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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

Construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway Road on going

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—Special Road Construction Project Group 5 and Kyaukse District Public Works cooperate in construction of the road section of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Taungdwingyi Road and building of Kyweshin Bridge.

Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Myothit-Kanbya-Magway motor road is under construction of seven private companies and the Special Road Construction Group and the District.

On his yesterday inspection tour, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looked into construction of the roads with the use of heavy machinery and left necessary instructions. He also gave instructions on construction of conduits across Htanbin Creek and Ngalaik Creek.—*MNA*

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint looks into construction of the road section.

MNA

Transport services for passengers travelling in and around Taunggyi

Article: ***Maung Maung Myint Swe;*** **Photos:** ***Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)***

Taunggyi, the capital city of Shan State (South), becomes a busy place, ever increasing its area to accommodate more and more people as downtown population density is becoming higher. Most of the places and roads are bustling with life.

During our trip, we arrived at All Bus Lines Control Committee (Taunggyi) to enquire the transport arrangements made for ensuring the convenience for the local people of Taunggyi and its surrounding regions.

Buses and private cars seen at stands near Taunggyi Myoma Bus Terminal.

Chairman of the Committee U Sein Thaung explained, "Our committee is carrying out the tasks under the supervisions of Shan State Peace and Development Council and authorities concerned. The committee is trying hard for convenience of the passengers and improvement of the living standard of bus workers and their families."

He continued to say, "A total of 21 bus lines are plying in Taunggyi. Over 400 buses are transporting about 150,000 passengers daily."

We learned that bus terminals are located at Taunggyi Myoma Market and nearby areas. Myoma Market is designated as the hub of city bus services for the convenience in transporting passengers and commodities.

"A total of 30 buses from No. 1 bus line are plying along Myoma Market-Pinseingon-Pantin route. No. 2 bus line runs along Myoma Market-MingalaU Ward-Chauklondan-Maw Cherry-Thittaw Bus Terminal. A total of 19 buses are transporting passengers along the above route," said U Sein Thaung.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Education: A window to national development

The government is carrying out programmes of national education promotion and human resource development. Having basic education knowledge is important so the entire human society can stand in the long run.

The Ministry of Education held the symposium on national education promotion 2010 at the University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township the other day. With advances in science and technology and electronics, we need to try to know and apply technologies in order to keep up with the times.

The government is carrying out the 30-year national education promotion plan by categorizing it into the basic and higher education sectors. Now, the second short-term five year plan has turned five year, and the time has come to implement the plan of fifth year.

In 1988, the whole nation had 32 universities and colleges in the higher education sector. But now, the number has reached 159. The basic education sector has more than 40,900 schools up from 33,000 in the past. Although there were only 79 academic programmes in the past, the number has now reached 215, including master's degree, M Research and doctoral courses.

At a time when the State is fulfilling all requirements to improve the basic education sector that is fundamental for national development, the young people are to try their best to catch up with the international community.

Opportunity for women to take basic tailoring course

YANGON, 24 April— The Working Group for Uplifting of Women's Lives under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will conduct the basic tailoring course 2/2010 at Room 005 of Building P on Setyon Road between Sabei and Aungthabye Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township beginning 10 May.

A total of 20 women will be admitted to take the course that will last two months. The course will be opened from 10 am to 2 pm daily during the weekdays.

Applications for the course may be sent to KSS Biriani Shop of No. 101 on Setyon Road in Minagla Taungnyunt Township, not later than 9 May.—*MNA*

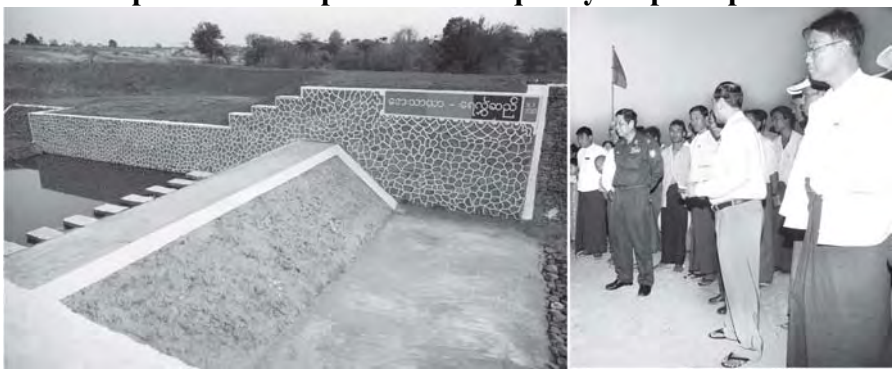
All this needs to be known

* **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
* **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
* **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

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**

More production of pest-resistant quality crops emphasized



Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Ayethaya Diversion Weir.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo called for more production of pest-resistant quality crops which are suitable for the regions on his inspection tour of Kyaukse Agricultural Research Farm in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division on 22 April.

In the evening, the minister inspected Yinntaw Lake which is under reconstruction. Upon completion, it will store 3664 acre feet of water and benefit 2400 acres of farmlands in Pyawbwe Township.

Next, the minister explained works being carried out for availability of irrigation water in meeting with local farmers in Ayethaya Diversion Weir in the township.— *MNA*

Wooden bridge put into service in Maukmai

MAUKMAI, 25 April— An opening ceremony of self-reliant bridge took place in Ywathit Village of Maukmai Township on 28 February morning.

Major Zaw Win from the local station, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thet Swe and Chairman of Village PDC U Bawga opened the bridge.

Also present at the ceremony were departmental officials and local people.

The newly opened wooden bridge is 200 feet long, 12 feet wide and 24 feet high.—*District/IPRD*

Major Zaw Win of local station and responsible persons formally open the self-reliant bridge in Ywathit village in Maukmai Township.

DISTRICT IPRD

People's Utility & Service Exhibition -2010 on 7-9 May

YANGON, 25 April— Logic Myanmar (Ideas & solution) has made an arrangement to hold People's Utility & Service Exhibition -2010 at Tatmadaw Convention Center on Uwisara road here from 7 to 9 May.

At the exhibition, crown Electronic materials of Royal Asia Co., Ltd, lady's shoes of Chili Shoes, Asahim Hitachi electronic materials, product of victory and Skyward International Ltd, medicine of Thukha Dana Co., Ltd, Korea Gensin medicine of Kpc, product of IBTC, Global Peanut oil, Rooki brands shirts, Wadi footwear, Shwe oil, DVDB bank services, Fair Deal cosmetic, Rich Coffee mix, Alpine drinking water and soft drinks, Instant milk of Sein Wut Hmone, Bio Plus purified water, Mikko coffee mix, Life Line medicine, Game product of Ko Be No, Rannai Gas stove, Rain flower fine product of Myanmar Thiha, products of Fortune, Pinya manufacture and Mega Distribution Group, Concordial Copiers, Acer and MSI Laptops, network service of Red Linc and Bravo coffee mix will be on show.

The exhibition will also include product show and entertainment programme of Super Star Model Agency. Over 150 booths will be put on display. For more information, dial 09-5067340 and 09-5181791.

MNA

10 killed as tornado strikes Miss

YAZOO CITY, 25 April— Tornadoes ripped through four states in the South on Saturday, leaving broken crosses in front of a flattened church, splintering houses and overturning vehicles as they killed 10 people, including three children.

One of the hardest hit areas was Mississippi's Yazoo County, where Gov. Haley Barbour grew up. He described "utter obliteration" among the picturesque hills rising abruptly from the flat Mississippi Delta.

More than 15 other counties in Mississippi also had damage. The swath of debris forced rescuers to pick up some of the injured on all-terrain vehicles the west-central part of the state. Tornadoes were also reported in Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama, and the severe weather continued to track eastward.

In Yazoo City, Malcolm Gordon, 63, stood with members of his family peering out at the neighbourhood through a broken window.

Internet

***A motorist drives past an overturned truck which was among several vehicles damaged when a tornado crossed Interstate Highway 55 south of Durant, Miss on Saturday, 24 April, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Explosion targeting NATO convoy rocks near Afghan capital

KABUL, 25 April — An explosion targeting a convoy of NATO-led troops rocked Tangi Waqjan area in Logar Province, south of Afghan capital Kabul Sunday morning and casualties were feared, an official said.A government official who insisted on anonymity, told *Xinhua* that it was a suicide bombing but failed to give more detail. Logar Province was relatively peaceful in the war-ravaged country.

Xinhua

Women run past a passenger bus stolen and used as a barricade by gunmen in Monterrey, Mexico, on 24 April, 2010. Gunmen closed three roads using stolen vehicles and passenger buses as barricades to block motorists during a shoot out with the army and police forces in an action that is linked to organised crime, according to local media reports.

INTERNET

Suicide bombing rocks S Afghanistan killing four, injuring seven

KABUL, 25 April— A suicide bombing tar-geting a convoy of a private security company Sunday in Shah Joi District in southern Afghanistan's Zabul province killed four people and injuried other seven, a governmental official said.

Mohamad Jan Rasulyar, governor of Zabul Province, told *Xinhua* through telephone that a suicide attacker detonated explosives tied on his body at a bazaar, killing one private security guard on board of one of the vehicles of the convoy, two passers-by and himself.

