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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

Max Cement Factory to produce 500 tons of cement a day

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—Prime Minister Thein Sein brought honour to the opening of Max Cement Factory in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township this morning.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister U Aung Thaung, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, and Chairman U Zaw Zaw of Max Myanmar Companies Group formally opened the factory.

The Prime Minister unveiled the bronze plaque of the factory, and inspected the operation of the machines, main control room, laboratory room, packing section, and sewing workshop.

Max Cement Factory is near Aung Nan Cho Village in Taungphila Region,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Max Cement Factory in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.—MNA

about nine miles from Yangon-Mandalay Highway, east of Thawut-hti Village in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

The project was launched on 18 June 2008. The test running of the factory began on 1 November 2009. The factory produces 500 tons of cement a day.—MNA

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It should be understood that maintaining and safeguarding the constitution does not mean it will never be amended or any effort will be made to amend it. Safeguarding the constitution means acting in conformity with the provisions of the constitution and preventing any attempt made in contrary to the provisions.

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Max Cement Factory seen in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain and safeguard development infrastructures

Myanmar is a country that stands in conformity with the characteristics of the human society. With various national races living together in it, the country has forged unity and amity.

The government is doing its utmost to develop the country in all aspects. A lot of infrastructures are being built in the regions which have difficult access due to natural barriers. Now, new roads and railroads have been built nationwide and creek- and river-crossing bridges are being constructed. Projects contributing to social and economic improvements are being undertaken as the list of priority.

Rakhine State is already blessed with agricultural, marine and forest resources. It lagged behind development in the past due to lack of peace and stability and because its transport relied only on the waterway. With prevalence of security and peace now, the region has seen sound development infrastructures.

As Sittway-An-Minbu-Magway road, Thandwe-Taungup-Pyay road and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung-Yekyi road have been built, Rakhine State has links with western Bago Division, Magway Division and Ayeyawady Division. Sittway-An-Minbu railroad is under construction and one can go to Yangon by train. Moreover, Pyitawtha-Yechanbyin railroad section has been constructed for the convenience of the people including students in Sittway.

Thahtay hydropower project and Anchaung hydropower project are being undertaken. Plans are under way to implement Saidin and Lemyo hydropower projects. On completion of the projects, Rakhine State will enjoy full electricity.

A lot of development infrastructures have been built across the Union and progress has been made in various sectors. Therefore, all the local people are to try to maintain already achieved security, peace and stability and development infrastructures with Union Spirit.

MSI takes part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 19 March—The MSI has been taking part in Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre from 19 to 21 March for selling its P55-GD 65 Motherboard with R 5870- PM2D1GB/DDR5 Graphic Card which is the latest series of MSI.

The MSI has been selling its products at cheap price and luckydraw winners will be picked out on 21 March. H55M-E33 Motherboard satisfies gamers as it does not need graphic card.

MNA

Role of Shwe Lamin Nagar Co at ICT exhibition

YANGON, 19 March—Shwe Lamin Nagar Company, sole agent of Acer, has been showcasing its popular brand Acer products at Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre from 19 to 21 March. The products displaying at the

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

Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010 opened

YANGON, 19 March—An opening ceremony of Myanmar ICT Exhibition-2010, arranged by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association, organized by Myanmar Computer Federation, took place at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on Uwisara Street here this morning. It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

In the ceremony, chairman of MCF presented the purpose of the exhibition. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, chairman

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—The State Peace and Development Council confirmed the appointment of U Kyee Soe as Director-General of Hydropower Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) on expiry of one-year probationary period.—MNA

of MCPA and chairman of MCEA formally opened the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked around the exhibits.—MNA

MRCS Central Council Meeting commences



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses the opening of the 65th Central Council Meeting of Myanmar Red Cross Society.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—The 65th Central Council Meeting of Myanmar Red Cross Society was opened at the Ministry of Health here this morning, with an opening address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

The directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials from the ministry, President of MRCS Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe and MRCS members from states and divisions.

The minister said in his address that the Myanmar Red Cross Society has stand as a social organization providing social welfare services to public for 90 years since 1920. He expressed satisfaction by saying that the society is constantly and actively taking part in tasks of providing health care services, search and rescue missions and rehabilitation processes.

He recalled the memories of cyclone Nargis during which Ayeyawady Division had faced incredible losses. MRCS members are praised even by international organizations as they were hard-working at the frontline of rehabilitation at that time.

The minister urged the MRCS members to join

exhibition are Acer 3D notebooks, Acer touch screen notebooks, Acer LCD monitors and Acer projectors.

The company has been offering luckydraw winners who bought its products and selling its products at reasonable price.—MNA

hands with the ministry in providing rural health care services and alerting all rural health care centres and hospitals around the country for reducing disaster risks.

The minister continued to say that in case of emergency the CEC members are to better carry out arrangement for resource sharing than working state/division-wise. Red Cross Supervisory Committee in states and divisions are to organize to obtain new skillful Red Cross recruits. It is important to corporate with other ministries for fighting against natural disaster in the world. The CEC members are to use their initiative and to nurture recruits to become dynamism.

Next, President of MRCS Professor Dr Tha Hla Shwe made a speech. Officials then read accomplishment of resolutions adopted by the last meeting, report of executive committee and financial report.

CEC Member Dr. Tun Myint presented matters on relief and resettlement in Nargis-ravaged regions. The meeting then paused for a moment.

In the second session, officials concerned reported on programmes carried out by each department, Red Cross Committees and police stations in states and divisions. The meeting came to an end in the evening. The second day session will be held tomorrow.

MNA

Haiti 'orphans' returned to parents

PORT-AU-PRINCE, 19 March — Aid workers in Haiti have sent home all but one of the 33 children that US missionaries tried to take out of the country after the January earthquake. They said all the children had parents to return to. Each family was given food, blankets and \$260 (£170) as they came to collect their children.

Some of the parents said they had handed them over because they thought they would get better care in US hands. One of the missionaries remains in jail while the other nine were freed. One child is still waiting at the SOS Orphanage on Port-au-Prince's outskirts for further verification of her parents' identities.

The missionaries, who were arrested on 29 January while trying to leave

Haiti after the devastating earthquake with the children, denied any wrongdoing, saying they only wanted to help destitute orphans.

Their leader, Laura Silsby, remains in custody. The earthquake in Haiti on 12 January killed more than 220,000 people and left more than a million homeless.

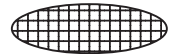
Florence Avrilier was reunited with her eight-year-old son she had given away. She kept her 12-year-old daughter because the missionaries told her they only wanted children younger than 10, she is quoted as saying by the *Associated Press* news agency. "I'm very happy. I had no hope I would ever get my son back again. This has been a very heartbreaking time for me," she said.

Internet



The 33 children were found with the US missionaries on a bus on the border.

INTERNET



Two killed, seven injured in bombings, shooting in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 March — Two people were killed and seven others wounded in separate attacks in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Friday, police said. A bomb exploded near a mosque in

Sadr City, east of Baghdad, killing one civilian and wounding six others.

Meanwhile, unidentified gunmen stormed the home of a member of Iraqi police and shot him dead in Dora district,

southern Baghdad, in the early hours on Friday. Another bomb exploded in a main street in northern Baghdad, leaving one civilian injured and several buildings nearby damaged.—Xinhua

Israeli army confirms air strikes on Gaza

JERUSALEM, 19 March — Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) on Friday confirmed an air strike on the Gaza strip earlier in the day as the Quartet of Middle East peace mediators were meeting in Moscow. Israeli aircraft struck six targets in the Gaza strip early Friday, in response to a deadly Palestinian rocket attack against the Jewish state one day ago, said the IDF.

Among the targets are a weapons-manufacturing site in the north of the strip and five tunnels in southern Gaza, two of which are suspected of being used for military attacks against Israel, the IDF said in a statement released hours after the strikes.—Xinhua

Afghans inspect the site of a suicide attack in Kandahar on 14 March. The arrest of key Taliban leaders in Pakistan stopped a secret channel of communications with the United Nations, the former UN special representative to Afghanistan said on Friday.

INTERNET



US citizen admits role in Mumbai attacks

CHICAGO, 19 March — A US citizen has pleaded guilty to scouting targets for the 2008 attacks on Indian city of Mumbai. David Headley, at his trial in Chicago, also admitted plotting to attack a *Danish* newspaper that published a cartoon many Muslims deemed offensive.

Headley, 49, had denied the charges but changed his plea to avoid the death penalty or extradition to India, Pakistan or Denmark. The attacks on Mumbai in November 2008 left more than 170 people dead. In changing his plea, Headley admitted 12 counts of conspiracy.

