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At the meeting, alternate ASEAN Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen delivered an opening speech.

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Eight Afghan local police killed in outpost attack

KABUL, 5 April — Gunmen attacked an outpost of a government-sponsored militia force in western Afghanistan, killing eight people, officials said on Thursday. Taleban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmedi claimed responsibility for the attack.

Men armed with automatic rifles stormed the outpost late Wednesday in Farah Province’s Khaki Safed district, said provincial police chief Shamsul Rahman Zahid. He says eight members of the Afghan Local Police were killed and two captured. The attacks first shot a guard who was posted outside then pushed into the compound and opened fire on those inside, said Abdul Kahar Noorazi, the district

Chavez back in Venezuela after more cancer treatment

CARACAS, 5 April — President Hugo Chavez returned home to Venezuela on Wednesday after his latest session of cancer treatment in Cuba, as he aims to fight off the illness and win a new six-year term in an October election.

The 57-year-old socialist leader walking unaided from his plane after it landed in his home state of Barinas and he was greeted on the runway by relatives, the vice president and several government ministers. “The socialist revolution is irreversible … I continue recovering,” he told reporters in brief speech on state TV, wishing Venezuelans a happy Easter weekend and saying he was “now more Christian than ever.” His second session of radiation treatment began in March, and he said, and the results of all his medical tests were positive. He is expected to return to taking steps alongside the Venezuelan government and people as they move down the road of reform and development.” He said the Washington is easing visa ban on Myanmar, allowing select of officials and parliamentarians to visit the United States. Clinton also said that the United States is expected to nominate an ambassador to Myanmar very soon, to establish an important step as an important aspect of Myanmar’s reintegration, Clinton said that the United States is committed to plauged deep south, an official said on Thursday. The car bombings in two southern cities on Saturday killed 15 people and wounded off the illness and win a new six-year term in an October election.

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US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announces the easing of sanctions.—INTERNET

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The United States is “beginning the processes of a targeted easing of our ban on the export of US financial services and investment as part of a broader effort to help accelerate economic modernization and political reform” Clinton said at a joint Press conference with Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci.

Terming the by-election as an important step in Myanmar’s transformation, Clinton said that the United States is committed to

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Myanmar’s President
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Very little is known about Chavez’s condition - he has had three cancer operations in less than a year - so doubts remain about the future of the man who has dominated politics in the continent’s biggest oil exporter for the last 13 years.—Reuters

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Four detained over deadly Thai blasts

BANGKOK, 5 April — Thai police have arrested four suspects in connection with a series of car bombings in the insurgency-plagued deep south, an official said on Thursday. The car bombings in two southern cities on Saturday killed 15 people and wounded hundreds more in the deadliest attacks in the region in recent years.

Three men were detained on Wednesday evening at a house in Rueso District of Narathiwat Province in an operation involving 50 police and paramilitaries, authorities said. A stolen pick-up truck which was used in the attack in the city of Yala was earlier seen in front of the house of one of the suspects, said Colonel Satarnfa Warner of Rueso district police. He said the licence plate of the truck was also put on a stolen car used in an attack on a hotel in the city of Hat Yai on Saturday. “They still deny it but we have evidence that they met to plot the attacks,” Satarnfa told AFP on telephone, adding that police were investigating records of their phone calls. “There are more people involved but I can’t say how many,” he added. One of the suspects is a clerk with nine outstanding arrest warrants, Satarnfa said.—INTERNET

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Yahoo expects its cost-cutting programme to save $375m in the same period, but has as yet failed to turn around its fortunes. The company made a profit of $1bn last September 2011. “The reaction to it has been so positive that we’ve accelerated our development of a new all-Jaguar sports car,” the carmaker said. — Internet

The firm said it would reveal more details of its new strategy when it releases its next set of results on 17 April. “We are intensifying our efforts on our core businesses and redeploying resources to our emerging priorities,” said Yahoo’s current chief executive, Scott Thompson, who joined from PayPal three months ago. He said it would move “aggressively” towards its goal of growing users and advertisers first.

“Today’s actions are an important step to strengthen our business, build new Yahoo,” he added. — Internet

Jaguar’s F-type will be based on the C-X16 concept car and be the heir to its iconic sports cars of the past. — Internet

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Facts about Wahkadok water supply facility
- Located near Taungbahan Village in Bago Township, Bago Region.
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- Its water storage area is 32600 acres feet.
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- Located near Hsisongon Village in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region. It can contribute to boosting agricultural production in Kyaukdaga Township.
- It can supply irrigation water to 118,500 acres of farmlands. Thanks to it, multiple cropping as well as summer paddy can be grown.
- It is 154 feet in length, 99 feet in width and 17.5 feet in height. It has five 10x15 feet valves.
- It can protect Pyuntaza lain between Nyaunglebin and Sittoung River from floods.

