President U Thein Sein felicitates South African counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—On the occasion of the Freedom Day of the Republic of South Africa which falls on 27 April, 2011, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Jacob Gedleyihlekisa Zuma, President of the Republic of South Africa.—MNA

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- 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

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- Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Emergence of thriving marketplace, more brokerages in commercially strategic towns stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April—In meeting with departmental personnel, responsible persons of rice associations, Monywa industrial zone, specialized companies, brokerage houses and brother associations and entrepreneurs at Mya Sandar Hall in Monywa of Sagaing Region this morning, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint called for emergence of more brokerage houses at towns busy with trade activities, greater coordination between specialized companies and brokerage houses for cultivation and production of quality crops and collective efforts to develop a thriving marketplace. Next, the Union Minister inspected construction of Myanmar Citizens Bank on Bogyoke Street in Aung Mingala Ward in Monywa, and made further clarification to the guidelines of the President in meeting with staff at the region manager’s office of Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trading at Nandawun Ward (annex). In the evening, the Union Minister made a speech to town elders, entrepreneurs and departmental personnel at the office of Taze Township General Administration Department.—MNA

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**Construct bridges substantial, strong**

At a time when all countries are trying for development, Myanmar has to work far harder than ever to keep abreast of other global partners. Now, a large number of projects in various sectors are speedily underway across the nation for economic growth.

In particular, the transport sector has the main priority. Many regions like those on the western bank of the Ayeyawady River were in no position to enjoy swift commodi ty due to poor transport although they were sources of crops.

Now, over the Ayeyawady River are nine bridges constructed and five under construction, one of which is Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) with a more than 10,000 feet long main structure and a road and a railroad on it.

At a meeting with officials at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project on 24 April, President U Thein Sein noted that the sooner ongoing bridge projects were completed, the sooner the people could benefit from them; that with completion of projects one after another, the nation would enjoy cumulative development; and that speedy completion of projects should not be at the cost of their quality.

To construct a river-crossing bridge is a huge task as it is to be completed on schedule with quality and to be designed to be resistant to earthquakes and natural disasters.

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Twin attacks on Pakistan navy buses
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KARACHI, 26 April—
Twin bomb attacks on
two buses of the Pakistan
navy killed at least two
navy officers and two
other people in the
southern port city of
Karachi on Tuesday, a
navy spokesman said.

The spokesman said
in a statement that 56
people, mostly navy
personnel, were injured
in the attacks in two
different places.

Navy officer Sub-Lt Muhammad Iqbal and a
navy lady doctor Ms
Nadia were among those
killed, the spokesman
said.

A police officer, Raja
Omar, said that both
bombs were detonated
through planted bombs
exploded with the help
of remote control or
mobile device.

Police said that both
buses were carrying
employees of the navy
to work when came
under attacks. Police
sources said that bombs
were attached to
motorcycles and were
parked on the routes of
the navy buses.—Xinhua

Storms, floods kill seven
in Arkansas

VIDIONA, 26 April—Violent storms carved out a
swatch of damage three miles wide Monday night
in central Arkansas, leaving at least two residents of
a small town dead, authorities said.

Five others were killed when floodwaters swept
their vehicles off the road in the northwest corner of
the state, authorities said.

The National Weather Service said it was
extremely likely a tornado swept through Vidiona,
where at least two people died, according to Arkansas
Department of Emergency Management spokesman
Tommy Jackson.

“The town’s gone,” Vidiona resident Sheldon
Brock said outside a gas station a few miles outside
of town. Brock told The Associated Press he was
standing in his front yard and watched storms pass
over his home, leaving him and his family
unscathed, while strong winds and a possible tornado
destroyed homes and businesses and yanked down
power lines. Heavy rains sent water from nearby
creeks washing over their borders.—Internet

Second computer worm ‘hits Iran’

TEHERAN, 26 April—
Iran has been hit with
new malicious software
as part of cyber attacks
against the country, a
military officer told
Mehr news agency on
Monday without
specifying the target.

“Certain charac-
teristics about the
‘Stars’ virus have been
identified, including
that it is compatible
with the (targeted)
system,” Gholam Reza
Jalali, commander of the
Iranian civil
defence organisation,
told the agency.

“In the initial stage,
the damage is low and
it is likely to be
mistaken for
governmental
executable files,” Jalali
said, adding that
Iranian experts were
still investigating the
full scope of the
malware’s abilities.
He did not say what
kind of equipment
the virus was targeting
when and how it had
been spotted.

Teheran was hit
with another computer
worm, “Stuxnet,” last
year, reportedly
designed to hurt the
Islamic republic’s
controversial nuclear
programme.

In December, Iran
implicitly admitted its
uranium enrichment
plant in the central city
of Natanz, which is
regularly inspected by
the UN nuclear
watchdog, had been the
victim of the worm.

Xinhua

6.3 magnitude quake hits
off Java, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 April— An earthquake with
magnitude of 6.3 jolted Java island of Indonesia on
Tuesday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency
reported here.

Xinhua

Kurd officers killed in clash
with Iraqi forces

KIRIK, 26 April—Two Kurdish security officers
died and four other people were wounded in armed
clashes between Iraqi soldiers and Kurdish forces in
the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk Monday, officials
said.

The city is at the centre of a tract of disputed
territory claimed by both the central government in
Baghdad and Kurdish regional authorities in Arbil.

US officials have persistently said the unresolved
row is one of the biggest threats to Iraq’s future
stability. Senior security leaders quickly insisted in
the aftermath of the shootings that they were accidental
and did not equate to a conflict between Arab Iraqi
forces and their Kurdish counterparts.

“Two asayesh (Kurdish internal security)
members were killed and four people were wounded
— two asayesh members and two policemen — in
the clashes,” Major General Torhan Abdulrahman,
Kirkuk Provincial deputy police chief, told AFP.

Xinhua

Death toll in Minsk
subway bombing rises
to 14

MINSK, 26 April—The Belarusian health ministry
says the death toll from a subway bombing in
Minsk two weeks ago has risen to 14.

The ministry said a 41-year-old man died in the
hospital early Monday.

The blast on 11 April was the first deadly
bombing in the tightly-controlled ex-Soviet nation
of 10 million.

Authorities have arrested five suspects,
including a man in his mid-20s accused of placing
the bomb on the platform of Minsk’s busiest subway
station. Investigators said they do not know yet
who ordered the bombing.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko
has ordered prosecutors to interrogate opposition
activists over the bombing, and the prosecutor
general has threatened to “bring order” to the
Internet, the last outpost of free speech in Belarus.