Prosecutors will therefore ask for a lesser sentence, but US District Court Judge Harry Leinenweber said Headley could still be jailed for life.—Internet

Venezuela asks for details of charges in ETA case

CARACAS, 19 March — Venezuela has asked authorities in Spain to detail their accusations against an alleged ETA operative accused of helping the Basque separatist group arrange explosives training with Colombian rebels in Venezuela. Venezuela asked Interpol in Madrid for details of the indictment naming Arturo Cubillas Fontan, who is among a group of ETA suspects wanted by Spanish authorities, Venezuelan Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said on Thursday.

El Aissami expressed willingness to investigate but also skepticism about possible political motives behind the case. He echoed President Hugo Chavez in dismissing as "pure lies" the claims by a Spanish judge that Venezuela has facilitated collaboration between ETA and Colombian rebels. Cubillas is accused of being ETA's representative in Venezuela since 1999 and playing a key role in deepening cooperation between the Basque militants and the leftist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.—Internet



The first Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning II short takeoff, vertical landing (STOVL) stealth fighter, demonstrates the capability to hover during a test flight at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, on 17 March, 2010.

Lockheed said the flight was a significant test ahead of the first vertical landing of the F-35B, one of three radar-evading models in the Pentagon's costliest acquisition programme.—XINHUA

Soyuz spacecraft leaves ISS with crew for Earth

MOSCOW, 19 March — A Soyuz TMA-16 spaceship carrying two astronauts has undocked from the International Space Station (ISS), the Russian space agency's mission control centre outside Moscow said on Thursday.

Russian cosmonaut Maxim Surayev and US astronaut Jeff Williams left the ISS at 11:03 Moscow Time (0803 GMT) in the landing capsule of the spaceship, said Valery Lyndin, spokesman for the mission control centre. Surayev and Williams have been on a space mission for about 169 days.

Xinhua

A girl reads a book during the Leipzig Book Fair 2010 in Leipzig, Germany, on 18 March, 2010. The Leipzig Book Fair kicked off here on Thursday, with more than 2,000 exhibitors from 39 countries and regions in attendance.

XINHUA



Nissan Leaf electric car to be built in Sunderland

SUNDERLAND, 19 March — Nissan is to build its new electric car — the Leaf — at its Sunderland plant, the Japanese company has announced. Hundreds of jobs are expected to be safeguarded once production begins in 2013 — part of a £420m investment in electric cars. The investment is backed by a £20.7m government grant and up to £220m from the European Investment Bank.

Ministers have also backed Ford's planned £1.5bn investment in cleaner engines with £360m in loan guarantees. About 50,000 Nissan Leaf hatchbacks, which run entirely on lithium-ion batteries, will roll off the Sunderland production line a year.

Lord Mandelson said the development was a "fantastic vote of confidence" in the plant and its "excellent workforce". Trevor Mann at Nissan

said the government had played "quite a significant role" in the carmaker's decision to build the Leaf in Sunderland.

"Not just in monetary terms, but also setting its stall out in terms of the infrastructure [needed to power electric cars]." Sunderland had already been named as the site to produce Nissan's electric car batteries, creating 350 new jobs. —Internet



Nissan's Leaf is expected to guarantee employment for hundreds.

INTERNET

Caribbean economy worsened by natural disasters

SANTIAGO, 19 March — The recent natural catastrophes have worsened

the already critical economic situation of some Caribbean nations, a senior UN official said on Thursday.

Alicia Barcena, executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said many Caribbean countries have now become even more vulnerable due to the global economic crisis and natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes over recent years.

In 2009, the Caribbean region's economy registered a decrease of 2.1 percent, Barcena said in a statement issued during the 23rd session of the Development and Coop-

eration Committee of the Caribbean, held this week in Grenade.

The average rate of the public debt of the member states of the Caribbean Community was 76.5 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in 2009.

However, in countries like Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, and St Kitts and Nevis, the debt/GDP ratios surpassed 100 percent.

The restrictions set for the growing public debt and the low international reserves have limited the Caribbean governments' capabilities to boost their economies, said the statement.

Xinhua

Tokyo stocks fall from two-month high on poor economic data, Greece concerns

TOKYO, 19 March — Japan's Nikkei Stock Average fell 0.95 percent on Thursday following the previous day's eight-week closing high with investors opting to lock in profits as the euro fell, while macroeconomic data released by the Finance Ministry did little to inspire buying.

Japan's key benchmark Nikkei lost 102.95 points from Wednesday to 10,744.03, as concerns over debt-ridden Greece also weighed on investor sentiment.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange lost 6.64 points, or 0.70 percent, to 940.79.

Xinhua

US says driver error possible in NY Prius crash

WASHINGTON, 19 March — US safety officials believe driver error may be behind the crash in New York of a Toyota Motor Corp Prius that has been investigated as a possible case of unintended acceleration, federal investigators said on Thursday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said that an analysis of the 2005 hybrid's "black box" data recorder found no braking just before it hit a stone wall in the Westchester County town of Harrison on 9 March.

The agency also said the throttle was "wide open", prompting investigators to suspect the gas pedal may have been inadvertently applied instead of the brake.

Internet

Shanghai Expo shines at tourism show in Paris

PARIS, 19 March — A workshop of tourism products related to the Shanghai Expo 2010 and its emblematic Chinese Pavilion put the upcoming event in the spotlight of the 2010 International Tourism Show, which opened here on Thursday.

The China National Tourism Bureau (CNTB), an exhibitor at the show, decorated the workshop with photos and posters featuring the Shanghai Expo, while the red Chinese Pavilion, the largest among the Asian repre-

sentatives, stood out prominently in the 1,700-square-metre exhibition area.

The CNTB hosted 13 French travel agencies that sell special products related to the Shanghai Expo, which will take place from 1 May to 31 Oct. "By inviting a dozen of French tour agencies, we are organizing the workshop to provide information exchange for

international professionals attending this tourism show," Paris Office Director of the CNTB, Xue Guifeng, told Xinhua.

Many French agencies have already developed special products for the Shanghai Expo, Xue said. Guillaume, a seasoned traveller, has visited China twice, and he certainly won't miss the World Expo this year.

Xinhua

People visit China's Shanghai Expo stand during the 2010 International Tourism Show in Paris, capital of France, on 18 March, 2010. —XINHUA

China unveils homemade AC313 large civilian helicopter

BEIJING, 19 March — China's first domestically developed civilian helicopter has completed a successful maiden flight in Jingdezhen, in the eastern province of Jiangxi.

The heavy-lift AC313 helicopter, built by the state-owned Aviation Industry Corporation of China (Avic), can carry 27

passengers or up to 13.8 tonnes.

It is designed to be used for rescue missions in earthquakes, typhoons and other natural disasters.

It is the latest advance for the country's ambitious aerospace industry. At last month's Singapore Air Show, Beijing unveiled the Comac C919 aircraft — China's answer to the Boeing 737 and Air-

bus A320, which should be available commercially by 2016.

The AC313 has a maximum range of 900km (560 miles), the state-run China Daily reported on its website. Its test flight — broadcast live on China Central Television on Thursday — was hailed as a "breakthrough in domestic aviation technology", it added. —Internet





A woman is silhouetted as she walks past the Rolex showcase at the Baselworld in Basel on 17 March, 2010. The world's leading watch and jewellery show Baselworld is to be held in Basel from 18 to 25 April.

XINHUA

Eight people killed in avalanche in Tajikistan

ALMATY, 19 March—At least eight people were killed in an avalanche in Tajikistan late Wednesday, officials said on Thursday. According to Tajikistan emergencies committee spokesman Munira Nazarieva from Dushanbe, rescue work is under way. The avalanche near the Anzob mountain pass about 74 km north of Dushanbe buried several vehicles on a busy road linking the capital city and Khodzhen, the country's second largest city.

The exact number of people buried was still unknown, Nazarieva said, adding that rescuers were making all-out efforts to save lives and search victims. The pile of snow left by the avalanche was reported to be more than 100 metres long and more than four metres high, and covered the exit of a tunnel on the road.—Xinhua

Google pushing TV initiative, reports

BEIJING, 19 March—Google is to increase its efforts to move its technology into the living room by teaming up with such companies as Intel and Sony. Although the joint collaboration is in its early stage, reports suggest the initiative would incorporate Google's Android operating system into future televisions, blue-ray players and set-top boxes. The idea behind the plans is to further develop an interaction between the Internet and traditional broadcast television.

