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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing host reception and dinner to mark 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing greet military attaches of foreign embassies and their wives at a reception and dinner to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2011. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March – Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted a reception and dinner to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2011 at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Zeyathiri Beikman at 7 pm.

Next, the Senior General and wife, together with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief

of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of SPDC Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of SPDC U Tin Aye, General Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, greeted Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military

officers of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, military attaches of foreign embassies and their wives and special guests at the reception.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing hosted dinner to the guests to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

Also present at the reception and dinner were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief

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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Minimize loss and wastage of crops

Paddy is grown more than any other crop in Myanmar. It is grown two times a year: in the rainy season and in summer. Other crops are cultivated before and after monsoon paddy season as multiple-cropping exercise.

Farmers have to take preparedness measures against untimely rains that may cause damage to crop output. Now, fields are under cultivation for summer paddy and other crops such as black gram, green gram, butter bean, cow pea and chick pea.

In times of climate changes, crop plantations are likely to be infested with pests. So, it is needed to take preventive measures against possible infection of pests.

Crops and beans and pulses are going to be in season, and so, liquid fertilizers, pesticides and fungus killers should not be used if unnecessary.

Untimely rains are looming on the horizon due to climate changes. Accordingly, harvests should be all sent to warehouses as soon as possible and are to be stored systematically. In harvesting crops, combine-harvesters should be used widely. If harvested paddy catches rain, it must be exposed to the sun as soon as the rain stops. It is advisable to dry harvested crops in the sun and in the air before storage in warehouses to reduce its moisture to normal level to prevent post-harvest pests.

In order to minimize unnecessary loss and wastage of crops, farmers are urged to contact with the Myanmar Agriculture Service for technical assistance and help.

Chigo on lower Kyimyindine Road

YANGON, 27 March— MCG Co Ltd (Chigo Air-con Family) moved its Head Office, Showroom and Service Center to 202/A on Lower Kyimyindine Road in Ahlon Township here this morning.

Secretary of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board U Maung Maung Latt, Chairman of Ahlon Township Peace and Development Council U Win Myint and Managing Director of the company U Kyaw Swa Myint formally opened the buildings.

MCG Co Ltd is the sole agent of Chigo Air-con for Myanmar. It will soon import and distribute new models of Air-cons.

Interested persons may contact the company at 202/A, Lower Kyimyindine Road, Ahlon Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-705060, 216244, 227034, 09-8622232, Fax-01-227034).

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Learning opportunity of higher education within the reach of local youths

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—The Special Refresher Course No. 15 for Faculty Members of University and Colleges conclude at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Zeebingyi of PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Region yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun delivered an address, saying that the government is building the Union of Myanmar with the collaborative efforts of faculty members and people to have progress in political, economic and social sectors.

As a result, capability of the people helps improve the political, economic and social sectors of the State and contributes to emergence of sound foundations.

Education, health and transport infrastructures have been built across the Union through concerted efforts of intellectuals and intelligentsia for development of the national economy.

With the aim of turning out human resources to build a modern and developed future nation, arts and science university, technological university and university of computer studies were opened in each development region to be able to produce highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia, so the learning opportunity of higher education is within the reach of local youths.

In the education sector, it is necessary to make strenuous efforts for advancement of modern science and technology to be on a par with international community and emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia. Moreover, plans are to be adopted to turn out a large number of well-versed experts in science and technology sector.

Faculty members are to actively discharge national duties in the education sector by providing higher education to the new generation youths in their assigned regions. They are to equip the new generation youths with nationalistic spirit to preserve cultural heritage, accepting the concept that it is good opportunities to conduct the research works in various regions of the Union and observe the traditions and culture of national races.



CSSTB Member U Nyi Tun awards an outstanding trainee. —MNA

In the higher education sector, only when academic and research works are conducted meeting international standards, will plenty of natural resources be utilized for the national interest through own methods. As such, the nation will have the capability to encounter challenges of the 21st Century by catching up the advancement of new technology in the international community.

In conclusion, the CSSTB member urged the faculty members to do research mechanical and technological research in their respective regions to be able to serve the national interest.

Afterwards, the CSSTB member awarded the outstanding trainees and presented completion certificates to trainees through trainee leaders.

The four-week course was attended by 533 trainees from Region and States in the upper Myanmar.

MNA



A ceremony to move MCG Co Ltd (Chigo Air-Con Family) Showroom and Service Center in progress. —MNA

Drought raising risk of more western US wildfires

CHICAGO, 27 March—Severe drought conditions across eastern Colorado and the western half of Kansas and Oklahoma are worsening the outlook for more wild fires in the region, climatologists said.

"When you have the kind of dry pattern we had over the winter, that's when we really get concerned," said Mary Knapp, state climatologist for Kansas. "Unfortunately, the outlook is for drought to persist in the west and expand eastward."

The southern Plains, an area rich for farming wheat, corn and cattle, has had below-normal rain and snow since last summer with much of the area now suffering from severe to extreme drought, creating a tinderbox in many areas.

"Fire potential continues across eastern New Mexico, west Texas and eastern Colorado due to high wind speeds," the National Interagency Fire Centre said on Friday.

The Centre reported 21 active large fires in 11 states the past week, affecting 80,292 acres, with 13 new fires started.—Reuters



In this picture taken from a helicopter, rescue workers search for ten persons hit by an avalanche near Bourg-St-Pierre, southern Switzerland, on 26 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Four killed in avalanche; one missing

GENEVA, 27 March—An avalanche buried a group of French skiers in southern Switzerland Sunday, killing four people and leaving one missing, Swiss police said.

The death toll climbed from three after one person died at a local hospital, the Swiss news agency SDA quoted police as saying. Five others were injured.

The search for the missing victim was called off for the night due to dangerous conditions, police said.

The incident happened on the 12,200-foot (3,730-meter) Mont Velan in the Pennine Alps near the Swiss-Italian border.

All members of the group of 11 on a back-country ski trip were French, nine equipped with snowshoes and two with cross-country skis.

Local police spokesman Jean-Marie Bornet said earlier that at least three of the dead were buried by the avalanche.—Internet



A displaced Iraqi boy drinks water from a tap at a camp in Najaf. Fifty percent of water resources are wasted in Iraq, where six million people have no access to clean water, the United Nations has said. INTERNET

Drought hits 47 Provinces of Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 March—The Thai authority has declared 354 districts of 47 provinces across the country's 77 Provinces as drought disaster zones, an official said. Of the total, 17 provinces are in the northern region, 15 in the Northeast, 5 in the Central Plains, 7 in the East and 3 in the South, the director-general of the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, Wibul Sanguanpong said

on Saturday. The department on Thursday declared 333 districts of 45 provinces as drought disaster zones. Wibul said despite drought in the upper part of the country, the continuing heavy rain that hit several Provinces in the southern region since March 23 had caused flash floods in nine Districts of Nakhon Si Thammarat and another eight Districts of Phatthalung.—Xinhua



The scene of devastation following a suicide attacker who rammed his truck packed with explosives into the Kanaan army barracks in Diyala Province recently killing at least 11 troops and wounding 14, a security official said. Diyala Province, a former Al-Qaeda stronghold, remains one of the most violent in Iraq because of strong ethnic and religious differences.—INTERNET

Alaska Airlines cancels flights after outage

DALLAS, 27 March—Alaska Airlines and its Horizon Air affiliate canceled 152 flights Saturday because of a computer outage, affecting at least 12,000 customers, officials said.

The presidents of both

airlines said in a joint video on YouTube that the system used for flight planning failed, causing the cancellations.

"A transformer blew and that took down the central computer system for both Alaska and

Horizon" that's used to prepare flight plans, Alaska President Brad Tilden said during the two-minute statement released late in the afternoon.

Company spokesman Paul McElroy said late Saturday night that a total of 152 flight were canceled, representing about 18 percent of the airlines' combined schedule. He said at least 12,000 customers were affected.

Other flights were delayed, and customers had trouble getting flight-status updates on the airlines' website because of the outage, McElroy said. Both Tilden and Horizon President Glen Johnson apologized for the disruption. Johnson said stranded passengers would be rebooked on later planes or put on other airlines. The company said will not be charged a flight-change fee.—Internet



In this 17 Jan, 2009 file photo, an Alaska Airlines plane comes in for a landing as another taxis for takeoff at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle. Alaska Airlines and its Horizon Air affiliate are canceling dozens of flights because their computer system failed. INTERNET

Five people killed in bomb attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 March—Five people were killed and four others were wounded in separate bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's eastern province of Diyala on Saturday, the police said. A roadside bomb struck a car carrying three people from one family in Abu Ghraib area, just west of Baghdad, destroying the car and killing the three aboard, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. In Baghdad, professor Zaid Abdul-Munim Ali, was killed when a sticky bomb attached to his car detonated near al-Nusour Square in western the capital, an anonymous source from the Interior Ministry told Xinhua.—Xinhua

Taleban claim to have kidnapped 50 Afghan police

KABUL, 27 March—The Taleban say they have kidnapped 50 Afghan policemen in the northeast of the country.

