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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party pay homage to Mann Shwesettawyar Pagoda, Magway Myathalon Pagoda

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San pay homage to a Buddha Image at Upper Settawyar Pagoda.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party helicoptered to Mann Shwesettawyar Pagoda in Minbu-Saku Township, Minbu District, from Magway this morning.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San and party paid homage to the Upper Settawyar Pagoda. After offering gold foils, meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda, they paid obeisance to the replica Footprint of the Buddha.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye observed the conditions of the surrounding areas of the pagoda and durability of the brick wall of the pagoda.

He then signed the visitors' book and presented cash donations to the Upper Settawyar Pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party paid homage to the Lower Settawyar Pagoda after offering meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks. They also offered gold foils to the Lower Settawyar Buddha's Footprint.

General Thura Shwe Mann presented cash donations to the Lower Settawyar Pagoda.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party left the pagoda by helicopter.

In the afternoon, they visited the Magway Myathalon Pagoda. They offered meals, fruits, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks and paid homage to the pagoda.

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented cash donations to the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party signed the visitors' book. They then viewed the tasks for all-round renovation of the pagoda. Afterwards, they left the pagoda.

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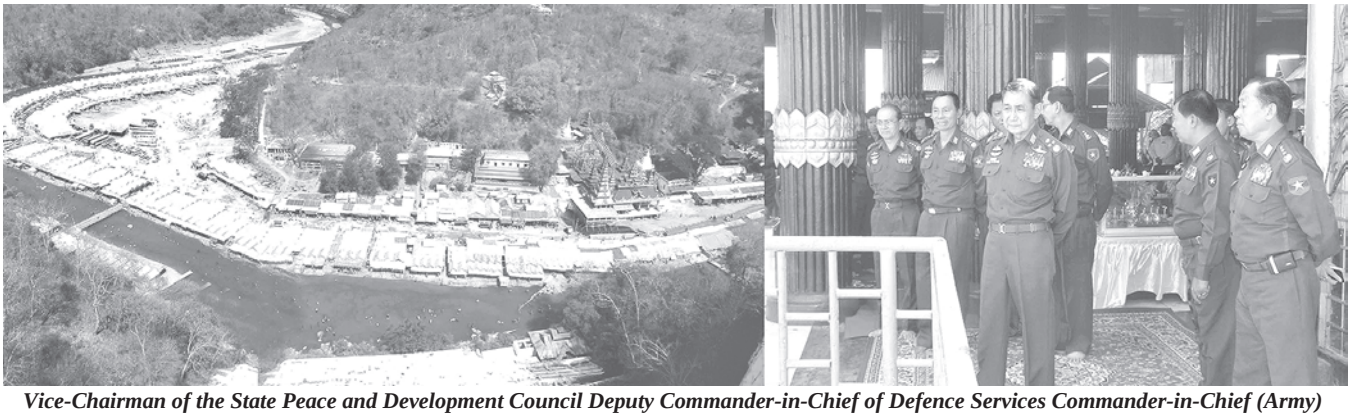

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye views conditions of the surrounding areas and the brick wall of the Upper Settawyar Pagoda.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 4 April, 2010

Myanmar, Vietnam to boost bilateral cooperation

Myanmar maintains friendly relations with the international community, and cooperates actively with other countries, non-governmental organizations, neighbouring countries, and ASEAN members.

The Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, two members of ASEAN, have a fine tradition of friendly bilateral relations. Today, the two countries are boosting exchange of State visits for further enhance bilateral cooperation.

At the invitation of Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar, a delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung paid a working visit to Myanmar on 2 April.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting Vietnamese delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 April. They compared notes on promotion of friendly bilateral relations and economic cooperation.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein conferred with the Vietnamese delegation led by Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 April. The two sides exchanged views on strengthening the existing friendship between the two countries and cooperation in multi sectors, and international and regional issues.

During the working visit, the two countries exchanged documents on the joint statement on cooperation between the two countries, and signed a number of contracts and MoUs covering investment promotion, fisheries, agriculture, finance, communication and mines and other sectors.

The working visit to Myanmar paid by the Vietnamese Prime Minister is believed to further cement existing bilateral friendly relations and bilateral cooperation in diverse fields.

Kyauktan Township Association to hold AGM

YANGON, 2 April — Kyauktan Township Association will hold the 23rd annual general meeting with respect-paying and prize-presentation ceremonies at the association's Dhammayon in Myittanyunt, Tamway Township on 4 April. The members who are over 75 years old and matriculation students from Kyauktan Township, who got three distinctions and above are invited to attend the ceremonies. For cash and kind donations, contact U Sein Tun Aung (Ph:570859, 09-8022923, U Myint Sein (Ph: 290773), U Thin Maung (Ph: 6520650, U Chan Ho (Ph: 682884), U Soe Myint (Ph: 298349), Daw Myint Myint Si (Ph: 545699), U Ye Htut (Ph: 540385), U Wai Lwin (Ph; 548113), U Kyin Nyunt (Ph: 056-25645) and U Chit Swe (Ph: 056-25276).

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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**

Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee organizes Second United Nations Global Road Safety Week Activities

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence presents certificate to a contributor at opening ceremony of Second United Nations Global Road Safety Week Activities of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee.—MNA

YANGON, 3 April—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of Second United Nations Global Road Safety Week Activities of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here on 1 April and signed in the record book.

Firstly, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint made an opening speech.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe presented certificates of honour to contributors and signed in the record book of Second United Nations Global Road Safety Week Activities of Yangon Division Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, members of exhibition observance committee, attendees of workshop posed for documentary photos and attached the commemorative stickers to the vehicles.

MNA

Transport Minister receives PRC Deputy Transport Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met a delegation led by Deputy Minister of Transport Mr. Xu Zuyuan and party of the People's Republic of China at his office here yesterday morning. They discussed facts about maritime transport of the two countries.

It was attended by departmental heads and head of office under the ministry.—*MNA*

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Deputy Minister of Transport Mr. Xu Zuyuan of PRC.—MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects construction of cyclone shelter in Letkhotkwin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspected Yangon-Hlinethaya-Dalla-Thakhwat-Letkhotkwin Road and the construction of cyclone shelter by Asia World Company in Letkhotkwin yesterday.

A responsible person of the company reported the deputy minister on the progress in construction of the cyclone shelters. The deputy minister called for meeting set standard and inspected the Kungyangon-Kawhmu-Twantay-Kanbe Road.

MNA

Correction

Please read the fourth paragraph of the story that appears in the fourth column on page 2 of the 31st March issue of this paper, as follows: —

In another case, in search of a bus en route from Kutkai to Muse at the toll gate of Asia World in Kutkai, Shan State (North), on 22 March morning, officials arrested Ma Aye Su, Daw Kyan Kyaukti and Daw Kyan Kya Shant, who were bringing together with them Ma Aye Yein to sell her into forced marriage in the neighbouring country. In that regard, the three woman traffickers had paid her 200,000 kyats in advance as part of the payment, with a deception that she would be employed in the neighbouring country. Now, Kutkai Police Station has charged the three women with trafficking in persons, and the victim has been handed over to her parents.

Iraqi officials say 25 killed in overnight attack

BAGHDAD, 3 April — Iraqi officials say gunmen have killed 25 people during overnight raids in a Sunni village south of Baghdad.

The officials say most of the dead are members of local Sahwa, or Awakening Councils — one of several names for the Sunni fighters who changed the course of the war when they revolted against al-Qaida and joined the Americans in late 2006 and 2007. They are also known as Sons of Iraq.

Mustafa Kamel, a Sahwa leader south of Baghdad, said the attack took place late Friday in Arab Jobour village, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) south of Baghdad.

An official at Iraq's Interior Ministry confirmed the attack and said the victims were 20 men and five women. He did not give his name because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Internet

Palestinian youths examine damage at the site of an overnight Israeli army airstrike, in Gaza City, on 2 April, 2010.
INTERNET

NATO soldier dies in Afghanistan bombing

KABUL, 3 April —NATO says one of its soldiers has been killed by a bomb in southern Afghanistan. The alliance says the soldier died on Friday as the result of an improvised explosive device, but gave no further details.

The latest death was the fifth NATO fatality in the so far this month. On Friday, three German soldiers were killed in a firefight with the Taleban in the north of the country.—*Internet*

US Marines' anti-explosives squad blows up a roadside bomb in Marjah in Helmand province of southern Afghanistan on 31 March. Nearly two months after US Marines led what was billed the biggest offensive against the Taleban in more than eight years of war, troops still come under daily fire from insurgents and bombs are still exploding.—INTERNET

Six suspected al-Qaida leaders killed, captured in N Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 April — At least six al-Qaida leaders accused of operating extortion and assassination networks in northern Iraq were killed or captured by US and Iraqi troops, the US military said in a statement late Thursday.