Google is the latest among many entrants in a long-term race to make TVs more interactive and provide users with additional content from the Internet. The search giant, which has already moved successfully into software for cellphones, stands to gain additional revenue if it can move its software and services into TVs.—Xinhua



Wu Yulu and some local children ride on a cart pulled by a robot in Mawu village, suburban of Beijing, on 16 March, 2010. Wu, a local farmer who has made 38 robots in past decades, was recently invited to make robots for the upcoming 2010 Shanghai World Expo.—XINHUA

Fiji cyclone damage worse than thought

WELLINGTON, 19 March—The New Zealand Defence Force said on Thursday that it has seen much more destruction in cyclone-hit Fiji on Thursday than on its first reconnaissance mission. Relief efforts were being concentrated on the northern islands and the Lomaiviti and Lau Groups, the most affected areas by Cyclone Tomas,

Squadron leader Kavae Tamariki said the air force has been delivering emergency supplies, including shelters, water purification tablets and collapsible water containers to the northern group, Radio New Zealand reported.

He said the first assessment was that things were better than expected, but Thursday's mission showed a different story.

There appeared to be few people about, he said, but a lot may still be in shelters. The category 4 storm, bringing winds averaging 175 km/h, battered Vanua Levu and the Lau Group at the weekend. Initial reports said 1500 homes were destroyed or damaged and up to 50 percent of facilities in the Lau Group were affected.—Xinhua



Hot air balloons fly over at the start of the Putrajaya Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 18 March, 2010. Twenty two balloons from ten countries participated in the annual event.—XINHUA

At least 18 killed, dozen missing as bus falls into river in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 19 March—At least 18 persons including two children were killed and 12 others went missing in a bus mishap in west Nepal on Thursday morning, police said. The bus skidded off the road and fell some 150 meters down into the Karnali River in Dailekh district, some 360 km west of capital Kathmandu.

The bus (Na 3 Kha 5868) heading for Surkhet, some 375 km west of Kathmandu, from Kalikot, some 400 km west of Kathmandu, veered off the road and fell some 150 meters down the road into Karnali River in Pipalbot village. According to the police, so far only eight have been identified and 10 have sustained critical injuries.

The police said that 33 boarded the bus from station but approximately 60 people were in the bus as the accident occurred. Teams of Nepal Army, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force, Red Cross and locals have been carrying out rescue work at the accident site. A helicopter has also been sent from Surkhet for the rescue of injured passengers.

Xinhua

Red Cross aid worker abducted in Darfur freed

KHARTOUM, 19 March—The International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) announced on Thursday that its member staff Gauthier Lefevre, who was abducted in Sudan's western region of Darfur in October, was freed.

"Mr. Gauthier Lefevre was released on 18 March close to El Geneina, capital of West Darfur State," ICRC spokesman Saleh Dabbakeh told Xinhua on Thursday. "After almost five months in captivity, he is tired but appears to be in good health. He is now on his way to Khartoum from Al Geneina," he said.

In the meantime, head of the ICRC

delegation in Sudan Jordi Raich said that "We are relieved and happy that Gauthier will soon be back with his family and friends, who have lived a painful nightmare for almost five months." In a Press release issued by the ICRC, a copy of which was obtained by Xinhua, Raich said "Today more than ever, our thoughts are with our colleague and his family."

"I would like to express our profound gratitude to all those who have worked so hard in recent months to secure the release of Gauthier," said Daniel Duvillard, ICRC's head of operations for East Africa, in the Press release.—Xinhua

Australian forces in Afghanistan facing major challenge as Dutch withdraw

CANBERRA, 19 March—Australian forces in Afghanistan are facing a major challenge in Afghanistan as Dutch forces withdraw, Australian Associated Press reports on Thursday. Australian Defence Minister John Faulkner said on Thursday that the withdrawal of almost 2,000 Dutch troops from August would impact on operations in Oruzgan Province.

Presenting the third ministerial update on Afghanistan, he said NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) was working to identify a new senior partner for Oruzgan where most of Australia's 1,550 troops are based.—Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Two students stumble on new dinosaur

EDINBURGH, 19 March — A new species of dinosaur with scythe-like claws and bad family connections has been discovered in China.

British student scientist Michael Pittman and an American colleague stumbled on the near-complete fossil skeleton of Linheraptor exquisitus on a field trip to Inner Mongolia.

The 8ft-long creature is related to the Velociraptor, one of the terrifying stars of Jurassic Park.

Like its famous cousin, Linheraptor had a large curved claw on each foot, which may have been used to dispatch prey.

The dinosaur, which lived 75 million years ago, would have been agile and swift. Mr Pittman said: "Jonah saw a claw protruding from the cliff face. He carefully removed it.

Internet

Glowing fruit fly sperm yields real time results

CHICAGO, 19 March — US researchers using genetically engineered fruit flies with glowing sperm have tracked the seed's progress inside the female, in real time. By making the fly's sperm glow green or red, researchers from Syracuse University are able to see previously unobservable events unfold. Competition between sperm is a key component of sexual selection.

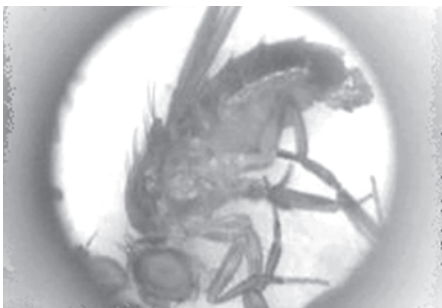
The researchers hope their findings will also offer new insights into human reproductive biology.

In nature, monogamy is often the exception, promiscuity usually the rule, the BBC's Matt McGrath reports. But whenever a female of any species mates with more than one male there is a battle between the sperm of the potential fathers as they attempt to fertilize the eggs.

Scientists regard this type of sexual selection as a very important force for evolutionary change. The trick of making fly sperm glow to see how they compete was first employed in 1999, by scientists from the University of Chicago.

Now the Syracuse University researchers have gone one better, by watching the sperm race in real time, the journal *Science* reports. Prof Scott Pitnick says it was a jaw-dropping moment when he saw the multicoloured sperm through the microscope for the first time.

Internet



The team made flies with sperm that glows red and green.—INTERNET

Chileans' quake knowledge saved thousands of lives

SANTIAGO, 19 March — 27 Chileans' knowledge of earthquakes, combined with the abnormally long time it took for the February quake to reach its crescendo, saved thousands of lives, a leading geophysicist said on Thursday.

Experts have been investigating why Chile's 8.8-magnitude quake, the world's fifth strongest recorded earthquake since 1900, killed relatively few people — around 500, by the government's estimate.

Internet

British hospital to treat Internet-addicted teens

LONDON, 19 March — British teenagers who cannot tear themselves away from the Internet, computer games or their mobile phone can get help from a new addiction service, a spokeswoman said today.

A private London hospital has launched Britain's first dedicated technology addiction service for what it dubbed "screenagers," after parents complained their children were flying into a rage when told to turn off their computer.

Help will be offered through intensive in-patient, daycare or group therapy to children as young as 12, although it is aimed at 15-to-17 year olds, amid increasing concern about the amount of time they spend in front of a screen.

"I've been contacted by parents who see their children going into a rage when they're told to turn off their computer," Richard Graham, lead consultant at Capio Nightingale Hospital, told the London Evening Stand-

ard.

He said children played some computer games for the social contact, adding: "It gives them a sense of connection so they end up playing all the time."

Teens will be encouraged to switch off technology and interact with people face-to-face rather than online, a hospital spokeswoman said, and also helped with any problems caused by their habits, including cyberbullying.

Internet



A pet dog performs loop-jump at a pet dog fair held in the city of Panyu, south China's Guangdong Province, on 13 March, 2010.

Cashier, 91, finishes shift after being punched

A 91-year-old New York pharmacy cashier refused medical attention and went back to work after a thief punched her. Florence Critelli grabbed the man's hand and screamed when he reached over and grabbed cash from her cash register at the Rite Aid in East Northport on Long Island. He punched her in the chest, knocking her down, before fleeing. "He hit me good," Critelli said.

But she refused to leave work early. She said she didn't want to just "sit there and be bored."

After finishing her shift Thursday, she insisted on driving herself home.

Critelli, who has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, said if police catch the guy, she wants to "smack him."

Acupuncture can spread serious diseases

Bacterial infections, hepatitis B and C, and possibly even HIV are being transmitted via acupuncture through the use of contaminated needles, cotton swabs and hot packs, experts warned on Friday.

In an editorial published in the *British Medical Journal*, micro-biologists at the University of Hong Kong said the number of reported acupuncture-related infections worldwide was the tip of an iceberg and they called for tighter infection control measures.