Taleban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said Sunday that the policemen, who were from Nuristan Province, had just finished their training to join the Afghan National Police.

He says in an emailed statement to reporters that the Taleban ambushed the men Saturday afternoon after being tipped off that they would be travelling in Kunar Province.

Internet

Over 10 militants killed in Afghanistan air raid

KABUL, 27 March—An airstrike conducted by NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Sunday killed more than 10 militants in Afghanistan's eastern Paktika Province, the militant alliance said.

"The militants were armed with rocket propelled grenades. The air weapons team engaged both positions killing more than 10 militants," the statement said.

Paktika and neighbouring Khost Province have seen an escalation of Taleban-led militancy over the past years.—Xinhua

China detects low levels of radioactive iodine in air



City of Hegang in China's industrial northeast province of Heilongjiang is seen in this file photo. Authorities in the Province have detected extremely low levels of radioactive iodine in the air which they say is from the stricken nuclear power plant in Japan, state media and officials said.—INTERNET

BEIJING, 27 March—Authorities in northeast China have detected extremely low levels of radioactive iodine in the air which they say is from the stricken nuclear power plant in Japan, state media and officials

said.

The environment ministry said Saturday that monitoring stations in Heilongjiang Province had found "infinitesimal" traces of radioactive iodine-131, but the public did not need to take

"protective measures".

China's National Nuclear Emergency Coordination Committee said the radioactive iodine had been emitted by the nuclear power facility in Fukushima, which was crippled by a massive quake and ensuing tsunami two weeks ago.

But the committee said "public health and the environment remain unaffected by radioactivity" released by the plant, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

On Friday, China banned imports of several food products from Japan and stepped up checks on a host of other goods amid fears of contamination.

Internet

Two quakes hits off Fiji's northernmost Udu point

SUVA, 27 March—Two tremors of 6.4 and 5.9 on the Richter scale hit off Udu point, the northernmost point of the Fiji chain, Sunday morning, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or property damage, Fiji's weather office said.

Fiji's Nadi Weather Office said a magnitude of 6.4 occurred at 10:49 am local time with a depth of 100.1 miles (160 km) below sea level while another tremor 5.9 magnitude followed at a depth of 8.3 miles (some 13.4 km) below sea level.

Reports said the tremors were felt in Fiji's northeastern Lambasa and Savusavu areas.

Tremors were felt and lasted for about five seconds in Urata Village in Savusavu, Basoga and Voloca Settlement in Lambasa, according to local media Fijivillage website.

Xinhua

A military hovercraft of the Self-Defence Force is seen participating in a rescue operation at the port of Ayukawa in Ishinomaki, Miyagi prefecture on 23 March, after the 11 March tsunami and earthquake devastated northeastern Japan.—INTERNET



Tsunami harpoons Japanese whaling town

AYUKAWA, 27 March—The Japanese whaling town of Ayukawa has survived the wrath of environmental groups for decades, but had no defence against a giant tsunami that wiped out the industry here, possibly for ever.

One of only four communities in Japan that have continued to hunt and eat whales in defiance of international opposition, the town was already down to a single operating company, Ayukawa Whaling.

The March 11 tsunami that slammed into Japan's northeast coast took most of Ayukawa with it, destroying 80 percent of houses and leaving 400 of its 1,400 residents unaccounted for.

The wave shattered Ayukawa Whaling's storage facility and carried its fleet of three whaling ships hundreds of metres inland where they now lie grounded and impotent.

"This is the biggest ever crisis for us," said company chairman Minoru Ito.

Ito, 74, survived the disaster, along with all of his 28 employees, after they fled to higher ground in the wake of the 9.0-magnitude earthquake that triggered the tsunami.—Internet



Japanese Coast Guard divers are seen here searching for missing persons in the port of Ayukawa in Ishinomaki, Miyagi prefecture, on 23 March, after the 11 March tsunami and earthquake devastated northeastern Japan.

INTERNET

Radiation spike in sea near Japan nuclear plant

SENDAI, 27 March—Radiation levels have surged in seawater near a tsunami-stricken nuclear power station in Japan, officials said Saturday, as engineers battled to stabilise the plant in hazardous conditions.

Urgent efforts were under way to drain pools of highly radioactive water near the reactors after several workers suffered radiation burns while installing cables as part of efforts to restore the critical cooling systems. The new safety worries further complicated efforts to bring the ageing facility under control, and raised

fears that the fuel rod vessels or their valves and pipes are leaking. "It is becoming very important to get rid of the puddles quickly," said an official at the nuclear safety agency, Hidehiko Nishiyama.

One of the worst-case scenarios at reactor three would be that the fuel inside the reactor core — a volatile uranium-plutonium mix — has already started to burn its way through its steel pressure vessel.

"Highly radioactive water is flowing inside the buildings and then into the sea, which is worrying for fish and marine vegetation," said Olivier Isnard, an expert at France's Institute for Radiological Protection and Nuclear Safety.

Internet

Tsunami threat could catch Northwest off guard

CANNON BEACH, 27 March—When the big one hits the Pacific Northwest, the best place to escape the wall of water moving at jetliner speed from 50 miles off the coast may be a City Hall on stilts.

Once the ground finishes two to four minutes of lurching and shaking, residents and tourists in Cannon Beach would flock to the refuge on concrete columns 14 feet above the waves racing beneath.

They would ... if the refuge gets built. There's nothing like it from Northern California to British Columbia and, so far, no money for anything like it.

It's an example of how underprepared the West Coast is for an earthquake and tsunami on the scale of what happened in Japan.

Scientists say it's inevitable that an offshore seismic menace called the Cascadia Subduction Zone will one day unleash a megaquake. The last time it happened was 300 years ago when a magnitude-9 shaker spawned enormous ocean waves that slammed into the West Coast and damaged Japanese fishing villages.

Internet

Singapore halts food imports from more Japanese prefectures

SINGAPORE, 27 March—The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore announced on Saturday evening that it suspended imports of fruits and vegetables from three more Japanese prefectures.

The widening of the suspension affected the Kanagawa, Tokyo and Saitama prefectures.

The move came after radioactive contaminants were detected in two samples of vegetables from Kanagawa and Tokyo. In a related development, Japanese authorities reported the detection of high radioactivity levels in some vegetables from Saitama.

The authority has earlier suspended food imports from six Japanese prefectures and it has so far tested 287 samples of fruits and vegetables, seafood, meat, milk and dairy products.

Radioactive contaminants were found in Japanese cabbages and leeks on Friday and Saturday.

Xinhua



A chef slices smoked salmon. A study of Alaska's Yup'ik Eskimos, who consume 20 times more omega-3 fats from fish than most Americans, suggests these oils can prevent obesity-related illness such as diabetes and heart disease, researchers said Friday.

INTERNET

Health



High altitudes may affect longevity

DENVER, 27 March—People who live at higher altitudes — a lower oxygen environment — have less risk of dying from heart disease and tend to live longer, US researchers say.

However, Dr Benjamin Honigman of the University of Colorado School of Medicine and director of the Altitude Medicine Clinic and colleagues also found altitudes above 4,900 feet were detrimental to those suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

"If living in a lower oxygen environment such as in our Colorado mountains helps reduce the risk of dying from heart disease it could help us develop new clinical treatments for those conditions," Honigman said in a statement.

"Lower oxygen levels turn on certain genes and we think those genes may change the way heart muscles function. They may also produce new blood vessels that create new highways for blood flow into the heart."

The research team spent four years analyzing death certificates from every county in the United States for cause of death, socioeconomic factors and other data.

The study, published in the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, found of the top 20 counties with the highest life expectancy 75.8 to 78.2 years for men 80.5 to 82.5 years for women 11 for men and five for women were in Colorado and Utah with a mean elevation of 5,967 feet above sea level.—Internet

Study says lack of sleep leads to weight gain

ATLANTA, 27 March—A US study says people who don't get enough sleep tend to overeat and pig out on fast food, leading to putting on the pounds.

