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PRC, Myanmar cooperating in various economic fields strengthening bilateral ties

Fujian Province Governor hosts dinner to Prime Minister General Thein Sein



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party attend dinner hosted by Governor of Fujian Province Mr Huan Shao Xin. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Governor of Fujian Province Mr Huan Shao Xin paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein at Mandarin Grand Ballroom on the first floor of Yeohwa Hotel in Xiamen, Fujian Province, at 6 pm on 19 April.

At the call, the Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of the Political Department U Kyaw Tin and officials.

The Governor of Fujian Province was accompanied by Member of the Permanent Committee of the Province Party Secretary of Xiamen Party Mr Ha Li Pon, Vice-Governor Mr Huang Xiaojing, Chinese Ambassador (See page 8)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Governor of Fujian Province Mr Huan Shao Xin.—MNA

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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Promote Sino-Myanmar cooperation

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein while in Boao, the People's Republic of China to attend Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2009 met Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao at Seven Seas Ballroom of Sheraton Hotel in Sanya on 17 April.

Premier Mr Wen Jiabao said he believes that the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference can successfully be held despite global financial crisis. The conference will contribute much to further strengthening friendly ties as it is based on mutually beneficial cooperation through mutual trust and understanding and exchange of views.

At the conference, the leaders exchanged views on potential impact of present global financial crisis and the response of Asian region to the crisis.

The two leaders discussed fruitful results of bilateral economic cooperation, oil, natural gas and the energy, electric power, rail transportation, agriculture and human resource sectors.

Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao mentioned that China is a good neighbour of Myanmar and there is political stability and economic progress in Myanmar and China supports the continued efforts of her neighbour for national solidarity.

The trip of the Myanmar Prime Minister to the People's Republic of China strengthens Sino-Myanmar relations and cooperation and it will benefit both countries.

UMFCCI members and Myanmar entrepreneurs meet Malaysian delegation.—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

New school building for No. 2 Basic Education High School (Branch) in Maubin handed over



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister Col Thein Nyunt attend ceremony to open two-storey building for No. 2 Basic Education High School (Branch) in Maubin.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April— Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on 20 April morning attended the opening of Khine Sanda, Khine Thawda and Khine Mitta gravel roads in Maubin undertaken by Maubin Township Development Committee and inspected the roads.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister attended the opening of the two-storey building for No. 2 Basic Education High School (Branch) held in

conjunction with a ceremony to hand over the new school building to the Ministry of Education, and the commander unveiled the stone inscription of the new school building.

Next, the commander and the minister sprinkled scented water onto the stone inscription.

After that, the commander and the minister attended the opening of Sithaung Village Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Maubin Township built by the Development Affairs Committee and a ceremony to hand over the new school building to the Ministry of Education.—MNA

Commander attends Rakhine State National Sanitation Week 2009

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—The opening of National Sanitation Week 2009 of Rakine State was held at town hall in Sittway on 6 April with an address by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thauang Aye.

Next, the commander and wife and guests viewed National Sanitation Week 2009 booth displayed at the ceremony. Then the commander accompanied by officials inspected giving educative talks on health to mark National Sanitation Week and demonstration on construction of fly-proof latrine at Min Wun ward in Sittway.—MNA

Mayor inspects sanitation works in Yangon

YANGON, 21 April—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin on 18 April inspected sanitation works for proper flow of water after Maha Thingyan Festival at the corner of Theinbyu and Bo Min Yaung Roads

in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and near Thakhin Mya Garden in Ahlon Township, and construction of sluice gate and brick ditch on Hanthawady Road in Kamayut Township and dredging of drains at Thumingala Road in South Okkalapa Township.—MNA

UMFCCI receives Malaysia Palm Oil Council and Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd

YANGON, 21 April—General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-4 Dr Myo Thet, Joint Secretary-5 Dr Pwint Hsan together with the representatives from Myanmar Edible Oil Merchants and Entrepreneurs Association met with a five-member

delegation led by adviser Maj (Retd) Amir Alias to Malaysia Palm Oil Council and Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd at the office of the federation on 8 April.

The meeting focused on boosting trade between the two countries, holding a seminar on edible palm oil and procedures on importing of items into Myanmar.—MNA



Medvedev slams US plans for missile defence shield

HELSINKI, 21 April—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Monday that US plans for a missile shield in Europe threaten to disrupt the weapons balance between the two countries. During a visit to Finland, Medvedev noted that Moscow “could not reach agreement with the previous US administration” on missile defence, but said he expected to begin talks on the issue soon with President Barack Obama.

When they met in London earlier this month, the

two presidents did not address American preparations to deploy parts of a missile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic, but in their joint statement the United States acknowledged Russian concerns.

“Russia is very concerned about unilateral efforts to develop missile shields that decidedly pose complications in the mutual balance of weapons,” Medvedev said at the University of Helsinki.

He said that “a truly global missile shield” should

not serve the interests of only one country or alliance. “One party should not decide the properties of such a shield but unfortunately that is happening now when decisions are being made in Europe,” Medvedev said, in a speech translated to Finnish.

Medvedev repeated plans, agreed with Obama in London, to begin talks soon to replace the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, which expires at year’s end.

Internet



An Afghan injured man is helped by a relative on a bed at the hospital in Khost Province, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on 20 April, 2009. A second roadside bomb in eastern Khost Province killed two civilians, police said.—INTERNET

Somali pirates free Philippine tanker, 23 crew

MANILA, 21 April—Somali pirates freed a chemical tanker and its 23 Filipino crew members Tuesday after holding them hostage in the Gulf of Aden for more than five months, the ship owner and officials said.

The release came a day after a separate group of bandits freed the Lebanese-owned food aid freighter MV Sea Horse after receiving \$100,000 from Somali businessmen. At least 16 other ships with nearly 300 crew remain in the hands of Somali pirates.

The Philippine company Sagana Shipping Inc declined to say whether it paid any ransom for Tuesday’s release of its ship, MT Stolt Strength.

Securing the safe release of the vessel and crew was “difficult and protracted” and the company was “extremely pleased” with the result, Sagana spokesman Dexter Custodio said in a statement.—Internet



Soldiers inspected a bus hit by a suicide bomber in Kirkuk on 15 April, 2009. A suicide bomber disguised in army uniform blew himself up at an Iraqi military base as newly arrived soldiers queued for lunch on Thursday, killing at least 16 troops and wounding 50.—INTERNET

Army troops in Iraq prepare to head to Afghanistan

BAGHDAD, 20 April—Only in Iraq a few weeks, nearly 500 US Army combat engineers who specialize in clearing roads of explosives learned they were being shipped off to southern Afghanistan, one of the clearest signs of America’s shifting wartime priorities. The transfer, which moved into its final stages Monday, is the largest movement so far of personnel and equipment from Iraq as President Barack Obama puts the focus on the fight in the Taliban heartland.

“We are probably going to be the beginning of the influx you are going to see to Afghanistan,” Lt Col Kevin Landers, commander of the Fort Carson, Colo-based 4th Engineer Battalion, said as crews packed crates and cleaned vehicles for the flight to Kandahar.—Internet

China to show new subs, says no threat to region

BEIJING, 21 April—China plans to display its nuclear submarines this week in the first known public appearance of some of its most potent warships, a sign of growing confidence in its rapid upgrade to new vessels and weapons systems.

The vessels will appear at Thursday’s international fleet review in the northern port city of Qingdao, deputy navy commander Ding Yiping was quoted as saying by

the official *Xinhua News Agency* on Tuesday. He did not give the specific types of vessels to be displayed.

The People’s Liberation Army, controlled by the Communist Party, has traditionally kept its best weaponry tightly under wraps, but recent years have seen a growing openness as it seeks to take its place among the ranks of modern, professional militaries.

Ding reiterated China’s

contention that the People’s Liberation Army does not pose a threat to other nations, despite concerns that a more powerful navy could embolden China in asserting its territorial claims, particularly in the South China Sea.

“The PLA Navy will continue to make contributions to maintain world, regional and maritime peace,” Ding was quoted as saying.

Internet



Afghan forces kill eight Taliban-linked rebels

KABUL, 21 April—Afghan security forces backed by foreign troops killed eight Taliban-linked insurgents during operations in troubled southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, authorities said. Seven rebels were killed in a sweep in the province of Uruzgan, an infamous Taliban hotbed near the Pakistani border, the interior ministry said. Another militant was killed and a suspect detained during an operation in neighbouring Kandahar, the US military said. US forces also said an air strike on Tuesday destroyed a Soviet-era “anti-aircraft weapon system” in Helmand, another Taliban flashpoint.—Internet

A member of the Iraqi police stands by a wrecked bus hit by a suicide bomber in Kirkuk. Ten Iraqi policemen were killed and at least 22 wounded in a massive suicide car bomb in the northern city of Kirkuk on Wednesday, which a senior officer immediately blamed on Al-Qaeda.—INTERNET

Three civilians, three police dead in Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 April—Three civilians and three policemen were killed Monday and more than a dozen others were wounded in the latest incidents of violence across Afghanistan, officials said.

A disabled man packed explosives into his artificial leg and detonated inside the compound of an Afghan provincial governor on Monday but managed only to kill himself, police said.