Seven other passers-by, all civilians, were injured in the attack, said the official.

Xinhua

Roadside bombings kill three Afghan civilians, wound two others

KABUL, 25 April — Two separate roadside bombings happened in Afghanistan left three people dead and two others injured on Friday, according to a statement issued by the Interior Ministry on Saturday.

In the first incident which took place in Dilaram District of western Farah Province on Friday, three Afghan civilians were killed as their car ran over a mine, the statement said.

Hours later, in a similar incident, a bomb blast struck a car in country's eastern Paktika Province on the same day left two employees of a construction company injured, it added.

The statement put the attacks on enemies of Afghanistan, a term used against Taleban militants but the militants have not made any comments yet.—*Xinhua*

IRGC to test new types of Iran-made missiles

TEHERAN, 25April—A senior Iranian military commander announced Saturday that the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) plans to test fire 4 new types of Iran-made coast-to-sea and sea-to-sea missiles in the next stage of the massive war games underway in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, the semi- official *Fars news agency* reported."Four types of naval missiles have been selected and will be fired tomorrow," IRGC Navy Commander Rear Admiral Morteza Saffari was quoted by *Fars* as saying.Various kinds of short-range missiles were also fired during the military maneuvers which will see its fourth stage on Sunday, according to *Fars*.The commander further pointed to Iran's recently made short- range Nasr cruise missiles as among those to be test fired during the next stage of the war games.

IRGC staged a series of war games in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, codenamed as the Great Messenger 5, to boost vigilance and combat preparedness of its naval forces.

Xinhua

Men carry a victim injured in one of a series of parked car bombs in the Shiite stronghold of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 April, 2010.

INTERNET

Three killed, 19 wounded in Baghdad blasts

BAGHDAD, 25April — Three people were killed and 19 others wounded when three roadside bombs exploded near a billiard game hall in south-western Baghdad Saturday evening, police said.The blasts in the Al-Umal district also damaged some other buildings. A new wave of violence has shattered the Iraqi capital in April. On Friday, multiple bomb attacks, mainly targeting Shiites worshipper, killed at least 52 people and injured dozens more in different areas of the city.

Xinhua

***A girl, injured during the 12 January. earthquake, walks at an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, on Saturday, 24 April, 2010.—*INTERNET**

Floods, storm hit northeast Indian state, killing 2

NEW DELHI, 25 April— At least two people drowned and 150,000 people displaced in flash floods triggered by heavy rains in the northeastern Indian state of Assam Friday night, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service* on Saturday.

A thunderstorm also swept parts of the state, damaging homes and uprooting trees, electric and telephone poles, the report quoted local officials in the state capital Guwahati as saying Saturday. Up to 250 villages in four districts of the state have been hit by the floods while two youths drowned late Friday when they went in a country boat to collect timber floating on a river, said the report.

This is the second wave of floods in Assam this year, after the first wave hit the same area last month. This also followed a deadly storm ten days ago in the neighbouring state of West Bengal which killed at least 120 and displaced tens of thousands.—*Xinhua*

A Wing-In-Ground (WIG) aircraft called "Angel Bird" flies during a trial flight in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 23 April, 2010. The aircraft, developed by Jiangsu Hengchuan Group with independent intellectual property rights, is 10.7 metres wide, 12.6 metres long and 3.5 metres high.
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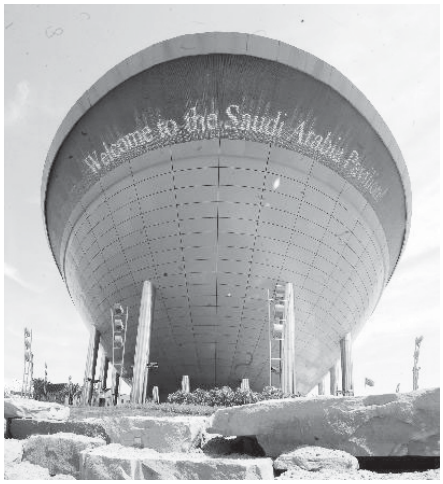


The photo shows the Saudi Arabia Pavilion in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. The Saudi Arabia Pavilion features a fine centerpiece: a huge hanging boat shaped like a half moon.
XINHUA

Yemeni Shiite rebels kidnap Two Saudis, a Yemeni in fresh breach of truce

SANAA, 25 April— Yemeni Shiite rebels have kidnapped two Saudi citizens and a Yemeni in Yemen's northern province of Amran, but released the two Saudis soon, the country's Defence Ministry reported late Friday. "A number of Houthi rebels led by Mabghout Shatbouny abducted on Thursday two Saudi citizens in Hiasha area of the district of Harf Sufian in Amran Province, north of the capital Sanaa," said the ministry on its website, citing an unidentified security official of the Interior Ministry. "The rebels held the Saudis several hours in Hiasha area before later setting them free," said the security official.

"While the Yemeni citizen, identified as Hammam Daris, is still held by the rebels in an unknown area of Harf Sufian District," he added. The Defence Ministry considered the kidnap as another confirmed breach by the Shiite Houthi rebels to the cease-fire truce that was struck on 11 February.

Xinhua

Brazil celebrates World Tai Chi Day

BRASILIA, 25 April— Brazil's capital celebrated Saturday the World Tai Chi and Qigong Day for the 80th time, counting on the presence of the date's founders, Bill Douglas and his wife Angela Wong Douglas.

"We have known the Brazilians for several years, because they send photos, videos and news coverage of their events. But this is the first time we have met all face to face and it is being a very beautiful experience," said Bill in an interview to *Xinhua* during the event. The 80th year of Tai Chi Day celebration in Brasilia presented very different scenery to the first event, when only about 30 people attended the activities at the Square of Universal Harmony. This time, organizers estimate that about a thousand people have participated in the party. China-born Moo Shong Woo, known to his pupils and admirers as Master Woo, has introduced Tai Chi practice in Brasilia 36 years ago.

Xinhua

Two Germans abducted in Nigeria freed

ABIA, 25 April—The police in oil rich Nigeria's Abia State has confirmed the release of the two German nationals abducted by gunmen operating in the region. State police spokesperson Ali Okechukwu confirmed this to *Xinhua* on Saturday night. The two, both male, were kidnapped on Sunday as they were heading to their vehicle at the beach at Imo River of the state. Okechukwu said the police was not directly involved in the rescue and he was not sure any ransom was paid. Meanwhile, a German Embassy official in Abuja also confirmed the release but she did not provide more details. The Niger Delta is an unstable area where inter-ethnic clashes are commonplace. Access to oil revenue is the main trigger for the violence. Over 300 foreigners have been seized in the Niger Delta since 2006. Almost all have been released unharmed after paying a ransom.—*Xinhua*

Dancers perform during the launching ceremony of Geely Gleagle 1G during the media preview at the Beiijng Auto Show on 23 April, 2010. In total, nearly 2100 companies from 16 countries and regions will exhibit during 2010 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition.
XINHUA

Three dead in New Zealand military helicopter crash

WELLINGTON, 25 April—Three people were dead and one was seriously injured after a fatal crash of an Iroquois military helicopter north of Wellington on Sunday morning.

Police and ambulance services said they were called to the scene on farmland near the Paekakariki Hill Rd, about 40 km north east of Wellington about 6:45 am local time (1845 GMT Saturday). The helicopter was going to Wellington for a dawn service in the capital on Anzac Day.

An ambulance spokeswoman said three people died in the crash and a fourth person had serious injuries and was being transported by ambulance to Wellington Hospital. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Xinhua

Police officers carry an injured colleague after a shoot-out in Ciudad Juarez on 23 April, 2010. According to local media, at least six police officers and one civilian were killed when two police cars were ambushed by hitmen.— **XINHUA**

All Items from Xinhua News Agency

Greece presses "help" button, markets still wary

ATHENS, 25 April— Debt-stricken Greece appealed to its European partners and the IMF for emergency loans on Friday, yielding to overwhelming market pressure to start the first financial rescue of a member of the euro zone.

Prime Minister George Papandreou asked to tap the 45 billion euro ($60.5 billion) package after investors feared a default and pushed borrowing costs to record levels, undermining Athens' efforts to cut its 300 billion euro debt pile.

"It is a national and imperative need to officially ask our partners in the EU for the activation of the support mechanism we jointly created," Papandreou said in a statement broadcast live from the remote, tiny Aegean island of Kastellorizo.

"The time that was not granted to us by the markets will be given to us by the support of the euro zone."

European markets rallied on the announcement but fell back as investors said the long-awaited bailout, which could be the largest multilateral rescue of a country ever tried, would bring only short-term relief. There were concerns it could force harsher austerity on Greece, deepening its recession, and that it would set a precedent for other euro zone underperformers.

Greek riot police fired teargas on Friday at leftist protesters marching through central Athens against austerity measures, police said.