"To prevent infections transmitted by

acupuncture, infection control measures should be implemented, such as use of disposable needles, skin disinfection procedures and aseptic techniques," wrote the researchers, led by Patrick Woo, microbiology professor at the University of Hong Kong. "Stricter regulation and accreditation requirements are also needed," they added. Acupuncture is one of the most widely practiced strands of alternative medicine and is based on the theory that inserting and manipulating fine needles at specific points in the body helps to promote the flow of "Qi" or energy.

Man gets 80 years' jail for shooting five-year-old girl in face

A man convicted of shooting a five-year-old girl in the face has been sentenced to as long as 80 years behind bars by a Michigan court.

MyFox reports Keyon Timmons, 30, was found guilty of shooting Jordayna Barret in the face on 9 Sept, 2009, but maintained his innocence in court.

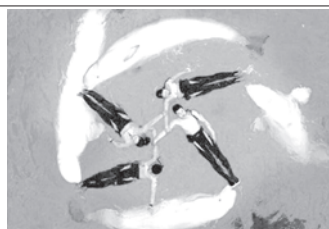
Timmons went to the mobile home where Jordayna lived in Oxford Township, a day after threatening to kill his girlfriend, Jordayna's aunt, as well as her mother and two children.

White whales perform synchronized swimming with trainers during a show at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium-amusement park complex in Yokohama, southwest of Yokohama, Japan, on 14 March, 2010.

His girlfriend was on her way to a shelter when he arrived, so he shot Jordayna instead with a .38 calibre gun.

The bullet went through her cheek and neck. Four other children were inside the home at the time.

"How do you tell a six-year-old she was shot by a man she knew and loved?" Jordayna's mother De'Anne Barrett said.



Visitors take pictures next to a dinosaur replica outside the Jurassic park attraction on the opening day of Resorts World Sentosa.

NEWS ALBUM

Mother jailed for killing six babies

A 38-year-old French woman was jailed for 15 years yesterday for killing six of her newborn babies. Celine Lesage pleaded guilty to killing the infants at birth.

Lesage was suspected of killing her six newborns between August 2000 and September 2007.

She was charged with aggravated voluntary homicide and could have received a life sentence. "Yes, I killed the babies," she said under questioning yesterday.

Bursting into tears, she added: "I did it but . . . I can't explain it."

Foreign Minister receives Nepalese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received a delegation led by H.E. Dilli Bahadur Mahat, State Minister for Peace & Reconstruction of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, who is on a visit to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon at 13:00 hours today.

During the call, the two Ministers discussed matters relating to celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of the Diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Nepal and strengthening of friendship and bilateral relations of both countries.

Also present at the call were H.E. Ms. Guna Laxmi Shama Ambassador of Nepal to Myanmar and U Kyaw Tin, Director - General of Political Department and officials concerned of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein looking around Max Cement Factory. (News on page 1)—MNA

Myanmar and Nepal celebrate 50th anniversary of friendship ties

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—A commemorative reception of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal was hosted by Nepalese Ambassador to the Union

of Myanmar Ms. Guna Laxmi Shama at Sedona Hotel in Yangon this evening.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife and visiting Nepalese State Minister for Peace and Reconstruction Mr. Dilli Bahadur Mahat attended the reception.—MNA



Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by Nepalese Ambassador Ms Guna Laxmi Shama at a reception to mark 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Nepal.

MNA

iLedger of INTEGRA at Myanmar ICT Exhibition

YANGON, 19 March—There will be no more headache for businessman with accounting problems. INTEGRA Systems Co. Ltd has developed iLedger Myanmar Accounting Software.

The bilingual application will become an important tool for effective management.

Those interested may buy the accounting system the company office at No (42-D), New

University Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon (Ph: 5576368 and 095140716) and at Myanmar ICT Exhibition 2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Centre from 19 to 21 March.—MNA

7th Myanmar-China Consular Consultation held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—At the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, four-member Chinese delegation led by Mr Sun Dali, Deputy Director-General, Consular Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China arrived Yangon on 16 March to attend the seventh Myanmar-China Consular

Consultation.

The seventh Myanmar-China Consular Consultation was held at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 17 and 18 March. The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Director-General U Win Naing of Consular and Legal Affairs Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese delegation led by Deputy Director-General Mr Sun Dali of Consular Affairs Department held fruitful discussion related to the protection of rights and interests of Myanmar nationals in China and

Chinese nationals in Myanmar, cooperation in combating narcotic drugs and human trafficking. The representatives from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Ministry of Immigration and Population of the Union of Myanmar also attended the meeting. The officials from the Embassy of the PRC joined the Chinese delegation.

The Chinese delegation left Yangon today.—MNA



A discussion at 7th Myanmar-China Consular Consultation meeting in progress.—MOFA

UMFCCI to hold 19th AGM in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 19 March—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will hold its 19th Annual General Meeting at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 28

March. UMFCCI members are invited to attend the meeting without fail. One-day trip by special expresses is arranged for the members in Yangon. The expresses will set forth from UMFCCI

Office in Lanmadaw Township at 6 am on the meeting day. Those wishing to board the expresses may enlist at UMFCCI (Ph: 214344 and 214349) not later than 24 March.—NLM

The right decision and choice

Banya Aung

If the main characteristic of democracy is the elections, we will have to say that political parties that stand for the elections are the main players. In an election, the people elect the persons who on their behalf will exercise the executive and legislative functions. Political parties on their part stand for the election with the promise "We are the most suitable persons to shoulder these duties". Here, a question arises. "What kind of qualifications should the political parties and politicians to represent the people have?" In the countries where democracy was born and flourished, the definitions for those qualifications have become firmer and firmer in the society throughout the evolution of democracy. They are now like the moral ethics of the societies in those countries. So the said qualifications are not required to be enacted as laws anymore.

As for the countries that freed themselves from colonialism and others that changed from feudal monarchy system to constitutional monarchy system during the post-World War II period, democracy practices and political party are a rare commodity. So, there are ethic violations even by the party and politicians which will have to take over the State's responsibilities. So, a question "Who will act as the ombudsman?" comes out. For this reason, principles for party functions and canvassing campaigns are systematically prescribed in written statements. So, for the countries that introduce democracy in the 21st century and are in the nation-building process in the post-conflict period the act of enacting laws and procedures has become a norm. Some countries include the law concerning the political parties in the election law and some enact the political parties law exclusively.

Myanmar also is a country that enacts political parties law. On 8 March, the country enacted laws that are required for holding the election which is the fifth step of the seven-step Road Map. Every person who wishes to carry out the democratization process

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peacefully and in accord with the Constitution sees enactment of the laws as a significant development.

On the other hand, those who do not accept the Road Map expressed disagreement soon after the promulgation of the laws. They have expressed their disagreement even before all the five laws have been completely issued in the dailies. The countries that are blindly supporting those persons and groups are echoing their voices although the English version of the laws has not come out yet. Actually, criticism should be made on a law only after reading it thoroughly and pondering the pros and cons.

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Those who are criticizing and opposing the Political Parties Registration Law are pointing out the Articles 6 and 10. The Article 6 deals with the principles to be observed by the political parties. Especially, they are pointing out that Sub-article (c) which states to safeguard the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is against them as they are demanding

the amendment of the Constitution. But their act is rather childish even in the view of the ordinary people.

Actually, the 2010 elections are for implementing the 2008 Constitution. If one cannot accept the Constitution, the best thing for him is to stay away from setting up a political party. No government will permit any person who has already determined to abolish the Constitution instead of supporting it and to amend it through unlawful ways to set up a party and the continued existence of his party.

It is stated in every constitution that citizens must safeguard their constitution. At the time of taking oath, it is required to pledge to safeguard the constitution. Even in the US, the president, other senior government officials, congressmen have to pledge that they will safeguard the Constitution to the best of their ability in taking the oath. Every person who has become a US citizenship has to take the oath of allegiance to support and defend the US constitution and laws against all enemies foreign and domestic. In the Article 405 of the Constitution of Myanmar it is stated that political parties shall adhere to the Constitution and the existing laws. It is crystal clear that the provisions of the Political Parties Law are based on the provisions of the Constitution.

In reality, those demanding the constitutional amendment are intentionally ignoring the fact that the constitutional amendment cannot be made only with the wish of the State Peace and Development Council. So also, it cannot be amended with only the wish of the political parties. Procedures in connection with the amendment are stipulated in the Chapter XII of the Constitution. So, only the congressmen elected by the people to exercise legislative affairs on their behalf will have to hold discussion and pass resolutions at the Hluttaw for amendment.

If they want to amend the provisions included in the constitution, it would be more
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pragmatic to consider whether or not it should be done only after they have tried to win the trust of the people and have been elected. Moreover, it should be understood that maintaining and safeguarding the constitution does not mean it will never be amended or any effort will be made to amend it. Safeguarding the constitution means acting in conformity with the provisions of the constitution and preventing any attempt made in contrary to the provisions. There will be no difficulties for those who want to discuss and negotiate in Hluttaws in order to amend the constitution in accord with its provisions.

