlon-Mawtin 66 kv underground power line 1.2 miles project, Ahlon-Railway Sub-Station (Bogyoke Street) 66 kv underground power line 3.8 miles project, Ahlon-Hsinmalaik 66 kv underground power line 3.5 miles project and Thakayta-Pathein 66 kv underground power line 5 miles project.

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 made 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.

According to the permission of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has successfully built 233 dam projects after 1988. Moreover, a total of 31 projects are under implementation, and fourteen projects have been planned. The ongoing projects are Kanyin Dam Project in Ingap Township of Ayeyawady Region, Kyeeohn-Kyeeewa Dam Project in Wunlo Village of Pwinbya Township of Magway Region, Myoogyi Dam Multi-purpose Dam Project near Myoogyi Village of Shan State (South), Pyuhaung Dam Project in Pyu Township of Bago Region, Myittha Dam Project near Pyintha Village of Gangaw Township in Magway Region, Ngyoeyk Sluice Gate Project near Sipintaung Village in Dagon Myothit (East) Township in Yangon Region, Kodukwe Dam Project in Bago Township of Bago Region, Kinmonchon Sluice Gate Project near Kinmonchon Village in Kayan Township of Yangon Region, North Yama Extended Irrigated System Project in Pale Township of Sagaing Region and Theinyin Dam project in Kanbalu Township of Shwebo District in Sagaing Region. Furthermore, plans are under way to implement the 30-mile radius Yangon Region (Eastern Part) Greening Project and Meiktila Plain Greening Project.

Out of 42 river water pumping special projects to benefit 434,500 acres of farmlands, a total of 26 river water pumping special projects benefiting 218,700 acres of farmlands have been completed. The remaining 16 projects are under implementation to benefit 215,800 acres of farmlands. Sixteen ongoing projects are Meiktila (See page 7)
Special projects—guarantees of brighter future of nation and people (2)

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Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section, a railroad network across the nation, put into service for smooth transportation and speedy flow of commodity.

In this year’s special projects, the 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project, the 89-mile Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yagon (Hlinethaya) railroad project, the 120-mile Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyeedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project, the 48-mile Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad project, the 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthae-Tatkon-Pinlaung railroad project, the 474.5-mile Myitkyna-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Hsipaw-Laikha-Loikaw railroad project and the 150-mile Monywa-Kani-Mingin-Kalewa-Kalay railroad project will be implemented step by step. Moreover, land survey works started for the 125-mile Monywa-Kani-Mingin-Kalewa-Kalay railroad project and the 150-mile Toungoo-Yado-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad project.

A total of 15.5 million sleepers are needed for the railroads. In addition to existing concrete sleeper factories in Myitning, Pyantaza, Mottama, Pakokku, Okshiptin and KhinO, two factories are being built in Minbu and Shwenyaung and plans are under way to build three more factories in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namsang. Thanks to concrete sleeper factories, the quality of railroads will improve, so the railway sector will take an important position in transport sector.

All the special projects that have emerged in the meeting 1/2011 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee are essential for serving the interests of the nation and the people. Otherwise, these projects are firm guarantees for shaping the aspiration of the nation and the people.

With regard to implementing the special projects, the President said that it is needed to practise thrifty measures and responsible persons at different levels are to check worksites and monitor workers to ensure there is no wastage, and malpractice. In addition, adaptation of carrot and stick approach is a must and worksite safety and welfare activities are to be done in line with rules and regulations. These work guideline is to be followed strictly for fully achieving success in implementation of the special projects.

