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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

Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club opens



Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils metal plaque of Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended an opening ceremony of Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri here this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, guests and golfers were also present. The commander,

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of the club U Chit Khaing, Chairman of Max Myanmar Groups of Companies U Zaw Zaw

formally opened the club.

The Prime Minister unveiled the commemorative metal plaque of the club.

The Prime Minister and party sprinkled scented water on it and looked round the club.

Newly opened Royal Myanmar Golf &

Country Club is situated on an 800-acre land near the Hotel Zone in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township.

The driving range was opened on 12 February 2009, and the two-storey Club House and first 18 holes on 14 April 2010. The

international standard Club House is of RCC type with a length of 270 feet and a width of 123 feet.

The first 18 holes have length of 7260 yards and the coming second 18 holes will be 7142 yards long.

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Prime Minister opens Tour Gold Cup golf tourney at Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein formally launched Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup golf tournament at Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club, here, this morning.

At the Hole No. 1, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye

Myint and Chairman of Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club U Chit Khaing opened the tournament by teeing off smoke balls.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, the deputy ministers and guests.

The Tour Gold Cup will be held at Nay Pyi Taw Golf Course, City Golf Course and Royal Myanmar Golf and Country Club up to 16 April. A total of 120 golfers from 20 teams will take part in the tournament at the three golf courses.

Prizes will be awarded to outstanding individuals and team winners in the respective golf courses, and the best golfer and the best team in three courses.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein tees off smoke ball to launch Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup golf tournament.

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PERSPECTIVES

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The whole Union can be accessible by a network of roads

The government is building economic, social, health and transport infrastructures for the development of all parts of the Union, including Ayeyawady Division.

For road improvement in the division, new projected roads are being built. By linking 10 new projected roads and the existing roads, the whole Ayeyawady Division will see a network of roads.

Nyaung Creek Bridge on Pathein-Kankon-Myinkaseik-Myaungmya road in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Division was opened on 12 April.

Ayeyawady Division is teeming with creeks and rivers and it has more bridges than any other state or division in the country. With the emergence of Nyaung Creek Bridge, the people from the villages of Myaungmya, Wakhema and Einme townships can travel easily to Pathein and Yangon.

In addition to roads, bridges and dams, education, health and social infrastructures have been built for development of the division.

In post-cyclone Nargis, measures were taken with momentum for the development of the delta region of Ayeyawady Division. As a result, the division has grown 3.7 million acres of monsoon paddy and will grow 1.3 million acres of summer paddy, trying to remain as the granary of the country.

With the advent of Nyaung Creek Bridge, there will be smooth road transport, and marine products and rice of Ayeyawady Division can be transported to all corners of the Union, contributing to the improvement of economic, social, health and education sectors.

Revellers enjoy at Taw Win Family Water Throwing Pandal

YANGON, 14 April—To participate in the Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival, Chairman of Taw Win Family Entertainment and Water Throwing Pandal was opened at the corner of Pyay Road and Minye

Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of Taw Win Family Co Ltd U Ko Htwe and Administrator U Than Aung formally opened the pandal. The Yein

Opening ceremony of Taw Win Family Water Throwing Pandal in progress.—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

Upgrading of Pathein-Thalatkhoa-Mawtinzun Road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected upgrading of 96 miles long Pathein-Thalatkhoa-Mawtinzun Road and construction of bridges by 16 companies in Ayeyawady Division on 11 April.

Myanmar Iwantani LPG Trading Co Ltd is engaging in construction of the road between mile post Nos. 16/4 and 16/5. The minister inspected works carried out by the company and left necessary instructions.

At PacLink Co Ltd, the minister called on



Construction Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects upgrading of 96 miles long Pathein-Thalatkhoa-Mawtinzun Road.—MNA

responsible persons of the 16 companies to work hard for timely completion of the road in cooperation with each others.

The minister went to Division Electric Engineer Office where he met service personnel of the No. 2 Electric Power Ministry

and Construction Ministry, responsible persons of the companies and attended to the needs.

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Factories in Yatanarpon Teleport bound to run



Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw at a newly constructed factory in Yatanarpon Myothit.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—Minister for Communications, Posts

and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 11 April called on officials of

Yatanarpon Teleport to construct factories and workshops speedily.

maintain quality of products, and carry out the tasks for nurturing human resources.

At Asia Mega Link factory, which can produce 120,000 GSM mobile handsets and 1200 mobile BTS per year, of Asia World Company, responsible persons explained production of Mobile Base Station Terminal (BTS) to the minister.

The minister visited Solar Cell factory of Yatanarpon Production Company where he viewed production of solar cell and handset through Mc Will (Multicarrier Wireless Information Local Loop) communication system.

He then inspected construction of factories of Tarmoey Chantha Wai Tun Co and Fortune International Co Ltd. He also inspected manufacture of BTS and handsets for CDMA 450 MHz and CDMA 800 MHz mobile system at the factory of Elite Manufacturing Co.

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troupe of the company entertained the guests with dances.

Vocalists, Hiphop singers, movie and video artistes, Uranium Dance troupe, the Yein troupe of Taw Win Family and other Yein troupes of students will enjoy the Maha Thingyan Festival from Akyo Day (13 April) to Atet Day (16 April), to the accompaniment of DJ Myo and party at the pandal.

Moreover, food and refreshments will be served to the guests in the morning and the afternoon.

Taw Win Family Co Ltd is building a supermarket, the largest one of the nation, opposite to the Pyay Road Sein Gay Har, at No. 45 on Pyay Road in Dagon Township. Those wishing to open the shops may dial 516171 and 502923.—MNA

About 400 dead, 10,000 injured in 7.1-magnitude quake in China's Qinghai



In this photo, the rubble of destroyed houses fill the street after an earthquake hit the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu on 14 April, 2010.

XINHUA

YUSHU, QUSHU, 14 April—About 400 people have died and 10,000 others were injured after a 7.1-magnitude earthquake hit northwest China's Qinghai Province early on Wednesday, a local official said.

Many others are still buried under the debris of collapsed houses near the epicenter, said Huang Limin, deputy secretary-general of the government of the Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu.

About 700 soldiers are now struggling to clear away the rubble and rescue the buried people, and 1,000 more will be dispatched, a spokesman with the Qinghai Provincial Emergency Office said.—Xinhua

Three killed in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 14 April — A senior anti-terrorism police officer, Sunni cleric and a policeman were killed in separate attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Berigadier Arkaan Ali, a high-ranking officer in the Iraqi anti-terrorism police, was killed by blast of a bomb planted in his vehicle while travelling near the Nisour Square in western Baghdad, the source told

Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also killed a traffic policeman who was close to the scene and wounded a passerby, the source said.

In separate incident, Ghazi Faisal, Imam of the al-Rahman Sunni mosque in Baghdad's northern district of Adhamiyah, was shot dead by gunmen in their car in front of his house in the neighborhood, the source said.

The gunmen used pistols equipped with silencers in their attack, the source added.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene and conducted search operation in the area looking for the attackers who fled the scene immediately after the attack, he said.

Internet



Paramedics carry an Afghan man wounded when international troops opened fire on a civilian bus at a local hospital in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, April 12, 2010. The international troops opened fire on the civilian bus early Monday in a southern Afghan city, killing four people and wounding 18, the local governor's spokesman said.