The bomber hobbled into the heav-

ily guarded compound of the governor in the western city of Herat and exploded his bombs after police fired at him, deputy provincial police chief, Delawar Shah Delawar, told *AFP* at the scene.

“Today a suicide attacker, a disabled man who placed his bombs in his artificial leg, was able to enter the governor’s compound. He exploded himself after our police fired at him,” he said. “The only casualty was the bomber.”—Internet

Hijacked planes in recent years

BEIJING, 21 April — A gunman hijacked a Canadian flight in Jamaica late Sunday, and the six crew members are still being held hostages although all the passengers were released unharmed.

The following is a list of similar accidents that took place across the world in recent years:

26 Aug, 2008 — A Sudanese passenger plane was hijacked en route from Niyala, the capital city of Sudan's South Darfur State, to the capital Khartoum. All passengers were later released.

18 Aug, 2007 — A passenger aircraft with 136 passengers and six crew on board was hijacked on flight from Nicosia to Istanbul and landed at Antalya Airport for refueling. The hijacker had wanted the plane to fly to Iran.

10 April, 2007 — A Turkish plane was hijacked and forced to land in the capital Ankara.

24 Jan, 2007 — A Boeing passenger jet of Sudan was hijacked and diverted from its original flight course to Chadian capital of Ndjamen.

28 Dec, 2006 — An

attempted assault on the crew of a Russian Aeroflot airliner forced the pilot to make an unscheduled emergency landing in Prague.

3 Oct, 2006 — A Turkish airliner was hijacked in Greek airspace after taking off from the Albanian capital Tirana.

12 Sept, 2005 — Two armed men hijacked a small Colombian plane carrying about 25 people. The plane was on its way from the southern city Florencia to Bogota before it was taken.

Internet



Passengers from the CanJet airplane hijacked on 19 April in Montego Bay, Jamaica, arrive at the Abel Santamaria airport in Villa Clara, Cuba on 20 April, 2009.
INTERNET

Toyota's domestic output to hit three-decade low

TOKYO, 21 April—Toyota Motor's domestic production is likely to fall below three million vehicles for the first time in three decades in the current business year as demand slumps, a report said on Tuesday.

Toyota's output in Japan is seen dropping to about 2.8 million units in the fiscal year which began this month, down more than 30 percent from a record high two years earlier, the Yomiuri Shimbun said without naming its sources.

The last time the company's output was less than three million was in fiscal 1978, when Toyota produced 2.89 million vehicles.

Toyota sees the three million production level as the minimum necessary to maintain its 69,000 regular employees in Japan, the newspaper noted.

The company has already shed thousands of temporary workers and the daily said pressure would mount for a reduction in the number of the regular workers.—Internet

LG Elec Q1 operating profit beats forecasts

SEOUL, 21 April— LG Electronics Inc posted a 25 percent fall in quarterly operating profit on Tuesday, hurt by the global recession, but results beat expectations on resilient handset margins and improvements in its flat screen TV business.

The world's No 3 mobile phone maker said it expected to increase total sales by more than 10 percent in the second quarter from the first, thanks to strong revenues from air conditioners.

It also said it aimed to increase mobile phone sales by more than 10 percent in the second quarter from the first.

LG's (066570.KS) improving brand image and price competitiveness from the weaker won are helping the South Korean company expand market share in mobile phones and LCD TVs at the expense of struggling foreign rivals, even in the midst of the downturn.

LG posted a 455.6 billion won (\$337.1 million) global-basis operating profit for the quarter to March 31, beating a 307.4 billion won average profit forecast from nine analysts polled by Reuters.

That compared to a 605.2 billion won profit for the same quarter a year earlier but improved from a 101.4 billion won operating profit in the fourth quarter last year.

Internet



A rescue team of German armed forces Bundeswehr treats the gunshot wound of an Afghan man in a shock room of their rescue centre inside the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) camp in Kunduz late on 20 April, 2009.
INTERNET

Fire damages UN headquarters in Darfur

EL-FASHER, 21 April—A fire has spread through the headquarters of the joint United Nations and African Union peacekeeping mission in Darfur (UNAMID) with no reports of casualties, it said on Monday.

The fire broke out at around 10:00 pm (1900 GMT) on Sunday in a supply area of the headquarters, about 10 metres (yards) away from telecommunication antennas, UNAMID spokesman Nouredine Mezni told AFP. He said the fire was probably caused by a short-circuit but it had yet to be confirmed.

Firemen took more than three hours to put out the blaze, the first at the headquarters since the launch of UNAMID operations in Darfur in January 2008.—Internet

FBI agents escort Somali pirate US officials identify as Abduhl Wali-i-Musi into FBI headquarters at 26 Federal Plaza, on 20 April, 2009, in New York. Abduhl Wali-i-Musi is the sole surviving Somali pirate from the hostage-taking of commercial ship captain Richard Phillips.
INTERNET



Somali pirate arrives in NYC, awaits court hearing

NEW YORK, 21 April— The sole surviving Somali pirate from the hostage-taking of an American ship captain arrived in New York on Monday, smiling for a gaggle of cameras and reporters as federal agents led him into custody to face charges in the attack.

Abduhl Wali-i-Musi (AHB'-dul wahl-ih-MOO'-sih) was handcuffed and had a chain wrapped around his waist. His left hand was heavily bandaged from the wound he suffered during the skirmish on the ship two weeks ago.

The smiling teenager seemed poised as he entered a federal building in a rainstorm, but he didn't say anything in response to reporters' shouted questions about whether he had any comment about the pirate episode.

Wali-i-Musi is the first person to be tried in the United States on piracy charges in more than a century. He was flown from Africa to a New York airport and taken into custody ahead of a court hearing on Tuesday.—Internet

Somali pirates fire on cargo ships in Gulf of Aden

NAIROBI, 21 April—Somali pirates in speedboats opened fire on Monday on two cargo ships in the latest hijacking attempts in the notorious Gulf of Aden. The latest attack occurred at midday when pirates fired shots at a Chinese-owned, Panama-flagged cargo ship, the MV New Legend Honor, said Cmdr Chris Davies, from NATO's maritime headquarters in England.

Two NATO warships — one Canadian, the other British — scrambled helicopters in defence, Davies said. No damage was reported to the cargo ship and the pirates escaped. In a separate pre-dawn attack, pirates fired rockets at the Maltese-flagged MV Atlantica about 30 miles (50 kilometres) off Yemen's coast in the Gulf of Aden, said Lt.-Cmdr. Alexandre Santos Fernandes, a spokesman for the NATO alliance.

Internet



Visitors look at a concept sports car of Geely at the Shanghai auto expo in Shanghai, east China, on 20 April, 2009. The 13th Shanghai auto expo opened Monday to the media. The event has attracted over 1,500 domestic and foreign automakers.—Xinhua

More dangerous consumer products detected in 2008 in EU

BRUSSELS, 21 April—The number of dangerous non-food consumer products withdrawn from the European Union (EU) market rose by 16 percent in 2008 compared to that in 2007, an annual report by the European Commission shows.

The number of notifications for dangerous products rose to 1,866 in 2008 from 1,605 in 2007, according to the report for a rapid alert system for non-food dangerous products (RAPEX), which was

published on Monday.

Toys with childcare articles, such as bicycles, baby walkers, cots and soothers, electrical products, and motor vehicles were the most frequently notified products in 2008.

“This report sends a very clear message that there is no room for complacency when it comes to safety,” said EU Consumer Protection Commissioner Meglena Kuneva.

She said the biggest challenge for 2009 is to

make sure that product safety is not set aside during this period of economic crisis, that business continues to respect their duties toward consumers and that member states allocate sufficient resources to enforcement.

“In times of economic crisis when price becomes a very prominent factor in consumer spending, we need to step up our efforts and keep our vigilance especially high,” said Kuneva.

Xinhua

N China region strives to build more wind power plants

HOHHOT, 21 April —The wind power, once used only by herdsman for cooking and lighting, will spread from remote cottages to the vast countryside in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

An official of the regional government said Monday that wind power installed capacity of Inner Mongolia will reach 5 million kilowatts by 2010.

“Wind power-installed capacity reached 3 million kilowatts in 2008 in the Inner Mongolia, accounting for one-third of that of the country’s total,” said Zhao Shuanglian, vice chairman of the autonomous region, at a ceremony for the region’s first 850-kW wind power generator was successfully produced in Hohhot, capital of Inner Mongolia.—Xinhua

China to build five nuclear power stations in 2009

BEIJING, 21 April —China plans to build five nuclear power stations in the eastern and southern regions this year, the country’s energy planner said here on Monday.

The five projects will be constructed in the coastal Zhejiang Province, Shandong Province and southern Guangdong and Hainan provinces, the National Energy Administration (NEA) announced at a meeting on nuclear power application.

The construction of the Sanmen Nuclear Power Plant in Zhejiang has already begun Sunday.

It would be the first third-generation pressurized water reactor in the country using AP 1000 technologies developed by US-based Westinghouse, and also the first in the world using such technologies.—Xinhua



A traveller uses an auto check-in machine in the departure hall of Changi International Airport in Singapore. —XINHUA

Russia signs \$4-b titanium contract with Airbus

MOSCOW, 21 April —A Russian titanium producer signed a 4-billion US dollar contract with Airbus on Monday, Russian news agencies reported.