"If you are trying to watch your weight, it's a good thing not to be sleep deprived," said Marie Pierre St. Onge of the New York Obesity Research Centre, the author of the study released Wednesday at the American Heart Association conference in Atlanta.

Her study followed 26 people for two six-day stretches. During the first period, they slept 9 hours a night; during the second, they slept for just 4 hours nightly, the *New York Daily News* reported. In the stretch where they slept less, they consumed an average of 300 more calories than when they were well rested, the study found. Sleep-deprived women were at most risk of overeating, consuming 328 additional calories compared with the 13 men in the study who consumed an extra 262 calories.

Internet

Health Tip: Walking helps you stay healthier

The American Podiatric Medical Association discusses a great form of exercise that requires no special skill, no membership at the local gym, and no special equipment: walking.

The group says the "anybody-can-do-this" activity offers these benefits:

- * Better circulation and a stronger heart and lungs.
- * Reduced risk of stroke and heart attack.
- * Reduced likelihood of high blood pressure or obesity.
- * Improved cholesterol numbers.
- * Stronger muscles and better tone in the legs and abdominal area.
- * Reduced tension and stress.
- * Better management of arthritis pain, and improved prevention of bone decay.

Internet

A nurse vaccinates a child against polio in Abidjan 2005. Hundreds of vaccine-carrying health workers trekked to far-off villages and hamlets in Sierra Leone Friday at the start off of a campaign to vaccinate over one million children under the age of five against polio, health ministry officials said.

INTERNET



iPad2 demand includes repeat customers

LONDON, 27 March—A consumer research firm said 25 percent of iPad owners in Britain were ready to trade up when the iPad2 was released Friday.

Consumer intelligence.com said it had surveyed 438 iPad owners, finding that a quarter of them were ready for an upgrade. The first customer in line at Apple's flagship store on Regent Street, Jules Lewis, said he had no plans to sell his first iPad but would "keep it in the family." The *Guardian* reported.

The *Guardian* reported that Apple had dropped its price for the iPad2 from \$689 to \$641 this week.

The initial supply of the iPad2 is expected to run out soon, the newspaper said. There were 20,000 made available at non-Apple



A customer sets up his new iPad 2 at the Apple Store's Lincoln Park location on 11 March, 2011 in Chicago.—INTERNET

stores in the initial shipments. In the United States, sales of the iPad2 surpassed 500,000 in its first weekend on the market.

In addition to Britain, the Friday launch involved 23 countries outside the United States.—Internet

Business



China Dongfeng Automobile net profit up 79 pct last year

BEIJING, 27 March—China's Dongfeng Automobile, the listed arm of Dongfeng Motor Company, said Saturday its net profit in 2010 surged 79.54 percent year on year on robust auto sales.

The Shanghai-listed company, based in Wuhan City in central China's Hubei Province, saw net profit reach 570.82 million yuan last year, compared to 317.94 million yuan in 2009, according to the company's annual business report filed with the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Business revenues hit 19.8 billion yuan, a rise of 38.35 percent year on year.

Earnings per share stood at 0.2854 yuan, up 79.54 percent.

Vehicle sales of the company topped 300,000 units in 2010, up 44.8 percent, along with the fast auto sales growth in China, the world's largest car market with vehicle sales up more than 32 percent to top 18 million units last year.

Dongfeng Motor Corp, one of Dongfeng Automobile's major controlling shareholders, sold 2.7248 million vehicles in 2010, ranking second in sales volume in the Chinese auto market. —Internet

4.8 million box fans recalled

WASHINGTON, 27 March—Lasko Products Inc is recalling 4.8 million box fans that pose a fire hazard due to electrical failures, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The fans were sold nationwide from July 2002 through December 2005 for \$12 to \$25, the commission said.

The recall involves Lasko box fans with model Nos. 3720, 3723 and 3733 and Galaxy box fans with model No 4733.

Fans involved in the recall have date 2002-03 or 2003-04 stamped on the bottom of the metal frame.

Consumers were advised to stop using the fans and contact Lasko Products Inc of West Chester, Pa, to receive a free fused plug safety adapter.

The company has received seven reports of fires associated with motor failures, including two house fires and one bar fire.

Internet

In this 17 March, 2011 photo, line worker Breanna Tunstall works on a 2012 Ford Focus on the assembly line at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Mich. Companies trimmed their orders for long-lasting manufactured goods in February with a key category that signals business investment falling for a second month.

INTERNET





A contestant answers questions during the final of the 10th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in Belgium, in Brussels, Belgium, on 26 March, 2011. The 10th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in Belgium concluded here Saturday.—XINHUA

7 die, 11 injured in road accident in northern part in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 27 March—Seven Cambodians were killed on spot and other 11 injured in a road accident on Saturday's night in Baray District of Kampong Thom Province, some 168 km north of Phnom Penh, said the provincial police chief on Sunday.

Phan Sophen, police chief of Kampong Thom Province said that the accident occurred at 11:00 pm on Saturday night as a truck collided with a home-made motorcycle carrying people from participating in a funeral in a nearby pagoda.

"All the victims were in the home-made motorcycle," he said. "Seven

are killed on spot, eight in critical condition and three slightly injured."

"Night and fast driving was blamed for the accident," he said. "Also, it's a curving and uphill road."

This is the second worst dead road accident in this month after the tragic car crash on 4 March, killing 19 people and seriously injured other eight people in the coastal Preah Sihanouk Province.

Road accident in Cambodia is the second largest danger after HIV/AIDS.

Last year, road accident killed 1,709 people in Cambodia.—Xinhua

Chrysler sues over trademark dispute

DETROIT, 27 March—Chrysler has sued a Detroit company over the use of its "Imported from Detroit" slogan and has asked a court to order the company to stop using the tag line.

The Auburn Hills automaker sued retailer Pure Detroit after it started using its trademarked "Imported from Detroit" tagline on a variety of apparel, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

Chrysler used the phrase in its 2-minute Super Bowl ad this year touting its 2011 Chrysler 200. In a motion filed by Chrysler Friday the company said, "The issuance of a preliminary injunction will serve the public interest because members of the public likely have seen and will continue to be confused by Pure Detroit's use of Chrysler's mark and related representations."

Internet

Chinese imperial seal sells over 17 mln USD at French auction

PARIS, 27 March—A Chinese imperial jade seal used by Emperor Qianlong (1736-1795) sold for 12.4 million euros (17.45 million US dollars) on Saturday at an auction in southwest France, setting the highest price for seals.

The white jade imperial seal of 9.85-centimeter, with carvings of intertwined dragons on top, was one of a number used by Emperor Qianlong, the fourth emperor of the Qing Dynasty, and was initially valued at 1.5 million euros (2.1 million dollars).

French media said the imperial seal was hammered in a Toulouse-based auction house to a Chinese bidder, who refused to give his name.

The previous most-paid seal was also a Chinese imperial jade seal used by Emperor Kangxi (1661-1722), who ruled the longest reign in China and the grandfather of Emperor Qianlong.

Earlier in the day at another auction house in Toulouse, a Chinese imperial scroll painting was hammered for 22.1 million euros (31 million US dollars) also to an anonymous Chinese bidder.

Xinhua



A Chrysler logo is displayed at Premier Chrysler dealership on 14 May, 2009 in Chicago.

Premier is one of 789 dealerships across the nation that the troubled automaker wants to eliminate as part of its restructuring plan.

INTERNET



A reveller smears powder in his face during Holi, the festival of colors, at the Sri Sri Radha Krishna Temple in Spanish Fork, Utah on 26 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Aviation official arrested in India license scam

NEW DELHI, 27 March—A government aviation official and three other people have been arrested in a widening investigation of corruption in awarding flying licenses to airline pilots, police said Saturday.

The four men were arrested Friday in New Delhi for their involvement with a flying school in the western Indian state of Rajasthan that had issued fake certificates for training flights flown by its students, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said.

They include an airline pilot and an official of India's federal aviation authority, Bhagat said.

The scandal hitting India's airline sector emerged when a pilot working for a budget airline damaged an Airbus 320 aircraft while landing last month. An examination of her papers showed she had used fake documents to get her pilot license.

Investigations since then have revealed at least one unlicensed flying school, unscrupulous officials, and touts who helped underqualified candidates obtain licenses and jobs flying passenger planes for various airlines.—Internet

Three Cuban sailors missing in shipwreck in Caribbean

HAVANA, 27 March—Three Cuban sailors remain missing after the sinking on 19 March of a Panamanian ship carrying salt, the Cuban Ministry of Transport said here Saturday.

"The ship Helga capsized off the coast of Belize, during a voyage from Mexico to Honduras with a cargo of bulk salt and eight of the eleven Cuban crew members were rescued," the release said.

