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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

A tree lays across a car in a Little Rock, Ark, neighbourhood early on 4 April, 2008. A tornado hit parts of Little Rock and its suburbs Thursday, injuring an unknown number of people while damaging businesses and downing trees and power lines.—INTERNET

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Powerful quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 April—An earthquake with magnitude of 6.4 rocked Maluku Province in eastern parts of Indonesia on Thursday morning with no damage or casualties were reported, the country’s meteorology and disaster management agencies said here.

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Indonesia is located in a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the “Pacific Ring of Fire”, where two continental plates meet that cause frequent and seismic volcanic movement.—MNA/Xinhua

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PHILADELPHIA, 3 April — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama has won the endorsement of Lee Hamilton, a former Indiana congressman who is a leading US authority on foreign relations and national security, the Obama campaign said on Wednesday. Campaign spokeswoman Jen Psaki confirmed the Illinois Senator has been endorsed by Hamilton, who co-chaired two blue-ribbon commissions that investigated the 11 September attacks and advised President George W Bush on the war in Iraq. “He will officially endorse today,” Psaki said. Hamilton was expected to speak to reporters about his decision during a conference call. It is the latest key Democratic endorsement for Obama in his race against New York Senator Hillary Clinton for the Democratic Party primary. The two contenders face hard-fought primary election battles in Indiana and Pennsylvania in the next several weeks. Obama also has picked up other endorsements recently from New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey.

Conference on China’s eco reform held in Britain

CAMBRIDGE (Britain), 4 April — A two-day international conference on China’s three decades of economic reform concluded here on Wednesday with leading world scholars speaking highly of achievements China made in the past 30 years, and pointing out lessons from China’s reform and new challenges of China’s economic development in the future. Invited as a distinguished guest of the conference, Li Zhaoxing, honorary president of Chinese People’s Institute of Foreign Affairs, delivered a keynote speech on the first day of the conference. Li told the audience that in 30 years, China has experienced great change in economic and social development with its GDP registering an annual growth rate of 9.8 percent, its total import and export volume increasing over 100 times and its population living below the poverty line reducing from 250 million to about 20 million. — Xinhua

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JUBA (Sudan), 3 April — Some 200 heavily armed northern soldiers entered the capital of Sudan’s oil-rich Abyei State, southern officials told Reuters on Wednesday, describing heightened tensions in the area coveted by Khartoum and Juba.

Under a 2005 north-south peace deal that ended more than 20 years of civil war, Abyei town is to be guarded by special joint units of northern and southern soldiers.

But a witness said the new soldiers had set up a separate in the town centre.

“There are 222 soldiers... It is a violation of the peace agreement,” said Malony Thong, deputy head of Abyei State’s Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM) administration, the former southern rebel group that now leads south Sudan. — MNA/Reuters

Australian man fights crocodile to save wife

CANBERRA, 4 April — An Australian man who leapt onto a crocodile after it seized his wife in its jaws, wrestling and poking it in the eyes until it let go, was praised on Thursday as a hero by startled onlookers.

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China, Syria vow to promote party-to-party exchange

DAMASCUS, 3 April—The Communist Party of China (CPC) and the Syrian Baath Arab Socialist Party (SBASP) vowed to promote the exchanges on the governance and administrative management on Wednesday. Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee held talks respectively with Abdullah al-Ahmar, assistant secretary general of the SBASP National Leadership, and Mohammad Saeid AlBekheitan, assistant secretary of the SBASP regional leadership. Li said Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad had reached agreement on furthering friendship in 2004, which was guiding the cooperation between the two countries. He noted China and Syria had deepened the political trust, expanded the cooperation on trade, science, culture and public health, and maintained the consultation in the international and regional affairs. This conformed to the fundamental interest of the two peoples and would help safeguard the interest of the developing nations and benefit world peace and stability. Li said both CPC and the SBASP are ruling parties, and share the common tasks of safeguarding national independence and improving the people’s living standard.

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**Rapid population growth threatens Africa’s development**

WASHINGTON, 3 April — Africa’s population growth - at twice the rate of other regions - is a major threat to the continent’s development, warned John F May, a demographer at the World Bank.

In a World Bank Press release, May said the sub-Saharan population is growing at the rate of 2.5 per cent per year, compared to 1.2 per cent in Latin America and Asia, and that Africa’s population would double in 28 years at this rate.

