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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Indonesian Foreign Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa and delegation called on Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein at the Government

Office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Sebastianus Sumarsono and departmental heads.—MNA



Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein shaking hands with Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa at the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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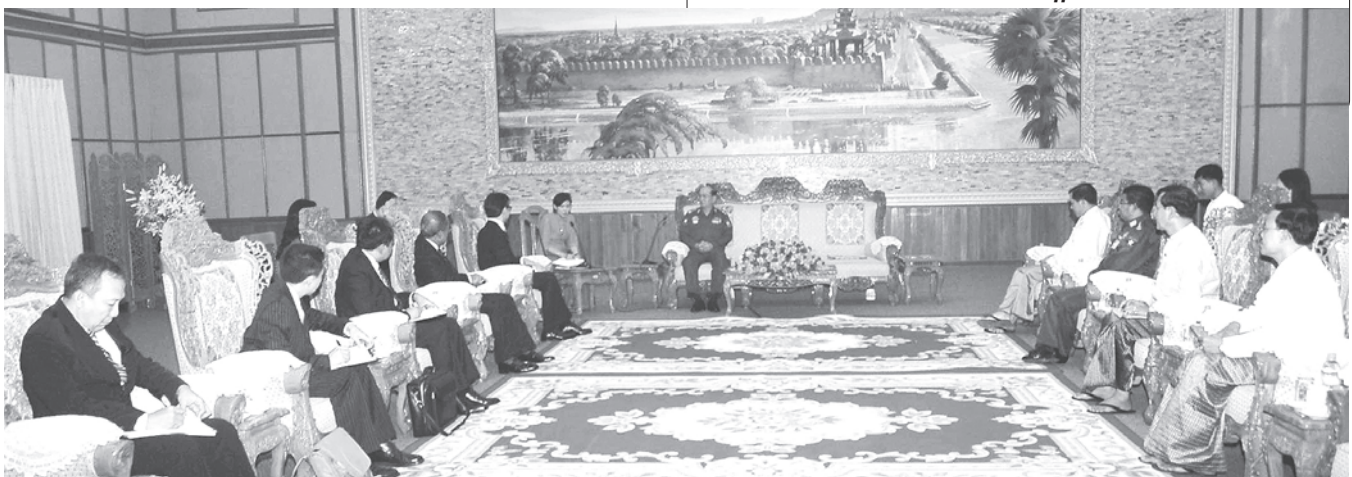
Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. R.M Marty M. Natalegawa at the Government Office.—MNA

Curriculum Vitae of H.E Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung.

His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung was born on 17 November 1949 at Ca Mau Town in Ca Mau Province of Vietnam. He joined the Vietnamese People's Army in 1961 and served until September 1981, as Major Commander of Infantry Battalion and Regiment. He obtained his LLB Degree and Diploma in Advanced Political Studies. From October 1981 to December 1994, he served up to the post of Secretary of Kien Giang Party Committee, Secretary of Kien Giang Military Party Committee and Member of the Party Committee of the Military Zone 9. From January 1995 to May 1996, he served as Deputy Minister of Public Security and Member of the Party's Public Security Central Committee. (See page 7)



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 2 April, 2010

For greater development of auto industry

Industrial development is a giant step towards national modernization. Now, good foundations have been laid to turn into an industrialized country. Across the nation are many emerging industrial regions and zones along with a growing number of factories and workshops.

On an inspection tour of Magway Industrial Region the other day, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying in relation to the auto industry, "The government has to share auto technology with industrialists in the industrial zones, apart from running the auto industry itself. It also must provide assistance for industrialists till they get on with the auto industry."

Magway Industrial Region Project is ongoing at a place, southwest of Magway-Taungdwingyi Road, about six miles from Magway. Its main task is to manufacture vehicles. The region is in pursuit of the goal of taking the centre stage of the truck industry.

The number of high-tech factories in industrial regions is on the rise, one of which is Thagara Industrial Region in Yedashe Township, Bago Division. In the industrial region is a multipurpose diesel engine factory that manufactures generators and engines for vehicles and heavy machinery.

On completion, Magway Industrial Region will run auto industries in cooperation with auto-related factories in Thagara Industrial Region. The government, technologists and the people have to work together to achieve the goal in this regard.

The nation is making progress in number of modern factories and workshops, in addition to advanced technologies. It is, therefore, required to make sustained efforts to bring about technicians and technologists for further development in the industrial sector including auto industry.

2nd Inlay Orchids' Images Show on 3-5 April

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Under the guideline of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, driving up the accelerator of tourism industry, Taunggyi Hotelier and Tourism Association will organize 2nd Inlay Orchids' Images Show at May Hawnan Hotel in Nyaungshwe, Inlay from 3 to 5 April.

Hoteliers and floriculturists will put on show rare orchid species growing in Myanmar and traditional goods and food.

Meanwhile, for sustainable development of tourism industry, paper reading session will also be held at Hupin Hotel on 4 April.

Businessmen, researchers, floriculturists, columnists and guests from home and abroad have been invited to take part in the activities.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The State Peace and Development Council has transferred the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Maung Maung Nyein	Principal Myanmar
Managing Director	Mercantile Marine
Myanma Five	College
Star Line	Ministry of
Ministry of Transport	Transport
(b) Dr Aung Myint	Director-General
Rector	Traditional
Traditional Medicine	Medicine
University (Mandalay)	Department
Traditional Medicine	Ministry of Health
Department	
Ministry of Health	

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons on probation as heads of organizations shown against each on the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Than Aye	Director-General
Deputy	Agriculture
Director-General	Planning Department
Agriculture Planning	Ministry of
Department	Agriculture
Ministry of Agriculture	and Irrigation
(b) Professor Dr Daw	Rector
San San Nwe	University of
Professor/Dean	Pharmacy
Pharmacy Department	(Mandalay)
University of	Medical Science
Medicine (Mandalay)	Department
Medical Science	Ministry of Health
Department	
Ministry of Health	MNA

MTPA's new building opened in Ottayathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The new building opening ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Practitioner Association took place at the building in Ottayathiri Township here this morning. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the ceremony and unveiled plaque.

Also present at the ceremony were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Rail Transportation Minister Thaura U Thauing Lwin, Directors-General of Ministry for Health, officials concerned, members of MTPA and those invited. Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister

for PBANRDA, Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and Chairman of MTPA U Maung Nyan formally opened the ceremony.

The commander sprinkled inscription of the building with scented water and so did ministers, deputy ministers and officials concerned.

They looked around the newly opened building.

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Those wishing to form political parties submit application

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The National Political Alliances League submitted application to the Union Election Commission for its formation as a political party today.

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New headquarters of Myanmar Traditional Practitioner Association seen in Ottayathiri Township.—MNA



One missing after US Navy plane crashes into Arabian Sea



US Navy photo shows an E-2C Hawkeye landing aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Gulf of Oman in February 2010.—INTERNET

MANAMA, 1 April—A crew member went missing but three others were rescued on Wednesday as a US Navy radar plane supporting operations in Afghanistan ploughed into the Arabian Sea, the US Fifth Fleet said.

The E-2C Hawkeye aircraft “was returning from conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom” when it malfunctioned, the Bahrain-based Fifth Fleet said in a statement. “Operation En-

during Freedom” is the name used by the US military for its war in Afghanistan.

The crew “performed a controlled bailout” from the plane, which was on its way back to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier on which it is based, when it went down in the northern Arabia Sea, the statement added.

Three crew members were “rescued, and they’re back on the USS Eisenhower,” an official told a news agency.