According to the information, the Belizean authorities "did an extensive naval and air search in the area of the shipwreck and other adjacent areas since they received the first notice of the accident."

The eight crew members who were rescued "are in good health" and returned to Cuba on Wednesday. But the ship's captain, Arturo Edreira, the Chief Engineer, Alexis Gonzalez, and the helmsman Nelson Perez have not been found.

Xinhua



Fiji sees 32 percent increase in Chinese tourists in 2010

SUVA, 27 March—An estimated 18,000 Chinese nationals visited Fiji in 2010, according to the Tourism Fiji here Sunday. This is an increase of more than 32 percent over the 2009 figure, Tourism Fiji Chief Executive Officer Josefa Tuamoto told state owned radio station Fiji Broadcasting Commission.

Tuamoto said that China is an emerging market and his agency looks to get even more visitors from China this year as they lobby Fiji as the best holiday destination in the world.

Tourism Fiji recently organized a workshop in Shenzhen, China for Chinese travel agents and wholesalers. The main thrust of the workshop is to swiftly build on the inroads achieved in China across 2010, Tuamoto said. Similar workshops were also held in other Chinese major cities of Shenyang, Hangzhou, Guangzhou as well as in Hong Kong.

Tuamoto said planned events for the remainder of 2011 will provide them the perfect opportunity to showcase Fiji's ever-growing range of diverse products which is critical to the island nation's growing visitor arrivals.—Xinhua

A medical technologist at the immunology section of the Department of Health extracts blood samples for testing for the AIDS-causing Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) on 1 December. The latest report by the Department of Health shows there are 1,130 confirmed cases of HIV-infections and AIDS in the country since the first case was detected in 1984. From this figure there have been a total of 352 full blown AIDS cases diagnosed leading to 184 deaths.—INTERNET

Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing greet military attaches from foreign embassies and their wives at a reception and dinner to mark the 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2011. —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe, wife ...

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of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of SPDC Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Secretary-1 of SPDC

Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of SPDC U Tin Aye, General Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and their wives, ministers, the chief justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General,

the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers (Army, Navy and Air) of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, military attaches from foreign embassies and their wives and special guests.

Before and during the dinner, entertainments were presented by vocalists to the accompaniment of Myanmar Athan Modern Music Band.

MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Command marks 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day



Commander Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye makes speech at 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Nay Pyi Taw Command organized 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day parade along with the awarding ceremony at its parade ground at 7 am today.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Aye, senior military officers, officers and other ranks, and guests.

They saluted the State Flag and took the Four Oaths. The commander delivered a speech.

The commander presented honorary certificates awarded by

the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and cash prizes to the winners of commemorative military code of conduct contests.

The commander hosted a breakfast to the officers and other ranks and families and had documentary photo taken.—MNA

Cash assistance presented to mark Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 27 March—Hailing 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a ceremony to present cash assistance to members of township war veteran organizations was held at Pabedan Township War Veteran

Organization office here this morning.

Township WVO Organizing Committee Chairman Maj Tun Myint (Retd) and Vice Chairman Maj Aung Tin Oo (Retd) gave speeches and presented cash

assistance and gifts to over 75 township WVO members, disabled persons and volunteers.

On behalf of members, Captain Daw Kyi Kyi (Retd) spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Commander,...

(from page 16)
officials, met State level departmental officials at the hall in Tahlay Station yesterday.

At the meeting, Minister U Maung Maung Swe presented cash assistance for earthquake-hit families of Tachilek and Tahlay stations and survivors of quake-hit township and village through officials.

In meeting with the families of the Border Guard Force in Tachilek Station, Maj-Gen Aung

Tachilek Station Hospital and presented cash assistance.

This morning, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials gave words of encouragement to local people in earthquake-hit Monglin Village and gave cash assistance, foodstuff, clothes, medicines and relief aid to the people from 10 villages of Monglin Village-tract.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party viewed health care services being provided by



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence and officials comfort earthquake victims at Tachilek Station Hospital.—MNA



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence supervises water purification measures in quake-stricken region.

MNA

on them as usual.

Secretary of NDPCC Minister U Maung Maung Swe, ac-

Tachilek Station, the minister cordially met local people of quake-hit Kyakuni Village. He gave

aid to them.

The deputy ministers and officials presented cash assistance,



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence views health staff and paramedic providing health care to quake victims.

MNA



Minister U Maung Maung Swe comforts earthquake victims at Tachilek People's Hospital.

MNA

Than Htut gave words of encouragement and presented clothes and foodstuff to them.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, the commander, the minister and the deputy ministers gave cash assistance to the families of quake-hit station after speaking words of encouragement. They then comforted patients at

health staff and members of Defence Services Medical Corps to the victims in quake-hit villages, chlorinating water at wells and lakes and conditions of Tahlay and Monglin.

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party inspected maintenance of damages of quake-hit Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway, Tachilek-

Tahlay Road and Tahlay Bridge being undertaken by Public Works and local authorities with the use of heavy machinery for smooth transport.

Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway and Tahlay Bridge have been maintained by officials. Beginning 1.05 pm today, large and small vehicles and buses can drive

accompanied by Deputy Minister for PBANRDA U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for SWRR U Kyaw Myint and officials, comforted earthquake-hit patients at Tachilek People's Hospital this morning and presented cash assistance to them.

At the hall of

instructions on prevention against natural disasters and relief works and gave cash assistance and relief

medicines, clothes and foodstuff to the quake victims. A local spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Commander attends World TB Day in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin attended the opening of tarred road in Nandawun ward in Monywa on 24 March.

The commander then addressed the World TB Day observed at town hall in Monywa. Head of Sagaing Region Health Department read out the message sent by the Minister of Health on the occasion of World TB Day and an official gave talks on TB and explained future campaigns against TB.

The commander then viewed display of medicines for TB and educative pamphlets. He then attended the central guard parade contest at local station in Monywa. On 25 March, the commander attended the cash donation to the fund of the Defence Services Hospital in Monywa and made contribution to the fund. The commander and responsible persons looked round the hospital and provided cash assistance to patients. He attended a ceremony to provide cash and kind to fire victims of Aungzayyone Region in Monywa (South) Ward at Monywa BEHS.

Wellwishers donated cash and kind to the fire victims who were comforted by the commander.—MNA



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence inspects repairs of earthquake-devastated Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway, Tachilek-Tahlay road section and Tahlay Bridge. (News on page 16)

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence views moves of vehicles on Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway and Tahlay Bridge. (News on page 16)

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Secretary of NDPCC Minister for SWRR U Maung Maung Swe presents cash and kind to earthquake victims. (News on page 16)

MNA



Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe presents cash and kind to earthquake victims. (News on page 16)—MNA

Commander addresses 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade of South-West Command

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March — The 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade of South-West Command took place at parade ground of the command at 7 am this morning.

After parade companies had took position, Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win took salute. The parade companies saluted the State flag, paid tribute to fallen leaders and members of Tatmadaw and took four oaks.

The commander delivered an address at the parade.

The certificates of honour and cash of

the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were presented to first prize winning Tatmadawmen in Region level military code of conduct contest held in commemoration of 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The prize presentation ceremony of competitions held in commemoration of 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day took place at Ayeyawady Hall of the command, with an address by the commander.

Officials presented prizes to winners.

The commander cordially greeted military officers and Tatmadawmen at the ceremony.—MNA

Commander opens tarred road in Taunggyi hailing 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen San Oo opened Lwekham tarred road, hailing 66th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, in Phayaphyu Ward in Taunggyi on 20 March.

The commander and officials strolled along the new road. Next, the commander attended prize presentation ceremony for men's and women's 15-kilometre race contest and awarded the winners.

On 23 March, the commander inspected seasonal crop plantations and livestock breeding in local regiments and units of Taunggyi Station.—MNA



Science



Seal hunters kill a seal near their boat in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence near Charlottetown in 2008. The Canadian government on Friday announced an increase in the number of seals to be killed in a controversial commercial hunt off its Atlantic coast.—INTERNET

German county aims to be carbon-neutral

COLOGNE, 27 March—A rural wine-growing county is southern Germany says it is determined to be a carbon-neutral, zero-emission area by 2050.

The Rhineland county of Cochem-Zell in the Mosel River Valley just south of Cologne is part of a rapidly growing effort by rural communities in Europe to reduce CO2 emissions, Deutsche Welle reported Friday.

Rural-level efforts can have a potentially greater impact than large projects such as wind farms and mass-transit systems, Hans-Josef Fell of Germany's Green Party said, "but we need both kinds of projects if we want to

meet climate goals."