INTERNET

Pakistan's errant airstrike reportedly kills 71 civilians

ISLAMABAD, 14 April—A misdirected airstrike killed at least 71 innocent villagers in Pakistan's tribal zone Saturday as the army pressed its offensive against Taliban and al Qaida fighters, local residents said Tuesday.

The airstrike occurred in a remote part of the Khyber "agency," part of the tribal belt that borders Afghanistan, as thousands more civilians poured out of the area to escape the military offensive.

The issue of civilian casualties in Pakistan mirrors that of Afghanistan, where U.S.-led forces on many occasions have targeted civilians unintentionally because of poor intelligence and the difficulty of distinguishing friend from enemy.

Internet



Munther Muhsen grieves over the dead body of his brother Wessam Muhsen, 28, during his funeral in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on 5 April, 2010.

INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 14 April—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 14 April reached 700975 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1266244, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	700975
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1266244

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 14 April—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32757 Afghan people were killed and 39214 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 14 April.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	32757
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39214

Internet



An Iraqi policeman inspects the scene of a bomb attack that killed a high-ranking police officer in al-Nisour Square in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, April 14, 2010. An Interior Ministry official said Brig. Gen. Arkan Ali, who served on the ministry's anti-terrorism force, was killed by so-called 'sticky bomb' on his car as he drove to work. The blast also injured four bystanders, a traffic policeman and another ministry official who was in the car. —

INTERNET

Indonesian police arrest 31 Afghans prior to sail to Australia

JAKARTA, 14 April—Police in Sukabumi of West Java have arrested 31 Afghans who want to illegally enter Australia, senior police officer said on Wednesday.

The arrest follows the Australian government's move on the suspension of any new asylum claims from

Afghanistan or Sri Lanka.

All of the 31 men were captured early Wednesday at the beach in Ciemas district when they were about to board in a small fiber-made-ship for Christmas Island of Australia, chief of Sukabumi police criminal investigation unit Adjunct

Com-missioner Supic-tono said.

"They were arrested after midnight. They said that they want to cross (the ocean) which its mean they want go to Australia," the police chief told Xinhua over phone from Sukabumi.

Internet

China to impose anti-dumping duties on US, Russian steel

BEIJING, 14 April—China decided to impose anti-dumping duties on oriented electrical steel imported from the United States and Russia from 11 April, according to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

The United States has subsidized the exports, MOC said in a

statement posted on its website. The dumping and subsidies have caused substantial damage to the domestic industry, the statement added. The ministry decided to levy anti-dumping duties ranging from 7.8 percent to 64.8 percent on the US exports and anti-subsidy duties

of between 11.7 percent and 44.6 percent.

Anti-dumping duties between 6.3 percent and 25 percent are imposed on Russian exports, too.

The amount of the duties depends on the dumping and subsidizing margins of different producers from different countries.—Xinhua



Killer kites:
People fly their kites during the International

Kite Festival held from 10 to 18 April, 2010, in Berck-sur-Mer, northern France.
XINHUA

China, Singapore join hands in shipbuilding industry

SINGAPORE, 14 April—The China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC) and Singapore's Pacific International Lines (PIL) opened a joint venture—CSIC Pacific—here on Tuesday. Speaking at the opening of the company, Lim Hwee Hua, Singapore's Minister in Prime Minister Office and Second Minister for

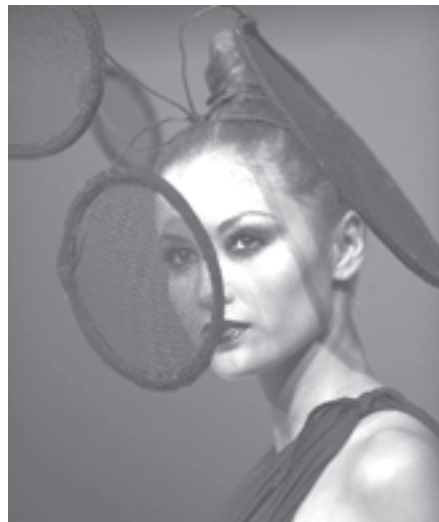
Finance and Transport, said that this CSIC-PIL's partnership is reflective of the close links between China and Singapore. She said that the partnership is forged against a backdrop of an extremely difficult period for the shipping industry, adding that setting up of the company to provide alternative ship financing options for dis-

sed shipping assets during this period "would surely be most welcomed by industry players."

CSIC Pacific will also designate Singapore as the place of arbitration for its contracts. Lim said that this is the strongest endorsement of the transparency and efficiency of Singapore's legal regime.

Xinhua

A model displays creation during the Mercedes Benz Fashion Week in Mexico City, on 13 April, 2010.—XINHUA



Four foreign workers released in Nigeria

LAGOS, 14 April—Nigerian militants have released four foreign workers kidnapped in Port Harcourt last week, media reported on Wednesday.—Xinhua

At least five people killed in cargo plane crash in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 14 April—At least five people had died after a plane crashed late Tuesday near Monterrey airport in northern

Mexico, reports said.

The cargo plane, an Airbus A300 belonging to AeroUnion, crashed at around 11 p.m. local time, killing two people on

board and three on the ground, local media reported. A large fire broke out after the crash and the area was blocked off.

Xinhua

Iran complains to UN about US "nuclear blackmail"

UNITED NATIONS, 14 April—Iran has formally complained to the United Nations that the new American nuclear policy is "nuclear blackmail" and should be considered a violation of international law, according to a letter dated April 13.

"Such inflammatory statements which are tantamount to nuclear blackmail against a non-nuclear-weapon state signatory

to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) constitute a serious violation of the United States obligations and commitment, under international law," said Iranian Ambassador to the UN Mohammad Khazaei in the letter, which was released to the UN press corps on Wednesday.

"The United States policy on first use of nuclear weapons is a real threat to interna-

tional peace and security and undermines the credibility of the NPT," the ambassador said.

On Monday, Khazaei called the U.S. nuclear strategy "state terrorism," and urged the international community at a GA committee to denounce the "policy of nuclear blackmail and terror which runs counter to international law and the Charter of the United Nations."

Xinhua



Girls present the spring tea leaves that prepared for the 2010 World Expo in Menghai County, Xishuangbanna Dai Nationality Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 11 April, 2010. A tea company in Menghai County gained the authorization of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo to produce souvenir tea using the spring tea leaves of 600-year old trees for the Expo.—XINHUA

Seven passengers injured on plane landing in HK

HONG KONG, 14 April—Seven passengers were injured on a Cathay Pacific plane from Indonesia at the Hong Kong International Airport Tuesday afternoon, when the tyre broke during an emergency landing, according to local authorities. The Airport Authority of Hong Kong told Xinhua that the incident happened at around 2 p.m. when the

plane, CX 780, flying from Sura-baya, Indonesia, made an emergency landing on the northern runway of the airport. An emergency response of the authority has been started off.

The aircraft is an A330 with 309 passengers and 14 crew on board. The passengers and crew were deplaned through the aircraft's evacuation slides, the Cathay Pacific Airways

said.

The Hong Kong government information services department said the injured passengers were rushed to the Princess Margaret Hospital and Yan Chai Hospital. While the uninjured were settled at the passenger terminal of the airport. The northern runway has been closed after the incident.