Another provision the anti-government groups are criticizing in disagreement with the seven-step Road Map is the Article-10 (e) of Political Parties Registration Law which states that a political party shall not be allowed to organize convicts to become its members. That law states a convict is a person who is in jail according to the judgment of a certain court. But, pointing to this fact, some say the law is designed to ban a certain person from standing for election.

If it is intended for the said person, an article would have been referred to a specific crime so that the person will be banned from the election forever. In other way, it would have been prescribed that a person charged under this law shall have to wait for a certain period even after being released. The article-74 of the 1947 constitution in the parliamentary democracy era said, "Any person who whether before or after the commencement of this Constitution, has been convicted, in any of the territories included within the Union, of any other offence, and has, in either case, been sentenced to transportation or to imprisonment for not less than two years, unless a period of five years or such less period as the President may, in his discretion, allow in

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any particular case, has elapsed since his release shall be disqualified for being chosen as and for being a member of either chamber." Above-mentioned points show that restrictions can be imposed on the rights of a person who has even served his jail terms till a specified period. It is clear that the fact that those serving jail terms shall not be allowed to belong to political parties in accord with Political Parties Registration Law is not concerned with a particular person but concerned with all those serving their jail terms in the prisons of Myanmar according to court judgments.

In reality, a political party is an organization on which the people have to rely and which is mandated to deal with legislative affairs on behalf of the people. Should those serving jail terms belong to such an organization? People serving jail terms may include those who committed petty crimes and those who committed serious crimes. Even ordinary people will know that those serving jail terms should not belong to a party that will lead the nation. However, permission has been given for those serving jail terms to apply for parties as they wish when they have been released. Then, it is only up to a party concerned to decide whether an applicant should belong to it after considering his committed crime and punishment.

Now is the time when we have to start to shape democratic system. So, quality is more

important than quantity. When the permission was given to form political parties for the 1990 election, the competencies of parties were considered lightly. So, the country set world record having a total of 235 parties. Out of them, there were only over 90 able to stand for the election. All have known that the remaining parties had to be abolished as they committed illegal acts and did malpractices. It is necessary not to repeat such mistakes. That was why norms of political parties were systematically prescribed in the Political Parties Registration Law. The limitations are not designed to cause political parties to be marginalized. It is required to see those limitations as the soil preparation to ensure that a plant grows well and thrives in the long run.

Every law carries prohibitions and restrictions. Maybe, some people are not happy with such prohibitions and restrictions. A law that wins satisfaction of everyone is impossible even in such democracies as Britain and the US, let alone other countries. Every time a congress promulgates a new law, it attracts a widespread criticism. In many cases, the President sometimes has to use veto to turn down the law promulgated by the congress. Therefore, it is not strange some people are criticizing the newly-issued Law and Rule on Registration of Political Parties. I would say that such cases are common, especially in Myanmar where certain parties and persons are resorting to various means, relying on external elements at the expense of national interest to grab power.

So, the most suitable yardstick for our people in this regard is as to whether those laws and rules serve the national interest, and contribute towards the process to hold free and fair elections peacefully. If a person studies the laws and rules thoroughly, he can notice that they guarantee in a democratic way that the people have the right to elect freely and form a political party systematically. Therefore, it is required of the people not to let themselves to be swayed by broadcasts designed to cause public outrage, but to make the right decision and choice in order to achieve success in the democratization process.

Translation: TMT+ST+MS

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Officials meet for road safety

YANGON, 19 March—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended work coordination meeting of Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division

Secure and Smooth Transport held at the Yangon Command today.

After hearing reports presented by attendees, he fulfilled the needs. The meeting ended with his concluding remark.

MNA

Transport Minister meets Chinese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swem met Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo at the ministry here this morning. Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation in

transportation sectors.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department and Head of office U Win Khant.

MNA

Objectives of 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

1. To uphold Our Three Main National Causes at risk to life as the national policy
2. To work hard with national people for successful completion of elections due to be held in accordance with the new constitution
3. To crush internal and external subversive elements through the strength and consolidated unity of the people
4. To build a strong, patriotic modern Tatmadaw capable of safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the nation



Photo shows Okthar LED factory in Singaing Township. (News on Page 16)—MNA

Courses of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—A concluding ceremony of both Computer Programming Course (Visual Basic) and Multimedia Web Content

Development Course, organized by Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, took place

at the ministry office here today.

Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun gave certificates to

trainees after making speech.

The 4-week courses were attended by 74 trainees.

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—The case of occurring new influenza (A/H1N1) pandemic in Myanmar has been issued in the dailies. There has been still case of the pandemic in Dagon Myothit (South) and Bahan Townships in Yangon Division, Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay Division, Kyaukme, Hsipaw and Nawngkhio Townships in Shan state (North), Monywa Township in Sagaing Division and Magway in Magway Division.

There are 36 people with flu-like symptom at the hospital during March 2010. Two of them were discharged and the others are in health care but no one is dead.

With the guidance of Ministry of Health, Central and Regional Authorities take preventive measures against (AH1N1) pandemic. For not occurring the case, the people should keep the warnings of Ministry of Health.

MNA

Two dead, 11 injured in Papun mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—Two passengers were killed and 11 others injured in a mine explosion in Papun Township, Kayin State, at about 4 pm on 14 March.

The incident occurred when the bus

bound for Michaungwun Village from Winmaung Village in Papun Township hit the mine planted by Kayin insurgents between Kyunbinwin and Thayetpinseik Villages the same township. The bus was ravaged on its

right side by the blast.

The injured are now in Bilin and Thaton Township general hospitals. Officials concerned are providing assistance for the victims.

MNA

Specialists from Mandalay Workers' Hospital provide free medical treatment

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—Specialists led by Dr. Daw Khin Phyu Win, Medical Superintendent of Mandalay Workers' Hospital provided medical treatment free to workers and their

families at Tatmadaw Can Factory in Mandalay during their work time on 16 March.

During treatment, the medical superintendent made a speech on free medical care and health knowledge. She

presented the gifts to three persons who can answer the questions on medical knowledge.

The specialists admitted 24 worker patients to Mandalay Workers' Hospital.

MNA

Books donated to rural libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—To hail 65th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a donation ceremony of one thousand books entitled "International Relations and Diplomatic Control by Henry Kissinger" written by Khin Maung Myint

(Sagaing), which is worth three million kyats, to the libraries in the whole nation was held at Ministry of Information here today.

On behalf of author Khin Maung Myint (Sagaing), Soe Myint (Kayan) donated the books. The book

published at Sein Myanmar Publishing House in January 2010 will be distributed by Myanmar Myint and Hninzhline bookshops to the whole country. It is cost one thousand kyats for one.

MNA

World Tuberculosis Day
24 March 2010
ON THE MOVE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS
Innovate to accelerate action

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Expanding lake threatens thousands in Pakistan

ATTABAD, 19 March — The water is rising day by day in this remote part of northern Pakistan, and with it, so is the fear among thousands who stand to lose their crops, their homes and maybe even their lives.

A massive landslide early this year formed a natural dam in the Hunza River, creating a lake that is consuming upstream villages as it expands. If the dam breaks, a flash flood could threaten downstream villages too. The landslide also has blocked the Karakoram Highway, a vital trade link to China, cutting off 25,000 people in the Upper Hunza Valley.

The crisis is another headache for the weak, US-allied government in Islamabad, already struggling to contain a spreading al-Qaeda and Taleban militancy.

"Why can't the government remove this debris to give an outlet to the water? Doesn't it have sufficient machinery to do away with it?" asked Ajaz Ali, who has watched in frustration as the water slowly submerges his village of Shishkat.

The landslide was large even by the standards of the mountainous Hunza region, whose beauty is said to have inspired James Hilton's novel, "Lost Horizon," a tale of the mythical paradise of Shangri-La.—Internet



In this image taken on 11 March, 2010, people wait for boats at a lake created due to blockade of the Hunza River in Attabad, northern Pakistan. A massive landslide early this year formed a natural dam in the Hunza River created a lake that is consuming upstream as it expands. If dam breaks, a flash flood could threaten downstream villages.—INTERNET



The mascots of Youbaobao for the Oil Pavilion of the forthcoming Shanghai World Expo 2010 make their debu, during the mobilization assembly for the 40-day countdown to the opening of the World Expo Oil Pavilion and public debut of its mascot, jointly sponsored by the PetroChina, Sinopec, and China National Offshore Oil Corp., in Beijing, on 15 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Renowned Moscow theatre troupe to visit China

BEIJING, 19 March — Russia's world renowned Moscow Bolshoi Theatre troupe will visit China from 24th April to 5th May. The Bolshoi will take part in the Opera Festival hosted by Beijing's National Centre for the Performing Arts, as well as the annual cultural festival "Meet In Beijing".