The suspected al-Qaida leaders were killed or arrested in Mosul, which is located 360 km northwest of Baghdad, in joint security operations by the US and Iraqi forces on March 18-24, according to the statement.

The six were suspected to be involved in extortion and assassination networks which target oil companies and small businesses to help fund al-Qaida around Mosul, the statement said, adding the ability of al-Qaida in Iraq to operate and restructure would be "severely hindered" after the operation.

Mosul has long been a stronghold for al-Qaida militants and other insurgent groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 despite repeated US and Iraqi military operations against them.

Xinhua

NATO troops kill six Afghan soldiers by mistake

KUNDUZ, 3 April— Six Afghan soldiers were killed as NATO-led troops mistakenly opened fire in Kunduz province north of Afghanistan, proviancial governor Mohammad Omar said Saturday.

"Late Friday night NATO-led forces opened fire mistakenly on Afghan soldiers in Khakani area outside Kunduz city, the capital of Kunduz province, killing six soldiers," Omar told *Xinhua*.

The incident occurred hours after Taleban attack on NATO-led forces in Charadar district of Kunduz province, which left three German soldiers dead and five others injured.

The so-called "friendly fire" had previously claimed the lives of Afghan security personnel.

To check the error, the Afghan authorities have often stressed for coordination.

Xinhua

An Afghan boy sits on dried plants as he rides a donkey in Robat Sangi dictrict of Herat province west of Kabul, Afghanistan on 1 April, 2010.
INTERNET

Afghans look at bloodstains as they stand at the site where NATO-led soldiers mistakenly killed six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers in Kunduz on 3 April, 2010. Troops based in north Afghanistan mistakenly killed six Afghan soldiers, a provincial governor said on Saturday, hours after losing three of their own soldiers in a gunfight with insurgents.
INTERNET

Pentagon boosting Afghanistan "eyes in the sky"

WASHINGTON, 3 April— The Pentagon is focussed on getting more trucks, surveillance equipment and other military equipment into Afghanistan to prepare for what will be a critical summer in the war, Defence Undersecretary Ashton Carter said on Friday.

Carter, head of Pentagon acquisition, technology and logistics, said the success of the war in Afghanistan would depend largely on being able to get weapons and support services to the U.S. troops headed to the land-locked country, which he described as "the last place where you would like to be fighting a war."

As part of that effort, Carter said he was increasing 20-fold the number of airships hovering over Afghanistan, providing "eyes in the sky" to troops on the ground.

Equipped with sophisticated cameras and the ability to stream images to U.S. bases on the ground, the airships would help track any activity that could jeopardize the troops, including the burying of roadside bombs.

At the same time, the very visible presence of the airships would keep potential attackers on their guard, Carter said, calling the airships a more affordable way to maintain surveillance than more-expensive unmanned airplanes, which are also being deployed in Afghanistan in large numbers.

Internet

A customer shops Easter chocolates at a Lindt store in New York, the United States, April 2, 2010. Chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs are some of the hottest selling products prior to the annual Easter Day, which falls on 4 April this year.

INTERNET

Autism needs more attention

EIGING, 3 April — April 2 this year marks the third annual World Autism Awareness Day.

Autism is a complex developmental disability featuring difficulty in communication, verbal and non-verbal, as well as social interactions and leisure activities.

Symptoms of autism are usually manifested in the first three years of one's life.

At first people generally consider autism as a psychiatric disorder, but over time they discover that it is neurological, though many of its characteristic traits seem to be psychological.

Children and adults with autism typically have difficulty in verbal and non-verbal communi-cation, social interactions and leisure activities.

On 18 Dec, 2007, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution setting April 2 as the World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD). The theme of this year's WAAD is "Stand up for Autism."

One in 110 children born in the United States today is diagnosed with autism, and the numbers keep growing..

Autistic children deserve greater awareness, attention and acceptance.

More research on promising treatments is desperately needed, and so are programs to meet the housing and employment needs of a population that is rapidly aging up.

Internet

Venezuela receives four Russian helicopters

CARACAS, 3 April — Venezuela Friday received four Russian helicopters as the first delivery of the country's purchase, which coincided with the visit by Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.The MI-17s are part of the 38 helicopters Venezuela ordered from Russia in 2006.

"These are very important cooperation fruits between Russia and Venezuela", Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said after his six-hour meeting with Putin.

The four helicopters were offloaded at the Maiquetia Airport, 30 km north of Caracas.

Chavez announced on Friday the purchase from Russia of at least one hydroplane, Beriev-200, to fight fires.

Putin said that the hydroplane "is an amphibious plane unique in the world to fight fires with reaction engines and a speed of 700 km per hour."Venezuela and Russia also signed other trade and cooperation agreements on Friday.

Internet

A Quechua musicians stands next to the Machu Picchu ruins, Peru on 1 April, 2010. The Inca citadel of Machu Picchu was reopend after heavy rains cut off tourist access to the ruins for two months.

INTERNET

US oil refinery explosion kills at least three people

ANACORTES, (Washington), 3 April— An explosion and fire at an oil refinery in Washington state in the United States killed three people and critically injured four others early Friday, company officials said.

Tesoro Corp. said three people died in the fire at its refinery in Anacortes, Washing-ton, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of Seattle.Four other employees are in critical condition at a Seattle hospital.

A hospital spokes-woman identified the injured as two women, ages 29 and 36, and two men, 34 and 41.

All are in the intensive care unit with major burns over the majority of their bodies.

The blaze started in a naphtha unit of the Tesoro Corp. refinery at about 12:30 a.m. local time, and was extinguished in about 90 minutes, the company said.

Internet

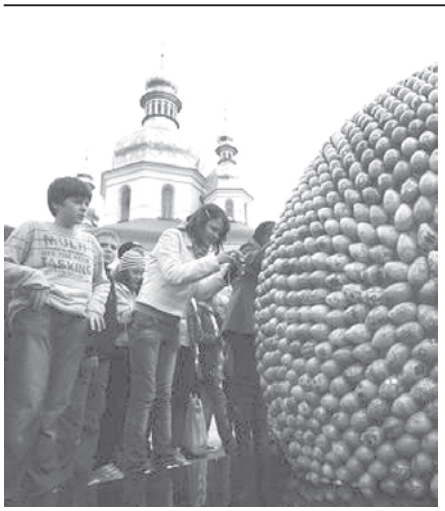
Most of seized weapons in Mexico smuggled from US

MEXICO CITY, 3 April — About 95 percent of the weapons seized in Mexico last year were smuggled from the United States, the National Confederation of Popular Organi-zations (CNOP) said on Friday.

Edmundo Ramirez, secretary of the CNOP, said that Mexico seized 28,000 weapons in 2009, accounting for 10 percent of an estimated total of smuggled weaponry from the United States.

The Mexican National Defense Ministry said it estimated that more than 3 million cartridges entered the country in 2009, adding that the ministry seized more than 8,300 cartridges per day last year.Some smugglers hired US citizens to buy weapons, and southern US gangs also frequently trafficked weapons to Mexico, Ramirez said.

Internet



Children look at a sphere sculpture made from Easter eggs on the day of its unveiling at Kievo-Pecherskaya Lavra cathedral in Kiev 2 April, 2010. —INTERNET

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 April — A moderate earthquake with magnitude of 5.1 jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Saturday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake struck at 10:40 a.m. (0340 GMT) with the epicenter at 133 km southeast of North Maluku and with a depth of 71 km, the agency said.

So far, no further report has been available.

Internet

A couple canoes across a flooded section of road in Westerly, Rhode Island 3 April .

INTERNET

Nepalese Sherpa to climb Everest for 20th time

Nepalese climber Apa Sherpa poses during a press conference in Kathmandu. More than half a century after Edmund Hillary first stood on the top of Mount Everest, the ashes of the world-famous mountaineer are to be carried to the summit by Sherpa.—INTERNET

KATMANDU, 3 April— A 49-year-old Nepalese Sherpa guide who holds the record for the most conquests of Mount Everest will make his 20th climb this spring and scatter the ashes of Edmund Hillary, one of the first men to reach the top nearly six decades ago.

Apa, who like most Sherpas goes by one name, first climbed the 29,035-foot (8,850-meter) mountain in 1989 and has repeated the feat almost every year since. His closest rival is fellow Sherpa guide Chhewang Nima, who has made 15 trips to the summit.