Xinhua

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First direct recording made of mirror neurons in human brain

SCIENCE DAILY, 14 April—Mirror neurons, many say, are what make us human. They are the cells in the brain that fire not only when we perform a particular action but also when we watch someone else perform that same action.

Neuroscientists believe this “mirroring” is the

mechanism by which we can “read” the minds of others and empathize with

them. It’s how we “feel” someone’s pain, how we discern a grimace from a grin, a smirk from a smile. Problem was, there was no proof that mirror neurons existed — only suspicion and indirect evidence. Now, reporting in the April edition of the journal *Current Biology*, Dr. Itzhak Fried, a UCLA

Roy Mukamel, a postdoctoral fellow in Fried’s lab, and their colleagues have for the first time made a direct recording of mirror neurons in the human brain.

The researchers recorded both single cells and multiple-cell activity, not only in motor regions of the brain where mirror neurons were thought to exist but also in regions involved in vision and in memory.

Further, they showed that specific subsets of mirror cells increased their activity during the execution of an action but decreased their activity when an action was only being observed.

Internet



Mirror neurons, many say, are what make us human.—INTERNET

professor of neurosurgery and of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences,

Opera browser gets accepted for Apple iPhone

HELSINKI, 14 April—Apple Inc has accepted distribution of Opera Software’s Internet browser for its iPhone after a long review, opening a new and potentially lucrative market so far closely guarded by Apple.

There are numerous versions of Apple’s own browser on App Store, but Norway-based Opera is the first rival to get access to iPhone.

Opera applied on 23 March for its mobile browser to be distributed on iPhone, and it was available for downloading to consumers early Tuesday, three weeks later. Usually the review process takes up to one week, developers say.—INTERNET



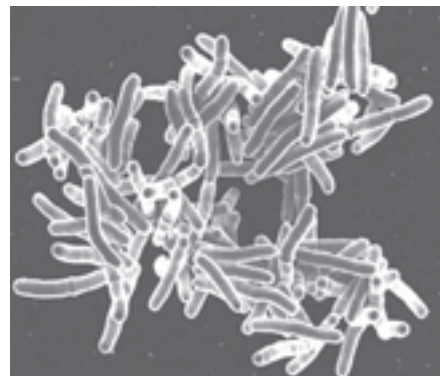
File photo shows a visitor takes a photo of the Xiao concept car from the General Motors Electric Networked-Vehicle (EN-V) series at the press opening of SAIC-GM Pavilion for the World Expo in Shanghai.—INTERNET

Experimental immune-boosting drug worsens tuberculosis in mice

SCIENCE DAILY, 14

April—An experimental drug that boosts production of the immune system protein interferon worsens tuberculosis (TB) in mice, according to scientists from the National Institutes of Health. The drug acts indirectly by drawing certain immune cells, in which *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) bacteria thrive, to the lungs. The findings may have potential implications for the care of people infected with TB, the authors note. The research is reported in the May 3 issue of *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, now available online.

“Although our research was conducted in mice, our combined



This is a colorized scanning electron micrograph of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that cause TB.—INTERNET

findings suggest that reactivation of TB should be considered as a potential side effect if compounds that boost type I interferon production, like the one used in this study, are

tested in people who may be infected with M.tb,” says Alan Sher, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), NIH, who led the team of scientists.

Internet

Monique Lhuillier bride: short and sleek for Spring 2011

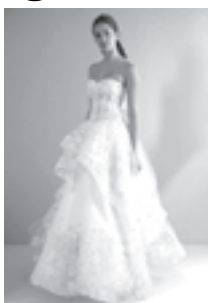
NEW YORK, 14 April—The Spring 2011 Monique Lhuillier Bride collection, titled “A Field of Dreams,” was all about bringing the garden party indoors.

Shown in the lofty heights of an airy two-level penthouse in the London Hotel on Sunday, 11 April, in New York, models stood alongside picture windows with stunning Manhattan views in equally jaw-dropping gowns, where elements of nature added whimsical details to the dresses. Romantic embellishments like butterflies, branches, twigs, wheat stalks and feathers were woven into soft layers of tulle and organza and floral embroideries were applied onto sheer corsets.

“I thought this season it was about showing your figure off,” said Lhuillier after the presentation.

To that end, Lhuillier introduced some shorter dress lengths, one of which was a convertible dress that could go from long to short.

“Instead of changing



Fashion Wire Daily – FWD101 Model presents a design at the Monique Lhuillier Spring 2011 bridal show in New York on Sunday.—INTERNET

dresses, why not have one dress?” said Lhuillier, noting that more and more her customer was asking for an all-purpose wedding ceremony and reception option.

Internet

Nine dead as suspected rebels attack Philippine town

MANILA, 14 April—Suspected Muslim rebels wearing police and military uniforms detonated bombs and opened fire Tuesday in a southern Philippine town, triggering clashes that killed at least nine people, officials said.

The attack began with a series of simultaneous bomb blasts that hit a sports center, near a Roman Catholic cathedral and the residence of a local judge on Basilan Island, a militant stronghold where rebels and troops have repeatedly clashed, said marine commandant Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban.

He said at least three marines were killed and one was wounded while trying to secure the provincial capital of Isabela city. Four civilians and two police officers also were among the dead, said Basilan police chief Tony Mendoza.

A regional military commander, Lt. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, said the attackers were disguised in police and military uniforms. They set a vehicle on fire and fired at anyone “who looked like military or police” as they fled the scene, Mendoza said.

Security forces were in control of Isabela and the city was cordoned off, Sabban said.

“We are advising the civilians to stay calm and not to panic and let the security forces cordon the area,” Sabban said.

Muslim rebels have been fighting for a separate homeland in the predominantly Catholic nation for decades.—INTERNET

Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” in twitter twist

LONDON 14 April—One of Shakespeare’s most famous plays gets a 21st century makeover in a new version of “Romeo and Juliet” which will unfold through Twitter messages and on the Youtube video website.

Entitled “Such Tweet Sorrow,” the experiment is a collaboration between the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) and Mudlark, which produces entertainment on mobile telephones. Organizers have already outlined a

contemporary “narrative arc” loosely based on the original tragedy, and the cast will improvise the rest through Tweets which have already begun to appear on the website www.suchtweetsorrow.com.

Internet

Apple upgrades MacBook Pro laptop computers

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 April — Apple Inc. on Tuesday upgraded its MacBook Pro high-end laptop computers with faster processors, more powerful graphics capabilities and longer battery life.

The popular 13-inch MacBook Pro, now featuring a new Nvidia processor, can process graphics up to 80 percent faster than the previous model, Apple said.

The new 13-inch MacBook Pro, which starts at 1,199 US dollars, also has built-in battery that can last as long as 10 hours.

The 15-inch and 17-inch MacBook Pro laptops have been upgraded with Intel Core i5 and i7 processors, which are running up to 50 percent faster than previous models.

The new 15-inch and 17-inch MacBook Pro



Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the new MacBook Air during his keynote speech at the MacWorld Conference & Expo in San Francisco, California.

models will start at 1,799 dollars and 2,299 dollars respectively, according to Apple.

"With faster processors, amazing graphics and up to three more hours of battery life, the new MacBook Pro

delivers both performance and efficiency," Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said in a statement.