Rapid population growth presents a challenge to Africa’s development, warned the demographer, citing three major reasons. Firstly, rapid population growth puts a lot of stress on ecosystems. Many different issues such as food security, land tenure, environmental degradation and water supply have a demographic background. Civil strife is also often caused by population pressure on scarce resources. Secondly, rapid population growth impacts the economy because governments need to provide additional capital investments for their population — education, health, etc.

**Paulson says US economy having a tough time**

BEIJING, 4 April — The US economy has turned down sharply and is facing a tough quarter, US Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters during a visit to Beijing, Paulson sidestepped a question on whether the economy was at risk of toppling into recession, something that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said on Wednesday.

"There is no doubt we’re having a tough quarter, that the economy has turned down sharply," Paulson said. But he said a swoon in the housing sector, which was largely to blame for the rough patch, was necessary.

"We need to have this correction. It’s not pleasant, but we need to have it," Paulson said in reference to declining US house prices and home-building.

For the second day in a row, Paulson praised China for letting the yuan rise more quickly, a long-standing demand of the Bush Administration.

The Chinese currency, also known as the renminbi (RMB), gained 4 per cent against the dollar in the first quarter and has now risen 18 per cent since July 2005. — MNA/Reuters

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**Kuwait’s private airways starts direct flights to Istanbul**

ISTANBUL (Turkey), 3 April — Kuwait’s private Jazeera Airways has launched direct flights to Turkey’s commercial hub of Istanbul, the semi-official Anadolu news agency reported on Tuesday. Istanbul’s Ataturk Airport welcomed the first flight of Kuwait-based Jazeera Airways on Monday.

The company said their budget airline would allow passengers to fly to destinations in the region by A320 aircraft for prices starting from 19 euros (about 12.1 US dollars).

According to the report, the Kuwaiti-based private airways would fly between Istanbul and Kuwait on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The Jazeera Airways is the first and only privately-owned airline in Kuwait and the Middle East, and one of the few airlines in the Middle East built on a low-fare business model. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Diamond thong the highlight of S’pore show**

SINGAPORE, 4 April — A diamond thong worth 168,000 Singapore dollars (122,000 US dollars) was the highlight of a lingerie fashion show in Singapore on Thursday.

The Triumph Luxurious Diamond Thong had 518 brilliant-cut diamonds, totalling 30 carats, studded into the front of a black lace thong in a floral pattern. The skimpy underwear that left little to the imagination also had 27 white gold tassels hanging off it.

Danielle Luminita, a brunette model from Romania, was carried down the runway on the shoulders of two male models wearing only the diamond thong.

"It is very comfortable, it's not heavy or scratchy or anything," Luminita told Reuters backstage. — MNA/Reuters

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**Cambodia harvests 6.72m tons of paddy in 2007**

PHNOM PENH, 4 April — Cambodia harvested 6.72 million tons of paddy in 2007, a 5-per-cent increase over 2006, according to the report, a report released on Friday said. — MNA/Reuters

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**Vietnam to host Int’l Trade Fair next week**

HANOI, 4 April — Vietnam will organize the 18th Vietnam International Trade Fair, Vietnam Expo 2008, from 9-13 April, aiming to boost up trade promotion and lure more investment, according to the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua
Any forms of subversive acts to be exposed and dealt with

An Observer

Among the criminal groups the most notorious one is BCP (White Flag Communists). On January 10, 1959, BCP committed a massacre of all the people of Hsinswe village in Pakokku Township, reflecting a point that they targeted the public. Similarly, in Paukkhaung region, Bago Division, BCP (White Flag Communists) accused local farmers and rural people of supporting the government and attacked and killed them.

In the 1960s and 1970s, KNU and KNDO killed and terrorised local people in the delta whenever their wishes were not fulfilled. They burnt down the villages and blasted passenger trains many times.

SSA-S was notorious for its atrocities. They hit all the people of Meethwaygon village to death with sticks. They not only robbed passenger buses but also raped women en masse.

Then, the insurgent saboteurs plotted to get urban people into troubles. They perpetrated many bomb attacks on targets, namely, Thaillinn oil refinery and City Hall, and in Mandalay Zaygyo Market, ceremony to temporarily keep Buddha Tooth Relic for public reverence, and three busy places in Yangon.