Russia’s VSMPO-Avisma will supply titanium products used in the production of all Airbus planes including the new generation A-350 aircraft

until 2020, the *Itar-Tass* news agency reported.

The contract probably is the largest long-term project in the history of the Russian industry, the report noted.—Xinhua

Finnish PM stresses green technology as engine for economic growth

BEIJING, 21 April—Finnish Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen advocated addressing climate change as a solution to the global economic downturn in a speech at Tsinghua University, “Towards a Greener Future,” here on Monday.

“The current economic crisis must not mean that we will decrease our investments in climate change mitigation and environmental protection,” Vanhanen said. “I strongly believe we can simultaneously achieve economic growth and address climate change.”

He said investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency would create “green jobs” and ecologically sound infrastructure. “We need a greater understanding of how green technology and innovation will serve as the engine of economic growth, while simultaneously curbing global warming.”

Vanhanen said the proper time to seek worldwide goals on global warming would be during the Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December.—Xinhua

**All items from
Xinhua News Agency**

Over 30,000 civilians rescued by Sri Lankan troops

COLOMBO, 21 April —The military in Sri Lanka said over 30,000 civilians held hostage by Tamil Tiger rebels in the northern no-fire zone (NFZ) were rescued by the troops on Monday after the Army broke more rebel positions in the NFZ.

The Ministry of Defence said in a statement that the troops captured the 3 km long defence line

built by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on the western border of the NFZ in the morning, opening a safe route for the civilians to flee the NFZ less than 20-sq-km at Puttumatalan area.

The statement claimed three LTTE suicide cadres have exploded themselves in the NFZ killing dozens of refugees in-

cluding women and children.

A pro-LTTE website said the Army began to deliver full fire-power against the NFZ at 2 am (2030 GMT) and advanced into the zone at 11 am (0530 GMT), causing heavy civilian casualties.

Actual number of civilians trapped in the NFZ is being debated.

Xinhua



Palestinians wait to enter Gaza from Egypt through the Rafah border crossing, in the southern Gaza Strip, on 19 April, 2009. The Rafah crossing opened for two days on Saturday for Palestinians with humanitarian causes, a Palestinian border official said. —XINHUA

Indonesian banks increase public fund to cope with crisis

JAKARTA, 21 April —Indonesian banks increased public fund amidst liquidity squeeze this year, a banking official said on Monday.

“We made some innovations to gather public funds. That’s very important to tackle credit crunch challenge,” said Stefanus Willy Sukianto, Senior Vice President of Wealth Management and Funding Business of Bank International Indonesia, a subsidiary of the Malaysia’s biggest bank, Malayan Banking Berhad (Maybank).

The latest bank’s innovation was creating a special saving for women launched on Wednesday that targeted fund of 500 billion rupiah or 44.8 million US dollars in the first year.

The company said that its product, BII Woman One Saving, is the first saving for woman in Indonesia to respond female customers who have specific needs.

Internet

Japan Airlines seeks two-billion-dollars Govt loan

TOKYO, 21 April—Japan Airlines (JAL), Asia’s largest carrier, is seeking two billion dollars in emergency government loans to shore up its finances amid the global economic downturn, reports said on Tuesday.

JAL hopes to secure 200 billion yen (two billion dollars) of low-interest loans from the state-backed Development Bank of Japan, public broadcaster NHK and the Asahi newspaper reported without identifying their sources.

The airline, which expects to report a net loss of 34 billion yen for the past year to March due to weak demand, is considering applying for a public loan but has not yet done so, a company spokesman said.

JAL is concerned it may not be able to secure the funds necessary to buy new aircraft and redeem bonds if the number of passengers keeps falling, NHK said.

The company may need to take cost-cut measures in addition to reductions in procurement expenses, it said.—Internet



File photo of Japan Airlines planes at Haneda Airport in Tokyo. Japan Airlines, Asia’s largest carrier, is seeking two billion dollars in emergency government loans to shore up its finances amid the global economic downturn, reports said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Fire destroys Canadian theater

JACKSON’S POINT (Ontario), 21 April — Canada’s oldest professional summer theater was destroyed by fire, officials said on Sunday. *The Toronto Star* reported the Red Barn Theatre in Jackson’s Point caught fire late Saturday night.

Fire crews could not save the theater’s wooden structure. Parts of two walls were still standing but a silo was the only part that might be saved, the newspaper said.

Witnesses reported there might have been an explosion inside the building. The Barn, which was built in 1883, has been used as a theater since 1949.

“We’re all sad,” said Hugh Sibbald, whose family built the barn and owns the land it’s on. “It was one of the things that brought prestige and awareness to this area.”—Internet

Using pot as a teen may affect thinking

NEW ORLEANS, 21 April —The primary ingredient in marijuana, if used during adolescence, can affect learning and memory later in life, US researchers said.

Dr Peter Winsauer of Louisiana State University had found that estrogen — or, more specifically, having ovaries — made adult rats ex-

posed for the first time to THC, the primary ingredient in marijuana and hashish, less sensitive to THC’s negative effects on tests of learning and memory. Winsauer said the results indicate that the effects of THC and estrogen are different, depending on age, and, even more important, that THC use during adolescence, a

critical period of development, has lasting effects on cognitive processes such as learning and memory.

The researcher said he believes illicit use of THC during adolescence produces persistent changes in the brain that sensitize females to the negative effects of THC later in life.

Internet

Mich man helps deliver wife’s surprise baby

A western Michigan man helped deliver his wife’s baby boy despite not knowing she was pregnant. The Grand Rapids Press reported the man called 911 early Thursday as his wife was in labor. The man told the dispatcher that he had not known his 27-year-old wife was pregnant. He said they recently quit smoking and thought her recent weight gain was related.

The couple has two children, and the mother has an additional child from a previous relationship.

Following the successful delivery, the dispatcher talked the man through post-birth procedures. The child was taken to a local hospital.

Thief steals woman’s steering wheel, knob, seats

A New Jersey woman has an unusual insurance claim. Police said a thief broke into her 2003 Honda S20 and stole the steering wheel, shift knob and front seats.

The 52-year-old victim discovered the theft on Sunday. She told police she had parked the vehicle outside her South Hill Road home on Thursday.

Pa woman forges bankruptcy seal to save electric

A Pittsburgh woman made a fake federal bankruptcy court seal on a document in hopes a utility company wouldn’t cut off her electric service. Dorothy Hunt, 41, pleaded guilty to the counterfeiting charge Thursday and faces up to five years in prison when she’s sentenced 6 Aug.

Prosecutors said Hunt owed Duquesne Light more than \$1,500 and tried to trick the company into believing she had filed for bankruptcy protection so she wouldn’t try to collect the debt and shut off her power in the process. Hunt faked the document in October 2005.

It wasn’t immediately clear how the delinquent bill was resolved. Hunt’s public defender said she can’t comment.



A couple toads crossing a busy Bavarian road. A French bus driver working in Germany faced the sack after stopping her double decker to save a frog from being squashed under the wheels, press reports said.

Deer smashes through doors, three vehicles in ark

A deer somehow survived being hit by a car near Little Rock, but that was only the first part of what soon became a very rough day. On Tuesday morning in White Hall, the vehicle struck the animal on US Highway 270.

Assistant Police Chief Richard Wingard says the injured large doe then charged into the glass doors of a travel plaza, ran about 100 feet through a hallway and crashed through a second set of glass doors, finding itself outside again.

The deer then ran into traffic on Interstate 530, where it was hit by a southbound vehicle. Somehow, the deer managed to run across the median and was hit by a northbound truck.

That proved to be enough for the deer, in Wingard’s words, “to meet its maker.” Noone was injured.



A student artist paints a street wall ahead of the Bangla New Year celebrations in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 13 April, 2009. Pahela Baishakh or the first day of the Bangla New Year falls on 14 April.



Massachusetts Institute of Technology student Huan Liu of Shanghai, China, positions a robot gardener near a tomato plant while demonstrating its capabilities in the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory on the schools campus in Cambridge, Mass.

NEWS ALBUM



Extended runway of Kengtung Airport contributing to smooth transportation

Article: Yan Gyi Aung; Photos: Construction & Ko Ko Lay (MNA)

On 31 March, I had an opportunity to visit Kengtung by air for the first time. The flight of Fokker F-28 from Myanma Airway took one hour and five minutes from Yangon to Kengtung. On arrival at Kengtung Airport, I witnessed the long and wide runway.

“This jet flight takes about one hour for the route. In the past, we spent about two hours by the plane with propellers,” said a local passenger who took a seat beside me.

Pointing to the runway, he continued to say, “Due to construction of the extended runway, aircraft like this can land on the runway.”

After landing, the airplane went to the apron from the runway, and the passengers descended from it.

Fortunately, we, the news crew, met with Superintending Engineer U Thaung Tun of Public Works in Shan State (East) and had an interview with him on extended construction of the runway.

Superintending Engineer U Thaung Tun explained, “Public Works undertook extension of the runway at Kengtung Airport by spending the allotted funds of the government in the respective financial years. As all the construction tasks have been completed, the newly built runway will be inaugurated soon.”

