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# Union Election Commission Meeting 21/2010 held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—The Union Election Commission Meeting 21/2010 was held at the meeting hall of the office of Union Election Commission, here, this morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and all members of the commission.

First, the chairman made an opening address. Next, applications for setting up political parties were scrutinized.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the chairman.—*MNA*

***Union Election Commission Meeting 21/2010 in progress in Nay Pyi Taw.*—MNA**

## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

# National education promotion symposium held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April —A symposium on national education promotion (2010) of the Ministry of Education was held at the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township this morning.

In giving an opening speech, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State, national education promotion programme started in 2001-2002. In the higher education sector, there have now been 159 universities and colleges up from 32 in 1988. Under the education ministry, there are 64 universities and colleges up from 27, 11800 faculty members up from 5600 and 450,000 students up from 134,000. In the basic education sector, there were 33,000 basic education schools in 1988 and the number has now reached more than 40700. In the past, over 173,000 million teachers trained about 5.24 million students. But now, over 266,000 million teachers train over eight million students. Under the guidance of the Head of State, the ministry has been implementing sector-wise education promotion programme. There were 79 teaching programmes in 1998 at universities and colleges under the Ministry. So far, there have been 215 teaching programmes including master's degree, M Research and Ph.D courses. Likewise, more human resource development centres and diploma courses have been opened at universities and colleges.

University curriculum development teams are assessing the curricula of the higher education of Myanmar in comparison with world nations and upgrading the teaching methods. Subject-wise research and applied research are being carried out under effective supervision in the master's degree courses and doctorate courses. The whole nation saw over 98.25 percent enrollment rate during the previous year due to the participation of parents in township-wise enrollment activities. Opening of over 6500 post-primary schools has led to increase in the number of middle school students to over 2.21 million. As part of border areas development programme, the government is opening new schools in the areas where over 6600 teachers are giving lectures to over 200,000 students at 1049 schools. In accord with guidance of the Head of State, English and mathematics proficiency competitions were held at primary and middle levels beginning 2008-2009 academic year. Moreover, over 7000 teachers have completed advanced English and mathematics instructor courses.

Afterwards, Minister Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and guests visited booths displaying development of education in Myanmar.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein attended the symposium on higher education sector and a paper reading session.

Similarly, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min addressed the symposium on national education promotion for basic education sector and a paper reading session at University of Agriculture.—*MNA*

***Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visits education development booths at National Education Promotion Symposium 2010.*—MNA**

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for establishment of modern industrialized nation

**Development of industrial sector plays an important role in striving for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. The government is constructing sound foundations to transform the nation into an industrialized one. While all-out efforts are being made in establishing the factories and workshops in industrial regions and industrial zones, the import-substitute products are being manufactured.**

**On his inspection tour on 22 April, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe viewed industrial products manufactuerd by factories of Mandalay Industrial Zone in Mandalay and gave guidance on the industrial development. In meeting with industrial entrepreneurs, Senior General Than Shwe said that only when the nation becomes a modern industrialized one, will it be transformed into a developed one from the status of a developing nation. Thus, the industrial entrepreneurs are to strive for achieving success in their industries, he said.**

**During the period of 20 years, progress was made in the establishment of industrial zones. Still, it is necessary to make relentless efforts for achieving development of the industries in both design and capacity.**

**Nowadays, more and more modern factories and workshops are being built in industrial regions and zones across the nation. The industries are functioning with modern production technology. Job prospects can be achieved. Through concerted efforts for development of industries including industrial zones a modern industrialized nation will be established.**

## Applications to set up political parties scrutinized, passed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April— Those wishing to set up political parties are submitting applications to the Union Election Commission. Of them, the Commission has found the following three groups to be in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules and thus the Commission has passed their applications on 23 April 2010.

(a) PaO National Organization (PNO)
(b) Taaung (Palaung) National Party
(c) Wunthanu NLD (Union of Myanmar)

The said three groups are to submit their applications for registration as political parties in accord with the Political Parties Registration rules 7 within 30 days from the date of acceptance. The Commission is scrutinizing the applications of the remaining groups and up to date five groups have already been permitted to form political parties.

*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**

## Discipline enforcement stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April—Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo visited Indagaw Police Station in Bago Township yesterday, where he dealt with safety measures and discipline enforcement.

The minister also inspected police stations and staff quarters in DaikU, Pyontaza, Nyaunglebin, Kyauktaga, Ottwin townships and Kanyukkwin and gave the same message.—*MNA*

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April— The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library (South ) under the Ministry of Culture as Director-General at the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—*MNA*

***Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo visits police stations in Bago Division.***
**MNA**

## Forestry Minister inspects timber extraction of Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 April — On his inspection tour of Loikaw on 18 April, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected stockpiling of logs and teak stumps at Loikaw raft jetty and heard reports on progress of timber extraction.

The minister called for successful implementation of tasks in meeting with service personnel of Forest Department and Myanma Timber Enterprise at the Kayah State Forest Department in Loikaw the following day.

Next, the minister and the chairman presented exercise books for the school through responsible persons at the opening of new school building for Phayapyu village BEPS in Dimawhso Township.

The new school building was constructed with the contribution of K 13.4 million by the State and the people.

*MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung looks into stockpiling of logs and teak stumps at Loikaw raft jetty.***
**FORESTRY**

## Special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April— The special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of The Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of The Supreme Court (Mandalay) U San Tint Yi and U Kyaw Win sitting at Court room No. 1 of The Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard (5) special civil appeal cases under section (7) of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 23rd April.—*MNA*

## Kachin State RCS members donate blood

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — The 35th collective blood donation ceremony of Kachin State Red Cross Society members took place at the Blood Bank of Kachin State General Hospital in Myitkyina on 17 April. Blood donors donated 46 bottles of blood as good deeds for the New Year.—*MNA*

# Bombs kill 56 in Baghdad

*A resident walks past a car destroyed by a bomb blast in Sadr City, northeastern Baghdad on 23 April, 2010.*

INTERNET

BAGHDAD, 23 April- Bombs targeting Shi'ite areas killed at least 56 people in Baghdad on Friday in a possible backlash after Iraq touted a series of blows against al Qaeda.

Eight people were also killed by bombs in the Sunni west of the country.

Seven blasts hit different areas of the Iraqi capital an interior ministry source said. Around 112 people were wounded.

Last Sunday, al Qaeda's leader in Iraq, Abu Ayyub al-Masri, and Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the purported head of its affiliate, the Islamic State of Iraq, were killed in a raid in a rural area northwest of Baghdad by Iraqi and U.S. forces.

In Friday's attacks, at least 21 people were killed and more than that number were wounded when three bombs exploded in populated Sadr City slum.

Another bomb killed at least 11 and wounded 17 near a Shi'ite mosque in al-Ameen district in southeastern Baghdad. An earlier car bomb killed three people near a Shi'ite mosque in the northwestern neighbourhood of al-Hurriya, police said.

Hours earlier, seven members of one family were killed in a series of blasts in Khalidiya, a town in Iraq's turbulent western province of Anbar 83 km (50 miles) west of Baghdad. One police officer died trying to defuse a bomb.

*Internet*

## Two Belarusian fighter jets collide, no one hurt

MOSCOW, 23 April — Two MiG-29 fighters of the Belarusian 927th fighter airbase collided in midair on Wednesday night, with no one hurt in the accident, Russia's *Interfax* news agency reported on Thursday.

One of the aircraft crashed and was unable to continue flight, said a source from the Belarusian Defence Ministry.

"The two planes touched each other while conducting a complicated maneuver during a planned flight in low visibility conditions at 08:15 pm (1715 GMT) on 21 April," said the source.

"The pilot managed to divert the plane to the area of the 210th aviation range and, making sure that there were no populated areas on the ground, ejected," said the source.

Pilot of the other jet managed to land safely at the home airfield. The accident was currently being investigated on.

Last August, two Russian fighters from the renowned aerobatic team Russian Knights collided in mid-air near Moscow during an air show rehearsal. The team's commander Igor Tkachenko was killed, and two other pilots and five civilians were wounded in the accident.

*Internet*

***South Sudanese children are educated on the use of a long-lasting insecticide-treated net (LLIN) in Wau, about 520 km northeast of Juba, in 2009. A new combination treatment for malaria is as effective as the "gold standard" therapy for the disease, but only needs to be taken once a day rather than twice, The Lancet reported on Friday.***

INTERNET

***An official of the World Health Organization vaccinates a child against measles in the Klay district of Liberia in 2003. Almost 200 children have died of measles in 16 African countries in three months, the UN World Health Organization and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said, asking for funds for vaccinations.—INTERNET***

## Roadside bomb targets Afghan army in Afghanistan

KHOST, 23 April — A roadside bomb targeted an Afghan army van in Khost province east of Afghanistan exploded on Thursday morning, but no casualties were caused in the blast, provincial police chief said. "The blast occurred one km outside Khost city the capital of Khost province at 10:10 am local time against a convoy of Afghan army but caused no loss of life and property," Guldad told *Xinhua.* Guldad, who like many Afghans uses one name, also stressed that the blast missed the target and the army van was not damaged.

*Xinhua*

## Oil pipeline attacked in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 23 April — Insurgents on Thursday blew up an oil pipeline that carries crude oil to Turkey in Iraq's northern province of Nineveh, a provincial police source said.

The attack took place on Thursday morning in the desert area of al-Hadhar, some 120 km south of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh province, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast caused fire and thick black smoke billowed into the sky above the area, the source said.

