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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

MoA signed for implementation of Hutgyi Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—To implement Hutgyi Hydropower Project, a ceremony to sign the Memorandum of Agreement among Department of Hydro-power Planning under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, SinoHydro Corporation Ltd of the People's Republic of China and EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand and International Group of Entrepreneur Co Ltd was held at the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, here, this morning.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min delivers an opening address at the contract signing ceremony.
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Department of Hydropower Planning, SinoHydro Corporation Ltd of the People's Republic of China, EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand and International Group of Entrepreneur Co Ltd signing the contract.—MNA

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min delivered an opening address.

Deputy Governor Mr. Wirash Kanchanapibul of EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand spoke words of thanks for signing the MoA.

Director-General U Kyee Soe of DHP, Vice President Mr. Shen Decai of SinoHydro Corporation Ltd of China, Deputy Governor Mr. Sahust Pratuknukul of EGAT International Co Ltd of Thailand and the responsible person of International Group of Entrepreneur Co Ltd signed the contract.

This was followed by a documentary photo session.

Also present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, the Deputy Attorney-General, the deputy ministers, directors-general, managing directors and officials, Chairman U Nay Aung of International Group of Entrepreneur Co Ltd and officials.

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Glittering Chaungtha Beach with pleasant environs

Byline & photos: *Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*

It is now high summer as well as in the summer vacation and Thingyan holidays, thus increasing the number of visitors in beach resorts. Beach resorts in Myanmar attract attention not only from locals but also from tourists from the four corners of the world for their impressive natural beauty.

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A pleasant scene of Chaungtha Beach Resort.

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 25 April, 2010

Ayeyawady Division has improved socio-economy with more new roads and bridges

Nyaung Creek Bridge in Kangyidaunt Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Division, built by the Ministry of Construction was inaugurated on 12 April. It is the 238th of the 180-foot-and-above bridges built across the nation.

Nyaung Creek Bridge on Pathein-Kankon-Myinkaseik-Myaungmya Road is the 49th of the bridges built in Ayeyawady Division. With the emergence of the bridge, the people of Labutta, Myaungmya, Wakema and Einme townships can travel easily to Pathein and Yangon.

Being a highly productive region, Ayeyawady Division grows monsoon and summer paddy, beans and pulses and various other crops. Its economy is growing due to abundant marine products. Extended construction of roads and bridges in the division will further develop its economy.

According to its geographical conditions, the region is blessed with rivers and creeks and natural resources. Now, a network of projected roads is being constructed. Ten new projected roads plus the existing roads will make a network of roads in the region.

Aside from motor roads, more than 80 miles of railroads are under construction to link Hlinethaya, Yangon, by passing through Dahka, Einme, Pantanaw and Nyaungdon townships. Over 40-mile Hinthada-Zalun-Danubyu-Nyaungdon railroad is also being built.

One can travel to the whole Ayeyawady Division not only by river but also by rail and by car. The western and eastern banks of the Ayeyawady River are no longer separable. Construction of more roads and bridges has allowed Ayeyawady Division to transport its regional products to all other parts of the nation in a short time. So, with smooth commodity flow and development, socio-economy of the regional people has improved significantly.

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**

Public announcement for remonstration

1. Lahu National Development Party, headquartered at No. 43 in 4th street on Parami Road of Ward 1 in Lashio, Shan State, on 23-4-2010 submitted it's application for its continued existence as a political party under Article-25 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.
2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission

The flag of Lahu National Development Party

The seal of Lahu National Development Party

How to develop rain-fed crops in dry zone

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April —How to develop rain-fed cultivation in dry zone? That is what the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was trying to find out at a coordination meeting in Mandalay on 21 April.

The meeting focused on development of rain-fed fields in Mandalay Division, a dry zone in the central Myanmar. At the meeting, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo sought means especially for rain-fed crops in the dry regions of Natogyi, Wundwin, Taungtha and Mahlaing townships in the division to get continued water supply. Shwehlanbo reservoir should be repaired for regional cultivation, he said, stressing the need to complete river water pumping stations in Ywathaya, Shwehlanbo and Htidawmoe in time.

***Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at coordination meeting on boosting production of agricultural produce at Mandalay Division Irrigation Department.*—MNA**

The task of the ministry to increase rain-fed crop productivity in the division also covers regional greening activities.

Departmental heads of the ministry presented Kyaungpangon river water pumping project to supply extra water to crops in Singaing, Kyaukse and TadaU townships and plans for thriving of rain-fed fields in Natogyi Township, and renovation of small lakes and reservoirs in the rain-fed cultivation regions. Other participants explained sectors they are going to render cooperation and coordination.

The meeting at Division Irrigation Department office concluded after the minister made arrangements for work facilitation.—*MNA*

MTF President's Trophy Tennis Tournament on 8-14 May

YANGON, 24 April— Myanmar Tennis Federation will organize the Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Trophy Tennis Tournament at the tennis court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township from 8 to 14 May.

The tournament will be categorized as men's and women's singles and double events, above-55 singles and double events, U-10m U-12, U-14, U-16 and U-18 boys' and girls' singles events and inter-club events.

Six players of each team are to take part in three double events. The teams are allowed to register seven players including one above-45 selected player at State/Division level, and one above-50 player. The teams are allowed to form themselves with above-60 players at the national selected level and the State/Division level without limitation.

The federation will issue travel allowance to the players from States and Divisions. Arrangements of food and accommodation will be made for new generation players.

In the competition, over K 4 million will be shared to the winners at respective levels.

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Benefiting courses for youths by Star Resources Co Ltd

STAR RESOURCES CO.,LTD.

YANGON, 24 April— International Bakery & Pastry Course will be launched at Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy in the last week of April for those wishing to work at Hotels, Restaurants and luxury cruise ships at home and abroad.

IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course will be also opened at the academy in the last week of April.

With the guidance of Institute of Hospitality (UK) and Institute of AH&LA (USA), the experienced course trainers used to teach the participants well.

Those interested in attending the three month-course may contact Star Hospitality Management Academy, Building 267, Room 302 on Pyay Road, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256, 095020302).

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Attacks against contractors surging in Afghanistan

In this file photo made on Friday 16 April , 2010, private guards stand at the scene of a suicide bombing on 15 April, 2010 in Kandahar city. A suicide bomber targeting a compound shared by foreign companies set off the massive explosion and killed at least six people, according to an Afghan official.
INTERNET

KANDAHAR, 24 April— The message, very often, is sent with bloodshed.

A suicide bombing last week on a fortified Kandahar guesthouse shared by Western contracting companies killed four Afghans and injured several Americans. An Afghan engineer was shot dead in March as he helped inspect a school not far from the Pakistan border. An Afghan woman who worked for a US-based consulting firm was shot by motorbike-riding gunmen as she headed home in this southern city.

Attacks on US contractors, constuction companies and aid organizations have been rising just as the United States pushes faster development of Afghanistan, one of the world's poorest countr-ies, as a priority in its strategy to counter the insurgency.

The number of contractor attacks is elusive since the workers are from many nations and work for a number of different organizations, but the toll has jumped precipitously since President Barack Obama launched a massive troop surge last December.

Internet

Air strike kills 21 militants in N Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 24 April — Taleban casualties has soared to 21 as troops from the air and ground pounded their Positions in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan on Friday night, deputy to provincial police Chief Abdul Rahman Haqtash said on Saturday.

In the first incident, according to Haqtash, Taleban militants raided and captured two villages namely Kohdaman and Chaghdar in Imam Sahib District but security forces repulsed the militants after tense gun battle which left eight militants dead.

One employee of the security forces was also killed in the battle lasted for a while and four militants sustained injuries, he added.

He said in the second incident, 13 Taleban militants including their commander Hamza Khand were killed as they came under air attacks in Dasht-e- Archi District Friday night.

Earlier, an official with the intelligence service - National Security Directorate (NSD) confirmed that air raids against Taleban Dasht-e-Archi District on Friday night left over a dozen militants dead.

The security forces called in airpower after intelligence reports indicated militant's activities in the area, he added.—*Internet*

NATO chief emphasizes transition to Afghanistan

TALLINN, 24 April— NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said on Friday that the alliance's new strategy was working and would transfer more responsibility to the Afghanistan authorities in the future.

"There is no reason to hide that the security situation in Afghanistan remains very challenging. Many countries represented around this table have lost soldiers in this mission. But this year, we are making progress. Increasingly, this year, the momentum will be ours," he said at the Informal meeting of NATO Foreign Ministers with non-NATO International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) contributing nations.

"Our new strategy in Afghanistan is now on display. Thousands of new ISAF forces are working in partnership with ever more Afghan forces to protect the Afghan people.

Internet

Iran accuses world powers of trying to destroy its economy

***Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe (R) and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (L) stand at a parade during the official opening of the international trade fair.—*INTERNET**

BULAWAYO, 24 April — Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Friday accused world powers of seeking to destroy the economies of Zimbabwe and his own nation, under threat of more UN sanctions over its nuclear drive.

"Our nations have a bitter experience of intervention by those big powers. They want to seize the markets of the countries (Iran and Zimbabwe) and destroy their economies," Ahmadinejad said, opening an international trade fair in Zimbabwe's second city of Bulawayo.