In that regard, a lot of lives and property of the people were saved due to the cooperation between security members and duty-conscious people in taking preventive measures and exposing the evil schemes. If they had not taken preventive measures in collaboration, the loss of lives and property would have got higher.

It is because insurgents are found to be politicians in disguise in above-ground activities and to be saboteurs in underground activities.

They claim democracy while committing terrorist and anarchic acts. If someone takes that for granted, it will be too late for them to take a lesson.

To present these points, I collected many records of press conferences and compelling evidence for public knowledge.

I learnt that last March, a suspicious person jointly sent by ABSDF and KNPP together with explosives and related materials was seized. It was learnt that he and accomplices were involved in the bomb blast in Zawgyi House Restaurant in 2004, detonating a time-bomb on a taxi in front of Nay Pyi Taw Cinema Hall on Sule Pagoda Road the same day, and bomb blast in Fuso passenger bus in the compound of Parami Bus Terminal in South Okkalapa in 2005.

I could not guess how many innocent people would lose their lives if the bomber and the explosives were not exposed.

In like manner, a member of NLD youth who had attended the explosives course in the neighbouring country was arrested together with explosives and relevant materials in the end of March. It has been informed that terrorists will target busy places and strategic places to create public panic. So, it can be deduced from the above-mentioned points that those terrorists, if they escaped arrest would surely commit terrorist acts during the Thingyan (Water Festival) and in the places where public polls for the referendum will be held. I am sure there are many other bombers like him.

Now, terrorist insurgents are active under the pretext of democracy movements not only in underground areas and border areas but also in above-ground areas and urban areas. They are rising against the government in disguise, and have become audacious to attack and kill the people.

Terrorist saboteurs have no justice, nor do they have relatives. Such criminals are always happy to commit subversive acts. Therefore, the nation will be free from terrorist activities only when the entire people cooperate with security members in the drive for exposing saboteurs.

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With noble mind

— In serving public interest
— Do not deviate from own way
— Because of slanders
— Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hintha Sayadaw)

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash assistance to members of Sagaing Division Union Solidarity and Development Association through a member of the association.—MNA

Commander, USDA Secretariat member meet members in Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Member of the Central Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Secretariat member of USDA Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with secretaries, executives, organizers and members of Division/District/Township/Ward/ Village USDAs at the office of Sagaing Division USDA in Monywa on 28 March.

After hearing reports on regional development and organizing tasks presented by Secretary of Sagaing Division USDA U Soe Soe and the secretaries and organizers of Monywa, Ayadaw, Butalin and Kani Township USDAs, the commander and the secretariat member fulfilled the requirements and gave necessary instructions.

Next, Secretariat member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash assistance and cordially conversed with the members.—MNA

FSD mechanics course concludes

YANGON, 4 April — The conclusion of mechanics course No 14/2008 organized by the Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement took place at FSD (HQ) here, this morning. Thirty trainees attended the six-week course.—MNA

USDA CEC member meets secretaries of Township USDAs

YANGON, 4 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Program (Yangon Division in-charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa this morning met with secretaries, executives, organizers and members of Taikkyi, Hmawby and Hlegu Township USDAs at the meeting hall of Myanma Paddy Research Division of Hmawby Township Myanma Agriculture Service, Yangon North District.

At the meeting, the vice mayor stressed the need for the USDA members to actively take part in the five rural development tasks being undertaken by USDA.

CSSTB celebrates 71st anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Civil Service Selection and Training Board celebrated its 71st founding anniversary in Nay Pyi Taw today.

Chairman of the CSSTB Dr Than Nyun attended the celebration and delivered an inaugural speech. He presented the certificates of honour to employees of the board who were conferred on certificates by the State for their outstanding performance in administrative field (Third Class).

Afterwards, members of CSSTB presented prizes to outstanding employees who won prizes in the civil service codes of conduct examination, and training courses of Central Institute of Civil Service and outstanding students of the staff families.

Next, Chairman Dr Than Nyun and guests viewed the photos displayed at the 71st anniversary celebration of CSSTB.—MNA

Similar training courses concluded at Women’s Vocational Training Schools in States and Divisions

YANGON, 3 April — Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Nyunt Tin delivered an address at the ceremony to conclude the Basic Vocational Course No 40 and the Advanced Tailoring Course No 19 at the Women’s Vocational Training School of Education and Training Department in Loikaw of Kayah State on 20 March.

