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NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 10 a.m., today.

At the invitation of Thai Prime Minister Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, the Prime Minister left here by special aircraft to attend the 12th ASEAN-China Summit, the 12th ASEAN-ROK Summit, the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the 7th ASEAN-India Summit, the 4th East Asia Summit and the 3rd ASEAN-UN Summit to be held in Pattaya of Thailand.

Also present at the airport were SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin,

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, Thai Ambassador Mr. Bansarn Bunnag and officials.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and departmental heads.

Members of the delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha left here in advance on 9 April for Pattaya of Thailand to attend the 12th ASEAN+3 Foreign Affairs Ministers' Meeting and the ASEAN+3 Economic Ministers' Meeting to be held before the 12th ASEAN+3 Summits.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

PERSPECTIVES

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Take part in Maha Thingyan happily upholding culture and tradition

Tagu is the first month of Myanmar Calendar. Thingyan, the new year festival, which is held in the month of Tagu, is the longest and grandest among festivities held in 12 months of Myanmar Calendar.

According to Myanmar culture and tradition, the new year festival of Myanmar is called as Maha Thingyan. Being blessed with joy and happiness, Thingyan brings peace and prosperity to the entire people.

In Tagu the weather is pleasant. The sun is bright to the greatest extent as there are no trace of clouds in the sky. As the temperature is high, the revelers take part in the water festival by dousing each other happily in the month of Tagu in order to alleviate the heat.

Water is capable of cleansing every dirty and unpleasant substance. Therefore, people are dousing each other in Thingyan with the aim of making themselves free from dangers out of the past and mental and physical defilements.

Thingyan reflects the cultural traditions of Myanmar. Upholding the fine tradition, all the revellers are to take part in Thingyan by dousing each other happily throughout the festival.

Meanwhile, all the revellers are to abstain from such harmful acts as using fire engine pipes and throwing water packs to each other while staying away from uncouth acts under the influence of alcohol as well as behaviours, expressions and modes of dress that are incompatible with Myanmar culture and tradition.

Therefore, the entire national people are to participate in Maha Thingyan happily by dousing each other with cool water upholding the culture and tradition.

Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course opens

YANGON, 10 April—Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association opened Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course No.1 at the training hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Mawlamyine on 4 April.

The chairman and executives of MPMEEA, guests, course instructors, members and trainees attended the opening ceremony of the course.

Dr Win Sithu, chairman of MPMEEA and vice chairman U Thant Zin spoke on the occasion and joint-secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win explained purposes of conducting the course.

A total of 70 trainees from Mawlamyine attended the course and similar courses will also be conducted in other States and Divisions.—MNA

People's Desire

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



SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to Myanmar H.E Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife at the reception to mark the birthday of Leader Mr. Kim Il Sung of the DPRK today.—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of congratulations to Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Datuk Anifah Aman who has been appointed as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia on 9 April 2009.—MNA

Innocent villager in Bilin Township sustains injury in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Maung Kokku, a villager from Ziwin village of Bilin Township in Mon State stepped on a land mine planted by insurgents on his way back home at about 11 a.m. on 8 April after collecting vegetables on Shweyaungpya mountain together with other three villagers. Losing his right leg from upper ankle and sustaining two-inch wide cuts on his left thigh, he is being admitted to Bilin Hospital.—MNA

Opium, stimulant tablets seized in Shan States (South) and (North), Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The authorities of Hsihseng Township of Shan State (South) cleared the place, three miles south of Wamhae Village of the township at 3 p.m. on 6 April. They saw a dry poppy plantation.

They search a hut of U Kan, near the dry poppy plantation and seized 3.4293 kilos of opium in a polyethylene bag from an iron box. According to the investigation, U Kan confessed that the opium was produced from his poppy plantation five months ago. Therefore, action is being taken against him.

At 10.20 p.m. on 6 April, the authorities of Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (North) searched the motorcycle driven by Ye Win together with pillion rider Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing at Asia World Toll Gate in Muse and seized 3,500 stimulant tablets with WY brand packed with a plastic bag kept in the cardboard paper box attached to the motorcycle. Action is being taken against Ye Win (a) Ayut and Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing (Cho Tu), and the authorities are undertaking to arrest their accomplices.

In another incident, the authorities of Bhamo Special Anti-Drug Squad of Kachin State searched the house of Khin Maung Than in Phyoikkaik Village of NantUgyi Village-tract in Mansi Township and seized 18 packets of Khatkhu weighing one gram each in a small bag from a plastic bottle with yellow cap, one packet of opium weighing 200 grams and 246 reddish brown stimulant tablets with WY brand. Action is being taken against Khin Maung Than at Mansi Police Station.—MNA



MPMEEA Chairman and executives, instructors and trainees pose for a documentary photo at the opening ceremony of Applied Pharmaceuticals Management Course No.1.—MNA



Obama makes new war funding request, angers anti-war lawmakers

WASHINGTON, 10 April — US President Barack Obama on Thursday requested another 83.4 billion US dollars from the Congress to fund military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through the current fiscal year which ends on 30 Sept.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the president said the requested funds “will be used to support our men and women in uniform as they help the people of Iraq to take responsibility for their own future — and work to disrupt, dismantle and defeat al-Qaeda in Pakistan and Afghanistan.”

Obama said he made the request because “we face a security situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan that demands urgent attention. The Taliban is resur-

gent and al Qaida threatens America from its safe haven along the Afghan-Pakistan border.”

“This request reflects the reality of our day and age: We need to use all the elements of our power — economic and diplomatic as well as military — to confront threats to our security.”

If approved by the Congress, the latest request would bring the running tab for both wars to nearly a trillion US dollars, according to figures from the Congressional Research Service.

More than three-quarters of the 864 billion dollars appropriated so far has gone to the war in Iraq, where most of the US troops involved in those conflicts have been deployed, the agency said.

Internet



An Afghan police officer, right, checks a damaged vehicle following a suicide attack in Lashkar Gah the provincial capital of Helmand Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 April, 2009. A suicide bomber on foot attacked a police drug eradication unit in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing four officers and a child and wounding seven other officers, police said.

INTERNET

Shiite rally marks anniversary of fall of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 April — Tens of thousands of supporters of an anti-American cleric burned an effigy of ex-President George W Bush on Thursday and demanded that US troops leave Iraq in a rally marking the sixth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to US forces.

Cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia fought U.S. troops intermittently until a ceasefire last May, had called on Iraqis to turn out for the protest at Firdous Square — where Saddam Hussein’s statue was toppled on 9 April, 2003.

Protesters set fire to American flags and to Bush’s effigy as it hung from the pillar where Saddam’s statue once stood.—Internet



Protesters re-enact the mistreatment of detainees at the US-run prison at Abu Ghraib, an incident that sparked worldwide outrage, during a rally marking the sixth anniversary of the fall of the Iraqi capital to American troops in Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 April, 2009.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 603

WASHINGTON, 10 April — As of Thursday, 9 April, 2009, at least 603 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures Thursday at 10 am EDT. Of those, the military reports 445 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.—Internet

US military concedes Afghan civilian casualties

KABUL, 10 April — The US military has conceded that troops under its command in Afghanistan killed a group of civilians in an operation this week, not militants as earlier reported.

Investigations showed the late Wednesday night raid in an area of south-eastern Khost had resulted in “killing two males, two females and wounding two females. There are reports of an infant

also killed,” the military said in a statement.

“We deeply regret the tragic loss of life in this precious family,” the late Thursday statement quoted Brigadier General Michael Ryan of the US forces as saying.

“Words alone cannot begin to express our regret and sympathy and we will ensure the surviving family members are properly cared for.”—Internet

Australia looks to boost Afghan fight with US

WASHINGTON, 10 April — Australia has said it was looking at how it could boost the fight against extremism in Afghanistan while stepping up cooperation with the new administration in Washington.

The Australian and US defence and foreign affairs chiefs held a day of talks in Washington on Thursday — a session held annually but one that for

the first time in 14 years comes as centre-left parties hold power in both countries.