Xinhua

Promising artist Tang to hold solo exhibition

BEIJING, 14 April — Young artist Tang Qingyan is holding her solo exhibition at Thread Gallery in 798 Artistic District, showing a wide range of her new works with the subject of spring.

By depicting natural landscapes and other objects that people associate with the season of spring, such as flowers, tractors and livestock, the exhibition sends forth the artist's

confidence and positive feelings toward life.

In Tang's works she adeptly unites realism and abstract techniques together, which give viewers a new glimpse into the brushworks created by young Chinese artists born in the 1980s.

The exhibition will run through until the end of April.

Internet

Two caught illegally transporting marmots put under medical observation in NW China

LANZHOU, 14 April — Two men who were caught transporting more than 100 illegally caught live marmots in mountains in northwest China's Gansu Province have been put under forced medical observation out of plague fears, local authorities said Tuesday.

The men, surnamed Miao and Wen, are

cousins from southwestern Sichuan Province. Their pick-up, carrying 109 live marmots, was stopped by police in a parking lot in downtown Lanzhou, Gansu's provincial capital, on April 4.

Though they appeared healthy, the two men were put under medical observation for safety

considerations.

They will be fined 5,000 (735 U.S. dollars) to 20,000 yuan (2,941 US dollars) for the illegal capture of the marmots, according to Ministry of Health's regulations that ban unauthorized marmot hunting, sales and transportation.

The marmots were put down humanely.

Internet

What do you have for breakfast?

Each country has its own style of breakfast. German photographer Oliver Schwarzwald, who is inspired by different breakfast compositions of different countries, recently designed a series of meals which depict breakfasts around the world.

The series features the traditional English breakfast for the UK, coffee, croissant and cigarette for France and caviar on toast with vodka for Russia. It also contains the breakfasts of Sweden, the US and an



international one that can be found in many places.

Zoo cool: A 35-year old male Australian cassowary receives a shower from unseen zookeeper Mohammad Zuber as a respite from the summer heat at the Kamla Nehru Zoological Garden in Ahmedabad.



Israeli couple finds \$20 million lottery ticket

A couple that won Israel's biggest-ever lottery prize has come forward to claim the \$20 million payout. The two say they had no idea they were holding the lucky ticket for four months.

The couple appeared before reporters on Tuesday, their faces covered by masks.

They say the winning ticket had been sitting at the bottom of a

pile of used lottery receipts until they found it this week and double checked the numbers, discovering it was a winner.

The couple wore red masks emblazoned with the logo of the Israeli lottery at Tuesday's news conference. The woman also wore a black sun hat.

In Israel, winners' identities are often concealed due to privacy concerns.

They walk among us: 1 in 5 believe in aliens?

Aliens exist and they live in our midst disguised as humans — at least, that's what 20 percent of people polled in a global survey believe.

The Reuters Ipsos poll of 23,000 adults in 22 countries showed that more than 40 percent of people from India and China believe that aliens walk among us disguised as humans, while those least likely to believe in this are from Belgium, Sweden and the Netherlands (8 percent each).

However, the majority of people

polled, or 80 percent, don't believe aliens in our midst.

"It would appear that that there's a modest correlation between the most populated countries and those more likely to indicate there may be aliens disguised amongst them compared with those countries with the smaller populations," said John Wright, Senior Vice President of market research firm Ipsos.

"Maybe the it's a

simple case that in a less populated country you are more likely to know your next door neighbor better," he said.

More men than women — 22 percent vs 17 percent — believe that alien beings are on earth.

Most of those believers are under the age of 35, and across all income classes, the survey showed. Of those who do not believe, most are women.

Wearing a hat shaped like an alien space craft, a man video tapes the arcade outside of the international UFO convention in Roswell.



News Album



Prime Minister General Thein Sein launching Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club. (News on page 1) —MNA



Club House of Royal Myanmar Golf & Country Club situated in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri. (News on page 1)

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Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye tees off to open 2010 Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Tour Gold Cup Golf tourney. (News on page 1) —MNA



Bayint Naung Automobile Service opens its work shop at G.T.I compound at the junction of Bayint Naung and Aung Mingala Roads Insein Township. MNA

Bayint Naung Automobile Service Workshop opens

YANGON, 14 April — Bayint Naung Automobile Service Workshop of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Shwe Taungtan Co was opened on 11 April in the compound of GTI at the junction of Bayintnaung Road and Aung Mingala Road in Insein Township here.

The opening ceremony was attended

by UMEHL Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Than, Deputy Managing Director Lt-Col Than Tun and the board of directors, Bandoola Transport Lt-Co Ltd Managing Director Col Myo Myint (Retd) and directors, Shwe Taungtan Co Managing Director U Tin Oo and others.

Bayint Naung Automobile Service Workshop is installed with machinery of Japan and Italy and it provides one stop service at reasonable prices. The workshop also offers mobile service. For detailed information, dial 09-8612201, 09-5145845, 09-8031064.

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Atar water throwing pandal in Kalay packed with merry makers on Maha Thingyan Akyā day.

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Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival at Central Pandal in Myawady Township of Myawady District on Thingyan Akyā Day. —MNA

Devotees performing...

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In addition, Thingyan Pandal in districts, townships and wards were

MCDC members' families enjoyed entertainments at Mandalay Mayor's Maha

Thingyan pandal, and Nanmyothu Thingyan pandal and water throwing pandal. The mayor

and party splashed water on merry makers.

At Alpine water throwing pandal, audio and video stars entertained revellers with their



A celebrity performing with music at Maha Thingyan Pandal of Thingaha Hotel at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—MNA



Thingaha Hotel Maha Thingyan Pandal at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone packed with merry makers.—MNA

crowded. Besides, as a token of meritorious deeds, free meals were offered in groups or person in districts, townships and wards.

On Akya Day of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan in Mandalay, Thingyan lovers merrily took part in the water festival. Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wife, guests and



Merry makers throwing water at Maha Thingyan Pandal of Max Myanmar Company of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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Maha Thingyan Pandal of Max Myanmar Company at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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Shwe Thanlwin Company's pandal seen at Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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performance. And the pandals were swarming with revellers and vehicles in a row.

Moreover, governmental pandals, and private pandals are crowded with merry makers.

In the evening scene of Mandalay Mayor's Maha Thingyan pandal, decorated vehicles participated in the competition. The mayor and party also took part in the joyous Thingyan Festival.—MNA

Artistes performing at pandals in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone in the evening of Thingyan Akya Day.

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IMAGES OF WATER FESTIVALS IN NAY PYI TAW, YANGON AND MANDALAY ON MAHA THINGYAN AKYA DAY



Special water throwing pandal seen on Thingyan Aky day in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.—MNA

Revellers at KTM water throwing pandal on Thingyan Aky day in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.
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Hotel Shwe Gone Daing water throwing pandal packed with Thingyan lovers on Shwegondine road, Bahan Township in Yangon.—MNA



Air Bagan water throwing Thingyan pandal seen on Thingyan Aky day on Pyay road, Yangon.—MNA

MBA family water throwing pandal in Yangon filled with merry makers.—MNA



Merry-makers on Tawwin Hninsi water throwing pandal in Bahan Township, Yangon.—MNA

Strong earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—A strong earthquake measuring 6.9 in Richter Scale hit southern Qinghai of the People's Republic of China outside Myanmar 1,100 miles north of Kaba Aye seismological observatory at 6 hrs 24 min 15 sec MST today, announced the Hydrology and Meterology Department.—MNA

Merry makers on Water throwing pandal organized by Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Ministry of Construction in Mandalay.—MNA



Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival celebrated in States, Divisions



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe opens Water throwing pandal of South-West Command.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—A ceremony to open the Maha Thingyan Festival 1371 ME of Kachin State was held at the central pandal in Myitkyina yesterday evening.

Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win announced the opening of the festival.

The commander and wife threw water on the Yein troupe members and the audiences. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers and local people.

In Monywa, Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-

Gen Myint Soe attended the opening of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival yesterday.

The commander read the message of New Year sent by the Leading Committee for Organizing the festival and formally opened the festival. At the water throwing pandal of Monywa Station, the

commander and wife enjoyed the entertainment of the Yein troupes.

Yesterday evening, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe delivered an address at the opening of Maha Thingyan Festival at the central pandal of Magway Division Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival in Magway.

A similar ceremony was held at the central pandal of Patheingyi.

Station yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, senior military officers, servicemen and families and Yein troupes. The commander formally opened the festival. In the evening, he cut the ribbon to open the Ayeyawady Division Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival at the central pandal in Patheingyi.

The Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival was opened at the central pandal in front of Waithali Sports Ground of Sittway. Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye attended the opening ceremony.

A total of 21 Yein troupes will participate in the entertainment programme from 13 to 16 April.

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The Maha Thingyan Festival water throwing pandal opens in Sittway.—MNA

Images of water festivals at different water throwing pandals in states and divisions



ThingyanYein troupes presenting entertainment at Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Central pandal in Taunggyi.—MNA



Thingyan lovers at A5 water throwing pandal in Mandalay on Thingyan Akya day.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal entertains Thingyan lovers with Yein dances and music programmes

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April—On the Akya Day of Maha Thingyan, entertainment programmes and Yein dance competitions were held at Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Thingyan Pandal, which was crowded with revellers.

Yein troupes from the Nay Pyi Taw Command, various ministries and companies took part in the Yein dance contests and famous vocalists sang songs.

MNA

Spanking links to kids' aggression

BEIJING, 14 April — Kids who were spanked often were twice as likely as those who weren't spanked to develop aggressive behaviors such as getting into fights, destroying things or being mean to others, as the *Reuters* said quoting a latest study.

The research, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, was led by Catherine A. Taylor, of Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans.

For the study, researchers had

interviewed mothers when their children were three years old and again when they were five.

More than half of the nearly 2,500 kids had been spanked in the month before the interview. And those who had been swatted more than twice at age three had twice as high odds of being highly aggressive at age five.

Although the new study doesn't prove that spanking causes aggression by itself, it shows that the link remains even after excluding a broad range

of possible explanations.

"Causality is extremely difficult to prove," Taylor told *Reuters* Health. Still, she added, "the evidence is at a point where we want to encourage parents to use techniques other than spanking that can actually lower children's risk for being more aggressive."

"Children need guidance and discipline," said Taylor. "However, parents should focus on positive, non-physical forms of discipline and avoid the use of spanking."

Internet



A baby lies in an ICU room in Chenzhou Children's Hospital affiliated to Chenzhou First People's Hospital in Chenzhou, central China's Hunan Province, on 11 April, 2010. Central China corruption investigators have named the children's hospital official who allegedly purchased industrial oxygen for medical procedures, and said the hospital made no profit from the illegal purchases. All the industrial oxygen at the hospital was sealed and replaced with medical oxygen after it was first reported in January, said the official.

INTERNET

Malaysia can be global halal cosmetics, toiletries hub

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 April — Malaysia has great potential in becoming the global hub for halal cosmetics and toiletries, a Malaysian official said here on Tuesday.

Malaysian Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Mukhriz Mahathir made this remark after opening the International Conference on Halal Cosmetics and Toiletries 2010 here.

Mukhriz said that Malaysia was rich in unique herbs that could be used for cosmetics production, adding that the country had been successful in creating awareness about its halal standard.

According to Mukhriz, the global cosmetics market is worth 334 billion U.S. dollars, with the halal segment estimated at 13 billion U.S. dollars.

As Malaysia has been striving to develop its sectors of halal food and Islamic Finance, Mukhriz said that halal cosmetics could emerge as the next sector of the country's halal industry.

On market demand, Mukhriz said that 57.6 percent of Muslims in Singapore and 37.7 percent in Indonesia were aware of the product but more than half of them claimed that they had difficulties finding the products in the market.

Citing the result of a market survey, Mukhriz said that those aware of the halal cosmetics would make their purchase if the products were available to them.—*Xinhua*

A visitor looks at a reconstructed biological model of a 'Quetzalcoatlus northropi' at the 'Pterosaurs; Rulers of the Skies in the Age of Dinosaurs' exhibition at The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation in Tokyo.

INTERNET



The Bockenheimer Warte Subway Station in Frankfurt, Germany. The entrance to the station looks like a train sinking underground after an explosion. The designer of the station said he was inspired by surrealist artists.

INTERNET

21 people killed in clashes in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 14 April — Fighting between the Somali government and Islamist insurgents killed 21 people in the Somali capital on Monday, said medical workers and witnesses.

Fourteen people were killed in the north of the city near the main market in the capital,

said head of Mogadishu's ambulance service, Ali Muse.

Resident Abdi Mohamed Aden said insurgents had shelled a military ceremony in the capital and then government forces had returned fire at insurgents operating from residential areas.

Xinhua

Israeli emergency room to be built over graves

JERUSALEM, 14 April — Israel's prime minister has decided a new emergency room for a hospital near Gaza will be built on its original site, despite the discovery of graves there.

Benjamin Netanyahu reversed an earlier decision by his Cabinet to move the new facility more than 100 meters away because of the ancient pagan graves.

Monday's announcement is sure to win praise from doctors.

They warned that if

rockets hit Ashkelon again, the trip from a separate emergency room to Barzilai Hospital could be fatal. Ashkelon, a southern coastal city of 100,000, has been hit often.

But this could spark political trouble. An ultra-Orthodox Jewish party in Netanyahu's ruling coalition had originally insisted on the move. There was no immediate comment from the party, whose leader serves as deputy health minister.

Internet

Snowstorm hits NE China, closing highway traffic, schools

HARBIN, 14 April — Five major highways in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province were closed Tuesday following an overnight snowstorm.

The provincial meteorological station issued a red alert early Tuesday morning for continuing snowstorm, which says the snow would reach 15 millimeters in several cities.

The provincial capital Harbin was among the worst hit regions in the province.

"The snow on the ground is above my ankles. It is difficult even to walk in the downtown," said a Harbin resident surnamed Liu.

The municipal education committee issued an urgent notice on Tuesday morning ordering the closure of primary and middle schools for one day.

Internet

Take Fire Preventive Measures

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Exoplanet theory is proven wrong

GLASGOW, 14 April — A Swiss-led team of astronomers said it's discovered the theory that all exoplanets orbit on the same plane and in the same direction as their star is false.

Scientists said the discovery of nine new transiting exoplanets, combined with earlier observations, found six of a larger sample of 27 were orbiting in the opposite direction to the rotation of their host star — the reverse of what is seen in our own solar system.