The European Union has set a goal of reducing emissions by 20 percent by 2020.

The 65,000 residents of Cochem-Zell have been formally working toward environmentally sustainable development since 2003, when the community joined the UN-sponsored Local Agenda 21 programme.

The county says its zero-emission goal is based on three initiatives: renewable energy, biofuels, and energy conservation and efficiency.

Environmentalists hail the grassroots nature of the movement.—Internet

Mammoth bones found in central California

MONTEREY, 27 March—The bones of an Ice Age mammoth have been found in California's Monterey County, the first discovery of its kind in that county, researchers say.

The remains of a juvenile Columbian mammoth were uncovered by earth-moving equipment in December, Mark Hylkema, a Department of Parks archaeologist, told the *Monterey Herald* Friday.

The exact location of the find, somewhere near Castroville, is being kept a secret to discourage souvenir hunters from damaging, looting or contaminating the site, Hylkema said.

Internet

Ancient fossil 'remarkably' preserved

LEICESTER, 27 March — Researchers say a remarkably preserved fossil discovered in China sheds new light on an important group of primitive sea creatures.

The 525 million-year-old fossil belongs to a group of tentacle-bearing marine creatures that lived inside hard tubes, but whereas previously only the tubes

have been seen in detail in fossils this new specimen clearly shows the soft parts of the body including tentacles for feeding, a release from the University of Leicester, which took part in the discovery, said Thursday.

The fossilized creature belongs to a group called pterobranch hemichordates, related to sea

stars and sea urchins, but also shows some characteristics that offer clues to the evolution of the earliest vertebrates, researchers said.

Pterobranchs secrete a substance that builds up into a hard tube around their soft body while their tentacles extend from the top of the tube to catch plankton.—Internet



Three two month old tiger cubs play with their mother at Assam State Zoo in Guwahati in 2010. India's tiger population has increased for the first time in decades, a newspaper said on Saturday, citing a national tiger census report slated to be released next week.—INTERNET



Technology



Red Bull-Renault driver and reigning world champion Sebastian Vettel of Germany powers through the chicane during Formula One's Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne on 27 March, 2011.

INTERNET

Google set to launch Music Service

WASHINGTON, 27 March — Google might soon release its own iTunes competitor.

According to a CNet report, the company is using Google Music internally, which means its readying the service for public launch.

Rumours of a Google music service have been circulating for a long time. They were last mentioned at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona last month when Motorola Mobility chief Sanjay Jha suggested that the benefit of having its upcoming

Xoom tablet run on Android Honeycomb is that "it adds video services and music services."

"If you look at Google Mobile services [via Android] today, there's a video service, there's a music service — that is, there will be a music service," Jha said.

Before that, the service was discussed during the 2010 Google I/O conference.

At that point, Google said a user could stream music on an Internet-connected PC to an Android phone, and also

purchase music in the Android App Store and send it to the phone or another device.

When asked if that meant Google was prepping a music service, Vic Gundotra, the vice president of engineering for Google, said "we just focus on delivering better apps for the user. Over time, you'll see that strategy more broadly unfold." In September, Billboard reported that Google was chatting with major record labels about the service.

Internet

RIM acquires mobile app tool developer tinyHippos

CHICAGO, 27 March—BlackBerry maker Research In Motion says it has bought Ontario-based startup tinyHippos Inc, creator of Ripple, a cross-platform mobile application development and testing tool.

The company was acquired for its "extensive experience in web and mobile widget/web development," Tyler Lessard, RIM's vice president of global alliances and developer relations, said on the developer's blog on Friday.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

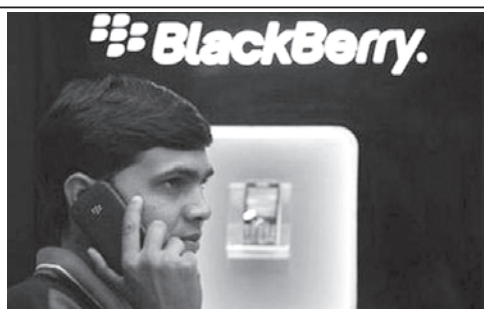
The acquisition comes as RIM prepares to launch its Playbook tablet

computer next month, entering an increasingly crowded market dominated by Apple's iPad and various devices running on Google's Android platform.

RIM has said it would offer support for Android apps on its tablet, potentially enabling it to carry more than 200,000 of the third-party software additions available on the platform.

RIM reported a higher-than-forecast fourth-quarter profit on Thursday but warned that its earnings would slip as it pumped money into the launch of the Playbook.

Reuters



A man speaks on a BlackBerry mobile phone inside a shop in Kolkata on 31 January, 2011.

INTERNET

US trade judge rules for Apple in Nokia dispute

WASHINGTON, 27 March—A judge with the US International Trade Commission ruled in Apple's favour in a patent dispute with Finland's Nokia over mobile phones, portable music players and computers.

Judge James Gildea denied Nokia's claim that Apple had violated five patents held by the Finnish company.

The judge did not provide an explanation for his ruling and the full six-member commission now has 60

days to review his determination.

The ITC has the authority to bar imports into the United States of products found to be infringing on patents and Nokia was seeking to have Apple products barred.

The two mobile phone titans have been embroiled in a fierce legal battle over patents with Nokia lodging at least two other lawsuits against Apple and the California gadget-maker filing countersuits against the Finnish company.—*Internet*



Workers apply the Apple logo the outside of the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco, California. A judge with the US International Trade Commission ruled in Apple's favour in a patent dispute with Finland's Nokia over mobile phones, portable music players and computers.
INTERNET

Ford to idle Belgian plant for five days

DALLAS, 27 March—Ford Motor Co said Saturday it will idle an auto plant in Belgium for five days, trying to conserve supplies of Japanese parts that could run low following an earthquake and tsunami.

Ford spokesman Todd Nissen said the plant in Genk will close beginning 4 April. The company had planned to idle the plant in May for another reason. But it moved up the date after auto parts suppliers in Japan were damaged by the twin disaster on 11 March.

"We didn't run short of parts, but if we can find things to do to conserve parts it certainly makes sense to do that," he said.

Ford makes Mondeo sedans and Galaxy and S-Max minivans at the Belgian plant.

Ford has also canceled overtime at three plants in the US and one in Thailand. Japanese suppliers are crucial for global car companies, and parts and other supplies from Japan aren't reaching factories because of quake damage and power outages in that country. That has interrupted car production around the world, from Louisiana to Germany.

After a Japanese plant that makes pigment for auto paint was damaged, for example, Ford told dealers to stop taking new orders for F-150 and Super Duty pickups and Expedition and Navigator SUVs in "tuxedo black," a colour that uses the pigment.—*Internet*

Mega Millions ticket worth \$319m sold in New York

ALBANY, 27 March—Just down the hill from where New York's leaders are wrestling with a \$10 billion deficit, a tiny variety store in downtown Albany was abuzz Saturday with talk of a financial windfall.

The winning ticket

for Friday night's \$319 million Mega Millions lottery jackpot was sold at Coulson's News Centre, just blocks from the New York Capitol building, a lottery official announced.

The phone rang non-stop Saturday morning,

and a steady stream of customers passed through the newsstand and magazine shop to get coffee, the daily paper and, of course, lottery tickets, as word spread that the store sold the fifth-largest jackpot in Mega Millions history.

Store manager Steve Gallucci said lottery sales were up this week with the skyrocketing jackpot, but he didn't know yet who won. He expects to find out Monday from gaming officials.

"A lot of office people come in," he said. "A lot of regulars."

Internet



Coulson's News, where a Mega Millions lottery jackpot ticket worth \$319 million was sold, is seen in Albany, NY, on 26 March, 2011.—INTERNET

Gold mines, a city's pride, leave toxic legacy

RANDFONTEIN, 27 March—When it rains in the shanty town of Tudor Shaft, the streets pool with orange water that smells like vinegar. Experts say the water contains radioactive minerals and has killed all aquatic life in a nearby river.

Tudor Shaft takes its name, and its troubles, from an abandoned gold mine.

It's just a fraction of

In this photo taken on 26 Jan, 2011, a child walks barefooted at the Tudor Shaft squatter settlement near Randfontein, South Africa, west of Johannesburg. When it rains the streets pool with orange water that smells of vinegar.

INTERNET

the toxic but long-overlooked legacy of South Africa's most famous industry. Mining accounts for 17 percent of everything South Africa produces, and the country is the world's fourth biggest exporter, sitting on a mother lode that runs for miles from Johannesburg into the countryside.