Police nab suspected top Guatemala drug trafficker

GUATEMALA CITY, 5 April — A leading drug trafficker who helped Mexico’s brutal Zetas drug cartel expand into Guatemala was arrested Tuesday and is facing extradition to the United States, authorities said. Horst Walther Overdick, 44, was captured during an operation to arrest Zetas operatives east of Guatemala’s capital, Interior Secretary Mauricio Lopez Bonilla told reporters. The process of extraditing Overdick will begin after he enters a plea to the trafficking charges against him in the US and Guatemala, attorney-general Claudia Paz y Paz said. Lopez Bonilla said Overdick, known as “The Tiger,” had worked for years to establish a cocaine-trafficking link between South America and Mexico, and was the primary ally of the Zetas in Peten, Izabal and Verapaces Provinces. Overdick began as a trader in cardamom, a spice used in cooking, then used his knowledge of import and export routes to help the Zetas move cocaine to the United States.

Snake on a plane compels Aussie pilot to turn back

CANBERRA, 5 April — An airline executive says a pilot on a cargo run found a snake loose in his light plane and turned back to his north Australian base. In a scene reminiscent of the 2006 movie “Snakes on a Plane,” pilot Braden Blinkerhassett saw the snake’s head pop out from under the dashboard of his twin-engine Beechcraft Baron G58 shortly after takeoff from Darwin airport on Tuesday. Air Frontier director Geoff Hunt said Thursday that his employee was a “cool character” who told air traffic control: “I’m going to have to return to Darwin. I’ve got a snake on board the plane.” The reptile quickly slithered away. A snake handler was later unable to find the snake, which might have escaped after the plane landed. The snake’s species is not known.
Flower and football

(1) He had just turned one when I met the boy again. He started to learn some words from his surroundings and to speak. This brilliant kid learned more new words in a few days and turned some passive vocabulary to active ones. He could well call Dad and Mom. But there are still some funny and lovely mistakes he often makes. He always indicates his boo-boo as “Grandpa” because he got one while playing with his grandpa. He could not pronounce the word “bro” but “sis”. His word for any man is “uncle”. By the time he met a couple, he addressed them as “Uncle and six”. Though, he had two favourite words - flower and football. He murmurs, “Pan...Pan...” for flower in Myanmar every time he found any flower anywhere. He repeated, “Ball...ball,” for football he plays with his Dad. It may be strange to you that the boy loves flowers. Who says boys cannot like flower? Our boy has got taste for it.

(2) The big sister, about five, is quarrelling with her little half-brother, about three, on a bus. The person who is assumed to be father of the boy barely utters a word in his children’s fight. The girl says, “You’re the offspring of your father, not my mother.” What a surprise! The girl at this very young age can use the word “offspring” well. The boy stops retorting and starts gazing paddy fields by the road. I am sure he does not see anything through weeping eyes. The word “offspring” of the girl gives me a scare and will surely mark a scar in her brother’s hazy childhood memory. These words may be taught to the girl by someone, maybe her mother. Alas! Our world is so dirty that our children are painted black so fast.

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**Thingangyun Township observes World TB Day**

**Yangon, 5 April**—The World TB Day of Yangon East District was observed at the hall of Thingangyun Township Administration Department on 28 March morning.

Chairman of Yangon East District Health Committee Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Thant Soe of Yangon East District made a speech. Next, Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Phyu Phyu Aye read the address of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Soe Maung Khin, TB Specialist Dr Saw Nwe Nwe of Yangon East District explained facts about TB disease and future plan.

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**Two-three digits illegal lottery documents seized**

**Yangon, April**—Together with witnesses, Myanmar Police Force of Kyimyindaing Township, acting on tip-off, searched the house in West Magyidan Ward of Kyimyindaing Township on 26 March. They seized one laptop used in recording the lists of participants in gambling, one CDMA mobile phone, two calculators, vouchers on which digits and number of cash amount were noted down and K2,234,600. Action was taken against the offenders in the case under the law.

**Kawhmu Township raises reading habit, organizes book donation**

**Yangon, 5 April**—The raising of reading habit and book donation was held at Basic Education Middle School in Natsining Model Village in Kawhmu Township of Yangon South District on 27 March.

Chairman of Yangon Region Reading Habit Raising and Book Donation Committee Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe made a speech. Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Swe reported on the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Kawhmu Township reported on development of libraries and a plan to raise the reading habit in the township.

Region Minister Daw San San Nwe and officials awarded the winners in the poem, essay and extempore contests. Later, wellwishers donated books to the library through officials.