In one sharp change, the two countries found common cause in seeking a world without nuclear weapons, vowing to work together to lay the groundwork for a key international meeting on non-proliferation.

Internet



Afghans look at bloodstains following a raid by US coalition troops in Khost Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 9 April, 2009. The raid by US coalition troops in the eastern Province killed four people, including two alleged female militants, and wounded another woman, the coalition said in a statement on Thursday.

INTERNET



The site of a car bomb attack in a Shiite district of Baghdad just hours before a surprise visit by Barack. —INTERNET

US cargo ship attacked by pirates was carrying UN food for starving

UNITED NATIONS, 10 April—The pirates who hijacked a freight ship carrying food for starving people in Africa and are keeping an American captain hostage off the coast of Somalia are defying international law, according to a statement by a top UN official here on Thursday.

Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah, the UN special representative for Somalia, condemned the recent spate of pirate attacks, of which there were six in the past week.

“The proliferation of these acts of piracy is an insult to international legality,” Ould-Abdallah said in a statement, adding that “the international maritime presence of the coast should be increased and strengthened.”

He asked the international community to bring a new support to the Somali authorities to have them effectively address the root causes of piracy.

Early on Wednesday, pirates hijacked US cargo ship Maersk Alabama

about 560 kilometres off the coast of Somalia — the first of its kind to involve an American crew.

The US freight ship is carrying 232 containers of food distributed by The United Nations’ World Food Program (WFP) — more than 4,000 tons of corn-soya blend for malnourished children and mothers in Somalia and Uganda and nearly 1,000 tons of vegetable oil for refugees in Kenya, according to Peter Smerdon, a WFP spokesperson.

Internet



A resident looks on while a city worker delivers her weekly water ration in containers at a low-income neighbourhood in Mexico City, on 9 April, 2009. The Mexican capital, one of the most densely populated cities in the world, cut in water supply to a historic fall in reserves, a measure that affects at least five million people, according to authorities.—INTERNET

Dozens of homes destroyed in Texas, Oklahoma fires

MIDWEST CITY, 10 April— Fire crews in Oklahoma and Texas raced on Thursday to control wind-whipped wildfires that destroyed dozens of homes, seriously injured two people, forced evacuations and shut down parts of a major highway.

Howling wind that had gusted to more than 60 mph grounded firefighting efforts by air in both states and drove blazes that scorched neighbourhoods like “a war zone,” Midwest City police Chief Brandon Clabes said.

“The wind is the biggest issue, because we can’t get ahead of the fires,” Midwest City Fire Marshal Jerry Lojka said. By nightfall, wind gusts dropped to about 30 mph in many areas.—Internet



Flames illuminate a storage tank as a grass fire moves through Choctaw, Okla, on 9 April, 2009.

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Heavy storms rake Midwest; tornado hits Ark town

MENA, 10 April— A tornado struck a small Arkansas town on Thursday night, causing minor injuries, as part of a severe storm system moving quickly across the nation’s midsection. The reported tornado scored a direct hit on the Polk County Courthouse in Mena, near the Oklahoma state line, said Renee Preslar, a spokeswoman for the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

Gov Mike Beebe dispatched 30 National Guard soldiers to the town after local officials asked for troops to secure the heavily damaged downtown area, Preslar said.

Twelve minor injuries were reported in Mena, but authorities were going door-to-door checking for more injuries.

A 13th person was hospitalized in Howard County after a tree was toppled onto a house.—Internet



A palm tree is hit by winds near the beach in La Ceiba, Honduras as Hurricane Felix approaches in 2007. Six hurricanes are expected to churn through the Atlantic this year, a Colorado State University forecast team said Tuesday as it lowered its estimates for the upcoming storm season.

INTERNET

Bulgaria not to pay ransoms for kidnapped sailors

SOFIA, 10 April — Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry declared on Thursday that it would not pay any ransom for the 16 Bulgarian sailors kidnapped by Somali pirates, local press reported.

During his regular briefing, the Spokesperson of Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry, Dragovest Goranov, stated that Bulgaria was not going to pay any ransom demanded for the release of the sailors on the British-owned cargo ship “Malaspina Castle,” which sailed under Panamanian flag.

“The Bulgarian state has no such money, and pays no ransoms,” Goranov declared explicitly. He also explained Bulgaria’s Foreign Ministry had neither official, nor unofficial information of any demands for ransom. He believes it was possible that the pirates might have contacted the cargo ship’s owners.—Internet

Mexico City shuts off main water pipeline

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — Mexico City has turned off the tap to millions of residents because water reserves have reached historic low.

The two-day shutdown of a main pipeline starting Thursday affects at least 5 million of the 20 million people in the Mexico City valley.

It is the third time this year the metropolis has temporarily turned off the tap to conserve water.

The water restrictions come as many residents are out of town for Holy Week.

An unusually dry rainy season last year left the city’s Cutzamala water system at 47 percent capacity compared to 85 percent in previous years.

The system supplies 20 percent of the area’s water.

The government says it will restore 50 percent of service on Saturday and full service by on Wednesday.—Internet

Police, civilians clash in rural Mexico over chemical waste

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — Civilians from Zimapan, a town of 10,000 in central Mexico, clashed with federal police and turned back trucks carrying chemical waste to a newly-opened chemical processing plant there, local residents said on Thursday.

Residents said that the Spanish company Befesa built the facility in their town without saying its real function. They took to street to block trucks carrying toxic materials.

“There are around 200 federal policemen here, but the whole town is in a permanent state of alert. We are not going to let them through,” said Jose Maria Lozano Moreno, who leads Todos Somos Zimapan (We Are All Zimapan), a movement that opposes the plant.

He said six trucks were able to enter the facility on Tuesday, but on Wednesday residents formed blockades and kept four trucks outside.

Lozano said even though the company had obtained permission from federal authorities including the Environment Ministry and the Federal Environment Protection Attorney, townspeople had only allowed Befesa to set up the plant because they believed it would recycle municipal waste.

Internet



Vietnam sets six steps to boost foreign investment

HANOI, 10 April—The government of Vietnam has outlined six urgent measures to help the country attract, manage and absorb foreign investment more effectively during the economic recession, the local newspaper *People's Army* reported on Friday.

Accordingly, the first step is to review, adjust and improve policies for investment and business activities with an aim to provide preferential in-

centives for several industries and to boost disbursement.

The second measure is to publicly announce the approved master plans of development by the 4th quarter of this year to speed up the site clearance. The third way is to review and announce the infrastructure investment goals by 2020 to mobilize capital resources for the completion of sea ports.

The government mentioned the fourth step

about training staff skilled at granting licenses for foreign-invested projects.

The government also suggested the central and local authorities to closely coordinate in the licensing and supervision of foreign-invested projects as the fifth step to ensure the effective implementation of those projects.

Finally, it is necessary to map out specific policies to call foreign investment in particular field.

Xinhua



Workers are busy with construction project at the Passenger Hall of the Terminal No 2, of the Hongqiao Airport, in Shanghai, east China, on 8 April, 2009.—XINHUA



Luo Wenyou, a collector of classic cars, cleans one of his collection in his classic car museum in Beijing, on 9 April, 2009.—XINHUA

US unemployment rate may reach 10%, labour market expert warns

CHICAGO, 10 April—The US unemployment will continue to get worse and the rate of unemployment may reach 10 percent this year, a US labour market expert has predicted.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* this week in downtown Chicago, John A Challenger, Chief Executive Officer of the Challenger, Gray and Christmas Inc, said: "We haven't seen unemployment rate at this level in 25 years and it looks like the rate will continue to get worse before it gets better, so we may see an unemployment rate of 10 percent this year."—*Xinhua*

Canadian unemployment hits 7-year high

OTTAWA, 10 April—Canadian unemployment worsened in March as the nation's jobless rate rose to a seven-year high of 8 percent, the government said on Thursday.

A total of 613,000 jobs were wiped out during the month, pushing the unemployment rate up 0.3 percentage points, Statistics Canada said.