Kirkuk Provincial deputy police chief, told
the agency.

INTERNET

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Emergency doctors help a woman injured in
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Hubble celebrates 21st with gorgeous galactic ‘rose’ snap

WASHINGTON, 26 April—NASA is celebrating the forthcoming 21st anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope’s launch with a fetching snap of a galactic “rose”.

Hubble was lifted heavenwards on 24 April 1990 aboard space shuttle Discovery. Its anniversary photo was captured by the Wide Field Camera 3, under the guidance of astronomers at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

It shows spiral galaxy UGC 1810 “distorted into a rose-like shape by the gravitational tidal pull of the companion galaxy below it, known as UGC 1813”. The pair, collectively known as Arp 273, lie in the constellation Andromeda, some 300 million light-years from Earth.

Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland enthused: “Hubble is America’s gift to the world. Its jaw-dropping images have rewritten the textbooks and inspired generations of schoolchildren to study math and science. It has been documenting the history of our universe for 21 years.

“Thanks to the daring of our brave astronauts, a successful servicing mission in 2009 gave Hubble new life. I look forward to Hubble’s amazing images and inspiring discoveries for years to come.”

AT&T starts selling ‘cell tower in a suitcase’

NEW YORK, 26 April—For the first time, AT&T is selling small, portable cellular antennas that will allow corporate and government customers to provide their own wireless coverage in remote or disaster-struck areas.

Usually, cellphone companies have to restore service after disasters like hurricanes by sending in their own trucks to handle 14 simultaneous calls, and data at less-than-broadband speeds. Coverage extends up to half a mile from the unit. The “portable cell tower” can also be mounted in a car or truck.

The Remote Mobility Zone’s satellite dishes make it independent of broadband service. AT&T also sells smartphones that can talk directly to satellites. The Remote Mobility Zone would be able to be used with any AT&T phone.

One of AT&T’s options is a unit that packs into a suitcase, with a satellite dish carried separately. The unit requires outside power, such as a generator, to work.

Scientists to study Tonga Trench

LONDON, 26 April—Scientists say they’re planning an expedition to study one of the most seismically active fault lines in the world beneath the South Pacific.

The research will focus on the Tonga Trench, where the Pacific tectonic plate is being forced under the Indo-Australian plate, the BBC reported.

The region is often called the “ring of fire” because of volcano and earthquake activity.

The island nation of Tonga is regularly hit by tremors from the fault line; most recently a 6.4-magnitude earthquake offshore shook the region.

The monthlong expedition will focus on an unusual zone on the seabed where underwater volcanoes are being dragged into the fault, the BBC said.

Britain’s Natural Environment Research Council is funding the study.

“We want to know whether subducted seamounts are holding up earthquakes or whether they cause earthquakes,” said Tony Watts, an Oxford University professor and one of the lead scientists on the expedition.

“This is important to find out so that we can learn what controls earthquakes and make better assessments about where they may occur in the future.”

Such subduction zones can trigger tsunamis, as in the case of the tsunami that struck Japan following last month’s magnitude-9 earthquake and tsunami that killed more than 13,000 people.

RIM’s BlackBerry PlayBook already has 3 strikes—is it out?

WASHINGTON, 26 April—RIM’s BlackBerry PlayBook tablet has only been available for a few short days and already it has three strikes against it — maybe even more.

The reviews thus far are infamously horrendous. Evidence to the fact that RIM was rushing to compete in the tablet market, but soon may not be competing at all.

The PlayBook has a lot of mini-strikes against it, let’s call those foul balls. For instance, the tablet shipped with no integrated e-mail, contacts, or calendaring — essential tools for just about any wireless-connected device — and BlackBerry’s app selection is laughable. But now major wireless carriers and media outlets are yanking away from the PlayBook, a move that all but signs RIM’s death warrant.

The first big strike was when AT&T pulled the plug on the BlackBerry Bridge app, RIM made its name in the enterprise on e-mail, but because the PlayBook doesn’t have native e-mail capabilities, it requires the BlackBerry Bridge app to, you know, function. Though RIM promises to bring e-mail to the PlayBook later this year, by that time there’s a good chance RIM will be removing the PlayBook from retail shelves.

But hold on a second: the PlayBook may not make it to big name retail shelves in the first place. That’s the PlayBook’s second strike: even though RIM was psyched that its tablet would eventually operate on Verizon’s 4G network, Verizon is “meh” about the deal.

A company spokesperson told Reuters that Verizon is “still evaluating” the tablet and hasn’t determined whether they plan on distributing it.

This file photo shows Samsung’s tablet device the “Galaxy Tab” on display at a trade show in Berlin.

INTERNET

A male robin rests on the branch of a tree at the San Antonio Botanical Garden on 21 April. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s annual mission to identify as many bird species in Texas as possible within 24 hours occurs on Earth Day this year.—INTERNET

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A car equipped with a special camera, used to photograph whole streets, can be seen on the Google Street view stand at the world’s biggest high-tech fair, the CeBIT in 2010 in the German City of Hanover. Belgium became Thursday the latest European country to investigate Google’s Street View picture map after cars taking pictures for the programme collected private data.—INTERNET

Samsung GALAXY tab

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**Health Tip: Don’t take fainting lightly**

Fainting can occur for a number of reasons, from feeling terror to being dehydrated, a state in which the body does not have as much fluid or water as it should. In some instances, fainting requires emergency medical attention.

The ADAM Encyclopedia lists these warning signs of dangerous fainting:

* Fainting and falling from a height, particularly if there is bleeding or other injury.
* Not regaining alertness within a few minutes.
* Fainting when someone is pregnant or has diabetes, or is older than age 50.
* Fainting accompanied by pain or pressure in the chest.
* Fainting accompanied by changes in heartbeat or signs of stroke, including changes in speech, vision and the ability to move both sides of the body.
* Fainting that causes convulsions, an injury to the tongue or the inability to control the bowels or bladder.

**Hospital infection raises death risk for bowel patients**

**London, 26 April**—Patients hospitalized for treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) have a six-fold increased risk of death if they become infected with Clostridium difficile bacteria, a new study finds.