Likewise, the ceremony to conclude the Basic Vocational Course No 16, the Advanced Tailoring Course No 13 and the Wickerwork Course No 3 was held at the Women’s Vocational Training School in Hpa-an on 20 March, with an address by Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min.

Similar training courses concluded at Women’s Vocational Training Schools in Myawady of Kayin State, Pakokku, Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikbyu of Magway Division.

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NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and party browse photos displayed at 71st Anniversary Celebration of CSSTB.—MNA

Chief-Editor of Aungmyay Magazine Dr U San Tin Aung (Shwebo) donates K 500,000 to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association recently.—MNA
Officials urged to run commuter trains punctually

YANGON, 3 April—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and officials inspected Yangon circular rail roads, here, this morning.

The commander called for sanitation and beautifying tasks along the circular rail roads and the stations, cultivation of vegetables and security measures for the stations.

General Manager (Lower Myanmar) U Myint Wai of Myanma Railway and chairman of district and township PCIeMs reported on work being done.

At the Yangon Railway Station, the commander instructed the officials to hold competitions for sanitation and beautifying of the stations along the circular rail road and award prizes, to redouble efforts for maintenance of railroads and the stations, and to run the commuter trains punctually.

Rural development tasks supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with secretaries, joint-secretaries and executives of Sagaing, Monwya, Shwebo, Kalay, Katha, Tamu and Mawlaik district and township USDs at the office of Sagaing Division USDA yesterday.

Secretaries of District and Township USDs reported on rural development tasks being undertaken, and secretary U Soe Soe of Division USDA gave a supplementary report.

The CEC member instructed them to cooperate with people for regional development, help people weigh the instigation of internal and external subversive elements, and carry out rural development work, and fulfilled the needs.

He presented cash assistance for rural development tasks through the division USDA secretary and joint-secretary.

Emergence of new constitution....

In implementing this, the Three Main National Causes “non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of Sovereignty” are none other than our national policies.

The twelve political, economic and social objectives being exercised to shape the new future nation are consistent with the current situations. It is known to all that the nation faced the various kinds of good and bad experiences in its history. All the citizens have aspired to serve the interests of the State and the national races around the country.

Therefore, policies and courses consistent with their current situations are being exercised and practised by every country around the world in the interests of the nations and the people.

At present, steps are being taken to shape the future nation aspired by the people through the noble and true national policy and practical implementations.

Now is the time when the people joining hands with the State and the Tatmadaw are shaping the new future nation. That is to say, the government is smoothly transforming the nation into a new one while constantly implementing the basic requirements—stability of the State, strong socio-economic life of the people and the nation, and improvement of national education.

He added that all the people residing throughout the nation have witnessed all-round development of the State. Thanks to the concerted efforts of the State, the Tatmadaw and the people, the nation has unprecendented development, peace and tranquility. Therefore, all are to maintain such developments.

There have been enough sound foundations for the future of the nation and it has a bright future. Every endeavours envisages a new nation with promising future.

All have held the belief that there is nothing but the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a new nation. The draft constitution has been successfully written in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention attended by the delegates from across the country. It has been publicly announced that as the fourth step, the constitution (draft) will be approved through the national referendum and as the fifth step, the multi-party general election will be held in 2010 in line with the new constitution.

The emergence of new constitution is indispensible for a future nation. It is the way that the ruling Tatmadaw government has paved way for the people to be vested with State power. As the approval of the constitution is indispensable for the entire people, all the members are to strive for the success of the national referendum in cooperation with the people, U Htay Oo urged.

He continued to say that there are usually difficulty and hardships in every action. And so are there in building a new nation. However, every problem the nation faced is the internal affairs of the State and the people were able to cope with. It is also the internal affairs any foreign nation does not need to interfere in. Any action with constructive attitude is welcomed but biased accusation and interference must be prevented. Again, all the people are able to distinguish between right and wrong, and construction and destruction. It is also necessary to make the people know the true situation of the nation. It is required to intensify the effort for the wellbeing of the people in accord with the already laid down work programmes.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to serve the interest of their own regions making use of experience from the course, to try to organize the people to know the prevailing conditions of the nation, to participate in the successful holding of the national referendum in May in cooperation with the people, to try for the success of the seven-step Road Map in collaboration with the entire people, to guard against any destructive acts with the strength of the association and the people and to try to be a force always serving the interest of the State and the people.