Assistant Engineer (Civil) U Than Htoo Aung, who is discharging duties of Senior Engineer (Civil) of Airport Construction Project Special Group (1) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction said, “Our group has completed cent per cent construction work for four main tasks including the apron to be built in 2008-2009 financial year.” He further explained the progress of construction tasks.

Kengtung Airport is located at an altitude of 2,800 feet, three miles northeast from Kengtung. The original runway of the airport, 4,700 feet long and 70 feet wide, was 12 inches thick asphalt concrete type. The surface of the runway was not constructed horizontally and it was built on a slope. At that time,



Photo shows newly-extended runway of Kengtung Airport.

only Fokker F-27 aircraft could land on the runway as it was short.

Public Works made arrangements for extending the runway by drawing the runway design for landing of Y 8 flights. In line with the new design, the 8,000 feet long and 150 feet wide runway was constructed to withstand 134,000 pounds of loads.

During the period between 1994-1995 and 2003-2004 financial years, Kengtung Region Group of Public Works and Airport Construction Project Special Group-3 extended the original runway with 8,000 feet long and 75 feet wide left section and 1,300 feet long and 75 feet wide right section.

In 2004-2005 financial year, Hong Pang Construction Company continued the construction tasks of the extended runway. The runway had been completed 1500 feet long and 75 feet wide more on the right side. Up to 31-3-2005, the right side of the runway was extended to 2,800 feet long and 75 feet wide in total.

Starting 2005-2006 financial year, Airport Construction Project Special Group-1 continued the construction of the remaining 5200 feet long and 75 feet wide runway section on the right side. On 1-5-2008, the construction tasks were completed. As such, the extension of the runway, 8000 feet long and 150 feet wide, was successfully undertaken.

In building the runway, the 10.5 inches thick

second layer with mixtures of gravels and soil was placed on the compact ground layer. Moreover, the 7.5 inches thick layer was placed on the second layer. Afterwards, the tarmacking of the runway was undertaken on the surface layer.

In 2008-2009 financial year, four main tasks of the runway were construction of the 500-foot landing strip on the hilly areas from mile posts 57 to 96, building of a 600 feet long, 160 feet wide and 18 inches thick concrete apron, dredging of drains at the apron and drawing of the runway pavement marking were completed on 23 March this year.

U Than Htoo Aung explained that the construction tasks were carried out with the use of 21 heavy machinery such as excavators, shift foot rollers, bulldozers, backhoes, quarry, concrete mixers and rollers.

To complete the project on schedule, the government provided necessary heavy machinery and construction materials for the project.

In-charge of the airport U Hla Soe said, “In the past, only Fokker F-27s could use the airport due to short runway. Now, Fokker-28s and other larger jets can land on the longer runway. The F-27 flight flies Kengtung-Yangon within 1 hour and 45 minutes. The F-28 takes about one hour for the same route. The F-27 can carry 44 passengers and the F-28, 84 passengers. So, the local people can travel to their destinations with smoother and better transport facility of the F-28.”

F-28 aircraft can fly during the bad weather on schedules. Therefore, the passengers no longer wait for the flights.

Located in the hilly areas, Kengtung of Shan State (East) was in poor transportation in the past. The travellers by car spent at least one night and two days for the Kengtung-Taunggyi route. It is sure that the travelling time from Kengtung to other towns of plains will be longer.

Therefore, the local people relied on the flights to save time for their travelling to the towns in other States and Divisions.

Thanks to construction of the extended runway, jets and Y-8 cargo flights can land on Kengtung Airport runway. The aviation facility of the airport will contribute to smooth transportation and speedy flow of commodities between Kengtung and other towns in the plain or flat lands.

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A Fokker F-28 jet seen on the runway of Kengtung Airport.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar and party, who arrived at Xiamen, Fujian province, left Xiamen for Kunming by China Airway at 8 a.m. on 20 April. They were seen off at Xiamen Airport by Vice-Governor of Fujian province Mr Huang Xiaojing and officials

concerned.

On arrival at Kunming airport at 10 a.m. a Myanmar young girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. They were welcomed by Myanmar Consul-General to Kunming U Myo Tint and wife, embassy staff and families, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar

Ye Dabo, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi and officials concerned.

Afterwards, the prime minister and party left Kunming for Myanmar by air in the afternoon and were seen off by Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Myanmar Consul-General to Kunming U

Myo Tint and wife, embassy staff and families, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ye Dabo, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi and officials concerned at Kunming Airport.

The prime minister and party arrived back here by special flight in the evening.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein being seen off by Vice-Governor of Fujian Province Mr Huang Xiaojing at Xiamen Airport.

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to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, the Mayor, the Deputy General Secretary of Fujian Province Government Office, the Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Office, the Vice-Chairman of the Province Development and Reform Committee and officials.

The governor extended greetings.

In his speech, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that Myanmar and China share a long border; that the two countries maintain the good neighbourly relations in line with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence; that the two

countries are cooperating in the economic fields of oil and gas exploration; hydropower, and mining; that the cooperation benefits the friendly relations between the two countries; and Myanmar always supports the One China Policy. He gave an account of the political development of Myanmar.

The governor said that he is glad to learn that the government is working hard for improving the socio-economic life of the people and national

economic growth; that Fujian Province has an interest in economic cooperation with Myanmar; and that it will try to boost bilateral

economic cooperation.

Then, the governor hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar delegation.

MNA

Schools in Htantabin Township get new buildings

YANGON, 21 April—New school buildings for basic education schools in Htantabin Township were inaugurated yesterday in the presence of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

The construction of the buildings were funded by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council.

First, the commander went to the basic education

primary school in Thaungta Village in Htantabin Township and inspected the one-storey school building and provided the furniture for the school.

Afterwards, the commander went to Basic Education Middle School (Branch) in Katwe Village where the commander and the director-general of the No. 3 Basic Education Department formally opened the building for the school.

During a ceremony to handover the school buildings held at the school, the commander delivered speech and handed over documents related to the buildings to the director-general of the No. 3 Basic Education Department. Responsible personnel of Nay Ye Construction Company presented stationery to students. Htantabin Township Education Officer spoke words of thanks.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and Director-General U Aye Kyu of No.3 Basic Education Department open new school building of Katwe Village BEMS (branch) in Htantabin Township.—MNA

Electric Power No-2 Minister inspects Thabyaywa Sub-power Station

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Minister for Electric Power No-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected Thabyaywa Sub-power Station in Meiktila Township on 18 April.

During the inspection tour of the 230/33 KV 60-MVA sub-power station, the minister inspected installation of 230 KV power grid linking Meiktila and Taungdwingyi and

installation of 230 KV power grid between Yeywa and Meiktila. He also inspected the cable network and gave instructions to officials concerned.

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Magway Division gearing up for development

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, on 11 April, viewed broadcasting of fertilizers at Letse village tract in Seikphyu Township and inspected the integrated-farming of farmer U Kyi Win at Sharbiyay village in Pauk Township.

The Chairman of Division SPDC attended the opening ceremony of the paddyhusk-fired generator held at Ohntaw village in Pauk Township and pressed the button to start running the generator.

Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe inspected the

broadcasting of fertilizers at Ohntaw village, progress of work in construction of Wetkhoke bridge near Wetkhoke village in Shwegone Township and growing of summer paddy. After hearing the report presented by officials concerned, the Chairman of Division SPDC fulfilled the need.

He inspected the cultivation of summer paddy and integrated-farming of farmer U Than Lwin in Panswa village-tract, Myaing Township and maintenance of Paygon sluice gate near Paygon village Yesagyo Township and sluice gate

in Thonepanhla village.

He also inspected maintenance of pump and supply of water for growing summer paddy in Thamantapo river water pumping project near Thamantapo village in Yesagyo Township and maintenance of pump and supply of water for growing summer paddy in Chitthu river water pumping project near Chitthu village.

Col Phone Maw Shwe inspected the cultivation of summer paddy, digging of Kandaukin outfall channel in Kandaukin village and construction of sleeper factory of Myanmar Railway in Pakokku and fulfilled the need.—MNA



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Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party viewed the production line of the factory.

Next, they had a group photo taken together with the vice chairman of the factory and officials in front of the factory hall.

The Vice Mayor of Xiamen hosted a luncheon in honour of the Prime Minister and party at Macopolo Hotel in Xiamen.

The Vice Mayor of Xiamen explained works carried out for development of Xiamen and industrial development.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views scale models of food and beverage factory of Yinlu Group Co Ltd in Xiamen, Fujian Province. — MNA

Implementation of dam projects on Mone Creek in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence who was accompanying the Head of State in the trip of Mandalay Division together with Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min and Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint left Mandalay for Bagan-NyaungU by helicopter yesterday and then they together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials for Ahtet Buywa Dam Construction Project on Mone Creek in Sedoktara township, Minbu District, Magway Division on the same day.

At the briefing hall, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Tin Maung Ohn briefed on preliminary construction tasks of the dam project, tests on geological data for the construction of diaphragm wall, soil test for the construction of the dam, progress of construction of diversion tunnel, hydro power structures, conducting feasibility study for the construction of spillway.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave a supplementary report. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave instructions on the requirements of the work.