IBD includes Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis. When people with IBD experience severe symp-toms, they often require hospitalization, note the researchers at Imperial College London and St George’s Health-care NHS Trust in the United Kingdom. They examined data on IBD patients hospitalized between 2002 and 2008 and found that those infected with C difficile in the hospital were six times more likely to die in the hospital than those not infected with the bacteria.

The death rate at 30 days was 25 percent for those with C difficile and 3 percent for those who were free of the bacteria.

The researchers also found that IBD patients with C difficile stayed in the hospital longer (a median stay of 26 days vs five days) and were nearly twice as likely to require gastrointestinal surgery.

**Aramco says to boost refining capacity by 50%**

**Seoul, 26 April**—Saudi Arabia’s State oil giant Aramco will raise its refining capacity by 50 percent to above six million barrels a day by expanding at home and abroad, chief executive Khalid al Falih said.

Work was progressing on two new refineries in the kingdom, he told a meeting in Seoul on Tuesday. Four “grassroots” refineries were being considered including one at Jaizan in Saudi Arabia, plus possible joint-venture refinery projects in China, Vietnam and Indonesia, the CEO said.

Refining capacity would “soon” surpass the current four million barrels per day, he said, without giving a timeframe for this or the six million barrel figure.

Aramco will spend $125 billion over the next five years, al Falih said.

The investment will be focused not only on new crude oil increments but on the natural gas and petrochemical sectors, Tomhup news agency quoted him as saying.

The injection will also be on domestic and overseas projects.

**Asian stocks, commodities fall as Fed meeting looms**

**Hong Kong, 26 April**—Silver tumbled on Tuesday and Asian shares pulled back from recent three-year highs in a bout of profit-taking ahead of the Federal Reserve meeting this week when investors are seeking clues on when it plans to begin exiting its ultra-easy monetary policy.

The drop in silver, triggered by an options expiry later in the day, spread to the gold and oil markets with US crude futures dropping more than a $1 after Saudi Aramco’s chief executive said the kingdom was not comfortable with current oil prices.

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Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke will hold the first news conference ever by a Fed chief after the two-day policy committee meeting ends on Wednesday.—**Reuters**

**Sony rebuilding PlayStation Network after breach**

**San Francisco, 26 April**—PlayStation Network has remained offline as Sony worked to rebuild the service that connected PlayStation 3 (PS3) consoles to games, films, and other digital offerings.

PlayStation Network and Qriocity streaming music service were turned off 20 April in the wake of an “external intrusion,” according to Sony spokesman Patrick Seybold.

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A US dollar note (bottom) is pictured alongside other currencies including (L-R) the Australian Dollar.—**INTERNET**

**TB study points to drugs to halt lung destruction**

**London, 26 April**—Scientists have identified a key enzyme responsible for destroying lung tissue in tuberculosis (TB) and the finding could lead swiftly to new treatments for the highly infectious disease.

In a study in the Journal of Clinical Investigation published on Monday, researchers said a drug already shown to be safe in humans and partially developed by Roche, known as RO323555, was effective at suppressing the enzyme’s activity driven by TB infection in human cells. The findings suggest this and similar so-called MMP inhibitor drugs might prevent lung damage in TB patients and help limit the spread of the disease, they said.

TB is a worldwide pandemic that kills around 1.7 million people a year and is caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The infection destroys pa-tients’ lung tissue, causing them to cough up the bacteria, which then spread through the air and can be inhaled by others.

**INTERNET**

**Sony PlayStation 3 consoles are seen having been purchased in Berlin.**

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“I know you are waiting for additional information on when PlayStation Network and Qriocity services will be online,” Seybold said in a blog post.

“Unfortunately, I don’t have an update or timeframe to share at this point in time.”

Sony shut off PlayStation Network and Qriocity to investigate the breach and bolster defences, according to Seybold.

“We are working around the clock to bring them both back online,” Seybold said in an update during the weekend.

**INTERNET**

**An aerial view of the construction progress on oil drilling pads in the Gulf off Manjila Bay, a natural shallow water harbour about 180 kms northwest of Dhulcran.**

**INTERNET**
Tsunami-hit Japanese whalers set sail for hunt

Tokyo, 26 April—Japanese whalers launched their annual coastal hunt with five crew from the tsunami-devastated whaling town of Ayukawa joining their first voyage since the 11 March disaster.

Two whaling vessels left Kushiro on Tuesday, on the east coast of the northern island of Hokkaido after their departure was delayed by one day due to bad weather, said Hiroko Furukawa, a fisheries agency official.

The crew from Ayukawa Whaling, the only whaling company in Ayukawa, were on board to catch up to 60 minke whales off Kushiro until June, the official said.

“Local whaling officials are preparing to accept people from Ayukawa, who were victimised by the disaster,” Furukawa said, adding that another 23 people from Ayukawa had come to Kushiro to work in processing whale meat.

The massive tsunami that last month slammed into Japan’s northeast coast destroyed Ayukawa Whaling’s storage facility and carried its fleet of three whaling ships hundreds of metres inland, where they remain.

Ayukawa Whaling chairman Minoru Ito has said he would lay off all 28 employees and suspend whaling operations in the town until further notice.

The tsunami came shortly after Japan recalled its Antarctic whaling fleet a month early, citing the threat posed by the militant environmentalist outfit Sea Shepherd.

Small plane full of cocaine crashes in New Mexico lake

Santa Fe, 26 April—A small plane loaded with bundles of cocaine crashed into a lake in northern New Mexico on Sunday morning, apparently killing all on board, according to the New Mexico State Police.

Police Lieutenant Eric Garcia said the number of people aboard the aircraft was not immediately known but there were no signs that anybody had survived the crash.

All access to the 4-mile long, 3-mile-wide Heron Lake was closed after bundles of what turned out to be cocaine began floating to the surface, Garcia said.

He said state police responded with boat and diver teams afterfishermen on the lake reported seeing the plane nose-dive into the water at about 11 am local time. The plane was fully submerged.

The National Weather Service in Albuquerque reported there were thunderstorms and wind gusts of up to 30 miles an hour in the area at the time of the crash.—Reuters

16 people killed as passenger bus torched in Pakistan

Islamabad, 26 April—At least 16 people including seven children were killed and 18 others injured as a passenger bus was set ablaze by unknown miscreants in the wee hours of Tuesday in Pakistan’s southwestern city of Sibi, reported local English TV channel Express.