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Kyaw Ye Min

The achievements of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is playing an important role in improvement of transport sector of the State. Especially, the construction of National Railway Network will cover all the States and Regions. Myanma Railways is implementing the National Railway Network with the aim of ensuring better transport across the nation, narrowing the development gap among the regions, further strengthening national unity and developing social status. There are 3579 miles long railroads, 4402 rail long tracks and 899 railway stations at present status. Moreover, a total of 1778 miles long rail tracks and 487 railway stations were used along 6740.73 miles–the 4750.08 miles long railroads already built and 1990.65 miles long railroads under construction. So far, about four million sleepers have been substituted in the place of old ones, and 11.5 million more sleepers are needed for the railroads. In addition to existing concrete sleeper factories in Myitning, Pyantaza, Mottama, Pakokku, Okshiptin and KhinO, two factories are being built in Minbu and Shwenyaung and plans are under way to build three more factories in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namsang. Thanks to concrete sleeper factories, the quality of railroads will improve, so the railway sector will take an important position in transport sector.

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President highlights timely completion...
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Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) — of five Ayeyawady river crossing bridges which are under construction.

Next, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explained facts about the ligment of President... in time completion... of such large bridges. It is necessary to complete the construction of bridges as scheduled. It is also needed to complete the motor road and railroad of Ayeyawady Bridge Pakokku simultaneously. Efforts are to be made for timely completion of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and... Ayeyawady Bridge... to Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and related railroads.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project started on 15 December 2009 and it has been completed by 79 percent. When India-Myanmar-Thai Tripartite Highway emerges, it will lie on the bridge. Upon completion of the bridge, there will be links between the Pakokku from the western bank of Ayeyawady River and the regions of the eastern bank, and other Regions and States can easily be travelled.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). Building bridges creates job opportunities for the local people. But if the construction takes a long time, the expenses will be bigger. As the task is tremendous, priority must be given to quality. With more and more bridges being built, the engineers and staff members on their part need to improve their skills. In building bridges, preventive measures against natural disasters such as earthquakes must be considered. The sooner the bridges complete, the sooner the people will enjoy benefits. When the projects completes one after another, the nation will develop more and more. More importantly, speedy completion of a bridge should not be at the expense of its durability and quality. Upon completion of a bridge, hardworking staff will be awarded practising carrot and stick policy, concluded the President.

Then, the President presented a basket of fruits to the foreign technicians participating in the construction work.

The President inspected installation of steel truss at the main structure of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) from the view deck. Then he put questions for his knowledge and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the President went to Pakokku bank by Z-craft and met with officials at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project.

Chief Engineer U Shwe Lay reported to the President on progress of simultaneous installation of steel trusses at the six places of Pakokku and work progress of construction of approach rail-cum-road bridge on Pakokku bank.

Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint made supplementary reports.

The President cordially greeted local people of Pakokku and said that upon completion of roads and bridges, Pakokku, a town busy with... (See page 9)
trade activities of agricultural produce of upper Myanmar, will see more developments. The government is striving for infrastructural development and more infrastructures will be built. The President called on the locals to try hard for ensuring improvement in their socio-economic status by using already-built infrastructures effectively.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) being built by Special Project Group (3) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is located in NyaungU Township of NyaungU District in Mandalay Region and Pakokku Township of Pakokku District in Magway Region. The bridge has 11431 feet long main structure, 13537 feet long motorway and 20597 feet long railroad.

The approach bridge (motorway) on Pakokku bank is 1378 feet long and the approach bridge (railroad) is 5420 feet long. The approach bridge (motorway) on Letpanchepaw bank is 728 feet long and the approach bridge (railroad) is 3746 feet long. The bridge has 28 feet wide two-way motor road and 14 feet wide railroad and it is flanked by 3 feet and three inches wide pedestrians on both sides. Its water clearance area is 262 feet wide and 52 feet high. The foundation and lower structure of the bridge was built with RC piles and the upper structure with steel frame. It can withstand 75 tons of load. On completion, it will be the largest and longest bridge among the bridges built in Myanmar.

The bridge project started on 15 December 2009 and it has been completed by 79 per cent. When India-Myanmar-Thai Triparite Highway emerges, it will lie on the bridge.

Upon completion of the bridge, there will be a link between the Pakokku from the western bank of Ayeyawady River and the regions of the eastern bank, and other regions and states can easily be travelled.