Internet



Afghans watch a US Marine convoy as it leaves a US Marine base in Marjah district, Helmand province, on 31 March, 2010. INTERNET

Drone attack kills six in Pakistan’s tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 1 April—A suspected US drone attack killed at least six people Wednesday in Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal agency, local officials said.

Officials said that the drone fired two missiles on a militants compound in Miranshah area, the main town in North Waziristan.

North Waziristan, bordering Afghanistan, witnessed frequent attacks after a CIA base in Khost of Afghanistan was attacked last year, leaving six US intelligence operatives killed.

The attack was attributed to Haqqani

network believed to be based in the area.

Three militant groups, Haqqani network, Taliban led by Mulla Omar and Hizb-e-Islami led by Gulbadin Hikmatyar, are blamed to be offering resistance to US-led forces in Afghanistan.

The Hizb-e-Islami agreed with Afghan government on talks for peace and reconciliation. But the other two groups are believed to be still active in the country. The United States blamed that pro-Al-Qaeda Haqqani network operates from North Waziristan.

Internet

Taleban commander, six militants killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 1 April—Taleban commander Ziaur Rehman was killed in a shootout between different tribes in northwest Pakistan’s Orakzai tribal agency, local sources said on Thursday.

Another six terrorists were also killed in the security forces offensive on late Wednesday night, local sources said.

Ziaur Rehman, with an alias of Zeywar Mulla, was wanted in multiple murder cases. He had a head-money of 10 million Pakistani rupees (about 120,000 US dollars) on him.

Over 200 militants have reportedly been killed during the ongoing operation in Orakzai Agency.

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Abandoned cars surrounded by flood waters of the Pawtuxet River are parked outside the Warwick Mall in Warwick, R.I., on Wednesday 31 March, 2010. Rhode Island rivers overflowed their banks, causing flooding and road closures after three days of record breaking rains.

INTERNET



Four beheaded bodies found in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 1 April—The Mexican authorities found four beheaded bodies in the eastern state of Michoacan, the state’s Public Security Directorate said on

Wednesday.

A message of a criminal group called The Resistance was left next to the bodies, which were found at the feet of a monument in the center of Apatzingan, an area where clashes are frequent among feuding drug gangs.

A total of 16 beheaded bodies have

been found this year in Apatzingan, 350 km to Mexico City.

Drug-related crime has left more than 15,000 dead in the past three years in Mexico, despite a nationwide clampdown on growing violence which involved some 50,000 government troops.

Xinhua

Actress Alyssa Milano poses at the premiere of “Clash of the Titans” at the Grauman’s Chinese theatre in Hollywood, California on 31 March, 2010. The movie opens in the US on 2 April.

INTERNET



Two blasts kill 12 in southern Russia’s Dagestan

MOSCOW, 1 April—Twelve people, including nine police officers, were killed in two blasts on Wednesday in the town of Kizlyar in Russia’s volatile North Caucasus region of Dagestan.

“In the blasts, 12 people have been killed, nine of them were police officers, including the Kizlyar police chief. Twenty-three others have been hospitalized, suffering with various injuries,” Vladimir Markin, spokesman for the Investigative

Committee of Russian Prosecutor General’s Office, told the Interfax news agency.

Dagestani authorities has launched a criminal investigation

over the two explosions, he said.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has been informed of the terrorist attacks in Kizlyar.

Xinhua



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Russia releases subway bomb suspects' photos

BEIJING, 1 April—Russian police Tuesday released photos of two women suspects who were believed to have masterminded the deadly twin Moscow blasts that killed 39 people on Monday, media reported.

Special services are also seeking three suspected accomplices of the bombers.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin vowed to “bring them out from the

sewer into God's light” at a transport security meeting Tuesday following the catastrophe and the President Dmitry Medvedev said his country will fight terrorism without hesitation and to the end.

The twin blasts were reportedly linked to terrorist groups in North Caucasus.

The blasts struck the Lubyanka and Cultural Park subway stations in central Moscow during rush hours on Monday morning, killing at least 39 people and injuring more than 70.

Moscow held a Day

of Mourning Tuesday for victims of the catastrophe with flowers, candles and voluntary memorials at the two metro stations.

The tragedy were the deadliest in the capital city of Russia since 2004.

Xinhua



Police release the image of the two women they suspect detonated the bombs on Moscow's metro.—XINHUA

Freaky white “strawberry” on UK supermarket shelves

BEIJING, 1 April—The fruit looks like the faded strawberry, and is only in season for the next five weeks.

The fruit originated in South America where it grew wild. It has the same genetic make-up as the common strawberry.

It had been near to extinction until seven years ago when Dutch farmers saved it.

Now it is grown commercially in glasshouses, turning from green to white and are ripe when the seeds turn dark red.—Xinhua



A new kind of fruit surnamed pineberry with a shape of strawberry and a taste of pineapple hit Britain stores on Wednesday, according to Daily Mail.

XINHUA

Situation in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 April —Following are security developments in Iraq at 1600 GMT on Wednesday.

MOSUL—Gunmen stormed a house and killed a woman in eastern Mosul, 390 kilometres (240 miles) north of Baghdad, police said.

Gunmen in a speeding car killed a civilian in front of his house in eastern Mosul, police said.

BAAJ —A militant was killed while he was planting a roadside bomb in the town of Baaj, 375 kilometres (233 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

BAGHDAD —Iraqi security forces arrested three wanted militants and confiscated three pistols equipped with silencers and other weapons, the Baghdad security spokesman office said.

MNA/Reuters

Coal mine accident leaves two dead in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 1 April —Two miners were confirmed dead and one more injured in a coal and gas outburst in central China's Henan Province Wednesday.

The accident took place at 7:20 p.m. at a coal pit run by Guomin Mining Co. Ltd in Yichuan County of Luoyang City, said a spokesman for the rescue operation headquarters.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 31 March, 2010, shows a dolphin named Xiaoqiang paint under the instructions of its tamer in an aquatic park in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

XINHUA



prostate drug reduces cancer risk

BEIJING, 1 April—A new study has discovered a drug, named dutasteride, usually used to treat benign prostatic hyperplasia, could reduce the risk of prostate cancer by 23 percent, according to Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Study leader Gerald Andriole said it “may potentially offer many thousands of men a way to reduce their risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer.”

Andriole, who is the chief of urologic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, added, “this means more men could avoid unnecessary treatment for prostate cancer along with the costs and harmful side effects that can occur with

Chocolate may be good for heart, blood pressure

BEIJING, 1 April —German researchers recently found having a moderate amount of chocolate may be good for blood-pressure control and therefore better protect the heart, according to a report published on European Heart Journal.

Researchers in German Institute of Human Nutrition conducted a study on more than 19,300 people.

Over a decade's study, they discovered that those who ate the most amount of chocolate, that is, an average of 7.5 grams a day, had lower blood pressure and a 39 percent lower risk of having a heart attack or stroke compared to those who had an average of 1.7 grams a day, the least among the subjects.

“Small amounts of chocolate may help to prevent heart disease, but only if it replaces other energy-dense food, such as snacks, in order to keep body weight stable,” said Brian Buijsse, leader of the study. But Buijsse warned those who may use the finding to indulge themselves with the sweets.

The researchers contribute the reason why chocolate seems to be good for people's blood pressure and heart health to flavanols in cocoa. Since dark chocolate has more cocoa, it is believed to have a greater effect.

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treatment.”

The four-year-long study was conducted on some 8,231 men aging from 50 to 75, who were randomly given either a placebo or a daily dose of the drug.