According to the local media reports, the disaster took place at about 1:00 am local time when a passenger coach carrying about 40 people was torched by unknown people near a gas station on the national highway in Sibi while on its way from Peshawar to Quetta, capital city of Balochistan Province.

Rescue team rushed to the site shortly after the incident was reported and all the injured people have been shifted to the nearby hospital in the city, which is about 120 kilometres southeast of Quetta.

Firemen work at the site where a fire occurred in a building in Daxing District in Beijing, capital of China, on 25 April, 2011.—Xinhua

Building fire kills 17, injures 24 in Beijing

Beijing, 26 April—All the 17 killed were identified as migrant workers and their families, after a fire swept through a garment workshop building in the southern Beijing suburb Monday morning, local authorities said.

The fire broke out at around 1 am Monday in a four-story building in Ju Qing Town in Daxing District, killing 17 people and injuring 24 others, said Chang Hongyan, deputy head of the government of Daxing District.

Initial investigation shows the fire started at the first floor, which was an unlicensed garment workshop named Yin Yun. The above stories were used to accommodate workers.

The building belongs to a local resident surnamed Zhang. Its construction was not approved by local authorities, said Chang.

Most of the 17 killed died on the first floor after inhaling excessive smoke, said Chang.

Photos taken at the site showed that the windows of the building were all barred with iron fences, which were initially installed to guard against burglars but may have prevented the trapped people from escaping.

Liu Qi, secretary of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, and mayor Guo Jinlong have arrived at the site to direct the investigation.

Two dingoes maul 3-year-old girl on Australia beach

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New finds raise questions in Southwest jet probe

WASHINGTON, 26 April—Detailed inspections of a Southwest Airlines Co jet that experienced a midflight fuselage rupture revealed possible manufacturing flaws and further evidence of fatigue cracks.

A National Transportation Safety Board preliminary report Monday on the 1 April incident raised new questions about the process for bonding aluminum fuselage skin and how wear and tear may affect certain older model Boeing Co 737-300 series aircraft.

Those planes have been a workhorse for decades in the global commercial fleet. Fatigue wear and cracks have long been a concern with older aircraft, including the so-called “classic” 737s made before the late 1990s.

Southwest Flight 812 made an emergency landing in Yuma, Arizona, with a five-foot roof tear over the left wing. The damaged area peeled back like the lid of a can. No one was hurt.

A reexamination by safety board investigators of the plane and a cutaway of the damaged skin showed microscopic cracks extending from at least 42 of 58 rivet holes connected to the rupture. Cracks also extended in an area forward of the hole.—Reuters

Three children drowned with mother buried apart from her

SPRING VALLEY, 26 April—Tiny white caskets of three children who drowned with their mother when she intentionally drove into the Hudson River were buried on Monday several miles away from her grave.

After a tense funeral marked by shouting between the two sides of the family, a hearse followed the father’s orders and drove to the children’s burial plot at Gethsemane Cemetery in Congers, New York. It was six miles from where their mother, LaShondra Armstrong, 25, was buried in New Hempstead, New York.

Armstrong, 25, killed herself along with her sons Landen, 5, and Lance, 2, and daughter Laianna, 11 months, on 12 April after an argument with their father, Jean Pierre, said police in Newburgh, a city about 25 miles north of New York City.

Her eldest son, LaShaun, 10, who has a different father, was in the minivan but saved himself by climbing through a window as the vehicle disappeared beneath the waters.

The Armstrong family had arranged for the mother to be interred with her children, but Pierre intervened and arranged for a separate plot in another town.

His lawyer, Stephen Powers, said, “He thought it was inappropriate in light of the fact that the mother murdered the three children.”—Reuters

Chernobyl widows mourn as bell tolls 25 times

KIEV, 26 April—Black-clad Orthodox priests sang solemn hymns. Ukrainians lit thin wax candles and a bell tolled 25 times for the number of years that have passed since the Chernobyl disaster as the world began marking the anniversary Tuesday of the worst nuclear accident in history.

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill led the nighttime service near a monument to firefighters and cleanup workers who died soon after the accident from acute radiation poisoning.

“The world had not known a catastrophe in peaceful times that could be compared to what happened in Chernobyl,” said Kirill, who was accompanied by Ukraine’s Prime Minister Mykola Azarov and other officials.

“It’s hard to say how this catastrophe would have ended if it hadn’t been for the people, including those whose names we have just remembered in prayer,” he said in an emotional tribute to the workers sent to the Chernobyl plant immediately after one of its reactors exploded to try to contain the contamination.

Tuesday’s service began at 1:23 am (2123 GMT), the time of the blast on 26 April, 1986, that spewed a cloud of radioactive fallout over much of Europe and forced hundreds of thousands from their homes in the most heavily hit areas in Ukraine, Belarus and western Russia.—Internet

Sony shows tablets to compete with Apple offerings

TOKYO, 26 April—Sony is planning a tablet computer with a touch panel similar to Apple’s iPad for later this year that the Japanese manufacturer promises will make the best of its gadgetry and entertainment strengths.

The product code-named S1, shown Tuesday in Tokyo, comes with a 9.4 inch display for enjoying online content, such as movies, music, video games and electronics books, and for online connections, including email and social networking.

Sony, which boasts electronics as well as entertainment divisions, also showed S2, a smaller mobile device with two 5.5 inch displays that can be folded like a book. It did not give prices. Sony Corp Senior Vice President Kunimasa Suzuki said the products will go on sale worldwide from about September. Both run Google’s Android 3.0 operating system.—Internet

Honda, Toyota cut India production after tsunami

MUMBAI, 26 April—Honda’s India unit will halve auto production because of a shortage of components following the March tsunami in Japan, while Toyota Motor Corp is cutting production by 70 percent.

“Honda Motors Japan is doing a 50 percent production cut,” company spokesman Jnaneswar Sen said Tuesday. “We are still evaluating parts supply from Europe and some vendors only in Japan. They were severely hit by the tsunami.”

Honda’s plant outside the capital New Delhi turned out 61,000 vehicles in the year ending 31 March, Sen said, less than its full capacity of 100,000 vehicles a year. The company hopes to resume full production after July. Honda’s engine and parts plant in Rajasthan is unaffected by the production cuts, he said. The 11 March earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan’s northeast, which was home to thousands of auto parts suppliers.