Since hitting its most recent peak in October, employment in Canada has been falling each month, with net losses totaling 357,000 so far.

In percentage terms that represented the largest decline over a five-month period since the 1982 recession, Statistics Canada said.

Xinhua

Cyprus seeks more foreign investments with low taxation

NICOSIA, 10 April—The Cypriot government expressed on Thursday its commitment to maintaining low taxation in a bid to support private initiatives and the effort to attract foreign investments.

Cyprus' Finance Minister Charilaos Stavarakis told a business seminar that the island state "has a comparative and competitive advantage as regards the effort to attract foreign investments."

"Cyprus is an EU full member and euro area, but it also applies the lowest taxation compared to other EU members," said the minister.

Meanwhile, Cyprus has reached agreements for avoiding double taxation with a number of countries, added Stavarakis.—*Xinhua*

Kidnap insurance costs soar tenfold in Gulf of Aden on escalating piracy

CHICAGO, 10 April—Shipowners navigating the Gulf of Aden are seeing insurance premiums for kidnap and ransom increase tenfold as piracy escalates, said Chicago-based global insurance broker Aon Risk Services on Thursday, one day after Somali pirates hijacked a US cargo ship.

This means shipowners could be paying 30,000 US dollars premium for 3 million dollars of cover for one journey through this piracy hotspot. However, more are opting for cover to protect their employees as well as avoiding lengthy detours that threaten supply chains and increase petrol costs.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Boeing to adjust twin-aisle airplane production amid bad business environment

CHICAGO, 10 April—Chicago-based Boeing announced on Thursday that it will adjust its twin-aisle airplane production plans for 2010 due to significant deterioration in the business environment for airlines and cargo operators driven by unprecedented global economic conditions.

Monthly production of the *Boeing 777* will decline from 7 to 5 airplanes per month beginning in June 2010. Boeing will also delay previous plans to modestly increase *Boeing 747-8* and *767* productions. No change is being made at this time to the *737* production rate. In addition, the weak global economy has contributed to significant declines in the escalation indices that affect forecasted pricing for commercial airplanes already ordered. The production decisions and unfavorable price escalation are expected to reduce Boeing's first-quarter net earnings by approximately 38 cents per share. Because the *747* programme is currently in a loss position, the reduced earnings associated with the factors above will be recorded for most units in the *747* backlog. That impact, somewhat offset by a refinement in cost estimates, accounts for approximately 31 cents per share of the first-quarter charge.—*Xinhua*



Girls perform traditional percussion instruments at the Philippines stand during the World Travel Fair 2009 in Shanghai, east China, on 9 April, 2009. The fair, opening on Thursday at the Shanghai New International Expo Center, attracted more than 450 exhibitors from over 50 countries and regions.—XINHUA

UN climate chief says rich countries should slash carbon emissions

BEIJING, 10 April—A top UN climate official said on Wednesday rich nations must aim at contributing to carbon pollution cuts by 2020. Yvo de Boer said at a webcast news conference on the final day of a negotiation round under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), “more ambition is needed on the part of industrialized countries if we are to get a robust response to climate

change.”

Some 175 nations are meeting this week in Bonn in one of a series of UN-led meetings meant to forge a deal in Copenhagen in December to replace or extend the Kyoto Protocol. The 11-day meeting is the first in a series this year — and the first to be attended by US President Barack Obama’s administration.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2007 matched

global temperature increases with different cuts in greenhouse gas emissions. It said that a cut by rich countries of 25-40 percent below 1990 levels by 2020, and substantial action by developing nations, could limit temperature rises to about 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), viewed by some governments as a threshold for dangerous change.—*Internet*



Zhanjiang citizens look around on the visiting Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser of Russian navy in Zhanjiang, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 9 April, 2009. Several hundreds of local Chinese paid a visit to the Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser that opened to public here Thursday. The warship and the Boris Butoma tanker is on a five-day visit in Zhanjiang since 6 April, 2009.—XINHUA

Mexico permits company to explore oil with seismic technique

MEXICO CITY, 10 April —Mexico Energy Ministry has permitted state-owned oil company Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) to pilot oil exploration with seismic technique.

The company will first carry out the pilot oil detection in Las Choapas, Minatitlan, Hidlagotitlan and Uxpanapa in east coastal state Veracruz and then in nearby Tabasco state’s Comalcalco, Cardenas, Jalpa de Mendez, Centro, Cunduacann and Hulmanguillo.

By sending shockwave into the earth and measuring its reflection, computers can estimate the structure deep in the earth, which can help geologists determine whether there exists oil or not. Due to the declining output in Cantarell, the largest oil field in Mexico, Pemex now tries to find oil and gas in other parts of the country.—*Internet*

Malaysian towboat catches fire in Vietnam, seven crews missing

HANOI, 10 April—A Malaysian towboat caught fire on Wednesday off the coast of southern Tra Vinh province of Vietnam, with seven Malaysian crew still missing by the press time, the local newspaper *Young People* reported on Friday.

According to the Vietnam National Committee for Search and Rescue, there were 11 crews on board when the boat caught fire.

Three Myanmar and one Indonesian have saved themselves by swimming toward shore.

The seven Malaysians are still missing, said the newspaper.

Local authorities and relevant agencies have been exerting efforts to search for the missing.

The towboat was on its way from Vietnam to Singapore when the accident took place, said the newspaper.—*Internet*

Moderate quake rocks eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 April — An earthquake with magnitude of 5.2 struck eastern parts of Indonesia on Friday morning, with no report of damage or casualty, meteorology agency said.

The quake jolted at 05:10 Jakarta time (2210 GMT Thursday) with epicenter at 29 kms Southeast Melongue of Nort Sulawesi and at 10 kms in depth, an official of the agency said.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM



Shi Ligang, an instructor of Kungfu monks from Shaolin Temple in Quangzhou City, performs Kungfu Iron Head skill on 10 April, 2009.



Stolen plane from Canada lands in Missouri

A small plane stolen by a student from an aviation centre in Canada’s Ontario Province, landed near a Missouri highway Monday and the pilot is now on the run, US federal aviation officials said.

A US Federal Aviation official said that the single-engine plane was tracked by two US fighter jets when it flew into the United State, and it landed on a dirt road at Ellsinore, southeast of Missouri. The pilot ran away after the plane landed and local police were responding.

Man punished for mailing animal feces

A man in Sioux Falls, South Dakota of the US, was sentenced to probation, a fine and restitution for sending a letter containing animal feces in the mail.

Jeffrey Dezeuw, 45, pleaded guilty to a count of mailing injurious articles.

According to prosecutors, the man smeared the excrement on a traffic citation, a note and cash that he sent to the Minnehaha County Clerk of Courts on 21 July.

Dezeuw was sentenced to three years of probation, a 500 dollar fine and ordered to pay restitution of 451 dollars.

Two aigrettes play in Xiangshan Forest Park in Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province.

French ‘Spiderman’ scales London tower

A French urban climber nicknamed “Spiderman” scaled the outside of the Lloyd’s Building in central London in a protest about climate change.

Alain Robert, famous for his daring unaided ascents of skyscrapers and iconic sites around the world, was arrested once he had climbed back down, police told AFP.

The 14-storey building, which is 88 metres (288 feet) tall, is home to the insurance group Lloyd’s of London.

The protest comes as world leaders meet in London for the G20 summit to thrash out solutions to the challenges facing the international community.

“A man has been arrested for aggravated trespass at the Lloyd’s Building,” a Scotland Yard spokesman said.



French climber Alain Robert, also known as ‘Spiderman’ scales the outside of the Lloyds Insurance building in central London in a protest about climate change.

Wisconsin warns on capitol nuts

Wisconsin is asking people to refrain from feeding squirrels at the state Capitol because they might inadvertently harm a child with a peanut allergy. The state sent a letter Monday to tenants of a downtown Madison office building, asking whomever has been feeding the squirrels on the Capitol lawn to please stop.