USDA CEC member receives Russian guests

YANGON, 4 April—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Thein Lin meets Russian delegation.

At the meeting, CEC member U Aung Thein Lin explained the purposes of USDA and cooperation with the people in the public welfare services, and replied to the queries raised by the delegation.

The delegation arrived here from Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, and visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

They left here by air this evening.
The earth’s atmosphere acts like the glass roof of a greenhouse used for growing plants under controlled conditions. It allows the heat of the sun to enter, and then prevents it from escaping, in effect capturing it. Greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane present in the atmosphere have the ability to trap the infrared rays reflected by the earth. The greater the quantity of greenhouse gases, the more the atmosphere will heat up. This phenomenon is essential for life on earth to exist, keeping earth’s average temperature around 14 degrees Celsius.

Burning of fossil fuels for energy, power and industries as well as deforestation for land and cultivation have resulted in increased carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission, while methane is released from paddy fields, animal husbandry and landfills. Over the last 50 years, sufficient quantities of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases have been released to affect the global climate. The atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide has increased by more than 30% predating the industrial era, trapping more heat in the lower atmosphere and this has alarmingly increased global warming as never before.

Temperatures are increasing, glaciers and Antarctic ice shelves are melting at an accelerated and unprecedented rate, sea levels are rising with increased risk of coastal flooding and if current warming trends remain uncontrolled, the very fate of humanity hangs precariously in the balance. The World Health Organization coordinates reviews of the scientific evidence on the links between climate, climate change and health. Based on these assessments, WHO considers that rapid climate change poses substantial risks to human health, particularly among the poorest populations.

The latest evidence shows that climate change is already impacting on health, causing death and disease through extreme weather events such as heatwaves and icy cold spells; changing patterns of vector-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue; and a continuing increase in a wide range of health risks, from flooding to droughts, from hurricanes to wildfires, from melting of the polar icecaps to landslides and mudslides, resulting in displacement of populations, scarcity of food and malnutrition and epidemics of water-borne diseases such as cholera and rodent-borne diseases such as leptospirosis and hantavirus infection. Continuing climate change will further exacerbate risks of cardio-respiratory disease associated with extreme heat and air pollution. The incidence of skin cancers and cataracts associated with increased ultra-violet ray exposure resulting from ozone depletion in the stratosphere, will also rise.

Loss of homes, displacement and loss of livelihoods, physical and mental trauma especially after major natural disasters, compounded by the inability to cope will lead to psychosocial stress and depression, affecting mental health.

Climate change poses a major threat to health security, and the World Health Organization is supporting the formulation of a regional strategy to combat the adverse health impacts of climate change.

WHO is therefore supporting country programmes to combat infectious disease, improve water and sanitation services, respond to natural disasters, and is helping them reduce health vulnerability to future climate change. The organization also works directly to build capacity to adapt to climate change. This includes workshops in the most vulnerable countries, to raise awareness of the health implications of climate change and related weather patterns, and to support intersectoral policies to reduce health vulnerability.

In December, 2007, 187 country representatives gathered in Bali and agreed to start negotiations towards a crucial, and strengthened, international climate change deal.

The decision includes a clear agenda for the key issues to be negotiated up to 2009. These are: action for adapting to the negative consequences of climate change, such as droughts and floods; ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; ways to widely deploy climate-friendly technologies; and financing both adaptation, and mitigation measures.

In 2007, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Al Gore Jr. were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for “their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change”.

The health risks posed by climate change are worldwide and not easy to reverse. The consequences of climate change will be dramatically felt in the most fundamental basics necessary for health – food, air and water.

At the Sixthtieth World Health Assembly in May 2007, member countries discussed health protection from climate change. WHO emphasized the importance of strong health systems as the front-line defense from the impacts of climate change on human well-being. WHO also stressed the need to strengthen capacity for assessment, research and communication on climate-sensitive health risks. It was recommended that awareness of the health impacts of climate variability and change needs to be raised.