There will be 14 Ayeyawady River spanning bridges – nine already built and five under construction. Five bridges under construction are Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan).

Nine bridges already built are Balaminth Bridge, Inwa Bridge, Nawaday Bridge, Anawrahta Bridge, Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway), Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon), Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Maubin Bridge and Dedaya Bridge.

No polythene bag factories in Yangon Region

YANGON, 25 April—Respective Township Development Affairs Committee Offices in Yangon Region have sent notices to all polythene bag factories to halt the production by 21 April. The notices also state that if the factories fail to close on the said date, they will lose their licenses and be dealt with Development Affair law, rules and regulations and procedures.

Production of polythene bags and ropes, and Storage and sale of those items at stores and groceries in the townships are not allowed starting from 22 April. The licenses issued by Yangon City Development Committee will be withdrawn if they do not follow the notification, the notices said.

New primary schools under construction in Thaton District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint yesterday inspected construction sites of Kawchan Primary School in Kyaikhto Township, No (2) Primary School in Bilin Township, extended building of Primary School of Naungbo Village in Thaton Township and new Primary school in Monai ward in Paung Township in Thaton District which are being built with the funds of the State and contribution of the people. He urged officials to complete the construction works on schedule.
President U Thein Sein visits construction...

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89 miles long Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad and 48 miles long Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkaw (Nyaungdon) railroad, and approach roads to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) are under construction. On 20 March 2011, 20 miles long Pathein (Begarat)-Einme section of Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon was commissioned and plans are under way to commission 20.13 miles long Samalauk-Nyaungdon-Sakkaw section and 21.50 miles long Einme-Pantanaw section on schedule. Priority is being given to complete Kalay-Pakokku, Pakokku-Kyangin, Kyangin-Hinthada, Hinthada-Sakkaw (Nyaungdon) and Sakkaw-Hlinethaya as the whole to form 700 miles long No.3 Strategic Railroad.

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung gave supplementary reports on plans for provision of inexpensive housings to households moved from project area.

In his speech, the President said that efforts are to be made for completion of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) ahead of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) as the former is less massive and is easily accessible for supply of equipment and materials compared to the latter.

The earlier the bridges are commissioned, the earlier the people benefit from them. Strenuous efforts are to be made with accelerated momentum for completion of projects initiated in the time of Tatmadaw Government within two or three years. Only then, can the incumbent government implement new projects.

Efforts are to be made for maintaining and upgrading existing roads and bridges while implementing new projects. The President then called for practice of thrifty measures, calculation of potential change of water ways to avoid damage to the bridges, worksite safety, and parallel completion of railroad and motor road of the bridge on schedule.

The president then presented foreign technicians with baskets of fruit. While holding cordial talks with locals, the president said that Ayeyawady Region once faced poor transportation. Going from Yangon to Ayeyawady Region takes a long time, calling the traveler to use at least two modes of transportation— motor vehicle and vessel or train. However, the region will experience more positive changes with better transportation. The State has increased employment upholding the concept that where there’s a land or water, there’s a job.

The President said that each individual is responsible for striving to enhance his socio-economic life using sound foundations provided by the government. He, highlighting national prosperity results from individual prosperity, urged them to work hard with patriotic spirit, and to maintain already-built roads and bridges.

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The President and party left the construction site for Yangon, where they arrived back in the afternoon. Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) being constructed by Special group No (5) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction lies in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady region.

The main bridge of the facility will be 7402 feet long, approach bridge (motor road) on Pathein side 1837 feet long, approach bridge (motor road) on Yangon side 1575 feet long and the total length of the main bridge and motor road 10814 feet.

The railroad on Pathein side will be 6529 feet and on Yangon side 6614 feet and the total length of the main bridge and railroad 20545 feet.