Ron Blair, of the Division of State Facilities, writes in the letter that someone has been carpeting the Capitol

lawn with peanuts. He says the indiscriminate nut-tossing might pose a risk because thousands of school children tour the building each year and some might have peanut allergies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says 4 percent to 8 percent of children have a food allergy, with peanuts being one of the most common. Some can have a reaction just touching or being near peanuts.



Development momentum gained in urban and rural areas of Kyaikto

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Percy (MNA)

Travellers may notice the signboards bearing "Towns and villages must be modernized and developed in a short time" put up in all the towns and villages.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, it is known to all that the government has adopted and is implementing the five rural development tasks for narrowing the development gap between rural and urban areas.

As a result of the plan, all the travellers may see remarkable development of many villages or rural areas where most of the people are residing.

on Yangon-Mawlamyine railroad and the motor road is a gateway to Mon State. Many travellers visit the town to pay homage to H s a n d a w s h i n Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda and other famous pagodas.

The township is constituted with six wards in the urban area and 35 village-tracts and 76 villages. According to the statistics, over 200,000 people including various national races are residing in the township.

The town, gateway to Mon State is being decorated with landscapes, island areas and mobile flower boxes. The town has colourful pavements and straight detours in line with the



Bogyoke Street in Kyaikto being decorated with landscapes.

bed hospital, one station hospital, 14 private clinics, rural health care branches,

traditional medicine clinics, maternal and child care unit, leprosy, TB and malaria control units. In the communication sector, the local people can use auto-telephones and CDMA telephones in addition to postal telegraphic services.

Indeed, the lifestyle, living standard, basic needs and businesses for the economy are important for the presentation on facts about a country, a national, a region or local national races.

In observing the rural economy, the township grew 104,084 acres of various monsoon

crops in 2008-2009. Out of 10 major crops, paddy, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, green bean, green gram, pigeon pea and sugarcane except long staple cotton and maize were cultivated in the township. Moreover, broilers and layers are being raised on a commercial scale and domestic animals on a manageable scale.

With regard to the industrial sector, paper mill, sawmill, marble slab factory, locomotive shed, Khameik crumb rubber factory and palm oil mill being run by the State and 117 private industries had been established in the township.

In compiling the facts about rural and urban developments of various townships and villages, the complete papers should be compiled in accord with the guidance of the Head of State on five rural development tasks: to ensure smooth and better transport in rural areas; to ensure adequate supply of drinking clean water; to uplift living standards of rural people; to improve the health care services of rural people; and to develop the rural economy.

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Multi-coloured flowery plants seen at island area on Zeyarmon Junction in Kyaikto Township.

Recently, we arrived at Kyaikto to cover the news on the Yangon-Mawlamyine-Yangon 380-mile Long Cycling Contest.

During the previous tours, we missed the chances to observe the development tasks in detail. At present, we had the opportunity to closely observe the development of the town under the arrangements of Kyaikto Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Aung Win and Executive Officer U Nay Htet Shein of Township Development Affairs Committee.

Kyaikto located

town characteristics.

In the road transportation sector, the town has been facilitated with over 14 miles long tarred road, 18 miles long laterite road, 37 miles long earth road and two miles long gravel road, totalling 73 miles.

Regarding the education sector, there are five Basic Education High Schools, one BEHS (Branch), six BEMSSs, one BEMS (Branch), 17 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools and 103 BEPSSs. All the BEHSs have been facilitated with multi-media classrooms.

Moreover, the township has opened one township hospital, one 24-



Colourful flowery plants thriving in Kyaikto Township Park.





Tatmadaw a force formed with discipline...

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In order to possess all the five qualifications, you have to accomplish the four tasks for building a force: military training, administration, welfare service and raising morale.

By undergoing military training, you will well obey orders, and you will become competent with self-confidence. If you are good at managing things, that will help you accomplish your tasks. Welfare service helps improve morale. If a force is based on good morale, its members will be self-disciplined with good behaviour, they will have a sense of diligence, team spirit, unity, willingness to make self-sacrifice in the interest of the nation and the people, patriotic spirit, and upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

Your forces will possess the three capabilities and will be able to preserve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Comrades,

Our Tatmadaw possess fine traditions such as being a patriotic Tatmadaw, a Tatmadaw making self-sacrifice, a noble-minded Tatmadaw, and a brave Tatmadaw with capabilities to overcome challenges.

Today, the Tatmadaw organizing committees at all levels are pursuing the goal of enabling all servicemen to relay the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw from one generation to the next. Moreover, they are taking measures to make sure that the armed forces and the people remain harmonious; the Tatmadaw serves the public interest; and the people build and protect the motherland under the leadership of the Tatmadaw. I would like to call on you to work hard together under the leadership of the Tatmadaw organizing committees at all levels so as to build the Tatmadaw into a strong, efficient, modern patriotic one, and to be harmonious with the people.

Comrades,

Our patriotic Tatmadaw was born of the independence struggles, and since then our Tatmadaw has upheld discipline with a sense of duty. So, Tatmadaw members have a sense of noble spirit. You are preserving the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, so you have to play an exemplary role in observing discipline.

Tatmadaw is a force that is formed with discipline at the core. Therefore, you have to abide by military law and military rules and regulations in addition to civil law. More than that, you have to observe the military code of conduct constantly. You have to understand well and follow each of the points of individual code of conduct, code of conduct to superiors, code of conduct to subordinates, code of conduct to other soldiers, code of conduct to the public, and code of conduct to enemies. If you firmly obey the military code of conduct, you will surely lead a reliable and responsible life.

You are reckoned to be good Tatmadaw mem-

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes the

salute of cadet companies.—MNA



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Dignitaries seen at graduation parade of 112th Intake of OTS.—MNA



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents silver sword to Best Cadet Han Tun.

MNA

Tatmadaw a force formed with discipline...

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As a result, the whole nation has seen a large number of infrastructural buildings, which is very great in proportion to the period of a couple of decades. In another case, a severe storm hit hard our country last year, but we managed to start rescue, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and preparedness measures against future natural disasters, in a short time. That was largely due to the harmonious cooperation of the three strong forces: the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. So, I would like to urge you to join hands with local people in any project related to the three development projects whatever region you are posted. **Comrades,**

Since the 1974 constitution was no longer effective, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw had worked hard together to write an enduring constitution that can guarantee the market economy and the democracy practice, as aspired by the people. The vast majority of the people approved the new constitution last year. The multiparty democracy general elections will be held in a well-organized way in 2010.

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You are reckoned to be good Tatmadaw members. So, you have to share joys and sorrows with the people; you have to take care of the people as if they were your parents.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw have to continue to pursue the goal in order that the goal does not divert from its course before the democratic practice is mature.

not been mature enough in the countries concerned. Therefore, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have to continue to pursue the goal in order that the goal does not divert from its course before the democratic practice is mature. Therefore, I would say you are responsible for seeing to democratic transition process in cooperation with the people for successful completion of the 2010 elections.

Comrades,

Of our Tatmadaw's primary duties: national defence duty, military training duty and public welfare duty, the national defence duty is the most primary duty.

You have to give priority to gaining work experience for discharging national defence duty. You shall be always ready for national defence duty whatever duty you are shouldering with whatever technology. I would like to urge you to work hard with heart and soul in the regions you are posted to in order that you will gain vast experience on national defence duty.

Comrades,

In conclusion, I would like to call on you:

- to try your best to become good leaders of the Tatmadaw,
- to continue to preserve the 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw under the leadership of the Tatmadaw organizing committees at all levels,
- to strictly abide by the military rules and the military code of conduct constantly in order to become responsible Tatmdaw members,
- to take care of the people you deal with as though they are your natural parents,
- to contribute as much as you can towards the three major projects the government is undertaking, and
- to do your bit in the process for the 2010 elections the government and the people are jointly implementing for their successful completion.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation...