Internet

***View of a South Pars gas refinery near the Iranian port of Assalouyeh. The South Pars development contains 8% of the world's gas reserves. The refinery was built by the French group Total.—*INTERNET**

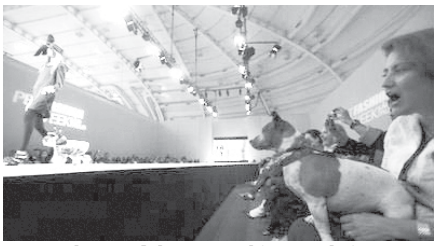
Toyota agrees to Brazil Corolla recall

SAO PAULO, 25 April— Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) has agreed to recall a yet-undetermined number of vehicles sold in Brazil since 2008 due to floor mat problems, the latest in a string of safety problems the Japanese automaker faces globally, local newspapers reported on Saturday.

Toyota executives agreed to replace the floor mats of its Corolla model after a meeting with government regulators and consumer protection agencies, Folha de S Paulo reported.

In 2009, more than 54,500 Corollas were sold in Brazil, O Globo newspaper said on Saturday.

The move comes after the Brazilian state of Minas Gerais ordered dealerships on Thursday to suspend sales of the Corolla, citing consumer complaints of accidents. Toyota, the world's largest automaker, said it will abide by the state's decision but denied any wrongdoing.—*Internet*



***People attend the Pet Fashion Week, in Sao Paulo, on 24 April , 2010.—*INTERNET**

Austria signs on to Russian gas pipeline

VIENNA, 25 April— Russia and Austria signed a deal on Saturday that will expand Moscow's position of strength in supplying Europe with natural gas by allowing it to expand a planned pipeline further into the EU.

Ahead of the signing ceremony, Russian President Vladimir Putin praised his country's planned South Stream pipeline, in comments dismissive of a competing EU-endorsed pipeline meant to reduce energy dependence on Russia.

The agreement signed by government and energy officials of the two countries allows Russia to lead South Stream into Austria.—*Internet*

An actor dressed up a cartoon image performs during a parade celebrating the National Sovereignty and Children's Day that falls on 23 April, in Ankara, capital of Turkey, on 24 April, 2010.— XINHUA

JAL seen posting loss of $1.7 billion

TOKYO, 25 April — Debt-ridden Japan Airlines (JAL) is forecast to have posted a group operating loss of about 160 billion yen ($1.7 billion) for the financial year that ended in March, Japan's *Sankei* newspaper reported on Sunday.

JAL and two subsidiaries filed in January for bankruptcy protection with a combined $25 billion in debt — on of the largest corporate failures in Japanese history.

JAL's results will be the worst since it had tied up with Japan Airlines System in 2002 as revenue dropped sharply due to a rapid slowdown in the Japanese economy, the newspaper reported without citing any sources.

The airline's subsidiary, Japan Airlines International, appears to have secured a small profit in March, *Sankei* reported. But JAL continues to face difficulties in its business in April as volcanic eruptions in Iceland forced flight cancellations, the newspaper added.

Internet

Japan warns debt, fund flows may hurt global growth

WASHINGTON, 25 April—Countries must not be complacent about the state of the global economy, despite brighter signs of recovery, Japanese Finance Minister Naoto Kan on Saturday warned his counterparts at the International Monetary Fund.

Huge public debt in developed countries and surging capital inflows to emerging economies could disrupt growth, Kan said.

The remarks came after finance leaders from the Group of 20 rich and emerging countries said on Friday that while they had secured a better-than-expected global economic recovery, they were wary of overconfidence as Greece's debt crisis put the focus on worsening public finances.

"Although the global economy is showing some signs of recovery, there still seems to be risks that could disrupt the world economy and financial markets," according to the text of Kan's speech to the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee. "Thus, we should remain cautious about future prospects."

Kan said Japan's economy now seems to have a better chance of overcoming difficulties, but he added that the situation remains tough as shown in its persistently high jobless rate.

Internet

***Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg delivers the opening keynote address at the f8 Developer Conference in San Francisco, California. Facebook users may be targets of blackmail after changes that erode personal security protections on the world's most popular social network website, Canada's privacy czar warned Saturday.—*INTERNET**

Egypt restricts underground smuggling along Gaza borders

GAZA, 25 April — Egyptian security measures along Gaza borders have led to a shrink in smuggling via underground tunnels, a *Palestinian daily* reported on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Palestinian security sources told *Xinhua* that the Egyptian forces had blown up a smuggling tunnel that ending into the Egyptian part of Rafah city in southern Gaza Strip.Blowing up the tunnel was a part of the ongoing Egyptian efforts to fight smuggling which flourished in 2008 and 2009 as a result of an Israeli blockade impo-sed on Gaza when Hamas took power there in June 2007.

The sources said that the Palestinian workers in the tunnel received warnings and fled before the tunnel explosion and nobody was hurt.Last week, four tunnels had been discovered and the Egyptian forces sealed off their shafts on its territories and put marks in preparation for destroying them, the sources said.—*Xinhua*

Chinese culture popular in Greek book fair

THESSALONIKI, 25 April—The seventh Thessaloniki Book Fair is drawing to an end, yet the enthusiasm of Greek readers to the Chinese culture and learning the Chinese language remains high.

Greek people have been provided this year with an opportunity to take a good look at China, the Guest of Honor of the event this year, through the books, paintings and music displayed at the fair.

Some Chinese publisher presented their multi-media language learning material and devices, which favor the Greek readers' efforts to learn Chinese. For those who have never learned how to speak Chinese, the Chinese exhibiters presented them with a special pen which can pronounce a Chinese character when it is pointed at, so that they can follow the pron-unciation.Dina, a Greek sociologist who is very interested in the Chinese culture, has been to China twice.

She bought a set of books with CDs and the pen, saying culture is always linked with the language.

Xinhua

A burning NATO tanker is extinguished in Peshawar in March 2010. Gunmen in Pakistan destroyed four tankers transporting fuel to NATO troops in neighbouring Afghanistan and killed three police officials in an exchange of fire on Saturday, police said.—INTERNET

Four policemen killed, 12 NATO oil tankers destroyed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 April— Four policemen were killed and 12 oil tankers of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces were set on fire in Pakistan's Punjab province on Saturday.

Unknown militants attacked the NATO's tankers near the city of Chakwal in Punjab Province, police sources said.

Police officer Aslam Tarenn confi-rmed the death of the policemen in the attack. He said that the attackers had come by Land Cruiser.

Nearby petrol station also caught fire due to the attack on the oil tankers.

Xinhua

Ambush on security official kills 4 people in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 25 April — Four people were killed and 10 others wounded in an ambush against the motorcade of a Mexican security official in the western state of Michoacan on Saturday.

Minerva Bautista, public safety secretary of the state, was wounded in the ambush. She was taken to hospital and was in stable condition.

Blockading the road with a trailer truck, a group of about two dozen assailants attacked the motorcade with assault rifles and grenades, said State Attorney General Jesus Montejan.

Xinhua

13-pound, 15-ounce baby born in Britain

A British mother said she and her partner were shocked when their newborn son came out weighing 13 pounds and 15 ounces.

Sharon Needham, 35, of Bessacarr, England, said she and baby Harry's father, Paul Crossland, 51, were stunned to see the size of their baby, which Doncaster Royal Infirmary employees said is the heaviest newborn at the hospital since they began keeping computer records in 1994, the *Doncaster Free Press* reported on Friday.

The parents said they had to buy the child clothing designed for 3- to 6-month-old babies.

Two girls wearing high-heel shoes take part in a special running competition in the Lubo Garden in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 April, 2010. A funny high-heel-shoe competition was held here on Saturday.

Baboon caught red-handed stealing from car

At a tourist spot in South Africa, a baboon walked straight off to a car, opened the door, and grabbed the purse in the back seat, *The Daily Mail* reported on 22 April.

The baboon has a nickname "Fred".

Victim of the crime is 71-year-old British woman Hazel Murray, who was on vacation with her brother George Cox and his wife Jacqueline.

Luckily for them, Fred flung the purse aside after having found nothing to eat in it.

Having been used to the company of human beings, the clever baboon has figured out how to open doors of cars and ransack them for food.

Fred took the handbag of Hazel Murray and looked around. Murray and her brother were standing right next to the car.

Sebastian Mejia of Colombia performs during the free-style motocross exhibition as part of the Colombian Two Wheels Fair in Medellin on 24 April, 2010.

Indian pupils walk on fire, glass to boost confidence

A private school in the western Indian state of Gujarat made pupils walk over burning coals and broken glass in a test designed to boost their confidence.

Officials at the Riverdale school in the city of Surat on Wednesday described the challenges set at a summer camp as "important exercises that will make a child strong and determined".

"We asked the students to walk with naked feet on fire and on broken glass pieces as it teaches them to deal with their fear and find new ways to overcome it," Kalpesh Patel, a school administrator, told *AFP.*

Patel said 80 children aged nine to 14 walked on the hot coals, while 110 students walked over glass pieces. He said no one suffered any injuries.

Television footage of the event was picked up by Indian news channels.

Humpback whales (C) rise out of the water off the coast near Sydney in 2008. Experts from the Australian Antarctic Division have found that whale excrement — much of which is derived from the huge mammals' consumption of krill — effectively places a plant-friendly fertilizer into ocean waters.

News Album

China says quake relief will shift to rebuilding

BEIJING, 25 April — A senior government official said earthquake relief efforts in a Tibetan region will shift from searching for possible survivors to reconstruction and the resettlement of those who lost homes after the temblor flattened tens of thousands of houses, state media reported Sunday.