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Chocolates are pictured during the opening of the Nestle Chocolate Centre of Excellence in Broc near Fribourg September 7, 2009. The Chocolate Centre of Excellence is dedicated to the research and development of chocolate products.

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Sweden's Princess Victoria, eldest child of King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, once dreamed of becoming princess in the romantic fairy tale.

XINHUA

Venezuela, Russia to ink cooperation agreements

CARCAS, 1 April — Venezuela and Russia are to sign a series of agreements on Friday to boost cooperation in such fields as energy, industry, transportation, health, education and agriculture. The pacts will be signed by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

Russian Vice Prime Minister Igor Sechin and

Venezuelan Vice President Elias Jaua

Milano announced the news during the 7th Russian-Venezuelan intergovernmental meeting Wednesday ahead of Putin's upcoming visit to Venezuela. During their meeting, Chavez and Putin will also sign a cooperation agreement on the production of

fertilizers, agro-chemicals

and transfer of technology.

Both sides will also evaluate some joint projects under implementation for producing vaccines and other medical commodities. Jaua said Russia will advise his country on building a national center for disaster warning and prevention.

Xinhua



Passengers have their bags checked while entering a subway station in Shanghai, east China, on 15 March, 2010.

Shanghai is due to start the 2010 World Expo on 1 May and more than 70 million tourists are expected to visit the city during the Expo. Security measures have been tightened in the city to ensure a safe World Expo.—XINHUA

German adventurer preparing largest solar boat



The solar-powered 'PlanetSolar' yacht is lowered into the Baltic Sea in Kiel, northern Germany, on Wednesday, 31 March, 2010.—XINHUA

KIEL, 1 April —It is flat and it is huge, looking much like a white-and-blue space ship — and it is one skipper's dream.

German adventurer Raphael Domjan came a step closer Wednesday to realizing his plan to sail the globe in what he says is the world's largest solar-powered boat. The catamaran-style yacht called PlanetSolar sporting some 5,400 square feet (500 square meters) of solar panels was put into the water for the first time in the northern

German city of Kiel. "For me, it is a wonderful moment," Domjan, 37, told AP Television News in Kiel. "After six years of work, we are ready to launch this boat on the water."

Domjan is planning to start in April 2011 what he says would be the first-ever world tour in a large boat powered solely by the sun. In the meantime, he wants to extensively test the boat, which took 13 months to build at the Knierim Yachtbau shipyard.

Xinhua

Expo security tightened in Shanghai

BEIJING, 1 April — China is confident of hosting a safe and successful World Expo, Shanghai's top leader has said in the aftermath of serial suicide bombings in Russia which have jolted the world. With 30 days to go before the grand opening of the gala,

Shanghai Party chief Yu Zhengsheng said the city can ensure the security of the 184-day event with the key being mobilization of people and careful implementation of plans.

"All the infrastructure will be completed in time; all measures on

security, traffic and publicity have been taken, and residents have high expectations of the Expo—all of which show that we are ready," he said.

"I am confident that with the help of the public, we will do an excellent job on security," he added.—Xinhua



A 2005 file photo of "rocketman" Dan Schlund at the ROYAL Melbourne Show, Flying car mechanics, flavoured newspaper pages and Labour Party election posters depicting the prime minister as a thug were among April Fool's Day jokes awaiting Britons in their newspapers.—INTERNET

Oil producers at risk of wasting investment due to low oil prices

CANCUN, 1 April — The world's oil-producing countries are now at risk of wasting investment if oil prices are too low or too volatile, Abdullah Al-Badri, secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said on Wednesday.

"There is a very real risk of wasting financial resources on unneeded capacity," Al-Badri told the 12th International

Energy Forum (IEF) which opened on Tuesday in Mexico's resort city of Cancun.

"We need to lessen the magnitude of the swings and I feel there is now a common understanding that a price that is neither too high nor too low is favorable to all."

During 2008, oil prices skyrocketed to an all-time high of about 150 US dollar per barrel, but ended the year at a little more than 40 dollars a barrel as a result of the US financial crisis affecting the economy of the whole world.

Xinhua

Chitoshi Okunuki, second from left, smiles in front of Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s electric car i-MiEV with the Japanese automaker's show-room staff in Tokyo, Japan, as Japan's first mass-market electric car went on sale on 1 April, 2010.

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Pirates free two West African sailors

LAGOS, 1 April — Pirates freed Wednesday two West African sailors seized at the weekend off the coast of Cameroon, a Nigerian navy officer



Residents of Bakassi sail on a boat in Atabong.—XINHUA

said, adding it was not clear if the demanded ransom was paid.

The pirates attacked the Ghanaian captain of the MV Seagull and his Cameroonian engineer on Saturday off the restive Bakassi peninsula, Nigerian Navy spokesman commodore David Nabaida told AFP.

When the pirates found nothing of value on board, they captured the seamen and demanded a ransom.

"They were released this morning in Bakassi," Nabaida said.—Xinhua



Artist Vlad Olander holds a hoop as a cat jumps through during the rehearsal of a new show by Swiss National-Circus Knie in the town of Rapperswil east of Zurich on 26 March, 2010. Circus Knie starts its tour 2010 later today.—INTERNET

New International Space Station crew approved

Moscow, 1 April —The 23rd crew for the International Space Station (ISS) was approved on Thursday, said Russia's Federal Space Agency.

The new expedition crew that will depart on Friday consists of Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Korniyenko, as well as U.S.

female astronaut Tracy Caldwell, according to the space agency's official website.

A Russian Soyuz TMA-18 spacecraft with the crew members aboard is scheduled to blast off from the Kazakh Baikonur cosmodrome early Friday, and dock with the ISS on Sunday.—Xinhua

Toad, earthquake forecaster?

BEIJING, 1 April—Researchers suggested Wednesday that toads may be able to forecast earthquakes, according to a study in the Zoological Society of London's Journal of Zoology.

The conclusion was based on the fact that days before a 6.3-magnitude quake hit Italian town of L'Aquila, the number of toads there witnessed a sharp decline.

Scientists from the Open University observed a sharp drop in the number of bufo bufo, a common type of toad at a breeding site in central Italy. A few days later, on April 6, 2009, the earthquake hit the town, causing death by hundreds.

Rachel Grant, one of the researchers, said the



findings suggested "that toads are able to detect pre-seismic cues such as the release of gases and charged particles, and use these as a form of earthquake early warning system."

The number of toads at the site fell to zero three days before the quake, according to the study. The relations between unusual animal behaviors and cataclysmic events have always been suspected, but evidence recorded is few.

Roger Musson, a seismologist with the British Geological Survey said the new study was "another bit of data in the large pile that has been accumulating over the years. But it's not in any shape or form a breakthrough."

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World's oldest malt whisky costing £10,000 a bottle goes on sale

The world's oldest malt whisky - costing up to £10,000 a bottle - went on sale today. The Mortlach 70-year-old Speyside was

sampled by a select group of tasters at a ceremony in Edinburgh Castle.

Bottles of the rare piece of Scotland's 'liquid history' have now hit the market.

Only 54 full-size bottles, costing £10,000 each, and 162 smaller bottles at £2,500 have been made available.

The whisky has been released under Gordon and MacPhail's Generations brand.

It was filled into its cask on October 15 1938 on the order of John Urquhart, the grandfather of the firm's joint managing directors, David and Michael Urquhart.



Claire Urquhart holds a bottle of the world's oldest malt whisky, which went on sale today costing up to £10,000 a bottle.