Fire engines rushed to the scene to put out the fire and prevented an escalation of the damage, as Iraqi security forces sealed off the area, the source added.—*Xinhua*

## Russia concerned about US missile defence plans

MOSCOW, 23 April — Russia is alarmed by the intentions behind the US missile defence plan in Eastern Europe and its deployment of *Patriot* missiles in Poland, said spokesman for the Foreign Ministry on Thursday.

"We are concerned about the United States' absolutely unfounded anti-missile activities in Poland," Andrei Nesterenko told a Press briefing.

"It is not clear to us why *Patriot* anti-aircraft and anti- missile systems are being deployed near the Russian border. Nor have we an answer to the question about what threats will be tackled in the drill which will be held very close to Russia's Kaliningrad region," said the spokesman as quoted by the *Interfax* news agency."This sort of unilateral moves on the part of the United States cannot be left without attention," he said.

Russia remained opposed to other European countries' participation in anti-missile drills, he added.

Washington and Warsaw signed the Status of Forces Agreement last December, laying out the terms for the deployment of *Patriot* missiles.

The first batch of Patriot missiles will be deployed around 24 May at the town of Morag, just 100 kilometers from the Polish border with the Russian western enclave of Kaliningrad, the Polish Defence Ministry announced on Wednesday.

*Internet*

***High-tech police equipment is displayed at Beijing Exhibition Centre, on 21 April , 2010.***

XINHUA

# Brazilian president defends Iran's right to nuclear programme

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 April—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Thursday reaffirmed his personal and his administration's position on Iran's nuclear programme. He said the Islamic state has the right to develop its nuclear programme so long as it is for peaceful purposes.

He believed the right of all countries to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes must be preserved. He appealed for a negotiated solution to the Iranian nuclear issue, instead of the sanctions urged by the United States.

"The controversy is that Iran says they will not enrich uranium to make a nuclear bomb and some doubt that," the president said, stressing the need to find a common ground for the negotiation of the issue. Lula also defended Brazil's right and authority to participate in the negotiations regarding the Iranian nuclear issue

"We have both the moral and political authority to discuss this subject with whoever is there. Peace is not a privilege of one country or another; it is for all countries that cordially practise peace," he added. To help mediate a peaceful solution to the Iranian impasse, Lula sent his Foreign Minister Celso Amorim to Iran, Turkey and Russia.

The president himself is expected to visit Tehran in May. "I am convinced that peace is within our reach," he said.

*Xinhua*

***Children ride bikes on a main street in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 11 April, 2010. An eight-kilometer-long street in Buenos Aires was closed on Sunday to provide play ground for citizens during an event to mark the World Health Day.—XINHUA***

## All Items from Xinhua News Agency

***A girl carries a can of water at a camp for internally displaced people on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia, on 22 April, 2010.***
**XINHUA**

## G24 ministers urge developed countries to avoid protectionism

WASHINGTON, 23 April—The Intergovernmental Group of Twenty-Four (G24) on Thursday urged developed countries to avoid protectionist measures and other restrictions that jeopardize global growth and stability.

"Ministers urged developed countries to avoid protectionist measures and other restrictions in trade, finance, investment, and labor services so as not to jeopardize global growth and stability," said the G24 in a communique issued after the 83rd ministerial meeting.

"They reiterated the importance of an early conclusion of the Doha Development Round that addresses the needs of developing countries, in particular improved market access and elimination of agricultural subsidies by advanced countries," said the communique.

According to the G24, the economic crisis' effects would be long-lasting and many developing countries would continue facing constraints in external financing, which may be exacerbated by the increase in public borrowing needs in advanced countries.

The group urged major developed countries to fulfill their prior commitments on assisting the developing countries.

The G24, a charter of the developing countries' coalition G77, was established in 1971 to coordinate the positions of developing countries on international monetary and development finance issues and to ensure that their interests were adequately represented in negotiations on international monetary matters.—*Xinhua*

# Mauritania, Syria sign 7 cooperation agreements

NOUAKCHOTT, 23 April—Seven agreements were signed here on Wednesday evening between Mauritania and Syria after a meeting of the joint Mauritania-Syria cooperation commission, according to official sources.

The accords, which were signed by Mauritanian Foreign Minister Naha Mint Mouknass and Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Fay-al El Moqdad, cover the areas of culture, information, trade, technical and scientific exchanges, housing, urbanization and regional development.

At the end of the signing ceremony, Naha hailed the documents as a great step in the bilateral cooperation between the two countries. She praised "the important role that is to be played by the business people and private investors in the two countries in order to create a solid and sustainable partnership, which will offer employment opportunities and contribute to the improvement of people's living conditions."

*Xinhua*

# British deficit reaches record high

LONDON, 23 April—The British budget deficit reached a record high in the fiscal year of 2009/2010 but was slightly better than the government had expected in March, data showed Thursday.

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported that public sector net borrowing totalled a record high of 152.84 billion pounds (236.2 billion US dollars) in the last fiscal year ending in March, up from 86.91 billion pounds (134.3 billion dollars) in the 2008/2009 fiscal year. The deficit was equivalent to 10.87 percent of the British gross domestic product(GDP).

The government had predicted that the deficit of last fiscal year would reach 167 billion pounds (258.1 billion dollars). The report also showed that government net borrowing in March rose to 23.498 billion pounds (36.3 billion dollars) from 20.060 billion pounds (31 billion dollars) in March of last year. March is typically a heavy-spending month as civil servants rush to use up funds before the end of the fiscal year.

*Xinhua*

***Passengers queue for tickets outside an airline agency in Kathmandu, capital of Nepal, 22 April, 2010. Hundreds of foreign passengers stranded in Kathmandu are hopeful of flying home after European governments temporary reopened the airports. —XINHUA***

***Photo taken on 21 April, 2010 shows Pavilion of Future in the Puxi zone of World Expo Park in east China's Shanghai Municipality.***
**XINHUA**

# Global gas demand to rise at 2% per year

PARIS, 23 April—Global gas demand will witness continuous rise at an increasing pace of 2 percent a year over the next 20 years, a senior executive of Royal Dutch Shell said Thursday at an oil conference here.Malcom Brinded illustrated the projection of gas demand at the conference, saying it set to grow "by at least 2 percent a year over some decades," which will be driven by higher demand from China, several South and Middle Asian countries and the Europe.

Conclusively, by 2030, the world leading gas exploiters "look at gas demand hitting 4.5 trillion cubic metres of gas per year ... That's 50 percent up from today's level," Brinded said.Global demand of liquefied natural gas is expected to double this decade, he said, predicting China's demand to double or treble by 2020.

Based on data from the International Energy Agency that available gas reserves allow 250 years of production, Brinded considered the market was very promising and encouraged more investment and technology to devote for the sector.First held in 1999, the International Oil Summit is organized each year in Paris to facilitate participants in energy sectors, especially the oil market, to exchange ideas and share assessment of current international situation and future market.The 11th one-day summit, hosted by French Petroleum Institute, was under the theme of "New Challenges for the Petroleum-Gas Sector."—*Internet*

***Photo taken on 18 April, 2010 shows a carriage being driven along the St Louis pier in St Louis, the host city of the World's Fair 1904. The pier played an important part on the traffic and material handling of the World Fair 1904.—XINHUA***

***Gorgeous music fountain is performed during trial operation on the Huangpu River between the two parts of the Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 22 April, 2010.***
**XINHUA**

# Kuwait's oil output capacity reaches 3 mln bpd

KUWAIT CITY, 23 April —Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah said Thursday the country's crude output capacity stands at 3 million barrels per day.

"Good news on new oil discoveries would be announced at the proper time," the minister said, when attending the inauguration of a new oil gathering centre in steps to fuel the country's crude production.

Kuwait is the fourth-largest exporter of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and boasts around 10 percent of the world's proven oil reserves.The emirate currently pumps out 2.3 million barrels per day under OPEC's quota and has the ambition to lift its production to four million barrels per day by 2020.

The official *KUNA* news agency quoted the country's deputy prime minister for economic affairs Sheikh Ahmad Fahad Al-Sabah as reporting Thursday the oil stock in the Great Burgan oil field in Kuwait is much higher than previously estimated.—*Internet*

# Asian market holds big potential for mobile technology products

JAKARTA, 23 April— Asian market holds big potentials in mobile technology products as the region has grown to be the number one in demand for advanced mobile value added service, data and information, an official told *Xinhua* in an interview on Thursday."There are so many potentials around mobile market, not just in Indonesia but also in the Philippines and other markets in Asia," said Elodie Journet, the ASEAN Team Leader of Informatics and Communication Technology (ICT) in the Australian Trade Commission. She said that Australia and Indonesia could work together, not just products that are not only applicable in both countries but also in other countries in Asia.She said that it is important to find partners to work with, not depending on market or culture.Journet also said that Indonesia's big potential is due to high penetration rate of mobile device."Demand for more advanced capacity in mobile products has been growing in Indonesia," she said, adding that the country has 160 million of mobile gadget users.

Previously, Patrick Kearins, the Trade Commissioner for Indonesia in the Australian Trade Commission, said that Indonesia hold a huge market for technology products.—*Xinhua*

***Air China swung into profit in 2009 on the back of improving domestic demand and reduced fuel costs, the nation's flag-carrier said on Friday.***
**INTERNET**

# Microsoft revenue up 6 percent on strong Windows 7 demand

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 April—Microsoft Corp on Thursday reported that its revenue in the most recent quarter rose about 6 percent year-on-year as demand for the software giant's Windows 7 operating system remained strong.

For the quarter ended on 31 March, Microsoft posted a revenue of 14.5 billion US dollars, compared with 13.64 billion dollars in the same period a year earlier.