"Some of those oppressive and arrogant states don't obey these rules. They have very bad behaviour. And today, they are trying to possess world resources. They don't want the world to achieve peace and prosperity," he said.

"But the world of nations, including Iran and Zimbabwe, has decided to stand firm. We believe in common principles."The trade fair was once a important showcase for investment in Zimbabwe, but has greatly diminished after a decade of economic freefall.

Ahmadinejad on Thursday visited two factories in the capital Harare where Iran wants to invest, one for car parts and one for carpets.

Both Ahmadinejad and Mugabe are known for their controversial policies and anti-Western rhetoric.

Internet

A man sits in front of his shop which was destroyed in a car bomb attack near Haifa Street, central Baghdad on 23April, 2010. The toll from several bomb blasts that struck Shiite areas of the Iraqi capital on Friday reached 52 killed and 106 wounded, an Interior Ministry source said.
INTERNET

***Spring plowing has begun in the Yunnan Province. Farmers are seen working in their fields, on 22 April, 2010. Farmers are using various technologies in the rural areas to reduce the losses of a drought which has hit the province since last year.—*XINHUA**

AIDS vaccine researcher hopeful

JOHANNESBURE, 24 April— A leader in the search for a vaccine against HIV, which causes AIDS, said Friday that recent advances have given scientists new reason for hope.

In an interview with *The Associated Press*, Dr Alan Bernstein, executive director of the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise, cited the world's first successful test of an experimental AIDS vaccine. In September, researchers said the vaccine protected one in three people from getting HIV in a large study in Thailand.

Bernstein also pointed to recent progress in determining whether people with HIV produce antibodies that could lead to a vaccine guarding against a variety of forms of HIV. He also said there is progress in mapping the many variations of what he called a "clever virus" that has so far eluded vaccine efforts because it kills some of the key cells needed to make a vaccine.

Internet

Indian Navy starts annual joint exercise with US Navy

MUMBAL, 24 April— The Indian Navy began its week- long annual joint exercise with the US Navy in the Arabian Sea on Friday, local media reported.The joint exercise Malabar-2010 is a bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the US Navy, and will continue till May 2, *Press Trust of India* quoted the Indian Navy as saying on Friday evening.

During the exercise, participants will include one advanced guided-missile destroyer, three guided missile frigates, one conventional submarine and several shore-based *Sea Harrier* fighters of the Indian Navy's Western Fleet, while one guided-missile cruiser, two destroyers, one frigate, one nuclear-powered submarine along with two long-range marine patrol plane *P-3s* are dispatched by the US Navy's Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific, according to the Indian Navy's news release.The purpose of the joint exercise is to promote the interoperability between the two navies by practicing their three-dimensional operational capabilities in their training subjects ranging from the anti-submarine, anti-surface, anti-aircraft warfare to the sea search and interdiction drills, said the Indian Navy.

Xinhua

People visit the 36th Buenos Aires International Book Fair at La Rural in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina on 23 April, 2010. Buenos Aires International Book Fair, the largest of its kind in the Spanish speaking world, kicked off here on Thursday.—XINHUA

US indicts 11 suspected Indian Ocean pirates

WASHINGTON, 24 April — The United States on Friday indicted 11 suspected pirates on charges related to attacks on American naval ships on the Indian Ocean.

The indictments were unsealed an hour after the suspects were led into the federal courthouse in Norfolk Va. by US marshals.

Five of the suspects were charged with a March 31 attack on the *USS Nicholas*, a frigate that had been patrolling off the Somalia coast. The pirates allegedly attacked the ship during the night with assault rifles and other weapons, believing it was a merchant vessel.

The other six suspects were charged in the April 10 attack on the *USS Ashland*, an amphibious landing ship. The six were accused of using assault rifles to fire on the landing ship.

Xinhua

EU eyes single regulator to handle future air traffic crisis

BRUSSELS, 24 April — The European Commission should establish a single regulator to tackle future crisis like the air travel chaos that occurred after the Icelandic volcanic eruption, a top EC official said Friday.

Siim Kallas, a European Commission vice president responsible for transportation, said that a single European regulator for air traffic control was badly needed since the crisis has indicated how difficult it would be to manage without such an authority.

"We needed a fast, co-ordinated European response to a central regulator instead of a fragmented patchwork of 27 national airspaces," Kallas said.

He said that the EC is analyzing the economic impact of the volcanic crisis and a preliminary report will be updated on Tuesday.

Xinhua

A jeweller works on FIFA 2010 World Cup rings at a jewellery workshop in Bucaramanga on 22 April, 2010. A group of Colombian jewellers are producing platinum and gold rings that will be part of an exclusive jewellery collection approved by FIFA for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.
XINHUA

One killed, two injured in small aircraft crash in Finland

HELSINKI, 24 April— A small aircraft crashed near the city of Porvoo in southern Finland Friday, killing one person onboard and injuring the other two, Finnish media reported.

According to the report, the four-seat Cessna aircraft crashed into a forest in the Emasalo Island near Porvoo at about noon time on Friday.

Finnish police are investigating the cause of the accident, saying that the weather condition was not bad when the accident happened.

Xinhua

Armed Police of Qinghai Armed Police Contingent help quake victims to clear ruins in Zhaxike village of quake-hit Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Yushu, northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 23 April, 2010.
XINHUA

Fatah says its council members barred from leaving Hamas-ruled Gaza

RAMALLAH, 24 April — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party on Friday accused Islamic Hamas movement, which rules the Gaza Strip, of barring Fatah revolutionary council members from leaving the enclave.

Salah Abu Khatlah, a Fatah leader in the West Bank, told Bethlehem-based *Maan* news agency that Hamas refused the exit of the Gaza-based revolutionary council members to leave Gaza to join a meeting in the West Bank on Saturday.

Xinhua

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

A festooned-vehicle parade is presented in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 23 April, 2010. The World Expo Park conducts its third trial operation on Friday. There will be a total of six trial operations before the World Expo kicks off on 1May.
XINHUA

Toyota to show return to profit despite recalls

TOKYO, 24 April— Results from Toyota Motor to be released next month are expected to show the auto giant returning to profit in the year to March, despite a massive recall scandal, news reports said Saturday.

The Japanese automaker is expected to post a group operating profit of up to 50 billion yen (530 million dollars), reversing a 461 billion yen operating loss for the previous year, the Nikkei business daily said.

The uptick is mainly due to cost-cutting and a weak yen, which offset the costs of the global recalls, the daily said. The company has recalled around 10 million vehicles worldwide since late last year due to accelerator and brake defects, but nevertheless expected to see a "good earnings situation" a Toyota executive told Kyodo News. Toyota had earlier forecast an operating loss of 20 billion yen for the year to the end of March.

Sales were expected to show a five percent fall to 7.2 million units, Nikkei said. The better-than-expected sales were partially due to strong demand for its new Prius hybrid car in Japan.

A Toyota spokesman was not immediately available to comment on the report. The firm is due to announce its earnings results in early May. On Monday the company agreed to pay a 16.4-million-dollar fine, the largest for an automaker in the United States, for hiding for at least four months accelerator pedal defects blamed in more than 50 US deaths.—*Internet*

File photo shows A Toyota automaker employee moves an engine at the Toyota engine assembly line in Huntsville, Alabama
INTERNET

UN's 2015 poverty target in reach despite crisis

WASHINGTON, 24 April— The global economic crisis has slammed efforts to cut poverty worldwide, but plans are still on track to meet a key goal by 2015, the World Bank said here on Friday. However, elsewhere in the fight to improve conditions in poor countries, the picture was less rosy. "The global economic crisis has slowed the pace of poverty reduction in developing countries, and is hampering progress toward the other Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)," the bank's Global Monitoring Report 2010 said.

It estimated the crisis will leave 53 million more people in extreme poverty five years from now than would have been the case otherwise. The United Nations has identified eight goals that range from halving extreme poverty to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education, by the target date of 2015. Hunger, child and maternal health, gender equality, access to clean water and disease control were all affected by a global slump that worsened after the collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers in 2008, the report said. "The financial crisis was a severe external shock that hit poor countries hard," a statement quoted IMF deputy managing director Murilo Portugal as saying.—*Internet*

UN Secretary-General's Message on World Malaria Day

25 April 2010

Two years ago, I called for malaria prevention and treatment programmes to be made universally available to at-risk populations by the end of 2010. This World Malaria Day brings much cause for satisfaction. In a very short time, the world has gone from simply trying to hold malaria at bay to the realistic goal of delivering effective and affordable care to all who need it. Furthermore, the scientific community has set a research agenda for developing the tools and strategies that will eventually eradicate malaria for good.

Since 2003, international commitments for malaria control have increased more than five-fold to $1.7 billion in 2009. Though still far short of what is required, these funds have supported a dramatic expansion of malaria control interventions. Those countries that have been able to provide bed nets and treatment to significant proportions of their populations have seen malaria cases and deaths fall by as much as 50 per cent. Overall child mortality rates have declined too.