**Vaccination of measles for children clarified**

**Yangon, 5 April**—A clarification on age-wise measles vaccination 2012 of Yangon Region was held for the children from nine months to five years old at the office of Township Health Department in Lannawdaw on 14 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Thinn Hnint made a speech. Head of Township Health Department Daw Pa Pa explained the procedures of measles vaccination in detail.

It was attended by administrators of wards from Lannawdaw Township, the chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members, township social organization members and officials of the departments. Officials drew the plan for procedures of measles vaccination.

**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 6 April, 2012**
President U Thein Sein meets press in Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — After attending the 20th ASEAN Summit, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with the press at Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, yesterday.

During the press meet, the President answered the questions of correspondents from NHK, CCTV and Myanmar International Channel.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Wiwinna Maung Lwin, U Kyaw Hsan and U Tin Naing Thein.— MNA

The concluding of 20th ASEAN Summit in Champa Room at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in progress. (News on page 1)— MNA

Production sharing contract signed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy, Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc of Malaysia and Myanmar national-owned UNOG Pte Ltd signed a production sharing contract on exploration of inland block RSF-2 (Tuywintaung Myaingtaung region) and RSF-3 (Gwaycho-Ngahsuntawung region) at the ministry here yesterday evening.

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htin, members of Myanmar Investment Commission, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Illa Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, MIC Joint Secretary Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, Vice President and CEO Mr Effendy Cheng Abdullah of Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc, Chairman U Nay Aung of UNOG Pte Ltd, departmental officials and guests.

Union Minister U Than Htin delivered an opening speech. MOGE Managing Director U Aung Htoo and Executive Vice President Dato’ Wee Yiaw Hin of Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc extended greetings. Then, the contract was signed and the documents exchanged.

For the past nine months, the Energy Ministry has put international tenders for 18 inland blocks. It has also selected seven Myanmar national-owned companies to do joint-venture business with international oil companies on nine blocks and two contracts have been inked. Today’s contract on RSF-2 and RSF-3 is in the third time.— MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Vietnamese National Assembly Vice-Chairman

YANGON, 5 April— Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received a goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Huynh Ngoc Son at a region government office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Region ministers, national races affairs ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phang and officials.

The goodwill delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda earlier this morning. They also visited industrial zone supervision committee office in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township where Committee Chairman U Aye Lwin explained facts about the industrial zone. The visiting vice-chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam expressed thanks and viewed round Popular Plastics Factory, Sogo pipe factory and Asian Dragon garment factory.— MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Chargé d’Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston and First Secretary Mr Machut A Shishak of the US Embassy called on Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye at the UEC Office here this morning.

Also present at the call were UEC members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U ThaOo, U WinKyi, U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Ko.

During the talk, the US Chargé d’Affaires credited the free and fair by-elections in a transparent manner and proposed to provide technical assistance to Myanmar for elections in the future. The UEC Chairman replied that the commission was committed to organizing better elections in the future, assessing the experiences of the previous elections. He expressed heartfelt welcome to international cooperation and technical assistance. They then frankly exchanged views on bilateral cooperation.—MNA

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni receives President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/ Government of ASEAN member States. (News on page 16)—MNA

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Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives UNDP official

Chairman of International Relations Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw Col Maung Maung Htoo receives Advisor Mr Kevin Deveaux to UNDP Parliamentary Affairs Supporting Group and party at Hall-20 of Hluttaw Building Nay Pyi Taw on 4 April morning.—MNA

Vice-Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly arrives in Yangon

Hand-on training on reserve money targeting and liquidity forecasting for CBM concludes

Take Fire Preventive Measures
Insein Township raises reading habit

YANGON, 5 April—The ceremony to launch raising of reading habit was held in front of Amyintithi Library on Myothit (C) Ward in Insein Township on 29 March morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Ledwintha Saw Chit, Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department and Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe cut the ribbon to launch the ceremony.

At the literary talks, writers Ledwintha Saw Chit and Nwam Ja Thaing gave matters related to literary affairs.

Later, the essayists, extemporise talks and poem recitation contests followed.—Myanma Alin

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Traffic rules talked at Taunggyi University

TAUNGGYI, 5 April—A talk on traffic rules and danger of narcotic drugs was given at the convocation hall of Taunggyi University in Shan State (South) on 13 March.

Rector in-charge Dr Mu Mu Myint made a speech, one water tanker of Township Development Affairs Committee, and the fire was put out by 2.30 pm.

In the incident, the fire destroyed three houses, leaving 20 people homeless.

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Mandalay dwellers urged to systematically throw garbage

MANDALAY, 5 April—Although Mandalay City Development Committee cleans the city with the strength of sanitation workers and garbage bins daily, undisciplined throwing of garbage at junctions of roads damages image of the city.