Saturday was the final day that rescuers would search the quake zone for survivors still buried under rubble, *Xinhua News Agency* said, and Vice Premier Hui Liangyu said work would now focus on building temporary shelters, treating people who were hurt and reconstructing the quake-hit area.

On Saturday, the Chinese government also promised to repair monasteries that were damaged, days after monks assisting in relief work were told to leave the disaster area.

The death toll from the massive quake that flattened houses rose by 11 to more than 2,200, state media said.

Internet

Residents gather to commemorate the more than 2,000 victims killed by the recent Qinghai quake, at a square in Xining in China's Qinghai Province 21 April, 2010.—INTERNET

Singaporean property developer Eric Cheng (2nd R) checks on lobsters as workers pull the net at his floating farm in Singapore. His new venture is one of 106 licensed coastal fish farms in the city-state, which last December launched a Food Fund of five million Singapore dollars (3.6 million US) to support entrepreneurs willing to venture into farming.—INTERNET

Australia's small business owners to suffer for interest rate hike

CANBERRA, 25 April—Australia's small business owners are bracing for more pain, with the next official interest rate rise expected to lead to higher costs for business lending, *Australian Associated Press (AAP)* reported on Sunday.

"The important point to bear in mind is that when they make the next move they will take lending interest rates, not only to average for home loans, but a little bit above for business lending," Nomura Australia economist Stephen Roberts told *AAP* after the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) board minutes released last week.

While the minutes have justified the central bank's decision to lift the cash rate by a quarter of a percentage point, Roberts said tightening monetary policy would push rates "hard up on the average" for the past 15 years.

"Home loans will be on average and small business loans will be well above average because of what's happened there for small business overdrafts," Roberts said.

In March the average small business unsecured overdraft rate was 9.8 percent compared to 6.9 percent for the average standard variable home loan rate, RBA estimates showed.—*Internet*

Ethiopia explosion kills at least five

MAKELLE, 25 April—An explosion at a cafe in Ethiopia's northern region of Tigray killed five people Saturday and wounded 20 others, officials said, blaming the attack on neighbouring Eritrea.

"This is an attack by the Eritrean government to deliberately disrupt the upcoming elections," said Micheal Abraha, Tigray's administrator.

Ethiopia is scheduled to hold national elections on 23 May.

The explosion on a market day in the town of Adi-Daero came only a day after two Eritrean rebel groups said they had killed 11 government soldiers in coordinated attacks on military camps in southern Eritrea.

The two Horn of Africa neighbors have had long running hostilities and tensions simmer along their common border due to a dispute over the frontier.

Relations have been at an impasse since they fought a 1998-2000 war in which at least 70,000 people were killed.

Tigray's regional president, Tsegay Berhe, said Eritrean agents sneaked into the country and were responsible for the attack.—*Internet*

Alvaro Queiros of the Spain hits his tee shot during an exhibition match, part of the Montecristo golf tournament, at Varadero beach in Matanzas, around 135 km (84 miles) from Havana 24 April, 2010.—INTERNET

An Indonesian man prepares a traditional giant puppet called 'ondel-ondel' during a festival marking the National Education Day in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 25 April, 2010.—INTERNET

FAA to require Boeing 737 inspections

CHICAGO, 25 April—A new federal directive will require Boeing Co to conduct speedy inspections to prevent potentially dangerous vibrations affecting certain flight-control surfaces on the tails of some of its 737 models, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Saturday. The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to issue a new safety directive as early as Monday that requires inspections of the mechanisms that control part of the elevators on about 125 of Boeing's aircraft, the report said.

The inspections of the elevators, which help control a plane's pitch, must be completed in the next six to 30 days, depending on the age of the aircraft, the Journal said.—*Internet*

Several injured as UAE flight falls into airpocket over western India

NEW DELHI, 25 April—Several passengers suffered injuries after a United Arab Emirates' flight Sunday hit an airpocket and fell to 2,500 feet over the western Indian state of Goa, civil aviation sources said.

However, the southern Indian city of Kochi-bound Emirates flight, carrying some 400 passengers from Dubai, landed safely at Kochi Airport, the sources said.

"Some 70 passengers were injured and one has been admitted to a local hospital after the flight landed in Kochi. The flight hit an air pocket and fell from 20,000 feet to 2,500 feet while its decent above the airspace of Goa. The flight has landed safely and has been taken to the taxing bay after passengers were evacuated. Blood stains have been found on the flight," the sources said.—*Internet*

Cash donated for X-ray machine of YGH

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint accepts cash donated by a well-wisher for purchase of X-ray machine.
MNA

YANGON, 24 April —Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint heard a report on preventive measures against DHF and diarrhea and sanitation tasks today at the office of Tamway Township General Administration Department.

After giving necessary instructions, the commander inspected the treating of mosquito nets with insecticide, health educative talks programmes, sanitation tasks and measures for proper drainage. Next, he inspected preparations for 2010 academic year at No.1 Basic Education Primary School and left necessary instructions.

The commander then attended a ceremony to donate cash for an X-ray machine necessary for Yangon General Hospital. It was also attended by Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Wellwishers have been donating cash for the X-ray machine and so far, K540608000, US$101000 and FEC 5000 have been received.—*MNA*

Myanmar timber delegation leaves for Thailand

YANGON, 25 April — A delegation of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association left here for Bangkok, Thailand, today to participate in the preliminary meeting for holding 8th ASEAN Skills Competition.

The delegation comprises members of the central executive committee of the association U Moe Thaw and U Win Ko, and emeritus principal U Kaung Yin. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Joint Secretary of the MTEA U Aung Naing Oo and officials concerned.

MNA

A delegation of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Thailand.—MNA

Transport services for passengers travelling…

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Bus lines No. 3, 4 and 5 are in the same group. No. 3 bus line runs from Myoma Market to Sao San Htun Market. No. 4 bus line plies from Myoma Market to Kayinma Yayhtwet, while No. 5 bus line drives along Myoma Market-Tekkatho-Hsawhsi Village daily. No. 5 bus line is giving transport service to the passengers along Myoma Market-Taunggyi Station and Kangyi route and Maw Cherry-Ganaingyay west circular road. Hilux buses are running along Taunggyi-University of Computer Studies for the convenience of the university students.

U Sein Thaung, Chairman of All Bus Line Control Committee (Taunggyi).

"Altogether 15 buses of No. 6 line are transporting passengers from Myoma Market and Tat Market and 13 buses along Maw Cherry-Thittaw Bus Terminal daily. No. 7 bus line is transporting passengers between Taunggyi and Naungkar Village. And, 18 buses run along Taunggyi-Taungni Village daily," explained U Sein Thaung.

The buses of No. 9 line drive along the circular road in Taunggyi No. 10 bus line plies from Taunggyi to Ayethaya Industrial Zone while the route for No. 11 line is designated for the Shwenyaung and Taunggyi.

The routes for bus lines are the Taunggyi-Pyinphyit for No. 12 bus line, the Taunggyi-Ayethaya Industrial Zone for No. 13 bus line and Dyna buses of No. 14 bus line, the Taunggyi-Namhsi-Naunglay for No. 15 bus line, the Taunggyi-Hamhsi for No 16 bus line and the Taunggyi-Kyauktalon for No 17 bus line. No. 18 bus line is for the chartered transport service. At present, a total of 520 buses are in operation.

No. 19 bus line is plying the route of Taunggyi-Phetkon-Linlay, No. 20 bus line on the Taunggyi-Sale Village, and No 21 bus line on the Taunggyi-Kyauktan.

The disciplines are issued that each bus must wait for the passengers for their convenience. Responsible persons of the committee are giving educative talks to the bus workers.

While in Taunggyi, we witnessed that the buses are serving the transport services for enabling passengers including tourists to visit Taunggyi and its surrounding regions conveniently.

Buses of No. 1 bus line are ready for plying Taunggyi Myoma-Pinseingon-Pantin Route.

"No. 1 bus line transports a large number of passengers." U Hla Htay

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Myanma Alin:
24-4-2010

The Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason

Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)

The Buddha's day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason falls on 27th April 2010.

We all Buddhists across the world always take great awareness and worthy of the Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason because over 2550 years ago, our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha was born on the day of the Full Moon of the month of Kason, upon which He attained the Enlightenment at the age of thirty-five and also upon which He attained Parinibbana (passed away) at the age of eighty.

In commemoration of these three significant and holy events associated with the precious life of the Buddha, the Buddhist peoples celebrate the Buddha's Day, the Full Moon of the month of Kason.

The month of Kason mostly falls on one of the days of the last week of the month of April or on one of the days of the first or the second week of the month of May every year according to calendar.

All Buddhists throughout the world also know that the most important of the Buddhist festivals is Vesakha or Vesakha festival. Vesakha is the name of an Indian month, the month of May. We all Buddhist communities all over the world heartily comprehend that our Ominiscient Gotama Buddha attained the Enlightenment under the sacred Bodhi Tree at Buddhagaya in India early in the morning on the Full Moon Day of Kason (vesakha), unaided and unguided by any supernatural agency but solely relying on this own efforts, the consciousness of true insight possessed Him. Having attained the Enlightenment or Buddhahood, the supreme state of perfection, He devoted the remainder of His precious life to serving humanity.

The Sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree)

All the Buddhist peoples know that the sacred Bodhi Tree (Bo Tree) is a sacred tree having comprehensive and significant associations with our unrivalled Omniscient Buddha. The Buddha-to-be, Prince Siddhattha fully attained the Enlightenment or the Buddhahood under the shade of the Bodhi Tree, which is said to have been "born" simultaneously with Him.

Thus the sacred Bodhi Tree is a sanctified image of worship as a worthy Paribhoga cetiya or shrine in Buddhist countries. Therefore, Buddhist peoples across the world pay respect to the sacred Bodhi Tree that has sacred associations with the unrivalled Ominiscient Buddha.

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Auspicious Celebration of the Buddha's day or Vesakha Festival

It is learnt that all Buddhist peoples in Buddhist countries throughout the world respectfully celebrate the Buddha's Day or Vesakha Festival in accordance with their culture and traditions every year. The generous Buddhist people in the Union of Myanmar pay respectful visit to pagodas, shrines and monasteries in the evening of the Buddha's Day, Full Moon of the month of Kason to pour clean water on the sacred Bodhi Trees existed there.

Linpan Dam in Kanbalu Township for local…

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We saw cultivation of cold season groundnut in some areas. The 108 feet long conduits of the dam is of reinforced concrete type. It is three feet diametre conduit and the flow of water is 50 cubic feet per sec through the conduit. The 40 feet wide spillway is of broad crest type RC and its flow of water is 2050 cubic feet per sec.

The dam started to store water on 29 October 2008. Despite gaining 41 inches of rainfalls yearly, the region is still a dry one in summer. North Wettoe and Mezaligon villages can use the irrigation water from Linpan Dam built with K 4950 million contributions of the government.

The Staff Officer continued to explain that Theinyin Dam is under construction for supplying water for the local people and irrigating 6000 acres of farmlands. Linpan Dam will supply water to 2000 acres of farmlands. Two dams with about 1.5 miles distance will benefit their surrounding regions.

Linpan Dam was built for greening the region, irrigating 2000 acres of farmlands, supplying drinking water for public consumption, contributing to thriving of monsoon and summer paddy and other crops plantations and improving the economic, social, education, health and transport sectors of the region. That is why the local people are to help maintain the dam and its feeder canals for their durability and for long-term use of irrigation facilities.

Photo shows spillway of Linpan Dam.

Water flows along main canal of Linpan Dam to farmlands.

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Topalov takes lead against world chess champ Anand

Bulgarian challenger Veselin Topalov plays against the current world chess champion Indian Viswanathan Anand of India during their first game at FIDE World Chess Championship at Sofia's Military Club.

INTERNET

SOFIA, 25 April—Bulgarian challenger Veselin Topalov took a 1-0 lead Saturday against defending champion Viswanathan Anand of India on the first day of their duel for the world chess title to run until 13 May.

Topalov, who played white in the first game, defeated Anand on the 30th move.

The Indian grandmaster, who became World Champion in 2007, had already once successfully held onto the title in 2008. He was ranked fourth on the March 2010 ratings list by the FIDE international chess federation.

The 35-year-old Topalov, who is currently ranked number two by FIDE, won the right to challenge Anand by beating Gata Kamsky of the United States in the semi-final in February 2009.

Topalov and Anand will play the second of the 12 planned games to decide the future world champion on Sunday, when Anand will take his turn playing white.

Under the rules, Topalov will play white in the first, third and fifth games, when Anand will play black. Colours will be reversed after game six.

The first player to score 6.5 points or more in the 12 games shall be the new world champion. If the scores are level after 12 games, the two will play four tie-break games of rapid chess, where each player has a total of 25 minutes to make his moves.—*Internet*

Visitors take picture of models showing body painting at the scenic zone of Yangzigou in Luoyang City, central China's Henan Province, on 24 April, 2010. Many visitors came to appreciate the harmonious integration of natural scenery and the art of colorful human body.

XINHUA

Yemeni soldier killed in southern anti-unity stronghold

SANAA, 25 April—A Yemeni military soldier was killed in the restive southern province of Lahj, where separatist sentiments are deeply rife, local news website almotamar.net reported.

The ruling party's website said outlawed armed separatists shot the soldier dead, who belonged to the 35th Armored Brigade Camp.

"They fired 30 bullets into the body of the soldier while he was on the way to return to his camp," said the report, citing unidentified provincial official. Meanwhile, the report said that security forces arrested a most wanted man in al-Habilain city of Lahj Province, one of the leaders of a brutal criminal group in the Province.

"The man, identified as Bassam Abdullah al-Said, was captured while he was hiding in a hotel in al-Habilain," said a security official.

"The group includes al-Qaeda's member Samiee Daiyan and other killers," said the official, adding that "al-Said and his group were accused of killing several citizens and government troops, as well as committing acts of terrorism."—*Xinhua*

A strong earthquake hits Indonesia

JAKARTA, 25 April—A strong earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale struck Indonesia's North Maluku Province on Saturday, according the country's Meteorological and Geophysics agency.

The quake struck at a depth of 30 km and 155 km southeast of the town of Labuha at 14:41 pm local time (0741 GMT), according to the agency.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, and no tsunami alert was issued.—*Xinhua*

Three dead as sandstorms blanket northwest China

BEIJING, 25 April—Violent sandstorms engulfed northwest China on Sunday, leaving three people dead and one missing, as visibility dropped to near zero.

The region was swept by a blast of cold weather, stirring up clouds of dust and sand in weather expected to continue through to Monday, the state meteorological administration reported.

Two women wearing face masks walk along a street in Beijing in March.

INTERNET

On Saturday the violent storms in Xinjiang's Turpan region left three people dead and one missing, *Xinhua* news agency reported.

Black clouds of sand and dust blanketed much of Gansu province also on Saturday leaving visibility in parts of the province at between zero and two metres (yards), the Gansu weather bureau said.

Sandstorms are an annual occurrence in arid northern China in the spring, when temperatures start to rise, stirring up clouds of dust that can travel across China to South Korea and Japan, and even as far as the United States.

Scientists blame the storms on a combination of deforestation, prolonged drought, overgrazing of livestock and a resulting increase in desertification throughout northern China.

Internet

In this picture taken on 21 April, an Indian doorman stands outside the main entrance to The Oberoi Hotel in Mumbai. One of three luxury hotles in Mumbai attacked by militants nearly 18 months ago Saturday welcomed back guests for the first time with a low-key reopening and promises of a "completely fresh beginning".

XINHUA

Japan firms to standardize mobile software

TOKYO, 25 April—Four major Japanese electronics companies will standardize their core software platform for next-generation cellphones aimed at reducing costs and raising competitiveness, the *Nikkei business daily* reported on Sunday.

The firms — Sharp, Panasonic, Fujitsu and NEC — will apply the software system, used to drive animations and music, in the next-generation cellphones developed by NTT DoCoMo, the newspaper said without citing any sources.

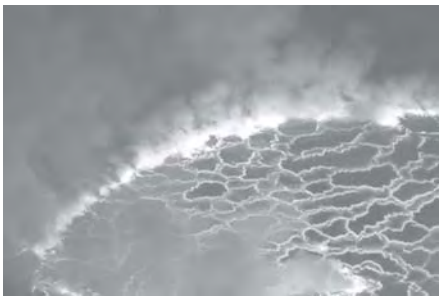
The unified software will be loaded in NTT DoCoMo's next-generation model set to be launched during the financial year ending in March 2012, *Nikkei* said.

Electronics makers currently have their own software platforms but the move to unify all systems will lead to 50 percent reductions in development costs of next-generation phones, it said. *The Nikkei* said the development usually takes one to two years and would cost about 20 billion to 30 billion yen ($213 million-$319 million) per model, the newspaper said.

The four companies would aim to retain domestic market share while aiming to expand overseas shares. Their domestic shipments have accounted for nearly 70 percent of overall shipments of 34 million units in the financial year that ended March, it said.

Their global market share however accounts for only 2 percent, lagging far behind industry heavyweights like Nokia and Samsung Electronics, the newspaper said.—*Internet*

Congo volcano symbolizes death, rebirth



In this 31 March, 2010 photo, magma churns and gushes in the lava lake of Mount Nyiragongo, one of Africa's most active volcanos, outside Goma, Congo.—INTERNET

MOUNT NYIRAGONGO, 25 April—I was startled to see it perched at the lip of the volcano's rocky summit: a small cross marking the spot where one visitor tragically slipped from the crater's edge and plummeted to her death.

Below, the mesmerizing lava lake that drew her here several years ago — an awe-inspiring vision of hell — still gushes bright orange fountains of magma like a bleeding wound in the earth.

Looming ominously over the eastern Congo city of Goma, Mount Nyiragongo is the ultimate symbol of death in a town it has repeatedly overrun.

But for all the danger, it's also a symbol of rebirth and resilience, not just for residents who've defiantly built homes atop its hardened volcanic flows, but for a nation still struggling to emerge from years of conflict. In March, the volcano itself became one milestone on that long path: with help from the military, park rangers cleared Rwandan militias from its slopes and reopened the summit for the first time in a year and a half.