The bridge will have 28-ft wide two-way motor road, 14-ft wide railroad, flanked by 3 feet 3 inches wide pedestrian. The clearance will be 262 feet wide and 57 feet high.

The foundation and lower structure of the facility will be built with RC piles and the upper structure with steel frame. The facility can withstand 75 tons of loads.

The project started on 1 January 2010 and 77 per cent of the bridge has been completed so far.

The bridge, upon completion, will shorten train and bus routes between Yangon, Pathein, villages and towns on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

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Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in progress.—MNA

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win receives Indian delegation

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence received an Indian delegation led by Research & Analysis Wing Secretary Shri S.K Tripathi of the Republic of India at Zeyathiri Beikman of the Ministry of Defence here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Maj-Gen Thura Thet Swe and senior military officers.

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SSA (Wamhaing) armed group critically wounds civilian

SSA (Wamhaing) armed group is committing destructive acts in any way causing public panic. The armed force on the rampage opened fire at a civilian on 21 April.

The incident started at two miles in the south-west of the village when a Lahu national Mr Zar Ni Tun aged 16, who lives in Manpaing Village, Tantyaung Township in Shan State (North), was coming back from Minekaung Market at 3 pm of that day. And he got serious wounds in his left scapular region.

The victim was admitted to Lashio People’s Hospital via Tantyan People’s Hospital, where he is now receiving medical treatment. Military columns are in hot pursuit of the armed group. —MNA

H & T Ministry opens spoken English proficiency course

Ministry of Hotels and Tourism opened spoken English proficiency course (officer level) No.1/2011, at the Ministry, here, this morning. At the ceremony, managing director U Hla Htay of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Enterprise made an opening speech. A total of 20 assistant managers and managers are attending the three-week course.

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Citizens look at a whale specimen during an outdoor exhibition for science popularization in downtown Dalian, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 23 April, 2011. The specimen will be shown here for two days, which weighs three tons with six meters in length. — XINHUA

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“Tyler Perry’s Madea’s Big Happy Family,” the third Madea- titled movie and the 11th film in the Tyler Perry film franchise, opened in second place, and is on track to turn 25.8 million dollars in sales for Lionsgate at 2,288 locations.

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Students called pregnancy for project

A Washington state high school revealed she spent 6 1/2 months faking a pregnancy as part of her senior project.

Gaby Rodriguez, 17, a student at Tappensh High School, told fellow students during a Wednesday assembly her pregnancy had been faked as part of a social experiment to analyze “stereotypes, rumours and statistics,” the Yakima (Wash) Herald-Republic reported Friday.

“I’m fighting against those stereotypes and rumours because the reality is I’m not pregnant,” Rodriguez told the students.

She said only a few people, including her mother, boyfriend and Trevor Greene, the school’s principal, were aware of the project.

Greene said calls have been pouring into the school about Rodriguez and her project.

“It’s gone big; it’s been quite a day,” he said Thursday. “We didn’t anticipate that by the end of the day we’d be getting calls from, like, the ‘Today’ show.”

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Russian bakers whip up 3-ton Easter cake

Bakers in St Petersburg, Russia, celebrated Easter by serving a 3-ton cake known as a kulich during celebrations in the south of the city, organizers said.

Event staff said the kulich was the world’s largest, measuring 33 feet by 66 feet and weighing 3.3 tons, RIA-Novosti reported.

Kulich, an important element of the Russian Easter dinner, is a glazed cake similar to the Italian panettone. It is served on the Easter table alongside colored eggs and a dish called paskha — cottage cheese blended with candied fruits and nuts.

Nepal holds film fair to promote indigenous film industry

Kathmandu, 25 April—The 5th Nepal International Indigenous Film Festival (NIIFF) is being held in Kathmandu to promote the nation’s film industry.

The four-day festival organized by Indigenous Film Archive (IFA) began from 22 April, aims to provide a platform for indigenous as well as non-indigenous community to research, document, interact, and develop information on indigenous cultures, traditions, languages, issues, knowledge and wisdom through the visual medium.