The dwellers have been urged to systematically throw their garbage to the respective trash bins from 5 am to 8 am and from 8 pm to 8 pm daily.

If the dwellers of Mandalay City Development Committee do not collect garbage, may contact 09-2006581 of the head of Sanitation Department, 02-72003 of Sanitation Department, 09-2000314 of the branch officer of region-2 and township administrators.

In Mandalay, about 325 tons of garbage are thrown by residents and restaurants daily.—Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

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LOANS DISBURSED: A ceremony to disburse loans to microfinance institutions was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Insein Township on 23 March. Township Administrator Chairman of Township Microfinance Institutions Supervisory Committee U Tin Naing Soe presents loans to leaders of the institutions of 15 wards.

KYEMON

Fire destroys three houses, leaving 20 people homeless in Mogaung

MOGAUNG, 5 April—A fire broke out at the house of No. 17 in Natgyiung Ward of Mogaung in Kachin State at 1.15 am on 30 March. The fire started from candle light.

Officials, members of fire brigade and auxiliary fire brigade together with local people put out the fire with the use of four fire engines of Township Fire Station and one water tanker of Township Development Affairs Committee, and the fire was put out by 2.30 pm.

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Rescue in Llanddulas as cargo ship hits rocks

LONDON, 5 April — Seven crew members have been rescued from a stricken cargo ship that ran aground off the Conwy coast in rough seas. Two lifeboats and a helicopter were called at 20:30 BST on Tuesday after the ship hit a rock near a quarry jetty at Llanddulas, near Colwyn Bay. An operation to refloat the stricken vessel is expected to begin in later. Concerns now are that the ship’s fuel tanks may have been ruptured and pollution crews are on alert.

The Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA) said the cargo ship was in one piece following the incident, but the fear was that it could begin to leak some of the 40,000 litres of fuel it is carrying. A Welsh Government spokesman said: “The Welsh Government is closely monitoring the emerging situation at Llanddulas. “We are being kept fully informed of developments.” The RNLI said the vessel—thought to be a coaster, which used the jetty to load limestone — hit a rock on the breakwater at Llanddulas and ended up broadside on the shore.

It added that the Llandudno and Rhyll all-weather lifeboats had been tasked.

Russian plane ‘may have iced over before crashing’

MOSCOW, 5 April — Russian investigators have ruled out engine failure as the cause of an air crash which killed 31 people, amid reports the plane may have iced over. Twelve survivors are being treated in hospital after the disaster in Tyumen, western Siberia, when the plane crashed on take-off, the plane climbed to roughly 210m (689ft) after which it listed first by 35 degrees to the right, then by more than 50 degrees to the left, at which point it crashed.

There was no official comment on Press reports of the ice factor.

Indian Navy to deploy Russian nuclear submarine

NEW DELHI, 5 April — India is to formally commission a nuclear submarine into its navy, joining an elite group of nations with similar capabilities. The $1bn (€630m) Russian-built Nerpa has been leased by the Indian navy for the next 10 years. It was handed over to India in Vladivostok 40 days ago and is now set to become the pride of the Indian navy, the BBC’s Sanjoy Majumder reports from Vishakhapatnam. In keeping with international non-proliferation treaties the submarine will not be equipped with nuclear weapons.

The plane seen here in 2011 was 21 years old. 

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The 82m (269ft) long ship had seven crew members on board.—INTERNET

Dutch boy comes up with pizza-based euro solution

LONDON, 5 April — An 11-year-old Dutch boy has won where many of the best economic minds in Europe have feared to tread and proposed a radical solution to the European single currency’s problems—using apizza as his inspiration. Jurriaan Hermans’ entry in the 250,000 pounds (£401,000) Wolfson Economics Prize, an international economics competition to find the “best contingency plan for a break-up of the euro” won special mention Tuesday from the judging panel.

Hermans, of Breedenbroek in the Netherlands, was 10 at the time he entered. He has been given a £133 ($180) gift voucher for his efforts but failed to make the final short list of five proposals—which included reversing the process in which the euro was created and exiting the system over a weekend.

The 17-country single currency union has been placed under considerable strain by the crippling debt problems of some of its members. Greece recently managed to avoid a chaotic default on its debt — an event that could have destabilized the 17-country eurozone and the global economy. For his efforts, he was negotiating a £170 billion ($262billion) bailout. If Greece had been forced into a disorderly default, one course of action would have been for it to leave the euro and go back to its old currency, the drachma.

Indian has renamed the submarine the Chakra II. — INTERNET

end of this year. The 8,140-tonne Akula II submarine, the K-152 Nerpa, has been renamed by India as the INS Chakra II. The submarine will be formally commissioned into the navy by the country’s Defence Minister, AK Antony, at a ceremony in Vishakhapatnam, on India’s eastcoastoftheBayofHengal on Wednesday morning.