Honda Motor Co said in a Monday statement that the supply of parts from Japan remains “fluid,” with most suppliers making progress to restart production.—Internet

US extends Mexico travel warning over drug mayhem

PHOENIX, 26 April—Spreading drug cartel violence in northern and central Mexico has led US authorities to increase the number of states Americans should avoid for safety reasons.

A US State Department travel advisory issued over the Easter weekend warned Americans to avoid all but essential travel to 10 states in northern and central Mexico due to “ongoing violence and persistent security concerns,” up from six states named in a caution issued last September. The latest advisory added warnings against nonessential travel to parts of Sonora, south of Arizona, and to parts of Mexico’s central Jalisco, San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas states, where cartel violence has spiked in recent months.

It also kept in place warnings issued last September advising against nonessential travel to northern Tamaulipas and central Michoacan states, as well as parts of northwestern Durango and Sinaloa states and the border states of Coahuila and Chihuahua, south of Texas.—Reuters

Promoters pose with Sony’s first tablet PCs S1 (L) and S2 at their unveiling ceremony in Tokyo on 26 April, 2011.—Internet

A US Border Patrol agent (upper right) waits in his jeep at his post near the wall that separates Nogales, Sonora, Mexico (left of wall) from Nogales, Arizona on the US and Mexican border in this 21 May, 2006 file photo.—Internet

A unique photo of the 4th destroyed reactor of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant made by the plant’s photographer Anatoliy Russakozov in the first hours after the deadly on 26 April 1986 explosion.—Internet

Officials at the National Transportation Safety Board display the damaged piece of the Boeing 737-300 fuselage from the 1 April Southwest Airlines flight number 812, where the hole tore open 20 minutes after taking off from Phoenix, at NTSB headquarters in Washington, on 5 April, 2011.—Internet
Information & Culture Minister receives Thai guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 April—Chief Commercial Officer Mr Yongsit Rojsrivichaikul of Thaicom Public Co., Ltd. of Thailand and party called on Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road in Yangon this morning.

Also present at the call were Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise and officials.

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 April—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin called on medical superintendents of central level hospitals to give special attention to health care services because it may put people’s lives at risk, to take effective measures in order to prevent misappropriation of funds and minimize wastage and to cooperate with anyone or any organizations devoting themselves to health care services at the meeting hall of New Yangon General Hospital on 24 April.

He continued that it is still needed to give effective treatment to patients and use potent medicines. He also stressed the importance for hospitals to try to become the ones that win public trust and reliance.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister visited Specialist Hospital (Thakata) in Yangon Region. While he was there, wellwisher U Myo Win and family donated sets of TV, DVD player and speakers for the hospital and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, K 200,000 for sinking of a tube well.

Alin Saytaman to fulfill intellectual curiosity of Wasu villagers in Kayin State

Yangon, 26 April—Alin Saytaman Library in Wasu Village of Hpa-an Township, Kayin State was opened on 20 April, attended by Chief Minister of Kayin State Brig-Gen Zaw Min and state ministers.

The chief minister contributed sky net satellite dish, and accessories to the library and personnel publications, and 21” TV, and wellwishers, furniture and K 1,300,000.

AHTNTF meets for eighth time

Yangon, 26 April—the 8th meeting of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (8th AHTN) Task Force took place at Chatrium Hotel here this morning.

Customs officers from ASEAN member countries attended the meeting which focused on classification of product items and matters related harmonized tariff nomenclature. The meeting continues till 30 April.

The chief minister contributed to enhance the function.

The eighth meeting of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (8th AHTN) Task Force in progress.

How human capital works in business at MFF

Yangon, 26 April—Sponsored by Myanmar Thiha Co Ltd, Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association will jointly conduct a talk at Myanmar Fisheries Federation on Bayintnaung Street, West Gyogon, Insein Township, here on 30 April.

U Aye Kyaw (MHR) will give a talk titled “Top Leadership Role in Human Capital and Talent Management”. Anyone interested may attend the talk.

Myanmar trainees to take welding course in Japan

Yangon, 26 April—To attend the 8th intake of welding course jointly conducted by Myanmar Engineering Society and JFE Engineering Corporation of Japan, 19 trainees from Myanmar as the first batch left here for Japan on 23 April.

Joint Secretary-General of MES U Ohn Myint, CEC member U Than Htun Aung, Central Committee member U Hla Kyaw and family members of the trainees saw them off at Yangon International Airport. The course lasts for three years.
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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.

Union Minister for Home Affairs
Lt-Gen Ko Ko receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

Rotary Club donates hospital equipment to Sangha Hospital
YANGON, 26 April—Rotary Club of Essendon of Australia organized a donation ceremony at Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township here yesterday. Chairman of Rotary Club of Essendon Mr Glen Smith donated hospital equipment worth US$ 100,000 to Chairman U Maung Maung of Administration Board of Hospital. Rotary Club of Essendon donated medicines worth US$ 10000 on 2 April 2009 for first time, and medicines and medical equipment worth US$ 22000 on 2 April last year for second time to the hospital.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at his office here this evening. The meeting focused on further strengthening of friendship between the two countries.—MNA

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Nepal sees significant rise in rhino population

KAHAMANDU, 26 April — Increased security and working closely with the local community has led to a significant rise in Nepal’s rhinoceros population over the past three years, an official said Tuesday.

A survey this month showed that the country’s rhino population was 534 compared to 435 in 2008, when the last count was done, said Maheshwor Dhakal, an ecologist with Nepal’s Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation.

Dhakal said the number of rhinos had decreased during the decade of fighting between government troops and Maoists rebels that ended in 2006 with a peace agreement. During the conflict, soldiers were pulled out of conservation duty to fight the militants, leaving the forests unguarded and allowing poachers to hunt the animals with little resistance.

Since the end of the fighting, soldiers have been redeployed to keep poachers out, and the government has introduced programmes with villagers living near the forests. “Working closely with the community to set up buffer zones has helped in our conservation,” Dhakal said, adding that the result has been an increase in rhino births and a decrease in killings.—INTERNET

New Zealand quake claims top 300,000

WELLINGTON, 26 April — The New Zealand Earthquake Commission (EQC) has received more than 300,000 claims from the Canterbury earthquakes, Earthquake Recovery Minister Gerry Brownlee said on Tuesday.

Brownlee said that as of Tuesday, the EQC had received 302,440 claims from the first quake on 4 Sept last year and its aftershocks, and 118,041 from the 22 Feb quake and the aftershock on 16 April.