"This is a real bomb we are dropping into the field of exoplanets," said doctoral student Amaury Triaud of the Geneva Observatory who, with Andrew Cameron and Didier Queloz, led a major part of the observational campaign.

Internet



Local residents walk in heavy snow in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 13 April, 2010. Meteorological authorities in Harbin issued snowstorm red alert early Tuesday morning, saying the snow will continue with precipitation of 15 millimeters over six hours. — XINHUA

Turkish jets get "intercepted" by Greek jets: official

ANKARA, 14 April—Turkish F-16 jets were "intercepted" twice by Greek warplanes on Tuesday while they were on a training mission in international airspace over the Aegean Sea, the Turkish General Staff said on its website Wednesday.

The Greek F-16 and M-200 jets which took off from Greece's Lemnos and Skyros bases were involved in the interception of the Turkish fighter jets over the southern and southeastern parts of Lemnos Island, said a press release of the Turkish General Staff on its website.

On Thursday, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and visiting Greek Alternate Foreign Minister Dimitris Droutsas told a joint press conference in the Turkish capital of Ankara that Turkey and Greece agreed on a series of moves to build confidence and boost military cooperation.

They added that Turkish and Greek armies will conduct joint training, while the two countries' war academies will hold mutual visits and joint seminars.

Both NATO allies, Turkey and Greece have had disputes over airspace rights, boundaries on the Aegean Sea and the Cyprus issue, but bilateral ties have improved significantly in recent years.

Internet

Med diet may help reduce Alzheimer's risk

NEW YORK, 14 April —The Mediterranean diet is not only good for the heart, it may also help reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease, U.S. researchers found.

Yian Gu of Columbia University Medical Center in New York and colleagues tracked 2,148 older adults in New York City age 65 and older, who did not have dementia, for four years.

At the follow-up, 253 of the study participant were diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

The study, published online ahead of print in the June issue of the Archives of Neurology, found those who ate a diet high in salad dressing, nuts, fish, tomatoes, poultry, fruits, vegetables and eating low amounts of high-fat dairy, red meat, organ meat and butter had less risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

"Our findings provide support for further exploration of food combination-based dietary behavior for the prevention of this important public health problem," the study authors said in a statement.—*Internet*

Kidney cancer urine test might be possible

ST LOUIS, 14 April — US medical researchers say they have identified a pair of proteins secreted in the urine that might lead to a urine test for kidney cancer.

Washington University School of Medicine scientists in St. Louis said their study is the first to identify proteins secreted in urine that appear to accurately reveal the presence of about 90 percent of all kidney cancers. Currently, there is no diagnostic test for kidney cancer, with about 80 percent of kidney tumors discovered incidentally, during a CT scan or ultrasound test that has been ordered for an unrelated abdominal complaint.

"Kidney cancer is a silent and frequently fatal cancer," said Dr. Evan Kharasch, who led the study. "More than 80 percent of patients die within two years of diagnosis, and more than 95 percent die within five years because by the time the cancer is detected, it often has spread beyond the kidney. When it is identified early, however, kidney cancer is curable in a very high percentage of individuals."—*Internet*

Kids with more fat have arteries of adults

AUGUSTA, 14 April — Children who are overweight or obese and have less endurance had stiffer arteries compared to leaner and fitter children, U.S. researchers found.

Principal investigator Dr. Catherine L. Davis, a clinical health psychologist at Medical College of Georgia, said stiff arteries are an indicator of atherosclerosis, an adult condition in which blood vessels become clogged.

"When children at such a young age start getting diseases only adults used to get, it's like the sky is falling," Davis said in a statement.

The study involved overweight or obese children ages 8-11, half of whom participated in physical activity like jumping rope and playing basketball after school. The other half were involved in sedentary activities like board games and crafts.

The researchers used a non-invasive measure of pulse wave velocity — a measure of arterial stiffness — and found children with a greater body mass index, more body fat and less endurance had stiffer central arteries compared to leaner and fitter children.

The findings were presented during the 31st Annual Society of Behavioral Medicine Meeting in Seattle.—*Internet*

A worker prepares for the upcoming 34th Ghent Flower Show in Ghent in western Belgium, on 13 April, 2010. Ghent Flower Show, the largest indoor garden held every five years, will run from April 17 to 25 this year with the participation of over 300 exhibitors from 13 countries and district. — XINHUA



Millions of women, babies die annually

GENEVA, 14 April — An analysis shows 3.6 million newborns fail to survive their first month of life worldwide, a global scientific and advocacy group based in Switzerland found.

Countdown to 2015, a global scientific and advocacy movement formed in 2005 that tracks maternal and child deaths worldwide, found an estimated 350,000 to 500,000 women die in childbirth annually, 3.6 million newborns do not survive the first month, and an additional 5.2 million children die before age 5.

In sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia an estimated 82 percent of pregnant women, newborns and child die annually.

"Because we know what causes these deaths and what would prevent them, major progress is possible," Jennifer Bryce, a child health researcher at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and a member of the Countdown group, said in a statement.

"The Countdown analysis provides a road map, helping countries focus on their own data and take action to meet their specific needs."—*Internet*

Panic disorder, depression can be treated over Internet: Swedish research

STOCKHOLM, 14 April—Cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) via the Internet is just as effective in treating panic disorder (recurring panic attacks) as traditional group-based CBT, according to a new research from the Swedish medical university Karolinska Institute (KI) on Monday.

"Internet-based CBT is also more cost-effective than group therapy," said Jan Bergstrom, a doctoral student at the Center for Psychiatry Research at KI. "The results therefore support the introduction of Internet

treatment into regular psychiatry, which is also what the National Board of Health and Welfare recommends in its new guidelines for the treatment of depression and anxiety," Bergstrom said in a statement.

It is estimated that depression affects some 15 percent and panic disorder 4 percent of all people during their lifetime. Depression can include a number of symptoms, such as low mood, lack of joy, guilt, lethargy, concentration difficulties, insomnia and a low zest for life, the research said.

Internet



In this Thursday, on 8 April, 2010 photo, workers fill cans with sardine steaks at the Stinson sardine cannery in Gouldsboro, Maine. The cannery, the last of its kind in the US, will shut down this week.

INTERNET

Malaysian gets flogging for acid attack on wife

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 April—A court sentenced a Malaysian man to six years in prison and ordered him to be flogged with a rattan cane after he splashed acid on his wife for refusing to have sex with him, an official said Tuesday.

Supian Hani Ismail began serving the prison term Monday after a district court judge in eastern Pahang state

issued the sentence, a court official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make public statements.

The unemployed 47-year-old had pleaded guilty to a charge of "causing grievous hurt" to his wife by splashing a bottle of acid on her after she rebuffed his demand for sex on the night of 7 April at their home, the

official said.

Supian will also receive two lashes of a thick rattan stick, which generally leaves lifelong scars.

Supian's wife was recovering in a hospital after suffering burns on her face, hands and other parts of her body, the national news agency Bernama said.

Internet



A worker shows a bronze plaque which has been polished to shine by many people who had touched it over centuries for luck, on Charles Bridge in Prague, capital of the Czech Republic, on 12 April, 2010. The bronze plaque will be delivered to the Shanghai World Expo and exhibited in the Czech Pavilion.