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Russian-built Nerpa

Foreign fighters may be seen as a source of manpower in Somalia, the report suggests.—INTERNET

Total to send expert team to assess gas leak soon

ABERDEEN, 5 April — France’s Total plans to send a team of experts on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning to assess the steps needed to stop a large and potentially explosive gas leak at its North Sea Elgin platform, a spokesman said on Tuesday. Helicopter flights resumed carrying crews to North Sea oil and gas rigs on Tuesday afternoon, after adverse weather conditions offshore grounded traffic vaccination, preventing the oil company from beginning its relief efforts on the platform.

Strong east to northeast winds are expected in the area on Wednesday evening and early on Thursday with a risk of gales, forecasters from the Met Office said, potentially hampering relief efforts if conditions deteriorate further. “The team of engineers will be on a mission to assess conditions,” Total’s UK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications Manager Andrew Hogg said. Hogg said part of the mission would be to find out whether a so-called “well kill” was feasible through pumping mud into the well and whether any other measures would be necessary. Another, much more expensive option being pursued in parallel is to dig two relief wells to the source of the gas at 4,000 metres depth, far below the sea bed. Experts have said that this option could take up to six months to complete and could cost the company billions of dollars.—Reuters

al-Qaeda ‘could target UK youths’

LONDON, 5 April — British youths from African communities could become radicalised as al-Qaeda looks to Africa to build its strength, the Rusi think tank has suggested. It says such a development would pose new challenges for UK and other Western intelligence services. It warns of potential for new or greater radicalisation among British youths from the Somali and other east and west African communities. The government said it was tackling homegrown terrorist threats.

The plane (seen here in 2011) was 21 years old.

Radicalisation has already been seen during the past 15 years among some young members of the Pakistani, North African and Indian communities in Britain, the report published by the Royal United Services Institute suggests. Report author Valentine Soria said: “Most significant is the potential for radicalisation and then mobilisation of a new subset of
Afghan police kill four Taliban militants, detain 28

KABUL, 5 April—Afghan police have killed four Taliban militants and captured 28 others over the past 24 hours in operations across the country, Interior Ministry said in a press release.

“During the operations, conducted in several provinces including the southern Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul and the eastern Nangarhar and Laghman provinces, four Taliban rebels have been killed, one injured and 28 others made captive,” the press release said.

A number of arms and ammunitions, including 17 pistols and 19 anti-personnel and anti-vehicle mines were also seized, it said. However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the police. Taliban militants have yet to make comment. —Xinhua

‘Thrones,’ ‘Colbert’ win Peabody Awards

ATLANTA, Ga, 5 April—“Game of Thrones,” “Austin City Limits” and “The Colbert Report” were among the winners of the 71st annual Peabody Awards announced Wednesday in Georgia.

The awards recognize the best in electronic media for the year 2011. The Peabodies are presented annually by the university’s Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Also named as awards recipients for 2011 were “Homeland,” “Treme,” “Parks and Recreation,” “Somalia: Land of Anarchy,” “Jeopardy!,” “People’s Republic of Cheating,” “Misjudged Cases,” “Surviving the Tsunami,” “Portlandia,” “A Year in the Clouds,” “Intersexes,” CNN, TED.com, BBC.com, NPR, “CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley” and Al Jazeera English.

‘Winning’ ticket in Mega Millions jackpot sparks row

NEW YORK, 5 April—A US woman claims to have one of three winning lottery tickets from a $640m (£403m) jackpot, but her colleagues say it would be part of their syndicate.

A lawyer for Maryland woman Mirlande Wilson said in a news conference he had not seen the ticket, but added he was preparing for any challenges. Ms Wilson told the New York Post she had the winning ticket somewhere at the Baltimore McDonald’s where she works.

Maryland officials say no one has come forward to claim the prize. Lottery officials called a press conference on Thursday to discuss the status of the Maryland winning ticket. Ms Wilson spoke little during Wednesday’s Press conference but Edward Smith, Jr, her lawyer, asked for reporters to stay out of her house to leave the 37-year-old woman alone.

“It’s just money, people.” Three tickets - one in Maryland, one in Kansas and one in Illinois - matched the numbers drawn last week in the Mega Millions jackpot, the largest single prize in the world.

According to the Post, the boss of the McDonald’s outlet gave Ms Wilson money to buy extra tickets for a group pool on Friday. She says she bought those tickets, but also some for herself and that the winning ticket came from the latter set.

“We had a group plan, but I went and played by myself,” she told the Post. One of 15 members of the lottery syndicate, Suleiman Osman Husein, says the group does not believe her.