Apa announced Thursday his intention to make his 20th ascent in May. He and his fellow climbers — 17 other Sherpas and 12 Westerners — also plan to collect 7,000 kilograms (15,400 pounds) of garbage, a growing environmental problem on the Himalayan peak. They plan to pay porters hired by several expeditions to help bring down the refuse.

Internet

Tourist falls into active volcano crater on Bali

BALI, 3 April—A Swedish tourist fell to his death into the crater of an active volcano Wednesday on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

The 25-year-old man and two friends were on a pre-dawn hike along the rim of the crater of 5,633-foot (1,717-meter) Mount Batur when he fell in, local police chief Capt. Made Oka said.

Rescuers spotted the man's body inside the dry crater at a depth of about 500 feet (150 meters), Oka said. Officials believe the man did not survive the initial impact of the fall.

"Rescuers are now in the process of evacuating the body," Oka said, adding that poor weather around the crater may slow the efforts.

Mount Batur, which has erupted 26 times since 1840, is about 40 miles (60 kilometers) northeast of the provincial capital, Denpasar. It last erupted in 2000 and is considered an active volcano. It regularly lets off steam.

Oka said the route the tourists were hiking is considered safe and accidents there are uncommon.—*Internet*

China has 340,000 millionaires

BEIJING, 3 April — China had 340-thousand millionaires in 2009, the fourth highest number in the world in spite of an 11 percent decrease from the year before, according to the 2010 edition of "The Wealth Report" released by Citi Private Bank.

Investible assets of each person in this group, called the High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNWI), total between $1m and $10m, excluding their principal residence.

The survey of global wealth distribution saw a sharp drop in the number of HNWIs as few corners of the world were left untouched by net asset value erosion.

The United States still holds the largest number of HNWIs, standing at 2,519,000, but that figure has dropped 19 percent following the economic downturn.

Next are Japan and Britain, who have 669,000 and 439,000 people included respectively.

Among the world's major economies, India and Portugal saw their number of wealthy people most reduced, by 24 percent each, while Hong Kong, Belgium and Russia saw a reduction of around 20 percent.

Xinhua

Nearly 2,500 venues across Europe to join France's Night of Museums initiative in May

PARIS, 3 April — Nearly 2500 museums throughout Europe will open their doors to night-owl exhibition-lovers on May 15 to celebrate the Night of Museums, French Culture Ministry announced here Wednesday.

For one night each year, more than 1,000 museums across France take part in the festival night, which allows visitors access to museums generally free of charge from sunset to approximately 1:00 am.

The French government launched the event in 2005 to provide easier access to the treasures housed within French collections and the concept has expanded, with many other European nations joining in.

This year, many museums will use Twitter to allow visitors to leave messages and write down their feelings about the event.

A number of French venues will mark what is France-Russia Culture Year by featuring Russian culture programs while more than 30 museums in Russia will also participate.

Last year, French museums and venues recorded about 1.8 million visits on the night, when the Paris-based UNESCO took part for the first time, according to official data.

Xinhua

A model wears creations made of chocolate at the chocolate theme park in Beijing, China, in this year. The 20,000-square-metre (215,000 square-foot) "chocolate wonderland" will open to the public recently.—XINHUA

China steps up underwater archaeology

BEIJING, 3 April — China has long been keen on protecting and displaying its rich treasure of cultural relics. Now, the country is set to exercise better protection on those that are lying deep under the sea. Recently, a wide investigation has been launched on underwater cultural heritages within the country's maritime area.

The investigation will involve China's coastal provinces such as Hainan, Guangdong, and Shandong. These provincial authorities are organizing in-depth searches and excavations in their respective sea regions, in an attempt to sketch out the general situation under the sea.

Headline projects include the excavation of the ancient capsized ship "Nan Ao" and a broad study on the legendary "Silk Road on the Sea". China is also seeking further cooperation with other countries in the area of underwater archaeology.

Until the 1980's, underwater archaeology was not pursued by China. But the discovery of a six-hundred-year-old sunken ship in 1987 broke the ice, spurring on remarkable progress over the past two decades. Now, this particular genre of archaeology has expanded its research scope from offshore to more distant sea areas.

Internet

A model presents a creation during the Kazakhstan Fashion Week in Almaty, capital of Kazakhstan, on 1 April, 2010.

XINHUA

Photo shows the "Little House", the world's smallest house, in Toronto, Canada. Just 7 feet wide and 47 feet long, the house has three rooms, including a normal sized bathtub. It sells for 110,000 pounds.

XINHUA

'Indian expats send home 55 bln dollars in 2009

NEW DELHI, 3 April —Remittances to India increased to 55 billion dollars in 2009, making the country the biggest recipient of money from overseas migrant workers, a report said Friday.

India has been the world's top remittance earner for more than a decade and depends on the money transfers as a key source of finance along with foreign direct investment.

The 2009 figure of 55.06 billion dollars was up seven percent from 51.6 billion dollars in 2008, the Economic Times said, citing central bank data, and just two billion dollars a year in the late 1980s.

The increase in remittances came despite the financial crisis and global economic slowdown last year which had been expected to hit migrant labour.

The central bank attributed the higher remittances to India being perceived as a relatively safe option during the financial crisis, a hike in interest rates on non-resident deposits and new investment products.

Internet

The Soyuz-FG rocket booster with the Soyuz TMA-18 spacecraft carrying a new crew to the international space station (ISS) blasts off from the Russian-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on Friday, 2 April, 2010. The Russian rocket is carrying US astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson, Russian cosmonauts Alexander Skvortsov and Mikhail Kornienko.
INTERNET

Elton John stage collapses in Mexico injuring three

MERIDA, 2 April—Three workers were injured Thursday when the stage for an upcoming Elton John concert collapsed at the Maya pyramids of Chichen Itza, in southern Mexico, event organizers said.

The injured were taken to a nearby hospital where two were promptly released but the third was retained for surgery to a fractured leg," concert organizer Jorge Esma said.

The concert, scheduled for Saturday, "will not be canceled" despite the damage, which is being repaired at full speed, he added.

The stage collapsed when the upper section of an 80-meter-high (262-foot) metal structure came crashing down.

The accident cut off tourist access to the archeological site all Thursday.

In a similar accident on July 16 last year, a Frenchman and a Briton were killed and eight others injured when part of the stage That concert was canceled and Madonna visited the families of the accident victims in France.

Internet

British pop star Elton John performing in 2004. Three workers were injured on Thursday when the stage for an upcoming Elton John concert collapsed at the Maya pyramids of Chichen Itza, in southern Mexico, event organizers said.

Carp being hunted takes revenge

A woman has got a slap in her face by a carp which she is hunting with a bow and arrow.

It happened on the reservoirs of the Illinois River, where the population of Asian carps has exploded. Those carps are very invasive. When boats approach, they would jump out of the water, which has led to the sport of hunting them.

As the woman named Jodi Barnes prepared to fire an arrow at a carp, the carp suddenly jumped out and hit directly against his assailant.

Butterfly study : Ettie Wooldridge studies a butterfly at the Natural History Museum's "Butterfly Explorers" exhibition in west London.

Young man sings lung out

A sophomore surnamed Liu from Guangdong Pharmac-eutical University in Guangzhou was sent to the hospital for surgery on March 21 after his exuberant KTV performance caused a lung to rupture.

"When he sang the climax of the song, his voice suddenly stopped and he fell down with his hand pressing his chest. He looked very uncomfortable," said one of his classmates at the karaoke bar. The song that felled him wasn't reported.

Woman, 82, crashes into salon, gets her hair done

An 82-year-old woman who accidentally crashed her car through the front window of a southwest Michigan salon stuck around afterward for an appointment to get her hair done.

Authorities said Marion Zock was parking her Ford Fusion on Thursday outside Classic Hair Design in Kent County's Plainfield Township, near Grand Rapids, when she stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake.Two people were injured, including an employee who returned to work after treatment and a girl with a bruised arm.

Saudi could behead Lebanese for witchcraft

The lawyer of a Lebanese TV psychic who was convicted in Saudi Arabia for witchcraft says her client could be beheaded this week.

Attorney May al-Khansa says she learned from an unofficial source that Ali Sibat is to be beheaded on Friday. She says she hasn't had any official confirmation on this.

Al-Khansa said on Thursday she has called upon Saudi King Abdullah to absolve Sibat, a 49-year-old father of five. She also says she is in contact with Lebanese officials over the case.

Sibat made predictions on an Arab satellite TV channel from his home in Beirut. He was arrested by the Saudi religious police during his pilgrimage to the holy city of Medina in May 2008.

The Saudi justice system is based Islamic law. It does not clearly define the charge of witchcraft.