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Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Yar Pyae, ministers Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Brig-Gen Lun Thi and Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, directors Maj-Gen Mya Win, Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Brig-Gen Than Soe, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Brig-Gen

Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Than Htay and Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye of Kalaw Station, Station Commander of Bahtoo Station and Commandant of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School Brig-Gen Ye Aung, senior military officers, guests, cadets and their families and relatives.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of cadet companies. Next, he inspected the cadet companies. Afterwards the cadet companies marched past Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented a silver sword to the best cadet award winner, Cadet Han Tun.

Afterwards, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground.—MNA



Dignitaries seen at graduation parade of 112th Intake of OTS.—MNA

Mu Tain creek bridge conducive to smooth transport of villagers

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April— Mu Tain creek bridge was put into service in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Division on 8 April.

It was opened in the presence of Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe.

The 145-foot long and 12-foot wide facility is built on Nyaunggaing-Minbe-Zebyugon village-to-village road.

The facility contributes to the smooth transport of locals who took boat for their transport in the past. The bridge was funded by the State, Shwebo Township Development Affairs Committee and the people in 2008-2009 financial year.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe inspected up-grading of Wetlat-Ywathagyi-Khawdaw gravel road in Wetlat Township on 6 April. The one mile and seven-furlong long and 12-foot wide road is being built with the financial assistance of the State. On completion, it is conducive to smooth transport of residents of nine villages.

On 7 April, the deputy minister met with local residents of Sheinmaga model village. Their discussion focused on water supply and road building tasks.

Next, the deputy minister donated K 100,000 for buying fire engine, K 100,000 to the village library and K 100,000 to the station hospital, and Managing Director U Tin Maung Win of Barani Engineering Company, K 100,000.

The deputy minister inspected up-grading of Wetlat-Ingyinpin-Sheinmaga gravel road, which is two miles long and twelve feet wide. It is being built with the financial assistance of the State and can contribute to the smooth transport of locals from 18 villages.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe and PBANRDA Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe attend opening of Mu Tain creek bridge.—MNA

Development tasks carried out in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win met with the chairman of Township PDC, departmental officials and chairmen of ward and village PDCs at Uru Yadana Hall of Phakant Township PDC on 29 March.

On 30 March, the commander gave cash assistance to the patients at Phakant Township People's Hospital and inspected the hospital compound. The commander also presented gifts to families at Township Police Station.

After meeting with members of social organization and townsmen, he looked into the completion of new 25-bed hospital in Taungpa

Village-tract.

The commander oversaw the Nantaytaung bridge on Tarmakhan-Haungpa-Loneton road section and reclamation of farmlands in Narlinesine Village and met with members of social organization and townsmen at Hsezin Village.

On 31 March, the commander viewed the site chosen for construction of a diversion weir at Nantyar Creek. In Lehmi Village of Hopin Township, he heard the reports submitted by the Township Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

At Lwelaw Village of Mogaung Township, the commander looked into supply of water to summer paddy plantations.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint presents cash assistance, computers and TV sets for development of Mingin Township to a responsible person.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to funds for development of Mingin Township

YANGON, 10 April—With a view to ensuring development of Mingin Township, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn held meetings in Tinbat Village-tract, Mingin Myoma and KyaytaungU Village-tract on 7 April and in Shadaw and Maukkamaw Village-tracts on 8 April, attended by 13,400 local people.

The deputy minister donated cash assistance to the funds of the regional development and two computers and two 21-inch TVs for the multi-media rooms of the schools and cash assistance for North-West Command.

At the meetings, the deputy minister explained the future tasks of the State, progress of the present Myanmar political situation and the global politics.—MNA

Myanmar, Bangladesh hold joint trade commission meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The Third Myanmar-Bangladesh Joint Trade Commission Meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce here on 7 April, attended by Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and Bangladeshi del-

egation led by Secretary of Commerce H.E Mr. Feroz Ahmed.

They held comprehensive discussions on extended export of Myanmar's products including agricultural produce aiming to boost bilateral trade and prosperous trade cooperation.—MNA

251 drug-related cases exposed in March

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 251 drug-related cases in March 2009.

Seizure of the drug-related cases were 34.9471 kilos of opium in 69 cases, 27.7352 kilos of heroin in 66 cases, 0.1858 kilo of opium oil in eight cases, 13.9173 kilos of low-grade opium in 14 cases, 79.3886 kilos of marijuana in 19 cases, 3,084,427 stimulant tablets in 58 cases, 332.0075 kilos of opium speciosa,

270.4 kilos of stimulant powder, 25 kilos of Ephedrine, one litre of opium speciosa liquid, 12.7 kilos of Caxin, 600 capsules of tramadol in one case, 340 tablets of Ativan, 90 tablets of diazepam in one case, 39,120 tablets of Alprazolam in one case, 86 litres of chemical liquid, 17 kilos of chemical precursors and other one case.

Action was taken against 368 persons—291 men and 77 women—in 251 cases.—MNA



Representatives of South Korea perform a traditional South Korean wedding during the 2009 Asian Traditional Wedding Show in Shizuoka, Japan, on 10 April, 2009. The show was opened here on Friday with representatives from eight Asian countries including China, Japan, India, South Korea and Indonesia.

INTERNET

2009 World Stamp Exhibition to open in central China

BEIJING, 10 April — A record number of exhibitors will attend the 2009 World Stamp Exhibition in Luoyang, in central China's Henan Province.

Opening ceremonies were held Thursday night. The stars included Sarah Brightman, Kung Fu Star Jackie Chan and popular singers.

It is the first time all 84 members of the Federation of International Philately — the sponsor — applied to attend. That's according to Guo Hong Chang, vice chairman of the 2009 exhibit executive committee.

More than 3,200 framed stamp collections will be displayed at the event, which runs from 10 to 16 April. Guo said eight medals will be awarded to stamp collections.

More than 60 international experts will review the entries.

The World Stamp Exhibition, "the Olympics of stamp collecting," was held in China for the first time in 1999 in Beijing.—*Internet*

Suspected ex-Nazi extradition appeal rejected

WASHINGTON, 10 April — A US immigration board Friday rejected suspected Nazi death camp guard John

Demjanjuk's appeal of an extradition order, paving the way for deportation to Germany to face charges he committed atrocities.

John Demjanjuk on a flight from Tel Aviv to New York, 2003. An immigration board has rejected Demjanjuk's appeal of an extradition order, a US official told AFP, paving the way for his deportation to Germany to face charges he helped murder Jews as a Nazi death camp guard.

INTERNET



The Board of Immigration Appeals "deny because it does not appear they are going to grant the motion to reopen the case," Susan Eastwood, a spokesperson in the Executive Office for Immigration Review, told AFP. German prosecutors issued an arrest warrant last month for Demjanjuk, 89, accusing him of complicity in murdering at least 29,000 Jews at Sobibor death camp, where he allegedly served between March and September 1943.

Internet

Kids curb marital satisfaction

DENVER, 10 April — Parents all know that children make it harder to do some of the most enjoyable adult things. Bluntly put, kids can get between you. Now scientists have attached some numbers to the situation. An eight-year study of 218 couples found 90 percent experienced a decrease in marital satisfaction once the first child was born.

"Couples who do not have children also show diminished marital quality over time," says Scott Stanley, research professor of psychology at University of Denver. "However, having a baby accelerates the deterioration, especially seen during periods of adjustment right after the birth of a child." —*Internet*

China, Japan, Russia, ROK stage maritime oil spill emergency drill

QINGDAO, Shandong, 10 April — China, Japan, Russia and the Republic of Korea (ROK) conducted a drill off the east China coast on Friday to handle an oil spill emergency.

The drill was conducted to address extensive drifting oil leaks after an oil tanker bumped into a cargo ship off the southern coast of ROK, said an official with Shandong Maritime Safety Administration.

China, Japan and Russia provided technical support and resources to

handle the spillage as soon as they received ROK's call for help.

The exercise, of nearly three hours, used English as its working language for communications.

The drill aimed to enhance regional cooperation to cope with major oil spill emergencies within the northwestern Pacific area, the official told *Xinhua*.

China, Japan, Russia and ROK passed the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP) in 1994 in order to deal with oil

pollution accident at sea.