“We each paid $5. She took everybody’s money!” he told the Post.

Mr Smith said the mother of seven had been thrust into the spotlight by her colleague’s accusations, and that he himself had no idea if the ticket was legitimate. —Internet

Unconscious canoeist, 82, found at Fairbourne beach

LONDON, 5 April — An 82-year-old man has been found unconscious in a canoe off the north coast west Wales.

Holyhead Coastguard said the man was found by a walker at 19:40 BST at Fairbourne near Barmouth in Gwynedd.

Barmouth Coastguard, Barmouth Inshore Lifeboat and an ambulance attended along with an RAF Sea King helicopter. The man was airlifted to Bron-glass Hospital in Aberystwyth where he was later described by paramedics as “conscious but weak”. Holyhead Coastguard said it was not yet clear if the man was alcohol or other drugs. —Internet

At least eight dead in Nairobi landslides

NAIROBI, 5 April — Massive boulders crashed onto houses Wednesday in Mathare, a Nairobi slum, killing at least eight people after a night of heavy rains, police and the Kenyan Red Cross said.

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“We do not believe that there are any more bodies here,” the head of the Kenyan disaster management service Vincent Anami said.

People wash from an iron sheet house as rescuers retrieve bodies from the rubble following a massive boulder that crashed onto houses in the Mathare slum of Nairobi. —INTERNET

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Spiced chickpea recipe from Cookbook of the Year ‘Tasting India’

CANNIBER, 5 April—An Aussie chef’s cookbook chronicling her gastronomic journey through India was named the Cookbook of the Year at the International Association of Culinary Professionals Awards in New York this week.

Christine Manfield became the first Aussie chef to take home the coveted title for her book Tasting India, which features 250 recipes of authentic recipes from all the regions of the country. The 26th annual IACP awards recognize the best in English-language cookbooks and food publications. Here’s her sample recipe from the book, courtesy of Manfield.

Punjabi Spiced Chickpeas

SERVES 6

Typical of north-west frontier cuisine, this is a wonderful dish to serve with grilled or barbecued meat. I sometimes serve it with roasted chicken that I have rubbed with similar spices to complement the chickpeas.

1 teaspoon garlic, mashed
1 teaspoon ginger, minced
1 teaspoon Chat Masala, a spice mix that typically consists of anchoor or dried mango powder, cumin, kala namak or black salt, coriander and dried ginger.
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons pomegranate seeds
2 tablespoons chopped coriander leaves

Heat the oil in a heavy-
**Colo court won’t accept coins as payment**

A Colorado court has refused to let a college student pay a speeding ticket with coins, even though there is a coin-counting machine on premises. Fort Collins municipal court workers said it would take too much time to count the coins. Ted Nishcan brought in to pay his $160 speeding ticket, The Coloradoan reported on Wednesday.

"It’s not prudent use of taxpayer funds to have one of the clerks sit there counting quarters, nickels and pennies," municipal court supervisor Fran Seawarth said.

Nishcan said he didn’t understand why the court wouldn’t accept legal tender for his ticket, which he said he couldn’t afford to pay with funds from his bank account after paying rent. "This is what I’ve got," Nishcan said Tuesday at a court hearing. "Please take it. It’s real money."

**Dog eats master’s Masters tickets**

A Seattle man whose tickets to the Masters golf tournament were eaten by his dog said officials agreed to exchange the regurgitated scraps for new tickets. Russ Berkman said he had four passes to Wednesday’s opening round of the Masters and he discovered his masterly home recently to find paper scraps on the floor and the tickets missing.

Seattlepi.com reported on Wednesday. Berkman told Sports Radio KJR, Seattle, he soon determined the tickets had been eaten by his Swiss mountain-dog, Sorens.

He said his girlfriend recommended he induce the canine to vomit and he did so safely by giving her hydrogen peroxide. "Quite frankly, she didn’t really have much else in her stomach but that, so it worked out," Berkman said.

**Kentucky Sawyer**

**Film version of Dylan’s ‘Blood of Thorns’ eyed**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 April— A Brazilian-based movie company has acquired the rights to make a film adaptation of Bob Dylan’s iconic album “Blood on the Tracks,” an executive said on Wednesday.