Two divers play Scrabble underwater in Melbourne, Australia, April 2, 2010. They try to play as long as 36 hours to set a new world record for the deepest underwater game of Scrabble, for which the current record is 24 hours.

NEWS ALBUM

Vietnamese delegation arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 3 April— The delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung who is here on a working visit at the invitation of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, together with Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Chu Cong Phung and officials, arrived here with a special flight from Nay Pyi Taw at 8.25 am today.

The delegation led by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, officials and families of Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Yangon International Airport.

MNA

***Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung being welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint at Yangon International Airport.*—MNA**

Myanmar-Vietnam investment promotion conference held

***Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung speaking at Conference on Vietnam Investment Promotion in the Union of Myanmar.*—MNA**

YANGON, 3 April — Conference on Vietnam Investment Promotion in the Union of Myanmar took place at the office of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw Township here this morning, attended by Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

It was also attended by the visiting delegation members, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, departmental heads, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and embassy officials, UMFCCI President U Win Myint and executive members and businessmen.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein delivered an opening speech and Minister of Planning and Investment of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Vo Hong Phuc extended greetings.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw explained strategies on economic development and important sectors, investment policies and incentives. U Win Myint extended greetings and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung made a speech.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint and President of Vietnamese Investors Association in Myanmar Mr Tran Bac Ha signed MoU on investment promotion between the two countries and Myanmar and Vietnamese economic entrepreneurs on communications, fishery, industry, energy, trade, tourism and sport totalling 11 and exchanged the documents.

Mr Tran Bac Ha explained facts about the association and Vietnamese entrepreneurs made cash donations for sport, health, education and industry sectors.

Later, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Cong Phung expressed thanks.

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***Myanmar and Vietnamese entrepreneurs signing documents.*—MNA**

"Bio Plus" Healthy Drinking Water Factory opened

YANGON, 2 April— The opening ceremony of "Bio Plus" Healthy Drinking Water Factory for the production of Bio Disc Passed Water created by Nano Technology was held in front of the factory in Ahlon Township at 10 am this morning.

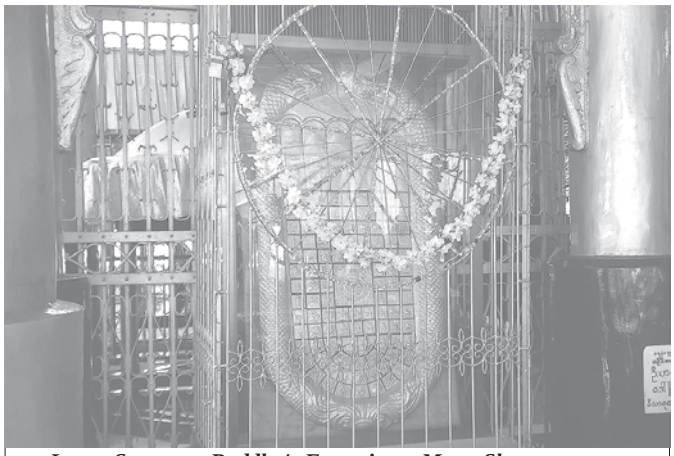
Wives of Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Thu Zaw and Managing Director Daw Ohmar Lwin of Long Luck Co. Ltd formally opened the new factory and Wife of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin unveiled the signboard of the factory.

Scalar Energy in the molecule of Bio Plus Healthy Drinking Water may boost the immune system of the body cells.

The Bio Plus Healthy Drinking Water may help the body to absorb more nutrients by supplying more oxygen into the blood.

Washing face with the bio plus water may prevent side effects from computer and electronic systems. The Bio Plus Healthy Drinking Water will be distributed soon. One may contact the factory at No. (23-B) on Kwinkyaung Road in Ahlon Township here (Ph: 095200978, 951-223277 and Fax: 951-225305) and mail to Long Luck 23 b @ gmail.com.—*MNA*

***Daw Khin San Nwe, wife of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, unveils signboard of "Bio Plus" Healthy Drinking Water Factory.*—MNA**



Lower Settawyar Buddha's Footprint at Mann Shwesettawyar Pagoda.—MNA

Religious titles to be offered

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—A ceremony to offer religious titles under Notification No 1/2010 of the State Peace and Development Council will be held at Sasana Maha Beikman on Uppatasanti Hill here on 27 April 2010 (Fullmoon Day of Kason 1372 ME) (Tuesday).

Titles recipient Sayadaws and nuns have been invited to arrive Nay Pyi Taw not earlier than 24 April 2010 (12th Waxing of Kason 1372 ME) and not later than 25 April 2010 (13th Waxing of Kason 1372 ME).

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Rotary Club of Essendon donates medical equipment to Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital (Yangon)

YANGON, 3 April—Rotary Club of Essendon of Australia donated medical equipment to Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township here yesterday.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Hospital Administration Committee U Maung Maung extended greetings and Chairperson of the Rotary Club of Essendon Mrs. Anne Rogers explained the purpose of donation.

Mrs Anne Rogers of Rotary Club of Essendon of Australia donates medical equipment worth US$ 22000 to the Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township—MNA

Mrs. Anne Rogers donated medical equipment and medicine worth 22,000 US dollars through Chairman U Maung Maung who presented her certificate of honour and commemorative gifts.

The Rotary Club of Essendon has donated to the hospital twice. For the first time, the club donated medicines worth 10,000 US dollars to the hospital on 2 April 2009.

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Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San pay homage to Magway Myathalon Pagoda.—MNA

Advanced Sewing Course No. 1, Basic Domestic Course No. 3 conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended conclusion ceremony of Advanced Sewing Course No. 1 and Basic Domestic Course No. 3 held in Pyapon on 29 March.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates to 60 trainees from villages and towns of Pyapon Township.

The minister and Acting Director-General U Myint Oo later cordially greeted those trainees.

To rebuild the livelihood of locals residing in cyclone-ravaged Pyapon Township, Education and Training Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs conducted Advanced Sewing Course No. 1 and Basic Domestic Course No. 3 that took 10 weeks beginning of 25 January.

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Culture Ministry in its 58th anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—The Ministry of Culture marked its 58th founding anniversary at its office here yesterday evening.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented gifts for 2009-2010 Financial Year to outstanding staff who stood first, second and third and won consolation prize in the third Htamane preparing contest, those who stood first, second and third and won consolation prize in the second Anyeint contest, those who stood first, second and third and won consolation prize and those won stood first, second and third in the English language skill contest (director level, deputy director level and assistant director level) and others.

Similar ceremonies were also held simultaneously in Yangon and Mandalay.—*MNA*

Culture Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint awards a winner at the 58th founding anniversary of the ministry.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San pay reverence to remains of Ven. Monk Bhaddanta Kumara

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to the remains of late Veneral Monk Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara.

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NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San this morning paid homage to the remains of late Chairman of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Chancellor of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Maha Withutayama Monastery Venerable Monk Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara, aged 88, Vasa 68.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by SPDC Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and wife, SPDC Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, ministers and heads of department, left Nay Pyi Taw by helicopters and arrived at Magway Airport at 8.15 am.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife paid respects to the remains of the late Venerable Monk on the ground floor of the ordination hall of the monastery.

Next, they paid obeisance to members of the Sangha led by Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot of Sangha Rama Monastery in Magway Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Cintasara.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party presented offertories to the monks.

The Prime Minister presented the cash donations to the committee for organizing final rites.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Ko Ko on inspection tour of Maubin District, Ayeyawady Div, Pyu Township, Bago Div

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence inspects construction of Yazudaing Bridge No. (1).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April – Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence on 31 March morning visited the project site of Yazudaing Bridge No.1 at mile post (40/7) on Maubin-Yelegalay-Shwe-taunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Maw-lamyinegyun road. After hearing the report on construction tasks, Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, he viewed sunflower seeds, beans and pulses, barn oil, peanut oil, sunflower oil which were displayed at a workshop on production of sunflower oil and production of oil at Shwekalakyun oil mill in Yelegalay village in Maubin Township.

At the site of war veteran village construction project in Aiwaing village in Maubin Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected progress in construction of houses. Then he attended the harvesting ceremony of summer paddy in Malatto village, viewed samples of paddy strains and greeted the local farmers.

On 1 April, Lt-Gen Ko Ko visited Kunchaung hydropower project and gave instructions to officials on timely completion of the project. Later, he inspected Phyuchaung multi-purpose dam project.

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Industry-1 Minister inspects Vest Factory (Taungtha)

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung visited Vest Factory (Taungtha) yesterday.

He inspected production procedures of the factory and called for production of quality clothing.