Navin Subba, Chairperson of IFA said, “At least qualities of our films are reaching international level and some of them are liked by international participants but now there are dozens of films and documentaries made by international film makers,” he added. According to him, in past couple of decades Nepal film industry used to copy Bollywood and Hollywood movies but at present, Nepali film industry and Nepali film makers have the quality to tell their own Nepali stories.

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North African clubs shine in
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JOHANNESBURG, 25 April—Tunisian outfit Esperance led a show of force by clubs from northern countries in African Champions League last-16 ties this weekend. The “Blood and Gold” were ahead within two minutes against Senegalese visitors DIaraf and romped to a 5-0 victory that virtually assures them of a mini-league place after the early May return fixture.

Wydad Casablanca of Morocco built a 1-0 lead at home to defending champions and 2010 FIFA Club World Cup runners-up Tout Puissant Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo thanks to an early goal. Record six-time champions Al-Ahly of Egypt forced a 0-0 deadlock with ZESCO United on the Zambia Copperbelt and Moulouida Alger of Algeria overcame the burden of an early red card to grab a two-point lead on second-placed Marseille who have a game in hand. Lille have now just two points from their last three games while Marseille are powering ahead and will be boosted by retaining the League Cup title on Saturday when they host mid-table Nice on Wednesday.

Lorient’s French defender Jerome Mored (R) vies with Lille’s French defender Franck Beria (L) during their French L1 football match Lorient vs Lille, at the Moustoir stadium in Lorient, western France. Internet

Villa boosts Barca as Euro race hot up

BARCELONA, 25 April—Barcelona striker David Villa ended his goal drought in the 2-0 victory over Ousama and admitted it was a timely strike as his team aim for a Spanish and Champions League double. While the attention was on Lionel Messi, who continued his amazing season by becoming the first player to hit 50 goals in a Spanish season, Villa was also celebrating his opener in Saturday’s game.

The player from Giron went eleven games without hitting the target — almost two months — and one of the longest droughts in his career. He slotted home comfortably from a Jefferson Fasias cross as Barcelona maintained their eight-point lead at the top of the table after Real Madrid had defeated Valencia 6-3. Both they and Real rested players ahead of their mouth-watering clash in the semi-finals of the Champions League on Wednesday. Real will have the psychological advantage after beating the Catalan side in the King’s Cup final and the manner of their 6-3 victory over Valencia will further boost their confidence.

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Ben Smith celebrates with teammates after scoring the game winning goal against the Vancouver Canucks.—Internet

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been widespread in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Regions. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in Magway Region, Eastern Shan State and Chin States, (7°C) below April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Zaungtu, Hinthada and Bawlake (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.78) inch, Myeik (3.03) inches, Longlon (1.65) inches and Dawei (1.30) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2011 was (63%). Rainfall on 24-4-2011 was (0.08) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (N) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.04) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.18) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (17.99) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.90) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th April 2011: Rain or thunderstorms are likely to be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Shan and Mon States, isolated in Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Region and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

President U Thein Sein visits construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)
Efforts to be made for parallel completion of motor road and railroad on schedule

NA Pyi Taw, 25 April—President U Thein Sein and entourage after tour of Bagan-NyaungU visited construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region today.

At the briefing hall of the project, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint submitted reports on progress of approach roads on Pathein bank and Yangon bank, completion of 757 metres of 2256 metres for installation of steel trusses at the main structure of the bridge, 38 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 7 of 20 spans have been built, parallel installation of steel trusses at five places, 77 per cent completion of the bridge, and arrival of all the 19705.883 tons of steel trusses for the project, provision of machinery, equipment and raw materials and allocation and expenditure.

Next, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min also submitted reports on ongoing 13 projects of Myanma Railways: Of the 2255 miles long railroad under construction, 464 miles long section has been commissioned. In Ayeyawady Region, (See page 10)