Man fleeing Ohio police jumps fence — into prison

Police say a motorist fleeing officers in Cleveland abandoned his car and jumped a fence — landing in what turned out to be a prison yard. Garfield Heights police say the chase started in that suburb early Monday over a traffic violation and reached speeds of 90 mph.

Police say that after a race through several communities, the driver and a passenger bolted from the car and headed for a fence. They apparently did not realize it was on the outside of the state women's prison in Cleveland.

They were arrested along with two other passengers who also tried to flee.



US cardstacker Bryan Berg poses for photographers after successfully making a new Guinness World Record for the largest house of free-standing playing cards.

Love's bare essentials

Eight young masked women found a unique way to look for mates when they went to the Xiabei subway station in Guangzhou,

Guangdong Province on March 8 and stripped to their underwear.

At about 2 pm, they came fully clothed and handed out leaflets to seek husbands and then began dancing and stripping and holding up signs with messages such as "My mother

wants me to get married! Brother, please marry me" and "Catch the time to love when you are young."

Their performance soon caused onlookers to jam the area, and forced station workers to ask them to get dressed and leave.



A visitor relaxes behind a garden gnome in Germany's Garden Gnome Park in Trusetal, central Germany. The warm spring weather with temperatures over 15 degrees Celsius (59 degrees Fahrenheit) will not continue in the next days. The Garden Gnome Theme Park with more than 2,000 garden gnomes is visited by more than 100,000 people each year.

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Curriculum Vitae...

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He was Member of the Politburo of the Party Central Committee, Standing Member of the Politburo and Chairman of the Party's Central Committee for Economic Commission from June 1996 to August 1997. During the period from September 1997 to June 2006, he served as Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam, Deputy Secretary of the Party Affairs Committee of the Government and Permanent Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. He was Chairman of the National Financial-Monetary Policy Council from 1998 to 1999 and served as Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam and Secretary of the State Bank of Vietnam's Party Affairs Committee until June 2006.

He was also Member of the Party's Central Committee of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth National Party Congresses and Politburo Member of the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth tenures, and Deputy to the 10th and 11th National Assemblies.

From June 2006, he has been serving as Member of the Politburo and Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Myawady TV celebrates 15th anniversary

YANGON, 1 April—Myawady TV celebrated its 15th anniversary today presenting prizes to outstanding staff and winners of best annual manuscript awards for Myawady and Ngwetayi magazines and Myawady colour photo contest.

The ceremony at the TV station in Hmawby, Yangon Division, was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung. In his ceremonial address Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung said, periodical industry can give encouragement to national cause in addition to helping promote national awareness, education development



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence presents first prize to Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture) in colour photo contest.

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Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents best article prize of Myawady magazine to Dr Ma Tin Win (Institute of Education).

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and moral behaviour.

The danger of alien cultural domination through the media window is grave, he warned, adding, the race and nation will vanish gradually in the absence of a guardian.

The advancement in science and technologies invites proper changes in art and society together with innovations, but such changes should not be a carbon copy of alien culture and living styles that are against the Myanmar culture, he noted.

Every citizen has the duty to ward off the domination of powers, he said, stressing the need to build a strong social and cultural wall with national awareness.

The promulgation of laws and rules for the success of the election is a significant progress for systematic democracy transition according to the seven-step Road Map, he said.

He urged staff of the TV station to make efforts for the digital switch on to become a reality.

Published by Myawady Literary House, both the 58-year-old Myawady magazine born in 1952 and the 50-year-old and Ngwetayi magazine born in 1960 are still flourishing as the longest living periodicals of Myanmar, he said.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and responsible persons presented awards to winners in the respective contests.

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Myanmar WWW Institute's IT courses to be opened

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Myanmar WWW Institute will launch IT Essentials, System Essentials and Web Easy courses starting from last week of April.

The courses will last about two months—IT Essentials course four days a week, System Essentials course three days a week and Web Easy course on weekends.

Those interested may enrol not later than 9 April, as the number of seats is limited.

For more information, contact Myanmar WWW Institute at Campus 5, Room 4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Yangon (Ph: 652288 or 521125).

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Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung addresses at the prize presentation ceremony.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence gives words of encouragement to members of Pungpahkyem border guard force.—MNA



Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate a member of Pungpahkyem border guard force with rank insignia of the Tatmadaw. —MNA



Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate a member of Mongyu border guard force with rank insignia of the Tatmadaw.—MNA

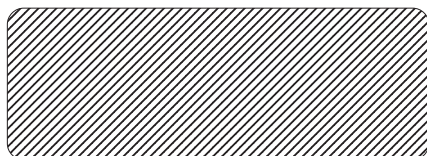


Members of Pungpahkyem border guard force taking oaths of a serviceman.

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Local people attending the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force.

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**UNITED WE
STAND,
DIVIDED WE
FALL.**





Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto speaking at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. —MNA



Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn speaking at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force.

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Those posing for a photo at the ceremony to form Pungpahkyem border guard force. —MNA

Photos taken at ceremonies to form border guard forces in Shan State (East)



Mongyu border guard force members and local people perform traditional dances to the accompaniment of the song titled the flower garden of peace. —MNA



Road safety movement week motivated in Yangon

YANGON, 1 April—An opening ceremony of Hanthawadi Road in commemoration of global road safety movement week of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee was held here

today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin opened the ceremony.

The commander also attended erecting ceremony of billboard “global road safety movement week” held in front of City Hall.—MNA

Forestry Minister attends library opening ceremony in Loikaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win

Myint on 30 March attended the opening ceremony of “Luma-teswe” library held in Thatt-balu village, Loikaw Township.

The minister delivered

an address at the ceremony and wellwishers donated knowledgeable books to the library.

The minister donated a television and a DVD player to the library, and visited Loikaw timber depot in Loikaw Township.—MNA

Myanmar Ambassador presents credentials to Andorran Co-Prince

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—U Saw Hla Min, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Principality of Andorra, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mons. Joan Enric Vives Sicilia, Co-Prince of the Principality of Andorra, on 18 March 2010, in Episcopal Palace.—MNA

Prizes presented to winners in cane ball contests

YANGON, 1 April—Winners of the sixth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Sports Minister's Trophy Myanmar Traditional Cane Ball Contest were awarded and 36th Inter-State/Division Myanmar Traditional Cane Ball Contest was held at Ba Htoo Indoor Stadium on

19 March.

On behalf of MOC Chairman Sports Minister, MOC General Secretary Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thung Htaik presents Championship Shield to Mandalay Division Team.—MNA

MSI to organize Taylor's University College Information Day 2010

YANGON, 1 April—Taylor's University College offer programmes such as Pre-University Cambridge A Level (CAL), South Australian Matriculation (SAM), International Canadian Pre-University (CPU), International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), American Degree Transfer Programme (ADP), Foundation In Science (FIS), Taylor's Business School (TBS), Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Art (TCHT), Architecture, Building, Design (SABD), Design (TDS), Computing (SOCIT), Communication (SOC), Biomedical

Science (BIO), Engineering (ENG), LAW, Medical (MED).

The Taylor Information Day 2010 will be held at Park Royal Hotel from 10 am to 5 pm on 25 April. Scholarship programmes will be explained in detail on the information day. Interested students are suggested to bring their certificates on the information day.