Authorities are hoping volcano tourism will provide vital new revenue, and help project a positive new image for a region renowned for violence. Last month, 69 visitors — mainly Goma-based foreign aid workers — paid $200 each to climb the summit, according to park spokeswoman Samantha Newport.

Blessed with stunning natural diversity, Virunga National Park became the first wildlife park in Africa when it was established in 1925. It boasts a second active volcano called Nyamuragira, a third of the world's last mountain gorillas, hippos at Lake Edward, elephant herds trundling across golden meadows, even glacial mountain peaks.—*Internet*

Revolutionary Hubble space telescope turns 20

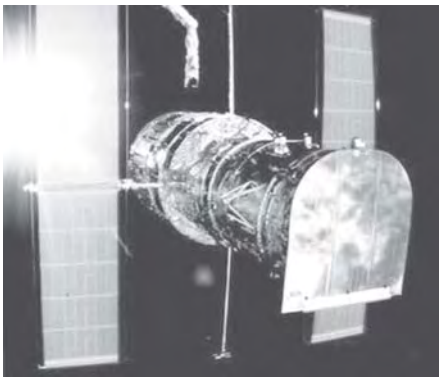
WASHINGTON, 25 April—Astronomers around the world this weekend mark the 20th anniversary of the launching of the iconic Hubble, NASA's first orbiting space telescope that has revolutionized human understanding of the universe. More than any other instrument, the Hubble has stimulated a modern-day infatuation with deep space, beaming to Earth the most spectacular images ever taken of faraway galaxies and the births and deaths of stars — and along the way helping scientists make some of the most important discoveries of our time.

Hubble was launched aboard space shuttle Discovery on 24 April, 1990 and deployed into orbit the following day.

Piloting the shuttle on that historic mission was astronaut Charles Bolden, who went on to become the US space agency's administrator last year.

In the two decades since, Hubble has enabled astronomers to peer through the celestial curtain to set the age of the universe at 13.7 billion years old.

"Hubble is undoubtedly one of the most recognized and successful scientific projects in history," said Ed Weiler, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate.—*Internet*



File photo of the Hubble Space Telescope as it was deployed from the Space Shuttle Discovery in April 1993. Astronomers around the world this weekend mark the 20th anniversary of the launching of the iconic Hubble, NASA's first orbiting space telescope that has revolutionized human understanding of the universe.—INTERNET

Med students get hands dirty growing food

BUFFALO, 25April — University at Buffalo medical school students are planting a vegetable garden to improve their own diets and learn more about nutrition for their patients.Second-year medical students Jennifer Chang and Dan Donovan have organized a group that calls itself Sprouts, to plant a one-quarter-acre garden on campus.

The medical school students said they were determined to motivate their colleagues to change their fast-food eating habits after confronting what an unhealthy lifestyle can do to patients.

"During our hospital rounds we saw so much chronic disease—diabetes, heart disease, obesity—all lifestyle diseases that are preventable with a healthy, nutritious diet," Chang said in a statement. "Then we looked around at the medical school students, and realized that many of us opt for cheap processed foods that are full of fats and sugars, contrary to what we are taught to tell patients about the importance of daily fruit and vegetable intake." Chang and Donovan discussed the garden with other medical students, organized a group, raised money and tested the concept by selling baskets of apples in the back of classrooms.—*Internet*

Angie Rhoads, left, and her friend Ron Coghlan, pull a mud spattered awning past the entrance to the Bus Stop Barber Shop which they hoped to nail to the blown out window in an effort to discourage looters and area wildlife, on 24 April, 2010 in Yazoo City, Miss. The barbershop shares the same building where Rhoads has a beauty shop. Both were heavily damaged by a tornado which ripped through the central Mississippi community.—INTERNET

Deadly airborne fungi may be on the move

DURHAM, 25 April — A strain of an airborne fungus that has caused several deaths in Oregon appears to be moving toward California, researchers said.

Edmond Byrnes III, a graduate student at the Duke University Medical Center, said the mortality rate for Cryptococcus gattii fungi in the Pacific Northwest is approximately 25 percent out of 21 cases analyzed.

"This novel fungus is worrisome because it appears to be a threat to otherwise healthy people," Byrnes said in a statement. "Typically, we see this fungal disease associated with transplant recipients and HIV-infected patients, but that is not what we are seeing."

Byrnes and co-authors who work in the laboratory of senior author Dr. Joseph Heitman said most of the people affected have a more complicated clinical course than people infected with the more common Cryptococcus neoformans.

The researchers said the symptoms can appear two to several months after exposure to the fungus and may include a cough, sharp chest pain, shortness of breath, headache, fever, nighttime sweats and weight loss.

C. gattii can be treated, but it cannot be prevented and there is no vaccine, Byrnes said.

Internet

Scientist says Arctic getting colder

Moscow, 25 April — A Russian scientist says the Arctic may be getting colder, not warmer, which would hamper the international race to discover new mineral fields.

An Arctic cold snap that began in 1998 could last for years, freezing the northern marine passage and making it impassable without icebreaking ships, said leg Pokrovsky of the Voeikov Main Geophysical Observatory.

"I think the development of the shelf will face large problems," Pokrovsky said Thursday at a seminar on research in the Polar regions.

Scientists who believe the climate is warming may have been misled by data from US meteorological stations located in urban areas, where dense microclimates creates higher temperatures, *RIA Novosti* quoted Pokrovsky as saying."Politicians who placed their bets on global warming may lose the pot," Pokrovsky said.—*Internet*

The Los Angeles-class submarine USS Annapolis is seen on the surface of the Arctic Ocean after breaking through three feet of ice during a training exercise on 21 March, 2009.—INTERNET

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Alaska dog honoured for leading troopers to fire

ANCHORAGE, 25 April — Buddy the German shepherd was hailed on Friday as a hero for guiding Alaska State Troopers through winding back roads to a fire at his owners' workshop.

"Buddy is an untrained dog who for some reason recognized the severity of the situation and acted valiantly in getting help for his family," Col Audie Holloway, head of the troopers, said on Friday at a ceremony for the 5-year-old dog, who stood quietly before an adoring crowd.

Internet

INVITATION TO TENDER
(TENDER NO. 1 (T)MPE/LBO (1) 2010-2011)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of 1,668.65±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
2. Tender Closing Date : 11-5-2010 at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Opening Date : 11-5-2010 at (13:00) hrs.
4. Delivery Time : 1st week of July 2010
5. Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing 26-4-2010 on payment of the Myanmar Kyat One Hundred Thousand (Kyat 100,000) per set.
6. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languges) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French (Translation and Interpretation), German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencement date of course	:17-5-2010
Commencement date for submission of applications	: 11-5-2010
Closing date for applications	: 14-5-2010 (For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)
Application to be submitted to	:Yangon Univesity of Foreign Languages
Days on which classes held	: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time	: 5:20-7:00p.m.
Document required	:Matriculation Certificate (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)
Enquiry	:Student's Affairs Section YUFL Phone : 514371 (Ext-202)

Man accused of wearing unearned medals

STAMFORD, 25 April — A Connecticut man is accused under a controversial federal law of wearing military uniforms and ranks he did not earn, officials say. Damian Pace, 22, was arrested for violating the Stolen Valor Act, which prohibits unauthorized wearing of uniforms, rank insignia and badges, *The Stamford Advocate* reported on Friday.

The misdemeanor offense carries a maximum 6-month prison sentence and a $5,000 fine, the newspaper said. An investigation leading to Pace's arrest started in April 2009 when a photo of him wearing combat fatigues and Army Ranger markings appeared on the Internet.

Pace was discharged from Army medic training in 2007 for "motivational reasons," the Advocate said.

Critics of the Stolen Valor Act say it is too broad and may violate First Amendment rights.—*Internet*

Rolling pooch : Tillman, the world's fastest skateboarding canine, gets in some practice as he runs in Central Park before competing at New York's 'Bark in the Park.'
INTERNET

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for supply of the following in Myanmar Kyat;

Sr No	Tender No	Description	Qty
1.	14(T)1/MR(S&T) 2010-2011	Under Ground Signaling Cable and Under Ground Power Cable	1 Lot (3 Items)
2.	14(T)2/MR(S&T) 2010-2011	Under Ground Signaling Cable and Under Ground Communication Cable	1 Lot (8 Items)

Closing Date/Time - 26.5.2010 (Wednesday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 26.4.2010 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-294352, 291985, 291994.

Yangon University of Foreign Languages Invitation for Application of MA (EFL) Course

1. The First Year academic programme leading to the MA (English as a Foreign Language) degree for the 2010-2011 academic year will be opened in June 2010.
2. Those who wishes to attend the course should
   (a) be Myanmar citizens
   (b) fulfil the requirements for admission to the First Year academic programme leading to the MA (EFL) degree.
3. Applications should be submitted by 18 May 2010 at the latest. Enquiries on admission may be made during office hours at Student Affairs Department, Yangon University of Foreign Languages.

Ph: 514371, Ext 202.