“To date EQC has paid out over 840 million NZ dollars (664 million US dollars) in claims from people who’ve suffered damage to their land, homes and contents, making the Canterbury earthquakes by far the largest natural disaster the country has faced,” Brownlee said. Brownlee said that after the 22 nd’s mFb 6.3 magnitude quake, EQC moved quickly to assess all Christchurch properties using a rapid assessment programme, from which homes were prioritised for full assessment based on degrees of damage. Nearly 7,000 full assessments had been completed since late March.—Xinhua

Majority of European firms fail on carbon reporting

LONDON, 26 April — Less than half of Europe’s top 300 firms are publishing full and verified carbon emission data, with French and Swiss companies ranking worst at greenhouse gas reporting, a study showed Tuesday.

British financial services company Aviva placed first in the rankings based on emissions and levels of disclosure and verification, while Polish mining company KGHM came in last, according to the non-profit Environmental Investment Organisation (EIO).

Swiss telecom operator Swisscom ranked first among non-financial companies while unsurprisingly utilities were overall the biggest emitters, accounting for nearly half of all climate-changing greenhouse gases. The EIO compiled its Environmental Tracing Europe 300 Carbon Ranking index and plans to release further regional indexes and a global index in the coming months to provide tools for the investment community to tackle climate change.—INTERNET

Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt get top safety ratings

DETROIT, 26 April— The Chevrolet Volt and Nissan Leaf got top safety ratings in some of the first-ever tests of electric cars by an insurer-funded research group.

Both cars earned top scores for front, side and rear-impact crashes and for rollover crash protection, according to results released Tuesday by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. While both the Leaf and Volt are classified as small cars, the institute said their heavy battery packs put their weight closer to large sedans. The Volt, for example, weighs 3,700 pounds, which is close to the weight of the Chevrolet Impala. The Leaf weighs 3,370 pounds, which is similar to a Nissan Altima midsize car. That extra mass helps protect their occupants, since heavier cars are less likely to be pushed around in a crash.

The Leaf runs solely on battery power and has a range of around 100 miles. The Volt can go around 40 miles on an electric charge before a small gas engine kicks in. The institute said it was the first time it has tested road-worthy plug-in cars. Two golf cart-like electric vehicles, the Gem e2 and Wheego Whip, were tested for research purposes but performed poorly in side-impact tests, the group said. But those cars run at very low speeds and aren’t required to meet federal safety standards.—INTERNET

Singapore’s manufacturing output accelerates in March

SINGAPORE, 26 April — Singapore’s manufacturing output in March grew by 22 percent year on year thanks to strong biomedical output, the Economic Development Board said on Tuesday.

The growth followed a lower-than-expected 4.8 percent in February. The board said the growth in March would be 6.1 percent with the biomedical cluster excluded. The biomedical output surged by 57 percent year on year, led by the pharmaceutical segment. The increase is partly because activity has picked up in Asia, supporting the manufac-turing activity of Singapore, local broad-caster Channel NewsAsia quoted analysts as saying.

The purchasing managers’ index numbers in the region for March was not bad and there are other indications pointing to a pickup in manufacturing momentum last month, OCBC Bank economist Selena Ling said.

Output of the precision manufacturing cluster expanded by 8.6 percent, while the electronics cluster grew 6.9 percent.—Xinhua
Rescuers halt retrieval of bodies trapped in S Philippine landslide

MANILA, 26 April — Rescuers temporarily halted Tuesday the retrieval of about 14 people who were buried and presumed dead from last weekend’s landslide at a mining area in the southern Philippine Province of Compostela Valley. According to Lt Col Leopoldo Galon, spokesman of the Philippine military’s Eastern Mindanao Command, they have to suspend the search and retrieval operations in Pantukan’s mining site due to risk of another landslide in the same area.

“Retrieval operations were temporarily halted due to the deteriorating condition of the site. Retrieval operations will resume after conditions have stabilized,” Galon told reporters in an interview. Galon said Pantukan Mayor Celso Sarenas ordered the suspension of the retrieval operations.

“He (Sarenas) doesn’t want to endanger the lives of the rescuers, because the softened ground might lead to erosion,” Galon said.

Indonesia plans to produce radar

JAKARTA, 26 April — Indonesia plans to produce radar as it still imports the equipment from abroad. Sepatu Indonesia quoted a minister as saying on Monday.

Minister for Research and Technology Suharna Surapranata said that to materialize the goal, the government will try to develop the radar technology. Besides, he said, Indonesia needs synergy between his ministry, the Indonesian Science Institute, the Defence Ministry, the Transportation Ministry, colleges and private sector.

According to him, the radar technology is not only useful for defence but also for sea, air and land transportation as well as the Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics Agency. He said that the government is very serious in its commitment to developing defence industry, including producing radar, as is marked by a quite big fund for research.

Mexico agency confirms $1b fine for Slim’s company

MEXICO CITY, 26 April — Mexico’s antitrust agency confirmed Sunday that it levied a $1 billion (12 billion peso) fine against the Mexican cellphone subsidiary of tycoon Carlos Slim and ordered it to stop unfair practices.

The Federal Competition Commission said it found that Slim’s Telcel business engages in “relative monopolistic practices” by overcharging competitors to connect calls to Telcel users.

The fine against Telcel is the maximum penalty possible — 10 percent of the company’s assets because it is a repeat offender, the agency said in a statement. It gave Telcel 30 days to say how it will change its practices. Telcel also has 30 days to appeal.

Slim’s telecom company, America Movil, revealed the fine 15 April. It said it was studying all options for appeal.

A commission official said the fine is the largest ever levied by the 18-year-old watchdog agency and was made possible by a 2006 reform that raised fines for repeat offenders.

Philippine export to climb on China’s growth, Japan’s reconstruction

MANILA, 26 April — Philippine exports this year will get their much-needed boost with sustained economic growth of China and large scale reconstruction in Japan, observers here said Monday. China is expected to overtake Japan as the Philippines’ number one destination of export in 2011, following a 94.32 percent growth in importing goods from the Philippines in the previous year.

Victor Abola, economics professor at the University of Asia and the Pacific, attributed the growth of the Philippine export to China’s increased demand for processed Philippine food products and fresh fruits like bananas, as well as minerals and metals like iron ore, copper and nickel. Sergio Ortiz-Luis, president of the Philippine Exporters Confederation (Philexports), projected that “in five years’ time, it’s possible that China will become the top destination for Philippine products.”