One may enlist at MSI Headquarters at No (234), second floor (right), Shwebontha Road (Central), Pabedan Township, here (Ph: 01-250929, 01-389915 and 09-5103915.—MNA

Refresher course for English, Mathematics teachers in Pyapon

YANGON, 1 April—Ministry of Education opened a refresher course for Basic Education Level English and Mathematics

teachers at Thiri Anawa Hall in Pyapon yesterday.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Assistant

Division Education Officer (Inspection) and departmental officials attended the opening ceremony.—MNA

Labour Minister receives British Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi met British Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar

Mr. Andrew Heyn at the ministry here on 30 March. The meeting was also attended by chairman of Social

Security Board and director-general of Central Trade Dispute Committee.

MNA

Myanmar, China to boost cooperation in transport sector

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Matters to boost cooperation in transport sector were discussed by Deputy Minister for Transport Col

Nyan Tun Aung and his Chinese counterpart Mr. Xu Zuyuan in a meeting held at the ministry here this afternoon.

The meeting mainly

focused on the issue of inland water transportation and detailed facts of enhancing further collaboration were discussed.—MNA



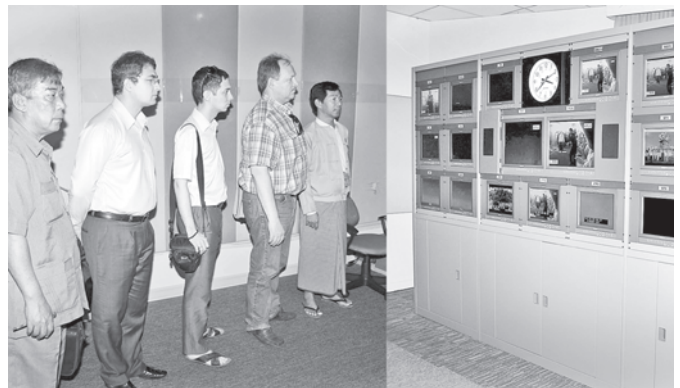
Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and party discuss with Chinese counterpart Mr. Xu Zuyuan and party bilateral cooperation in transport sector.—MNA

Russian Journalist Delegation observes development of Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—A Russian journalist delegation led by First Deputy Head of International News Division, Mr. Alexander P.T. Kachev from Russian Information Agency “Novosti” arrived Yangon on 29 March morning. The journalists visited various prominent sites of Yangon that evening.

On 30 March morning, they reached Nay Pyi Taw by air and paid a visit to Nay Pyi Taw City Hall and Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden.

And they met with Director-General of Directorate of Trade under Ministry of Commerce U Khin Maung Lay and officials of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, and



Russian journalist delegation visits MRTV in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

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continued a visit to Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).

The delegation met Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise under Ministry of Information.

They discussed matters related to media

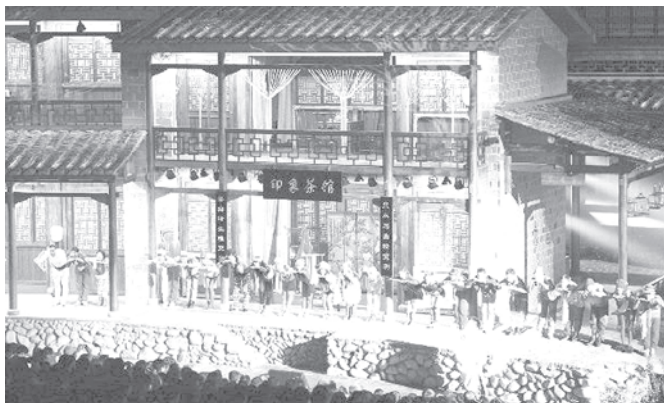
cooperation between the two countries. The delegation attended the dinner hosted by Managing Director U Soe Win.

The visiting journalists took a visit to Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Landmark Garden (Nay

Pyi Taw) and observed development of Nay Pyi Taw in a motorcade on 31 March morning.

They went to Myanmar Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and dailies.

The delegation left for Mandalay this morning.—MNA



Performers sing and dance against the natural backdrop during the outdoor musical "Impression Dahongpao" directed by Chinese director Zhang Yimou at Wuyi Mountain in Nanping, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 29 March, 2010. The outdoor musical "Impression Dahongpao" in the theme of tea culture is put on the stage on Monday.—XINHUA

Indian space research organization may explore collaboration with Boeing

NEW DELHI, 31 March — The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) may explore entering into a collaboration with global aircraft maker Boeing after the latter showed interest in the field of communication satellites, a top official of the agency said on Tuesday.

"They (Boeing) said they are interested in having collaboration with us in the field of communication satellites.

But we (ISRO) already have an alliance with Europeans (EADS Astrium). May be some new areas of business we (ISRO and Boeing have to explore. We need to do a lot of homework before we could arrive at collaborative level.

Still, it's very preliminary type of exchange, "KR Sridhara Murthi, the head of Antrix Corporation, ISRO's commercial arm, told the media in the southern city of

Bangalore.

India, which started its space programme in 1963, carrying out its first successful launch of a domestic satellite by an Indian-built rocket in 1980, launched Insat — the largest domestic communication satellite system in the Asia-Pacific region, providing services in telecommunications, television broadcasting and meteorology including disaster warning.

Xinhua

Helicopter out of fuel during exercise

AULTBEA, 31 March—Members of the British Royal Air Force said a Coastguard helicopter and 50 rescue personnel were scrambled to seek a chopper than ran out of fuel in Scotland.

A Royal Air Force source told *The Daily Record*, Glasgow, Scotland, the Super Puma heli-

copter ran out of fuel during a training exercise and had to land in a remote area that did not allow for radio contact with its base.

A Coastguard helicopter and about 50 rescue workers were scrambled to search for the helicopter in Ross-Shire county after it made an emergency landing near Loch Maree in Wester Ross.

The crew was found safe and the members chose to remain with the helicopter until it could be refueled the following day.

"There are some red faces over this one. It's a cock-up, plain and simple," an RAF source said. "The helicopter was supposed to have been following a road between Applecross and Aultbea, in Ross-shire."—Internet

Plastic waste may be lethal to marine life

SHEFFIELD, 31 March—British scientists say they've determined plastic waste floating in the ocean can produce microbes that are potentially lethal to marine life.

The scientists from the University of Sheffield and Britain's Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science said they've shown the combination of marine microbes that can grow on plastic waste varies significantly from microbial groups that colonize surfaces in the wider environment.

That, said researcher Jesse Harrison from the University of Sheffield, raises the possibility plastic-associated marine microbes have different activities that could contribute to the breakdown of the plastics or the toxic chemicals associated with them.

"Plastics form a daily part of our lives and are treated as disposable by consumers," Harrison said. "As such, plastics comprise the most abundant and rapidly growing component of man-made litter entering the oceans."

But, he added, over time the size of plastic fragments in the oceans decreases as a result of exposure to natural forces. Tiny fragments of 5 millimetres or less are called "microplastics" and are particularly dangerous, Harrison said, since they can absorb toxic chemicals that are transported to marine animals when ingested.

Internet



A farmer ploughs a field in Jianjiang Village of Huaiaqun Township in Luocheng County, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 March, 2010. Local farmers took advantage of the favorable rainy weather to press on with planting to minimize their economic losses due to the drought.—XINHUA

Weight training injuries up 50 percent

COLUMBUS, 31 March — There has been an increase of injuries due to weight training of nearly 50 percent during an 18-year study period, US researchers said. Researchers at the Centre for Injury Research and Policy of The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, found more than 970,000 weight-training-related injuries were treated in US hospital emergency departments between 1990 and 2007.

The study, published online in advance of print in the *American Journal of Sports Medicine*, found those under the age of 24 had the largest proportion of injuries and were usually injured when using free weights. However, the largest increase in the incidence of injuries occurred among those age 45 and older.—Internet



Photo taken on 28 March, 2010 shows a night view of the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. The World Expo Park will soon start trial operation.