On arrival at Yabe village in Taungtha Township of Myingyan District in Mandalay Division, Chairman of Taungtha Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Soe Shwe reported the minister on situations of villages damaged by Ayeyawady river water. The minister inspected the situation of erosion and left necessary instructions.

He inspected the construction of Welaung Bridge on Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Road in the evening and called for completing the construction on schedule.—*MNA*

Construction Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Vice President Mr Yu Xianfeng of Northern International (Holding)Co Ltd of People's Republic of China and party at the ministry here on 1 April. Both sides discussed matters on cooperation to construct Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

Also present at the meeting were Acting Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works, Deputy Managing Director (Admin) U Kyin Maung, Deputy Managing Director (Project) U Kyaw Hlaing and officials concerned.—*MNA*

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Joint Statement on cooperation between Union of Myanmar and Socialist Republic of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April — At the invitation of General Thein Sein, Prime Minister for the Union of Myanmar, Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, paid a working visit to Myanmar from 2 to 4 April 2010. The two delegations led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung held bilateral talks on 2nd April at Zeyathiri Beikman, Ministry of Defence, Nay Pyi Taw. The Joint Statement on cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam was issued after the talks.

The full text of the Joint Statement is as follows:

Joint Statement on Cooperation
Between the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

At the invitation of H.E. General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, H.E Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam paid a working visit to the Union of Myanmar from April 2-4, 2010.

During the visit Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung called on Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar; held talks with Prime Minister General Thein Sein; attended the Conference on Vietnam's Investment promotion in Myanmar; and the launch of the Association of Vietnam's Investors into Myanmar; witnessed the opening ceremonies of the Hanoi-Yangon direct flight, the Vietnam Trade Fair in Yangon and the inauguration of the representative office of Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV). On this occasion, ministries, agencies and enterprises of both sides signed a number of governmental cooperation documents, business agreements and contracts.

The leaders of the two countries informed each other of the political and economic situation of their respective countries, and exchanged views on the strengthening of the traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation between the two countries. The two sides also pledged to lend continued support to each other on issues of mutual interest at regional and international forums. The talks took place in an atmosphere of friendship, mutual trust and understanding.

During the talks, the Myanmar side congratulated Vietnam for its assumption of ASEAN Chairmanship since January 2010. Prime Minister General Thein Sein also briefed the Vietnamese Prime Minister of the recent progress in the implementation of the Seven-step Road Map for democratization and other developments in the economic and social spheres of Myanmar including the promulgation of election laws and the formation of the Election Commission. Prime Minister of Vietnam expressed his understanding of the complexities of the situation, in Myanmar and reiterated his support for Myanmar's efforts for the successful implementation of its Seven-Step Road Map. The Prime Minister of Vietnam encouraged Myanmar to exert further efforts towards a free and fair election in 2010.

The two Prime Ministers expressed their pleasure at the new and positive developments in bilateral relations in the fields of politics, economics, trade, investment, telecommunication, civil aviation, banking, agriculture, etc. and were highly appreciative of the excellent cooperation between the two countries at regional and international forums.

The two Prime Ministers agreed to further promote and expand the multi-faceted cooperation between Vietnam and Myanmar, particularly the economic cooperation by maximizing the full potentials of both countries. In this spirit, the two Prime Ministers approved the promotion of cooperation in the (12) key fields in accordance with the guidelines as follows:

Agriculture

The two sides agree to focus on effective implementation of the MOU between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar on agriculture; increase cooperation in production of high quality seeds in rice, corn, coffee and tea etc. and trade and promotion of investment in agriculture.

Industrial Crops

The two sides agreed to accelerate the discussion on the draft of the MOU between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar on Rubber Plantation Investment; strive to quickly achieve the goal of commercial planting of rubber trees and facilitate the investment activities of Vietnam Rubber Group, Ho Chi Minh City Youth Volunteers, and Hoang Anh Gia Lai Group. The two sides also agreed to expand cooperation to other types of industrial crops.

Fishery

The two sides agreed to promote aquaculture, fishing, import and export of aquatic products, as well as scientific and technological cooperation in fishery in the spirit of the MOU between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Vietnam and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries of Myanmar on Fisheries. Accordingly, the two sides agreed to encourage and also facilitate the establishment of joint ventures in fishing and aquaculture, including joint ventures between A.S.V. Holdings and suitable Myanmar partners.

Banking and Finance

The two sides welcomed the opening of BIDV's representative office in Yangon. Both sides appreciated the signing of the MOU on cooperation between the State Bank of Vietnam and the Central Bank of Myanmar, in order to create the basic legal framework for banking cooperation in the future.

Aviation

The two sides appreciated the opening of Hanoi-Yangon direct flight and welcomed the inauguration of Vietnam Airline's representative office in Yangon. The two sides agreed to consider reaching an agreement on visa exemption to the crew members of the two countries' airlines and agreed to consider possible joint operation in Myanmar's international air routes at an appropriate time. The Vietnamese side expressed their willingness in possible joint operation in Myanmar domestic routes.

Telecommunication

The two sides welcomed Viettel's launch of its representative office in Yangon and its signing of bilateral roaming, roaming hub and international call contracts. Myanmar agreed to further consider other investment projects submitted by Viettel while facilitating VNPT to enhance its business cooperation in Myanmar.

Oil and Gas

Myanmar agreed to continue to create mutually beneficial conditions for Petro Vietnam in oil and gas exploration and production in offshore Myanmar. Myanmar also agreed to consider A.S.V. Holdings' intention to explore and produce oil and gas in Myanmar.

Mining

Vietnam highly valued Myanmar's grant of mining permit to Simco Song Da Joint Stock Company for white marble production in Patle-in Region, Thabyaw Taung, Madaya Township, Mandalay Division. Myanmar agreed to facilitate Vietnamese companies to foster their mining cooperation in Myanmar.

Electric Equipment Production

Myanmar took note with interest of the intention of Vietnamese companies, including Viet A and Hanak Group in production cooperation and supply of electric equipment in Myanmar.

Automobile Manufacturing and Assembling

Myanmar took note with interest of the intention of Vietnamese companies, including Vinaxuki, Samco and Vinamotor in their investments in automobile manufacturing and assembling in Myanmar.

Construction

Myanmar welcomed and agreed to discuss with Vietnamese companies, including Hoang Anh Gia Lai Group, Simco Song Da to invest in hotel, trade and cultural centre construction projects and other development projects in Myanmar.

Trade and Investment cooperation

The two sides agreed to create favourable conditions in order to promote cooperation in trade in goods and services, and also to encourage trade promotion activities and the exchanges and contacts between business circles of the two countries. The Vietnamese side expressed their interest in retailing and wholesaling sector in Myanmar. The two sides also agreed to negotiate mutual recognition agreements on quality certification of products.

Both countries shall strengthen the cooperation of investment promotion in each country in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Investment Promotion between the Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar and their respective laws.

The two sides welcomed each other's enterprises to establish companies for business cooperation in their respective countries. The two sides were pleased to note the recent submission of the application to establish Myanmar Investment and Development Company Ltd (MIDC) of BIDV in Myanmar.

Other Cooperation

Besides the above mentioned fields, the two Prime Ministers agreed to strengthen and promote cooperation in culture, education, sport, tourism, road transport, security and defence; including the negotiation on a MOU on bilateral defence cooperation. The two sides agreed to discuss on cooperation in the field of forestry, including the negotiation on an Agreement on Forestry Cooperation.

The two sides look forward to working together on early conclusion of a Visa Exemption Agreement for ordinary passport holders of the two countries in line with the ASEAN Agreement on Visa Exemption Agreement for ordinary passport holders of member countries.

The two Prime Ministers agreed to assign their relevant Ministries and agencies to follow up the concluded agreements reached during the visit, considering it as an important factor to continuously enhance the traditional friendship and multi-faceted cooperation between the two countries.

This Joint Statement was issued in Nay Pyi Taw on the 2nd April 2010.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

India begins population census

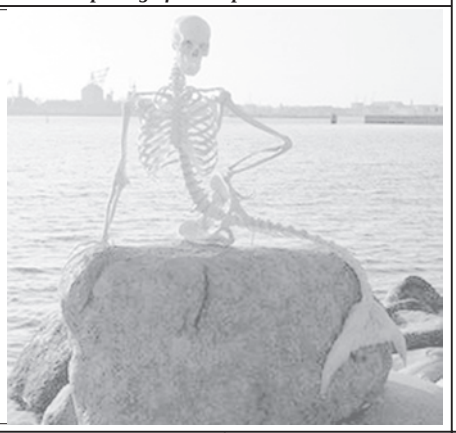
NEW DELHI, 3 April — India on Thursday began its population census with President Pratibha Patil being enumerated as the first person to share details, including information on number of mobile phones, computers and internet connections in her Rashtrapati Bhawan or presidential palace.