But our optimism must also be leavened with caution. Malaria is a tenacious foe. To sustain current gains we must be vigilant. Parasite resistance to antimalarial medicines is a considerable threat, and the use of artemisinin-based monotherapies is the principal force behind its spread. I therefore urge the global community to act swiftly on the 2007 World Health Assembly resolution to remove all oral artemisinin-based monotherapies from the supply chain.

The global campaign against malaria has shown what is possible when the international community joins forces on multiple fronts to tackle a disease that takes its heaviest toll on poor and underprivileged populations. Strong commitment has sparked innovation: creative initiatives have facilitated the delivery of massive numbers of mosquito nets; ground-breaking partnerships are developing new malaria medicines and making existing medicines more accessible and affordable. The challenge now is to ensure that all who are exposed to malaria can receive quality-assured diagnosis and treatment.

The advances of recent years show that the battle against malaria can be won. Interventions have made a difference. Development aid for health has been shown to work. This also gives us great cause for optimism for reducing child mortality and improving maternal health. In September, I will convene a summit to review progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and formulate an agenda for action for the time that remains until the agreed deadline of 2015. On this World Malaria Day, let us take inspiration from our successes. They tell us that, with commitment and resources, we can eradicate malaria and achieve all our global development objectives.—*UNIC*

FDIC shuts down 7 banks in Illinois

NEW YORK, 24 April— Regulators on Friday shut down seven banks in Illinois, putting the number of US bank failures this year at 57.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp took over four banks in Chicago: New Century Bank, with $485.6 million in assets; Citizens Bank&Trust Company, with $77.3 million in assets; Broadway Bank, with $1.2 billion in assets; and Lincoln Park Savings Bank, with $199.9 million in assets.

The FDIC also took over Amcore Bank of Rockford, which had $3.8 billion in assets; Peotone Bank and Trust Company in Peotone, with $130.2 million in assets; and Wheatland Bank of Naperville, with $437.2 million in assets.

MB Financial Bank agreed to acquire the deposits of both Broadway Bank and New Century Bank. Republic Bank of Chicago agreed to assume Citizens' deposits, while Chicago-based Harris National Association agreed to acquire Amcore Bank's deposits.

Internet

In this 26 Jan , 2010, photo, workers work the assembly line of Ford Motor Co's Chicago Assembly Plant, Tuesday, 26 Jan, 2010, in Chicago.—INTERNET

Ford to recall 33,256 vehicles to fix seat fault

DETROIT, 24 April—Ford Motor Co will recall 33,256 of its 2010 model year cars and SUVs to replace potentially faulty front seat recliner mechanisms that could lead to injuries in an accident, according to a notice filed with U.S. safety regulators. Ford notified the US Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the potential defect by letter dated April 16. Ford said it knew of no reports of accidents or injuries due to the defect as of 14 April. The automaker said it expects to begin notifying owners of the recall by letter on April 30. The recall covers some 2010 Ford Fusion and related Mercury Milan sedans built from December 11 through February 3 in Hermosillo, Mexico, and some 2010 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer SUVs built from December 15 through February 3 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Internet

China Philharmonic Orchestra artistic director Yu Long with his musicians during a rehearsal in Beijing.
XINHUA

Green tea may help fight glaucoma

HONG KONG, 24 April — Researchers in China say studies in rats indicate substances in green tea may protect against eye diseases such as glaucoma.

Scientists led by Chi Pui Pang of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Eye Hospital confirmed green tea substances — known for antioxidant and disease-fighting properties — were absorbed in the lens, retina and other eye tissue.

The study, publi-shed in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*, suggested until now it was not known if green tea substances actually passed from the gastrointestinal tract into eye tissue.

The researchers analyzed the eye tissue of laboratory rats that drank green tea and found several "catechins" in green tea that contain antioxidants — including vitamin C, vitamin E, lutein and zeaxanthin — were absorbed by the eye in significant amounts.

Internet

Police officers escort suspects as they are presented to the media at the federal police headquarters in Mexico City, Friday, on 23 April, 2010. The men are suspected of working for Jose Gerardo Alvarez Vazquez, who, according to the police, is battling for control of the Beltran Leyva cartel.

INTERNET

Martial arts may help with osteoporosis

NIJMEGEN, 24 April — Martial arts may help those with osteoporosis fall more safely, researchers in the Netherlands suggest.

"For obvious safety reasons, this could not be directly assessed using persons with osteoporosis. Therefore, we measured the hip impact forces during the martial arts fall exercises in a group of young adults," Brenda Groen and a team of researchers at the Sint Maartenskliniek in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, said in a statement.

"Based on our results, we believe that fall training would be safe for persons with osteoporosis if they wear hip protectors during the training, perform fall exercises on a thick mattress, and avoid forward fall exercises from a standing position."

The study subjects were taught to turn a fall into a rolling movement via impact-reducing techniques.

Internet

Heart transplants may avoid some biopsies

CHICAGO, 24 April— A 602-patient trial demonstrated a non-invasive gene test may help those with heart transplants to avoid some biopsies, US researchers said.

Co-lead investigator Dr Michael Pham, a transplant cardiologist at the Stanford University Medical Centre and Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, said those with heart transplants must undergo invasive and often uncomfortable biopsies — typically 12 biopsies in the first year and four the second year with continued surveillance for several more years — to monitor their immune systems to see if they are rejecting the new heart.

"We found that patients undergoing rejection monitoring using a gene-expression profiling test of peripheral blood specimens underwent significantly fewer biopsies and were more satisfied with the biopsy-minimization approach compared to patients who underwent routine biopsies at regular intervals," Pham said in a statement.

Internet

British woman cooks with breast milk

A British woman who uses breast milk in food she serves to friends and sells to strangers said she turned to her own milk for its health benefits.

Abi Blake, 30, of Clifton, England, said her breast milk tarts, smoothies, lasagna, cheesecake and other dishes have proven popular with friends, family and customers for their health benefits and better taste, *The Sun* reported .

"Although the idea of eating something made out of someone else's breast milk may make some people's stomachs turn, it is full of vitamins that can never be found in cow's milk,"

Photo taken on 21 April, 2010, shows a model holding a cup cake worth 100,000 pounds during a photocall at Rox in Glasgow, Britain, to promote female consumer event Glam.

Man threw away $153,000 lottery ticket

A British postal worker said his marriage ended and he has become a laughing stock at work because he threw away a $153,000 scratch-off lottery ticket.

Cemal Celikkanat, 38, a driver for the Royal Mail, said he thought the dollar amounts on the scratch-off card he purchased at Charnock News and Booze in Sheffield had to be in a row to win, but the card pays out for any three-of-a-kind dollar amounts, the *Sheffield Telegraph* reported.

"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 pounds ($153,000)," he said. "I feel so terrible, I think about it every day, it's had a massive impact on my life."

News Album

Paintings by three-year-old artist Aelita Andre are seen on display at the Art Melbourne 2010 exhibition on 23 April, 2010. Andre, whose work is in major collections across Europe, Asia and the United States, recently sold a painting to an overseas buper for AUD$28,000 ($26,000).

Burning man saved with Coca Cola

A man who accidentally set himself on fire has been saved after his son doused him with Coca Cola. The quick action of 15-year-old Nicholas Wythe probably saved his father's life.

Andrew Wythe, 52, was completely engulfed in flames when a spark ignited fumes from the petrol bottle he had been using to start a bonfire. Flames soon covered him, setting his arms, chest, neck and ears alight.

Grabbing a two-litre bottle of Coke, Nicholas shook it up and aimed it at his father as he unscrewed the cap. The pressure from the carbon dioxide in the soft drink forced a jet of liquid over Andrew Wythe and extinguished the flames.

A man transports an auto-rickshaw for repair with its owner seated inside, on a donkey-pulled cart along a street in Lahore , on 23 April, 2010.

Young Haitian girls carry jugs for water at a tent camp near the capital of Port au Prince on 17 April. The continuing plight of Haiti as it recovers from its devastating January earthquake will headline the first Brazil-Caribbean summit next Monday, Brazilian officials said—INTERNET

African business takes on malaria

JOHANNESBURG, 24 April— An African bank, communications giant and popular chicken restaurant chain are taking on malaria, saying Friday that their business expertise might be the missing weapon in the fight against a disease that kills 1 million annually.

South Africa's Standard Bank, cell phone company MTN and Nando's restaurants — all in business across Africa — say they know how to get information and services to customers despite Africa's weak infrastructure, and can use their experience to help fight against malaria.

As part of the United Against Malaria campaign, Standard Bank will provide its employees with nets and easier access to treatment, MTN will help deliver nets to areas that are difficult for distribution and Nando's will sell bracelets to raise awareness and funds.

The United Against Malaria campaign is an umbrella for aid groups using South Africa's World Cup as a platform to raise funds and spread messages about malaria treatment and prevention.

Africa is the continent hardest hit by malaria, and this will be the first World Cup held here. Nine of every 10 malaria deaths a year are in Africa, most of which are children.