World Health Day gives an opportunity to revitalize and renew strong commitment from all members of this planet, to address the issue of protecting the health of each and every person by greater public participation in the global campaign against the adverse effects of climate change – before it is too late.
A deep crevasse forms on one of Antarctica's ice shelves. More than 160 nations have agreed to consider how to reduce rapidly growing greenhouse gas emissions from air and sea travel, in an early move towards a new global warming treaty.—INTERNET

Students participate in a mass dance competition in Weihai, Shandong Province on 2 April, 2008. INTERNET

Since Apple launched the online digital content store five years ago, iTunes has reportedly sold more than four billion songs and built the most extensive music catalog in the market.—INTERNET

Skyscape brings Johns Hopkins Antibiotic (ABX) Guide and HIV Guide to mobile platforms including Palm, Pocket PC, iPhone, BlackBerry and Symbian. INTERNET

Scouts from the Thai Scouts Promotion Foundation fire sling shots with tamarine seeds in an attempt to grow trees in a forest in Sang Khlaburi in Kanchanaburi Province, western Thailand on 4 April, 2008. INTERNET

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WELLINGTON, 4 April — Whale and dolphin watching is one of the fastest growing industries in the Pacific region, injecting millions of dollars into small island nations economies, Radio New Zealand reported on Thursday.

The Radio New Zealand quoted a report released on Wednesday by the International Fund for Animal Welfare as reporting that whale watching is worth 26.7 million New Zealand dollars (21 million US dollars) a year to Pacific nations.

The number of people in the region watching the marine mammals has jumped an average 45 per cent each year. The figures exclude data on New Zealand and Australia.

The report said there were just 10,309 whale and dolphin watchers in Pacific island nations in 1998 but that figure had risen to 110,716 in 2005.

Venezuela seizes 700 kilos of cocaine
CARACAS, 4 April — Venezuelan National Guard (GN) troops arrested two policemen as they were guarding a truck transporting 700 kilos of cocaine, GN General Commander Fredy Alonzo Carrion said on Wednesday.

The drug was confiscated on Tuesday night by the GN, Venezuela’s military police, in a sector of El Vinedo village in Barcelona City, capital of Anzoategui State, 310 kilometres from Venezuela’s capital Caracas.

The drug was hidden in the truck, guarded by a patrol car belonging to Venezuela’s Scientific, Penal and Criminal Investigations Corps. Alonzo said that two officials were arrested, as well as four Colombian citizens.

Venezuela Anti-drug Office President Nestor Reverol said on Wednesday that this anti-drug operation was carried out with intelligence work and lamented that two police officials are involved in the case.

Reverol said that some 8.5 tons of drugs have been confiscated so far in 2008 and 1,653 people have been arrested. — MNA/Xinhua
Boediono tipped to head
Indonesian Central Bank

Jakarta, 3 April— The Indonesian President has named Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Boediono as the sole candidate for the top post in the Central Bank, after the Parliament rejected two previous nominees, local Press said Wednesday.

His candidacy is warmly welcomed by businessmen, senior legislators and fellow Cabinet members, reported leading economic daily Bisnis Indonesia.

"He is the right man with exceptional fiscal and monetary experience." Endi Soefihara, deputy speaker of the House of Representatives, was quoted as saying. Indonesian Employers Association (Apindo) chairman Soefyan Wanandi said apart from Boediono’s economic expertise and outstanding experience, he also has good international reputation.

Boediono, 65, has served three presidents since he first came to the Cabinet as the head of the National Development Planning Agency in 1998 under President Abdurrahman Wahid. He became the finance minister in 2001 when Megawati Soekarnopati took over presidency from Wahid.

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono called him in again during a Cabinet re-shuffle in December 2005. This time he was appointed as Chief Economic Minister replacing Aburizal Bakrie. — MNA/Xinhua

China approves commercial production of human bird flu vaccine

Beijing, 2 April— China’s food and drug regulators on Wednesday authorized a domestic pharmaceutical firm to begin commercial production of a human bird flu vaccine, following more than two years of clinical trials.

According to Yin Weidong, general manager of the firm, Sinovac has the ability to produce new vaccines even if the virus mutates in humans. China started clinical research and experiments as part of the process of making a vaccine in November 2005, after a domestic epidemic that caused huge losses for poultry breeders.

Trials by Sinovac proved that the vaccine is safe for humans and effective against the virus. According to Yin, more than 500 volunteers have received injections of the vaccine, which shows that it is reliable.