Profit jumped to 4.01 billion dollars or 45 cents a share, representing increases of 35 percent and 36 percent respectively from the year-ago quarter.

According to Microsoft, its Windows business revenue was up 28 percent in the quarter, driven by continuing strong demand for Windows 7, which was released in October in 2009.—*Xinhua*

***Jointly with Shanghai Tongji University, BMW Group began to work on the programme to develop the "ECHO" electric car since 2008, which marked the first ever Sino-German project on developing pure electric vehicle.***
**INTERNET**

# SAS reports losses of 90 mln dollars during flight ban

STOCKHOLM, 23 April—Scandinavian airline SAS lost 630 million kronor (about 90 million US dollars) because of air traffic disruptions caused by the volcanic eruption in Iceland, local media reported Thursday.

A report in the Swedish Daily *Svenska Dagbladet* said the losses made the company's record loss in the first quarter even worse, but still slightly better than during the same period last year.SAS reported a loss of 972 million kronor (about 135 million USdollars) for the first quarter of 2010, compared with 979 million kronor (about 136 million US dollars) in the same period in 2009.

SAS CEO Mats Jansson said in a statement that the fallout from the volcanic ash disruption was likely to have a serious impact on the entire airline sector this year."With the exception of the recent events, there is indication of an increase in demand in SAS markets, but there remains significant uncertainty over yield developments," Jansson said.SAS, which is mostly owned by Sweden, Denmark and Norway, reported that it has implemented two-thirds of its planned savings programme, known as Core SAS, with an earning effect of 750 million kronor (about 107 million USdollars) in the first quarter, a relatively satisfactory result.

*Internet*

## Ukraine offers gas transit system's upgrade as alternative to South Stream

KIEV, 23 April — Ukraine offers to upgrade its gas transit system (GTS) as an alternative to the construction of the South Stream pipeline, President Viktor Yanukovych said here on Thursday.

"Ukraine would not take any decision to give away its gas transport system," the *Interfax-Ukraine* news agency quoted Yanuk-ovych as saying at a Press conference.

"It's clear that there is a need to modernize the gas transport system to increase gas pumping volumes," he added.

"We offer this as an alternative to the construction of South Stream, because it's already impossible to stop (the construction of) Nord Stream. It's already under construction," Yanuk-ovych said.

Yanukovych also said that Ukraine was seeking opportunities to preserve the amount of gas it transported, or about 125 billion cubic meters.South Stream is a joint venture of Russia's energy comp-any Gazprom and Italy's energy company Eni. *Xinhua*

***Rescuers search for the missing persons on the Qingjiang River in Badong County, central China's Hubei Province, on 22 April, 2010. At least four people died and 10 are still missing after a ship capsized on the Qingjiang River in central China's Hubei Province on Wednesday.***
**XINHUA**

## DPRK, Iran sign agreement on cultural, scientific exchange

PYONGYANG, 23 April— A 2010-2012 plan for cultural and scientific exchange between the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and Iran was signed here on Thursday, the official news agency KCNA reported.

According to the KCNA, the plan was inked by Jon Yong Jin, vice-chairman of the Korean Committee for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, and Mohammad Ali Fathollahi, vice-minister of the Iranian Foreign Ministry. No specific content of the agreement was disclosed.

The delegation of the Iranian Foreign Ministry arrived in Pyongyang on 21 April.—*Xinhua*

## Alleged top drug dealer caught near Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 23 April – Troops battled a suspected drug gang in a wealthy neigh-borhood on the outskirts of Mexico City and captured an alleged major trafficker with a $2 million US bounty on his head, officials announced on Thursday.Authorities said Alvarez Vazquez, 45, was arrested along with 14 other suspected drug traffickers during a Wednesday night shootout in Huixq-uilucan, just west of the capital.—*Internet*

## Four alleged US spies shot dead in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 April — Suspected Taliban militants killed four persons accused of being US spies in North Waziristan tribal region, northwest of Pakistan, officials said on Friday.

Four dead bodies were recovered from tehsil Mirali in North Waziristan, no one has claimed responsibility for the killings.A written message had also been placed with dead bodies warning those who will spy for US will have the same fate, official sources said.—*Xinhua*

## Israeli museum unveils rare Renaissance manuscript

***An ancient Hebrew manuscript with illuminations made by master Italian artists from the late 1400s is presented to the media after its restoration at a paper laboratory at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.***

Experts at Israel's national museum have completed the resto-ration of a 15th-century Hebrew manuscript with exquisite illust-rations made by master Italian artisans, officials said on Thursday.

The Renaissance master-piece is a copy of the Mishneh Torah, an important work of Jewish law written three centuries earlier by the medieval philosopher and rabbi Maimonides.

The manuscript, written on animal skin, discusses laws gover-ning property, ritual purity and agriculture. It includes Hebrew words in gold leaf and miniature figures in colorful dress against brilliant skies of a blue shade made from lapis lazuli stones.It took a year for a team at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem to repair the manuscript and prepare it for display, curator Anna Nizza said.

## Man selling ad space on own urns

An Oregon man suffering from terminal cancer says he is selling ad space on the urns designated to hold his ashes as a means of paying for his cremation.

Aaron Jamison of Springfield, who was diagnosed with an aggressive form of colon cancer, said he is selling advertising space on the two urns that will hold his ashes to help his wife, Kristin, with the cost of his cremation and the price of the urns, KVAL-TV, Eugene, Ore., reported on Wedn-esday.

"I'm on different chemo now," said Jamison, whose goal is $800 in ad revenue. "If it works, I've got about nine months. If it doesn't work, I've got three. So I'm trying to get on the ball with the ad sales."Dustin Rem-ington, owner of restaurant Terese's Place and a longtime friend of Jamison, was the first to hand over a $100 check and sign a contract for an urn ad.

***This WWF Malaysia photo shows a long-tailed slug, Ibycus rachelae, that uses "love darts" made of calcium carbonate to pierce and inject a hormone into a mate to increase the chances of reproduction, in an unknown location in the "Heart of Borneo", in a remote area of dense, tropical rainforest that borders Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.***

## Egypt discovers store of 2,000-year-old bronze coins

***This undated photo released by the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities on Thursday, 22 April, 2010, shows some of 383 recently-unearthed bronze coins.***

An Egyptian archae-ological mission discovered 383 bronze coins dating back to the era of King Ptolemy III Euergetes who ruled Egypt in the 3rd century BC, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported on Wedn-esday.Egyptian Minister of Culture Farouq Hosni said the newly-discovered bronze coins are in good condition, adding they were unearthed by a mission of the Egyptian Supreme Council for Antiquities working in northern Qaroun lake in Fayoum, 80 kilometers southwest of Cairo.

**News Album**

# Icelandic volcano no threat to climate

REYKJAVIK, 23 April— The erupting volcano in Iceland won't have a lasting effect on the climate, experts say.

"You mess with Iceland? We shut down all your airports," goes a new joke being told in the tiny country.

Yet, while the erupting Eyjafjallajoekull volcano managed to ground most of Europe's airplanes for nearly a week, the giant cloud of ash, as impressive as it may look, won't affect the weather, much less the climate.

Experts have said the volcano is emitting 150,000-300,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions per day. While this puts it in the league of a small-to-medium European economy, it's tiny compared with overall man-made emissions.

BBC News reports that this is "only about 11,000th of that produced by the sum total of humanity's fossil fuel burning, deforestation, agri-culture and everything else." The fact that most of Europe's airplanes couldn't emit for nearly a week might even offset the CO2 produced by the volcano.

And forget the cooling effect linked to aerosols blocking the sun from the atmosphere after a volcano eruption — the Icelandic one is simply not strong enough, experts say. "So this is not the big climate changing eruption that some people seem to think it is," Mike Burton from Italy's National Institute of Geophysics and Vulcanology told BBC News. Climate skeptics argue that humans produce much less CO2 emissions than the world's volcanoes, a myth long debunked.

*Internet*

***Member of Brazil's circus group 'La Minima' stretches before performing during an international circus festival in Lima, on Wednesday, 21 April, 2010.***

**INTERNET**

# Breast density linked to cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 23 April—Women who had a decrease in breast density over several years were linked to a decreased risk of breast cancer, US researchers said. Celine Vachon, an associate professor of epidemiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn, said the study involved 19,924 women who were free of breast cancer and were screened for mammograms from 2003 to 2006.

From this group, the researchers selected study participants who had at least one additional screening mammogram prior to enrollment. The researchers found in the women whose breasts decreased in density — the proportion of fibroglandular tissue depicted on the mammogram image — had a 28 percent reduced risk of developing breast cancer. "Replication of these findings in other studies will be important," Vachon said in a statement. "Also, improved and standardized measurements of breast density are needed for the assessment of changes in density." The findings were presented at the American Association for Cancer Research 101st annual meeting 2010 in Washington.

Internet

***A woman rides an 'Ecobici' bicycle in Mexico City, on 21 April, 2010. This spring the city government launched 'Ecobici', a bike sharing program, installing 1,100 bikes at 85 stations throughout the downtown area.***

**INTERNET**

# Bone-eating worm borehole fossils found

KIEL, 23 April— A German-led team of scientists says it has identified the first fossil boreholes of the worm Osedax, which consumes whale bones on the deep-sea floor.The researchers led by University of Kiel paleontologist Steffen Kiel say their finding suggests "boneworms" are at least 30 million years old.

It's only been six years since Osedax was first described based on specimens living on a whale carcass at about a depth of 9,500 feet in the Pacific, off California, the scientists said. Since then paleontologists have been searching for fossil evidence to determine the worms' geologic age.