Tony van der Nest, who directs Standard Bank's health programs, cited estimates that malaria reduces Africa's GDP by at least $12 billion every year. At Standard Bank, he said, work hours lost because some of its 10,000 employees across Africa were sickened by malaria cost the bank 45 million rand (about $6 million) last year.—*Internet*

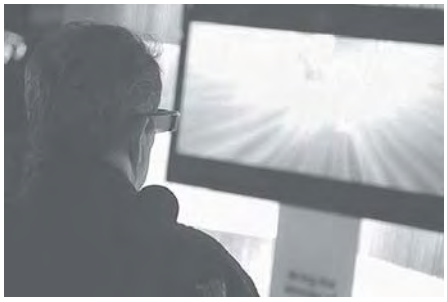
7 soldiers killed in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 April — At least seven soldiers of Pakistan army were killed Friday in an ambush by militants in northwest Pakistan, army media wing said.

According to the Inter Services Public Relation (ISPR), Pakistan army media department, militants ambushed a military convoy in Boya area of Tehsil Datta Khel in North Waziristan tribal agency.

The military convoy was carrying out a routine movement from MiranShah to Datta Khel.

In the ambush, seven soldiers were killed including an officer and a junior commissioned officer while 16 others were injured out of which two are in critical condition, ISPR said in it Press note.—*Internet*



The Samsung 3D LED TV launch party in March 2010 in New York City. A group of Japanese businesses has released a handbook advising viewers on health and safety when watching three-dimensional televisions to counter symptoms such as dizziness, nausea, and eye fatigue.—INTERNET

Seven Mexican police officers killed in Ciudad Juarez

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 24 April—Gunmen ambushed two police vehicles at a busy intersection in Ciudad Juarez on Friday, killing seven officers and a 17-year-old boy who was passing by, authorities said.

Chihuahua state spokesman Enrique Torres Valadez said six of the police officers were federal, and one was a local police woman. Two local police officers remain in critical condition.

Authorities said the police officers had stopped to talk to a street vendor who had flagged them down for help when gunmen opened fire from behind their pickup patrol trucks. The assailants then fled in three vehicles.

Investigators said they don't know why the officers were shot, although they don't believe they were targeted because of any recent arrests they had made.

No one has been arrested but police said they have recovered two of the three cars used in the shooting.

Ciudad Juarez is one of the world's deadliest cities, and a two-year turf battle between drug cartels has left more than 5,000 people dead.

Elsewhere, police in Guerrero said they found the bodies of five men who had been shot to death lying on a dirt road near Chilpancingo, the capital of the Pacific coast state. Three of the men were brothers, all in their 20s.

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A boy gets a measles vaccine in Manila in February 2010. The UN's World Health Organisation has said that health authorities in 112 countries will launch an unprecedented one week vaccination drive from 24 April in Europe, the Americas and Middle East.
INTERNET

G20 calls for different exit strategies for countries from economic stimulus

WASHINGTON, 24 April—G20 finance ministers and central bank governors Friday called for different policies for different countries concerning on exit strategies from stimulus measures as recovery has taken different speeds in various countries and regions. "In economies where growth is still highly dependent on policy support and consistent with sustainable public finances, it should be maintained until the recovery is firmly driven by the private sector and becomes more entrenched," the officials said in a communique issued after their meeting on the sideline of the World Bank/International Monetary Fund (IMF) spring meetings in Washington.

Internet

US authorities investigating "near collision" between Southwest jet and small plane

HOUSTON, 24 April — The US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has opened a probe into the "near collision" between a Southwest Airlines jet and a small plane at the Burbank airport in California, the board said on Friday.

The close call occurred at about 11 am Monday as the Dallas-based Southwest's commercial jetliner, arriving from Oakland, was landing on a runway, while a *Cessna 172* was taking off on a crossing runway.

"According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the airplanes came within 200 feet vertically and 10 feet laterally of each other at the runway intersection," the NTSB said on its website.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred under a clear sky with visibility of 10 miles, the NTSB said.

Internet

A citizen does morning exercise near the Xiangjiang River in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 24 April, 2010.
INTERNET

Thagara Industrial region aiming high

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April— Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein paid an inspection tour of Thagara Industrial region in Bago Division, this morning.

There, he looked into installation of equipments in Central Lab of Research and Development Central Department, 6V, 8V, 12V engines, Crank shaft, Connecting rods, machining, use of 3D measuring, productions of 29t Excavator, 22t Buldozer, mini excavator, forklift, 14t Compactor and progress of drills.

He met with factory workers and instructed them to become dutiful workers.—*MNA*

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein looks around Thagara Industrial region.

MNA

Course for Healthcare Assistance

YANGON, 24 April—Endeavor Consultancy Co Ltd will open the training course for Caregiver, Patient Attendant and Healthcare Assistance in Yangon beginning 5 May.

It will be a short-term course to be conducted by Singapore Nursing Educator. Certificate recognized by Singapore will be issued to the trainees. Those who passed the matriculation examination may attend the course.

For further information, dial 09-862870 and 09-9973201 of Learning & Assessment Center at Pale Condominium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township.

MNA

MWEA to organize Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 24 April—Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association will hold the 15th Annual General Meeting at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, here, at 9 am on 2 May.

Members of the association are invited to attend the meeting without fail. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the sales of products there.

A dinner to mark the AGM will be organized at Dusit Inya Lake at 6 pm on same day.—*MNA*

Glittering Chaungtha Beach with pleasant…

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Among them is Chaungtha, a picturesque beach resort in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Division.

When asked about the beach resort, Assistant General Manager U Kyin Hlaing of Lai Lai Hotel told The Kyemon, "This region has been well-known as Chaungtha Village for more than 100 years for the picturesque scenes of the U-to Creek and its surrounding areas. It was converted to a beach resort with 13 hotels in 1989."

Manager U Kyaw Hoe of Kyaing Thaungtha Hotel said, "The number of local arrivals is higher than last year. But it is now falling down a bit due to the collapse of Kyaukchaunggyi Bridge." I learnt that the temporary bridge was nearing completion.

Going sightseeing together with responsible persons of the hotel zone along the beach in the afternoon, I noticed that the resort was teeming with vacationers cooling themselves in the water. Manager U Aye Thwin of Chaungtha-U Hotel said, "The beach slopes away towards the deep water with no holes and reefs on the bed. So, visitors can swim in safety."

It was pleasant to hear the sound of tidal waves smashing against the bank to the accompaniment of the sound of wild breeze blowing against the coconut palms in rows.

Max, Diamond, Belle, Lai Lai, Golden Beach, Ambo, Grand, new Chaung Tha, Khaing Chaung Tha, Shwe Hintha, Chaungtha-U, Shwe Seezein, Thiri, Wutyi, and Ayeyawady hotels in Chaungtha Beach Resort are a true combination of Myanmar and Western styles, impressing the visitors.

A group of tourists said that they were from France. When asked about the beach, they said that Chaungtha Beach Resort was unique from other ones of its kind; that there were lots of interesting places around it; that they liked the beach resort more than other because it had not sacrificed its natural conditions; and that it was very convenient for them to visit nearby villages as villagers extended a helpful hand to them.

Manager U Hlaing Mon of Shwe Hintha Hotel said that the hotels carried out sanitation tasks along the beach on Wednesdays. Now, the resort has seen many more bungalows.

Manager U Nyi Nyi Aung of Hotel Max explained that for the safety of visitors, rescue staff stood by round the clock; that in addition five Red Cross members took charge of rescue duties all day round with the assistance of the hoteliers association; that a security net was set up in the water to prevent visitors from going to deep sites; and that the swimming time allowed is from 6 am to 6 pm.

Around Chaungtha Beach Resort are many interesting places. Visitors can go to nearby Thebyu island through Chaungtha jetty. Someway, little Aung Mingalar Island surrounded by three hills standing in a triangle shape is attractive to tourists. There, visitors can study many nests of Ziwasoe (edible-nest swiftlet) birds.

Visitors may proceed to a nearby beach resort Shwe Thaung Yan amidst trees with rare species of birds singing.

A wide variety of souvenirs and local products such as shrimp paste, dried fish, dried prawns, and kyaukpwint (edible seaweed) are on sale at reasonable prices. And Thayettaw htomote (traditional snack) is recommended.

Chaungtha Beach Resort has not lost its natural characteristics due to supervision of local authorities, environmental conservation by those responsible, and contribution of local people. In a word, Chaungtha Beach Resort is well worth visiting.

Translation: MS

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A lovely bungalow at Chaungtha-U Hotel in Chaungtha Beach Resort.

Holidaymakers cooling themselves in the water.

Emphasis placed on health care for rural people

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—The rural people in Pyu Township are enjoying fruit of health care services arranged by the Ministry of Health.

On his inspection tour, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, together with Director-General Dr Win Myint of the Health Department looked into health care facilities at Kanyutkwin Station Hospital of Pyu Township and attended to the needs of renovation for the hospital.

At Pyu Township's Hospital (50-bed), the minister inspected renovation of buildings and the land for the extended building.

In meeting with members of the Supervisory Committee for the Hospital and health staff, the minister stressed the need to give health care services to the people.