Social campaigners, preoccupied first with

overthrowing apartheid and then with raising living standards for a badly neglected black majority, are now waking up to the environmental cause. The effects of mining are the focus of parliamentary debate and newspaper stories. But no one is yet taking responsibility or funding a cleanup that would probably put a dent in profits.—*Internet*



Investment guru Buffett dispenses wisdom in India



US billionaire Warren Buffett is watched by Melinda Gates, wife of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, as he addresses a joint Press conference in New Delhi, on 24 March.—INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 27 March—He came, he saw, he charmed. Warren Buffett, known as the Oracle of Omaha for his legendary investment acumen, dispensed his trademark homespun wisdom and market savvy to Indians on his first visit to the fast-growing South Asian giant this week.

The 80-year-old Buffett was in India to join his close friend, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, to prod India's super-rich to part with some of their wealth as part of the charity drive the pair launched last year.

Buffett, worth an estimated \$50 billion through his investment company Berkshire Hathaway, told Indian business leaders bluntly there was no conflict between making money and being philanthropic.

"You can create jobs and be Santa Claus at the same time," joked Buffett, who has pledged to donate 99 percent of his wealth.

"When I give away my Berkshire Hathaway shares, they have no utility to me and great utility to others (who are poorer)." "Mr Buffett is a man with a great humanity and puts the human face far above business considerations," said Analjit Singh, managing director of the Max India conglomerate, after attending a meeting with Buffett.

Buffett, who made his billions by buying stocks at bargain prices, also handed out some tips to eager Indian investors.

"My advice is to invest in what you understand — and when you're not paying the right price don't buy," said Buffett, who got wall-to-wall Indian TV coverage. Large and small investors hang on Buffett's every word — and for sound reasons. If an investor invested just \$1,000 in the shares of Berkshire when Buffett took control in 1965, they would be sitting on millions of dollars now.

On world recovery and the Japanese earthquake and tsunami disaster, he was sanguine.—*Internet*

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Diamond ring worth 250,000 euros stolen in Paris

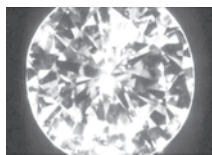
PARIS, 27 March — Three men posing as customers at a Paris store have stolen a diamond ring worth 250,000 euros (£217,000; \$353,200), French police sources say. While looking at rings at the Tiffany & Co counter of the Printemps department store, the men reportedly asked for a certificate of authenticity.

When the salesperson went off to make a photocopy, the men slipped away and escaped unchallenged by store guards. Store managers were not immediately commenting on the theft for the media. The stolen item was described by a police official as a three-carat diamond set in a platinum

ring.

According to city newspaper *Le Parisien*, the salesperson only went to make a photocopy after one of the men produced a passport.

A source close to the investigation into the theft, which took place late on Tuesday morning, told the paper that surveillance video was being examined for clues.—*Internet*



The stolen diamond was set in a platinum ring, a police official said.— INTERNET

Eight injured in Paris house fire

PARIS, 27 March—A blast caused by a fire in Paris on Saturday has injured eight people, including three firefighters in grave condition.

The fire started in a house in the 20th arrondissement of Paris before sunrise and the following explosion, probably caused by a gas leak, increased the hazards for emergency services trying to control it, according to local media.

All the injured, including five with minor injuries, were taken to hospitals for treatment.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. France's Interior Ministry has expressed concern over the incident.—*Internet*

A Turkana woman from Kenya shows traditional tribe life at the Nairobi 11th International Holiday Fair in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 25 March, 2011. Over 80 exhibitors take part in the fair held from 23 to 27 March in Nairobi

XINHUA



Officials say US Navy thwarts pirate attack off Oman

WASHINGTON, 27 March — An attempted pirate attack was disrupted by US Navy forces supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, officials said on Friday. "We were lucky to be on scene when the attack occurred," said Rear Adm Terry Kraft, commander of Enterprise Strike Group. Two helicopters, which were conducting operations with the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* and the *USS Leyte Gulf*, a guided missile cruiser, were sent to investigate a distress call from a Philippine-flagged merchant vessel in the Arabian Sea, a joint statement said.



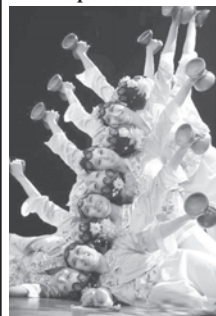
A pirate attack was stopped in the Arabian Sea when two US helicopters investigated a distress call.— INTERNET

The crew aboard the *Falcon Trader II* reported that suspected pirates were trying to board their vessel, which was about 300 miles northeast of Masirah, Oman, said Wing Commander Paddy Kennedy, of the European Union Naval Force. The

crew then locked themselves in a safe room equipped with food and water and communication abilities that allowed them control over the vessel's steering and propulsion until help could arrive, according to the Navy.

Internet

Acrobats perform in the acrobatic edition of pantomime "Nutcracker" in Istanbul, Turkey, on 26 March, 2011. The acrobatic pantomime was staged on Friday evening by members of the Chinese Dalian Acrobatic Troupe.— XINHUA



Archaeologists find oldest stone-age tools in southern India

NEW DELHI, 27 March — Archaeologists have discovered India's oldest stone-age tools, up to 1.5 million years old, at a prehistoric site near Chennai, southern India, the Kolkata-based daily *The Telegraph* reported on Friday. The discovery may change existing ideas about the earliest arrival of human ancestors from Africa into India, the report said.

A team of Indian and French archaeologists has used two dating methods to show that the stone hand-axes and cleavers from Attirampakkam are

at least 1.07 million years old, and could date as far back as 1.5 million years, said the report.

In nearly 12 years of excavation, archaeologists Shanti Pappu and Kumar Akhilesh from the Sharma Center for Heritage Education, Chennai, have found 3,528 artifacts that are similar to the prehistoric tools discovered in western Asia and Africa, it added. Their finding will appear on Saturday in the *US journal "Science"*, according to the report.—*Internet*



A visitor stands under a cherry tree in blossom in the Baoshangucun park in Shanghai, east China, on 25 March, 2011. Some 10,000 cherry trees were in full blossom recent days in the Baoshangucun park, where the 2011 Shanghai cherry blossom festival will be held on 30 March.— XINHUA

An employee of Hauswirth confectioner checks chocolate easter bunnies at the factory in Kittsee, some 60 km (37 miles) east of Vienna, on 24 March, 2011. Hauswirth GesmbH processes 20 tons of chocolate per day during peak seasons and exports its products mainly to South Africa and Australia.— XINHUA



Mexican Navy searching for missing female crew member on Disney ship

NEW YORK, 27 March—The Mexican Navy is searching for a female crew member of the Disney "Wonder" cruise ship who disappeared while on a seven-day cruise from Los Angeles to Mexico. Authorities say the woman failed to show up for her onboard shift on Tuesday, UPI.com reports, and hasn't been seen or heard from since.

The ship, which carries over 2,700 passengers and 950 crew members, left the port of Los Angeles on Sunday. "Given the circumstances, we are very concerned about this situation and are doing everything possible to assist with the search effort and investigation," Disney spokeswoman Christi Donnan told Fox News.

"The Mexican Navy has been conducting searches since Tuesday, and the Bahamas Maritime Authority is leading the investigation on this matter," Donnan continued. "We have also done a thorough and comprehensive inspection of the ship and spoken with the crew member's colleagues to gather as much.—*Internet*

110-million-year-old dinosaur skeleton discovered in south Tunisia

TUNIS, 27 March — The nearly intact skeleton fossil of a dinosaur believed to have lived about 110 million years ago was recently discovered in south Tunisia, the official press agency TAP reported on Friday. The fossil was found about 50 cm beneath the ground near the town of Tataouine, some 450 km south to the capital Tunis, by a team of researchers from Tunisia's national mining authority and Italy's Bologna University.

According to an engineer working at the Tunisian mining authority, the dinosaur is 15 meters long. The skeleton has been taken to the mining authority before being sent to Bologna for scientific examination. It is expected to return to the Memory of the Earth Museum in Tataouine later.

In 2010, fossils with large footprints of both herbivore and carnivore dinosaurs were found in the desert town of Chenini, which is near Tataouine. The first discovery of dinosaur fossils in Tunisia dates back to 1955. The fossils are currently displayed at the Tataouine Memory of the Earth Museum.—*Xinhua*

Long-separated sibs meet through date site

A London man and his sister, separated for 37 years, met on a blind date through a dating Web site.