Now the researchers have matched holes and excavations in 30 million-year-old whale bones to living Osedax in size and shape. "The age of our fossils coincides with the time when whales began to inhabit the open ocean," Kiel said, noting only open ocean dead whales could sink to the deep-sea floor where they served as food for the boneworms.

"Food is extremely rare on the vast deep-sea floor and the concurrent appearance of these whales and Osedax shows that even hard whale bones were quickly utilized as food source," he said explaining the relevance of the discovery.

The research appears in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.—*Internet*

# Dry, cold weather link to prostate cancer

POCATELLO, 23 April—US researchers have linked cold, dry weather to increased incidence of prostate cancer.

Researchers at Idaho State University, Pocatello, led by Sophie St-Hilaire, say their county-level examination of prostate cancer incidence and weather patterns across the United States indicates colder weather and low rainfall strongly correlate with prostate cancer.

"Although we can't say exactly why this correlation exists," St-Hilaire says in a statement, "the trends are consistent with what we would expect given the effects of climate on the deposition, absorption and degradation of persistent organic pollutants including pesticides."

St-Hilaire notes cold weather slows the degradation of these pollutants — endocrine disruptors already associated with prostate cancer.

The study, published in the International Journal of Health Geographics, suggests weather as an additional hypothesis for the greater incidence of prostate cancer in northern latitudes that is being linked to low levels of Vitamin D.

"Our study suggests that in addition to vitamin D deficiency associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation, other meteorological conditions may also significantly affect the incidence of prostate cancer," St-Hilaire says.

*Internet*

# Mercury is higher in some tuna species

NEW YORK, 23 April— Mercury levels are higher in some species of tuna than others, US researchers found. Researchers combined DNA barcoding used at the American Museum of Natural History with analysis of mercury content at Rutgers University and found tuna sushi purchased in supermarkets — yellowfin tuna — might be healthier than that from restaurants.

Sushi samples were taken from 54 restaurants and 15 supermarkets in New York, New Jersey and Colorado, and all of were identified with DNA barcoding as either bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna or bluefin tuna species.

The samples were all tested for relative mercury content. "We found that mercury levels are linked to specific species," Jacob Lowenstein, a graduate student affiliated with the museum, said in a statement.

"So far, the (United States) does not require restaurants and merchants to clarify what species they are selling or trading, but species names and clearer labeling would allow consumers to exercise greater control over the level of mercury they imbibe."

The findings are published online in Biology Letters.

*Internet*

***In this April 30, 2009 file photo, Kevin Solis plays with his mother Abdi Santoyo, both wearing protective face masks as a precaution against swine flu contagion in Cancun, Mexico. On 23 April, 2010 marks a year since this city awoke to confusing news of a new virus, sending the world on a wild six-month roller-coaster ride of fear and frantic action.—***INTERNET**

# Secure and smooth transport discussed in Yangon

YANGON, 23 April—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held the coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

Officials discussed matters related to traffic rules. Later, the commander fulfilled the requirements.

*MNA*

***Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint discusses secure and smooth transport in the division.*—MNA**

# Myanmar finance delegation arrives back from Spain

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe arrived back here on 21 April after participating in the Ninth Ministers of Finance Meeting of the Asia-Europe Meeting (9th ASEM-FMM) in Madrid, Spain, on April 17 and 18.

During the first day of the meeting, participants of the meeting discussed drafted the report to the meeting, released reports and Multilateral Organization and European Institution openly discussed financial situation and reforms.

The global economy, challenges following the global economic crisis, financial strategies for overcoming the challenges and exchanged experiences of Europe and Asia in hope of overcoming the challenges for development of the global economy.

Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Nay Aye also arrived back on the same flight.—*MNA*

***Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attends Ninth Ministers of Finance and Revenue Meeting of Asia-Europe Meeting (9th ASEM-FMM) in Madrid, Spain.*—MNA**

# Formation of political party, continued existence as political party applied

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Those wishing to form political parties are submitting their applications to the Union Election Commission. The groups that submitted their applications for the formation of political parties to the UEC today are as follows:

(a) Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
(b) Northern Shan State Progressive Party
(c) Chin Progressive Party

The number of groups that submitted their applications to the UEC has so far reached 19. Of them, the Commission has passed the applications of five groups and is scrutinizing the applications of the remaining groups.

Moreover, Lahu National Development Party that falls within the competence of Political Parties Registration Law Article-25 applied to the UEC for its continued existence as a political party today. The number of the political parties that applied for their continued existence as political parties is four in total up to date.—*MNA*

# Hotel Serving Courses to be launched

YANGON, 23 April — AKP International Hotel & Tourism Centre has been launching courses such as food and drink serving course, cookery course, reception course, housekeeping course and hotel business course for those wishing to serve in international hotels and luxury cruise ships.

Of the courses, the cookery course helps youths get job prospects more than others. So those interested may attend Food Safety, Personal Hygiene & Grooming, Safety at work, International Cooking Techniques, European Cuisine, Asian Cuisine and International Cuisine courses to be opened by AKP International Hotel & Tourism Centre on 3 May 2010.

Hotel entrepreneurs may dial 254541 or 250489 for their vacancies.

*MNA*

# Vaccination shots against anthrax given to mark World Animal Health Day

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — Under the leadership of Myanmar Veterinarians Association, a medical team from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department gave vaccination shots against anthrax in Myaynelay village in NyaungU Township on 18 April to mark World Animal Health Day which falls on 24 April.

Starting from the first week of April, 3450 heads of cattle, 425 heads of sheep and 1500 goats have been vaccinated against anthrax. Paper reading session and photo contest will be held on 23 April, animal health clinics will be opened and avian vaccination shots given at Insein Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department on 24 April and insecticide will be sprayed at poultry markets in Mingala Taungnyunt, Hlinethaya and Kyimyindine townships on 25 April.— *MNA*

***Responsible personnel formally open inter-village road in Shwedaung Township, Pyay District, on 31 March, 2010, as part of effort for development of rural areas for 2009-2010 fiscal year.*—TOWNSHIP IPRD**

# AGM of UMFCCI on 30 April

YANGON, 23 April—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will hold the 19th Annual General Meeting at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 April.

Advisers, CEC members, executives and members of UMFCCI and executives and members of brother associations are to attend the meeting without fail.

Special buses have been arranged to transport the participants of the meeting from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw on a day trip.

The buses will leave the federation office on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township at 6 am on 30 April. Those wishing to join the special buses enlist at UMFCCI, not later 12 noon on 28 April.

For further information, contact 214344~49 and 217213~16.

*MNA*

# Ceremony to honour monks who passed Tipitakadhara Examination on 8 May

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—A ceremony to offer certificates to the monks who passed the 62nd Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination, organized by Ministry of Religious Affairs, will be held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill, in Yangon, at 8 am on 8 May.

The monks who passed the examination are invited to Uttarakuru Hostel on Kaba Aye Hill, not later than 3 pm on 7 May.

The ceremony will be attended by 258 members of the Sangha including members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Tipitakadhara Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Sayadaws, Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaws and members of the Sangha, one Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Sayadaw, one Mula Abhidhammakovida Sayadaw, one Mula Abhidhammika Sayadaw, two Dighanikayakovida Sayadaws, five Dighabhanaka Sayadaws, three Vinayakovida Sayadaws, 24 Vinayadhara Sayadaws, seven Ubhatovibhangakovida Sayadaws and 47 Ubhatovibhangadhara Sayadaws, totalling 91.

Those wishing to make donations may send alms to Director U Khin Maung Win of Religious Affairs Department, Tel: 651572, Examination Section, Tel: 652794, 664578 and 663325.

*MNA*

***LIBRARY OPENED: Officials including Director U Than Tun of Information and Public Relations Department and District Staff Officer U Aye Pe cut the ribbon to open Shwe Nanndaw self-reliant library at Nannaw Village in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District on 4 April.***

**DISTRICT IPRD**

# Theinyin Dam benefits 6000 acres in Kanbalu Township

*(from page 16)*

Although there are 41 inches of rainfall in the region on average yearly, it is still a dry area. Therefore, the local people had to rely on Thaphanseik Dam. While strolling along the embankment of the dam, we saw the clean water at Thaphanseik Dam. We learned that a plan is under way to complete Theinyin Dam by 2009-2010.

At present, the completed Linpan Dam Project is irrigating 500 acres of summer paddy. On completion, Theinyin Dam will supply water to 6000 acres of farmlands. Moreover, Linpan Dam will supply water to 2000 acres of farmlands. The distance between Theinyin and Linpan dams is about 1.5 miles. That is why the region near the two irrigation facilities will get adequate water not only for the agriculture purpose but also for human consumption. In fact, Theinyin Dam is a drive for greening the dry region and for development of socio-economic sector.

***Heavy machinery working at construction site of Theinyin Dam Project.***

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**Translation: TTA**

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# MMA Golf Tourney to be held

YANGON, 23 April—Myanmar Medical Association will hold golf tourney at Tawwin Mingala Golf Course at 6 a.m. on 25 April (Sunday). Members are invited to take part in the tourney.—*MNA*

***Take Fire Preventive Measures***

# Vietnam sues US for imposing anti-dumping taxes

HANOI, 23 April— The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Nguyen Phuong Nga said here on Thursday that Vietnam brought a lawsuit to the World Trade Organization (WTO) against the US imposition of anti-dumping tax on the country's frozen shrimp.

The announcement was made at a press conference held here by Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This is the first time Vietnam takes such an action since it joined the WTO in January 2007.