The census will compile the status of an estimated 1.2 billion people across the country in the next one year in two phases. It will include fingerprinting and photographing of the population in one database, a senior Indian government official said.

"The data will help create the national population register and each citizen will be given an ID-card with a unique number. The Unique ID will help end duplicity of documentation," he said.—*Xinhua*

Passengers travel in a train in India.
XINHUA

Photo taken on 1 April, 2010, shows the Shanghai World Expo mascots Haibao. A barber in Beijing spent four months making the 2010 World Expo mascots and the miniature of China Pavilion with human hairs to mark the 30 days countdown to the opening of the Expo.—INTERNET



This handout from the Statens Naturhistoriske Museum(SNM) shows a mermaid skeleton placed on the rock where Copenhagen's famous 'Little Mermaid' statue habitually sits, as an April Fool joke. The Little Mermaid statue is on its way to Shanghai for the World Expo.
INTERNET

Turkish commandos capture nine pirates in Aden Gulf

ANKARA, 3 April— Turkish Military Underwater Attack Commandos captured nine pirates in a skiff in the Aden Gulf, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Thursday.

A statement issued by the General Staff of the Turkish Armed Forces on the website on Thursday, Turkish frigate TCG Gemlik which serves under an international mission to fight off piracy in the Gulf of Aden, encountered a suspicious boat in the security corridor of the commercial vessels early on Wednesday.

The statement said the Turkish frigate forced the boat to stop and 9 pirates in the boat were captured. TCG Gemlik is the fifth task force Turkey has deployed to the region since last February.—*Xinhua*

Report says US Navy captures pirates near Seychelles

NAIROBI, 3 April —US naval forces said they had captured five pirates after exchanging fire with them near Seychelles, media reported on Thursday.

The report said, the US vessel was under fire early on Thursday in a place west of the Seychelles, adding that five captured pirates would remain in US custody. No further details was available so far.

Piracy has become rampant off the coast of Africa, especially in the waters near Somalia, which has been without an effective government since 1991.

Ransoms started out in the tens of thousands of dollars and have since climbed into the millions.

The Horn of Africa nation is at the entrance to the Gulf of Aden, which leads to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, one of the world's most important shipping channels.—*Xinhua*

70 fall sick due to food poisoning in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 3 April — Some 70 people fell sick after eating leftover wedding food in Bangladesh's northwestern Rangpur district town, some 304 km away from the capital Dhaka, early on Thursday.

They were admitted to local hospitals.

Quoting local sources, leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* in its online edition said a wedding party was held at a community centre in the town on Wednesday night.

After the party, the leftover food was distributed among the poor people of that area at night.

Xinhua

Officers allegedly stunned 10-year-old

MARTINSVILLE, 3 April —Two Martinsville, Ind, police officers are under investigation for allegedly stunning and slapping an unruly boy at a daycare centre, the police chief said.

Chief Jon Davis said at a news conference on Thursday that investigators from the department and the Morgan County Sheriff's Office were trying to determine if the officers used inappropriate force on the 10-year-old, WXIN-TV, Indianapolis, reported. Davis said the boy was stunned once on the arm.

"We need to look at it a lot closer because it's really not made for 10 year-olds," Davis said.

The officers were called to Tender Teddies Daycare because the boy was said to be kicking, screaming and attacking children there. The daycare centre belongs to his guardian.

Both officers have been suspended with pay.

Police had been called to the daycare centre on at least one previous occasion because the boy was acting up. They were previously able to get him under control without using a stun gun, the report said.

Internet

More than 30 prisoners escape after prison blast in Yemen

SANAA, 3 April — More than 30 detainees escaped on Thursday after a bomb attacked a prison in the troubled southern Yemeni province of al-Dhalee, security officials in al-Dhalee told *Xinhua*.

The attack took place early morning when pro-independence protesters took to street and headed to the Security Administration building in the capital city of al-Dhalee, demanding the release of their fellow jailed people, said the sources.

"They approached the security building in an attempt to break in and threw a bomb at the nearby door of the building's prison," said the security official on condition of anonymity.

"The explosion almost smashed the prison's door," said the source, adding that "undetermined (number of) inmates and policemen were wounded and more than 30 prisoners escaped."

Additional security troops were deployed around and in the city of al-Dhalee in a bid to chase the escaped prisoners and arrest the rioters.

Xinhua

Autoworkers gather around the last Toyota Corolla sedan to roll off the line at the NUMMI plant in Fremont, California, in this publicity photo taken and released to Reuters on 1 April, 2010. —INTERNET

300-year-old 'saucy' tales found

TROUTBECK, 3 April— The National Trust custodian for England's Townend House said a cache of 300-year-old erotica was found hidden behind books in the library.

Emma Wright, Trust custodian for the Townend estate in Troutbeck, said a collection of pamphlets bearing erotic stories and illustrations, known as Chapbooks, were hidden in the library of Townend House, which was owned by wealthy farming family the Brownes prior to being passed on to the National Trust, the *Daily Mail* reported Friday.

"The Browne book collection goes back through the centuries and proves that rural people had a strong interest in literature," Wright said. "However, as we have gone slowly through the library we have found hidden away these Chapbooks. They contain rather saucy even rude tales which were found to be rather amusing by their 18th-century readers."

"The Chapbooks have really caught the imagination. The Brownes were obviously far from straight-laced," she told the *Daily Mail*.

Internet

Top yachts from 20 famous brands, including Bunswick and Princess, are seen at a port in Sanya during a large luxury goods show in the tropical, coastal city of south China's Hainan Province, on 2 April, 2010. A three-day luxury goods show opened in Sanya on Friday.—XINHUA

Traditional dancers perform at the Cricket World Cup 2011 ticket launching ceremony in Colombo on 2 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Gecko survives week in English fridge

BIDEFORD, 3 April—A woman in southwestern England was surprised when she discovered a gecko, a small lizard native to warmer climes, in the bottom of a bag of apples.

The gecko had survived a week in Wendy Newbury's refrigerator, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. She did not notice it until she took the bag out of the refrigerator after the apples had been eaten.

"It then must have started warming up and he started moving around," Newbury said. "He was such a sweet and amazing little thing and me and my husband, Brian, are both animal lovers so we didn't want anything to happen to it."

No one knows how the gecko got into the apples Newbury purchased at a Waitrose supermarket in Holworthy, near her home in Bideford, Devon. The apples were labeled as grown in Kent, but experts say the gecko probably came from Asia.—*Internet*

Kids eat 5.5 lbs of Easter candy

LONDON, 3 April—A British survey suggests children in the country will consume an average of more than 5.5 pounds of chocolate during Easter weekend.

Retail Active, a company that sends mystery shoppers to pose as customers and evaluate stores, said its e-mail survey of 2,000 people, conducted earlier this week, found many children get 13 or more chocolate eggs to eat on their own for Easter, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Friday.

"Families with two adults in their 40s and two children under 14 could have an amazing cumulative total of 30 Easter eggs in the household over the holiday," Retail Active managing director Julian Chamberlain said.

Internet

Meeting on Mekong water resources kicks off in Thailand amid tight security

HUA HIN, 3 April— The Mekong River Commission (MRC) International Conference started here on Friday under the theme of "Transboundary Water Resources Management in a Changing World."

The conference, attended by senior officials from member countries in the Lower Mekong basin, will discuss water resources development and management on the Mekong River.

Solutions from the meeting will be forwarded to leaders of the member countries including Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam in the MRC Summit, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

The meetings have been hosted in Thailand's central resort town of Cha Am and Hua Hin amid tight security as Major General Dithaporn Sasasamit, the spokesman of Thailand's Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) said earlier that some 8,660 security men would be deployed to ensure security.

Xinhua

A girl plays in a rain puddle in Loughborough, central England, on 2 April, 2010. Forecasters have predicted a wet and windy Easter in the UK.

INTERNET

Twelve US companies forced to pay for toxic waste cleanup

LOS ANGELES, 3 April—Twelve US companies will pay millions of dollars to clean up toxic waste at a Monterey Park site near Los Angeles after 36 years of dumping, the federal government announced Thursday.

Under a settlement filed with the US District Court in Los Angeles, the companies agreed to pay for past and future cleanup work and other costs at the site, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Justice Department said in remarks broadcast by Southern California public radio KPCC.

Each of these companies "contributed" more than the equivalent of 110,000 gallons of commercial liquid waste to the Operating Industries Inc. Superfund site, the report quoted the EPA as saying.