The four countries signed a memo on oil spill response cooperation in May 2004 on the basis of NOWPAP.

Another drill of the same kind will be staged at the end of this year, the official said.

China and ROK held "The 2008 Maritime Rescue and NOWPAP China-ROK Pollution Exercise" last September, the first time that China has hosted an international joint maritime oil spill emergency exercise.

Internet

Five US soldiers killed in truck bombing in Iraq's Mosul

BAGHDAD, 10 April — At least eight people including five US soldiers were killed and 60 others were injured in a suicide truck bombing in the northern city of Mosul, according to US military and Iraqi source.

A suicide truck bomber detonated bomb in front of a police station in the southern part of the city and most of the victims are policemen, according to the source.

The main building of the police station and some nearby buildings in the neighbourhood were severely damaged by the explosion, the source added.

A sixth US soldier was also injured in the blast and two suspects have been arrested, US military said in a statement.

According to an Iraqi



Map locates Mosul, Iraq, where a suicide truck bomb killed US soldiers and Iraqi policemen

Interior Ministry official who spoke on condition of anonymity, at least 20 Iraqi policemen were injured in the bombing.

The attack is the largest single loss of American life recently seen in Iraq. Four US soldiers and an Iraqi interpret were killed in a suicide car bombing in Mosul in February in the last major attack on US

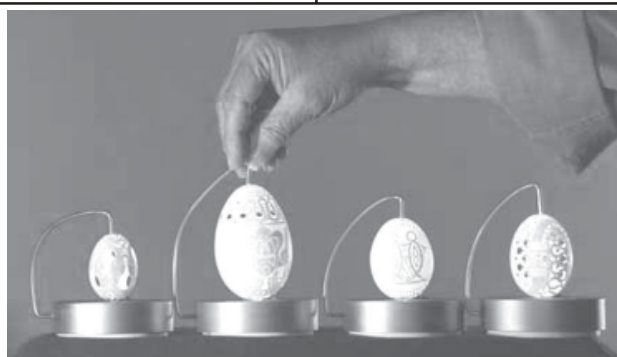
forces in Iraq.

In two separate attacks earlier Friday, at least two people were killed, 15 others injured in two bombings in Diyala province, northeast of Baghdad, according to the police.

Two people, including a woman, were killed when a civilian car was damaged by a roadside bomb in al-Mansoreia district, about 35 km east of Baqubah, the capital city of Diyala province. Five others were also injured in the bombing, according to the source.

Despite security improvements, attacks continue across Iraq. Dozens of people were killed in a series of bombings in Baghdad this week, raising fears of al-Qaida and other threat groups are trying to stage a comeback.

Internet



Slovenian artist Franc Grom displays drilled Easter eggs in Vrhnika on 10 April, 2009. Grom drills thousands of holes into egg shells to create unique Easter eggs of fragile beauty.

INTERNET

Scientists start to unlock secrets of bird flight

WASHINGTON, 10 April — For millennia, people have watched the birds and bees and wondered: "How do they do that?"

Thanks to high-speed film and some persistent scientists, at least one of the secrets of flight is now revealed. When birds, bats or bugs make a turn, all they have to do is start flapping their wings normally again and they straighten right out.

That came as a surprise to researchers who thought turning and stopping took more steps. Lead researcher Tyson L. —*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.4.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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3.	Supporting Roller For Bearing Metal(FE)	2 Sets	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
4.	Kiln Supporting Roller With Shaft (FE)	2 Sets	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
5.	Head Cover (Feed Side) (FE)	1 Set	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
6.	Trunnion Journal (Disc Side) (FE)	1 Lot	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
7.	Spare Parts For Electrical Control (FE)	1 Lot	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
8.	Spare Parts For Production Machine (FE)	1 Lot	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
9.	Raw Mill & Cement Mill Spare (FE)	1 Lot	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
10.	Suspending Brick (Ks)	2200 Pcs	22.4.2009	25.5.2009
Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanmar Ceramic Industry, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. <u>Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officially.</u> (For further details, contact telephone number. 067-408298) Myanmar Ceramic Industry				

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2.	Tender documents are available at our office starting from 10.4.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291994,95-1- 291985.							

Donate Blood

Woman finds \$357,959 cashier's check and returns it
LOS ANGELES,10 April—As she walked from a post office, Talon Curtis thought she'd found one of those gimmicky sweepstakes offers on the ground that scream something like "\$357,959.55" in big bold letters and "This is not a real check" in much smaller type. But just as she was about to do her part for a cleaner planet and deliver the paper from the parking lot to a trash can, she noticed it was a real cashier's check with a real signature.
"I couldn't believe it. I almost passed out," Curtis, who works as a loan negotiator, told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I have never seen a check that big. Not in my possession, anyway."She immediately set out to find its rightful recipient, but it was Saturday afternoon and the banks were closing. On Monday, with help from KCAL-TV reporter Dave Malkoff, she located the check's owner, who had arrived at her bank in a panic.—Internet



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Experts say butterflies soaring higher due to climate change in Himalayas region

KATHMANDU, 10 April — Climate change comes home to roost. A research, based on Apollo butterfly and Pika hare, the harbingers of global warming, conducted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Nepal's Langtang region of the Himalayas indicate a disturbing trend.

According to Thu-rsday's THT Online report, both the insect and mammal have migrated up to 500 metres in the upper reaches in the last 15 years or so due to the adverse impact of climate change. "Usually Apollo butterflies are found at 3,000 meters above sea level. Over the years, it has moved 500 meters above. While, Pika has relocated 100 meters higher," Bhaiya Khanal of Natural History Museum told the website.

Khanal, an expert on butterflies, was a part of the WWF team that conducted the research. "We can find more evidence of climate changes in the Himalayan region if we conduct an extensive survey. It has been observed that some species of butterfly like Pancy and Crow, which are usually found in the Terai (plain), are now being sighted in the Valley these days," he explained. There has been a discernible shift in the life cycle of butterflies as well.

Earlier, it would be visible from April to October-November. Now, species like Pieris, Urema and Papillion are found in the wild in March.

Internet



Police officers of the Shanghai Wusong frontier inspection station wait for the arrival of the Chinese Antarctic exploration vessel, "Snow Dragon," in Shanghai, east China, on 9 April, 2009.

XINHUA

Stem cell surgery for cancer patient in Shanghai

BEIJING, 10 April — A 21-year-old leukemia patient underwent pioneering surgery in a Shanghai hospital on Wednesday, when doctors transfused 30 milliliters of umbilical-cord blood donated by a Shanghai cord bank. Today they will transplant a batch of his father's stem cells, which are an imperfect match.

This combination of umbilical-cord blood and half-matched stem cells can offer lifesaving transplant opportunities to many more patients than traditional methods, which require a perfect match between patient and donor, said doctors from Shanghai No. 1 People's Hospital. It will be a month before results of the transplant are determined.

About 40,000 to 50,000 people on China's mainland are diagnosed with leukemia every year - half of them children. Only about 1,000 are able to receive a stem-cell transplant because of the difficulty of finding a matching donor. — Internet

Adults with brown fat don't burn calories as believed

BEIJING, 10 April — It was generally believed, but could be wrong, that humans lose brown fat after infancy, no longer needing it once the shivering response kicks in, said Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. Papers made by three groups of researchers indicate that nearly every adult has little blobs of brown fat that can burn huge numbers of calories

when activated by the cold, as when sitting in a chilly room that is between 16 and 19 degrees centigrade.

Thinner people appear to have more brown fat than heavier people; younger people more than older people; people with lower glucose levels, presumably reflecting higher metabolic rates, have more than those whose metabolisms are

more sluggish; and women have more than men. People taking beta blockers for high blood pressure or other medical indications have less active brown fat.

"The thing about brown fat is that it takes a very small amount to burn a lot of energy," said Dr C Ronald Kahn, head of the section on obesity and hormone action at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston. — Xinhua

Edge of space found

WASHINGTON, 10 April — Hold on to your hats, or in this case, your helmets: Scientists have finally pinpointed the so-called edge of space — the boundary between Earth's atmosphere and outer space. With data from a new instrument developed by scientists at the University of Calgary, scientists confirmed that space begins 73 miles (118 kilometers) above Earth's surface.