XINHUA

A ship with Filipinos hijacked in Somalia

MANILA, 31 March — An undetermined number of Filipino sailors were among the 24 crewmembers of a Panama-flagged vessel seized by pirates on Monday off Somalia, the Department of Foreign Affairs said on Tuesday. The MV Iceberg 1 was hijacked by ransom-seeking Somali pirates 10 miles outside the Gulf of Aden Port. Aside from Filipinos, the crew consists of nationals from Yemen, Pakistan, Ghana, India, and Sudan.

"It cannot be confirmed as of this time how many Filipinos are onboard the ship," the DFA said in a statement. Other than this incident, there are four Filipinos in two vessels, being held by pirates in Somalia.

The Iceberg 1, a roll on roll off vessel with deadweight of 4,500 tons, was carrying a mixed cargo of general mechanical equipment and was bound for Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates when hijacked, according to the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR).

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SEAWAY VALOUR VOY NO (922)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEAWAY VALOUR VOY NO (922) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.4.2010 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.

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Ronnie O'Sullivan (L) of England reacts during round one of 2010 World Snooker China Open against Tian Pengfei of China in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 March, 2010. Tian won 5-3.
XINHUA

Canada has 10th avalanche victim

WHISTLER, 1 April—A skier on Mount Currie in British Columbia on Wednesday became Canada's 10th avalanche fatality this winter, authorities said.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said the incident occurred about 2 pm several miles north-east of Whistler when two men and two women were caught in the snow slide, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

The skier killed was said to be a man in his 30s from the Pemberton area. He was dug out of the snow by his companions but died at the scene, an RCMP spokesman said.

The other skiers were not hurt and were taken from the scene by rescue helicopter.

Internet

Historic handgun returned to museum

CHICAGO, 1 April—A historic handgun stolen 62 years ago is back in a Chicago museum where it belongs thanks to an 83-year-old Pennsylvania gun fancier.

The 1851 Colt "Navy" revolver once belonged to Owen Brown, the third son of pre-Civil War abolitionist John Brown. It disappeared from the Chicago History Museum in 1948 only to turn up at a gun show in Pittsburgh in 1991. That's where it caught the eye of Robert Hassinger of North Hills, Pa., who traded another Colt for it.

It took him a while to track down the rightful owner, but once he did it went back to the museum in Chicago, even though it is worth \$100,000-\$250,000, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported on Wednesday.

"I realized that it belonged to them and that it had to go back," he said.

That honesty drew the appreciation of museum collections director Kathleen Plourd.

"I can't really believe that it's resurfaced. You're an extremely honest person," she told Hassinger.

Hassinger called the revolver "a symbol of the development of this country" and said he'd like to see the gun go on display, something museum officials won't guarantee.

Internet

Solvent may change cooking oil production

KINGSTON, 1 April—A Canadian professor says a special solvent he invented might revolutionize the manufacturing of cooking oil.

Queens University Professor Philip Jessop says his solvent, when combined with carbon dioxide, extracts oil from soybeans. Industries currently manufacture cooking oils using hexane, which is a cheap, flammable solvent that is

also a neurotoxin and creates smog.

The current manufacturing process, Jessop said, also involves distillation and that uses large amounts of energy.

The researcher says his new method of making oil involves a "switchable" solvent that is hydrophobic, meaning it mixes with oils and doesn't like water. But when carbon dioxide is added, the solvent

becomes hydrophilic, meaning it mixes with water and doesn't like to be in oil. So, Jessop said, when carbonated water—carbon dioxide and water—is added to a mixture of the solvent and soybeans, the oil is extracted from the soybeans and collected. When the carbon dioxide is removed, the solvent switches back to its hydrophobic state.

While this process has only been performed in the laboratory, Jessop says he's already heard from cooking oil companies interested in his research. But the solvent is still years away from being used in large-scale oil manufacturing, he said.

Internet



The fencing equipment of legendary Hungarian fencer Aladar Gerevich is exhibited on the celebration marking the 100th birthday of the athlete in the National Sports Hall in Budapest, Hungary, on 26 March, 2010. Aladar Gerevich (1910-1991) won seven Olympic gold medals during his career.—XINHUA



People visit Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York, the United States, on 31 March, 2010. Flowers are blossoming as temperature rises in New York.

XINHUA

Fish survives fall from the sky

MELBOURNE, 1 April—A Florida restaurant said a fish that fell from the sky and landed on an employee's windshield is alive and on display at the eatery's pond.

Angel Pacheco, an employee at Chameleon's sushi bar in Melbourne, said a worker was preparing to leave for the day when the fish landed on the windshield of his truck, WESH-TV, Orlando, Fla, reported on Wednesday.

"They brought him into the kitchen, put him in some water, he started flopping around and they said, 'Oh wow, we're going to have fresh sushi because we're a great sushi bar here,' and I said, 'Wait a minute. That's our lucky fish. That doesn't just happen every day. We need to put him in our pond up front so everybody can enjoy him,'" Pacheco said.

He told WESH-TV the fish, which has a dent in its head believed to be from the fall, appears to be swimming happily with the restaurant's other fish.

Workers theorized the fish was dropped onto the vehicle by a bird flying overhead.—Internet



A family who still live in the tent toast bread and cake in Talca, Chile, on 30 March, 2010. Chilean President Sebastian Pinera Monday announced a housing plan involving 2.543 billion US dollars for families affected by the 27 Feb earthquake that destroyed 81,444 houses.—XINHUA

Europe's oldest woman turns 114

PUDSEY, 1 April—A British great-great-grandmother named Europe's oldest woman last year has celebrated her 114th birthday.

Florrie Baldwin of Pudsey, England, celebrated with family including her daughter, Maisie Worsnop, 89, and grandson David Worsnop, 64, and received her 11th telegram from Queen Elizabeth congratulating her on reaching her advanced age, *The Sun* reported on Wednesday.

"When I'm chatting to people I don't know well and I tell them I've got to go

and see my grandmother they often give me a funny look," David Worsnop said. "When my mother told the girl in the post office she wanted a Mothers' Day card, the assistant looked at her as if she was crazy. But my grandmother is amazing, every year we say this will most likely be the last year we will do this. We have been saying that for 14 years but she keeps battling on."

Baldwin was named Europe's oldest woman last year and is believed to be the fourth oldest person in the world.

Internet

Ancient snakes found living in Madagascar

STATE COLLEGE, 31 March—US biologists say they are studying the evolution of blindsnakes, often mistaken for earthworms, by examining the genetics of living species.

Pennsylvania State University Professor Blair Hedges, along with Nicolas Vidal of the French Museum of Natural History in Paris, are co-leaders of a team that discovered blindsnakes

are one of the few groups of organisms that inhabited in Madagascar when it broke from India about 100 million years ago, and are still living today.

The scientists said blindsnakes comprise about 260 different species and form the largest group of the world's worm-like snakes — scolecophidians. The burrowing creatures, found mostly in southern conti-

nents and tropical islands, have reduced vision — which is why they are called "blind."

Because there are nearly no known fossil blindsnakes, their evolution has been difficult to piece together, Hedges said.

In the recent study, the team investigated the evolution of blindsnakes by examining the genetics of living species.—Internet

Function loss after brain injury studied

LEIPZIG, 31 March—A German study suggests loss of physical and psychological function after brain injury isn't closely related to brain structure injuries, as had been thought.