Nga said the US decision to apply anti-dumping tax on Vietnamese frozen shrimp is irrational and unfair. Vietnamese enterprises do not dump this product in the US market.

At the meeting of WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on 20 April, Vietnam requested the DSB to establish a panel on inquiring the US anti-dumping measures on frozen shrimp from Vietnam, said Nga.

Nga also said at the press conference that Vietnam launching this lawsuit against the United States follows the WTO provisions in settling the trade disputes among the countries.

In November 2004, the US Department of Commerce said Vietnam was dumping frozen shrimp in the US market. The anti-dumping tax rates for Vietnamese shrimp exporters were fixed at 4.13 to 25.76 percent.

*Internet*

***Residents clear ash in Yrti Skogar on 22 April, 2010. Iceland's volcanic eruption was spewing far less ash on Thursday and the plume of smoke was low, but a change of wind direction meant the north Atlantic island's main airports were now set to close for the first time.***
**INTERNET**

## India food inflation stands at 17.65%

NEW DELHI, 23 April—Food inflation rose to 17.65 percent for the week which ended on 10 April from 17.22 percent in the previous week in India, reported the *Press Trust* of India.

Higher prices of fruits and vegetables were the reason for the high inflation as they rose by 3 percent over the past week, while that of sea fish rose by 2 percent and pulses such as arhar and moong by 1 percent, said the report.

The overall inflation had gone up to 9.9 percent in March, higher than the central bank's projection of 8.5 percent, said the report.

Compared with the same time last year, prices of pulses rose by 28.77 percent, milk by 22.21 percent, fruits by 18.81 percent and wheat by 11.18 percent.—*Xinhua*

***A Venezuelan national guard inspects the site of a cocaine laboratory, located along the border with Colombia, in the state of Zulia April 22, 2010. Venezuelan authorities raided eight drug laboratories near the Colombian border on Thursday, seizing 4.5 tonnes of cocaine in one of the largest hauls in recent times, the interior minister said.—*** **INTERNET**

## US Southwest Airlines reports slim first-quarter profit

HOUSTON, 23 April— US carrier Southwest Airlines on Thursday reported a first-quarter net income of 11 million US dollars, a result helped by higher unit revenues.

The Dallas-based discount carrier's revenue rose to 2.63 billion in the first quarter, slightly higher than analysts' forecast of 2.62 billion.

It's the second quarter in a row for Southwest to post profit. The company lost 91 million in the year-ago period, when the aviation industry suffered the economic slump.

The company's profit is in contrast to other major US carriers' large first-quarter losses.

Continental Airlines Inc. said on Thursday it lost 146 million in the first quarter. AMR Corp, parent of American Airlines, said it lost 505 million in the quarter, while Delta Air Lines Inc. reported a 256 million net loss.

Southwest has tried to separate itself from the pack by letting passengers check two bags free, as other large US carriers charge bag fees. The company saw increased traffic in the first quarter compared with last year.

*Internet*

***Japan's big bad boy of sumo and just-retired grand champion Asashoryu (pictured in 2008), after an often controversial carrier of wrestling down rival man-mountains, has found a new passion: flowers and gardening. Weeks after the Mongolian-born sumo fighter left Japan's ancient sport, the 29-year-old reportedly is headed for Britain's biggest flower show to be held in London next month.—*** **INTERNET**

# Most Swedish airports remain closed

STOCKHOLM, 23 April— Malmo Airport in southern Sweden opened on Thursday morning along with three airports, but most other airports in the country remained closed due to the volcanic ash cloud from Iceland's eruption.

Gothenburg, Helsingborg, Angelholm, Jonkoping, Ostersund, Sundsvall and Umea all remained closed even though most of the airports outside Sweden had reached normal air traffic level, a report from the Swedish *Daily SVD* said.

Bjorn Stenberg with the Civil Aviation Authority, LFV was quoted by the SVD as saying that the situation unexpectedly took a quick turn for the worse at Wednesday night.

The winds have pushed the volcanic ash cloud to southern and western Sweden.

Swedavia, the firm which operates 14 Swedish airports, estimated that around half of scheduled flights could run. Arlanda Airport near the capital city Stockholm has been reopen again since Wednesday. —*Xinhua*

# Portugal cancels 1,900-plus flights due to volcanic ash

LISBON, 23 April—The Airports of Portugal (ANA) reported on Thursday that more than 1,900 flights have been canceled and 242,000 passengers stranded since 15 April due to the ash cloud resulting in the eruption of a volcano in Iceland.

In a statement, the ANA said the cancellation of the 1,900-plus flights has cost the airlines some 2.5 million euros (about 3.35 million US dollars) in losses. The ANA decided to cancel all flights next day after the ash cloud entered the Portuguese airspace on 13 April .

The most affected airport in the country was the Lisbon airport where 821 flights, including 416 departures and 405 arrivals, have been canceled.

*Xinhua*

***Nokia headquarters pictured in Espoo. The world's top mobile phone maker Nokia reported a softer than expected rise in first-quarter profit on Thursday and cut its full-year forecast, causing shares to plunge more than 15 percent.***
**INTERNET**

# Another aftershock hits US-Mexico border area

LOS ANGELES, 23 April—A moderate aftershock from the magnitude 7.2 Mexican earthquake occurred at 7:22 am (0222 GMT) on Thursday near the border town of Seeley in Imperial County, California, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The 4.2 magnitude temblor was felt in the area, according to the US Geological Survey. There were no reports of damage or injuries, the *Times* reported. Thousands of aftershocks from the 4 April strong quake, which was the largest in the Baja California Southern Califo-rnia region in more than a decade, have taken place so far. More than a dozen of them were greater than magnitude 5.0.

The tremor has caused at least 91 million US dollars in damage on the California side of the border, according to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. According to a letter the state sent to the federal government seeking aid, the quake damage in Imperial County includes structural damage to numerous buildings including homes, schools and a hospital; major cracks to the All-American Canal, which provides water for local agriculture, and damage to wastewater and water storage tanks, the *Newspaper* said.

*Internet*

# Robot battles to stem Deepwater Horizon oil spill 5,000ft under sea

***An aerial photo taken in the Gulf of Mexico shows the burning oilrig Deepwater Horizon, which collapsed and sank after an explosion caused by an oil 'blowout'.—*INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 23 April—A team of engineers using an underwater robot was struggling last night to control one of the world's most challenging oil spills after an explosion ripped apart and sank a rig leased by BP in the Gulf of Mexico.

As fears grew for the safety of 11 workers still missing, BP and US officials were tackling what could be a major pollution incident using booms and dispersant chemicals.

The spill is being fed by an estimated 13,000 gallons of oil and gas that were pumping every hour from a pipe running up from an oil reservoir more than 2 miles (3km) beneath the seabed.

Deepwater Horizon rig, which had been drilling for oil at the time of the explosion on Tuesday night, collapsed and sank yesterday after being engulfed by a fire that had blazed for more than 36 hours.

Guy Cantwell, a spokesman for Transocean, the Swiss company that owned the rig, said that engineers were trying to cut off the uncontrolled flow of oil using a subsea robot. He said that the robot, equipped with cameras and remote-controlled arms, was being used to try to activate a device on the seafloor, 5,000ft (1,500m) below the surface, that is designed automatically to clamp shut over the base of a pipe that connects the rig with the seabed.—*Internet*

# Non-smokers put on less weight, study suggests

SCIENCEDAILY, 23 April— A new study links nicotine poisoning with weight gain, and concludes that active smokers, not only those who stop, put on more weight than non-smokers. After four years of analysis in the University of Navarra, those who put on least weight were those who had never smoked.

From now on we will have to question the myth that smoking makes you slimmer. Researchers from the Department of Preventative Medicine at the University of Navarra (UNAV) have evaluated the link between the two cardiovascular risk factors: the 'nicotine habit' and the increase in weight when smokers stop the habit and when they continue smoking.

The results, now published in the *Revista Española de Cardiología*, "are crucial for considering prevention programmes," Francisco Javier Basterra-Gortari, main author of the study and researcher at UNAV, said.

The data, resulting from an analysis of 7565 people over 50 months, is based on age, sex, initial body mass index and lifestyles (sedentarism, changes in physical activity, energy/fibre intake, snacks between meals and consumption of fizzy drinks, fast food and alcohol

Weight gain in people who stopped smoking during the study was higher the more cigarettes they smoked a day when the investigation began. Those who continued smoking also gained more weight during this period than the non-smokers.

The authors confirm that nicotine addiction is not an effective way of preventing obesity. "In fact the increase is demonstrated, espec-ially in ex-smokers and in smokers who continue," highlights Basterra-Gortari.

*Internet*

***A model poses next to a GM EN-V, or "Electric Networked-Vehicle" concept car at the Beijing Auto Show, on 23 April, 2010. China overtook the United States as the world's biggest auto market in terms of number of vehicles sold in 2009, helped by Beijing's incentives.***
INTERNET

***Model Jordan Thibault shows judges a hair design by Christal Niles of Cloud 9 Salon and Spa of Massens, NY, during the International Fantasy Hair & Modeling Competition at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, NH, on Thursday, 22 April,2010.***
INTERNET

# Dreams can help with learning

NEW YORK, 23 April— Napping after learning something new could help you commit it to memory - as long as you dream, scientists say.

They found people who dream about a new task perform it better on waking than those who do not sleep or do not dream.

Volunteers were asked to learn the layout of a 3D computer maze so they could find their way within the virtual space several hours later. Those allowed to take a nap and who also remembered dreaming of the task, found their way to a landmark quicker.