Ahtet Buywa Dam Construction Project is at the site 25 miles upstream the Mone Creek in Sedoktara

township, Minbu District, Magway Division. It is 4,000 feet long and 451 feet high and it is the gravel-filled dam project. It holds over 1.4 million acre feet of water and it can generate 150 megawatt.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party proceeded to Buywa dam project by helicopter and viewed summer paddy fields along the road. And they viewed progress in building the dam with the use of heavy machinery from the observation viewing deck.

At the briefing hall, the Director-General of Irrigation Department briefed on progress of work and future plans and then Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave a supplementary report.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint briefed on Ahtet Buywa and Buywa hydro power plants and arrangements for the connection of power lines. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave instructions on timely completion of the project tasks meeting the set standards.

After cordially greeting the staff families, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected progress in building the diaphragm wall, land preparations, use of cement and digging diversion canal at Buywa dam project.

Buywa Dam Project is at 13 miles upstream the Mone Creek. It is 3,200 feet long and 151 feet high and it is an earthen embankment. It can generate 195 million kilowatt hours a year. If completed, it can

support water to Mone Creek Dam and it can also support the generation of electric power.

Upon arrival at Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam project at the foot of Mone Creek, the Director-General of Irrigation Department briefed Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party on progress in building Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam and officials of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise on arrangements for the connection of power lines.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed on arrangements for the construction of the supporting dam of Salin dam with the use of charts and Lt-Gen Tha Aye gave necessary instructions.

At Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam project, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party looked into progress in building the dam, the hydro power plant, steel pipes and spillway with the use of heavy machinery.

Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam project is on Mone Creek near Wunlo village, Pwintphyu township, Magway Division and it is 3,280 feet long and 164 feet high. It is an earthen embankment and the hydro power plant is being built.

If completed, Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam project can generate 74 megawatt and it can supply water for 74,807 acres of summer paddy.

Next, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected summer paddy fields by helicopter and arrived back Nay Pyi Taw in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Kyee-ohn Kyee-wa dam project. — MNA



Pyuchaung Hydropower Project under implementation

Article & Photos: *Photographer Maung Maung*

Sittoung Valley Region of Bago Division is teeming with hills of Bago mountain ranges and many rivers and creeks. Of them, Pyu Creek located near Pyu town has proper flow of water.

Pyu and its surrounding areas have about 100 inches of rainfall annually. Therefore, the 668,000 acre feet of rainwater flow into 422 square miles of catchment area.

Due to torrential rain, sometimes the creek is in flood in the rainy season. The overflow of the creek destroys crops

development of the country. Without ignoring the difficulties of the local people residing in the Sittoung River Valley, feasibility study was systematically conducted on geogra-phical conditions and nature of environment of the region from all corners. Afterwards, the government had permitted the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 to implement Pyuchaung Hydropower Project on Pyu Creek, seven miles west of Pyu with the aims of taking preventive measures against floods in Sittoung River Valley, supplying irrigated water to the

pre-stressed steel pipeline and building of the power plant. To operate the generator and supply irrigated water for the agricultural purpose, an earthen dam, 1020 feet long and 245 feet high, will be built on Pyu Creek to store 756,000 acre feet of water from the creek at the highest level.

The surplus water will be drained out from the dam through an ogee crest RC type spillway that measures 100 feet by 377 feet. The design of the spillway and the current flow rate will be 23,050 cubic feet per second.

The damming facility of the hydropower project

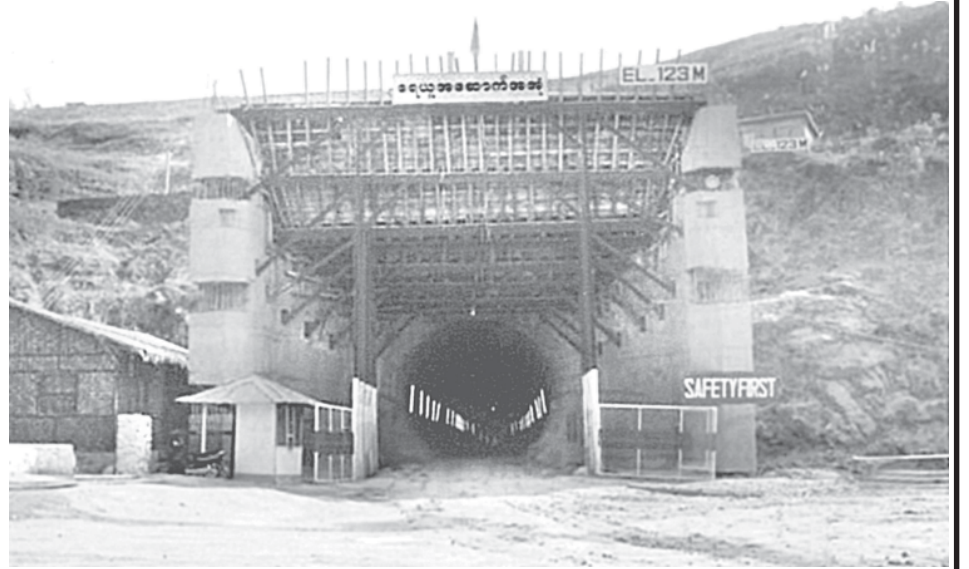


Photo shows progress of concrete work at power intake structure of Pyuchaung Hydropower Project on 30 March 2009.

By operating the turbines the plant will generate hydro-electricity. The current flow rate at the turbines is 2540 cubic feet per second.

The power plant installed with two turbines, the control room and the switch room will be 130 feet long, 110 feet wide and 110 feet high. The plan had been set to generate about 120 million kilowatt hours yearly from the power plant.

Among the construction tasks at Pyuchaung Hydropower Project up to 31 March 2009, the power intake structure has been completed by 77 per cent, the conduit 95 per cent

and the power intake tunnel 60 per cent. So far, the implementation of the project has completed by 53 per cent.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and departmental officials made inspection tours of the project frequently. They have been providing necessary assistance for the project for timely completion of the tasks.

Thanks to implementation of Pyuchaung Hydropower Project, the hydropower will be generated for meeting the electricity demand of the country. Moreover, the irrigation facility of the

project will benefit the growing of summer paddy and double and mixed cropping on about 100,000 acres of farmlands in Pyu and Zeyawady regions of Sittoung River Valley all the year round. In consequence of implementing the project, the local people will enjoy the fruits of increased income and better living standard. As such, Pyuchaung Hydropower Project is an all-round development task for serving interest of the State and the national people.

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Land preparation being made with the use of heavy machinery for building Power Plant of Pyuchaung Hydropower Project on 30 March.

plantations of the people, roads and bridges and leaves the animals dead and property loss. The local people had been in fear of floods for many years.

However, the local people had to wait for the rainy season to supply water for the agricultural purpose. Sometimes, they encountered the danger of floods in the heavy rain in some years.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw government is striving for all-round

farmlands for growing double cropping in Sittoung River Valley and Pyu-Zeyawady region in summer and providing electricity to the entire nation through power grid.

In implementing the project, No. 3 Construction of Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is to carry out construction of the power intake structure, the conduit and the water intake tunnel, laying of the

will have a 27 feet diameter and 130 feet high conduit. The water from the dam will be pumped into the pre-stressed steel pipelines connected with turbines of the power plant through 18 feet diameter and 2,000 feet long power intake tunnel.

The pre-stressed steel pipelines are 8.7 feet diameter and 660 feet long. The water in the pipelines will be supplied with momentum to two vertical-type Francis turbines at the power plant.



Workers and technicians drilling tunnel exit at Pyuchaung Hydropower Project.



Losses from global credit crisis mounting

WASHINGTON, 21 April—The International Monetary Fund said Tuesday U.S. financial institutions could suffer \$2.7 trillion in losses from the global credit crisis, part of a worldwide total expected to top \$4 trillion.

The \$2.7 trillion estimate for the United States was nearly double the IMF's projection from just six months ago. The agency for the first time estimated losses for other

regions of the world, saying the global total could surpass \$4 trillion.

The IMF also warned that governments must take decisive policy actions to contain the fallout. The agency said governments have made progress getting extra money into the banking system, but more needs to be done to deal with toxic assets on banks' books and shutting down insolvent financial institutions.

Additional capital is needed to cushion balance sheets against further loan losses and to restore investor confidence, the IMF said. The Obama administration has said it's considering converting some of the \$200 billion in loans to banks into purchases of common stock as a way to bolster their capital reserves.

Internet



Greenpeace activists place air balloons with the names of contaminants in Matanza-Riachuelo river, Argentina's most polluted basin, in Buenos Aires, on 21 April, 2009. The Matanza-Riachuelo river sediments contains high concentrations of toxic metals such as copper, chrome, lead and mercury, potentially affecting the water, soil and air, according to a Greenpeace statement.—INTERNET

A traditional Chinese medicine physician checks a patient at the only clinic in the village of Baotou, in China's Inner Mongolia region. Beijing says its US\$124 billion health reforms will bring "safe, effective, convenient and affordable" health to the country's 1.3 billion people by 2020 and for many the reform of an increasingly profit-driven, public-private system will be welcome news.—INTERNET



Mayo clinic backs new personal health record site

SEATTLE, 21 April—The Mayo clinic has combined its medical expertise with Microsoft Corp.'s technology in a free Web site launching Tuesday that will let people store personal health and medical information.