The 200-year-old Bolshoi represents the quintessence of Russia's

classical music heritage. And has been part of many monumental art pieces.

For its Beijing tour, the Bolshoi will stage three works from its repertoire, opera "Eugene Onegin" and ballets "Don Quixote" and "The Pharaoh's Daughter".

Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin" premiered in 1879 and has broken all records for op-

era production longevity. This will be the first time that Chinese audiences have seen a full-length opera, transported entirely from Bolshoi.

Both "Don Quixote" and "The Pharaoh's Daughter" are memorable undertakings of master choreographer Petipa. "Don Quixote" presents Russian ballet dancing at its most powerful and vivid.—Internet

Pakistan, Iran ink historic gas pipeline deal

ISLAMABAD, 19 March— Pakistan and Iran have signed the long-awaited gas pipeline project agreement, Pakistani officials said on Wednesday.

An official from Pakistan's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources confirmed to *Xinhua* that Pakistan and Iran have signed the heads of agreement and an operational accord in Istanbul on Tuesday.

The inter-state gas systems, a semi-autonomous body which will take care of Pakistan's interests in the import of gas through the pipeline, and the National Iranian Oil Company finalized the agreements, said G.A. Sabri, Special Secretary to the Minister of Petroleum.—*Xinhua*

Haiti needs 800 mln USD to revive agriculture sector

SANTO DOMINGO, 19 March — General Director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Jacques Diouf said on Wednesday that Haiti needs at least 800 million US dollars to revive its agriculture sector. Diouf said Haiti's agriculture sector can meet only 20 percent of domestic demand. He therefore asked international organizations to continue aiding Haiti, which was devastated by a 7.3-magnitude earthquake on 12 Jan.

At the Conference of Donor Countries to Haiti in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, Diouf said that after the earthquake, Haitian authorities worked out a 700 million dollars rescue plan for the agriculture sector. "But the graveness of the damage made us think that at least 800 million dollars will be needed," Diouf said.—*Xinhua*

US, India strengthen trade relation

WASHINGTON, 19 March — The United States and India signed an agreement on Wednesday to strengthen trade and investment ties, concluding a deal that leaders of the two sides announced last year.

US Trade Representative Ron Kirk and Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma signed a "Framework for Cooperation on Trade and Investment" in Washington.

This agreement will encourage small businesses in both countries and boost cooperation on clean energy technologies.

"There is almost limitless potential for growth in trade between our two countries," Kirk said, "and that can contribute to economic recovery and job creation in the United States and continued economic growth in India."—*Xinhua*



Military forces work to clean the streets in Talcahuano, Chile, on 16 March, 2010. Preliminary estimate shows Chile needs 30 billion US dollars for repair following the 8.8-magnitude earthquake on 27 Feb, President Sebastian Pinera said on Tuesday.—XINHUA

EU, L America agree to deepen cooperation in digital technology

SANTIAGO, 19 March — The European Union (EU) and the Latin American and Caribbean countries (LAC) signed an agreement to deepen their cooperation on the development of an information society, local press said on Wednesday.

During the fifth EU-LAC ministerial forum on the information society held in Spain's Segovia, representatives from both sides decided to strengthen the digital strategies to develop the regulations of the information technologies and communication sectors, improve the access and use of the Internet, enhance privacy and network security, enrich digital contents, and deepen the Internet governance.

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UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Myanmar

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancies with UNDP Yangon. Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Position No. 1

Title : Township Project Manager – One Position
Level : SC-7
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with the possibility of extension
Duty Station : Bogalay (with frequent travel to the target villages)

Requirements: Bachelor degree in a relevant development field with minimum 5 to 7 years of progressive experience in managing, coordinating and leading the planning, implementation, and management of a rural development project. Training skills is an asset. He/she will have strong cultural sensitivity and has the ability to work under pressure. He/she will have the ability to effectively engage multi stakeholders such as government officials, civil society, grassroots entities and other development partners. The candidate will be a good team player with the ability to manage for result. Must be computer literate, and be fluent in English, both written and spoken.

Position No. 2

Title : Sectoral Specialist (Disaster Risk Reduction) – One Position
Level : SC-8
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with the possibility of extension
Duty Station : Yangon (with extensive travel to the five Delta Townships covered by UNDP under recovery programme)

Requirements: Candidate must possess Bachelor degree in social sciences, public administration, international development, or other relevant field; minimum 5 to 7 years of work experience in the areas of DRR and/or community development; excellent ability to quickly grasp and synthesize inputs from a range of disciplines related to disaster management and development; proficient in using the prevalent computer applications (word processing, presentations, email, etc.); self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; good communication and interpersonal skills, team oriented work style, interest and experience of working in multi-cultural environment; fluency in written and spoken English is required; demonstrated ability to work under pressure, ability to perform multiple tasks and meet deadlines; experience working in a post-disaster situation a distinct advantage; good humor, patience, high energy, and a shared belief in UNDP's mission.

Position No. 3

Title : Sectoral Specialist (Micro and Small Enterprise Development) – One position
Level : SC-8
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with possibility of extension
Duty Station : Yangon (with extensive field travel to the five Delta Townships covered by UNDP under recovery programme)

Requirements: Candidates must possess a Bachelor degree from a recognized institution preferably in Business related disciplines; candidates must possess an ability to articulate, analyse and conceptualize information into strategy framework; he/she must have minimum 5 to 7 years of working experiences in business development including small business planning, business financing and accounting and marketing development, preferably in private sector enterprises in Myanmar, and at least one year of community development experiences in rural villages of Ayeyarwady delta will be an advantage; candidates with comprehensive experiences in market research, analysis and development line of work in Myanmar, are highly desirable. Candidates should possess demonstrated capacity to work in a team and to develop network with communities, stakeholders and institutions locally; good interpersonal skills and good command of both Myanmar and English languages is essential. Good knowledge of Microsoft office applications; internet and emails are required for carrying out the tasks effectively.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KAN BAEK SAN VOY NO (01/10) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.6 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 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 Claim Day.

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Bull Taeyang, right, runs away from its opponent Ackbalri during their fighting at the Bullfighting Festival in Cheongdo, southeast of Seoul, South Korea, on 17 March, 2010. More than 100 bulls are taking part in the five-day festival.—INTERNET

Position No. 4

Title : Technical Specialist (Micro and Small Enterprise Development) – Two positions
Level : SC-6
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with possibility of extension
Duty Station : One each in Bogalay and Labutta Townships with extensive field travel to the UNDP target villages in the respective area.

Requirements: University degree in Business related disciplines; minimum 3 to 5 years of experience in business development including small business planning, marketing and business financing and accounting; strong computer skills including Microsoft Office including Word and Excel; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; good writing and communication skills in English; diligence attention to critical details, keen sense of work priorities and highly motivated and demonstrated capacity to work in a team. Experience of community development in rural villages of Ayeyarwady delta will be an advantage.

Position No. 5

Title : Project Support Officer – One position
Level : SC-7
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with possibility of extension
Duty Station : Based in Yangon, with extensive field travel to the five Delta Townships covered by UNDP under recovery programme

Requirements: Bachelor degree in social science or any other related area; minimum 5 to 7 years of experience with community development projects; proven planning, monitoring, evaluation, proposal development and report preparation skills; excellent understanding of participatory community development processes, DRR and Gender mainstreaming; ability to proactively network with a range of organizations-local NGOs, INGO, UN, government, and donors; pro-activeness and ability to work as a team; experience in the use of computers and office software packages and handling of web based management systems; excellent speaking and writing skills in English is a must.

Position No. 6

Title : Project Assistant – One position
Level : SC-5
Duration of Assignment : Till December 2010 with possibility of extension
Duty Station : Yangon with frequently travel to field survey operation areas

Requirements: University degree in Business Administration, Accounting or Finance is preferable but not Mandatory; minimum 5 years of progressively responsible accounting, finance and office functioning; strong computer skills including Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Access; ability to type Myanmar language an asset; excellent interpersonal and communication skills; good writing and communication skills in English; diligence attention to critical details, keen sense of work priorities and highly motivated; knowledge and familiarity in large scale survey activities an asset. Those candidates who applied for the Project Assistant Post (SC-5) advertised on 17 the February'10 are encouraged to reapply.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their application, and should submit together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit (DST), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon. E-mail: registry.mm@undp.org**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s). "UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the past 6 months." UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts. **Closing Date : 2nd April 2010**

Geithner warns US unemployment will remain high

WASHINGTON, 19 March —US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner on Tuesday warned jobless Americans they face a torrid year ahead, predicting continued high unemployment levels despite advances "sometime this spring."