MNA

***Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint looks around Kanyutkwin Station Hospital and Pyu Township Hospital.*—MNA**

Two more bomb blast victims die

60 others under medical attention

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Five men and three women totalling 8 innocent people were killed and 125 men and 45 women, totalling 170 wounded in the bomb blasts that occurred in front of X_2O water throwing pandal on Kandawgyi circular road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at about 3 pm on 15 April, and the wounded persons were rushed to Yangon General Hospital for medical attention. The incident has already been issued.

Most of the wounded have been discharged from the hospital. And still, altogether 42 men and 18 women, totalling 60 are undergoing medical treatment. Of them, two more men died—one on 17 April and another on 19 April. Regretably, the bomb blasts have claimed ten lives.

MNA

Minhla, a neat and tidy …

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In an interview, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Win Hlaing explained, "Our township cultivated 97400 acres of monsoon paddy in the previous rainy season. Now, local farmers have started to harvest monsoon paddy".

"A plan is under way to grow green gram and sunflower on 66,680 acres of farmlands through the mixed cropping pattern after harvesting monsoon paddy. Such mixed cropping will satisfy the demand of local edible oil consumption to some extent. Arrangements have been made to cultivate 18,658 acres of summer paddy after harvesting green gram," he added.

Progress can be witnessed in all sectors including communication, education and transport in addition to agriculture sector in Minhla Township. Although the township was facilitated with a magnet exchange in the past, a Digital Auto-Exchange was inaugurated on 30 March 2003. As a result, the local people have easy access to other region through telecommunication. At present, the exchange has been installed with 500 telephones, and a plan is under way to install 360 more telephone lines.

Likewise, the township was installed with GSM telephone lines in February 2009, and at present, the local people use 600 GSM telephones.

With the aim of broadening the horizon of the local people in Minhla Township, a TV re-transmissi™™™on station was launched in February 2002. It has 250-watt transmission capacity. Thanks to the TV re-transmission station, the local people of Minhla, Letpadan, Monyo and Okpo townships are enjoying the various kinds of TV programmes.

Photo shows building of Basic Education High School in Minhla.

"I have encouraged cultivation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton in Minhla Township."
U Win Hlaing, Chairman of Minhla Township Peace and Development Council.

While in the township, we witnessed progress of the basic education sector. Due to opening of Basic Education High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools, the school going-age children have the opportunity to pursue education in their township.

In the health sector, the township has one 25-bed hospital. Health personnel are providing health care services to the local people.

During our visit to Minhla Township, we had the opportunity to compile bylines on progress of the township serving the national interest based on the agriculture sector.

TV Re-transmission Station established in Minhla.

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Translation: TTA

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US Coast Guard suspends search for 11 workers missing in rig blast

HOUSTON, 24 April—The US Coast Guard announced Friday it has suspended the search for 11 workers missing after a major oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Coast Guard's "deepest sympathies and prayers" go out to the families of the missing workers, said Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mary Landry. "We have just made the difficult decision to suspend the search," she said

Earlier Friday, Landry said that conversations with survivors of the blast indicate that the missing workers "might have been in the vicinity of this explosion," which made their chances of survival slim.

"We are working with the families to discuss the suspension of the search at the end of the day today," she said.

The Deepwater Horizon rig, located about 42 km southeast of Venice, Louisiana, sank in the Gulf of Mexico Thursday after burning for roughly 36 hours following a major explosion late Tuesday night.

There were 126 people aboard the semi-submerged drilling rig when it exploded. Most of them have escaped safely. Seventeen people were injured.

The explosion left behind an oil slick that oil officials said had the "potential to be a major spill". But the Coast Guard said Friday that there is no oil currently spilling from the sunken oil rig.—*Internet*

Tea plantation workers carry tea leaves at Sukana teagarden estate on the outskirts of the eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 23 April , 2010. India exports CTC (crush-tear-curl) variety of tea mainly to Egypt, Pakistan and the UK and the premium orthodox variety of tea to Iraq, Iran and Russia.

INTERNET

Ex-Miss Universe denies link to alleged drug capo

MEXICO CITY, 24 April—Former Miss Universe Alicia Machado is denying reports that a suspected major drug trafficker fathered her daughter.

The Venezuelan beauty queen who was crowned Miss Universe in 1996 says in a statement issued Friday that the father of her child is a "respected businessman" — and not alleged capo Jose Gerardo Alvarez Vazquez.

Machado was responding to local media reports saying she was had a relationship with Alvarez Vazquez, who was arrested this week in a shootout Wednesday in the outskirts of Mexico City. She denies any link with him.—*Internet*

In this August 23, 2006 file photo, former 1996 Miss Universe, Alicia Machado of Venezuela, poses for photographers before receiving recognition from Mexico's Playboy magazine in Mexico City. Machado said in a statement on 23 April, 2010 that she never had a relationship with Mexico's Gerardo Alvarez Vazquez, also known as 'El Indio,' who was arrested on 22 April, 2010 on drug trafficking charges in Mexico.

INTERNET

One year after swine flu, Mexicans split on response

MEXICO CITY, 24 April—When this city of 8.7 million awoke one year ago to confusing news of a new virus, it sent the world on a wild six-month roller-coaster ride of fear and frantic action.

But after swine flu proved far less lethal than feared, opinion has divided on whether the epidemic was a valuable test-run that left the world better prepared to handle a more lethal avian flu pandemic, or an episode that left the public jaded and weary.

Mexicans are bristling after following initial government recommendations that may have been counterproductive, and question the value of late-arriving vaccines.

But the director of Mexico's National Centre for Epidemiology and Disease Control insists the nation — and the world — are better prepared for another, more deadly flu outbreak.

"We as a global community have been very lucky to have this opportunity to do this massive test, practice-run, with a virus," Miguel Angel Lezana said.

He says a deadly flu is coming sooner or later: "We have to be prepared for it."

Within five days of last year's 23 April flu announcement, Mexico City would essentially shut down, streets empty of traffic and almost every business shuttered by government order.

Only a few wary, masked silhouettes plied the streets, and a pall of fear and mistrust settled over the city.

Internet

Mexican link to Interpol shot in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, 24 April—Gunmen in El Salvador have shot and seriously wounded a Mexican diplomat who works with the international police agency Interpol. Police say the diplomat's wife has been killed.

The deputy director of police investigations says the two were shot to death while in their car in the Salvadorean capital on Friday. Howard Cotto says the motive of the attack is not yet known.

Mexico's embassy in the Central American country confirms that First Secretary Guillermo Medina Alfaro has been seriously injured. His wife Claudia de Medina has died.

It says Medina works with the regional office of interpol.

He was shot during another attack in February that police described as a robbery attempt.

Internet

HFMD outbreaks expose weak link in China's health system

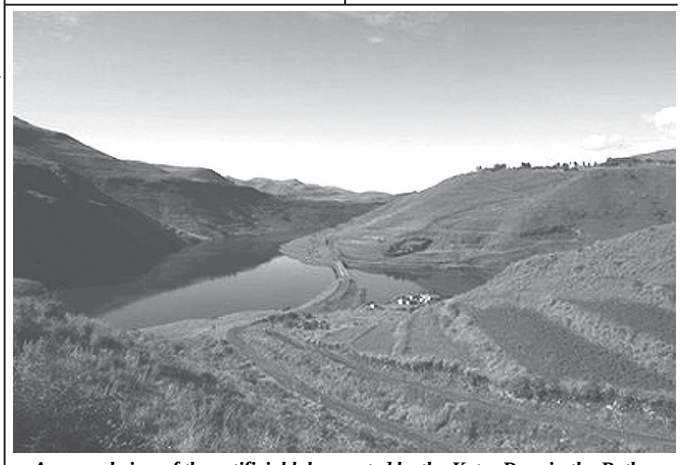
BEIJING, 24 April—Recent outbreaks of hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) in China have highlighted poor health care in the country's vast rural areas — the weak link in the health care system. HFMD is not a highly contagious disease, but deaths resulting from it have surged this year in China.

Forty children died from the disease in March alone, double the total of the first three months last year, according to statistics from the Ministry of Health (MOH). Altogether 192,344 cases had been reported this year as of 12 April, up 38 percent from a year earlier, including 94 death cases.

HFMD typically strikes infants and children under the age of five in spring and autumn. Normally it runs its course in seven to ten days. In a few cases, however, infection can lead to high fever, meningitis, encephalitis, pulmonary edema and paralysis, which can be fatal.

It usually starts with a slight fever followed by blisters and ulcers in the mouth and rashes on the hands and feet. It is spread through contact with saliva or feces of the infected.

The disease started to cause alarm in 2008 when it killed 22 children in central China' s Anhui Province from March to May.—*Internet*



A general view of the artificial lake created by the Katse Dam in the Botha Bothe province, Lesotho. Lesotho will next year begin construction on the 197 million dollar (147 million euro) Metolong Dam, a spokeswoman said on Friday, part of efforts to secure the water supply in the small, poor nation.

INTERNET

Japan developing brain-controlled gadgets

TOKYO, 24 April— Japanese officials said thought-controlled electronic devices developed with companies and research institutes could hit the market within a decade.

Tomoo Yamauchi, director of the Research and Development Division of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, said a consortium of government scientists, companies and research institutes is working to adapt advanced versions of existing brain-machine interface technology for use in televisions, cellphones and other gadgets, Britain's *The Daily Telegraph* reported Friday.