A lot remains very fuzzy, however, as the boundary is surrounded by a host of

misconceptions and confusing, conflicting definitions. For starters, astronauts can say they've been to space after only passing the 50-mile (80-kilometer) mark.

Meanwhile the boundary recognized by many in the space industry is also a somewhat arbitrary 62 miles (100 kilometers). Scientist Theodore von Kármán long ago calculated that at this altitude the atmosphere is so thin that it's negligible, and conventional aircraft can no longer function

because they can't go fast enough to get any kind of aerodynamic lift. This 62-mile boundary is accepted by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), which sets aeronautical standards.

Internet

Hog cholera occurs in central province of Vietnam

HANOI, 10 April — An outbreak of hog cholera broke out in the central province Nghe An of Vietnam, the local newspaper Pioneer reported Friday.

According to head of the provincial animal health bureau Nguyen The Do, the outbreak was detected in Nghi Kim commune, killing 53 pigs.

Hog cholera (HC) is a highly contagious viral disease in pigs and wild boar.

Internet

Mexican rescuers head for Italy quake zone

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — A Mexican earthquake rescue team has sent eight members to Italy's quake-ravaged Abruzzo region, Mexican media said on Wednesday.

The rescuers from the Tlaltelolco-Azteca International Rescue Brigade left Mexico City early Wednesday, and a second seven-member squad of the non-profit brigade is on standby in Mexico City waiting for funds to fly to Italy, the reports said.

The rescue brigade is nicknamed "Los Sept 19 Topos" (19 Sept Moles) after Mexico City's devastating 19 Sept, 1985, earthquake.

L'Aquila, the capital of Abruzzo, was hit by a strong earthquake early Monday morning.

The death toll from the quake rose to at least 260 on Wednesday, with over 15,000 people injured and 28,000 homeless.

The Topos have participated in rescue operations in some 20 countries, including in operations in New York, the United States, after the 11 Sept, 2001, collapse of the Twin Towers, and in Turkey after the 1999 earthquake.

Internet



A worker collects oil palm fruits at a plantation in Sepang, outside Kuala Lumpur on 10 April, 2009. Malaysian crude palm oil stocks in March fell 12.89 percent to its lowest in 20 months at 1,363,657 tonnes from a revised 1,565,532 tonnes in February, official crop agency Malaysian Palm Oil Board said on Friday. — INTERNET



SPORTS

City sink as Germans shine in UEFA Cup

PARIS, 10 April — Germany celebrated a winning double in the UEFA Cup quarter-finals on Thursday as English Premier League moneybags Manchester City were left clinging onto European survival.

City slumped to a 3-1 first leg defeat against high-flying Hamburg despite having taken a 35-second lead. Hamburg's Bundesliga rivals Werder Bremen were also casting an eye on the semi-finals after seeing off Udinese of Italy 3-1 at home. Ukraine came out on top in their double-edged duel with France as Shakhtar Donetsk beat former European champions Marseille 2-0 at home while Dynamo Kiev grabbed a precious 0-0 away draw against Paris Saint Germain.

In front of 57,000 fans at the HSH Nordbank Arena, Stephen Ireland put Manchester City in front after just 35 seconds, only for defender Joris Mathijsen to equalise shortly afterwards. City goalkeeper Shay Given kept his side in the game with some magnificent saves, but a handball by Micah Richards allowed Piotr Trochowski to stroke his side in front from the penalty spot.—*Internet*



Manchester City's Micah Richards tackles Hamburg SV's Ivica Olic (top) during their UEFA Cup quarter-final soccer match in Hamburg on 9 April, 2009.—*INTERNET*

Ancelotti 'to take over at Chelsea next season'



AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti, has agreed to take over at Chelsea next season to replace interim coach Guus Hiddink.—*INTERNET*

LONDON, 10 April — AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti has agreed to take over at Chelsea next season to replace interim coach Guus Hiddink, the Sun newspaper reported on Thursday. The report said

Ancelotti has agreed a contract worth 5.8 million pounds a season to move into the hotseat at Stamford Bridge.

Chelsea, who took a giant step towards the Champions League semi-finals by beating Liverpool 3-1 in Wednesday's quarter-final first leg at Anfield, earmarked the Italian as their first choice after Hiddink insisted he wanted to resume coaching the Russian national team on a full-time basis at the end of the season.

The Sun, quoting unnamed sources at AC Milan, said the personal intervention of Chelsea's billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich had proved decisive in swinging the deal with Ancelotti.

Internet

Egypt's Zaki set for showdown with Wigan boss

WIGAN, 10 April — Egypt striker Amr Zaki is set for showdown talks with Wigan manager Steve Bruce after returning late from international duty for the fifth time this season.

Bruce is furious that Zaki, currently on loan at the Premier League club from El Zamalek, once again opted not to fly back to England in time for training after playing for his country last week. The Latics boss is set to meet the player and his advisors on Friday and is sure to pull no punches after accusing the forward of unprofessionalism and claiming his attitude showed disrespect towards the club who pay his wages and his teammates.

Zaki, 26, insists he sustained a hamstring injury with Egypt but that is un-



Egypt's Amr Zaki (right) is set for showdown talks with Wigan manager Steve Bruce after returning late from international duty for the fifth time this season.—*INTERNET*

likely to cut much ice with Bruce, who could decide to call time on the loan deal before the end of the season. "I find it very difficult to contemplate where his future is at the moment, bearing in mind how I feel on the situation," Bruce said on Thursday.—*Internet*

I'm a fighter insists Klinsmann

MUNICH, 10 April — Jurgen Klinsmann came out fighting on Thursday, 24 hours after overseeing Bayern Munich's chastening Champions League loss to Barcelona. The under-fire Bayern manager insisted he had not lost control of his players in the wake of Wednesday's 4-0 rout in Barcelona which followed last weekend's 5-1 drubbing by Wolfsburg.

"I think my word still goes down very well with the team," Klinsmann told German agency SID. "It's normal that a manager must take the flak after such defeats. It's not pleasant but it comes with the territory to be criticised," he added.

"Time is beginning to count but I'm a fighter and I tell myself that I have to lead from the front." Now we have to regroup and concentrate fully on the league. It's not going to be easy to digest this result, but we must do everything to catch up these three points (that sperate Bayern from leaders Wolfsburg) and become champions.—*Internet*



Jurgen Klinsmann.

INTERNET

5 strokes back, Woods has field where he wants it

AUGUSTA, 10 April — Every time Tiger Woods opened the Masters with a round of 70, he went on to win the tournament. The first time, a dozen years ago, it was by a mind-blowing 12 strokes. Even though he's five behind after just one day, he has the field exactly where he wants it.

On a picture-postcard day when journeymen and even a 50-year-old were part of the crowd going low, low and lower on every side of him, Woods was unusually calm. He closed this round of 2-under with a few uncharacteristic stumbles, but that didn't seem to fluster him, either.

He missed an 8-footer at No. 16, then a 4-footer at No. 17 for birdies. Next, he deposited an 8-iron from the fairway 50 feet over the 18th green and wound up making bogey. You half-expected to see steam blowing out of both ears when he exited the scoring hut.

"If I had hit bad putts, it would be a totally different deal, but I hit good putts. It just means," he said evenly, "I need to read them a little better."—*Internet*

Heartbroken Adriano stays in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 April — Brazilian striker Adriano, who is battling depression after a failed love affair, said Thursday that he is not planning a speedy return to Inter Milan.

"I'm not planning an immediate return to Italy. I'll be unhappy there," the 27-year-old told a news conference. "I need to think about my career. I'm not happy in Italy."

I am here in Brazil with my family and friends."

Adriano has been the subject of wild speculation in the Brazilian press this week including having been the victim of kidnapping and even gunned down in a shooting.