What makes their story more remarkable is that Sarah Kemp lives in Edinburgh, and George Bentley in London. But she liked him so much on the Internet she was willing to go out of her way to have lunch with him at the White Horse pub in East Ham.

"We had so much in common, and we really enjoyed each other's company. It was as if we'd known each other all our lives," Sarah said. "And we obviously had far more in common than first thought."

The siblings told *The Sun* they were talking about their childhoods in Kent and suddenly realized they were talking about the same childhood.



Maine outdoes Pa with massive whoopie pie

They've made whoopie in Maine. A big whoopie pie.

In an effort to outdo Pennsylvania, a Maine radio station teamed up with a whoopie pie maker to create a massive one topping the scales at 1,067 pounds Saturday.

State Reps Paul Davis and Emily Cain, sponsors of a bill to declare the whoopie pie Maine's official "treat," were on hand as it was assembled at the Maine Mall in South Portland.

The idea was to outdo Pennsylvania, where

people created a 250-pound whoopie pie in September at an annual festival in Lancaster County.

"We're just stealing the title from them," said Randi Kirshbaum, pro-programme director of WMGX, a radio station that teamed up with a business called Wicked Whoopies to make the huge treat.

A friendly competition has broken out since Maine tried to claim the whoopie pie, which consists of chocolate cakes filled with creamy frosting.

Amy Bouchard, owner of Wicked Whoopies, fourth from right, gets help putting the 180 pound devils food cake top on the 1000 plus pounds Whoopie Pie at the Maine Mall in South Portland, Maine on 26 March, 2011.

Pennsylvania took exception to Maine's claim, saying whoopie pies were actually invented by the Amish.

A forklift was needed to manage the devil's food top and bottom, baked beforehand.

A big crowd who watched the event got to eat some samples. Kirshbaum imagined after that experience, some might be sick of whoopie pies for a bit.

News Album

'French spiderman' takes on world's tallest tower

After scaling the Eiffel Tower in Paris and Sydney Opera House, the "French Spiderman" now has his sights set on the world's tallest tower, Burj Khalifa in the cosmopolitan Gulf emirate of Dubai.

Alain Robert, 48, is due Monday to climb the exterior of the skyscraper which stands 828-metres (2,717-feet) tall, as part of an "Education Without Borders" conference for which it is being used as a venue, organizers said.

The climber, whose nickname comes from wearing the outfit of the fictional superhero while scaling the tallest of the tall around the globe, usually works without a safety harness, relying on bare hands and sturdy footing.

In Dubai, however, he will resort to a rope and harness, organizers said.

"The problem in Dubai is the hot weather (of) up to 40 degrees (Celsius, 104 Fahrenheit)," he said back in January 2010 when he announced his ambition to step up to the challenge.



French climber Alain Robert poses in Paris on 17 March.

Bret Michaels sues Tony Awards over 2009 mishap



In this 7 June, 2009 file photo, Bret Michaels, right, and CC DeVille of the band Poison perform with the cast of 'Rock of Ages' at the 63rd Annual Tony Awards in New York.

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LOS ANGELES, 27 March—Bret Michaels sued CBS Broadcasting and the organizers of the Tony Awards on Friday over a 2009 mishap that resulted in him being hit in the head by a set piece, claiming the accident contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him.

The Poison frontman's lawsuit claims he continues to deal with effects from the injury and brain bleeding that left him hospitalized last year.

"Through his sheer will to live, to see his children grow up, Michaels was able to survive this trauma," his lawsuit states.

Michaels and Poison performed at the Tony Awards in June 2009 and the singer suffered a busted lip and broken nose when he was whacked by a piece of scenery.

Internet

'X-Men' star Jackman keen on Bollywood move

MUMBAI, 27 March—Hollywood heartthrob Hugh Jackman said Friday he was keen to work in Bollywood — and gyrated to a song-and-dance sequence with Indian megastar Shah Rukh Khan to prove it. The Australian-born actor danced with Khan in Mumbai at the close of Asia's largest entertainment convention, where they shared centre stage with Bollywood producer Karan Johar.

Jackman, star of the "X-Men" movies, said that while few Americans may have seen a Bollywood film, "they all know about your film industry." "Indian cinema is growing every year. I hope to do a Bollywood movie someday," Jackman told a packed audience.—Internet



Hollywood heartthrob Hugh Jackman, seen here in February 2011, said Friday he was keen to work in Bollywood — and gyrated to a song-and-dance sequence with Indian megastar Shah Rukh Khan to prove it.

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File photo shows Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is interviewed at the OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network launch cocktail reception for the Television Critics Association winter press tour in Pasadena, California on 6 January, 2011.

INTERNET

Last episode of 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' is 25 May

CHICAGO, 27 March—The final original episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will air 25 May.

Winfrey's Chicago-based Harpo Productions confirmed the date Friday. Winfrey announced live on the show in November 2009 that she would end its run after 25 years. She since has launched cable's Oprah Winfrey Network.

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" has been in reruns for the last few weeks. But Winfrey tweeted Thursday that she was "hard at work planning the final shows" and new episodes would begin 7 April.

The final episode brings an end to what has been television's top-rated talk show for more than two decades. It airs in 145 countries worldwide.

Internet

Animated 3D film 'Rio' premieres in Brazil favela

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 March—Hollywood superstars Anne Hathaway and Jesse Eisenberg were in a Rio de Janeiro shanty town Friday for the world premiere of the animated film "Rio." "You will be the first children in the world to see this movie," Hollywood director Carlos Saldanha told favela school children chosen to see the film, scheduled to widespread release in April.

Saldanha, a Brazilian living in the United States who gained fame directing the animated "Ice Age" movies, premiered his film at a new cinema able to project 3D movies in the Complexo do Alemao, a vast shantytown where until recently drug traffickers terrorized the streets.—Internet



US actor Jesse Eisenberg (L) and US actress Anne Hathaway (R) speak with children as they arrive at the Carioca Theater before the premiere of the movie "Rio 3D", directed by the Brazilian director Carlos Santana (out of picture) at the shanty town Nova Brasilia in Rio de Janeiro.—INTERNET

Messi shines, but US rally for draw with Argentina

EAST RUTHERFORD, 27 March — Lionel Messi dazzled, but the two-time



Jermaine Jones (C) of the US and Javier Mascherano (14) of Argentina fight for the ball while Landon Donovan (10) watches during the friendly match between the USA and Argentina at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ.—INTERNET

world footballer of the year and Argentina had to settle for a 1-1 draw with the United States in a friendly international football match on Saturday. Juan Agudelo scored in the 59th minute to give the spirited hosts the draw.

Esteban Cambiasso put Argentina ahead in the 42nd minute after Messi made a scintillating run and passed through the legs of US captain Carlos Bocanegra. US goalkeeper Tim Howard stopped Angel Di Maria's initial shot, but Cambiasso fired home the rebound. The match was played before 79,800 spectators at New Meadowlands Stadium, home of the NFL's New York Giants and New York Jets.—Internet

Hernandez scores twice in Mexico win

OAKLAND, 27 March — Rising star Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez scored two goals on Saturday to lead Mexico to a 3-1 victory over Paraguay in a friendly international football match. Andres



Javier 'Chicharito' Hernandez of Mexico scored two goals on Saturday to lead Mexico to a 3-1 victory over Paraguay in a friendly international football match.—INTERNET

Guardado also scored and Alfredo Talavera was solid in his debut in goal for Mexico, who delivered a strong performance in their first match since last year's disappointing exit in the round of 16 at the World Cup.

The match was just what new coach Jose Manuel de la Torre was looking for as his team prepares for the CONCACAF Gold Cup starting in June, while Paraguay are gearing up for the Copa America. Mexico, who play Venezuela down the California coast in San Diego on Tuesday, took charge early and didn't back off. Hernandez, who has 10 goals for English Premiership power Manchester United this season, headed in a ball from Pablo Barrera in the sixth minute to open the scoring, his effort eluding Paraguay keeper Justo Villar.—Internet

Capello wants England to copy Barca

CARDIFF, 27 March — Jack Wilshere admits Fabio Capello laid the foundations for England's Euro 2012 qualifying win over Wales by telling his players to copy Barcelona. Capello wants England to replicate Barca's pressing game, which denies opponents time on the ball and disrupts their rhythm, and to drive home the point he showed his players video highlights of the Spanish champions' victory over Arsenal in the Champions League.