The companies that agreed to pay for the cleanup include Ameron International Corporation; B&C Plating Company; California Dairies, Inc; Casex Co and Energy Production & Sales Co.

"With this latest settlement at the Operating Industries Inc. Superfund site, more than 600 million US dollars have been dedicated to the cleanup of this site," the EPA's Jane Diamond said.

Xinhua

Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) Women's World number two Sofia Mulanovich of Peru competes at the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach surfing competition in Torquay, Victoria on 3 April, 2010. Stephanie Gilmore of Australia defeated Mulanovich to win her third Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach title on Saturday.—INTERNET

New drug may fight inflammation

HAMILTON, 3 April — An anti-inflammatory drug may reduce inflammation symptoms with less incidence of bleeding often caused by other medications, Canadian researchers say.

John Wallace of the Farncombe Family Digestive Health Research Institute at McMaster University in Hamilton says animal models showed the drug ATB-346 — a derivative of naproxen that releases hydrogen sulfide, which may help protect the gastrointestinal tract — was at least as effective as naproxen in relieving inflammation and was 100 times safer than naproxen — with little or no damage to the stomach and small intestine.

The researchers said the drug helped the healing of pre-existing ulcers.

The research, published in the British Journal of *Pharmacology*, tested the drug on healthy rats, those with arthritis and inflammation, and on rats with compromised gastrointestinal tracts.

ATB-346 may also have less cardiovascular risk because — unlike naproxen — the researchers found no effects on blood pressure.

Naproxen, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug such as Aleve, is commonly used for the reduction of intense pain, fever, inflammation and stiffness caused by conditions such as osteoarthritis, gout and other conditions.

Internet

The International humanitarian organization GOAL distributes food to the quake victims in Port-au-Prince. Medical aid group Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) urged international donors on Tuesday to ensure Haitians continue to get free health care in the wake of January's devastating earthquake.—INTERNET

A penitent's feet are nailed to a wooden cross as part of a voluntary ritual to mark the death of Jesus Christ on Good Friday in the town of San Juan in Pampanga province, north of Manila on 2 April, 2010. —INTERNET

Many with Alzheimer's get depression drug

WALTHAM, 3 April — Some 52 percent of those with Alzheimer's are prescribed an acetylcholinesterase inhibitor, but 28.1 percent get an antidepressant, US researchers say.Matthew Winton, an analyst with Decision Resources, a research and advisory company focusing on pharmaceutical and *healthcare* issues, says 45 percent of surveyed primary care physicians say they prescribe antidepressants as a monotherapy, compared with 27 percent of surveyed neurologists.

"The prescribing of antidepressants as first line therapy for Alzheimer's disease not only underscores the relatively high rate of comorbidity between Alzheimer's disease and depression, but more importantly indicates that physicians and/or patients prioritize the treatment of depression in newly diagnosed Alzheimer's disease patients," Winton said in a statement.

"This is likely because physicians perceive that effective treatments exist for depression, but not for cognitive decline."

Patient-level claims data show 34.9 percent of patients begin first-line treatment for Alzheimer's disease within a year of their first diagnosis, the study says.—*Internet*

Drought may have led to Khmer's collapse

NEW YORK, 3 April — US led scientists say they have found evidence suggesting changing environmental factors, including drought, can cause a civilization's collapse.

The researchers, led by Brendan Buckley of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, say decades of drought, interspersed with intense monsoon rains, may have helped bring about the fall of Cambodia's ancient Khmer civilization at Angkor nearly 600 years ago.

The scientists reached their conclusion after conducting an analysis of tree rings — the longest tropical tree ring record studied to date.

Historians have offered various explanations for the fall of the Angkor civilization that stretched across much of Southeast Asia between the 9th and 14th centuries. But the scientists said their new findings offer the strongest evidence yet that two severe droughts, punctuated by bouts of heavy rainfall, may have weakened the empire by shrinking water supplies for drinking and agriculture, and damaging Angkor's vast irrigation system, which was central to its economy.

The kingdom is thought to have collapsed in 1431 after a raid by Siamese from present-day Thailand.—*Internet*

Mars rover may be in hibernation mode

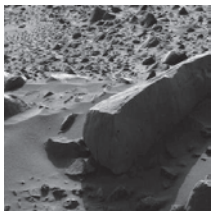
PASADENA, 3 April — The US space agency says its Mars exploration rover named Spirit skipped a planned communication session this week and may have entered hibernation mode.

NASA said the rover missed a planned on Tuesday communication downlink. The switch to a low-power hibernation mode was anticipated from recent power-supply projections, officials said.

While in hibernation, the rover's clock keeps running, but communications and other activities are suspended so all available energy is used for heating and battery recharging, scientists said. When the battery charge is adequate, the rover attempts to wake up and communicate on a schedule it knows.

"We may not hear from Spirit again for weeks or months, but we will be listening at every opportunity, and our expectation is that Spirit will resume communications when the batteries are sufficiently charged," said John Callas, project manager for Spirit and its twin rover Opportunity at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Spirit's power supply is low because daily sunshine is declining with the approach of the winter solstice, NASA said. In addition, the rover is stuck in soft sand and unable to put its solar panels at a favourable angle toward the sun.

Internet



The rock surface of Mars is seen in this March 2004 NASA image recorded by the Mars exploration rover Spirit.—INTERNET

A doctor prepares a vaccine. US researchers have uncovered the key to how a prolific virus is able to reinfect individuals despite a strong immune response, possibly opening the way for vaccines to deadly pathogens including HIV and malaria.—INTERNET

Essential oils may be key anti-microbials

EDINBURGH, 3 April— Greek scientists say therapeutic essential oils may become the anti-microbial of the future.

Study authors Yiannis Samaras and Effimia Eriotou of the Technological Educational Institute of Ionian Islands in Greece tested the anti-microbial activity of eight essential oils from plants and found thyme completely eliminated bacteria within 60 minutes.

Cinnamon was also found to efficiently fight off a number of strains of bacteria including Staphylococcus species such as meticillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

"Not only are essential oils a cheap and effective treatment option for antibiotic-resistant strains, but decreased use of antibiotics will help minimize the risk of new strains of antibiotic resistant micro-organisms emerging," Samaras says in a statement.

Samaras and colleagues pointed out essential oils have been recognized for hundreds of years for their therapeutic properties, but yet very little is still known about how they work.

The findings were presented at the Society for General Microbiology's spring meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Internet

SPORTS

Ronaldo can't bear to watch Champions League

MADRID, 3 April— Real Madrid winger Cristiano Ronaldo says he can't bear to watch the Champions League since his side was eliminated from the competition at the last 16 stage for the sixth successive season.

Real Madrid football club's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo

"I don't like to watch the Champions League matches because it leaves me a bit annoyed because I know that our team was good enough to remain in the competition and we are not because of our own fault," he said Friday during an interview with public television TVE.

Internet

Wenger, Domenech on Gallas collision course

LONDON, 3 April—Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger and French national coach Raymond Domenech squared up on Friday over the injury which has ended William Gallas's domestic season.

Wenger insisted that it was right that Gallas played in the midweek Champions League clash against Barcelona even though the veteran French defender suffered a recurrence of a calf injury.

Domenech was furious that the influential Gallas was risked with the World Cup finals in South Africa due to get underway on11 June.

"I didn't speak to (Domenech) after the game. But we have to first take care of the interests of Arsenal," said Wenger.

Internet

Arsenal's French defender William Gallas

Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini opens the door to an Italian return with Juventus

MANCHESTER, 3 April —Roberto Mancini has cast further doubt over his Manchester City future by admitting he is ready to return to management in Italy as Liverpool rival Rafa Benitez also found himself linked to Serie A.

There is a clause in Mancini's three-and-a-half-year deal allowing either City or himself to cancel his contract in the summer.

The former Inter Milan boss knows the chances of being kept on could hinge on his ability to deliver a top-four finish.

Mancini has been eyed by Juventus, who will replace short-term boss Alberto Zaccheroni at the end of the season, and he did nothing to quell the speculation in an interview with Italian paper La Nazione.—*Internet*

Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini

Rooney back in three weeks

MANCHESTER, 3 March — Sir Alex Ferguson has stated Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney will be out of action for between two and three weeks.

The England international went down in a heap late on in the Red Devils' 2-1 UEFA Champions League quarter-final defeat to Bayern Munich on Tuesday clutching his right ankle.

It had been feared that 24-year-old could be doubtful for this summer's World Cup, although United later confirmed he suffered only minor ligament damage.

Ferguson followed up that bulletin by putting a timescale on Rooney's return and revealed the striker should be back in action within three weeks.