"We already have BMI machines through which an operator can make a robot carry out an action, such as moving an arm or lifting a leg," Yamauchi said. "We also have the technology for a person to think of a number and that number be recorded by the machine."

"The challenge now is to simplify the existing systems and make the equipment smaller before it can be made commercially available," he said. Yamauchi said thought-controlled electronics could be commercially available in about a decade.—*Internet*

Government officials of environmental departement are pictured visiting PT. Pertamina Geothermal Energy plant in Kamojang. Indonesia has launched an ambitious plan to tap the vast power of its volcanoes and become a world leader in geothermal energy, and in so doing slash its greenhouse gas emissions.
INTERNET

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Picasso's paintings to go on display in Cuba next month

HAVANA, 24 April—Spanish painter Pablo Picasso's artworks will go on display in Cuba in May, officials said Friday. The collection of "Portraits Imaginaires" is scheduled to be exhibited at the Arts Center of Holguin city, east of Cuba, during the May Pilgrimage from 2 to 8 May. Alexis Triana, president of the Organizing Committee of the May Pilgrimage, thanked the culture ministry Friday for offering to host the exhibit, which features the works of an artist whose legacy lives on through the new art generations. Triana said American art dealer Gilbert Brownstone recently donated the 29 works of the collection to the National Museum of Fine Arts in Havana. Brownstone, who chairs a foundation and a gallery under his name in Paris, gave four lithographs of the Spanish artist Antoni Tapies to Cuba in 2004.

In January, Brownstone donated prints and drawings by artists such as Marcel Duchamp, Andre Masson, Joan Miro, Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol to Cuba. The May Pilgrimage, originally a religious activity, has become a popular cultural event in Holguin city.—*Internet*

Passenger detained for trying to open plane's door

LOS ANGELES, 24 April—A man was taken into federal custody for allegedly interfering with flight crew members on a flight from Los Angeles to Tampa, Florida, on Friday, the FBI said.

Stanley Dwayne Sheffield, 46, sprayed the first-class cabin with a water bottle, tried to open a cabin door and threatened to blow up the aircraft during the flight, the FBI said. He was subdued by crew members and fellow passengers. The incident prompted Delta flight 2148 to change route to Albuquerque, New Mexicao, said FBI Supervisory Special Agent Darrin Jones of the Albuquerque FBI office.

The plane took off again a few hours later, and landed at 9 am local time in Tampa, Jones said. No one was hurt in the incident.—*Xinhua*

An armed man clad in body armor stands by at the security expo in Mexico City, on 22 April, The growing climate of insecurity has sadly converted Mexico into one of the main international markets for security specialists.
INTERNET

Woman shot 5 people with blowgun

PLOVER, 24 April—Police in Wisconsin said they arrested a woman who allegedly shot at least five people with blow darts because she liked hearing people say "ouch."

Stevens Point Police said Paula Wolf, 41, of Plover, was arrested at about 9:30 pm Wednesday after five people complained of being hit by blow darts shot from her car in various locations, WSAW, Wausaw, Wis, reported Friday.

Investigators said Wolf told them she fired the darts at people because she liked hearing them say "ouch."

Wolf is also accused of breaking a window at a Plover pizzeria.

She was taken to the Portage County Jail and is expected to face formal charges Friday, WSAU, Wausaw, reported.—*Internet*

Troubled by power cuts, Indians go green with solar energy

NEW DELHI, 24 April—As rising mercury began scorching India this month, frequent electricity cuts are making the situation worse.

To find a solution to the ever-present problem, Suraj Berwal, a resident of Gurgaon in India's northern Haryana state, is on a mission to explore alternate energy resources. "Electricity is not at all reliable these days. There is an acute shortage of power supple and even inverters, which provide temporary relief, are failing. I'm looking for solar energy option which can recharge my inverter and can give some relief in this heat," said Berwal, who was scouting through various stalls displaying solar energy-based products at an exhibition.

The two-day Energy Fair in Gurgaon, which was held last week, was especially held to "create awareness and disseminate information among children, community and corporate sectors about alternate energy sources and to increase the use of green energy, " said Samit Jain of Advit Foundation which organized the fair.

On display were solar water heaters, lanterns, bulbs, street lights, gate lights, cooker, lamps, mobile chargers and fans.

Puneet Ahuja, who mainly supplies his solar energy based appliances in rural areas, said the "concept is picking up" in urban areas too. "People are becoming more sensitive to climate change and they have started looking towards alternate clean energy resources," said he. Partial use of solar energy based appliances and inverter could reduce the monthly electricity bill charges, reasoned Ber-wal. "I don't know how much it will reduce my bill. But even if it does cut the charges by 20 percent, I'll be happy," said Berwal, adding that going the solar way will make him less dependent on erratic electricity supply.

Xinhua

A Cathay Pacific cargo plane waiting to be loaded on the tarmac of Hong Kong's Chek Lap Kok Airport. Air cargo carriers are charging Hong Kong exporters a premium to clear their backlog as thousands of tonnes of goods are estimated stuck at warehouses after volcanic ash closed European skies.
INTERNET

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MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1026)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (1026) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.4.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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***Participants dance during the closing ceremony of the World People's Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth at a stadium in Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 22 April, 2010.*—INTERNET**

18 dead as bus falls off cliff in Papua New Guinea

PORT MORSBY, 24 April — At least 18 Papua New Guineans are dead after a bus crash at a notorious "death trap" in the country's highlands. PNG's National newspaper reports two more men are fighting for their lives in hospital after the 15-seater bus ran off a cliff en route to Mt Hagen in Western Highlands Province on Wednesday afternoon.

Mt Hagen Hospital medical director Michael Dokup told the paper 15 people, including the driver and his crew, were killed instantly, while three other people were dead on arrival at the hospital. "Most of them died from chest and head injuries," he said.

Dr Dokup said it was the sixth accident this year on that section of the Highlands Highway at Paia Kona, claiming a total of 28 people to date.

Internet

Pre-term babies face lifetime lung trouble

WASHINGTON, 24 April— Children born extremely early — at 25 weeks or before — may risk a lifetime of lung problems, including asthma, British researchers reported on Thursday. They found that extremely pre-term babies who lived to age 11 often had abnormal lung function and were twice as likely as children born at a full 39 or 40 weeks to be diagnosed with asthma. Many of these children may not be receiving appropriate treatment," said Janet Stocks of University College London, who led the study.

Stocks and colleagues used data from a large study that tracked all babies born in Britain and Ireland at or before 25 weeks gestation between March and December 1995. The children were examined and their lung function and respiratory health checked when they were 2, 6 and 11. They were compared to children of the same age, sex and ethnic origin. More than half, or 56 percent, had abnormal spirometry results — a test of blowing into an instrument to assess lung strength, they reported in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*.—*Internet*

A main avenue is empty of private cars on A Day Without Cars seen from a bridge decorated with a statue of a pedestrian in Medellin, Colombia, on 22 April, 2010. The Day Without Cars marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.
INTERNET

Brain games don't make you smarter

LONDON, 24 April— People playing computer games to train their brains might as well be playing Super Mario, new research suggests. In a six-week study, experts found people who played online games designed to improve their cognitive skills didn't get any smarter.

Researchers recruited participants from viewers of the BBC's science show "Bang Goes the Theory." More than 8,600 people aged 18 to 60 were asked to play online brain games designed by the researchers to improve their memory, reasoning and other skills for at least 10 minutes a day, three times a week.

They were compared to more than 2,700 people who didn't play any brain games, but spent a similar amount of time surfing the Internet and answering general knowledge questions. All participants were given a sort of I.Q. test before and after the experiment.

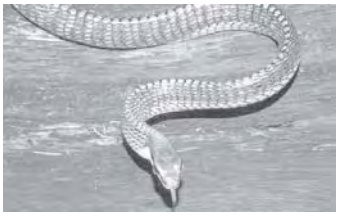
Internet

Amorous slug, orange snake among finds on Borneo

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 April — A lungless frog, a frog that flies and a slug that shoots love darts are among 123 new species found in Borneo since 2007 in a project to conserve one of the oldest rain forests in the world. A report by the global conservation group WWF on the discoveries also calls for protecting the threatened species and equatorial rain forest on Borneo, the South China Sea island that is the world's third-largest and is shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

"The challenge is to ensure that these precious landscapes are still intact for future generations," said the report released on Thursday. The search for the new species was part of the Heart of Borneo project that started in February 2007 and is backed by the WWF and the three countries that share the island. The aim is to conserve 85,000 square miles (220,000 square kilometers) of rain forest that was described by Charles Darwin as "one great luxuriant hothouse made by nature for herself."