The researchers think the dreams are a sign that unconscious parts of the brain are working hard to process information about the task.Dr Robert Stickgold of Harvard Med-ical School, one of the authors of the paper, said dreams may be a marker that the brain is working on the same problem at many levels.—*Internet*

***Zhou Xun, China's top-class actress, was declared Thursday winner of this year's UNEP Champions of the Earth award***
INTERNET

# Explosion near N Ireland police station wounds 3

NEW YORK, 23 April— Three people were wounded late Thursday when an explosion occurred outside a police station in Newtownhamilton, Northern Ireland, the Police Services of Northern Ireland said.

Police were en route to the site of an abandoned vehicle in the area — reported to a Belfast hospital — when the blast took place at 11:25 pm The three wounded people were taken to hospital but did not sustain life-threatening injuries, police said.

*Internet*

**UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

UNDP Myanmar

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

**Position 1**

Title - National Project Coordinator – One Position
Post Level - SC 9
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Yangon (with approximately 60% travel to the project areas)

**Requirements**: Masters degree in a relevant field plus minimum 5 to 7 years of progressive experience in managing rural development project on a national/regional/state capacity. The post requires a sound understanding of community development approaches and substantive experience in managing, coordinating and leading the execution/implementation of rural development initiatives on a national, division/state level. He/she posse strong leadership and communication skills and can use computers with ease. He/she will have the ability to work effectively with multiple stakeholders such as government officials, civil society, grassroots entities and development partners. Must be fluent in English, both written and spoken. Women are encouraged to apply.

**Position 2**

Title - Area Project Manager – One Position
Post Level - SC 8
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Project township offices in the Delta

**Requirements**: Bachelor's degree in a relevant development field, minimum 5 to 7 years with more of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management advisory services, experience in the usage of computers and office software packages. Experience in web-based financial management system is an asset. Experience in strategic planning, result-based management would be an asset. Proven managerial capacity with sound knowledge and experience in all aspect of project cycle (design, implementation, monitoring & evaluation) is desirable.

**Position 3**

Title - Township Project Manager – Three Positions
Post Level - SC 7
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - HDI Township Office (with approximately 70% travel to villages)

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

**Position 4**

Title - Technical Specialist (Capacity Development) – Three Positions
Post Level - SC 6
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - HDI Township Office (with approximately 80% travel to villages)

**Requirements**: A Bachelor's degree preferably (social Science, Psychology, Philosophy) in a subject relevant to community development; minimum 3 to 5 years experience in participatory rural development and social mobilization, establishment and strengthening of community organizations. He/she will have excellent communication and facilitation skills, and ability to train communities in group and individually. He/she has the ability to work in a team. Must be basic computer literate and data management skills. Ability to work under pressure and in a physically challenging environment. S/he will be a Myanmar national. Women are encouraged to apply.

**Position 5**

Title - Technical Specialist (Infrastructure) – Two Positions
Post Level - SC 6
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - HDI Township Office, with approximately 90% travel to villages

**Requirements**: Bachelor's degree or AGTI diploma in civil engineering; minimum 3 to 5 years experience in community rural development work. Prior practical experience in participatory rural poverty reduction work will be an asset. Emphasis will be given to personal qualities of enthusiasm, commitment and empathy with rural communities. He/she must be willing to learn and to share knowledge and skills. The candidate will be a good team player and ability to work under pressure. Basic knowledge of computer applications, and be able to communicate in English. Women are encouraged to apply.

**Position 6**

Title - Technical Specialist (Livelihoods) – 13 Positions
Post Level - SC 6
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - HDI Township Office, with approximately 90% travel to villages

**Requirements**: Bachelor degree in Agriculture, Livestock or related field; minimum 3 to 5 years experience in community rural development work with focus on one or a combination of the livelihoods development, establishment of market linkages, marketing, agricultural business and facilitating market-oriented trainings. Prior practical experience in participatory rural poverty reduction that incorporates enterprise and business development will be an asset. Emphasis will be given to personal qualities of enthusiasm, commitment and empathy with rural communities. Must be willing to learn and to share knowledge and skills. The candidate will be a good team player and ability to work under pressure. Basic knowledge of computer applications, and be able to communicate in English. Women are encouraged to apply.

**Position 7**

Title - Data Mapping Assistant – One Position
Post Level - SC 4
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Yangon, with approximately 15% travel to project areas

**Requirements**: Bachelor degree/training in relevant subject; minimum 2 to 3 years experience in relevant field. He/she should be: (a) able to digitize maps, (b) skilled in map drawing, reading and scaling, (c) skilled in producing thematic maps using GIS software, (d) must have proven record of producing GIS maps; must be able to communicate in English, verbal and written. Previous experience related to community development work will be an asset. Women are encouraged to apply.

**Position 8**

Title - Finance Assistant – Two Positions
Post Level - SC 4
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Project Township office in HDI project (Haka and Myitkyina Area)

**Requirements**: Applicants should have a bachelor Degree and at least 3 years of experience in Financial management. Ability to work on computers with accounting/financial softwares and additional commercial training in bookkeeping, business or accounting is desirable. Solid command of Microsoft Word and Excel. Very good knowledge of the working languages, English and Myanmar, both written and spoken.

**Position 9**

Title - Project Assistant – One Position
Post Level - SC 5
Duration of Assignment - Till December 2010, with possibility of extension
Duty Station - Based in Yangon (with approximately 15% travel to project areas)

**Requirements**: A degree qualification with minimum 3 to 5 years of hands-on administrative/secretarial experience with development projects. Experience with international organization is an asset. Experience in the use of Microsoft Office package 9 (MS Word, Excel, etc.) is essential. The candidate will be able to communicate in English and Myanmar, both written and spoken. Pro-activeness and ability to work as a team and under pressure an asset. Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their application, and should submit together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit (DST), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon. E-mail: registry.mm@undp.org. Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).** "UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the past 6 months." **UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.**

**Closing Date: 7 May 2010**

# British whisperer hypnotizes rabbits

BEIJING, 23 April—A British whisperer has perfected a curious ritual that appears to make rabbits relax and fall into a trance. Cliff Penrose, 60, has been taking care of rabbits for 30 years.

The moustachioed Cornishman from St Austell in Cornwall brings bunnies with behavioural problems under control before they are taken to the vet.

He is the first rabbit whisperer — or at least the first person to lay claim to the title. Penrose, a grandfather, starts with a massage that leaves the animal flat on their backs with their legs in the air.

"You can tell when a rabbit is under because his back legs completely relax," he said.

*Xinhua*

***British whisperer Cliff Penrose makes rabbits relax and fall into sleep.*** INTERNET


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**Drive with care**


# Lifelike robotic 'patients' help improve medical training at Kaiser San Jose

SAN JOSE, 23 April — A delivery room nurse pulls a nearby man toward the woman in the final moments of labour and confidently tells him to hold his wife's hand. Unexpectedly, the room erupts into laughter. The woman and infant are eerily lifelike mannequins at a new state-of-the-art simulation centre at the Kaiser Permanente San Jose Medical Centre. For Wednesday's open house, the staff programmed an epic medical situation for nurses and doctors to handle: A man coughed and complained of severe chest pain, a gasping newborn turned blue and a toddler got a powerful case of the hiccups while lying on a hospital cart near the woman in labour.—*Internet*

***Farouz Fahieh and Linda Clark demonstrate the delivery of a baby using a computerized mannequin during the grand opening of a new learning lab at the Centre for the Advancement of Research and Education at Kaiser Permanente in San Jose on 21 April, 2010.***—INTERNET

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

UNDP Myanmar

## Vacancy Announcement

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the UN's global development network, advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life in 166 counties. UNDP has been implementing the Human Development Initiative (HDI) in Myanmar since 1994 to provide support to poor communities in areas of food security, primary health care, environment, HIV/AIDS, and training and education. UNDP currently works in 60 townships around the country. UNDP's initiatives target the most vulnerable communities and work to improve opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. The HDI IV comprises 5 projects. The core project continues to consist of two large integrated community development projects, namely: Community Development in Remote Townships (CDRT) and Integrated Community Development Project (ICDP) including Cyclone Nargis Recovery Component, a Sustainable Microfinance to Improve the Livelihoods of the Poor Project, and an HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Project. A fifth project, the Integrated household Living Conditions Assessment Project (IHLCA), is a nationwide survey aiming to assess living conditions in Myanmar and generating data values for 23 MDG indicators. The predominant feature of the project is their participatory approach, with community mobilization and interaction preceding the implementation of inputs and activities, which are undertaken with the full participation of villagers and village groups including self- reliance groups and various community groups.

**Position-1**

Functional title and level : Assistant Resident Representative (Governance)NO-C
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance and direct supervision of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) the Assistant Resident Representative (Governance) is responsible for programme and project strategies developed, based on analyses of socio-economic and other data and trends within the country and within sectors; situational analyses and advisory inputs/high value programmes and project strategies developed.

**Competencies Required:** Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates integrity by modeling the UN's values and ethical standards; promotes the vision, mission and strategic goals of UNDP. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

**Functional Competencies:** Knowledge Management and Learning: Promotes knowledge management in UNDP and a learning environment in the office through leadership and personal example; actively works towards continuing personal learning and development in one or more practice areas, acts on learning plan and applies newly acquired skills.

Development and Operational Effectiveness: Good knowledge and ability to effective application of results-based management (RBM); excellent knowledge of current development issues, particularly those pertinent to good local governance. Ability to conceptualize issues and analyse data. Ability to successfully lead multidisciplinary team and coordinate the work of others.