His ex-fiancee Joana Machado told reporters that the player had been depressed after their



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INTERNET

break-up.

Adriano is expected to forfeit his estimated monthly pay of 400,000 euros as a result of his absence from Inter Milan, the Italian champions.

Internet

No record, but Campbell opens with 65 at Masters

AUGUSTA, 10 April — Chad Campbell kept pouring in birdies, five in a row to start his round, then four straight on the back nine as the gallery kept up its endless cheering on a day of record scoring. There were 354 birdies and six eagles. There were 38 rounds under par, half of those in the 60s. For all those staggering numbers, what made the Masters come to life Thursday was the sweetest of sounds.

The roars returned to Augusta National.

"This day was reminiscent of how it used to be," Tiger Woods said. "You could go out there on that back nine and make some birdies, and if you caught some good gusts, you could shoot some pretty good numbers." No one did that better than Campbell.

The quiet Texan led a charge that dispelled the myth that the thrill was gone from the Masters, getting off to the best start in tournament history before two late bogeys forced him to settle for a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead over Jim Furyk and Hunter Mahan.

Woods got into the action, too, running off three straight birdies late in the afternoon until his momentum stalled and he shot 70. Even so, it was his first time to break par in the first round of the Masters in seven years. And more than 11 hours of action-packed golf gave the tournament the excitement it had been missing for most of the decade.—*Internet*



Huge computer worm Conficker stirring to life

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 April — The dreaded Conficker computer worm is stirring. Security experts say the worm's authors appear to be trying to build a big moneymaker, but not a cyber weapon of mass destruction as many people feared.

As many as 12 million computers have been infected by Conficker. Security firm Trend Micro says some of the machines have been updated over the past few days with fake antivirus software — the first attempt by Conficker's authors to profit from their massive "botnet."

Criminals use bogus security software to extort money. Victims are told their computers are infected, and can be fixed only by paying for a clean-up that never happens.

Conficker gets on computers through a hole Microsoft patched in October. PCs set up for automatic Windows updates should be clean.

Internet



At The Garbage Museum in Stratford, Conn the first thing a visitor encounters is this 24-foot-long sculpture 'Trash-O-Saurus' by Pennsylvania sculptor Leo Sewell as seen here on 27 March, 2009. The sculpture weighs 1,000 pounds, representing that average amount of garbage and recyclables each person in Connecticut discards per year.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11.4.2009) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

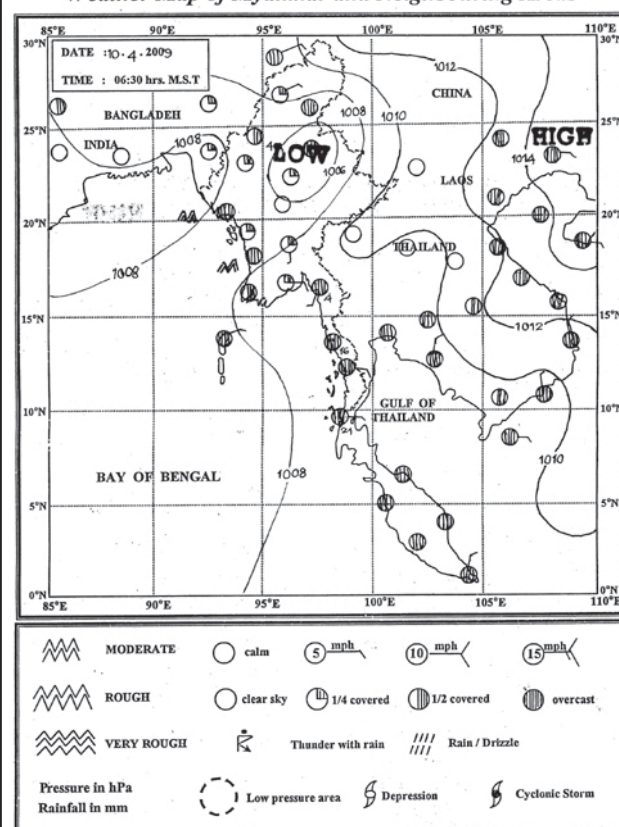
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Water Festival of Bagan Era
- * Myanma Gems Mosaic
- * Let the World know Myanmar through Photography
- * Thingyan Dance
- * Development of Rural Areas "Benefits of Milch Cow Breeding"
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
- * Cow Decoration Items
- * The glory of Maha Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Water Festival "The Pride of Myanma Tradition"
- * Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-I)
- * A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- * Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
- * A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Water Festival of Bagan Era
- * Myanma Gems Mosaic
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- * Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-II)
- * Myanmar Jaggery
- * Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- * Shrimp Spawning Industry
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 10 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State and Ayeyawady Division, (5°C) below April average temperatures in Shan State and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlon (1.26) inches, Kawkaik (1.06) inches, Kawthoung (0.82) inch, Thaton (0.78) inch, Dawei (0.63) inch, Monghsat (0.39) inch, Katha (0.27) inch and Mawlamyine (0.23) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2009 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 10-4-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-4-2009 was 61%. Total sunshine hours on 9-4-2009 was (10.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 10-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 9-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for third weekend of April 2009: During the coming weekend, possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 11 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
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7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:45 am

4. Nice & sweet song

8:00 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:15 am

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:40 am

8. Musical programme

8:50 am

9. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

11:25 am

3. ချစ်စရာတာသင်္ကြန်

11:55 am

4. တစ်ပတ်အတွင်းရုပ်မြင်သံကြား ပြည်တွင်းသတင်းစဉ်

12:55 pm

5. Yan Can Cook

1:20 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အားကိုးချစ်သူကျေးတောသူ" (အပိုင်း-၃၇)

2:00 pm

7. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

2:30 pm

8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

2:45 pm

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Dance of national races

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:30 pm

4. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

4:40 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:50 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:10 pm

8. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

5:25 pm

9. ချစ်စရာတာသင်္ကြန်

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm

13. ပုဇွန်ကောင်းတော်

7:10 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ချစ်သူသက်ထား"

(အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်"

(အပိုင်း-၂)



Tatmadaw a force formed with discipline at core

Welfare service helps improve morale

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The following is a translation of the full text of the speech delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, at the graduation parade of the 112th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School in Bahtoo Tatmyo today.

Comrades,

At the Graduation Parade of the 112th Intake

know.

Comrades,

This course com-

law, economics and agriculture and in-service cadets from regiments and

course in accordance with the objectives of the course: to become competent officers of Defence Services (Army), and to be capable of commanding an infantry platoon in a battlefield. So, you will be appointed as junior leaders of the Tatmadaw soon.

Comrades,

I would like to say something as to combat leadership because you will soon have to assume discharge of combat duties as junior leaders in the Tatmadaw. What you will soon have is position only. You will be able to take the leadership role only if

you win respect and reliance from your subordinates. Basically, you will have to possess all the 16 characters of leadership. In addition, you will have to possess the five sorts of prowess such as physical prowess and mental prowess as much as enough to win respect and reliance of your subordinates, because discharging combat duties is, indeed, coping with a challenge. So, you will have to improve your abilities and capabilities to be able to take the leadership role. In this regard, I would like to remind you that you will become

competent leaders only if you have built true leadership, not superficial leadership.

Comrades,

A military officer must be capable of helping build his force into a stronger one. A strong force possesses three capabilities: military capability, administrative capability, and organizing capability. And the officers and other ranks must all have five qualifications: good morality, self-discipline, loyalty, unity, and possessing three capabilities.

(See page 8)



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers an address at graduation parade of 112th Intake of OTS.—MNA

of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School, I will discuss some points you should

prises direct cadets who will get degrees on professional skills necessary for the Tatmadaw such as

units who meet the qualifications for the cadets.

Now, you have successfully completed the

You are responsible for seeing to democratic transition process in cooperation with the people for successful completion of the 2010 elections.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation parade of 112th Intake of OTS

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The graduation parade of 112th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School took place in the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo at 7 am today with an address by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, (See page 9)



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects the cadet companies.—MNA