Yan Jiangying, spokeswoman for the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA), said on Wednesday that the agency had authorized the production of the vaccine to prevent human-to-human transmission of the virus. —Xinhua

Pakistan nuclear scientist hopes to be freed

Islamabad, 3 April— Pakistan’s disgraced nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan termed his detention as “irrational” in a newspaper interview published on Wednesday, and said he hoped the new government would free him soon. Khan was put under house arrest by President Pervez Musharraf in Islamabad after an investigation was launched in late 2003 and he confessed on television in early 2004 to passing nuclear secrets and materials to Iran, North Korea and Libya.

Lionised by many Pakistanis as the father of the country’s atomic bomb, Khan escaped more severe punishment. Khan’s admirers want the new coalition government, which took power after the defeat of pro-Musharraf parties in a February 18 election, to free his hero.

In an interview with the Urdu-language Nawa-i-Waqt, also carried by sister publication The Nation, Khan rejected the impression he was kept under detention for his own security.

"It’s nothing but a lame excuse," Khan was quoted as saying in an interview carried out on his birthday. Khan turned 72 on Monday. — MNA/Reuters

German cars not ready for new biofuel

Berlin, 4 April— More than two million cars in Germany cannot run on a new biofuel the government wants to introduce, well over a hundred days before the administration set a pre-condition for its use, industry sources said on Wednesday.

Around 330,000 cars made by German manufacturers, plus more than two million imported cars, are unable to run on the new fuel, industry sources familiar with the data said. The Environment Ministry declined to comment on the figures.

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**SPORTS**

**Pele, Banks XIs to meet in charity game**

LONDON, 4 April — Gordon Banks and Pele, who between them provided one of the World Cup's most memorable moments, will come together in Stoke later this year.

Brazilian great Pele will unveil the first part of a triple statue in honour of former Stoke City and England goalkeeper Banks at the club's Britannia Stadium.

The unveiling on July 12 will be accompanied by a charity match between a Pele XI and a Gordon Banks XI to help fight poverty in Africa, the club said on their Web site (www.stokecityfcpremiumtv.co.uk).

**Man United confirm Vidic out for 2 to 3 weeks**

LONDON, 4 April — Manchester United defender Nemanja Vidic will be out for two to three weeks after injuring his left knee against AS Roma in Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal in Rome, the club confirmed on Thursday.

At first United feared the 26-year-old Serbian might miss the rest of the season, but in a statement on its website (www.manutd.com) on Thursday, United said a scan showed the injury was not as serious as first thought. “There is no major damage to the left knee, and he will be out for two-three weeks,” a spokesman said.

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**Ruthless Zenit beat Leverkusen 4-1 in UEFA Cup**

LEVERKUSEN (Germany), 4 April — Zenit St Petersburg moved to the brink of a place in the UEFA Cup semifinals after the Russian champions routed Bayer Leverkusen 4-1 at the BayArena on Thursday.

Zenit, who have already knocked out Villarreal and Olympiique Marseille this season, moved ahead with a 19th-minute goal from Andre Arshavin that gave Bayer a taste of things to come in their quarterfinal first leg.

Stefan Kiessling grabbed an equalizer for Bayer, but Zenit piled on with goals from Pavel Pogrebnyak, Konstantin Zyryanov, and a late Pavel Pogrebnyak penalty.

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**Australia to host Ghana in May friendly**

SYDNEY, 4 April — Australia will play Ghana in a friendly in Sydney on May 23, Football Federation Australia (FFA) said on Friday.

The Socceroos will also take on China in a World Cup qualifying match in Sydney on June 22.

Australia are due face Iraq in Brisbane on June 1 and will play away World Cup qualifiers against Iraq and Qatar on June 7 and 14.

Australia top the Group One standings with four points from two matches.

**Serena Williams beats Kuznetsova to reach final**

MIAMI, 4 April — Defending champion Serena Williams battled to a 3-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over world number four Svetlana Kuznetsova to reach the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida on 31 March, 2008.

Williams took the second and third sets nematically and two goals in the space of three minutes from Aleksandr Anyukov and Igor Denisov helped Zenit to a memorable win.

**German soccer legend Franz Beckenbauer (L) kicks the official ball of the Champions League final during a presentation ceremony in Moscow, on 3 April, 2008. The Champions League final will take place in Moscow on 21 May.** —INTERNET

**NBA All-Star Yao Ming arrives at Beijing Capital International Airport Thursday night, 3 April, 2008. The Houston Rockets center who is sidelined because of a season-ending foot injury, will undergo tests by Chinese medical experts. Yao recently started training on his upper body but his left foot is still swollen after a stress fracture.** —XINHUA

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British explorer makes it an Arctic family trip

London, 4 April — The teenage daughter of a leading Arctic explorer on Thursday begins her bid to become the youngest British woman to ski to the North Pole.