The "Nook" digital reader is displayed at a launching in 2009 in New York City. US bookstore giant Barnes & Noble added Web surfing and games to its electronic reader on Friday as rivals move to break the momentum of Apple's freshly launched iPad tablet computer.
INTERNET

Former US nurse charged with aiding suicides via web

MINNESOTA, 25 April — A former US nurse has been charged with two counts of aiding suicides on the internet, US officials say. William Melchert-Dinkel, 47, is accused of encouraging the suicides of Mark Drybrough from Coventry, UK in 2005 and Canada's Nadia Kajouji in 2008. Mr Melchert-Dinkel from Minnesota allegedly posed as a female nurse, instructing people in suicide chatrooms how to take their lives. He reportedly admitted helping five or fewer people kill themselves.—*Internet*

Hands-free car steered with eyes

BERLIN, 25 April — Scientists have unveiled a car that can be steered with the driver's eyes. Raul Rojas, an artificial intelligence researcher at Berlin's Free University, said the technology tracks a driver's eye movement and, in turn, steers the car in whatever direction they are looking.

The technology-packed prototype was revealed at an abandoned airport in the German capital. The Dodge Caravan criss-crossed the tarmac at Tempelhof Airport, its driver using his line of sight to control the car.The car's steering wheel turned as if guided by ghostly hands.—*Internet*

***Scientist David Latotzky sits in a car, turning the steering wheel with his eye movements.—*INTERNET**

Photo taken in the Gulf of Mexico more than 50 miles southeast of Venice on Louisiana's tip, a boat with an oil boom tries to contain oil spilled from the explosion and collapse of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig.
INTERNET

Oil leaking from well at blast site

NEW ORLEANS, 25 April—The Coast Guard discovered on Saturday that oil is leaking from the damaged well that fed a massive rig that exploded this week off Louisiana's coast, while bad weather halted efforts to clean up the mess that threatens the area's fragile marine ecosystem.

For days, the Coast Guard has said no oil appeared to be escaping from the well head on the ocean floor. Rear Adm. Mary Landry said the leak was a new discovery but could have begun when the rig sank on Thursday, two days after the initial explosion. "We thought what we were dealing with as of yesterday was a surface residual (oil) from the mobile offshore drilling unit," Landry said. "In addition to that is oil emanating from the well. It is a big change from yesterday ... This is a very serious spill, absolutely."

Internet

Cuba reports 93 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HAVANA, 25 April— A total of 93 people were newly infected with A/H1N1 flu in Cuba last week, the fifth consecutive week with increasing cases of the strain, the Public Health Ministry said Saturday.

Otto Pelaez, head of the transmissible diseases department of the ministry, said "the increasing cases of respiratory diseases associated with the pandemic virus are widely circulating throughout the country."

Currently, the total infected cases reached 13,274 in Cuba. The newly infected cases were confirmed by the National Virus Laboratory of the Tropical Medicine Institute Pedro Kouri. The increasing cases and the nationwide vaccination campaign happened simultaneously.

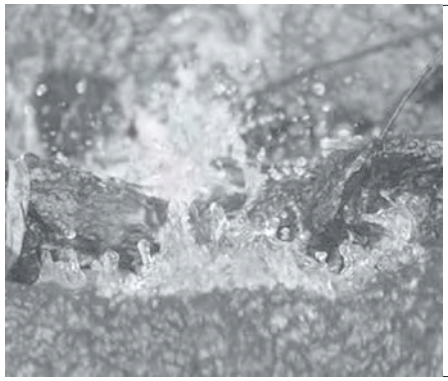
MNA/Xinhua

Plans percolate to revive some SF native creeks

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 April— Riffling through old maps while researching a history project for San Francisco public schools, landscape architect Bonnie Sherk made a discovery: a century ago a creek coursed where two school campuses stand today. "There was Islais Creek, running where Balboa High School is now," said Sherk. "All of a sudden it made sense: the school's cafeteria had been flooding and the basements of homes in this neighborhood flood during heavy rains because they're in this large watershed."

Two wells have been drilled on the school campuses since Sherk's discovery a decade ago, tapping the hidden creek's water to irrigate community gardens, parks and street vegetation, while hopefully reducing the threat of floods.

Now, as part of an estimated $4 billion sewer upgrade, Islais Creek and other streams that last saw daylight more than a century ago could flow openly once again through neighborhoods of one of the country's most densely built cities.—*Internet*



In this 21 April, 2010 photo, Islais Creek just before it is diverted underground near Glen Park in San Francisco. San Francisco is studying the best sites for unearthing these historic creeks, and officials say the first phase of projects would likely start in five to 10 years.
INTERNET

S Africa hosts developing countries on climate talk

JOHANNESBURG, 25 April—As the world struggles to break a deadlock in climate change negotiations, South Africa and three other influential developing nations are gathering for a strategy session to ensure poor countries are heard.

Brazil, South Africa, India and China began to coalesce as a bloc at UN climate talks in December in Copenhagen. The group, known as BASIC, plans a high-level meeting on Sunday and Monday in Cape Town.

The size of their economies means India and China can't be ignored, and South Africa and Brazil are good partners because of the standing they enjoy in their respective regions.

"BASIC is an important group," said Sunita Narain of the Centre for Science and Environment, an independent Indian think tank. "But only if it is willing to be the voice of the voiceless."

Copenhagen ended with an agreement forged by the BASIC countries, the EU and the US calling for reducing emissions to keep temperatures from rising more than 2 C (3.6 F) above pre-industrial levels. The nonbinding agreement also calls on rich nations to spend billions to help poor nations develop clean energy and deal with drought and other impacts of climate change.

Internet

Visitors take photo in the African Union Pavilion in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 24 April, 2010. The African Union Pavilion, which will be shared by 42 African countries and the African Union, covers an area of 26,000 square metres.
XINHUA

A street child learns to surf at Durban's North Beach in February 2010. A community group called Umthombo is coaching street kids in surfing and other sports to keep them off the street while providing counselling to find more lasting solutions to their problems.
INTERNET

Russia swaps Siberian tigers for Iran's Persian leopards

TEHERAN, 25 April— Russia has delivered two wild Siberian tigers to Iran in a swap deal in which Moscow has procured two Persian leopards, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Saturday.

The swap on Friday was agreed earlier this year during a visit of Russian Natural Resources Minister Yury Trutneve to Teheran. By procuring the Siberian tigers, Teheran hopes to re-introduce the species some 50 years after its extinction in the country. "In order to re-introduce the species, two Siberian tigers were brought from Russia, including a pregnant tigress expected to deliver a cub in two months," said Mohammad Javad Mohammadizadeh, head of Iran's environmental body. He said the two animals will remain under observation in Teheran's Eram Zoo for nearly a month, and then be taken to a habitat in the northern Mazandaran Province.

Internet

One of two Siberian tigers delivered by Russia is pictured in Teheran's Eram Zoo.
INTERNET

SPORTS

Soderling threatens Spanish reign in Barcelona

BARCELONA, 25 April—Sweden's Robin Soderling defeated Dutchman Thiemo de Bakker 6-1, 6-4 on Saturday to reach the Barcelona Open final where he will aim to smash a long-standing Spanish stranglehold at the claycourt event.Second seed Soderling, the 2009 Roland Garros finalist, will be the first from his country to bid for the title at the Real club since Magnus Larsson a decade and a half ago.

Robin Soderling of Sweden returns a ball to Dutch Thiemo de Bakker during their semi-final match in Barcelona.
INTERNET

He will aim to become the first Swedish winner at the tournament since Kent Carlsson 22 years ago when he tackles Spanish fifth seed Fernando Verdasco in Sunday's title match. Verdasco, last week's runner-up to Rafael Nadal at Monte Carlo, denied compatriot David Ferrer a third straight final here with a 6-7 (3/7), 7-5, 6-1 comeback win in his semi-final.

Internet

Arab world deserves World Cup, says Blatter

DOHA, 25 April—FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Saturday that Qatar could well become the first World Cup hosts from the Arab world.

In Doha to attend a domestic club cup final, Blatter said he was impressed by Qatar's rapid rise as a major sporting destination in the region and the fact that the gas-rich country has dramatically improved its infrastructure in the past few years.

"The Arab world deserves the World Cup and Qatar has a good chance to become the first country from the region to host it," Blatter told a news conference.

Internet

FIFA president Sepp Blatter

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Norwich have had an extraordinary run and deservedly clinched the League One title.—INTERNET

Norwich secure League One title

LONDON, 25 April—Norwich secured the League One title but were made to work hard for the win by a resilient display from Gillingham. After a goalless first half, Darel Russell opened the scoring in the 74th minute when he curled a shot over keeper Alan Julian from 25 yards.

Although the ball was hooked clear by a defender, the referee awarded the goal as it had clearly crossed the line. And Michael Nelson netted his second goal in two games in the 82nd minute when he headed in Simon Lappin's cross.—*Internet*

Bean and Lu take lead 1-stroke at Legends

SAVANNAH, 25 April—When regular partner Jerry Pate was unable to play, Andy Bean turned to Lu Chien-soon. Turned out to be a good move. Bean and Lu teamed to shoot a better-ball 12-under 60 in a steady, light rain Saturday for a 125 total and a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf."We have one more round to play, but I'm sure I'll be getting a phone call from Jerry," Bean said with a laugh.