The Mayo clinic Health Manager, as the site is called, is one of many emerging services for so-called personal health records. The sites, from companies such as Microsoft and Google Inc. and major health insurers, are meant to give people an easy way to stash medical information and transfer it to a new clinic, hospital or specialist. But those providers aren't necessarily ready for such an electronic revolution, which for now means it takes some work on the patient's part to set up and maintain the records.

The Mayo Clinic Health Manager uses Microsoft's HealthVault system to store medical histories, test results, immunization files and other records from doctors' offices and hospital visits, along with data from home devices like heart rate monitors.—Internet

A power generating station in Sun Valley, California. The US Environmental Protection Agency was set to shift course and deem carbon dioxide a health risk on Friday, sources said, in a turnabout important to global warming-related regulation.—INTERNET



Rivers losing water due to climate change

TOKYO, 21 April—The Colorado River, the Yellow River in northern China, the Ganges in India and the Niger in West Africa are losing water, in some cases because of the effects of climate change, a new study finds. The study examined stream flow in 925 of Earth's largest rivers, and found significant change in about one third of them over the past 50 years. These rivers, all key sources of water for the regions they flow through, were found to be funneling less water through their channels.

"Reduced runoff is increasing the pressure on

freshwater resources in much of the world, especially with more demand for water as population increases," said lead author of the study, Aiguo Dai of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. "Freshwater being a vital resource, the downward trends are a great concern."

Most of the studied rivers flow through some of the most populous places on Earth. But several others flowing through more sparsely populated areas, such as those near the Arctic Ocean, where snow and ice are melting rapidly, showed an increase in stream flow through the study period.

Internet

Happiest European children in Netherlands

LONDON, 21 April—The happiest children in Europe are in the Netherlands and Scandinavia but Britain is among the worst places to grow up, according to new British research published Tuesday.

A league table of young people's wellbeing places the Netherlands top of 29 European states, followed by Sweden and Norway, while Britain comes in at a lowly 24th.

The table, focusing on youngsters aged up to 19, was compiled by researchers at York University in northern England for the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) using data mainly from 2006.

The researchers assessed the countries using 43 separate criteria, ranging from infant mortality and obesity to factors such as poverty and housing.

Germany was eighth, France was 15th and Britain was ranked only above Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania and Malta.—Internet

New research has shown that the happiest children in Europe are in the Netherlands and Scandinavia. INTERNET



GM to end most production at Wyoming, Mich

NEW YORK, 21 April—General Motors Corp. says it will shut down most of its operations at its metal stamping plant in suburban Grand Rapids, Mich., earlier than originally anticipated.

GM spokesman Chris Lee says employees at the Wyoming plant were told last week that the plant's stamping operations will end June 26. He says a small number of tool-and-die employees

will be retained through the end of 2009, though he did not know how many.

In October, GM first announced plans to close the plant by the end of this year, but more aggressive cost cutting and the industry downturn are prompting the automaker to close it sooner.

Lee says the plant employs just under 800 workers. GM has said it will cut 47,000 jobs worldwide by the end of 2009.—Internet



A policeman guards a crime scene in the suburb of San Nicolas de los Garza in Monterrey, northern Mexico on 19 April, 2009. The bodies of a man, his wife and their two children, aged 7 months and 2 years old, were found by relatives inside their apartment on Sunday afternoon in a working class neighbourhood, according to local media.—INTERNET

Tamiflu may increase abnormal acts

OSAKA, 21 April—Researchers from Japan's Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry say Tamiflu apparently increases abnormal psychological behaviour in young influenza patients. The team, led by Osaka City University Professor Yoshio Hirota, said its study revealed influenza patients between the ages of 10 and

17 were more likely to exhibit serious abnormal behavior if they consumed the antiviral medication, *The Daily Yomiuri* reported Sunday. Tamiflu was banned by the Japanese ministry in 2007 for use on 10- to 19-year-olds after delirious behavior was observed in some children taking the drug.

The new study focused

on nearly 10,000 influenza patients under the age of 18 diagnosed after the 2006 fiscal year. They stated in their report that those patients ages 10 to 17 who took Tamiflu had a 54 percent greater chance of exhibiting abnormal behavior than those patients who did not take the medication. "The link with Tamiflu can't be ruled out," the researcher said in the report released Saturday. "New research should be carried out, focusing on serious abnormal behaviour."—*Internet*

Man bits snake after attack

BEIJING, 21 April—A Kenyan man survived a Python attack, partly because he bit the snake after it tried to drag him into a tree.

According to local media on Wednesday, Ben Nyaumbe, a local farmer, was attacked by the 13-foot snake and fought him for several hours. The enormous reptile wrapped him in its coils and hauled him up a tree, but Nyaumbe was able to cover the snake's head with his shirt, and reach his cell phone, where he called police for help. The man's employer arrived with police and local villagers who tied the python with a rope and pulled them both down from the tree with a thud. They found that Nyaumbe had also bitten the python on the tail, causing his lip to split open where it came in contact with the sharp tip.

When asked why he bit the python, the man explained: "I stepped on a spongy thing on the ground and suddenly my leg was entangled with the body of a huge python. I had to bite it."—*Internet*



Journalists look at a Smart Cabriolet at the Shanghai International Auto Show on its opening day, on 20 April, 2009 in Shanghai, China.—INTERNET

Slam dunk record set by British teen

SHEFFIELD, 21 April—A 13-year-old boy in Sheffield, England, set a world record for the longest slam dunk with a nearly 23-foot-long leap to the hoop, his mother says. Anita Ramos said her son Jordan used a trampoline to jump nearly 23 feet through the air and slam a basketball through a 10-foot-high hoop to break the previous world record of

nearly 21 feet held by an unidentified Japanese athlete, *Sky News* reported on Friday.

"I am so proud of Jordan — he's a grounded kid and keeps on top of his homework as well as all his training," the new Guinness world record holder's mother said. Jordan, a tumbling gymnast for Britain, admitted the trampoline slam could be dangerous, citing a previ-

ous spill as evidence.

"I am really glad I did it because during rehearsals I injured myself, it can be quite dangerous," he told *Sky News*. Jordan, whose slam will be broadcast Sunday on Sky 1's "Guinness World Records Smashed," comes from athletic lineage as his mother is an acrobat and his father is a stuntman.

Internet



A Chinese woman walks past a billboard advertising an international fashion boutique in downtown Beijing on 19 April, 2009.

INTERNET

Anti-blindness stem cell therapy perfected

LONDON, 21 April — British scientists say they have developed a stem procedure that will reverse the most common cause of blindness, age-related macular degeneration.

The procedure, pioneered by the Institute of Ophthalmology at University College London and Moorfields eye hospital, involves replacing a layer of degenerated eye cells with new ones obtained from embryonic stem cells, *The Sunday Times of London* reported. The newspaper said pharmaceutical research company Pfizer this week will announce financial backing to bring the therapy to patients.

Internet

Gene may give insight into lung cancer

CINCINNATI, 21 April—Researchers at the University of Cincinnati say they have identified a gene that may help recognize who has a greater risk of developing lung cancer. Cancer biologist and research team head Marshall Anderson said the gene, dubbed RGS17, may serve as a warning sign for people at an enhanced risk for developing the potentially deadly disease, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported on Saturday.

"A proven genetic test could help us identify people at risk before the disease progresses," Anderson said of his group's discovery. The genetics finding could significantly help young smokers who possess the gene as they would likely be at a higher risk of lung cancer if they continued smoking, Anderson added.

"This gene is clearly interactive with cigarette smoke exposure," he said. "In the families we've identified with the gene, we've impressed on them that if you don't smoke, the risk factor for developing lung cancer goes down by probably a factor of 10."

Internet



EPA report warns of greenhouse gas risk

WASHINGTON, 21 April —A US Environmental Protection Agency report says greenhouse gases contribute to air pollution and could pose a public health threat. The proposed finding, which now moves to a public comment period, came out of a scientific review ordered by the US Supreme Court.

"In both magnitude and probability, climate change is an enormous problem," the EPA report said. "The greenhouse gases that are responsible for it endanger public health and welfare within the meaning of the Clean Air Act."

The proposed endangerment finding identified six greenhouse gases that pose a potential threat — carbon dioxide,

methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride — the EPA said Friday in a release.

"This finding confirms that greenhouse gas pollution is a serious problem now and for future generations. Fortunately, it follows President (Barack) Obama's call for a low carbon economy and strong leadership in Congress on clean energy and climate legislation," EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson said in a statement.

"This pollution problem has a solution — one that will create millions of green jobs and end our country's dependence on foreign oil."

Internet



An Apple iPhone mobile phone is seen with Twitter status updates of a Kogi Korean BBQ-inspired taco truck that is on the way to a location as patrons wait in line before it arrives, in Torrance, California, on 17 April, 2009. Kogi BBQ uses the online social networking site "Twitter" to alert followers to their location around the Los Angeles area and any other updates.—INTERNET

Monthly cycle may affect women's knees

CALGARY, 21 April—Canadian researchers may have answered the puzzle as to why women suffer more knee injuries than men — it may be due to their monthly hormone cycle. A University of Calgary research project — a collaboration between kinesiology, engineering and health sciences researchers — found that not all women experience knee laxity — looseness — at the same time of their menstrual cycle. One of the lead authors Darren Stefanyshyn said female athletes are between two and eight times more likely to injure their anterior cruciate ligament in the knee than men.