On the other hand, Philippine’s export sector will benefit from Japan’s reconstruction following the approval by the Japanese government of an additional 49 million US dollars in budget for the rebuilding of areas devastated by the triple disasters, earthquake, tsunami and nuclear fallout, on 11 March.

In taking advantage of the reconstruction fund, the Philippines could invoke the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) in asking Japan to hire skilled Filipino workers, such as engineers, architects and technicians, in the country’s reconstruction programme.

Tai chi may improve quality of life in chronic heart failure patients

WASHINGTON, 26 April — Tai chi exercise appears to be associated with improved quality of life, mood and exercise self-efficacy in patients with chronic heart failure, according to a report published Monday in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

“Historically, patients with chronic systolic heart failure were considered too frail to exercise and, through the late 1980s, avoidance of physical activity was a standard recommendation;” the authors write as background information in the study. “Preliminary evidence suggests that meditative exercise may have benefits for patients with chronic systolic heart failure; this has not been rigorously tested in a large clinical sample.”

Gloria Yeh, of the Boston-based Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Centre and Harvard Medical School, and colleagues evaluated 104 outpatients with systolic heart failure who were recruited between 1 May, 2005 and 30 Sept, 2008. Fifty patients were randomized to a 12-week tai chi-based exercise intervention group, and 50 were randomized to a time-matched education group. The tai chi intervention group consisted of one-hour group classes held twice weekly for 12 weeks.

Flowers are seen in the park of the International Horticultural Exposition 2011 in Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 23 April, 2011.

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Trucks are stranded on the icy national road linking Garze County and Dege County in southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 23 April, 2011.—Xinhua

Cooks decorate a huge Easter egg made of one metric ton of chocolate in Miramar, a city of Buenos Aires Province in Argentina, on 24 April, 2011.

Xinhua
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HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 1st May 2011 (WORLD WORKERS DAY) Goods Shipped or delivered on payment will be received as Holiday Fees.

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Myanmar is seeking qualified local professional to fill the post of:

1) Protection Associate (GL-6) (UNOPS) to be stationed in Yangon with frequent and extended visits to the field.

The detailed Terms of Reference for this position are available at any UN or INGO Bulletin Board in Yangon, Maungdaw, Mawlamyine, Myeik and Taungoo.

Closing date: 11.05.2011

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Mike Neuman, Director of the Beqa Adventures Divers made the call after conservationists found that local fishermen are engaging in the illegal practice of shark finning, says the report.

“Like our mangroves, the reefs protect our coastline and their demise will lead to coastal erosion and flooding, especially during cyclones but also as the sea level rises due to Global warming,” Neuman was quoted as saying.

Neuman said sharks play important roles in local marine ecosystems and were worth more alive than dead. “As an example, it has been observed that where there are reef sharks, the parrot fish that feed on coral cannot stay in one location for long but need to remain on the move. This prevents them from over- exploiting the corals.”—Xinhua

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Smithsonian project director Marquette Folley, who would become The King. Presley's record company hired photographer Alfred as his star begins to rise. Needing publicity photos, at 21" show offers a glimpse into Presley's life just displayed together. The Smithsonian-curated "Elvis unguarded moments are among dozens featured in fans, no camera flashes, no entourages. These neighbourhood kids in a parking lot. No screaming Elvis Presley alone on the sidewalk in New York. It's hard to imagine capturing an image of a young with celebrity magazines, paparazzi and red carpets, while breaking into the music world record, a spokesperson said. Working eight hours a day for nine days, 67-year-old Jose "Cueto" Castelar is hoping to break his 2009 record of a 43.38-metre-long (142-foot-long) stogie. He hopes to complete his latest feat on 3 May and display it at the International Tourism Fair, which runs Monday-Saturday next week. It would be his fifth record in more than half a century of cigar-rolling.

Woman finds 7-foot gator in bathroom
A Palmetto, Fla. woman who discovered a 7-foot-long alligator in her guest bedroom said the reptile apparently crawled into her house through a doggie door. Alexis Dunbar, who found the gator when she returned to the house Saturday, said she believes it came from a nearby pond, crawled under a chain-link fence and wiggled through the door used by her two cats.

"He must look at the cats as food every day," she said. "He finally got bold and came up on the bank."

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Cuban seeks to break own record with 70-metre cigar
A Cuban cigar roller began Monday rolling a 70-metre (230-foot) cigar in an attempt to nearly double his previous Guinness world record, a spokesman said. Working eight hours a day for nine days, 67-year-old Jose "Cueto" Castelar is hoping to break his 2009 record of a 43.38-metre-long (142-foot-long) stogie. He hopes to complete his latest feat on 3 May and display it at the International Tourism Fair, which runs Monday-Saturday next week. It would be his fifth record in more than half a century of cigar-rolling.

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Man makes home in 14-foot rowboat
A Seattle man has created a home for himself in a 14-foot boat anchored under a highway bridge near the University of Washington campus. William Kaphaem has rigged the boat with a tarpaulin for shelter, The Seattle Times reported. He has a Coleman lantern and stove and even a battery-powered radio.

Kaphaem, 51, who uses the name Three Stars, told the Times he previously had rented a room from an elderly couple.

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Indonesian hosts int’l film festival for children
JAKARTA, 26 April—Indonesia resumed the conduction of film festival for children (KidFest), and 14 films themed friendship among children and adventure would be screened in several cinemas here, the organizer said Monday. “We want to provide opportunities for children to enjoy and appreciate world-class movies, inspire discussions on the variety of cultures in the world,” said Nia Dinata, official at Kalyana Shira, the festival’s organizer.

She said that the movies scheduled for screening are from Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Poland, Sweden, India, Japan and the host country Indonesia. The third KidFest event that would last through 1 May was dedicated for children at ages of 6 to 15 years old, Nia said, adding that Japanese movie “Kung Fu Kid” was scheduled to open the festival and Polish movie “The Magic Tree” would close the festival.

Nia also said that the organizer would appoint children as juries who will select movies considered the best ones that would be announced at the end of the festival. Besides that, the festival would also screen short amateur movies produced by children.

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Dzeko goal powers Man City past Blackburn in Premier League game

BLACKBURN, 26 April — Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini backed Eidin Dzeko to become a regular scorer after the £27 million forward hit his first Premier League goal. Dzeko’s second-half strike gave City a 1-0 win over struggling Blackburn on Monday and a four-point lead over Tottenham in the race to secure the fourth and final qualifying place for next season’s Champions League.