Researchers at the Max Planck Institute for Cognition and Neuro Sciences led by Rainer Scheid and D Yves von Cramon said the loss of physical and psychological function after traumatic brain injury is, in Germany, more frequently caused by traffic accidents, falls or blows to the head than by strokes. And such loss of function is usually blamed on changes in brain structures. But Scheid and von Cramon analyzed data from 320 patients treated in the Cognitive Neurology Outpatient Clinic at the University of Leipzig between 1996 and 2007. They investigated whether

the imaging, clinical and neuropsychological findings were correlated.

They discovered the most frequent findings were contusions, micro-

bleeds, and atrophy. Magnetic resonance imaging revealed no visible changes in 49 of the patients examined.

Internet



China's famous film star Zhou Xun donates stationery to pupils of Mcedo-Beijing Primary School in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 30 March, 2010. As an activity of the Bright Moon Action, China's famous film stars Zhou Xun and Alec Su visited Mcedo-Beijing Primary School, located in a slum in Nairobi, on Tuesday. They brought stationery to the 200 pupils here and had a good time with these orphans and single-parent family children. The Bright Moon Action, which was organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Xinhua's Africa Regional Bureau, opened on Monday in Nairobi.—XINHUA



Pupils run after receiving donated drinkable water at a primary school in Tian'e county of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 30 March, 2010. Around one million students from some 3500 schools are suffering from water shortage in Guangxi which was hit by the worst drought in a century. With the help of the government and students' and teachers' own effort, no school has been suspended due to drought.—XINHUA

Study suggests hormones may fight bacteria

DALLAS, 31 March—University of Texas scientists say the use of hormones, rather than antibiotics, might be a better way of treating food-borne bacterial infections.

The scientists from the university's Southwestern Medical Centre said pathogenic bacteria in the gut recognize their surroundings by detecting hormonal signals from the host, prompting them to express lethal toxins. Intercepting those hormonal messages could be a more efficient way to treat food-caused infections where antibiotics do more harm

than good, they said.

The researchers, led by Associate Professor Vanessa Sperandio, said gut bacteria use a sensor in the bacterial surface to detect and respond to adrenaline released by the host.

That triggers a chain of events that can result in the production of toxins.

Sperandio's group identified a molecule called LED209 that stops adrenaline binding to the sensor, preventing signaling events inside the bacterium, reducing toxin production and hindering bacteria from attaching effectively to the epithelial cells that line the gut.

Internet

Bullies may be shy types

FAIRFAX, 31 March—US researchers suggest shy people who suffer social anxiety may aggressively act out as bullies — as children, bosses or romantic partners.

Psychologists Todd Kashdan and Patrick McKnight of George Mason University in Virginia say people suffering from social anxiety are often characterized as shy, inhibitive and submissive, but a subset of the socially anxious act out.

The study, published in

Current Directions in Psychological Science, finds evidence a subset of adults diagnosed with social anxiety disorder are among those who tend toward violence, substance abuse and other risky behaviours.

"Parents and teachers might think their kid is a bully, acts out and is a behaviour problem because they have a conduct disorder or anti-social tendencies," Kashdan said in a statement.

Internet

Brucellosis increasing among some elk

BOZEMAN, 31 March—US Geological Survey scientists say brucellosis, a bacterial infection of cattle, elk and bison, appears to be increasing in northwestern Wyoming elk herds.

"Elk-to-elk transmission of this disease may be increasing in new regions of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, which remains the last reservoir for brucellosis in the United States," said Paul Cross, a USGS disease ecologist and lead author of the study. He said infected animals often abort pregnancies, and the presence

of the disease within livestock results in additional testing requirements and trade restrictions.

Officials said several cattle herds have been infected in Wyoming, Idaho

and Montana since 2004 and recent cases of brucellosis cattle are thought to have spread from elk due to the lack of contact between bison and cattle.

Internet



Local residents row a boat on the flooded street in Lakeville, Massachusetts, on 30 March, 2010.

XINHUA

SPORTS

CSKA hold Inter to single goal defeat in Champions League

MILAN, 1 April — Inter Milan will take a slender lead to the Luzhniki Stadium next Tuesday after beating CSKA Moscow 1-0 at the San Siro here on Wednesday in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final.

'Il Principe' Diego Milito scored the only goal of the game during an Inter siege in the second half after a forgettable first 45 minutes. Jose Mourinho's team, listless in the first period, were unrecognisable after the break and will be disappointed to have managed only the one goal.

Internet



Inter Milan's Argentinian forward Diego Milito (L) looks at CSKA Moscow's goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev (R) catching the ball during their UEFA Champions League football match between Inter Milan and Csk Moscow at San Siro stadium in Milan.

INTERNET

Korean clubs dominate AFC Champions League

SINGAPORE, 1 April — South Korea's Suwon Bluewings and Seongnam Ilhwa powered into the last 16 of the AFC Champions League on Wednesday as Japan's Gamba Osaka took a giant step towards joining them.

Suwon made the grade by beating China's Henan Jianye 2-0, with a first-half strike by Brazilian Jose Mota and a second in the dying minutes from Kim Dae-Eui enough to secure their passage from Group G.

Seongnam maintained their unbeaten record in Group E with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Beijing Guoan in the Chinese capital, with Colom-



Rodrigues Mota Jose Roberto (L) of South Korea's Suwon Bluewings and Song Taelim (R) of China's Henan Jianye fight for the ball during a Group G match of the AFC Champions League in Suwon, south of Seoul.—INTERNET

bian Mauricio Molina getting the decisive goal with 16 minutes remaining.—Internet

Fulham star Schwarzer plans to erase Euro misery

LONDON, 1 April — Mark Schwarzer is desperate to make amends for one of the worst moments of his career by helping Fulham continue their Europa League fairytale with a quarter-final victory over German champions Wolfsburg.

Australian goalkeeper Schwarzer was a member of the Middlesbrough team that enjoyed a remarkable run to the UEFA Cup final in 2006, only to see their dreams of winning the club's first European trophy brought to an abrupt halt as Sevilla thrashed them 4-0 in Eindhoven.

Schwarzer still winces when he thinks back to that night, but the Europa

League - the rebranded version of the UEFA Cup - has provided him with far more enjoyable memories this season.

Internet



File photo of Fulham goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer who is desperate to make amends for one of the worst moments of his career by helping Fulham continue their Europa League fairytale with a quarter-final victory over German champions Wolfsburg.

INTERNET

Rooney injury wait drags on for England and United

LONDON, 1 April — England and Manchester United's torturous wait for news of a scan on key striker Wayne Rooney's ankle injury stretched into Thursday, just 10 weeks before the World Cup in South Africa kicks off.

In a sight that England fans were dreading, Rooney limped off in the closing minutes of United's 2-1 Champions League defeat to Bayern Munich on Tuesday and left the Allianz Arena with his right ankle encased in a plastic boot.

Rooney had an MRI scan on the ankle Wednesday and fans are praying that it does not reveal serious damage and leave the 24-year-old facing the same desperate race for fitness he endured before the 2006 World Cup.

United manager Alex Ferguson sought to downplay the injury, saying: "I don't think it's terribly serious, but we'll wait and see." Despite no official word on the scan by early Thursday, reports speculated the results would not force Rooney to miss the World Cup.

The Sun and Daily Mirror newspapers said England's most important striker would be out for up to a month, meaning he would be fit in time for the tournament.—Internet



Manchester United's English forward Wayne Rooney is helped from the pitch after being injured during the UEFA Champions League quarter-final match against Bayern Munich at the Allianz Arena in Munich.—INTERNET

Fabregas fears he may not play again this season

LONDON, 1 April — Arsenal captain Cesc Fabregas fears he may not play again this season after suffering a serious leg injury in Wednesday's 2-2 Champions League quarter-final draw against Barcelona.