Camilla Hemsley-Adams, 15, is accompanying her explorer father David Hemsley-Adams, 51, on the dangerous 80-mile (129-kilometre) Arctic trip to raise climate change awareness.

If she makes it back alive, her father, who has successfully travelled to the North Pole nine times, said she would be the youngest British woman ever to reach the Arctic.

They are facing dangers including freezing temperatures — about minus 40 degrees — falling ice, hidden crevices, polar bears, frostbite — and losing toes or fingers — and exhaustion.

Last month the year 10 student went to Buckingham Palace, where during a private meeting, the Duke of Edinburgh wished her good luck on her record-breaking trip. MNA/Reuters

Porsche challenges London congestion charge

London, 4 April — Luxury carmaker Porsche launched a legal challenge on Wednesday to a tax on gas-guzzling cars proposed by London mayor Ken Livingstone who is campaigning for a third term in office.

Livingstone wants to raise the eight-pound (15.90-US-dollar) daily levy on all cars driving in the city centre to 25 pounds for those with high fuel consumption, in a drive to cut CO2 emissions and fight global warming.

Porsche called the plan unfair and disproportionate as it filed its application for a judicial review in the High Court. “This is an illegal use of power by the mayor,” said Andy Goss, managing director of Porsche Cars GB.

“The Porsche case is about protecting Londoners and from a new tax that will not only fail to reduce CO2 emissions in central London, but also increase congestion and damage air quality.”

The mayor, who is standing for re-election on 1 May, says he will contest any legal action. MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh culls 100,000 fowl to halt bird flu

Dhaka, 4 April — Bangladesh authorities have culled more than 100,000 chickens at farms over the last week over suspected bird flu outbreaks, officials said on Thursday, although the disease had begun subsiding across the country.

Avian influenza has spread through 47 of Bangladesh’s 64 districts and forced the killing of more than 1.61 million birds since detection of the virus in March 2007. Around 2.2 million eggs have also been destroyed.

“More than 100,000 chickens and ducks were culled in last one week in dozens of affected farms and in their immediate vicinity,” a senior official at the Livestock Ministry said on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Friday, 4 April, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or showers have been scattered in Kachin State and Tanintharyi Divisions, isolated in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3ºC) to (4ºC) below April average temperature in Bago and Yangon Divisions, (5ºC) below April average temperatures in Tanintharyi Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Mawgyaw (39ºC) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hsipaw (0.31) inch, Kawkhoun (0.27) inch and Myeik (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-4-2008 was 95ºF. Minimum temperature on 4-4-2008 was 72ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-4-2008 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 3-4-2008 was (9.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-4-2008 was (Nil) at Mingladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (1.69) inches at Mingladon, (1.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.83) inch at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 4-4-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-4-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States and Tanintharyi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Southern Shan State, Sagain, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for second weekend of April 2008: During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
People’s Desire

☆ We favour stability.
☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

Extension of Thandwe Airport supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 31 March met with service personnel of Department of Marine Administration in Thandwe Township and gave necessary instructions.

After the meeting, the commander and the minister went to Thandwe Airport where they heard reports presented by Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department of Civil Aviation Department and attended to the needs of officials.

During the tour, they inspected earth works being carried at the airfield and fulfilled the requirements. In the afternoon, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe also met with service personnel at Ayeyar Hall of Ahlon shipyards of Inland Water Transport and urged employees of the ministry to be dutiful and observe codes of conduct of the service personnel.

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Emergence of new constitution indispensable for future nation

Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 14, International Relations Course No 8 conclude

YANGON, 4 April — The conclusion ceremony of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 14 and International Relations Course No 8 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at USDA training school in Nyaunghnapin camp of Hmaukby Township, Yangon Division, this morning.

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo attended the conclusion ceremony and made a speech.

In his speech, the Secretary-General said that the aspiration of all the citizens is to enable the nation to stand tall as long as the world exists, to be peaceful and prosperous and to keep abreast of the world nations. The national goal is the emergence of a peaceful discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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