Is it possible Pate will have to find a new partner next year?"I think I got a pretty good one right now," Bean said.

"Yes."Bean and Lu played the final 10 holes in 10-under par to pull ahead of the teams of Blaine McCallister and Bob Tway (63) and first-round co-leaders Nick Price and Mark O'Meara (64).—*Internet*

Rodionova and Stosur give Australia commanding lead

KHARKIV, 25 April—Australia's Samantha Stosur gave her team a commanding 2-0 lead in their Fed Cup World Group play-off match with hosts Ukraine beating Maria Koryttseva in straight sets here on Saturday.

The 26-year-old Stosur, who is 10th in the world, won 6-3, 6-0 her first ever head-to-head meeting with Koryttseva in one hour eight minutes.

Koryttseva looked confident from the start breaking her rival's serve twice for a comfortable 3-0 advantage. But Stosur picked up steam and took six games in a row for a one-set advantage after 35 minutes on court. In the second Stosur underlined her dominance over Koryttseva, who is 103rd in the WTA rankings, producing three more breaks to take the set at love to increase her team's lead. Earlier on Saturday, Anastasia Rodionova,

Australian tennis player Samantha Stosur

who gained Australian citizenship in December, performed a dramatic comeback battling from a set down to beat Ukraine's Alona Bondarenko 0-6, 6-3, 7-5 to lift her side 1-0 up.—*Internet*

Mikkel Kessler snatches WBC title from Carl Froch

LONDON, 25 April — Britain's Carl Froch lost his WBC super-middleweight title on Saturday, outpointed by Denmark's Mikkel Kessler after a brutal encounter in Herning. Froch, 32, lacked urgency from the outset, allowing Kessler to come forward and dictate with his jab. Kessler was cut over the left eye in the ninth, but he soon regained his composure and Froch did not do enough down the stretch to sway the judges.

Froch was undefeated in 26 fights before his loss to Kessler.— INTERNET

The fight was scored 117-111, 115-113, 116-112, all in Kessler's favour."I feel terrible that I lost my title, absolutely gutted," said Froch. "I don't want to make a mockery of anything but I feel if it was at home in my town, the decision would have gone the other way." "I took some big punches off a big puncher and I've got to give Kessler the credit he deserves. He stayed in there and is a strong, proud warrior." —*Internet*

Drop looms for Hull after defeat

LONDON, 25 April—Hull are all but relegated after a home defeat by Sunderland in which Jimmy Bullard missed a first-half penalty. Darren Bent turned in a header from Kenwyne Jones at the far post to give the visitors an early lead.Bullard's penalty struck the outside of the post before Hull's Jozy Altidore and Sunderland's Alan Hutton were dismissed for a touchline spat.

Hull failed to muster a clear opening in the second half and West Ham's win over Wigan leaves them facing the drop.If the Tigers win both their remaining games, they could still match West Ham's current points total of 36 - but their vastly inferior goal difference means they are effectively down.—*Internet*

Jimmy Bullard had scored all four of his previous penalties for Hull.
INTERNET

Bohn leads weather-plagued Zurich Classic

AVONDALE, 25 April—Jason Bohn had a three-stroke lead Saturday when third-round play in the weather-plagued Zurich Classic was suspended because of darkness. Bohn, celebrating his 37th birthday, shot a 5-under 67 in the completion of the second round and was even par through six holes in the third.

"What I'm most excited about how I'm just really focused and I'm very patient at what I'm trying to do," Bohn said after completing the second round.

Jason Bohn

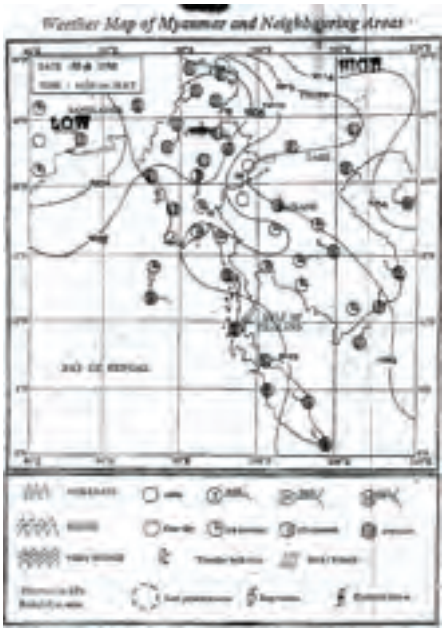
Greg Chalmers and Alex Cejka were tied for second at 9 under. Chalmers played seven holes in the third round, and Cejka completed six. "I'm a little bit tired today," Cejka said.

Internet

*A Proton-M rocket carrying an AMC-4R telecommunications satellite blasts off from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.—*XINHUA

Al-Qaeda statement confirms death of 2 top figures

CAIRO, 25 April—An al-Qaeda front group in Iraq has declared in a statement posted on the internet that its two top figures have been killed.The statement on sunday provided the first confirmation from the terror network of the Iraqi and US governments' claim on 19 April that the two men were killed in a joint operation while hiding at a safehouse near the city of Tikrit, north of Baghdad.—*Internet*



MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(26-4-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (26-4-10 09:30 am ~ 27-4-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" (Longyi)
* News
* Documentary "Shrinking Footprint"
* Disaster & Development (III)
* Music Gallery
* Trip of Myanmar(Trip to Mingun)
* News
* Pho Thingyan(Myanma Classical Song) "Chaw Kalayar"

Oversea Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" (Longyi)
* News
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* Music Gallery
* Trip of Myanmar(Trip to Mingun)
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* Current Affairs "Surprising Myanmar" (Longyi)
* News
* Shrinking Footprint
* Let's save our turtles
* News
* Amazing Hotel in Myanmar(Sedona Hotel)
* News
* New Year Flag-Mast Festival Dance(Kayah State)
* Myanmar Movies "Story of a Flower"

Myanmar TV

Monday, 26 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. အောင်တော်မူ(စောမင်းနောင်၊ ဗိုင်းညိုမင်းတေးရေး-ပိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am
5. မမွေးဖွားတေးအစီအစဉ်

8:00 am
6. သတ္တသတ္တာဟစ်နေတော်မူခန်း (ဣန္ဒာဆွေရေးဖွဲ့,ပူဇော်၍ ဖြူသီ သီဆိုပူဇော်သည်)

8:10 am
7. Cute Little Dancers

8:20 am
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်(ရထနာပုံ FC အသင်းနှင့်ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက် FCအသင်း)

5:00 pm
2. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(သချိာအထူးပြု) (ဒဿနိကဗေဒ)

5:20 pm
3. Songs For Uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm
4. Dance Variety

5:45 pm
5. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:00 pm
6. Evening News

6:15 pm
7. Weather Report

6:20 pm
8. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm
9. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တို့အတူရှိစဉ်တုန်းက" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

8:00 pm
10. News
11. International News
12. Weather Report
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနုနု" (အပိုင်း-၉)
14. "သုခမရင်ပြင်"

WEATHER

Sunday, 25th 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, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44.3°C), Minbu (44.2°C), Mandalay (43.5°C), Myingyan and Magway (43.0°C) each . The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (1.03) inches Machanbaw and Myitkyina (0.78)inch each, Putao, Toungoo and Myeik (0.47) inch each, Mogok (0.39) inch, Pinlaung (0.24) inch and Bhamo(0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2010 was 104°F. Minimum temperature on 24-4-2010 was 80°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-4-2010 was 61%. Total sun shine hours on 25-4-2010 was (10.7) hours.

Rainfall on 25-4-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 24-4-2010.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26th April 2010: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions,isolated in Northern Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Partly Cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2010: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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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

Linpan Dam in Kanbalu Township for local consumption and agricultural purpose

Article & Photos: *Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)*

With the aim of ensuring the growth of State economy, Linpan dam was built in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Division.

It is an earthen embankment for irrigating 2,000 acres of paddy and other crops on the left bank of Linpan Creek and preventing damage of feeder canal of Kindat. Linpan Dam Project is located about three miles from Mezaligon Village of Kanbalu Township.

We, the news crew, together with Assistant Staff Officer U Aung Myint Moe of Construction Group-4 of Irrigation Department left Mahananda Lake of Shwebo for Linpan Dam along the left canal of Kindat Dam.

On arrival at the dam, Staff Officer U Win Htaik explained facts about the dam in detail. He said that construction of the dam started in 2006-2007. It was a 40 feet high and 9800 feet long earthen embankment damming Linpan Creek. The facility has 16 square miles of catchment area. The water inflow of the dam is 8,000 acre feet annually. The dam can store 10,180 acre feet of water at the highest level and 1,850 acre feet of still water. The water surface of the dam is 1,056 acres.

The irrigation facility has one 5.21 miles long main canal and 9.92 miles long tributary canal. There are 73 structures located along the canal. The dam can supply water to 2,000 acres and started to irrigate 338 acres in 2009 rainy season. Irrigation water has been supplied to 500 acres of summer paddy since 25 January 2010. The tributary canal of the main canal will supply water to 2,000 acres of monsoon paddy, he said.

(See page 9)

Water control tower seen at Linpan Dam.

The significant day temperatures

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