Speaking in Congress, Geithner said some im-

provements in the decimated US job market would come soon, but not enough to eat into the near double-digit unemployment that has brought the crisis into ordinary Americans' homes.

He warned that more than 100,000 jobs need to be created each month to push the jobless rate down from its current level of

9.7 percent.

"Because we do not expect job growth substantially over 100,000 per month over the remainder of the year, we do not expect substantial further declines in unemployment this year," he warned.

"Indeed, the rate may rise slightly over the next few months as some workers return to the labour force, before beginning a steady downward trend." An estimated 8.4 million Americans have lost their jobs since the recession began in late 2007.

Losses have spread throughout the country — well beyond the already depressed industrial heartlands — with knock-on effects for everything from consumer spending to bank lending.

At the depths of the crisis in early 2009, some 750,000 jobs were being lost each month.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ORIENTAL ELF VOYNO (004)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL ELF VOYNO (004) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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 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 Claim Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SONGWON PCS CO., LTD
KOREA

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (513)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV RATHA BHUM VOY NO (513) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.3.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (001)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.3.2010 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 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PDZ LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1010)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1010) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.3.2010 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 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CHINA SHIPPING
(MALAYSIA) AGENCY SDN BHD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

An outside view of the under-construction Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Swimming Stadium in New Delhi on 16 March. With seven months to go until the start of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, the partially completed main stadium is a messy building site and the swimming complex a pile of rubble.—INTERNET



Explosives lost after Chile quake "dangerous"

SANTIAGO, 19 March—The explosives washed away by the ensuing tsunami following the 27 Feb earthquake at the bay of Talcahuano in southern Chile are dangerous to people, said the commander of Chile's Second Naval Zone on Tuesday.

Admiral Roberto Macchiavello said that about 120 lightning rockets and 478 hand sparklers used as signals at sea were washed away by tsunami in the wake of the earthquake.

The explosives could cause severe burns or injuries to people and are "a danger in case of wrong use," said Macchiavello.

Xinhua

Chinese-made wings are installed to an Airbus A320 plane at Airbus (Tianjin) Final Assembly Co Ltd in Tianjin, north China, on 16 March, 2010. The first pair of wings of Airbus A320 made in China, produced by Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) Xi'an Aircraft Industry Factory, were installed to the Airbus A320 plane in Tianjin on Tuesday.—XINHUA



Thinner smokers get higher risk of lung cancer

SINGAPORE, 19 March — A recent research showed that thinner smokers have a higher risk of lung cancer than their fatter counterparts, local media reported on Wednesday. Researchers from the National University of Singapore surveyed 63,257 middle-aged and elderly Chinese Singaporeans from 1993 on-

wards.

It examined the relationship between smokers' body mass index (BMI) — a measure of obesity — and their chances of lung cancer, local English newspaper the *Straits Times* reported.

The research found that pack-a-day smokers with a BMI of at least 28 were six times as likely to get lung

cancer as equally heavy people who had never lit up. But thinner pack-a-day smokers, who had a BMI of less than 20, were 11 times as likely to get the disease as non-smokers of a similar weight and BMI.

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in men in Singapore, and the third most common in women.—*Xinhua*

Arab Interior Ministers meet in Tunisia on anti-terrorism

TUNIS, 19 March — Arab Interior Ministers met on Tuesday to discuss ways to eliminate terrorism in the region and adequate moves to curb crimes in Arab states.

"It is necessary to step up efforts so as to make sure that the security agencies are always up to

the tasks entrusted to them, adapting to changes and in tune with modern technologies and scientific methods," Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali said in a statement read on his behalf by Interior Minister Rafik Belhaj Kacem.

"This will help increase the efficiency of fighting all types of crimes, and protect the society from all risks and scourges," he added.

The 27th session of the Arab Interior Ministers Council kicked off in Tunisia, as ministers alongside with representatives from international organizations focused on strategies to fight terrorism financing, drug trafficking and organized crimes.

"The phenomenon of crime is developing, especially the terrorism-related criminal acts.

Xinhua

17 Australians missing after Fiji cyclone

CANBERRA, 19 March—The Australian government is attempting to contact 17 Australian citizens missing in Fiji's north after Cyclone Tomas hit the Pacific Island nation earlier this week.

The government's overseas aid programme, AusAID, revealed on Wednesday that 35 Australians known to be in the area have been accounted for and efforts are continuing to contact the others.

"Thirty-five of the 52 Australians registered in the north are reported as safe and well," AusAID's acting director-general, Peter Baxter, said.

"But communications are still down in the area and we expect to make contact with the others as the next couple of days progress." The lack of communication is also hindering aid efforts, but an Australian Hercules military plane carrying emergency supplies is on its way to Fiji at the request of the interim government.—*Xinhua*

SPORTS

Nadal reaches semifinals at Indian Wells

WASHINGTON, 19 March—Defending champion Rafael Nadal defeated Tomas Berdych 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) Thursday to reach the semifinals of the BNP Paribas Open in his first tournament since returning from a six-week injury layoff. "I played really well, especially the first set," Nadal said. "The first eight, nine games was an unbelievable level. Later the wind came and it was more difficult to play."

Nadal was hampered by knee injuries last summer that continued into the Australian Open in January, when he was forced to retire in the quarterfinals. Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia ousted Juan Monaco of Argentina 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, setting up a semifinal against Nadal.

Xinhua

Atletico Madrid advance into Europa quarters

LISBON, 19 March—Sergio Agüero scored two first-half goals Thursday to steer Atletico Madrid into the quarterfinals of the Europa League on the away goals in spite of a 2-2 draw on aggregate.

The Argentina striker twice gave Atletico the lead, finding the net in the third and 33rd minutes.



Sporting's Anderson Polga (L) celebrates his goal against Atletico Madrid with teammate Miguel Veloso during their Europa League last 16, second leg soccer match at Alvalade stadium in Lisbon.

XINHUA

Liedson and Miguel Veloso leveled for the home team before halftime.

The teams drew 0-0 in the first leg last week in Madrid.

Agüero sneaked between a defender and the goalkeeper to poke the ball in from close range.

Liedson equalized in the 19th minute, heading in at the back post for his fourth goal in the competition.

Atletico made the lead again when Agüero took a pass from Jose Antonio Reyes and shook off two defenders before firing in his second goal.

Anderson Polga ducked out of the way of Veloso's free-kick in first-half injury time and the shot bounced past the goalkeeper into the net to make it 2-2.

Xinhua

Liverpool beats Lille to reach Europa quarters

LONDON, 19 March—Fernando Torres scored twice to help Liverpool beat Lille 3-0, reaching the quarterfinals of the Europa League on Thursday by 3-1 on aggregate. Liverpool evened the first-leg deficit in the ninth minute at Anfield when Adil Rami fouled Lucas Leiva and Steven Gerrard stroked home a penalty.

Torres added the second goal in the 49th minute, racing clear of the defense before chipping the ball over the goalkeeper. The Spain striker made it 3-0 in the final minute when he fired home after Gerrard's shot had been blocked by the goalkeeper.

"The reaction (since the first-leg defeat) over the last two games has been superb. It was vital we didn't let the game go to extra time tonight because of the (Premier League) game we've got on Sunday (against Manchester United)," said Gerrard, Liverpool captain.

Xinhua

Wolfsburg's Benaglio eyes return



VfL Wolfsburg's Swiss goalkeeper Diego Benaglio.

WOLFSBURG, 19 March—VfL Wolfsburg's Swiss goalkeeper Diego Benaglio is set to return for the defending Bundesliga champions this weekend after undergoing knee surgery ahead of June's World Cup. The 26-year-old had an operation on his right knee at the start of February and is hoping to be involved

in Sunday's match, against the Bundesliga's bottom side Hertha Berlin, for the first time this year.

"It is really a great thing to train with the team again, I am really pleased to be back," said Benaglio who is hoping to be part of Ottmar Hitzfeld's Switzerland team for June's World Cup. Benaglio has not played for Wolves since December, but is set to be a key feature in the Switzerland squad for the World Cup where the Swiss have drawn Spain, Honduras and Chile in Group H.—Internet

I wouldn't bet on Bayern, says coach van Gaal

MUNICH, 19 March—Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal said Thursday he would not bet on the German giants winning their first Champions League title since 2001 on the eve of this season's quarter-final draw. Bayern booked their berth in European football's top competition despite a 3-2 defeat at Italian side Fiorentina 10 days ago with the draw for the last eight taking place at 1200 on Friday (1100 GMT) in Nyon, Switzerland.