XINHUA

Lingering drought threatens endangered bird species in SW China

NANNING, 14 April—The persistent drought in China's southwest is eroding the habitat of the Hume's Bar-tailed Pheasant, one of the world's endangered bird species.

In Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 45 percent of the vegetation in the nature reserve boasting the world's largest population of the pheasant, as known as *Symaticus humiae*, has deteriorated as the dry weather continues.

"More than 200 birds in our nature

reserve are short of drinking water and food," said Lu Zhenyan, a senior researcher with the Jinzhongshan National Nature Reserve in Guangxi. The rare bird species, which live on plant seeds, berries and insects, are only found in forested ravines in China, India, Myanmar and Thailand.

Their homes in southwest China's Guangxi and neigh-

oring Yunnan Province have been threatened by the scorching weather that began last fall, Lu said.

"They usually mate between March and July. But some of the newborn chicks have died of thirst," she said, warning of a possible population decline in the future.

Internet

Australian Aborigines declare reserve to save wallaby

SYDNEY, 14 April—Australian Aborigines Tuesday declared a huge swathe of land — more than twice the size of Luxembourg — a conservation zone to help protect an endangered rock wallaby.

The leaders of the area, called the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara, said 580,000 hectares (2,240 square miles) of the remote land near the vast country's centre would be managed by its traditional owners for conservation. Environment Minister Peter Garrett



a black-footed rock wallaby

said the move would help protect the endangered "waru" or black-footed rock wallaby.

"The ranges in the north provide a safe haven for one of the few remaining colonies of black-footed rock wallaby, with experts 100 of the mammals are

34 dolphins stranded on Australia's coast

CANBERRA, 14 April—Australian marine experts worked on Tuesday to save a group of dolphins after 34 of them were beached at the mouth of a river on Australian state, Tasmania's remote west coast. Experts from the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) have been trying to keep the bottlenose dolphins alive at the Pieman River.

A statement from the DPIPWE said 17 dolphins had survived the beaching. "Since then a group has been moved from the beach into the shallow water near the mouth of the river," the statement said. "Several animals did not survive the day. Staff are now focusing on keeping the surviving stranded animals moving in shallow water to get them fit for release into the river." A DPIPWE spokesman told the Australian Associated Press the rescue was made difficult by the area's remoteness. "Communication is only available via satellite phone at this stage," the spokesman said.

Internet

left," Garrett said. The new reserve connects with other indigenous protected areas to form a 12-million-hectare conservation corridor which stretches from South Australia to Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Community leader and ranger Kenneth Ken said the declaration would provide employment for indigenous people — the country's most disadvantaged, with shorter life expectancies than other Australians.

Internet

SPORTS

Inter beat Fiorentina to keep treble hopes alive

ROME, 14 April—Inter Milan kept their treble hopes alive with a 1-0 victory away to Fiorentina in the Italian Cup semi-final, second leg on Tuesday to reach May's final 2-0 on aggregate. Samuel Eto'o scored the only goal of the game 12 minutes into the second half to ensure Inter reached their fifth Ital-



Inter Milan's
Cameroonian forward
Samuel Eto'o

ian Cup final in six years. If AS Roma manage to hold onto their 2-0 first-leg lead over Udinese next week, it will also be the fifth final between the two sides in those last six years.

Inter assistant coach Daniele Bernazzani told Rai TV he was satisfied. "We played the game we needed to, we didn't take many risks, we defended in the first half and Eto'o's goal finished the tie," he said. "In these months we're playing for everything but fortunately that means we're improving. 'I'd give anything to be in this situation.'" Fiorentina coach Cesare Prandelli said the goal had knocked the stuffing out of his team.— *Internet*

Ancelotti expects Chelsea to hold nerve for title run-in

LONDON, 14 April—Carlo Ancelotti insists there is no chance Chelsea will lose their nerve as they approach the final furlong of the race for the Premier League title. Ancelotti's side are within touching distance of winning the league for the first time since 2006 after Tuesday's 1-0 win over Bolton left the Blues four points clear of second placed Manchester United with four games to go. The leaders looked anxious at times as they laboured to kill off stubborn Bolton and Owen Coyle's struggling team could even have snatched a shock draw if referee Lee Probert had awarded either of two strong penalty claims.

With a trip to London rivals Tottenham next on the agenda and another tricky away game at Liverpool still to come, it seems likely Chelsea will have plenty more opportunities to show their resolve before the champagne corks start popping around west London. But Ancelotti is adamant his players' ability to grind out wins from tense encounters like the Bolton game shows they are made of the right stuff to end United's three-year reign as champions.— *Internet*



Croatian player Marin Cilic



Chelsea's Nicolas Anelka (left) celebrates scoring his goal against Bolton Wanderers with teammate Salomon Kalou during their Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London.— *INTERNET*

Cilic passes Russian test at Monte Carlo tennis

MONTE CARLO, 14 April—Croatian fourth seed Marin Cilic flirted with danger on Tuesday against Russian Igor Andreev in his first clay court match of the season before prevailing 6-7 (4/7), 6-1, 6-4 in their second round clash. Former Australian Open finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga played to the crowd as the charismatic Frenchman finally made his main-draw debut in the principality, defeating Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 7-6 (7/5), 7-5 also in the second round.

Internet



Valladolid's defender and captain Alberto Marcos (L) vies with Sevilla's Juan Cala during their Spanish League football match at Jose Zorilla stadium in Valladolid.— *INTERNET*

Jerry Rice hopes to catch on in professional golf

HAYWARD, 14 April—Jerry Rice used to wake up at 4 a.m. so he could get to the driving range and hit golf balls before he was due at work with the San Francisco 49ers for 8:30 a.m. meetings. He'd return to the range after football practice. "I got addicted to the game. I have so much passion for it," Rice said.

Now, the Hall of Fame wide receiver is taking a

swing at professional golf, and insists he's serious. Rice will make his pro debut on Thursday in a Nationwide Tour event after receiving a sponsor's exemption into the field. He also will serve as host of the 156-player tournament, with his foundation receiving proceeds.

Internet

Kahne to drive for Hendrick in 2012

CHARLOTTE, 14 April—Kasey Kahne has completed a deal to drive for Hendrick Motorsports in 2012 but still needs to iron out his plans for next season. *The Associated Press* has learned. A person familiar with Kahne's plans spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity on Tuesday because portions of Kahne's deal are still being worked out.

Most notably, it's not clear where Kahne will drive in 2011. HMS is currently at NASCAR's four-car limit, and Kahne is working out a deal to succeed Mark Martin in the No. 5 car in 2012. Martin has one more season left on an extension he signed last year, and owner Rick Hendrick plans to honor

that deal.— *Internet*

Hull lose Hunt to a foot injury

LONDON, 14 April—Hull's hopes of avoiding relegation from the English Premier League suffered a setback on Tuesday when leading scorer Stephen Hunt was ruled out of the rest of the season with a foot injury. The 28-year-old Republic of Ireland international has not played since the 3-0 defeat by West Ham on February 20 but he remains the Tigers' top scorer this term with six goals. Hull were hoping Hunt would be fit for the run-in but will now have to do without the former Reading favourite.— *Internet*

Valladolid stun Champions League chasing Sevilla

MADRID, 14 April—Valladolid coach Javier Clemente enjoyed a winning home debut as the relegation-threatened side beat Champions League hopefuls Sevilla 2-1 at home on Tuesday to boost their hopes of staying up, moving three points from safety. It is a major setback for Sevilla and their Champions League hopes with the club staying fourth although Real Mallorca can go three points ahead of them with victory over Real Zaragoza on Wednesday.