“It will do his confidence the power of good,” said Mancini of a player who had failed to find the target since his move from German side Wolfsburg in January. “Edin is a fantastic striker.”

He had some problems because he hasn’t played many games in the past and had some difficulties because he didn’t score. “But he deserved to score what was a very important goal for us. Yes, I have had to speak to him. It has not been easy for him because he hasn’t been playing and he hasn’t scored in the league.”

Iniesta dreaming of Wembley final showdown

MADRID, 26 April — Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta is already dreaming of a Champions League final tussle at Wembley even as his side prepare for their semi-final against old rivals Real Madrid. “I am dreaming of going there and scoring some goals and then in the return our fans will drive us on to Wembley,” Iniesta told a news conference.

“It would be the cherry on the cake to land another two titles,” said Iniesta, in reference to a league title as good as retained and a potential Champions League success to follow on from previous triumphs in 1992, 2006 and 2009. “We have to fight to the finish,” he stressed, in the knowledge that Real are desperate for a 10th European crown having just given coach Jose Mourinho his first Spanish silverware in the shape of last week’s King’s Cup win over the Catalans.

AC Milan coach Allegri targets four crucial points

ROME, 26 April — AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said on Monday he is simply focussing on turning and four points necessary to deliver an 18th league title to the club.

Milan head Serie A by eight points with four games left and due to their better head-to-head record against second place city rivals Inter Milan, they need only four more points to be crowned champions. They could even win the title this weekend if they beat Bologna at home on Sunday and the reigning champions fail to win away to Cesena the day before.

“Maybe Sunday won’t be enough but we should be thinking only of getting these four points and winning the title,” Allegri told Sky. Milan are heading towards a possible double as they are also in the Italian Cup semi-finals, although last week they drew their home leg against Palermo 2-2. The one blot on Allegri’s record this season was Milan’s early exit from the Champions League.

Getafe president Confirm sale to Dubai group

GETAFE, 26 April — Getafe president Angel Torres on Monday confirmed the sale to the Spanish top flight club to Royal Emirates Group, which is chaired by a member of Dubai’s ruling Al-Maktoum family. “The decision to sell the club was because, logically, the more years that you are in the first division, the greater the risk of getting into debt. It is difficult to compete in this league,” he told a news conference.

“One year that you are in the first division you get into more debt. We could not put more money, the banks were not lending to us, so

I can beat Nadal again, insists Soderling

ESTORIL, 26 April — Two-time French Open finalist Robin Soderling insisted on Monday he has the confidence to beat Rafael Nadal once again on the Spanish superstar’s favourite claycourt surface.

“He’s a great player, especially on clay,” the world number five Swede said Monday as he prepared for a second-round start in his debut at the Estoril claycourt tournament. “But you have to go to the court thinking that you have a chance. Otherwise, what’s the point? Nadal is the best on clay ever but he can be beaten. You just have to play your best tennis and have some luck.”

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SEOUL, South Korea, 26 April—Lee Westwood hopes to put on a show in the Ballantine’s Championship this week as the first No 1-ranked golfer to play in South Korea.

Westwood reclaimed the top ranking from Martin Kaymer when he won the Indonesian Masters by three strokes in Jakarta on Sunday, his 38th birthday.

Fellow Englishman Luke Donald could have taken Westwood hours later at the Heritage, but lost the PGA Tour event in a playoff at The Heritage in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Westwood says “it’s nice to get back to No 1 on Sunday. I played well last week and my confidence is high.”

WEATHER

Tuesday, 26th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin, Kayah, and Mon States, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay, and Tabinshayi Regions, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Regions. Shan and Mon States, and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (10°C) below April average temperatures in Kayin, Kayah, and Mon States, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay, and Bago Regions. Shan and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, (3°C to (4°C) below April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Chin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.28) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.30) inches each, Thayet (2.28) inches, Taungoo and Pyu (1.30) inches, Myeik (0.90) inch and Kyaiakhkhami (0.83) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Lee Westwood of England raises the trophy after winning the Indonesian Masters golf tournament at Royale Jakarta Golf Club in Jakarta, on 24 April, 2011.—INTERNET

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Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 25-4-2011 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 26-4-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-4-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 26-4-2011 was (0.08) inch.

Rainfall on 26-4-2011 was (0.28) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (Nil) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.46) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.90) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) m.p.h. from North at (06:30) hours MST on 26-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 27th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Shan and Mon States, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Tabinshayi Regions, Kayin, Rakhine and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 27-4-2011: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-4-2011: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Ayethaya Diversion Weir benefits farmlands in Pyawbwe Township

Now, local villages are rebuilding small dams and lakes in arid regions for their food security. Those responsible from Pyinmana Township Irrigation Department in Nay Pyi Taw District after making tours are maintaining 62 small dams and lakes in Yamethin District, nine of which have been rebuilt as the first phase since 2009-2010.

They are four lakes in Yamethin Township and three dams and two lakes in Pyawbwe Township. Ayethaya Diversion Weir, 12 miles from Pyawbwe, lies near Ayethaya Village, Hsartaung Village-tract, Pyawbwe Township. It was built on a self-reliance basis by villagers, diverting the Myinkya Creek. Due to mountain torrents, no sluice gates, and poor conditions of the canal, the dam used to be broken three or four times a year. So, it was a great problem for local farmers to grow crops.

The Irrigation Department has reconstructed the facility into a concrete one. Staff Officer in charge U Talan Kyar said that Ayethaya Diversion Weir was reconstructed on 20 December 2009 and completed on 18 March 2010; that steel sheets as long as over 1000 feet were put into the dam in order (See page 9)

Sony unveils two Android 3.0 tablets

Tokyo, 26 April — Sony made it official today in Tokyo, disclosing two new tablet designs that will run Android 3.0 “Honeycomb” software and have access to PlayStation content.

The Japanese company said in a brief statement that it is “developing two tablets,” including the S1 which is “optimized for media entertainment” and the S2 (both codenames), aimed at “mobile communication and entertainment.”

The tablets, with the official moniker of “Sony Tablet,” will become available worldwide starting in the fall. The S1 has a 9.4-inch display, while the S2 has two 5.5-inch displays that can be “folded,” Sony said. The screens on the S2 can be used together as one large screen to browse websites, or separately—for example, checking email on one and using the other as a soft keyboard.—Internet

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