Last season's winners Barcelona and runners-up Manchester United are amongst the favourites to again reach the final in Madrid on May 22 and van Gaal says he would not bet on Bayern lifting the trophy in Spain. "If I had to bet on the winners of the Champions League, I would not bet on Bayern Munich," said van Gaal, whose side top the Bundesliga. "I think Barcelona and Manchester are the teams (to beat)."

Internet

Benitez fumes at Riera 'sinking ship' outburst



Liverpool's Fernando Torres (right) challenges Lille's Rio Mavuba during their UEFA Europa League match at Anfield in Liverpool.—INTERNET

LIVERPOOL, 19 March—Albert Riera's Liverpool future has been plunged into doubt after manager Rafael Benitez criticised the Spanish international for labelling Liverpool as a 'sinking ship.'

Riera told Spain's Ra-

dio Marca: "When the coach says nothing to you and you are well, with no physical problems and training well, you cannot help but think it must be something personal."

Riera also went on to say he felt Liverpool were a "sinking ship" after a poor season which has seen early exits from the title race, Champions League and FA Cup.

But Benitez hit back at the 27-year-old former Espanyol player's comments after Liverpool overcame Lille at Anfield on Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Europa League.

The Liverpool manager said: "I think the timing was not the best for the team and we will deal with this internally."

Internet

Alves warns Barcelona against complacency

MADRID, 19 March—Barcelona's Brazilian defender Daniel Alves has warned against complacency after the Spanish side coasted into the Champions League quarter-finals after their 4-0 defeat of Stuttgart. Argentina striker Lionel Messi scored twice on home turf during the Spanish side's rout on Wednesday, which left them with an aggregate score of 5-1 and as Spain's only team in the last eight ahead of Friday's draw. Despite that achievement Alves said it's early days yet.

"We have to see ourselves as just another team in the next stage, that is what he have to do if we want to remain alive," the told Barcelona's television station Barca TV on Thursday. "It is important not to lose our humility, our mental strength, because in a competition as tough as the Champions League, the hardest thing is keeping the level of the game high." The Champions League final, on 22 May, will be held at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium of Barcelona's arch-rivals Real Madrid.—Internet

Hodgson hails Fulham's finest hour after beating Juve



Fulham's Zoltan Gera celebrates scoring a penalty during their UEFA Europa League round of 16 2nd leg match against Juventus at Craven Cottage, London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 19 March—Roy Hodgson hailed the greatest result in Fulham's history as the unheralded English club staged a stunning fightback to knock Italian giants Juventus out of the Europa League. Hodgson's side went into the last 16 second leg clash as heavy underdogs after losing 3-1 in Turin last week and their European adventure looked almost

over when David Trezeguet gave Juve an early lead at Craven Cottage. But Bobby Zamora's strike gave the hosts hope and, after Juve defender Fabio Cannavaro was sent off, Zoltan Gera struck twice to draw Fulham level on aggregate.

Juventus, twice European champions, gave a dismal display and American forward Clint Dempsey came off the bench to score a superb late winner before Jonathan Zebina was dismissed for kicking Damien Duff. Fulham's 4-1 win sealed a 5-4 aggregate triumph which booked a place in the quarter-finals—a previously unimaginable prospect for a club more often concerned with fighting to stay in the Premier League than mixing it with Europe's big-guns—and Hodgson admitted it was a remarkable moment.—Internet

Honda dreams of steering CSKA to Champions League title

MOSCOW, 19 March—Japan midfielder Keisuke Honda, who helped steer CSKA Moscow into the Champions League quarter-finals for the first time, said Thursday he had always dreamed of scoring in Europe's elite competition. The 23-year-old grabbed the winning goal in the last 16 win at Sevilla on Tuesday, and believes that the Russian side should fear nobody in the last eight.

"Of course, our goal is to win the (Champions League) title," said Honda. "The first goal in the Champions League is a realisation of my schoolboy dream. When I started playing I was watching TV and dreaming that I will also score one day. I'm happy to fulfill it in just my second match."—Internet



A dog licks a two-day-old lion cub at the Royev Ruchey zoo in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 18 March 2010. The newborn cub, which is the only survivor after its mother and her three cubs died during the delivery, was taken by zoo employees to a mongrel dog to feed the cub.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Friday, 19th March, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (6 °C) above March average temperatures in Kachin state, (3°C) to (4 °C) above March average temperatures in Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (4°C) below March average temperatures in Bago Division and about March average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were An and Hpa-an (40°C) each.

Maximum temperature on 18-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 19-3-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-3-2010 was 62%. Total sun shine hours on 18-3-2010 was (7.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-3-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northeast at (11:30) hours MST on 18-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20th March 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-3-2010: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-3-2010: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for fourth weekend of March 2010: During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are possible in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (20-3-2010)(Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm~23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm~07:30am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (20-3-10 11:30 am ~ 21-3-10 11:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-II)
- * News
- * Songs for you
- * Palaung Traditional Dances In Pan Kwan Village
- * News
- * Cordyceps Sinensis Shea-pa-de
- * Versatile Toddy Palms
- * Good Friends for Good Future
- * News
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- * News
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- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Towards Pondaung Ponnya Yaw Region (Part-I)
- * Myanmar Traditional Tamarind Juice
- * With Love all things are possible (Part-II)
- * News
- * Memorable Visit to Inle Lake & Unforgettable Stay at Hu Pin Hotel
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Elegant Myanmar Dance (Part-3)

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



Saturday, 20
March

View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

- အပွင့်လေမင်္ဂလာ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့်အနုပညာတို့၏စာအုပ်များ)

7:25 am

- To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

- Morning News

7:40 am

- Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

- အကယ်ဒမီ

8:15 am

- ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်း

8:30 am

- (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Connect With English (Episode-30) (A Breakdown)

11:00 am

1. (၆၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်မတော်နေ့ရက်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

11:15 am

2. Game For Children

11:40 am

3. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News

12:30 pm

4. Yan Can Cook

12:45 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၈၁)

1:45 pm

6. Songs For National Races

1:50 pm

7. "အမြင်"

(မင်းသျှဉ်းစောနိုင်ငံတော်၊ နိုင်ငံခြား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

2:20 pm

8. တစ်မတော်နေ့ရက်ပြု

တေးသီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲဆုရတေးများ

2:35 pm

9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:55 pm

10. International News

3:45 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဇယားအရေအတွက် FC အသင်းနှင့် မကွေး FC အသင်း)

5:15 pm

2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm

3. Evening News

6:15 pm

4. Weather Report

6:20 pm

5. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:40 pm

6. "ယဉ်ကျေးမှုမယ်"

(နီတယ်ကျော်ကျော်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းဇေယျာလင်း)

7:00 pm

7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"တော်ဝင်နွယ်သား"

(အပိုင်း-၂၁)

8:00 pm

8. News

9. International News

10. Weather Report

11. "သစ္စာတော်ကွန်း"

(ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

(သုတ္တံစာမင်းဟိတိသားညီ)

မြတ်ဦး၊နန္ဒာသက်မွန်မြင့်

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညိုမင်းလွင်)

12. ဂီတခန်းလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Vega Plastic and Okthar LED factories opened



Lt-Gen Tin Aye unveils signboard of Okthar LED Factory.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 March—The opening of Vega Plastic Factory and Okthar LED Factory of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited was held at the plastic factory in Belin Village, Singaing Township, Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division, this morning. Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Member of State

Peace and Development Council attended the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Science and Technology

U Thauang and officials.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye unveiled the signboards of the factories and viewed the products and production processes of the factory.

At the hall of the LED factory, Lt-Gen Tin Aye heard reports on facts about the factories submitted by officials of the factories. He pre-

sented a basket of fruits to Korean technicians who helped with the installation of LED factory.

The plastic factory is producing wood composite domestic appliances starting from September 2007. It will produce PVC pipes and related items soon.

The LED factory is also manufacturing rechargeable lamps with solar cell. The use of LED bulbs saves energy and ensures durability.—MNA

Earlier butterfly emergence linked to climate change



Common Brown butterfly (*Heteronympha merope*).

MELBOURNE, 19 March— Butterflies are emerging in spring over 10 days earlier than they did 65 years ago, a shift that has been linked to regional human-induced climate change in a University of Melbourne-led study. The work reveals, for the first time, a causal link between increasing greenhouse gases, regional warming and the change in timing of a natural event. The study found that over a 65 year period, the mean emergence date for adults of the Common Brown butterfly (*Heteronympha merope*) has shifted 1.6 days earlier per decade in Melbourne, Australia.—Internet