**Katy Perry 3-D concert movie to be released in July**

**Poland hunts for team song for Euro 2012**

WARSAW, 5 April— Fans of both music and football will have the final say on Poland’s official team song for the looming European championships on home soil, the Polish FA announced on Wednesday. The football association, or PZPN, said entries for its “White and Red Hit” competition would be accepted from all comers by an 13 April deadline. "The contest is open to stars of the Polish music scene and amateurs alike," the PZPN said. "The only condition is that they record a song with a football theme, one which will inspire the Polish team on the pitch and get the fans cheering louder still,” it added. A jury comprising local pop star Beata Kozidrak, plus representatives of the private station RadioZet, Polish public television and Warsaw’s cultural institute - and Poland manager Franciszek Smuda as a honorary member - will shave the list to 25. —Internet

**Mini Cooper’s Yachtsman, an amphibious vehicle, is unveiled at International Auto Show held at the Jacob Javits Center on 4 April, 2012 in New York City. The annual car show offers previews of next year’s models along with the introduction of concept vehicles.**

**Cannes festival left fuming by April Fool’s line-up**

PARIS, 5 April— A French blog has admitted to posting a bogus line-up for next month’s Cannes Film Festival, saying it was tricked by an April Fool’s prank that left the organisers of the Riviera showcase fuming.

**Singer Justin Bieber speaks at a ceremony where Michael Jackson’s shoes and gloves are used to mark hand and foot imprints in cement on the courtyard of Hollywood’s Grauman’s Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles on 26 Jun, 2012.**

**Singer Katy Perry poses for a picture during a photo opportunity before her performance at the Indian Premier League (IPL) opening ceremony in the city of Chennai on 3 April, 2012.**

**Carmichael said the snakes, which were discovered by a high school teacher in December, would have been exposed to freezing temperatures and possible death if they had not been removed before the scheduled repair work.**

**The reptiles were kept in a donated wine chiller at the Lake Forest Wildlife Discovery Centre for the duration of the winter and are now being released into a newly created habitat at Illinois Beach State Park.**

“Change is the new normal,” he added— Internet

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**Full text of the article:**

**animal rescuers in the Chicago area said dozens of brown and garter snakes have been released after spending the winter in a wine chiller.**

Rob Carmichael, director of the Lake Forest Wildlife Discovery Center, said the 82 snakes were found hibernating underneath old tracks near the decommissioned Zion nuclear power plant and were removed before work crews came in to repair the tracks, the Chicago Tribune reported Tuesday.

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Frank Lampard’s first-half penalty set Chelsea on their way to victory. — Internet

VENUS TOPPLES JANKOVIC at WTA Charleston clay event

CHARLESTON, 5 April — In a clash of former number-one ones, Venus Williams toppled seventh-seeded Jelena Jankovic 7-5, 6-0 to reach the third round of the WTA’s green clay Charleston tournament. Jankovic had won her last four meetings on clay against Williams, but once the American heated up in the wake of a first-set rain delay on Wednesday, the Serb couldn’t stop her. Jankovic served for the first set at 5-4, but Williams broke and never played her aggressive game. Honestly, I don’t know how it went that nicely for me. Everything just landed, and she hit a few errors, and that helped me out.” Third-seeded Marion Bartoli of France found the going much tougher, but persevered to get past Russian Vera Dushevina 6-2, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4 in a second-round match lasting more than three hours. — Internet

Ronaldo double as Real ease into semi-finals

MAZARRON, 5 April — Nine-time champions Real Madrid eased into the Champions League semi-finals here on Wednesday, beating APOEL Nicosia 5-2 in their quarter-final second-leg clash by 8-2 on aggregate. A double from Cristiano Ronaldo, along with goals from Kaka, Angel Di Maria and Jose Maria Callejon ensured the Spanish giants will meet Bayern Munich — who beat

Dortmund, 5 April — Borussia Dortmund’s January signing Kagawa is considering rejecting Dortmund’s offer to double his wages from 1.5 million to three million euros per year and extend his contract, which is due to expire in June 2013, until 2016. Both Manchester United and Chelsea are reported to be interested in signing the Japanese star and reports in the German media claim Kagawa is worth around 15 million euros. “There will be a decision made soon,” said Dortmund manager Michael Zorc.

Kagawa planning Premier League switch

“We would love to extend his contract, but it is in the court of his lie,” he said. “I hope that he senses a move to England or Spain. “The question is at what point in time.” — Internet

Borussia Dortmund’s January star Shinji Kagawa. — Internet

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UEFA fines Porto 20,000 euros for ‘racist conduct’

LONDON, 5 April — European football’s governing body UEFA on Wednesday fined FC Porto for their UEFA Europa League match against Manchester City. “The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body has imposed a fine of 20,000 euros (S$26,344) for its supporters’ ‘racist conduct’ during a match against Manchester City.”