Explorers have been visiting Borneo for centuries, but vast tracts of its interior are yet to be biologically explored, said Adam Tomasek, leader of WWF's Heart of Borneo project.—*Internet*



This undated photo released by the World Wildlife Fund shows a Dendrelaphis kopsteini, one of the new discoveries in Borneo, a snake that has a bright orange, almost flame-like, neck colouration that gradually fuses into an extraordinary iridescent and vivid blue, green and brown pattern. When threatened it flares its nape, revealing bright orange colours.
INTERNET

Graphic on new species found on a 220,000-square-kilometre tropical rainforest that borders Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei, according to conservation group WWF on Thursday.
INTERNET

Vall d'Hebron Hospital claims world's first complete face transplant

BARCELONA, 24 April — A Spanish hospital said it performed the world's first complete face transplant in March on a man who could not swallow, breath or talk normally following an accident five years ago. While 11 other face transplants have been carried out around the world previously, Barcelona's Vall d'Hebron hospital said they involved only part of the patient's face.

This operation, on a farmer who suffered a gunshot wound to the face, replaced everything except his eyeballs and tongue

During the 22-hour-long operation, the unidentified young man received new facial muscles, skin, nose, lips, jaw, teeth, palate and cheekbones, the leader of the medical team, Joan Pere Barret, said. A team of 30 experts carried out the transplant on 20 March and care was taken to ensure that the patient's new face was created in the likeness of the face he had before the accident and did not resemble that of the anonymous donor.—*Internet*

***An American team performed a near-complete face transplant on a woman in 2008, and now a Spanish team has done the lot .*—INTERNET**

Fiber/cancer linked to assessment method

LONDON, 24 April—How study participants complete food diaries and food frequency questionnaires may impact cancer study results, British researchers suggest.

Researchers at the University of Cambridge in England led by Christina Dahm and Kay-Tee Khaw used data from seven diet studies that included 579 patients who developed colorectal cancer at least one year after they began recording what they ate.

The researchers examined fiber intake of those using food diaries and the questionnaires who got colorectal cancer versus the fiber intake of 1,996 control subjects who did not develop colorectal cancer — matched for sex, age, and date of diary completion. The study, published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, found for those using food diaries the odds of developing colorectal cancer was 30 percent lower for those eating an average of 24 grams per day of dietary fiber versus those who ate an average 10 grams of fiber per day. However, the food frequency questionnaires indicated no statistically significant association between fiber intake and the risk of colorectal cancer.—*Internet*

***A man stands on the remains of an earthquake damaged home in Port-au-Prince, on Thursday, 22 April, 2010—*INTERNET**

Fish oil supplements may not aid old brain

LONDON, 24 April—British researchers said fish oil supplements may not boost cognitive function in older people.

Researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine said they found no evidence taking fish oil supplements over a two-year period helped study participants maintain cognitive health. The study, published in the American *Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, enrolled 867 participants ages 70-80 with good cognitive health who were randomly assigned to take either fish oil or a placebo. Memory and concentration at the start and end of the study were assessed using paper and pencil tests.

Participants receiving fish oil capsules had significantly higher levels of omega-3 fatty acids in their blood than those receiving placebo capsules, but cognitive function did not change in either group, the study said. However, study leader Alan Dangour suggested caution when interpreting the results. "It may be that it was not long enough for any true beneficial effects to be detected among this healthy cohort of older people," Dangour said in a statement. *Internet*

***Amazon's Kindle DX 9.7" Wireless Reading Device. Amazon posted better-than-expected first-quarter results Thursday but a cautious outlook helped send the share price of the US online retail giant lower in after-hours trading.—*XINHUA**

Rescuers give first aid to the injured at the accident site in Donglan County of Hechi City, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 22 April, 2010. A shuttle bus carrying 38 people ran off the road and rolled into a 40-meter-deep ravine in Donglan on Thursday, leaving seven people dead and 31 others injured.
XINHUA

Alcohol linked to aging, cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 24 April—Researchers in Italy say alcohol may be linked at the cellular level to aging and cancer.

Lead author Dr Andrea Baccarelli of the University of Milan in Italy and colleagues suggest alcohol may accelerate the shortening of regions of DNA found at the end of chromosomes — known as telomeres.

"All the cells in our body have a biological clock in telomeres," Baccarelli said in a statement.

Baccarelli and colleagues measured serum DNA among 59 participants who abused alcohol — 22 percent consumed four or more alcoholic drinks per day — as well as 197 participants with varying alcohol consumption habits. The two groups were similar in age, diet, exercise, stress and other factors affecting telomere length, but the heavy drinkers had telomere lengths nearly half as long as those who did not abuse alcohol. "The decrease we found in telomere length is very sharp, and we were surprised to find such a strong effect at the cellular level," Baccarelli said.

Telomere shortening is thought to increase cancer risk and the researchers speculated those with shorter telomeres due to alcohol would have an increased risk of cancer, the study said.

The findings were presented at the American Association for Cancer Research 101st annual meeting Washington.—*Internet*

Pro athletes not role models for youth

MANCHESTER, 24 April—Professional athletes are often portrayed as role models, but in reality they have little impact on young people's drinking habits, British researchers say.

Researchers at the University of Manchester and the University of Western Sydney asked more than 1,000 young people who follow sports on the professional and amateur level and those who were not sports fans to report the perceived drinking behavior of high-profile sport stars. The study participants were also asked to report their own drinking behavior using the World Health Organization's Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test.

"The perceived drinking habits of sports stars and its relationship to the drinking levels of young people has never been examined empirically, despite these sporting heroes often being touted as influential role models. For young people," lead researcher Dr. Kerry O'Brien of Manchester's School of Psychological Sciences said in a statement.—*Internet*

Two six week old white tiger cubs named Rico and Kico drink from bottles during a Press conference at the Serengeti-Park zoo in Hodenhagen, northern Germany, on 21 April, 2010. Both were born on March 8 at the park and now got their first medical examination.
XINHUA

SPORTS

Ferguson confident Gary Neville can go on

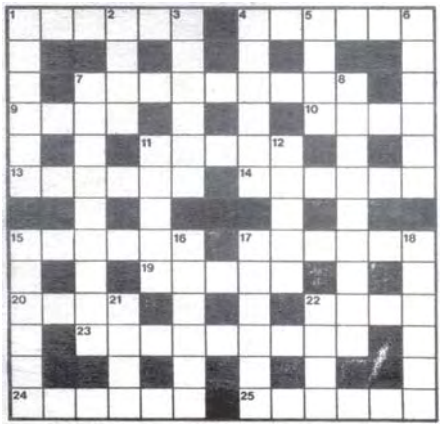
MANCHESTER, 24 April—Sir Alex Ferguson is confident Gary Neville will continue his Manchester United career into a 19th season. Neville, 35, has impressed in the last few months as United chase a fourth straight English Premier League title, which would be the 12th of the defender's career. The England international's past two campaigns have been wrecked by injury but Neville's recent performances have led to questions as to why he has not followed fellow Old Trafford stalwarts Ryan Giggs and Paul Scholes in signing on for another season.—*Internet*

Ochoa retires from golf in a wrenching farewell

MEXOCO CITY, 24 April—Her voice breaking and eyes watering, Lorena Ochoa said goodbye to golf. She made her farewell on Friday after a career in which she reigned as No. 1 for three years, won two majors and 27 tour victories and was honored for four straight years as the LPGA Tour's Player of the Year. She also was not alone in being swept up in the moment. Her father, Javier, dabbed away tears with a tissue at the retirement news conference. Her brother and manager, Alejandro, broke down in his remarks.

The 28-year-old Ochoa has never forgotten her Mexican roots, her family and her friends. That grounded sense of self was not lost on those all across golf. "We all know that Lorena's golf has spoken for itself," LPGA Tour vice president Jane Geddes said, sitting alongside Ochoa.—*Internet*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



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Van Gaal eager to keep Bayern's treble dream alive

Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal

BERLIN, 24 April—After their Champions League success in midweek, Bayern Munich coach Louis van Gaal plans to keep the treble dream alive when they return to Bundesliga action at Moenchengladbach on Saturday. Arjen Robben's 69th-minute goal gave Bayern a 1-0 win over Lyon in Wednesday's Champions League semi-final, first-leg, but the Dutchman was hauled off by van Gaal after 85 minutes to keep him fresh for 'Gladbach.

With second-placed Schalke playing bottom-side Hertha Berlin on Saturday, Bayern need to protect their two-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga with just three games left and need the three points from 'Gladbach. Bayern face Werder Bremen in the German Cup on May 15 and with his side holding an advantage from the first-leg of the Champions League semi-final, van Gaal could win the treble in his first season in charge.—*Internet*

Germany boost as Adler to resume training

Bayer Leverkusen's Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler

LEVERKUSEN, 24 April—Bayer Leverkusen's Germany goalkeeper Rene Adler looks set to go to the World Cup despite fracturing a rib, after saying on Friday that he will resume training next week. "From a medical perspective, nothing's preventing me from resuming training with my team-mates at the start of next week," said Adler.

A date for Adler's return to the first team has not been set but Leverkusen coach Jupp Heynckes believes he will play again before the end of the German season on 8 May. Adler, 25, hurt himself after colliding with an opponent during his side's 2-1 Bundesliga defeat at Stuttgart last Saturday. Germany coach Joachim Loew has already stated that Adler, who has nine international caps, will be Germany's first-choice goalkeeper at the 11 June-11 July World Cup.