Arsenal midfielder Wilshere knows all about Barcelona's qualities after playing in both legs of that recent European defeat and he was happy to try to emulate their style. Together with Scott Parker and Frank Lampard, Wilshere formed a formi-

dable midfield trio that squeezed the life out of Wales in Saturday's 2-0 win in Cardiff.—Internet



England's Italian Manager Fabio Capello (R) talks to Wayne Rooney during the match against Wales during their Euro 2012 qualifying football match at the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.—INTERNET

Germany ease past Kazakhstan in Euro qualifier

KAISERSLAUTERN, 27 March — A Miroslav Klose double gave Germany a big push towards Euro 2012 qualification, as they trounced minnows Kazakhstan 4-0 at home on Saturday to keep their unbeaten record in Group A. The win sent Joachim Loew's side eight points clear of the chasing pack in Group A, with Belgium, Austria and Turkey all seeking to close the gap on Tuesday.

Kazakhstan remain point-less and goal-less at the bottom of the group. "We know they weren't a great side although they

were compact and defended pretty well but I'm pleased with my goals at the beginning and the end of the game," said Klose after the game.—Internet



Germany's striker Miroslav Klose (L) celebrates scoring with Germany's striker Thomas Mueller during the Euro 2012 qualifying match Germany vs Kazakhstan in the southern German city of Kaiserslautern.—INTERNET

Armenia hold Russia to 0-0 draw

YEREVAN, 27 March — Euro 2012 Group B qualifying leaders Russia had to settle for a draw against Armenia here on Saturday despite dominating for most of the game. That meant they held onto their lead with 10 points from five matches but left Ireland the chance to draw level with them should they defeat Macedonia later on Saturday. Armenia, who are now in second place with eight points, started in a lively fash-

ion, pinning Russia back in an attempt to expose their defensive frailties.

Internet



Armenian goalkeeper Roman Berezovsky (C) jumps for the ball during the 2012 UEFA European Championship qualifying match Armenia vs Russia in Yerevan.—INTERNET

Another milestone as Federer downs Stepanek

MIAMI, 27 March — Roger Federer notched another match win and another career milestone Saturday as he launched his campaign at the \$9 million Miami WTA and ATP Masters tournament with a victory over Radek Stepanek. The third-seeded Swiss defeated Stepanek 6-3, 6-3 to reach the third round.

But there was a touch of desperation on court later as Andy Roddick became the second Miami title-holder in

as many years to exit in an opening match. The American eighth seed, who has been troubled by a low-grade illness for a month, was ambushed by Pablo Cuevas 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).—Internet



Roger Federer of Switzerland

Australia's Cahill to miss Germany match

MELBOURNE, 27 March — Everton midfielder star Tim Cahill will miss Australia's international with Germany in Monchengladbach on Tuesday with a foot injury, coach Holger Osieck said. Cahill is recovering from the injury and after consultation with the player and his Everton club, Osieck on Sunday said he would not be required for the Australian training camp. Osieck has selected an additional three players to join the national squad following last week's national teams training camp in Duisburg.—Internet



Everton midfielder star Tim Cahill

Jiyai Shin leads Kia Classic

INDUSTRY, 27 March — Second-ranked Jiyai Shin shot a 3-under 70 on Saturday to take a one-stroke lead over Sandra Gal af-

ter the third round of the Kia Classic. Shin, the South Korean star who has eight LPGA Tour victories, had a 15-under 204 total on the Industry Hills Golf Club course at Pacific Palms. Gal, from Germany, also shot a 70.

"I think the course is a good match with me," Shin said. "I can't wait. Maybe it will be a really great day. I think so." South Korea's Na Yeon Choi was third after a 65, the best score of the round.—Internet

Keane lifts Irish into contention



Ireland's Robbie Keane

DUBLIN, 27 March — Ireland moved joint top of Euro 2012 qualifying group Group B after a hard fought 2-1 victory over Macedonia in Dublin on Saturday. Following Russia's scoreless draw in Armenia on Saturday afternoon, and Slovakia's 1-0

victory in Andorra, the Irish win put the trio level on ten points. Ireland will be happy that they've pulled back some ground on Dick Advocaat's Russians, but the manner of this victory was not as convincing as they would have liked.

Internet

SPORTS

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

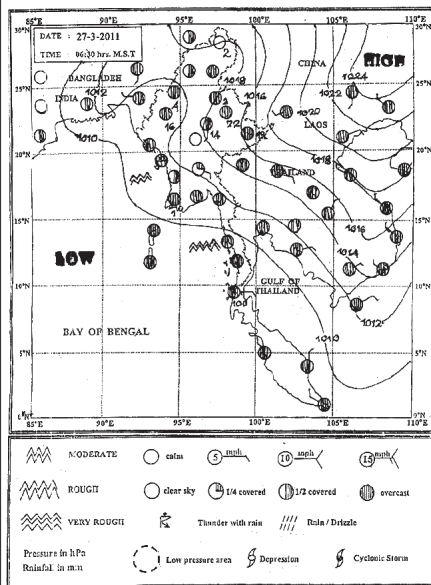


WEATHER

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region, Kachin, Shan and Chin States, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Regions, isolated in Yangon, Ayeawayad and Tanintharyi Regions, weather has been partly cloudy over the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Tanintharyi Regions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below March average temperatures in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Tanintharyi Regions, Kayah State, (5°C) below March average temperature in Yangon Region, (7°C) below March average temperature in Eastern Shan State, (10°C) below March average temperatures in Northern Shan State and about March average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Minbu, Magway and Aungmyan (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (4.17) inches, Tada-U (1.81) inches, Kengtung (1.15) inches, Lashio (0.86) inch, Monghsat (0.71) inch, Katha (0.67) inch, Kalewa (1.63) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.59) inch and Mandalay (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-3-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 27-3-2011 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-3-2011 was (64%). Rainfall on 27-3-2011 was (Nil).

Maximum temperature on 26-3-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 27-3-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-3-2011 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on



BERLIN, 27 March — Two more goals at international level against Kazakhstan on Saturday has brought Miroslav Klose to within seven goals of the German record currently held at 68 by legendary striker Gerd Muller.

And the 32-year-old Polish-born marksman said after the 4-0 win that he was bent on catching and even passing the man known simply in his heyday as "The Bomber."

“Now that I am so close naturally I want to move past him,” said Klose after winning his 107th cap in the Euro 2012 qualifier.

"I have already spoken to Gerd about it and he told me he wouldn't be angry with me if I take away his record.

“He even told me he would be happy for me. In any case he will always be The Bomber and no-one can take that away from him.”

Muller's 68 goals were scored between 1967 and 1974 including the winner in the 2-1 victory over the Netherlands in the 1974 World Cup final



Germany's striker Miroslav Klose—INTERNET

in Munich. That proved to be his last goal for the national side

Klose has scored in his last six games for Germany and if he plays in the friendly against Australia on Tuesday he will move up alongside Jurgen Klinsmann as the second most capped player for Germany with 108 caps.

He doubts, however, that he will ever pass record cap holder Lothar Matthaus who played 150 times for his country.—*Internet*

<div>  Myanmar TV </div>			
Monday, 28 March View on today -----			
7:00 am 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw	7:40 am 4. Dhamma Puja Song 7:50 am 5. Nice & Sweet Song 8:00 am 6. Health Programme 8:05 am 7. Song Of National Races 8:15 am 8. Cute Little Dancers 8:25 am 9. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 8:40 am 10. International News 8:45 am 11. Musical Programme	4:00 pm 1. Martial Song 4:10 pm 2. Dance of Variety 4:20 pm 3. Musical Programme 4:40 pm 4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Economic) 4:55 pm 5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit 5:05 pm 6. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)	5:25 pm 7. Myanmar Language 5:35 pm 8. Myanmar Idol 6:00 pm 9. Evening News 6:15 pm 10. Weather Report 6:20 pm 11. Musical Programme 6:35 pm 12. Documentary 6:50 pm 13. TV Drama Series 8:00 pm 14. News 15. International News 16. Weather Report 17. World's Stars 18. TV Drama Series

- ★ 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

Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Commander, SWRR Minister tour earthquake-hit township and villages, provide cash assistance, relief aids to earthquake victims



Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence presents cash assistance, foodstuff, clothes, medicines and relief aid to local people of 10 villages in Monglin Village-tract.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo, Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister

for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement U Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Deputy Minister for SWRR U Kyaw Myint and (See page 8)

Record-breaking rainfall

NAY PYI TAW, 27 March—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that the amount of rainfall (46) mm (1.81) inches observed at (9:30) hours M.S.T on 27 March, 2011 in Tada-U is the (24-hours) maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of March during the last (18) years from the beginning of station establishment. The former record was (42) mm (1.65) inches on 30th March 2000.—MNA