Fabregas, already struggling with a knee problem, believes he may have sustained the injury either when he was fouled by Carles Puyol to win the penalty that he converted to cap Arsenal's impressive fightback or when he retrieved the ball from the back of the net after the spot-kick.

The Spain midfielder left the Emirates Stadium on crutches and faces a scan on Thursday that will tell him whether he can recover in time to play any part in the rest of Arsenal's season or his country's World Cup campaign.

"I fear the worst which is that I broke something," Fabregas said. "I took the penalty quite strong and I went to get the ball. After that I couldn't walk

anymore.

"We have to wait. But I hope I can wear the Arsenal shirt again this season.

"I fear the worst. If they tell me it is nothing that is better but at least I will know if it is bad.

"I don't think it is going to be good news but still I hope there will be. It is the same area. It is the fibula."—Internet



Arsenal's Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas (C) limps off with an injury during their UEFA Champions League quarter-final 1st leg football match against Barcelona at the Emirates Stadium, North London.—INTERNET

Henin downs Wozniacki to reach semi-finals

MIAMI, 1 April — Belgian Justine Henin, playing her fourth tournament



Justine Henin of Belgium returns a shot against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark during day nine of the 2010 Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida.

INTERNET

since returning from retirement, downed world number two Caroline Wozniacki on Wednesday to reach the semi-finals of the Sony Ericsson Open.

Henin, a former world number one, downed the second-seeded Danish teenager 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-4.

In the semi-finals of the hardcourt event, Henin will face 14th-seeded compatriot Kim Clijsters, who beat ninth-seeded Australian Samantha Stosur 6-3, 7-5.—Internet

Exhaustion forces Stepanek to take time off circuit

PRAGUE, 1 April — Czech tennis star Radek Stepanek is to take at least two months out because of fatigue, the Czech Davis Cup team's spokesman told AFP on Wednesday. The 31-year-old - ranked 18th in the world having been a highest-ranked eighth - started feeling tired during the Davis Cup World Group first round defeat of Belgium at the beginning of March.

Stepanek - winner of four ATP titles but has never got further than the quarter-finals of a Grand Slam (at Wimbledon in 2006) - underwent blood tests in Florida, where he has a property. "He (Stepanek) has to rest for at least two months so as to see if his blood tests improve," said Karel Tejkal. "Happily the Davis Cup quarter-finals, in July against Chile, are still a long way away."

Stepanek, who was once engaged to former world number one Martina Hingis, is due to marry compatriot and now retired 21-year-old former world number seven Nicole Pietrangeli, in July.—Internet

One-year doping ban recommended for Mutu



The Italian Olympic Committee's anti-doping prosecutor has recommended a one-year ban be given to Fiorentina forward Adrian Mutu, seen here in 2009.—INTERNET

ROME, 1 April — The Italian Olympic Committee's anti-doping prosecutor on Wednesday recommended a one-year ban be given to Fiorentina forward Adrian Mutu.

The Romania captain had twice tested positive for the banned stimulant sibutramine in January following matches against Bari and Lazio.

The 31-year-old was provisionally suspended after the positive results were returned.

Should he be found guilty it would be his second such conviction for doping having been banned for seven months in 2004 after taking cocaine whilst at Chelsea.—Internet



Students learn Chinese at the Confucius Institute of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on 31 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Vietnam's export of wood, wood products to go up in Q1

HANOI, 1 April—Vietnam is expected to rake in 716 million US dollars from export of wood and wood products in the first three months of this year, up 26.3 percent year-on-year, according to the General Statistics Office of Vietnam on Wednesday.

However, domestic

insiders forecast that Vietnam's wood exporters may face more difficulty when exporting wood to the United States as the US Lacey Act on forestry will be effective as of 1st April this year. The Lacey Act requires wood exporters and retailers to prove the origins of its wood and

related materials. According to the Vice President of the Vietnam Timber and Forest Product Association Nguyen Ton Quyen, a majority of Vietnam's wood products comes from imported timber, making it hard to trace the timber's origins.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 1st April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Magway Division, scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kayin and Rakhine States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (8°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Zaungtu and Hpa-an (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (2.87)inches, rauk U (2.64)inches, Katha (2.36)inches, Bharno (1.69)inches, Homalin (1.62)inches, An (1.18)inches, Mindat and Haka (1.11)inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-3-2010 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 1-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-4-2010 was 60%. Total sun shine hours on 31-3-2010 was (9.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-4-2010 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 Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 31-3-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin and Chin States and Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (2-4-2010)(Friday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (2-4-10 09:30 am ~ 3-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News
- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * National Kandawgyi Garden
- * News
- * Mazali Salad & Vermicelli Soup
- * News
- * VCD Centre

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News

- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * Today's Efficient Youth
- * News
- * Mrauk U, Treasure Trove of Rakhine Culture
- * News
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gifts)"
- * News
- * Documentary "World's Largest Book"
- * FOC Operations: Auspicious Event in Sagaing Division
- * News
- * Pho Thingyan (Myanmar Classical Song)
- * "Kyaye Ywa Wada"
- * Myanmar's Hardy Raftsmen At Work
- * News
- * Poppy Substitute Crop Cultivation in the Northern Shan State
- * Myanmar Movies "A Monk's Single Meal"
- * Amazing Hotel in Myanmar (Bay of Bengal Resort, Ngwe Hsaung)
- * The Buddha & The Buddhism

Myanmar



Friday, 2 April

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် တေးကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပိတသန္တီပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning News

7:40 am

3. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်)

မိုးညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-
မိုးလင်းလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

5. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Olides

8:20 am

7. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်"

8:25 am

8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. "ပြင်ဦးလွင် ပန်းဖြူတော်ဆီသို့"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

4:20 pm

3. Songs Of National Races

4:30 pm

4. Songs Of Yester Years

4:45 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု)(သင်္ချာ)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

7. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:20 pm

8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:35 pm

9. "နိုးသားဖြူစင်ကလေးတို့ အသွင်" (အပိုင်း-၁)

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. ရသစုံလင်အင်တာနက် ဥယျာဉ်

6:40 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နောင်ဖွဲ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "နှင်းဆီရောင်ဘဝ"

- (အပိုင်း-၅)

18. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (တွင်ကယ်)



- ★ 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

Border guard forces formed in Shan State (East)



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence unveils the commemorative stone plaque.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Ceremonies to form border guard forces were held on a grand scale in Pungpahkyem in Mongton Township, and Mongyu in Mongyawng Township, Shan State (East), on 30 March.

Among some 1200 attendees were Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of

Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto, Director of the People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, and senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence and local sta-

tions.

At the ceremony held in Pungpahkyem on 30 March morning, the State Flag was hoisted. Members of the border guard force took the oaths of a serviceman, received the rank insignia of the Tatmadaw and were assigned duties. The commander and the director

of the People's Militia and Frontier Forces delivered speeches.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled the commemorative stone plaque. New members of border guard force enjoyed themselves singing and having traditional dances with local people.

In the afternoon, a luncheon was hosted in honour of the new members.

Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn addressed the ceremony to form a border guard force held in Mongyu, in the afternoon Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled

the stone plaque.

They are happy to be troops of the border guard forces. National race leaders and local people welcomed formation of border guard forces designed for stability, community peace, security, and perpetual peace of border areas.

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