Internet

Manchester United 3-1 Tottenham Hotspur

MANCHESTER, 24 April—Manchester United kept up the hunt for the title with victory over Tottenham Hotspur.

A single piece of brilliance from Nani and two Ryan Giggs penalties sent Manchester United back to the Barclays Premier League summit at Old Trafford.

When Ledley King headed Tottenham level with 20 minutes left, it seemed the Red Devils' title hopes would finally be snuffed out.

But, put through by Federico Macheda, Nani produced an incredible chipped finish to beat Heurelho Gomes before Giggs belted home his second penalty to seal the win.

Internet

Dimitar Berbatov of Manchester United is tackled by Michael Dawson of Tottenham Hotspur.

Bad weather suspends play at Zurich Classic

Lee Janzen acknowledges the gallerywd after making par on the 17th hole at the second round of the Zurich Classic.—INTERNET

AVONDALE, 24 April—Dark clouds rolled in hours before the rain started at the Zurich Classic on Friday. However, even the brisk winds before the storm did not seem to hamper those who teed off early. Lightning forced play to be halted at 12:57 pm, and heavy rain continued for hours. Play was officially called for the day at 5:21 pm.

According to the National Weather Service, 1 1/2 to 2 inches of rain had fallen by 3 pm. By the time play was halted, 47 players had finished their rounds, and three — Lee Janzen, Alex Cejka and Brian Davis — were atop the leaderboard at 7 under after two rounds. Janzen shot a bogey-free 66, to snap a string of four straight missed cuts coming into the tournament.—*Internet*

Ronaldo confident Real will beat Barca to title

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo is pictured during a training session in Madrid, on 22 April, 2010.—INTERNET

MADRID, 24 April—With five games left and Real Madrid standing one point behind leaders Barcelona, Cristiano Ronaldo is sure that he will finish his first season in Spain with a championship medal. The Portuguese forward, signed from Manchester United last summer, has been overshadowed in recent weeks by the sparkling form of Barca's Leo Messi, but he feels that it will be Real who will come out on top in the fight for the title. The outlook is certainly rosier than it was a week ago for Real following their victory over Valencia and Barca's draw against local rivals Espanyol.—*Internet*

US hopes Oudin will set early tone at FedCup tennis

BIRMINGHAM, 24 April—Melanie Oudin and Alla Kudryavtseva will lead off the Fed Cup semi-final between USA and Russia in the first match of the best-of-five tie. Bethanie Mattek-Sands will play doubles and singles and opens against world number six Elena Dementieva.

Mattek-Sands also is scheduled to team with Liezel Huber, the world's No. 1 doubles player, on Sunday. Dementieva doesn't normally play doubles but was inserted into the lineup. Both teams are without some of their countries' top players.—*Internet*

Melanie Oudin

A man polishes a 1957 Chevrolet car during a classic car exhibition in Antigua Guatemala, on 23 April, 2010.

INTERNET

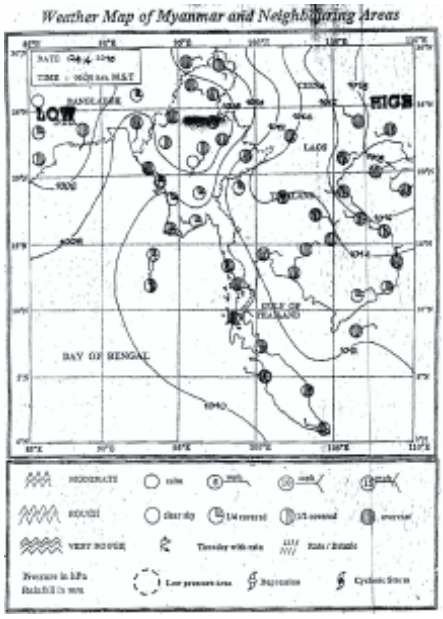
Magnitude 6.1 quake hits central Chile

SANTIAGO, 24 April— A strong magnitude- 6.1 earthquake hit central Chile Friday, and no immediate casualties or damage were reported, local media said.

The earthquake took place at 1003 GMT, and the epicenter was 65 km south of Concepcion, Chile's second largest city, the US Geological Survey said.

A series of aftershocks followed the powerful magnitude-8.8 quake that hit southern and central Chile on 27 February.

Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 24th April, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (8°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division. The significant day temperatures were Myinmu (46.5°C), Myingyan and Magway(45.0°C) each, Chauk(44.3°C), Aunglan(44.2°C), Monywa,Mandalay, NyaungU and Minbu(44.0°C) each, Pakokku and Pyi(43.7°C) each and Sagaing(43.5°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao(0.51) inch, Machanbaw(0.28) inch, Kawthong(0.23) inch and Taunggyi(0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2010 was 105°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2010 was 81°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2010 was 64%. Total sun shine hours on 23-4-2010 was (10.3) hours.

Rainfall on 24-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 23-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin State, isolated in Shan and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of slight incerase of day temperatures in Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-4-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(25-4-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local -	(09:00am~11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission-	(25-4-10 09:30 am ~ 26-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Living and Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
* News
* Documentary "Gems of Myanmar"
* Wa Tradition & An Engagement Ceremony
* The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
* News
* Songs for you
* News
* Myaing Hay Wunn Elephant Camp

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Living and Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
* News
* Documentary "Gems of Myanmar"
* Myanmar Traditional Puppet Theatre
* Myanma Eretes Sticticus
* News
* Songs for you
* Traditional Custom and Natural Beauty of Putao
* News
* Floral Lovers' Paradise (National Kandawgyi Gardens)
* News
* Current Affairs "Living and Working in Myanmar (Fishery)"
* News
* Documentary "Gems of Myanmar"
* The Enchanting Ahkha Village
* Special Projects for All-round National Development
* News
* Milestone of Contemporary Music
* News
* Myanmar Traditional Snack "Khaw Poat"
* Myanmar Movies "The Moon Born from The Sun"

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 25 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. အဂ္ဂဇယမင်္ဂလဲ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်းတေးရေး-ဂီတစာဆို မျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:50 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:00 am
7. အကယ်ဒီမီ

8:15 am
8. Musical Programme

8:30 am
8. International News

8:35 am
9. Connent With English(Eposode-42) (The Audition)

11:00 am
1. Martial Song

11:10 am
2. Musical Programme

11:20 am
3. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News

11:30 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြယ်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ မနွမ်းသောမေတ္တာ"(အပိုင်း-၂၂)

12:30 pm
5. Golf Magazine (TV)

12:55 pm
6. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင် "ချစ်သူကြင်သူမြတ်နိုးသူ" (ဝင်းဦးမြင့်မြင့်ခင်မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းဦး)

2:50 pm
7. Songs Of National Races

2:55 pm
7. International News

3:45 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL 2010 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

5:45 pm
2. Musical Programme

6:00 pm
3. Evening News

6:15 pm
4. Weather Report

6:20 pm
5. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

6:40 pm
6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မျက်ရည်တစ်စက်မိန်းမ" (အကယ်ဒမီဆင်ဇာခြည်ကျော်၊ မိုးထက်ပိုင်၊ကောင်းမိုးယဲ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင် (MMG))

7:00 pm
7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မိတာခွင့်လွှတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm
8. News
9. International News
10. Weather Report
11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "တောကောင်ငယ်သိုင်းညီနောင်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရွယ်လွန်ချစ်အိမ်မက်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
13. ရုပ်သံကြယ်ပွင့်များ

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Minhla, a neat and tidy town in Bago Division (West)

Article: *Myint Maung Soe;* **Photos:** *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

Developing townships have emerged one after another in Bago Division (West), and Minhla Township with vast arable lands is one of them.

Minhla Township is about two miles from Yangon-Pyay Road. The township is surrounded by Kyaukdaga Township in the east, Monyo Township in the west, Letpadan Township in the south and Okpo Township in the north. Being an arable township, lush and green paddy plantations can be seen in many areas of the region.

We, the news crew of Myanma Alin Daily, made a trip to Minhla in the first week of November 2009 and observed progress of the township. We learned that the township is located on 258.31 square miles. It is constituted with eight wards and 147 villages. The local people in most of the villages are engaged in agriculture, especially cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy and green gram.

The sown acreage of monsoon paddy covers the vast area of the township. During our visit, we saw that the ploughing work had been carried out for cultivation of green gram at some areas.

(See page 9)

A neat and straight motor road seen at entrance to Minhla of Bago Division (West).

Highest temperature of Myinmu

NAY PYI TAW, 24 April—Yesterday temperature of Myinmu, 46.5 degree centigrade (115.7 degree Fahrenheit), was the highest record of the town for April during the period of 27 years. Its old record was 46.0 degree centigrade (114.8 degree Fahrenheit) on 12 April 2006.—*MNA*

The significant day temperatures

(24-4-2010)

Myinmu	46.5° C
Myingyan	45.0° C
Magway	45.0° C
Chauk	44.3° C
Aunglan	44.2° C
Monywa	44.0° C
Mandalay	44.0°C
NyaungU	44.0° C
Minbu	44.0° C
Pakokku	43.7° C
Pyay	43.7° C
Sagaing	43.5° C