In the University of Calgary study, 26 women were monitored throughout the course of their monthly course of cycle. Their knee laxity was measured at each phase and they were asked to perform several athletic movements like quick cuts, or sharp jumps.—Internet

In tough times, people seek comfort food

CHICAGO, 21 April—The cuisine of choice in a hurting economy tends to be fattening comfort or fast-food, a US dietitian says. However, just because funds are tight that doesn't mean pants have to be tight too, Gina Bucciferro, clinical dietitian at Loyola University Health System in Chicago, said in a statement.

"As a registered dietitian who loves to cook, I have learned there are ways you can save money while maintaining a healthy diet," Bucciferro said.

Bucciferro suggests:

— Be aware of what is in season. For example, buy watermelon in the summer and apples in the fall.

— Prepare before shopping. Check your shelves at home so you don't buy items you already have and stick to your list. Check the store ads for sales and have coupons ready.

— Be aware of dates. Make sure you will be able to eat the food before the expiration dates.

"If you notice vegetables, herbs or meat in your fridge that you won't be able to use, chop them, wrap them up and freeze them," Bucciferro said. "They'll retain their nutrients and you'll have an easy meal for busy days."

Internet



This aerial view shows cars parked on Cass County 17 north of West Fargo, ND in front of homes surrounded by floodwaters from the Sheyenne River on 14 April, 2009. Rivers across North Dakota — some of them packed with ice from a wet fall, others swollen from rain and snow — have flooded since late March.—INTERNET

Scientists find cause of genetic form of childhood cancer

BEIJING, 21 April—Scientists have found the cause of an inherited form of a rare type of childhood cancer and how the cancer develops, representing a whole new mechanism.

The researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC, the International Pleuropulmonary Blastoma Registry at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota and other collaborating institutions, found that children with a rare, aggressive form of lung cancer called pleuropulmonary blastoma, or PPB, are born with a mutation in DICER1, itself

a master controller gene that helps regulate other genes.

They also found children with PPB have normal-looking cells in their lungs that appear to cause neighboring cells to turn cancerous.

The results were presented Monday at the American Association for Cancer Research 100th Annual Meeting 2009 in Denver, Colorado.

PPB is the first malignancy found to be directly associated with inherited DICER1 mutations, making the cancer an important model for understanding how mutations and loss of DICER1 function lead to cancer,"

says lead author D. Ashley Hill, MD, chief of pathology at Children's National Medical Center.

"Additionally, we now believe that PPB tumors arise from an unusual mechanism in which cells carrying mutations induce nearby cells to become cancerous without becoming cancerous themselves.

"The researchers found that all the children studied with PPB carried damaging mutations in one of their DICER1 genes, giving them one functional and one nonfunctional DICER1 gene in all their body's cells.

Internet

Oxfam predicts millions more victims of climate

LONDON, 21 April—Hundreds of millions of people will become victims of climate change-related disasters over the next six years, Oxfam said on Tuesday, urging governments to change the way they respond to such events.

The British-based aid and development charity estimated the number of people affected by climatic disasters would rise by 54 percent to 375 million people a year on average by 2015, based on data on similar disasters since 1980. In a new report, it warned that humanitarian aid spending and the way it was allocated was far from prepared to meet the challenge.

"The response is often fickle — too little, too late and not good enough," said Oxfam chief executive Barbara Stocking.

"The system can barely cope with the current levels of disasters and could be overwhelmed by a substantial increase



A Bangladeshi man carries his goat to higher ground through the floodwaters in the Sariakandi Sub district in Bogra in 2008.—INTERNET

in numbers of people affected. There must be a fundamental reform of the system."

The report, "The Right to Survive", says governments can take action to mitigate the effect of climatic disasters, citing investment by Bangladesh in cyclone protection measures which has reduced the death toll from storms.

Internet

SPORTS



Bordeaux' goalkeeper Ulrich Rame (R) vies with Lyon's forward Karim Benzema (L) during their French L1 football match Bordeaux vs Lyon at Chaban Delmas Stadium in Bordeaux.—INTERNET

Bordeaux footballers eye top prize

PARIS, 21 April—Alou Diarra says Bordeaux have set their sights on the French league title after his goal gave last season's runners-up a 1-0 victory at home to reigning champions Lyon on Sunday night.

The result took Bordeaux above Lyon into second place, with leaders Marseille extending their advantage over the chasing pack to two points by coming from behind to win 2-1 at Lorient.

"We're ambitious. We've won five games in a row. We feel good physically and psychologically and we're playing efficiently," said former Lyon midfielder Diarra, who scored in the 43rd minute after Lyon failed to clear a right-wing corner. "We're second and we proved on the pitch that we're aiming for the title. Beating the defending champions is a great sign."

Bordeaux coach and former France defender Laurent Blanc admitted that the visitors caused his men "huge problems" in the game's opening stages, and Lyon forward Karim Benzema rued his side's failure to capitalise on their territorial advantage.

"We were able to do good things from a technical perspective and we started really well, but then Bordeaux won six or seven corners in a row and scored from one of them," said the 21-year-old France striker. "That was the difference."—*Internet*

Howard shootout star as Everton makes FA Cup Final

LONDON, 21 April—American goalie Tim Howard saved two shots against his former team, leading Everton to a 4-2 shootout victory over Manchester United and its first FA Cup final in 14 years.

After the teams played to an 0-0 draw, Howard stopped Dimitar Berbatov and Rio Ferdinand at Wembley. Everton will face Chelsea in the 30 May final at the home of English soccer, the Blues having beaten Arsenal 2-1 on Saturday, also at Wembley. Everton beat Man United 1-0 in the 1995 FA Cup final.

Howard, who played at United between 2003-06, also ended his former team's bid to win an unprecedented five trophies in one season.—*Internet*

Safina officially takes over No 1 women's ranking

LONDON, 21 April—Dinara Safina officially took over the top ranking on the WTA Tour on Monday, making her and older sibling Marat Safin the only brother-sister duo to have been No. 1 in professional tennis.

Safina, who has yet to win a Grand Slam title but twice reached a major final, is the 19th woman to top the rankings since they were introduced in 1975. She is also only the second Russian woman after Maria Sharapova to reach No. 1.

Safina replaced Serena Williams at the top, even though the American beat her in the Australian Open final this year. Last year, Safina lost to Ana Ivanovic in the French Open final.—*Internet*

Brian Gay wins Verizon Heritage with record pace

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, 21 April—Brian Gay's taking next week off. After what he did at Harbour Town Golf Links, he might want to reconsider.

Gay won his second PGA Tour title in a record-breaking show Sunday at the Verizon Heritage.

He shot a 7-under 64 Sunday to set tournament marks for scoring (20-under 264), margin of victory (10 strokes) and fewest bogeys over 72 holes (two).

It's the latest plateau for the 37-year-old Gay, who toiled for more than a decade before notching his first career win in his 293rd start.

"I've been moving, kind of going, up, up, up, the last three years," Gay said. And Gay thinks things could get even better.—*Internet*



Brian Gay holds the trophy after winning the Verizon Heritage golf tournament on 19 April, 2009, at Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head Island, S.C. INTERNET

Team principal says Ferrari down but not out in F1

SHANGHAI, 21 April—Ferrari's team principal says there is cause for gloom but no reason to panic after its worst start to a Formula One season

in 28 years.

Star driver Felipe Massa was running as high as third Sunday before an electrical failure in the Chinese Grand Prix, while teammate Kimi Raikkonen finished 10th. It was the first time since 1981 that Ferrari had gone three races into a season without a single point.

"We need to stay cool," Ferrari team principal Stefano Domenicali said. "There is no reason to get in a panic mode because that would be worse."

Massa, retiring on lap 21 with what the team called a "software management problem," said the only solution to Ferrari's ills is to keep trying and work harder.

—*Internet*



Ferrari Formula One driver Felipe Massa of Brazil waits in his team garage during the third practice session for the Chinese Formula One Grand Prix at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China, on 18 April, 2009. The Chinese Grand Prix will be held at the circuit on 19 April.—INTERNET

Modest Nadal marvels at clay court supremacy

BARCELONA, 21 April—Rafael Nadal said on Monday he is sometimes stunned by his clay-court success, a day after lifting a record-equalling fifth title in Monte Carlo.

But the Spanish dynamo refuses to pace himself as he hits his favourite season, playing four of the five weeks running up to the May 24 start at the French Open and aiming to create more record-shattering performances.

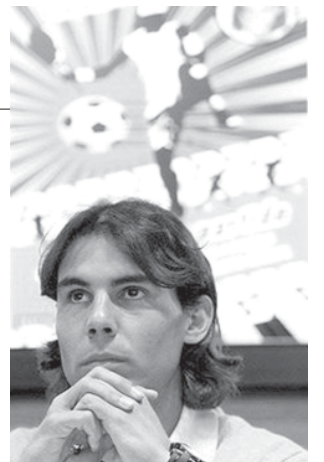
He is now aiming for five titles in a row at this week's Barcelona Open, where he tops the bill, and will look to build on a

record of three titles from five attempts in Rome from next Monday.