City clash hold no fears for United star Rooney

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Coyle and Sigurdsson win Barclays awards

Bolton boss and Swansea midfielder recognized for impressive month performances

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Midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson helped Swansea win three out of four matches in March. — Internet

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Bilbao losing 2-0 to Bremen in 2009. Both sides have only ever lost 3-0 once in European competition - to another Bundesliga side, Werder Bremen in 2009. Both sides failed to win at the weekend, Bilbao losing 2-0 to the Bundesliga runners-up. Schalke is illustrated facing last season’s UEFA Cup finalists Schalke 04 having won 4-2 away last week while 2010 winners Atletico Madrid hold a 2-1 lead as they travel to Germany side Hanover while Valencia host AZ Alkmaar having lost 2-1 in the first leg. Sporting Lisbon will be bidding to make it an all-Iberian quartet in the semi-finals. That whilst their country is in a financial crisis their football fortunes are in rude health. The German side will be in rude health. McIlroy said. “I feel like my personality - something that I’m in a great place,” said Woods. ut he’s not the only star of this Masters. Rory McIlroy has all the traits of the heir apparent - an easy swing that produces an enormous power, a US Open title at age 22, a tennis star for a girlfriend, and an engaging personality - something that Woods is not. In his last 12 tournaments, McIlroy finished third or better eight times, including two wins and a brief stay at No 1 in the world. I’m in a great place,” McIlroy said. “I feel like my golf game is in great shape.”

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Two stars, and a wide-open field at Masters

Augusta, 5 April—Tiger Woods couldn’t see the green through the trees, though that was only a minor obstacle. He chocked up on a 5-wood and played a sweeping draw around the pines, over the water and onto the back of the green. As he approached the Sarazen Bridge to the 15th green Wednesday, the grandstand rumbled when fans suddenly rose in unison to see him walk by. Some of them held cameras as high as they could, clicked and hoped for the best. Woods is worth watching at the Masters for all the right reasons. All it took was one win at Bay Hill two weeks ago for Woods to even remotely resemble the guy who once dominated golf. He won by five shots, and, just like that, was elevated to the favorite at Augusta National. Everything is headed in the right direction at the right time,” Woods said. ut he’s not the only star of this Masters. Rory McIlroy has all the traits of the heir apparent — an easy swing that produces enormous power, a US Open title at age 22, a tennis star for a girlfriend, and an engaging personality — something that Woods is not. In his last 12 tournaments, McIlroy finished third or better eight times, including two wins and a brief stay at No 1 in the world. I’m in a great place,” McIlroy said. “I feel like my golf game is in great shape.”

Brolin to narrate “Untamed Americas”

WASHINGTON, 5 April—National Geographic Channels says US actor Josh Brolin will narrate its upcoming 4-hour miniseries “Untamed Americas.” The programme “reveals the grit and glory in the wilds of North America, Central America and South America” and will debut in late spring, the network said. “National Geographic is an iconic brand known for its storytelling, and I am thrilled to be a part of this project,” Brolin said in a statement. “This series is absolutely breathtaking, and really inspires my passion for the great outdoors.” “We could not have found a more perfect narrator for this series,” said series producer Karen Bass. “Josh really brings to life what our crew captured — the intimate, the epic and the dramatic stories of wildlife facing the extreme challenges of surviving in the Americas.” Brolin’s film credits include “True Grit,” “W,” “Milk,” “No Country For Old Men” and “The Goonies.” He also starred in the TV series “Young Riders.”

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President U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at Royal Palace in Phnom Penh on 3 April evening.

It was also attended by Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Vice-President of Indonesia Dr Boediono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of the Philippines Mr Benigno Aquino, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries.

Heads of State/Government from ASEAN nations arrived at Royal Palace around 6.30 pm and they were welcomed by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.

Afterwards, Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni granted audience to the heads of State/Government from ASEAN nations and had the dinner together with them. At the dinner, Cambodian cultural dance troupe entertained them with a variety of dances and songs.—MNA

President U Thein Sein arrives back Nay Pyi Taw after attending 20th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived back here yesterday evening by a special flight of Myanma Airways International after attending the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

After attending the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh at the invitation of Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, the President arrived at the Phnom Penh International Airport yesterday afternoon to leave for Myanmar. President U Thein Sein was bidden farewell by Cambodian Minister for Education, Youth and Sports Mr Im Sethy, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ms Sun Saphoeun and officials concerned, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Aung Naing and staff of Myanmar Embassy.

Members of the Myanmar delegation Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers and heads of department also arrived back here on the same flight.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

MLF donates books to village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — The prize presentation for raising reading habit was held in conjunction with the book donation at the Dhammayon of Kinpunchaung Village in Kyauktot Township on 25 March morning.

Mon State Minister for Pa-O National Races U Khun Pe Mya made a speech. Assistant Director of Mon State Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Win Aung discussed development of library meeting five-point standards.

Real Madrid’s Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R) scores during the UEFA Champions League second leg quarter-final football match Real Madrid against APOEL Nicosia at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET