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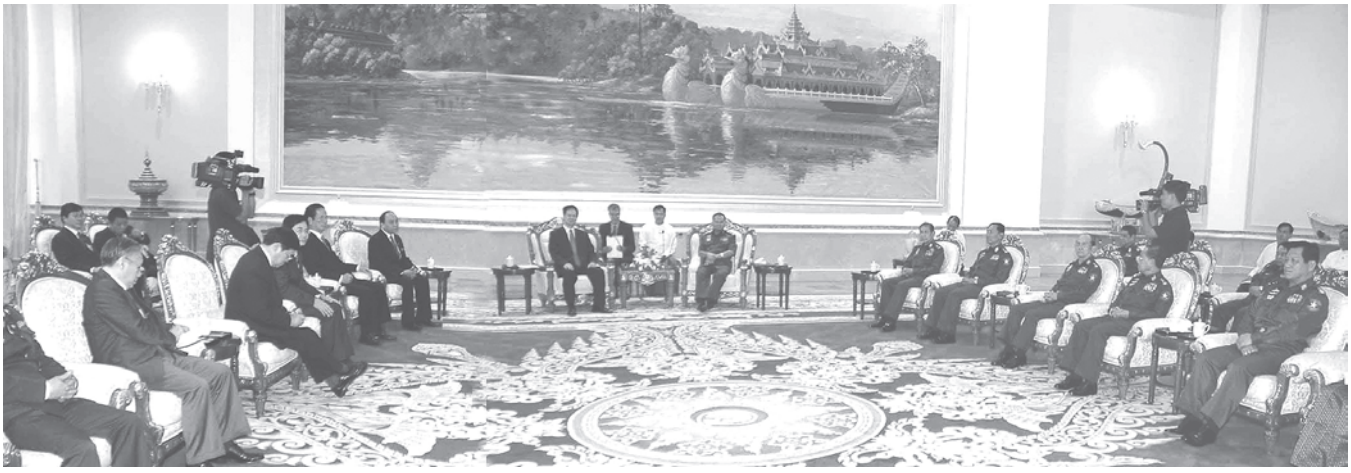
Senior General Than Shwe receives Vietnamese Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received a delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 5.30 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Senior General were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads, and the SRV Prime Minister and delegation were accompanied by Ambassador of Vietnam to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials of the embassy.

The two sides exchanged views on further cementing of the friendly relations between the two countries and promotion of economic cooperation.—*MNA*

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung. MNA



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe receives Vietnamese delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 3 April, 2010

With national unity and amity, border regions see eternal peace

The nation has been in the process of building a peaceful, modern and developed one with the united strength of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. Priority has been given to national consolidation to shape our future. Amity and unity among the national brethren have been further cemented.

Under the correct leadership of the government, the entire national people are doing their bit in nation-building tasks. As a result, there have been fruitful results across the country with a network of roads and bridges for smooth transport plus economic, education, health and social foundations. These are signs of progress and prosperity of the Union.

The regions where national race organizations, which have returned to the legal fold at the government's kind invitation, live are also developing. Alongside regional peace and stability, the local people are enjoying fruits of progress.

For the sake of national security and peace and stability in border areas, the government is making plans for militia organizations shouldering State defence duties together with the Tatmadaw to transform themselves into border guard forces. The ceremonies to form border guard forces took place in Pungpahkyem in Mongton Township and Mongyu in Mongyawng Township, Shan State (East), on 30 March.

With the formation of those forces, the militia organizations have had the chance to perform national defence duties as border guard forces. The local people have welcomed the forces, envisioning eternal peace in the border regions.

Unity is of significance of the Union. All the national people are living in amity and unity with the fine traditions of the Union. The border regions will surely see perpetual peace when the militia organizations carry out national defence duties conscientiously as border guard forces.

Want to buy Crown brand products?

YANGON, 2 April— Sponsored by Smart Business Group, Electronics and personal goods exhibition 2010 was held at Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 1 to 4 April with the participation of Asia Electronic Co., Ltd.

Crown brand TV, EVD, HEVD, AMPLIFIER invented with Japanese technique and dat brand speaker produced by Indonesia are on sale at the exhibition.

Those items are available at No. 204 (B), first floor, Setyon street, Tarmway Township, Ph-200958, 290385, showroom No. (8) Wayzayanta Road, 6 ward, South Okkalapa Township Ph-562279 and Service Centre, No.(10), ground floor, 133th street, Yangon, Ph-09-8024849.—*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**

A & I Minister meets Thai Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr.Bansarn Bunnag at the ministry yesterday evening.

The meeting was attended by directors-general and managing-directors under the ministry.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr.Bansarn Bunnag.—MNA

Sony TX5 camera for Thingyan

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—TMW introduced water-proof Sony TX5 camera to journalists at its Yangon branch this morning.

Daw Lwin Lwin Mya of TMW spoke at the press conference. A responsible person of Singapore branch and Ko Zarni Aung of TMW said at the conference that the water-proof Sony TX5 camera is produced ahead of Thingyan, the water festival. The world's slimmest camera has four significant characters—enabling to take photos even at 1.5 metres deep water, being sand-resistant, sustaining no damage even if it falls from 4.5-metre height, and being usable at -10° C temperature.

High-sensitivity Exmor R CMOS sensor is installed in the water-proof Cyber-shot TX5. The combination of BIONZ image processor and high performance Carl Zeiss lens in the camera may guarantee pure and sharp pictures. Intelligent Sweep Panorama function may allow the user to shot portrait and landscape wide pictures and Twilight and Portrait function to generate pure photos even in dark. The water-proof TX5 camera may be bought at Sony showrooms of TMW enterprise limited.—*MNA*

Medical equipment received by Yangon Children's Hospital

YANGON, 2 April— A donation ceremony of Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) took place at Yangon Children's Hospital here this morning.

Mrs Anne Roger from Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) presented equipment to Yangon Children's Hospital. Professor Dr Kyu Kyu Khin from University of Medicine (1) received and gave honouring document to the donor.

MNA

Mrs Anne Roger of Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) donates medical equipment to Yangon Children's Hospital.

MNA

Crown brand electronic products seen in Electronics and personal goods exhibition 2010.

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Vietnamese PM urges efforts for eco. growth rate of 6.5%

HANOI, 2 April — Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung on Thursday urged ministries and relevant agencies to make more efforts to contain inflation and achieve economic growth rate of 6.5 percent in 2010.

Dung made the order during a regular meeting held here on Thursday to review the socio-economic deve-lopment of Vietnam in the first quarter.

Dung asked the central bank, the State Bank of Vietnam, to continue with flexible and careful monetary policies to control the speed of credit growth.

To boost exports, the prime minister ordered ministries and relevant agencies to flexibly use tax tools to contain trade deficit, encourage the consumption of domestic products, develop supporting industry and effectively disburse state capital.

Dung specifically assigned the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Finance to keep a closer eye on the latest developments of demand-supply relations to adopt appropriate measures to stabilize the domestic market.

At the meeting, Dung said that measures adopted in the first months of this year to develop the country's economy have begun to prove effective and brought about encouraging results.

In the first quarter of this year, Vietnamese economy grew by 5. 83 percent, much higher than the figure of 3.14 percent during the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Palestinian inspect the site of a destroyed factory after an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City.
XINHUA

***Iraqi children stand at the site of a car bomb in the holy Shiite shrine city of Karbala, south of Baghdad, on 29 March.* —INTERNET**

Iraq says March deadliest month so far this year

BAGHDAD, 2 April— The number of Iraqis killed in violence last month was the highest this year, authorities said on Thursday, as the country's political parties discuss forming a government after March 7 polls.

Altogether 367 Iraqis died as a result of attacks in March — a slight increase from February's toll of 352.

The death toll for March also represented the fourth consecutive month in which the overall number of people killed was higher than the same month a year previously. In addition, 699 people were wounded — according to the figures compiled by Iraq's health, interior and defence ministries.

Authorities said that a total of 57 insurgents were killed in March and 666 were arrested.

Seven American soldiers also died last month according to the independent website *www.icasualties.org.*

In total, 4,387 US troops have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in Iraq.—*Internet*

An Iraqi fireman uses a water hose to extinguish fire at a market after bomb attacks in Khalis, northeast of Baghdad.
INTERNET

Afghan president blames foreigners for vote fraud

KABUL, 2 April —President Hamid Karzai is blaming foreigners for widespread fraud in last year's presidential election.

Karzai told election workers on Thursday there had been "vast fraud" in the 20 Aug ballot but that it was not committed by Afghans.

Instead, he accused UN and European Union officials of interfering in the process to force the election into a runoff, which was scrapped when Karzai's main opponent dropped out.

Karzai singled out former UN deputy chief Peter Galbraith, who was fired in a dispute with his boss about how to deal with fraud allegations, and the head of the EU observers, retired French Gen Philippe Morillon. Karzai was forced into a runoff after a UN-backed commission threw out nearly a third of his ballots.

Internet

Militants blow up schools in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 2 April— Militants blew up another government high school in Pakistan's restive Mohmand tribal area and set on fire a middle school in Orakzai agency on Friday, official sources said.

Local officials told *Xinhua* that a high school was blown up by unidentified militants at Kogpand area in subdivision Safi of Mohmand early Friday. they said 21 classrooms were completely damaged and another 10 were partially destroyed.

Militants placed explosive materials at different parts of the building of the school that leveled the building to ground but no casualty has been reported.

Reports said that the number of schools so far destroyed by militants in the Mohmand agency reached 37.

Xinhua

A US Marine from kilo company 3rd Battalion 6th Marines watches as an Afghan man is searched by a soldier of the Afghan National Army near a US Marine base in Marjah District, Helmand Province, on 1 April, 2010.
INTERNET

S Korean police arrests two possible Taleban members

SEOUL, 2 April — Local police arrested two Pakistani men suspected to be Taleban elements for illegal entry, local media reported on Friday.

The two men, who arrived in South Korea in February last year via a Pakistan-flagged mer-chant ship, are charged with illegally entering the country by bypassing the immigration control, according to *Yonhap* News Agency.

The two were caught during the crackdown on undocumented migrant workers by immigrant authorities and police in the southern city of Changwon, where they worked at a clothing factory.

Investigators ob-tained intelligence alleging their link to the armed terrorist group Taleban and have asked the Pakistani govern-ment to verify the information, according to *Yonhap*.—*Xinhua*

Vibe receives a stem cell transplantation. The fluid that gets injected into her veins by a nurse on the left is only 4 degrees Celsius. It is very painful for her, giving her nausea and stomach ache. The purpose of the transplantation is to help her immune system to recover after a high dosage chemotherapy treatment. Vibe's mother Helle is on the right.
XINHUA

China pledges anti-terror cooperation after Russia bomb attacks

BEIJING, 2 April—China on Thursday said it would step up anti-terror cooperation with Russia after a string of bomb attacks in Russia within this week.

"We will continue to strengthen cooperation with Russia on security issues and fighting terrorism to jointly combat 'three forces' (of terrorism, separatism and extremism), in a bid to safeguard peace and stability in the two countries and in the region," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said at a news briefing in Beijing.

Two suicide bombings killed 12 people, including nine police officers, and injured another 26 in the Dagestani town of Kizlyawere Wednesday.

The blasts came two days after two female suicide bombers killed 39 people in attacks on the Moscow subway system that authorities have linked to North Caucasus militants.

Chinese President Hu Jintao has sent a telegram to Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev to extend condolences over the bombings, Qin said.—*Xinhua*

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

New Zealand business confidence falls in March

WELLINGTON, 2 April—Business confidence fell in March but remains at its highest level in 11 years, according to a survey released on Thursday.

The National Bank's latest survey has found firms remain cautiously upbeat about a recovery in economic activity.

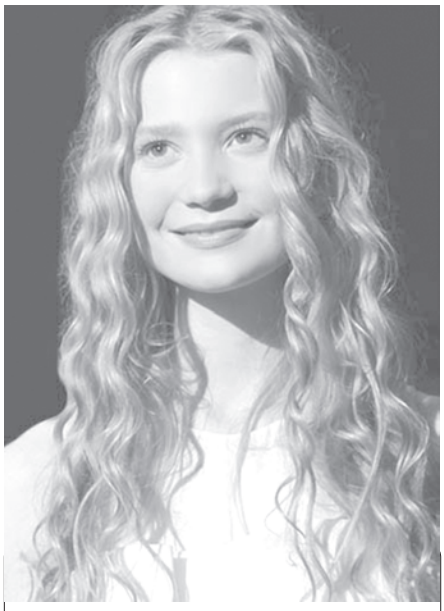
Twelve out of 13 indicators in the National Bank's monthly confidence survey deteriorated in March.

Xinhua

Fog strands int'l cargo ships at east China's port

SHANGHAI, 2 April—The sea area near China's biggest sea transport hub of Shanghai was shrouded in a dense fog on Thursday, which has stranded at least 90 international cargo ships, according to customs police.

Zhang Xinxin, the customs police on duty at the Waigaoqiao Port in Shanghai, said the port had issued a fog weather alert calling for all ships passing through the area to anchor immediately. She said the fog, the most severe one so far this year, reduced visibility to less than 200 meters. She said port customs had temporarily closed, but were prepared to increase manpower to cope with an influx of customs work after the fog dispersed.—*Xinhua*



This Australia girl, Mia Wasikowska, is the new face to Hollywood. She starred as Alice in Tim Burton's Lewis Carroll adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland", which hits global cinemas at present.
XINHUA

New vehicle sales in Japan increase for first time in seven years

TOKYO, 2 April—Sales of new vehicles in fiscal 2009 grew 10 percent from a year earlier, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association (JADA) said in a report on Thursday, marking the first rise in seven years.

According to JADA, 3,182,073 units were sold in fiscal year 2009, with sales in March surging 37.2 percent from a year before to 443,298 units, marking the eighth consecutive month of growth, as tax breaks and government subsidies for eco-friendly cars spurred buying in the wake of the global financial meltdown.

JADA additionally reported that 323,064 more units were sold in FY 2009 than a year earlier.

Sales of passenger cars jumped 40.7 percent to 402,826 units and truck sales advanced 0.7 percent to 37,778 units, according to JADA.

Xinhua

Nineteen-year-old Gizem Memic won Miss Turkey 2010 here on Thursday and she will compete for the Miss World on behalf of Turkey in Vietnam.
XINHUA

Large harbour for cruise ships to begin operation in N China's Tianjin

TIANJIN, 2 April—Construction work on a large harbor to accomodate cruise ships will be completed at the end of May in Tianjin, the largest artifical deep-water port of northern China, according to port management authorities.

The authorities said the harbor would be the largest ferry terminal in Asia. The harbor, designed to be able to accomodate two cruise vessels at the same time, will receive leading cruise liners "Costa" and "Legend of the Seas" in June.

Last year, Tianjin port received 50 visits of international cruise ships, a growth of 56 percent year-on-year, with 54,118 human entries and departures by the liners, up 77 percent.—*Xinhua*

Models present creations by Russian designer Slava Zaitsev during the Russian Fashion Week (RFW 2010/2011 Fall/ Winter) in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 1 April, 2010. The RFW kicked off here on Thursday.
XINHUA

VampireFreaks is a social networking site featuring Gothic characteristics with 2.2 million members, who are obsessed with Gothic things. They organize activities or establish specific groups, like vampire film "Twilight," to communicate and express their passion for Goth.—INTERNET

More than one way to lose weight

BEIJING, 2 April—Do you worry about how to lose your weight? Do you face the trouble to keep your weight?

Harvard researchers set out to determine exactly how much physical activity women need in midlife to avoid gaining weight as they age, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association as quoted by the New York Times Thursday.

The researchers found that an hour of moderate activity — including such recreational activities as brisk walking, leisurely bicycling, ballroom dancing and playing with children — a day prevented women of normal weight from gaining more than five pounds over any three-year period.

Half the amount of vigorous activity, like running, jogging or fast biking, will do the trick as well, they said.

"It's so hard to lose weight and maintain the loss, so whatever weight you are, you should try to stay that weight — that is a success," said the study lead author, Dr. I-Min Lee, an associate professor of epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health.

But any amount of exercise is beneficial, she emphasized. "People shouldn't just throw up their hands and say, 'Sixty minutes? I can't do that,' and give up. Health is more than weight."

During the 15-year study of 34,079 healthy women with an average age of 54 at the beginning, the average weight gain was just over five pounds without taking diet into account.—*Xinhua*

A woman watches goldfishs with her children at Brooklyn Botanic Garden in New York, the United States, on 31 March, 2010. Flowers are blossoming as temperature rises in New York.
INTERNET

Relationship between mother and son.
INTERNET

Beware of Fire

Expo song released for 30-day countdown

BEIJING, 2 April—"Beijing Welcomes You" was a popular hit song during and after the Beijing Olympics. So, perhaps the song "Right Here Waiting for You 2010" will become a hit from the Shanghai World Expo? The song was created to promote the expo and was released at the 30-day countdown event.

The image ambassadors of the Shanghai World Expo all appear in the music video. They include action star Jackie Chan, pianist Lang Lang, sports star Yao Ming, TV producer Yang Lan, film star Andy Lau, World champion Li Ning, film star Li Bingbing, and the image ambassador of Shanghai, Olympic champion Liu Xiang.

"Right Here Waiting for You 2010"—XINHUA

Lyric writer Zhang Peng says he set the mood of "Right Here Waiting for You" as if he was going to invite some guests to his house, and the house is to be spruced up with a delicious feast prepared.

Xinhua

"Sex and the City 2" to return this May

BEIJING, 2 April—The city wasn't New York but Las Vegas, and yet the "Sex and the City" stars appeared right at home at ShoWest - the film-exhibitors convention where they were presented with an award for Ensemble of the Year last weekend. Three of the film's four leads were present: Sarah Jessica Parker, Cynthia Nixon and Kristin Davis.

Poster of "Sex and the City 2"
XINHUA

The film may be about women and primarily for women, but Sarah Jessica Parker said the only reason the cast agreed to do a second movie was because of the participation of a man - writer-director Michael Patrick King.

King has called "Sex and the City 2" a road movie, and, indeed, it takes the cast out of New York to places as exotic as the Saharan desert. Its grand scope has led Parker to compare the project to "Lawrence of Arabia."

The original "Sex and the City" movie took more than 400 million dollars worldwide, making a sequel almost inevitable.

"Sex and the City 2" will be released across the globe from 27th May.

Xinhua

Mother-Son Relationship Key to Emotional Development

SCIENCEDAILY, 2 April—New research from the University of Reading says that children, especially boys, who have insecure attachments to their mothers in the early years have more behaviour problems later in childhood.

The analysis by Dr Pasco Fearon, from the School of Psychology and Clinical Language Sciences, looked at 69 studies involving almost 6,000 children aged 12 and younger.

The quality of the relationship between children and their parents is important to children's development, but past research on the link between attachment and development has been inconsistent. The volume, range and diversity of earlier studies made it difficult to get a clear picture. However this new analysis has been able to pull together evidence from past research to answer a number of scientific questions around attachment.

The new research sought to clarify the extent to which bonds between children and their mums early in life affect children's later behavioural problems, such as aggression or hostility. The studies included in the review used a range of methods for assessing children's behaviour problems, including parent and teacher questionnaires and direct observations.

The study also recommends the need for treatment studies focusing on attachment and for more research on the significance of attachment between children and their fathers.

Internet

Shanghai tells citizens to be polite, friendly as one month countdown to Expo begins

SHANGHAI, 2 April — "Be friendly. Don't cut in line. Keep to the right while driving and walking."

As the one month countdown to the World Expo began Thursday, authorities are asking Shanghai residents to be on their best behavior.

The Shanghai Expo Citizenship Pledge also requires residents of the host city to protect the environment, talk and dress politely, and not to litter.

The pledge was drawn up after the government culled suggestions from the 35,000 letters, e-mails and phone-calls, according to the municipal civil affairs office.

The suggestions focused on citizen behavior, such as the way to treat guests and how to dress and speak. Others related to expo visiting, travel and environment protection.

About 70 million people are expected to visit the expo which runs from 1 May to 31 Oct.

Xinhua

A Russian police officer guards the Russian Soyuz TMA-18 space ship, that will carry new crew to the international space station, getting transported from a hangar to the launch pad at the Russian leased Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Wednesday, on 31 March, 2010. Start of the new Soyuz mission with US astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Kornienko are set to blast off for the international space station from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on 2 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Library book is returned — 45 years late

LONDON, 2 April— Staff at the Dinnington library are used to people bringing books back late but the package they received last month was in a class of its own.

It contained a paperback first edition copy of "Quatermass and the Pit" by Nigel Kneale which had been borrowed on September 24, 1965.

"I thought at first it was just a normal return, until I saw the color of the pages: they were very brown around the edges," said Alison Lawrie, the Principal Library Assistant.

"It's true that some people like to take their time with a good book, but 45 years is an incredible amount of time!" Staff believe the book was borrowed from the old Dinnington Libr-ary, in Sheffield, South Yorkshire which opened in 1936 and is close to the current building which opened in 2009.

Internet

Chinese shares rise Thursday

BEIJING, 2 April — Chinese equities rose Thursday, led by property developers.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index on the Shanghai Stock Exchange inched up 1.23 percent, or 38.32 points, to end at 3,147.42 points. The Shenzhen Component Index on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange closed at 12,686.06 points, up 191.71 points, or 1.53 percent.

Combined turnover was 277.60 billion yuan (40.64 billion U.S. dollars), up from 219.76 billion yuan on the previous trading day.

Gainers outnumbered losers by 803 to 75 in Shanghai and 786 to 113 in Shenzhen.

Xinhua

Calif woman gets six months for fake breasts heist

An Orange County woman's new breasts cost her six months in jail. Yvonne Jean Pampellonne was sentenced Monday in Westminster for using a fraudulent line of credit to obtain $12,000 in cosmetic surgery, including breast implants and liposuction.

The 30-year-old woman had pleaded guilty to burglary, grand theft and identity theft. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail and was placed on three years' probation. Restitution was also ordered by the Westminster judge, but the amount wasn't immediately clear.

Pampellonne used a line of credit established in another person's name to get the September 2008 procedures at the Pacific Center for Plastic Surgery in Huntington Beach.

Lapassarada Thanaphant poses with a bowl of food and her robot waiter at her Hajime restaurant during its opening ceremony in Bangkok 1 April, 2010. Lapassarada said she spent 30 million baht (US$927,600) on the Japanese restaurant including the purchase of four robots from Japan.

A bee collects nectar in a mustard flower at Sitgram village, about 185 km (115 miles) south from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri .

NEWS ALBUM

Bobcat walks in front door of Washington home

A Washington state homeowner says he left his front door open for his own cats. He wasn't expecting a 35-pound bobcat to walk in, but that's what happened.

The Port Ludlow resident told animal control officers he watched the wild cat jump over a couch, climb over a big screen TV and then jump up to a loft, where it made itself at home.

Washington Fish and Wildlife Officer Win Miller says the bobcat apparently felt safe upstairs. With the help of a tranquilizer gun, animal control officers were able to secure the cat and remove it from the home last weekend.

Fish and Wildlife says the bobcat wasn't harmed and was released back into the wild about six miles from the home. One of the homeowner's pet cats was briefly scared away, but "Boo Boo" made it home safely on Tuesday.

Australian artist James Corbett, 46, transforms used automobile parts into amazing sculptures. It's reported that those vivid sculptures may be worth thousands of pounds.

If with close relations

Tekkatho Hla Maung (Yedashe)

Close relations are usually followed by strong bonds of friendship.In my childhood, we used to shout a slogan in procession "National Day, Our Day" without any knowledge of its significance. On Independence Days, we enjoyed ourselves, joining commemorative sports events, but we were at that time too young to realize its essence, and so also on Union Day, Armed Forces Day, Martyrs' Day, and Workers' Day.

When we were in high school, we came to have little knowledge of the days of significance. I spent my schooldays from primary to tertiary education in a small town Yedashe. I knew national races just by name. I hardly saw some Kayin nationals in the areas on the eastern bank of the Sittoung River. The memory of the word "Kayin Age" is still with me.

Children of us stayed hiding in the bomb shelters out of fear when Kayin insurgents approached our town. We had to run passing among the blazes for our lives after they set fire to our town. When we were close to Shwe Wettoe Pagoda, the whole town was in flames. I hardly suppressed my emotional feeling to cry just as I witnessed some flames coming up from the sight of our house. As the town was caught in surprise, some service personnel and police were killed in the raid, including fathers of some friends of mine. At that time, I was puzzled by the incident, which was beyond my thinking power.

Only at present do I come to realize that such incidents are due to lack of relations between one national race and another. Such undesirable consequences would not have come true if national races had known the importance of mutual understanding between them, and put non-disintegration of national solidarity in the fore.

In my youth, students of us had not seen people of other national races. So, rural folks had less chance to deal with and were strange to national races. Only with the might of the national unity could we overcome the evil consequences of the terrible period. We had ever seen Kachin nationals only when they came to our town from the northern part of the nation. They joined the armed conflicts on the government's side. I was overwhelmed by sadness when we saw the insurgency-torn town. Up to that time, peace and stability had not been restored much. Our region was under the rule of the government in daytime, and the rule of armed groups at night. For instance, in the festival of the Mei Dek Pagoda, a famous pagoda in the town, the government undertook the festival in daytime, and an armed force I was not sure White Yebaw or Red Flag, at night. I was completely puzzled by the fact that they rose against, but then extended their hands and hearts to the government. Only now can I realize that national unity is a must.

At that time, the Tatmadaw has not been strong enough. Without any participation of the public, no way the Tatmadaw managed to defend the motherland. A Tatmadaw must be capable of safeguarding the nation, efficient, and modern. The nation's falling under alien subjugation was largely due to lack of a modern Tatmadaw, and poor leadership. In the time of King Bagyidaw, the nation started to face alien invasion. General Maha Bandoola could bring dignity to the motherland, but in the end the nation conceded loss due to great gap in the firepower. In the time of King Bagan, half of the nation was given up to the colonialists. In the time of King Thibaw, the colonialists took the Myanmar king very easily, thus pushing the whole nation under the yoke of colonialism. That did tarnish the image of the nation. Our country encountered such an avoidable incident due to lack of national defence power. History shows that it is required of all national brethren to remain harmonious in boosting national defence capacity and prowess. Truly, only when national unity and the national defence strength of the Tatmadaw are exerted in combination will it be possible for our country to stand tall in the global community.

That concept came to my knowledge fully only when I joined the Tatmadaw. Tatmadaw members have to march through ravines, jungles and mountain ranges. So, Tatmadaw members of us had closer relations with local national races. They relished the greetings when we called them in their dialect with a pleasing lisp such as anu, awah, pawt, mei, phahti and amoe. Then, our relations grew into mutual friendship. As for Tatmadaw members like us who were away from home, we felt very encouraged and relaxed to call elder persons of national races phahti and amoe (father and mother). Then, we fell deeply friendly to local national races. On an operation in Namhkam, I happened to put a question to a local Shan damsel.

"Hey, we must go home now. Are you happy with our return home?"

"Yes, we are."

"Oh, why?"

Because this place is instable under the threat of guns and bombs. I sympathize people like you who are shouldering national defence duties at risk to life."

It is natural that nothing breeds more attachment than close friendship between two persons. I once wrote about a Kachin male friend of mine, who was my classmate and roommate from Hteetan College. He rose to the rank of Brigade Commander in KIA. When I arrived in their stronghold, I heard no sounds of gun. There were no causalities from both sides. I was surprised by that. The region was KIA-active area and there broke out major battles. I think it was due to the close bond between us. For a Tatmadawman, he has to give priority to his duty when facing the enemy. When my friend died in his region, a picture of his together with his wife Palaung national was carried in the newspaper. In this context, I thought when there was close contact with national brethren, I happened to see a string of attachment.

If one region was far from another, if there was poor transport and if there was no contact, how could such a string of attachment come?

But now, all the regions including border areas are developing with smooth transport. There have been contacts among the national people. Unlike in the past, the sound of guns and cannons are no more. We saw more attachment to the national races when we were in various regions on duty as Tatmadawmen. The light infantry battalion in Shwebo was my first mother unit. The battalion was formed most with Kayah nationals as it had been transformed from Kayah army. I still remember Kayah national sergeants Maung Mya and Htun Hla I was working with when I had little experience in service. How can I forget them saving my life on a front line.

I cannot forget that I escaped from the hands of BCP as Kachin national warrant officer Gyaingwala and private Mayunaw save my life at risk to their lives when we retreated from the BCP-controlled region called Lonhtan in Kokant. Every battle cannot be won. We may win or lose. Indeed, how disgusting it is to see lack of peace and stability in the regions of national races!

I don't think stories about saving one national's life from the other's will ever end. When a military operation was carried out in Bago Yoma, a skirmish broke out in a small village called Ladakwin. Under a long-legged house, a young woman member of the BCP closely aimed her carbine at me. She had an edge over me. She was about to pull the trigger. It was a moment of great importance. At that time, I heard sounds of carbine on my left side and the woman fell to the ground. When I turned back, my company commander Kachin national Capt M Zaw Yaw was beside me.

That helped forge a bond of friendship between us. Why? Is it because of close bond? When we became friendly, we came to know more about each other. We shouldered national defence duties together with due respect. We had more attachment to each other. I became oneness with them. There was more understanding between us.

Although there is no longer unrest and violence, we cannot neglect the fact that there are those who are attempting to capitalize on the country's situation. The incidents in Iraq and Afghanistan have proved how important national defence is. It is like saying how important national duties are and that it is time we were united.

For our new generations to be able to live in peace and tranquility, we have worked hard to improve our military, organizational, economic, social, religious, education and health affairs and to protect the nation from being under alien rule.

The current situation is different from that of the past when we were in service. How peaceful and prosperous our country is! We had no longer our nightmares, having escaped from the dark of internal insurgency. All the regions are developing with sound infrastructures and special projects being implemented. There have been smooth transport and contacts among the regions.

We need to continue to equip our Tatmadaw with more defence power. National unity is necessary to ensure non-disintegration of the Union. It is our duty to safeguard national sovereignty and independence our forefathers achieved by sacrificing their lives, blood and sweat. Non-disintegration of the Union, national unity and perpetuation of sovereignty are the main duties of the entire national people.

It is true that close friendship grows into attachment.

(Translation: MS+ST)

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Myanmar PM General Thein Sein meets Vietnamese PM Mr Nguyen Tan Dung

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein today received a delegation headed by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Zeyathiri Beikman here.

Also present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads.

The visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials of the embassy.

First, Prime Minister General Thein Sein made a welcoming speech.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister then made an introductory speech.

The two prime ministers discussed matters on enhancing the existing friendship between the two countries and cooperation in multi sectors, boosting mutual collaboration in agriculture, fisheries, finance, transportation, communication, energy, mines, construction, trade and investment sectors. They also frankly exchanged views on international and regional issues.

After the contracts signing ceremony, the two prime ministers exchanged joint declaration of bilateral cooperation.

Next, the ministers and the officials of the two countries signed seven contracts and MoUs covering investment promotion, fisheries, agriculture, finance, communication and mines sectors.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Develop-ment Col Thurein Zaw presented permit to bank chairman for launching representative office of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) in Yangon, and Director-General U Tin Naing Tun of Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport to Vietnamese airline chairman for running Yangon-Hanoi direct flight.

Minister and Chairman of the Government Office of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Huan Phuc presented educational

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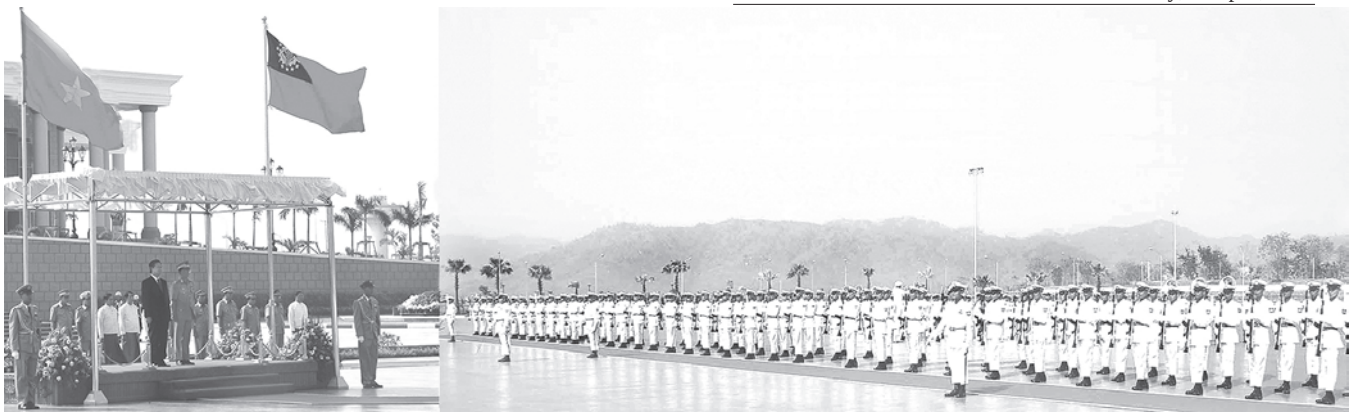
***Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein meets a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.*—MNA**

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung exchange documents on joint declaration of bilateral cooperation.* —MNA**

***Ministers and officials of Myanmar and Vietnam signing MoUs.*— MNA**



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung taking the salute of Guard of Honour.
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Myanmar PM General Thein Sein …

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aids worth 0.1 million US dollars to Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein; Chairman of BIDV Mr Tran Bac Ha, computer sets to Director-General U Htay Lwin of Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department of the NPED Ministry; Chief Executive Officer of the Hoa Sen Group of Vietnam Mr Le Phuoc Vu, 0.3 million US dollars to President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw.

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Those wishing to form parties submit application

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— The PaO National Organization today submitted its application to the Union Election Commission for its formation as a political party.—*MNA*

Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein accepts educational aids worth USD 0.1 million presented by Minister and Chairman of the Government Office of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Huan Phuc.—MNA

Deputy NPED Minister Col Thurein Zaw presents permit to Chairman of BIDV for setting up representative office in Yangon.

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Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung observes Myanma Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

Delegation led by Vietnamese Prime Minister visits Myanma Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam who is on a working visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein this morning arrived at Myanmar Gems Museum from Aureum Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw hotel zone where they were staying.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister and delegation were accompanied by Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and officials.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister signed in the visitors' book. On the ground floor of the museum they observed gems of the private companies.

They also viewed the ministries, staff housings, Thiriyadana market, construction of Presidential Residentce, Pyithu Hluttaw buildings and International Convention Centre . —*MNA*

16718.84 acres poppy plantations obliterated in 2009-2010

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Officials concerned were making efforts to destroy poppy plantations in 2009-2010 poppy growing season. From 1 September 2009 to 22 March 2010, 15383.8 acres of poppy plantations from states and divisions were destroyed.

From 22 to 31 March, 1335.04 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed again, bringing the total number to 16718.84 acres—45.5 acres in Namhkam township of Shan State (North), 134.95 acres in Pekhon, Pinlaung and Hsiseng townships of Shan State (South), and 1154.59 acres in Waingmaw and Tanai townships of Kachin State.—*MNA*

Vietnamese delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung being welcomed by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—At an invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party arrived in Nay Pyi Taw of the Union of Myanmar with a special flight at 9.30 am this morning.

The delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung was welcomed by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, directors-general of the departments under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung, military attaché and officials from embassy at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival (Nay Pyi Taw) to be held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— A coordination meeting of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival Committee (Nay Pyi Taw) took place at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival Committee (Nay Pyi Taw) Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Vice Chairman of MTMTFC Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and members of MTMTFC.

In speech, Chairman of MTMTFC Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt said that Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival (Nay Pyi Taw) will be attractively celebrated yearly. It will be opened at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall's central pavilion with traditional performances of dance troops. Besides, entertainment programmes of nine hotels in hotel zone will take part in the festival.

Vice Chairman of MTMTFC Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt attended to the needs.

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PBANRDA Minister Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt addresses work coordination meeting of observing Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Festival.—MNA

Signing ceremony for Thakyet Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW,2 April—The Hydropower Administration Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 and Yuzana Co Ltd signed MoU on implementation of Thakyet Hydropower Project through B.O.T at the meeting hall of the ministry yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, directors-general and managing directors and officials.

The minister made a speech and then Director-General of HAD U Kyee Soe and Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint signed the MoU and exchanged it.

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Signing of MoU between EP-1 Ministry and Yuzana Co Ltd in progress.—MNA

EP-2 Minister receives Vietnamese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received a delegation led by member of foreign relations permanent committee of Vietnamese Council of State and Viet A Group Madame Pham Thi Loan of Vietnam at the ministry here this morning.

Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation in electricity. It was also attended by Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electric Power Supply Board and officials.

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Electric Power No. 2 Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives member of foreign relations permanent committee of Vietnamese Council of State Madame Pham Thi Loan and party.—MNA

CPT Deputy Minister meets Vietnamese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April— Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Maj-Gen Thein Tun received Deputy Minister of Information and Communications H.E Mr.Le Nam Thang of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and party at his office here this morning. They discussed matters on cooperation in communication sector.

It was also attended together with the deputy minister and departmental heads.—*MNA*

US Navy says radar aircraft crashes into Arabian Sea

RIYADH, 2 April—A US Navy radar aircraft carrying four service members crashed into the Arabian Sea on Wednesday, the US Fifth Fleet said.

"An E-2C Hawkeye from Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAM) 121 stationed abroad USS Dwight D Eisenhower (CVN 69) crashed at sea at approximately 2:00 pm (1100 GMT) on 31 March while operating in the North Arabian Sea," the Bahrain-based Fifth Fleet said in a statement.

According to the statement, three of the four crew members have been rescued and returned to the ship, while a search operation for the missing fourth member is underway.

The aircraft was returning from a mission when it experienced mechanical malfunctions, and the crew performed a controlled bailout, the statement said.

The incident is under investigation, the statement concluded.

Xinhua

Russians donate blood during a campaign organized by the Young Russia group at the Triumfalnaya Square in Moscow on 31 March, 2010. Many Russian people on Wednesday donated blood for those injured in the recent subway bomb blasts in the Russian capital.—XINHUA

China inks 300 mln USD purchasing deals with South Africa

PRETORIA, 2 April—China on Wednesday signed a package of deals, purchasing products worth more than 300 million US dollars from South Africa.

The deals, the biggest-ever single purchase China made from South Africa, coincided with top Chinese political advisor Jia Qinglin's official goodwill visit to South Africa from 28 March to 1 April.

Jia, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the country's top advisory body, witnessed the signing ceremony on the sidelines of a China-South Africa Economic and Trade Forum in Pretoria. The deals, involving nearly 30 corporations in the two countries, covered fishmeal, mohair, wool, bulk wine, copper, wood pulp, chrome ore and others. "The signing of the enormous deal showed the cooperation initiative of when the two countries forged diplomatic ties.—*Xinhua*

Jia Qinglin (C Back), Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, attends the signing ceremony of a package of deals on Chinese enterprises' purchasing products worth more than 300 million US dollars from South Africa, in Pretoria, South Africa, on 31 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Young men who smoke have lower IQs, study finds

SCIENCEDAILY, 2 April— "Only dopes use dope," goes the memorable warning about drugs. Now a Tel Aviv University researcher cautions that the same goes for cigarettes.

A study led by Prof. Mark Weiser of Tel Aviv University's Department of Psychiatry and the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer Hospital has determined that young men who smoke are likely to have lower IQs than their non-smoking peers. Tracking 18- to 21-year-old men enlisted in the Israeli army in the largest ever study of its kind, he has been able to demonstrate an important connection between the number of cigarettes young males smoke and their IQ.

The average IQ for a non-smoker was about 101, while the smokers' average was more than seven IQ points lower at about 94, the study determined. The IQs of young men who smoked more than a pack a day were lower still, at about 90. An IQ score in a healthy population of such young men, with no mental disorders, falls within the range of 84 to 116.—*Internet*

Medvedev orders stronger transport security

MOSCOW, 2 April— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday ordered the government to strengthen security on national transport in response to recent terrorist attacks.

"I have signed a decree today, ordering to build a complex system to guarantee security on transport," Medvedev told the Security Council as quoted by the *Interfax* news agency.

According to the decree, priority should be put on public transport such trains and buses to effectively prevent terrorist attacks.

The president also ordered the Security Council to draw up relevant programmes that would equip key transport hubs with tighter security by the end of next March, and establish a complex transport security system nationwide by 2014.

Russian Transport Minister Igor Levitin said the ministry would implement security checks in all transport facilities, especially the metro, airports, railway stations and seaports.—*Xinhua*

A Smart 2010 Chrome yellow special edition is presented during the media preview of the New York International Auto Show at Javits centre in New York, the United States, on 31 March, 2010.—XINHUA

Iran Air gains approval to resume flights to Europe

TEHERAN, 2 April— Managing Director of Iranian national air carrier, Farhad Parvaresh, said on Wednesday that Iran Air has gained approval of the European air safety committee to resume flights to European destinations.

The permission was issued by the European Community Safety Assessment of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) due to the implementation of related standards by Iran, Parvaresh was quoted by the semi-official *Fars* news agency reported as saying.

The European Union has recently banned all the Philippine and Sudanese airlines from flying into the European bloc for failing to comply with international flight safety standards. It also reduced the number of flights operated to the EU by Iran Air.

Meanwhile, local satellite Press TV reported that Iran Air would be allowed to continue its operations in the EU with its fleet of 18 Airbus *A300/310s*, nine *Boeing 747s*, six *Airbus A320s* and one *Boeing 737*.

"Iran Air's existing scheduled flights to different European destinations continue as before and there are no bans on these flights," Reza Ja'farzadeh, the spokesman for Iran's Civil Aviation Organization, told Press TV.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BILLION VOY NO (117)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (117) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 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 SIAM PHULSAWAT MARITIME CO. LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (002)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PDZ MAJU VOY NO (002) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 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 KWANG MYONG VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KWANG MYONG VOY NO (-) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 2.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 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: KWANG MYONG INT'L SHIPPING CO. LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANG KHON THI VOY NO (144)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANG KHON THI VOY NO (144) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 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 Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHULSAWAT SHIPPING CO. LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1012)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOY NO (1012) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.4.2010 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

***Bomb disposal policemen works on a mock bomb in a shopping centre during a drilling in Beijing, on 2 April, 2010. The police bureau in Beijing carried out a drilling on Friday to test the reaction of shopping centres and policemen under emergent situation.—*XINHUA**

***Baby male Asian Elephant 'Pathi Harn' (L) plays in the mud with 'Luk Chai' at Taronga Zoo in Sydney, in this 31 March, 2010 handout photo. Mother elephant Porntip gave birth to the calf at Sydney's main zoo on 10 March, surprising vets and keepers who on 8 March declared the baby had died in the womb.—*INTERNET**

Syria to build protection zone around old Damascus

DAMASCUS, 2 April—The Syrian Ministry of Culture recently issued a resolution to establish a protection zone around old Damascus city, the oldest inhabited city in human history, to preserve its surroundings, Syrian Arab News Agency (ANA) reported on Thursday.

Damascus Antiquities director Ghazwan Yaghi said it is the first time Syria had a scheme for the protection of the city, which is included in the world heritage list, by preventing violations which severely disfigure the city view.

However, it was once suggested in 1997 to create a special protection zone, the report said.

The Syrian official confirmed that the it is important to find a way to establish the isolation zone without affecting residents' life, *ANA* said.—*Xinhua*

Balto truck driver admits stealing diesel

BALTIMORE, 2 April— A truck driver for the Baltimore Department of Public Works has admitted he stole and sold more than 100,000 gallons of diesel fuel. Maurice Boone, 45, entered a guilty plea on Monday in a deal that spares him a prison term, The Baltimore Sun reported. He may testify against James Wright, the alleged buyer of the stolen fuel.

Boone was arrested in early 2009 after a police officer investigating car thefts saw him filling storage tanks in a warehouse from his city tanker truck. Investigators say he admitted he had been stealing fuel for about 18 months by filling up his truck, making the rounds to deliver fuel to city vehicles and then selling what was still in the tank.

His plea agreement includes a requirement to pay $187,000 in restitution for just over 100,000 gallons. But city officials say because of gaps in paperwork they have no idea how much fuel actually disappeared, and the financial loss could be as much as $1 million.—*Internet*

Indonesian Red Cross vows to help Palestinians

JAKARTA, 2 April—Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia or PMI) insisted to help Palestinian people and to boost cooperation with Palestinian Red Crescent, head of PMI Jusuf Kalla said here on Thursday.

Kalla made the statement during the visit of President of the Palestinian Red Crescent Younis Al-Khatib at the PMI headquarters.

The head of the PMI, Kalla quoted by *Antara* news wire as saying that PMI was ready to help the Palestinian people and he planned to meet the invitation from the Palestinian Red Crescent in the near future. "The schedule is being worked on. We will help, and we'll see what we can do," he said.

On the occasion, the PMI chief presented humanitarian aid worth 100,000 US dollars for the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian Red Crescent wanted to strengthen cooperation with red cross and red crescent organizations throughout the world, including with PMI, Al-Khatib said. "During the war, we have difficulty in sending medical supplies, and the only way, sometimes, is by establishing cooperation with existing red cross organizations in the world," he said. —*Xinhua*

The zebra finch, which gets its name from the black-and-white stripes on the male finch's throat is the first songbird to have its genome decoded.
INTERNET

Chinese singer Zu Hai performs in the golden auditorium in Vienna, Austria, on 30 March, 2010. A classic folk song concert featuring Chinese singer Zu Hai and Spanish singer Jose Carreras was held on Tuesday in the Golden Hall in Vienna to mark the upcoming Shanghai Expo. —XINHUA

End of freezing in many states by 2099?

PRINCETON, 2 April — A US organization called Climate Central says its preliminary figures show average future US March temperatures will be higher because of climate change.

The organization's scientists say they have just published an interactive map showing what various states might expect during the third month of years to come.

Climate Central said its map uses special high-resolution projections covering the lower 48 states to show where average March temperatures are expected to be above or below freezing each decade this century. The group's maps also compare projections under a reduced-carbon-pollution scenario versus a high one that extends current trends.

The scientists say their findings show either a high or complete loss of freezing zones by the end of the century in every state analyzed.

"Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota would lose the most total below-freezing area, while seven other states — from Arizona to Wisconsin — are projected to lose all they currently have," the scientists said in a statement.

"These maps imply future changes the research community is only beginning to appreciate," said Climate Central scientist Ben Strauss.

Climate Central says it is an organization of scientists and journalists "dedicated to communicating the best and latest climate science."

The maps are available at http:/ www.climatecentral.org.

Internet

Teaching hygiene in school effective

ATLANTA, 2 April — Teaching students in schools in the developing world about hygiene helps the whole household reduce illness, US researchers said.

Lead study investigator Elizabeth Blanton of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said poor sanitation and a lack of access to safe water contribute to an estimated 1.87 million deaths per year from devastating diseases worldwide, mostly among children age 5 and younger in the developing world.

The CDC and colleagues at the Cooperative for Assistance and Relieve Everywhere, Inc found that the school student hygiene and water treatment education programme in Kenya resulted in a 200 percent increase in household water treatment.In addition, the hygiene education programme also resulted in a 164 percent increase in proper hand-washing techniques among adults and 240 percent among students, the study said.—*Internet*

A woman shows handmade cloth puppets in the shape of Haibao, mascot of the 2010 World Expo, at Zhonghua Village of Langxia Township in Jinshan Districit in Shanghai, east China, on 31 March, 2010.–XINHUA

Toxic groundwater organisms studied

OAK RIDGE, 2 April — US scientists say they are studying micro-organisms in toxic groundwater to find biological methods of dealing with such contaminants. The research by a collaboration of scientists from the US Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Joint Genome Institute and the University of Oklahoma, involved a "stressed" microbial community near a former waste disposal pond on the Oak Ridge Reservation in Tennessee.

The study revealed microbes with an overabundance of genes involved in DNA recombination and repair and other defence mechanisms for dealing with contaminants and other environmental stresses. The studies, said ORNL researcher David Watson, are aimed at developing ways of reducing the level of contaminants in groundwater, which at the site includes nitrates, solvents and heavy metals, including uranium.

"We are looking to better understand the evolution of microbes in the groundwater plume," Watson said. "The microbes that can break down nitrate into nitrogen can have a long-term benefit toward attenuating the plume."Watson says researchers particularly want to better understand the genetic makeup of microbes that can metabolize oxidized forms of uranium into a form that is only slightly soluble and thus easier to precipitate and remove from the environment.—*Internet*

Ukraine's Vladislav Goncharov places his head into the mouth of one his lions during the rehearsal of the upcoming show of the Hungarian State Circus in Budapest, Hungary, Thursday, March 25, 2010.—INTERNET

Parkinson's drug may cause prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 2 April — The US Food and Drug Administration says it's evaluating a clinical trial that suggests taking Stalevo may place people at risk of getting prostate cancer.Stalevo (entacapone) is used to treat symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The long-term trial suggested the drug might increase a patient's risk of developing prostate cancer, although other controlled clinical trials didn't find such a linkage, the FDA said.

"FDA is still reviewing the available information and has not concluded Stalevo increases the risk of developing prostate cancer," officials said in a statement. "*Healthcare* professionals should be aware of this possible risk and follow current guidelines for prostate cancer screening."

The federal agency said patients shouldn't stop taking their medication unless directed to do so by their healthcare professional.—*Internet*

Actors and actresses dressed up as people living in ancient China's Tang Dynasty (618-907) perform during the unveiling ceremony of Shaanxi Pavilion at the World Expo site in Shanghai, east China, on 31 March, 2010.
XINHUA

New soybean aphid biotype identified

URBANA, 2 April — US scientists say they've identified a new soybean aphid — Biotype 3 — that can multiply on aphid-resistant soybean varieties.

The researcher, led by University of Illinois Professor Glen Hartman, said the soybean aphid is the only soybean insect pest known to have multiple biotypes, and the most recently identified soybean aphid was discovered in Springfield Fen, Ind on overwintering glossy buckthorn.

Biotype 3 is not distinguishable by its appearance, Hartman said. It was identified by testing the aphid on soybean plants with known resistance genes. The scientists found it was capable of feeding and multiplying on varieties carrying the resistance genes Rag1 and Rag2.

"Identifying a biotype that can overcome Rag1 and Rag2 resistance, even before soybean varieties with these resistance genes were deployed in production, suggests high variability in virulence within soybean aphid populations," said principal research specialist Curt Hill.

Internet

SPORTS

Fulham fairytale continues with win over Wolfsburg

LONDON, 2 April — Fulham are in pole position to extend their fairytale run in the Europa League to the semi-finals after beating Wolfsburg 2-1 in Thursday's quarter-final first leg.

Roy Hodgson's unfashionable team had already knocked out Italian giants Juventus and holders Shakhtar Donetsk en route to the last eight, but the German champions grabbed a last minute lifeline with a crucial away goal.—*Internet*

Fulham's Welsh midfielder Simon Davies (R) vies with Wolfsburg's Bosnian striker Edin Dzeko (L) during their UEFA Europa League quarter-final, 1st leg football match against Wolfsburg at Craven Cottage, in London.
INTERNET

Benfica put 10-man Liverpool on spot in Europa League

LISBON, 2 April — Benfica put 10-man Liverpool on the spot on Thursday as the Portuguese side came from behind to win their Europa League quarter-final first-leg clash 2-1.

Liverpool had already suffered a blow beforehand when midfielder Alberto Aquilani was ruled out with an ankle injury.

But they put that behind them by taking an early lead at the Estadio da Luz as Daniel Agger neatly backheeled home the opener on just nine minutes.—*Internet*

***Benfica's Paraguayan forward Oscar Cardozo celebrates after scoring against Liverpool during their UEFA Europa League qualifying football match at Luz Stadium in Lisbon.—*INTERNET**

Rooney scan shows 'minor' ligament damage

LONDON, 2 April — England and Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney has suffered "minor ligament damage" and a scan of his injured ankle showed no fracture, his club said on Thursday.

The results of the scan appear to suggest Rooney should be able to play in this year's World Cup finals in South Africa, which kick off in 10 weeks' time.

"We're pleased to report that Wayne has not suffered a fracture. The scan revealed only minor ligament damage," a club spokeswoman told ManUtd.com, without saying how many games Rooney will miss.

The 24-year-old appears almost certain to play no part in Saturday's crucial top-of-the-table Premier League clash against Chelsea.

Rooney was injured in United's 2-1 defeat to Bayern Munich in the first leg of the Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday.

He limped off the field and left Bayern's Allianz Arena with his right ankle encased in a plastic boot before having a scan on his return to Britain.

It was initially feared the injury could either rule him out of the World Cup, where he will be key to England's hopes, or leave him facing the same desperate race for fitness he endured before the 2006 finals.—*Internet*

***Wayne Rooney pictured earlier in the season. The England and Manchester United striker has suffered "minor ligament damage" but a scan of his injured ankle shows no fracture, his club has said.—*INTERNET**

Venus to face Clijsters in Miami tennis final

MIAMI, 2 April — Venus Williams swept past France's Marion Bartoli to reach the final of the Sony Ericsson Open, where she'll face old rival Kim Clijsters of Belgium.

Williams downed Bartoli 6-3, 6-4, notching her 15th straight victory in her current hot streak.

Clijsters, the 2005 Miami champion, needed four match points to put away fellow Belgian Justine Henin 6-2, 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (8/6).

The battle was the second this year between two players who have come out of retirement. Clijsters returned with a bang last year to win the US Open, while Henin, who launched her comeback this year, reached the Australian Open final.

Between them Clijsters and Henin produced 18 double faults and 103 unforced errors.—*Internet*

Venus Williams of the United States returns a shot against Marion Bartoli of France during the 2010 Sony Ericsson Open at Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida.
INTERNET

Percy ties for the lead at Houston Open

HUMBLE, 2 April — Another Australian is off to a fast start at the Houston Open.

Cameron Percy shot a 67 late Thursday afternoon to tie Kevin Stadler for the first-round lead and extend a streak at the tournament for players from Down Under. An Aussie has led or shared the first-round lead in Houston every year since 2006, when the event moved to the Tournament Course at Redstone.

Six Australians have won a total of eight Houston Opens, including Stuart Appleby in 2006 and Adam Scott in '07. Appleby also won in 1999, and Bruce Crampton won twice (1973 and 1975).

Percy, a Tour rookie, would be more of a long shot, considering some of the big names in the field. Percy arrived in Houston ranked 173rd in putting average and the extra practice on the green this week paid off on Thursday.—*Internet*

***Phil Mickelson hits out of a bunker on the 12th hole during the first round of the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament, on 1 April, 2010, in Humble, Texas.—*INTERNET**

Pettersen leads Ochoa by stroke in first major

RANCHO MIRAGE, 2 April — Suzann Pettersen went for a practically flawless desert drive in the opening round of the season's first major.

The Norwegian star, trying to bounce back from a hip injury, shot a bogey-free 5-under 67 in the Kraft Nabisco Championship on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over former champion Lorena Ochoa, who missed birdie putts on her final two holes.

If there are any lingering symptoms from a hip injury that required a cortisone shot, they weren't showing. Pettersen hit 12 fairways and 13 greens in regulation at 6,702-yard Mission Hills.

Internet

Suzann Pettersen, of Norway, watches her tee shot on the 11th hole during the first round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif, Thursday, on 1 April, 2010.
INTERNET

Arsenal's Arshavin out for three weeks

LONDON, 2 April —Andrey Arshavin will be sidelined for up to three weeks, Arsenal's Russian star has revealed after limping out of his side's 2-2 Champions League quarter-final draw with Barcelona.

Skipper Cesc Fabregas, who fears he may have suffered a stress fracture in his leg, and centreback William Gallas, who broke down in his comeback match, could both be ruled out until the end of the season as a result of injuries suffered in Tuesday's dramatic first leg at the Emirates.

But Arshavin's calf injury does not appear to be as serious, he said on his website, www.arshavin.eu.

"Perhaps I won't be able to play for another two or three weeks," he said. "It is not a relapse of my old injury, this is a new one."

Arsenal battled back from 2-0 down to keep their hopes of a semi-final place alive and Arshavin believes a depleted Gunners squad could pull off a shock win in the Nou Camp next week.

"The rest of the players will play to win," he said. "They showed great character. Barcelona had a good start, but we found our way back.

Internet

Arsenal's Russian player Andrey Arshavin (R)

Ancelotti relieved to see Rooney miss out

LONDON, 2 April — Carlo Ancelotti, the Chelsea manager, admits he is relieved his side will not be facing an inform Wayne Rooney on Saturday in the Premier League summit meeting.

Manchester United have confirmed the striker has suffered minor ankle ligament damage that will keep him out of the game.

Rooney sustained the injury in the club'ßs 2-1 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Tuesday night and is expected to be on the sidelines for a few weeks.

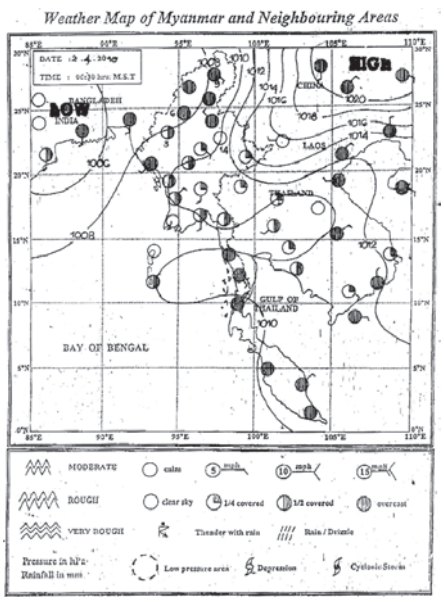
The news is a blow to United, who currently top the Premier League and for whom Rooney's 26 league goals have been instrumental in helping them maintain their quest for a fourth consecutive title.—*Internet*

A two-day-old lion cub is seen near a dog at the Royev Ruchey zoo in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk. 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

Dinosaur skull changed shape during growth

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 April—The skull of a juvenile sauropod dinosaur, rediscovered in the collections of Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Natural History, illustrates that some sauropod species went through drastic changes in skull shape during normal growth.

University of Michigan paleontologists John Whitlock and Jeffrey Wilson, along with Matthew Lamanna from the Carnegie Museum, describe their find in the March issue of the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology.—*Internet*



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(3-4-2010)(Saturday)

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

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)"
* News
* Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
* Myanmar Movies Impact "Director"
* News
* Myanmar Orchestra
* Sightseeing around Mandalay (Mandalay)
* Myanmar Paper Toys
* News
* Disaster and Development (I)

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)"
* News
* Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
* Songs for You
* News
* Ngapali, Unique Spot to relax
* News
* Fastive Events of Twantay
* News
* Current Affairs "Working & Living in Myanmar (Tourism)"
* News
* Documentary "Handicrafts of Myanmar"
* News
* MRCS CARE
* News
* Myanmar Orchestra
* Myanmar Movies "Whatever, will be will be"

Myanmar TV

Saturday, 3 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေးမောင်မောင်လတ်)
7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
6. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:05 am
7. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
8:20 am
8. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
8:30 am
9. "တော်ပါပေတယ် ဘွားဘွားရယ်"
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. Connect With English (Episode-36) "The Farm"
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
11:20 am
3. Game For Children
11:45 am
4. Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
1:30 pm
5. Yan Can Cook
1:45 pm
6. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
2:00 pm
7. "ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှ ဘဏ်ကိုသာအားကိုးကြ"
2:30 pm
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:45 pm
9. International News
3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL (မနောမြေ FCအသင်းနှင့် ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်း)
5:45 pm
2. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
6:00 pm
3. Evening News
6:15 pm
4. Weather Report
6:20 pm
5. အလှရှာမယ်၊အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
6:35 pm
6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် (ခြူးသက်နွယ်) (ခါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမို့)
7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ် သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖူးစာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
13. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

WEATHER

Friday, 2nd April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day Temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average tempertures in Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon , Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below April average temperatures in lower Sagaing Division, (9°C) to (10°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States , upper Sagaing and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Nay Pyi Taw (Tesin) and Hpa-an (40°C) each .The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paletwa and Falam (0.79) inches, Lashio (0.55) inch, Kalay and Kyauktaw (0.51) inch each, Putao (0.39) inch and Machanbaw (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-4-2010 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 2-4-2010 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2010 was 65%. Total sun shine hours on 1-4-2010 was (9.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-4-2010 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 (4) mph from South west at (15:30) hours MST on 1-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin , Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, Sagaing, 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 slight increase of day temperatures in the central Myanmar areas.

for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

weather outlook for first weekend of April 2010; During the coming weekend, isolated rain are possibility in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division.

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★ 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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein welcomes Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein welcomed Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung who is here on a working visit at his invitation with a ceremony in front of Zeyathiri Beikman here at 3:15 pm today.

Upon arrival at Zeyathiri Beikman from Aureum Palace, the Vietnamese Prime Minister received a warm greeting extended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The two prime ministers got onto the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour, while the State Band played the National Anthems of the two countries.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung inspected the Guard of Honour.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister presented his entourage to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein also presented Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe and departmental heads to his Vietnamese counterpart.

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***Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung inspect the Guard of Honour.*—MNA**