Valladolid had just one win in the last 16 games before the game but 60-year-old veteran coach Clemente - who coached Spain from 1992 to 1998 - has made it four points from his two games at the helm to enhance their chances of beating the drop. Attacker Diego Costa headed his eighth goal of the season on 41 minutes to put Valladolid ahead and Angolan striker Mateus Manucho, briefly on Manchester United's books, struck a second on 53 minutes.— *Internet*

Surgeon says Torres could be back next week



Fernando Torres

LONDON, 14 April—Fernando Torres could return to action as soon as next week, according to the surgeon treating the Liverpool and Spain striker's latest knee injury. Torres missed Sunday's goalless draw against Fulham, a result that did major damage to the

Merseysiders' hopes of finishing fourth in the table and so securing a place in next season's Champions League which Spanish manager Rafael Benitez "guaranteed" earlier in the campaign.

The forward, who has travelled to Barcelona for treatment, injured the same knee earlier in the season and there had been speculation Torres might now miss the remainder of Liverpool's matches this term and even the World Cup.— *Internet*

Jankovic rallies to advance at Charleston tennis

CHARLESTON, 14 April—Former world number one Jelena Jankovic survived a scare by rallying to beat unseeded Edina Gallovits 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the second round of the WTA Family Circle Cup. The Serbian had to go the distance, needing two hours to beat Edina Gallovits of Romania at the 700,000 dollar clay court event on Tuesday.

The former winner and second seed received a

bye into the round of 16. "She (Gallovits) didn't have anything to lose. She can just play freely and go after her shots," said Jankovic, who won the tournament in 2007, and along with Nadia Petrova are the only lone ex-champions in the field. It was first match on clay this season for Jankovic who is ranked seventh in the world.

Internet



Former world number one Jelena Jankovic



Football fans are seen eating meat at a soccer stadium in Bloemfontein. At any South African football match, the scent of grilled meats and simmering stews wafts through the gates as vendors serve up chicken feet, sheep head and sausages to arriving fans.—INTERNET

76 killed by storm in eastern India

KOLKATA, 14 April —At least 76 people were killed and 20,000 made homeless in a fierce storm which assaulted the North Dinajpur district in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal early Wednesday morning, said local officials and police.

Ramanuj Chakrabarti, district minister of Dinajpur, told media that 100,000 houses were damaged or destroyed as storm Norwester swept through the district, while electricity was cut and water supply was also affected in many villages.

He said local authorities were organizing rescue and aid operations for the people affected. Norwester also hit West Bengal at the same time last year, killing at least 100 people and flooding large areas of the region.—Internet



WEATHER

Wednesday, 14th 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, isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyarwady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Chin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (43.8°C), Myingyan (43.6°C), Mandalay, NyaungU, Minbu and Magway (43°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (0.67) inch and Machanbaw (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-4-2010 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 14-4-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-4-2010 was 71%. Total sun shine hours on 13-4-2010 was (9.8) hours.

Rainfall on 14-4-2010 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 (7) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 13-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15th April 2010: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan States and upper Sagaing Division, 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 isolated light rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-4-2010: Partly cloudy.

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-4-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (15-4-10 09:30 am ~ 16-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Longyi)"
- * News
- * Documentary
- * Rakhine Traditional Water Festival (Water Throwing Festival)
- * News
- * Thingyan Song & Thingyan Dance
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs & Dances

Oversea Transmission

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- * News
- * Meditation Centres throughout Myanmar
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs & Dance
- * Myanmar Movies "A Story of a flower"



Thursday, 15
April
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy
Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင်
(သန်းမြတ်စိုးတေးရေး-
မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:15 am

6. Dance of National
Races

8:25 am

7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. "ဆယ်စုနှစ်ကခါသင်္ကြန်"

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

4:35 pm

3. အေးသေင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

- သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ်
(ဇီဝဗေဒပညာအထူးပြု)
(ဇီဝဗေဒပညာ)

4:50 pm

4. Songs For Uphold
National Spirit

5:00

5. ဇာန်နဝါရီလသို့ဆုတောင်း

5:15 pm

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:35 pm

7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:15 pm

9. Weather Report

6:20 pm

10. ဖော်ရွှင်စေသော
နေ့ရက်များ

"ချစ်သူကော်မီ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

(သူရလင်း၊နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊
မေတ္တာယုဇနဗိုလ်မြင့်၊
စုပုံချစ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-
အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

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စုပုံချစ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-
အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:40 pm

11. ထူးဆန်းထွေးကွဲများကို
သိပ္ပံမြင်ချင်းတင်ခြင်း

7:00 pm

12. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

7:25 pm

13. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဇာတ်လမ်း
"မာယာတိုင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၁)

(ဒွေးညိုမင်းလွင်၊
အိန္ဒြာကျော်မင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-
ချမ်းသာကြည်စိုး)

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Devotees performing meritorious deeds and Thingyan revellers making merry on Maha Thingyan Akya Day

NAY PYI TAW, 14 April — Today (Thingyan Akya Day), Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal was crowded with revellers and The Aces music band, vocalists and Thingyan Yein troupes of ministries, Thingyan Pandals of Hotel Zone gave entertainments

to the public.

Accompanied by Yein troupes and vocalists, the music bands were Black 3B at Amara Hotel Thingyan Pandal, 3 PLUS at Max Myanmar Co Ltd Thingyan Pandal, 99% at Shwe Myanmar Hotel Thingyan Pandal, Hi Bird at Yadana Theinga Hotel

Thingyan Pandal, Spectrum at Taw Win Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Thingyan Pandal, DM-4 at Shwe Thanlwin Co family Thingyan Pandal, Lazy Club at Myat Taw Win Thingyan Pandal, Mitzima Hlaing at Thingaha Hotel and Hotel at Aureum Palace

Hotel Thingyan Pandal. Since the morning, the Thingyan lovers had been participating in the festival peacefully and happily.

Similarly, Hlat Nwe (Kan Kaung) Co Thingyan Pandal, on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana road, Happy Time Thingyan

Pandal and Special Thingyan Pandal on Bogyoke Road, Padaukyo Thingyan Pandal on Pinlaung Road, KTM Family Thingyan Pandal on Yangon-Mandalay Highway and 25 Thingyan Pandals on other streets and lanes performed dances and songs. Moreo-

ver, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Ngalaik Kantha resort along Ngalaik Dam near Kyweshin village seven miles from Nay Pyi Taw were also packed with Thingyan lovers.

On the Thingyan Akya Day, the people happily took part in the Yangon Thingyan Festival. Particularly, there are chains of Thingyan pandals along Pyay Road and around Kandawgyi.

Air Bagan Thingyan Pandal and MBA Thingyan Pandal on Pyay Road in front of Inya Lake, Hotel Shwe Gone Daing Thingyan Pandal and Taw Win Hninsi Thingyan Pandal on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township, Mayor's Thingyan Pandal in front of Yangon City Hall performed dances and songs.

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Thingyan Yein troupes presenting entertainment at Nay Pyi Taw Mayor's Maha Thingyan Pandal.—MNA