Management and Leadership: Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads team effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy in a positive and constructive attitude; demonstrates strong oral and written communication skills and shows an openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

**Qualifications:** Education: & Experience: Postgraduate degree in Economics, Development Economics or other relevant field of Economics. A minimum of 7 years of professional experience working on issues related to public administration, decentralization and local governance reforms in Myanmar or developing countries with specific emphasis on local governance and local institutions; experience in local level capacity development in Myanmar or other developing countries, ideally in the context of decentralization processes; experience of working with other development partners, especially in the area of local governance and local institutions; strong analytical and writing skills and track record in producing relevant reports and other material; high level of communication and interpersonal skills and experience in working effectively in a multi cultural environment; sensitivity to diverse opinions and difficulties arising from differing social and cultural perceptions.

**Position-2**

Functional title and level : Programme Analyst (Disaster Risk Reduction) NO-B
Type of Contract : Fixed Term
Duty Station : Yangon

Under the guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative (Programme) and direct supervision of Assistant Resident Representative (Programme), the Programme Analyst is responsible for implementation of Disaster Risk Reduction programme activities in HDI programme areas; monitor implementation of the CO Disaster Risk reduction programme; support in building strategic partnerships for and in the implementation of the UNDP resource mobilization strategy; support in enhancing DRR capacity within UNDP including programme staff.

**Competencies Required:** Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates commitment to UNDP's mission, vision and values; Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality, age sensitivity and adaptability.

**Functional Competencies:** Knowledge Management and Learning: Promotes knowledge sharing and a learning culture in the office; in-depth knowledge on development issues; ability to advocate and provide policy advice on relevant sectors and themes; actively works towards continuing personal learning and development in one or more practice areas, acts on learning plan and applies newly acquired skills; excellent communications skills (written and oral); sensitivity to and responsiveness to all partners, respectful and builds helpful relations with all UN/UNDP staff. Development and Operational Effectiveness: Ability to lead formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development programmes and projects, mobilize resources; ability to formulate and manage budgets, manage contributions and investments; strong IT skills. Management and Leadership: Focuses on impact and results for the client and responds positively to critical feedback. Leads project teams effectively and shows conflict resolution skills. Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude; demonstrates strong oral and written communication skills; remains calm, in control and good humoured even under pressure; demonstrates openness to change and ability to manage complexities. Education: & Experience: Postgraduate degree (Masters) in social work, social sciences, public administration, international development or other relevant field. A minimum of 5 years of experience in community development and mobilization out of which minimum three (3) years related to DRR; excellent ability to quickly grasp and synthesize inputs from a range of disciplines related to disaster management and development; proficient in using the prevalent computer applications (word processing, presentations, email etc) self-motivated, ability to work with minimum supervision; good communication and interpersonal skills, team oriented work style and working experience in multi-cultural environment; demonstrates ability to work under pressure, multi – task and meet deadlines; ability to work in a multi-cultural environment; experience working in a post-disaster situation, a distinct advantage; good humour, patience, high energy and a shared belief in UNDP's mission.

**Language: Fluency in English and Myanmar absolute requirement; high level of communication and interpersonal skills and experience in working effectively in a multi cultural environment are required for both posts.**

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title in their application, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph.

**Detailed Terms of Reference is posted on the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.**

Applications should be addressed to **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

"UNDP practice relating to recruitment prohibits hiring of persons currently engaged by Government services or who left Government service during the last 6 months."

UNDP is an equal opportunity employer. UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised posts.

**Closing date: 8 May 2010**

# Scratch ticket misery for Brit bungler who threw away more than $150,000

LONDON, 23 April — A British postal worker has spoken of his agony after throwing away a £100,000 ($154,000) scratch ticket because he misunderstood the rules of the game. Cemal Celikkanat said his life had been wrecked by the astonishing bungle, according to Sky News.

The 38-year-old thought the three £100,000 symbols on Camelot's £100,000 Blue game had to be in the same line to win. By the time he realized the symbols could be anywhere on the card grid he had thrown it away and couldn't find it again.

"When I found out I felt dizzy and dropped to my knees — it was like being hit over the head. I threw away £100,000," he told *The Sheffield Star*.—*Internet*

***A man threw away a winning $154,000 scratchcard after misunderstanding the game rules.*—INTERNET**

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## MV SAN JIANG KOU VOY NO (237)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SAN JIANG KOU VOY NO (237) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claim Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO. LTD**
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

# CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ALLAHUS SAMAD VOY NO (1002) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
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# Burglars break into Dutch jail to steal TVs

AMSTERDAM, 23 April — Burglars have broken into a prison and stolen inmates' television sets.

The thieves crept into a minimum-security jail in the Dutch town of Hoorn, near Amsterdam, when the inmates were away for the weekend, authorities have revealed.

The facility is used for prisoners who are coming to the end of their sentences and, because they are soon to be released, are often allowed out for weekends. The establishment is described as "a very modestly protected environment".—*Internet*

# SPORTS

## Ex-Olympics head Juan Antonio Samaranch dies at 89

BARCELONA, 23 April — Shy, reserved and unimposing at first glance, Juan Antonio Samaranch also was a shrewd and sometimes ruthless operator who built consensus and got what he wanted during some of the most turbulent times in Olympic history. Samaranch, who died Wednesday in a Barcelona hospital at 89, was a master of negotiation, persuasion and behind-the-scenes diplomacy during his 21 years as president of the International Olympic Committee.

His was a simple formula: Pick the right people around you, use phone calls and one-on-one meetings to line up support, wait for the right moment to proceed, and, more often than not, come away with a resounding victory. A former Spanish ambassador to Moscow, Samaranch oversaw a landmark era from 1980-2001 — a period that saw political boycotts, the end of amateurism and the advent of professionalism, the explosion of commercialization, a boom in the growth and popularity of the games, the scourge of doping and the Salt Lake City corruption scandal.

*Internet*

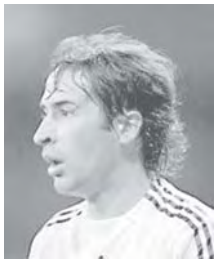
***Juan Antonio Samaranch, the former IOC president. Ex-Olympics head.***

## Raul to decide on future at end of season

MADRID, 23 April — Real Madrid captain Raul Gonzalez, who has played mainly as a substitute in recent months, said on Thursday he wants to keep playing football but would decide on his future at the end of the season. "Right now I'm not going to retire. I would like to see out the year left on my contract. We will see what happens at the end of the season. I, above all, want to keep playing football," he told reporters when asked about his plans.

The 32-year-old Real icon, who is under contract with Real until 2011, had been a regular in the first team since he made his debut with the club at 17. But coach Manuel Pellegrini has left him on the bench recently in favour of France's Karim Benzema, Argentina's Gonzalo Higuain and Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo. Raul has started just eight games this year and scored four goals in the league this season. He said he was confident that Real would win La Liga this season. The club is one point behind leaders Barcelona with five matches remaining.

*Internet*



***Real Madrid captain Raul Gonzalez***

## Hull chairman Adam Pearson admits worries over future

LONDON, 23 April — Hull chairman Adam Pearson has reopened a row with his predecessor Paul Duffen and admitted his fears for the future of the financially troubled club. The Tigers edged closer to relegation from the Premier League after Wednesday's 2-0 loss to Aston Villa. Pearson accused Duffen of overspending and creating a "doomsday scenario".

"Of course the future is very tricky, it's bound to be when you consider the figures. The club desperately needs to stay in this league," said Pearson. The club and Duffen settled a row over the club's finances out of court in February "to bring an end to all disputes between the parties". But with Hull facing the prospect of dropping out of the top flight, Pearson again attacked Duffen's record while at the club in his programme notes ahead of the game against Villa.—*Internet*

***Pearson returned to Hull after a spell as Derby County chairman.—INTERNET***

## Benitez confident of Anfield impact against Atletico

MADRID, 23 April — Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez said he was not too worried at at Thursday's 1-0 loss at Atletico Madrid in the first leg of the Europa League semi-final and pointed out that Liverpool were capable of turning it on at Anfield to reach the 12 May final in Ha-mburg. A Diego Forlan goal after nine minutes sealed victory for Atletico to give the Spaniards a slight advantage in the tie but Benitez believes a full house at Anfield in the second leg on 29 April can prove the difference.

*Internet*

***Atletico Madrid's Diego Forlan kicks the ball during their UEFA Europa league semi-final first leg match vs Liverpool at Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid.—INTERNET***

## Bayern hoping Ribery shown leniency by UEFA

MUNICH, 23 April — Bayern Munich are hoping French midfielder Franck Ribery is shown some leniency by European football's governing body UEFA over his red card in the 1-0 Champions League win over Lyon.

Ribery was shown a straight red by referee Roberto Rosetti in Wednesday night's first-leg, semi-final win after treading on Lyon striker Lisandro Lopez's ankle on 37 minutes.

The punishment looked harsh, especially as it was Ribery's first foul of the match and there were loud howls of protest from the 66,000-strong crowd.

Ribery, and Lyon defender Jeremy Toulalan who was also sent off, will miss Tuesday's second leg in Lyon.

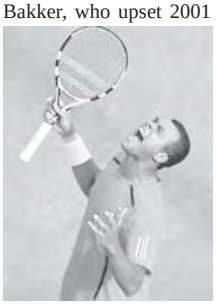
The final length of Ribery's suspension, potentially covering the final on 22 May in Madrid if Bayern get that far, will not be decided until the UEFA disciplinary panel committee meets next Wednesday, the day after the semi-final return. And Bayern's bosses are hoping for leniency.