He begins against Portugal's qualifier Federico Gil, who crushed Lu Yen-Hsun of Taiwan 6-2, 6-1.

A day after beating Novak Djokovic with a runaway third set to win in the principality, Nadal faced his home public at the venerable Real club in an upmarket neighbourhood as the sell-out event began.

—*Internet*



Rafael Nadal, seen here in Barcelona, said on Monday he is sometimes stunned by his clay-court success, a day after lifting a record-equalling fifth title in Monte Carlo. INTERNET

Juventus punished for racist abuse



Inter Milan's Mario Balotelli

ROME, 21 April—Juventus will have to play a match behind closed doors as punishment for the racist chanting a section of their fans directed at Inter Milan's Mario Balotelli. The teenage Italian under-21 international forward, whose parents are Ghanaian immigrants, was subjected to racist chanting during Saturday's 1-1 draw between the two clubs in Juve's Stadio Olimpico, a game in which Balotelli scored.

However, he incurred the wrath of the Juve faithful for his part in the sending off of Portuguese midfielder Tiago, who kicked out at Balotelli and Ghana midfielder Muntari Sulley after they played keep-ball on the touchline during the match.—*Internet*

UK inquiry: Man U, Liverpool in 'financial doping'

LONDON, 21 April—Heavily indebted Premier League clubs Manchester United, Chelsea and Liverpool were accused of "financial doping" in a British parliamentary report Monday

Among 27 recommendations at the end of a yearlong inquiry, legislators urged English soccer authorities to curb "ludicrous levels of borrowing" and the use of profits to service large debts.

The All Party Parliamentary Football Group, which has no power to push through any changes, is calling for a rule change to enforce heavy scrutiny of business plans before any club takeovers, echoing the agenda of the world governing body.

The group also backed FIFA's "six-plus-five rule" that would impose limits on foreign players, urging the British government to lobby the European Union to overlook its treaties on free movement.—*Internet*



A portable electrocardiogram can record heartbeats, sudden increase in heart palpitations and an irregular pulse. A study by Duke University has found that 'silent' heart attacks may be far more common than previously thought, with nearly 200,000 Americans each year suffering such an attack without realizing it.—INTERNET

Asian astrologers to meet in Nepal in June

KATHMANDU, 21 April—The Asian Astrologers' Conference is going to be held in Nepali capital Kathmandu in June, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Monday.

According to the report, Indian Professor Dr. Ram Krishna Shastri has been selected as the chairman of the organizing committee. Dr. Lokraj Baral, palmist Bishwo Raj Thapa, Dr. Sahadev Bista and Madhav Mangaj Joshi from Nepali side have been selected as co-chairman, general secretary, treasurer and chief coordinator of the conference organizing committee.

The organizing committee has 113 members from all member countries in Asia. The conference will work out strategy to be adopted in the astrology sector in Asia and hold session-wise discussion on palmistry and related eastern philosophy.

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka, among other countries, are members of the Asian Astrologers' Congress.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (22.4.2009) (Wednesday)

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Local Transmission

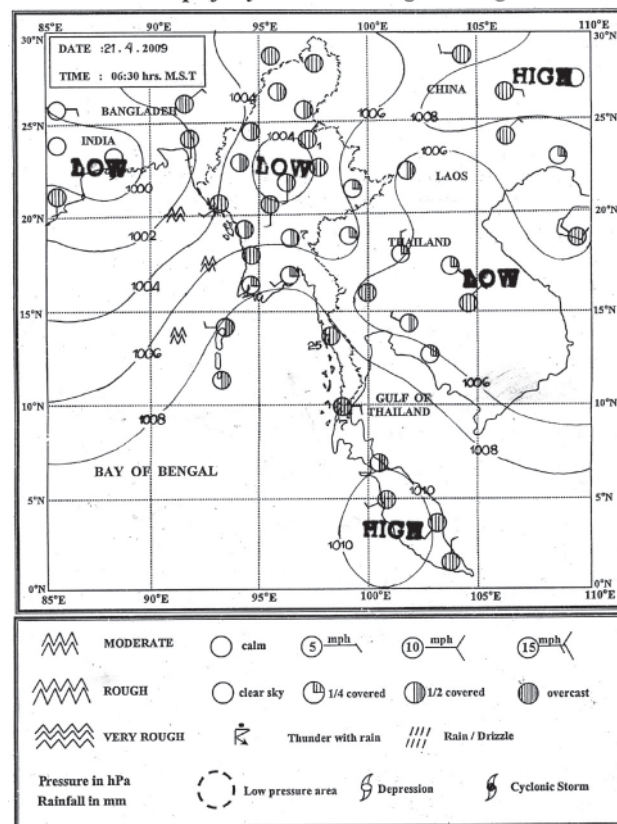
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * A Gift from The Sea
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- * The Historical Sites of Taung Tha Man
- * Travelling on the Chin Mountain Ranges
- * Profile of Myanmar Native Orchids
- * Palm Leaf Inscription
- * Education breaks through the Darkness
- * Let's Speak Myanmar "Mingalabar"
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- * Warmly welcome form a thriving garden
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- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 21 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Sagaing Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures (3°C) below April average temperatures in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogoke (2.08) inches, Kawkaik (1.69) inches and Dawei (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-4-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 21-4-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-4-2009 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 20-4-2009 was (10.1) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 21-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.06) inches at Mingaladon, (1.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 20-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of thesea: Seas will be moderated in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 22 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

6. စိုက်ပျိုးပျိုးမြန်မာ့မြေလွှာ

ဝင်ငွေလည်းရ ဝမ်းလည်းဝ

8:20 am

7. Musical programme

8:30 am

8. International news

8:50 am

9. “သူငယ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ပဒေ” (မင်းခေါ၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယဉ်ကျော်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of national races

4:20 pm

3. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

4:30 pm

4. Classical songs

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု)

(သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. “အသိစိတ်ကလေးအရင်းတည်၍” (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည်ပြည်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

5:15 pm

8. ဂီတသံစဉ်အလှဆင်

5:30 pm

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:35 pm

10. ရွှေယဉ်လင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm

11. Musical programme

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. မြန်မာ့လူမျိုးရာဇာဓိပတိ

6:50 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

16. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:30 pm

17. ရာဇဝတ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မြူးမြူးခေချစ်သက်တည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

22. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း

“အချစ်ကျမ်း” (ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ထက်ထက်မိုးဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)



Officials of Zijin Mining Group call on Prime Minister General Thein Sein



Prime Minister General Thein Sein holds talks with Chairman of Zijin Mining Group Co Ltd Mr Chen Jinghe.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Chairman of Zijin Mining Group Co Ltd Mr Chen Jinghe called on Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar at the room-B of Xin Yue of Yeohwa Hotel at 2.10 pm on 19 April and explained facts about the work of the company to the Prime Minister.

Present at the call together with the Prime Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin and officials and together with the Chairman were Vice Chairman Mr Lan Fusheng, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, the Vice-Governor of Fujian Province and officials.

Next, the Vice Chairman discussed the investment

of the company, exploitation of mineral resources with the use of advanced technology, environmental conservation and functions to be carried out in accord with rules and regulations prescribed by the Union of Myanmar.

With regard to the discussions, the Prime Minister said that as Zijin Mining Group Co Ltd is an experienced company it will be successful in Myanmar, adding that the difficulties the company is going to encounter will be settled together.—MNA

Prime Minister visits Yinlu Group Co Ltd and Lenovo Mobile Communications in Xiamen

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo and officials, left Sanya for Xiamen, Fujian Province on 8 pm on 18 April.

They were seen off at the Sanya Airport by Vice-Governor of Hainan Province Mr Lin Fanglue and officials. On arrival at Xiamen at 10 pm, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party were welcomed by Vice-Governor of Fujian Province Mr Hong Jai Sheu, Vice-Mayor of Xiamen Mr Jiang Xang Gyo, Deputy General Secretary of Fujian Province Government Office Mr Lao Kyan, Director-General of

Fujian Province Foreign Office Mr Song Khe Nin and officials, and a young Chinese girl presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left there in a motorcade and arrived at Yeohwa Hotel in Xiamen where they were going to stay.

On 19 April morning, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party arrived at the foodstuff and beverage factory of Yinlu Group Co Ltd and they were welcomed by the factory chairman and the vice factory chairman. The Prime Minister and party heard reports presented by officials of the factory on establishment of the factory, agriculture, construction of housing and work for staff welfare carried out by the company.

After that, the Prime Minister and party viewed the production process of the factory.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party had a documentary photo taken together with the factory chairman and officials in front of the factory hall.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the mobile telephone factory of Lenovo Mobile Communication Technology Ltd where they were welcomed by the deputy factory manager and the factory general manager.

Next, the Prime Minister and party were briefed on the salient points of mobile telephones produced by the factory.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party visit mobile telephone factory of Lenovo Mobile Communication Technology Ltd in Xiamen.—MNA