Internet

Manchester United's coach Alex Ferguson

Ex-boxing champ back in New Mexico jail

ALBUQUERQUE, 3 April—Former five-time world champion boxer Johnny Tapia is jailed in New Mexico again, this time for reportedly failing a drug test.

A spokeswoman for the Metropolitan Detention Center says Tapia's urine tested positive for cocaine and he was returned to jail Thursday. Tapia was undergoing the test as part of the conditions of his release into a community custody program rather than remaining behind bars on a probation violation.—*Internet*

West Ham complain over Fulham team selection for Hull

LONDON, 3 April—The Premier League have confirmed they have received a complaint from West Ham over Fulham's decision to rest players for last Saturday's match against Hull.

Fulham left out Bobby Zamora, Danny Murphy, Aaron Hughes, Dickson Etuhu and Damien Duff for a game they lost 2-0.

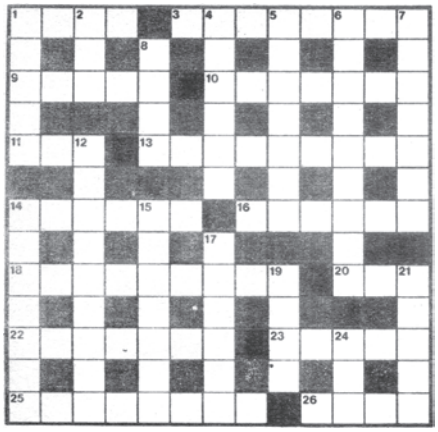
Manager Roy Hodgson made the decision with one eye on Thursday's Europa League match with Wolfsburg and said Fulham "have no case to answer".

West Ham manager Gianfranco Zola said that he had no issue with Hodgson. "As far as I am concerned, a manager can play his best team," he said.

"I have no doubts that Roy Hodgson is doing the best for his team and he is a person that I respect for his loyalty and I have no complaints with that.

Internet

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Molder shoots 66 to take Houston Open lead

HUMBLE, 3 April— Getting to the Masters is secondary in Bryce Molder's mind. He just wants that elusive first victory on the PGA Tour.

Molder birdied four of the last seven holes for a 6-under 66 and a one-stroke lead Friday in the final event before the Masters next week at Augusta National. Molder had a 9-under 135 total on Redstone's Tournament Course. The former Georgia Tech star is winless in 88 career PGA Tour starts and he's never played in the Masters. Sure, he's thought about punching his ticket this week, but that's not as important to him as winning.

"Once you're out there and over the ball, you're not really thinking, 'Well, maybe this is what could or could not get me in next week,'" Molder said. "If you ask me that Sunday afternoon and I've got a two-shot lead walking down the last hole, maybe so.—*Internet*

Bryce Molder reacts after chipping in for a birdie on the 15th hole during the second round of the Houston Open PGA Tour golf tournament on 2 April, 2010, in Humble, Texas.—INTERNET

Kim takes 1-shot lead in Kraft Nabisco

RANCHO MIRAGE, 3 April—Song-Hee Kim will start the third round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship atop a leaderboard loaded with majors winners.

The 21-year-old South Korean is the world's highest-ranked player — No. 14 — without an LPGA Tour victory. So was she nervous knowing she'll be in the final group Saturday?

"Nope," she responded matter-of-factly after shooting a 4-under 68 on Friday at Mission Hills.

Kim has top-10 finishes in all three events this year as she chases her first victory. Her two-round total of 7-under 137 in the season's first major gave her a one-shot lead over majors winners Cristie Kerr (67), Karen Stupples (69) and top-ranked Lorena Ochoa (70).

Internet

Song-Hee Kim of South Korea, watches her drive on the third hole during the second round of the LPGA Kraft Nabisco Championship golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, Calif, on 2 April, 2010.—INTERNET

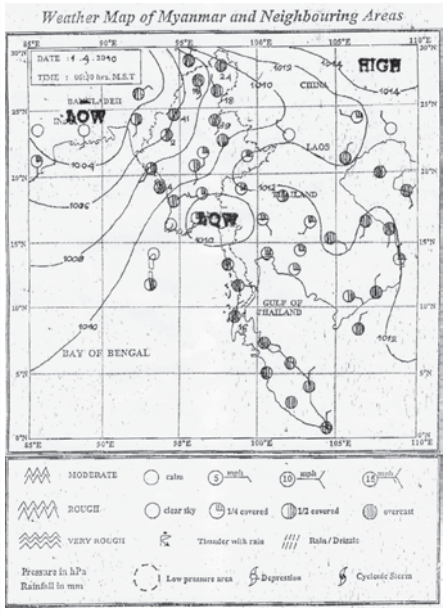
***An Oranda Redcap goldfish. A British grandmother was heavily fined and electronically tagged for selling a goldfish to a child, triggering criticism of over-zealous use of animal protection laws.—*INTERNET**

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Mr Patrick Watson @ U Soe Myint

Aged (56) years

Beloved eldest son of Mr H A Watson (deceased) & Daw Aye Sein, brother of Kenneth Soe Win (deceased), Kathleen Tin Tin Aye-Joseph Thein Pe (Singapore), Albert Khin Maung Thein-Esther, Alick Tin Maung Htwe (deceased), uncle of (4) nieces and nephews and grand uncle of (1) grand niece passed away on 1st April 2010 at No. 155, Rm 13, 45th Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon. Funeral Mass and burial will be held on 5th April 2010 (Monday) at 11:30 am at Yeway Christian cemetry. (Buses will leave the residence and St Mary's Cathedral Catholic Church at 10:00 am).



WEATHER

Saturday, 3rd 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 Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day Temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above April average tempertures in Kayin State, Yangon , and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, (10°C) below April average tempertures in Kachin State, (8°C) below April average tempertures in upper Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Magway (42°C) each , Nay Pyi Taw, Myingyan, Aunglan, Pyay and Thayawady (41°C) each.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.31) inch, Hakha (0.20) inch and Putao and Kawthoung (0.08) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 2-4-2010 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 3-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-4-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 2-4-2010 was (9.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-4-2010 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 (6) mph from West at (12:30) hours MST on 2-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4rd April 2010: Rain or thundershowers arelikely to be isolated in Kachin , Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. 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 islolated rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

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

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

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(4-4-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission	- (4-4-10 09:30 am ~ 5-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Longyi"
* News
* Documentary "Myanmar Traditional Festival"
* Today's Efficient Youth
* News
* Mrauk U, Treasure Trove of Rakhine Culture
* News
* Songs for You

Oversea Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Longyi"
* News
* Documentary "Myanmar Traditional Festival"
* Myanmar Video " Butterflies once rested on my shoulders"
* News
* Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Pin Laung Road to Lein Li
* News
* VCD Centre
* News
* Current Affairs "Longyi"
* News
* Documentary "Myanmar Traditional Festival"
* Ancient Buddha Images Carved on Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
* News
* Milestone of Contemporary Music (Selection-1)
* News
* Muse 105 Mile Border Trade Zone
* Myanmar Movies "Beyond Love"

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 4 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:30 am
2. Morning News
7:40 am
3. အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆို-မျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song
8:00 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
8:10 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:25 am
7. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
8:40 am
8. International News
8:45 am
9. Connect With English (Episode-37) "Thanksgiving"
11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
11:20 am
3. Round Up Of The Week's international News
11:30 am
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
12:20 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
12:40 pm
6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "အချစ်ဆုံးကိုသိချင်တယ်" (ရန်အောင်၊မေသန်းနု၊ မျိုးသန္တာထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝေဦး)
2:25 pm
7. Musical Programme
2:40 pm
8. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
2:45 pm
9. International News
3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)
5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme
6:00 pm
3. Evening News
6:15 pm
4. Weather Report
6:20 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် " BUGS' ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၇)
6:40 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ပန်းမွေ့ရာခင်း" (ခန့်ထက်နိုင်၊ ဇွဲနောင်၊ ထက်ဆုဝင်း)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောဝမ်းသန်းထွဋ်)
7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တော်ဝင်နှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ် သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
12. နိုင်ငြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရွှေဖူးစာလည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
13. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ

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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 hosts dinner to Vietnamese counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 7 pm yesterday.

The dinner was also attended by ministers, deputy ministers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Khin Maung Soe, departmental heads, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar H.E. Mr. Chu Cong Phung and officials.

The State Band played the National Anthems of the two countries. Artistes entertained with songs and traditional dances before and during the dinner.

After the dinner, Prime Minister General Thein Sein presented documentary album of the working visit to his counterpart.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister presented a bouquet to the artistes and cordially greeted them.—*MNA*

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein hosts dinner to the delegation led by Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung.—MNA