*Internet*

## Tsonga defeats Almagro in Barcelona tennis fightback

BARCELONA, 23 April — Jo-Wilfried Tsonga needed a fast change of tactics to reach the quarter-finals of the Barcelona Open as he defeated Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday. France's third seed, playing the clay event for the first time, finds himself in a surprise Friday showdown with Thiemo de Bakker, who upset 2001 winner and seventh seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 7-6 (7/2), 3-6, 7-6 (7/4). There were only two bright spots for Spain, with six of eight representatives from the country losing.

Monte Carlo runner-up Fernando Verdasco, seeded fifth, rallied to beat Austrian Jurgen Melzer 3-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-3. Two-time losing finalist David Ferrer won in 44 minutes when Simone Bolelli of Italy quit injured trailing 6-0, 3-0. Swedish second seed Robin Soderling went through after he defeated Feliciano Lopez 6-3, 6-2. Tsonga said he had to shift strategy back to the fast-paced game he knows best to get out of danger.—*Internet*



***Jo-Wilfried Tsonga***

## Man United dotted most valuable club by Forbes

LONDON, 23 April — Manchester United has been the most valuable soccer team for the sixth straight year on a list released by *Forbes* magazine. The 18-time English Premiership champion was valuated 1.8 billion US dollars as a group of investors and fans try to buy the club which has a heavy debt of 1.1 billion dollars.

Man United beats Spain's Real Madrid, at 1.323 billion dollars, to the second place, according to *Forbes*' estimation, which takes into account revenue growth, profitability and debt levels in the 2008-09 season.—*Xinhua*

## Fulham held Hamburg to a goalless draw

HAMBURG, 23 April — Mark Schwarzer made several vital saves as resilient Fulham held Hamburg to a goalless draw in the first leg of their Europa League semi-final in Germany. Ruud van Nistelrooy had an early half-chance before the superb Zoltan Gera saw a shot deflected narrowly wide.

Fulham lost Bobby Zamora to injury but his team-mates coped well and Gera lost his balance when through on goal.Hamburg pushed hard but Schwarzer held firm to leave the tie evenly poised ahead of the second leg on 29 April.Roy Hodgson's men will go into that match in high spirits following a resolute display that keeps them in contention for a place in the final at Hamburg's HSH Nordbank Arena on 12 May.—*Internet*

***Gera produced a tireless performance to help the Cottagers earn a fine draw.—INTERNET***

## Bohn shoots 65 to take Zurich Classic lead

AVONDALE, 23 April — Jason Bohn took advantage of calm morning conditions Thursday in the Zurich Classic, shooting a 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead over Jason Dufner, John Senden, Jeff Overton, Greg Owen and 2006 champion Chris Couch.

Bohn had eight birdies and one bogey — when he tried to reach the par-5 18th green in two stokes and ended up in the water — at Pete Dye-designed TPC Louisiana. "I was playing aggressively on the last hole," Bohn said. "If I had to do it all over again, I'd hit the exact same shot." —*Internet*

*A model poses next to an IAT (International Application Technology) "Zu" electric concept car, designed by IAT (China) Automobile Technology, at the Beijing Auto Show in Beijing 23 April, 2010. China overtook the United States as the world's biggest auto market in terms of number of vehicles sold in 2009, helped by Beijing's incentives.—*INTERNET

# Indian capital gets tallest building

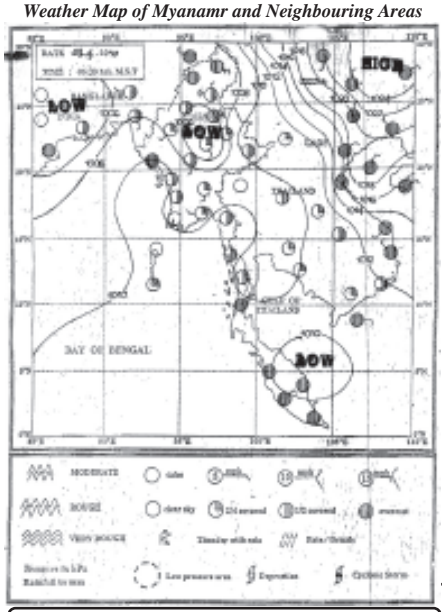
NEW DELHI, 23 April— The Indian capital New Delhi on Thursday got its tallest building which will house the headquarters of the city's civic body.

The 28-storeyed, 112-meter Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Center of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), which looks after nearly 90 percent of the city and was built at a cost of 6.5 billion rupees (130 million US dollars), was inaugurated by Indian Home Minister P. Chidambaram.

"A great capital city like Delhi must have a very good civic administration. This civic centre has been long overdue and we are truly proud of this magnificent building that will be a landmark in many many years to come," said Chidambaram.

*Internet*

*Weather Map of Myanamr and Neighbouring Areas*




## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-4-2010)(Saturday)

| Transmissions | Times |
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| Local - | (09:00am~11:00am) MST |
| Oversea Transmission- | (24-4-10 09:30 am ~ 25-4-10 09:30 am) MST |

**Local Transmission**

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gift)"
* News
* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
* Topics on Journal "New Facilities for Prospective Tourists"
* Myanma Traditional Tamarind Juice
* News
* Milestones of Contemporary Music (Selection-III)
* Let's Talk About Lahu Nationals
* News
* Music Gallery
* Myanmar Handicrafted Instruments made in Leather

**Oversea Transmission**

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar(Gift)"
* News
* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
* Simple and Beautiful Rural Life
* News
* Fashion Guide(i-gift)
* Music Gallery
* News
* Amazing Myanmar Hotel (Lucky Dragon Hotel)
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar (Gift)"
* News
* Documentary "Whispers of the Shwesandaw Pagoda"
* A Day in the Life of a Mahout
* Myanma Traditional Tamarind Juice
* News
* Traditional Fair
* Music Gallery
* An Umbrella For Style
* Myanmar Movies "Getting on Six Lives"

Myanmar TV

## Saturday, 24 April
## View on today

**7:00 am**
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

**7:30 am**
3. Morning News

**7:40 am**
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

**7:50 am**
5. Nice and Sweet Song

**8:00 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**
7. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျဉ်

**8:20 am**
8. "လက်ဆေးပြီးပြီလား"

**8:25 am**
9. Musical Programme

**8:40 am**
10. International News

**8:45 am**
11. Connent With English.(Episode-41) "Un Expected offers"

**11:00 am**
1. Martial Song

**11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme

**11:25 am**
3. Game For Children

**11:50 am**
4. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

**12:30 am**
5. Yan Can Cook

**12:45 am**
6.နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မခွဲမ်းသော မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

**1:50 am**
7.Dance of National Races

**1:55 am**
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

**2:15 am**
9. Musical Programme

**2:30 am**
10. မြန်မြန်ကြကြယင်ကျေးမှုအက

**2:45 am**
11. International News

**3:45 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL 2010 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်(မကွေးFC အသင်းနှင့် Delta United FC အသင်း)

**5:45 pm**
2. Musical Programme

**6:00 pm**
3. Evening News

**6:15 pm**
4. Weather Report

**6:20 pm**
5. အလှရှာမယ်၊အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

**6:35 pm**
6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ်

**7:00 pm**
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

**8:00 pm**
8. News
9. International News
10.Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
13. ဂီတတံခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

# WEATHER

## Friday, 23rd April, 2010

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T.** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State and isolated in upper Sagaing Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3℃) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6℃) above April average temperatures in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Minbu(44.2°C), Myingyan(43.8°C), Magway(43.0℃), Mandalay(42.8 ℃) and Chauk(42.6℃). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.91) inches, Putao (0.47) inches and Myitkyina (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-4-2010 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 23-4-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-4-2010 was 66%. Total sun shine hours on 22-4-2010 was (10.3) hours.

Rainfall on 23-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (18:30) hours MST on 22-4-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in Andaman sea and South Bay and generally fair eleswhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 24th April 2010:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair 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 contionuation of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-4-2010**: Partly Cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-4-2010:** Generally fair.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-4-2010:** Partly Cloudy.

**Weather outlook for first weekend of April 2010:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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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

# Theinyin Dam benefits 6000 acres in Kanbalu Township

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Since May 2006, the government has been implementing Theinyin Dam Project located near Ywama Village of Kanbalu Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

The project is aimed at irrigating 6000 acres of arable lands in Kanbalu Township, greening the surrounding regions, ensuring the sufficiency of drinking water at the villages and preventing the overflow of Theinyin Creek at Shwebo-Kanbalu Road along Kindat left canal.

Accompanied by Assistant Staff Officer U Aung Myint Moe of Construction 4 of Irrigation Department, we the news crew left Mahananda Lake of Shwebo along the embankment of the left canal, and we arrived at the construction site of Theinyin Dam.

We together with Staff Officer U Win Htaik viewed progress in construction of the dam. Theinyin Dam is located north of Ywama Village and southeast of Kanbalu of Shwebo District. The project is being implemented to dam Theinyin Creek with the 11030 feet long and 62 feet high earthen embankment.

The catchment area of the dam will be 54 square miles and with water supply capacity of 27000 acre feet. The dam can store 25,260 acre feet of water at the full brim and 43,490 acre feet of still water. The water surface of the dam will be 2200 acre feet.

The construction 4 of Irrigation Department is carrying out the concrete works for the main embankment and the spillway. In addition, the ground work of main embankment started in December 2009.

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*Photo shows spillway of Theinyin Dam under construction in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Division.*

**The significant day temperatures**

**(23-4-2010)**

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| Minbu | 44.2° C |
| Myingyan | 43.8° C |
| Magway | 43.0° C |
| Mandalay | 42.8° C |
| Chauk | 42.6° C |