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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Pyu Township gets new buildings at Township People's Hospital, BEHS No. 1, Tawkywe-in Station Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Ceremonies to open a new building at Pyu Township People's Hospital (50-bed), Golden Rose two-storey building built by Shwe Letyar Co at Pyu Basic Education High School No. 1 and Tawkywe-in Station Hospital (16-bed) of Kyaukdaga Township were held at the respective venues in Pyu Township today.

RC type Pyu Township People's Hospital (50-bed) is formed with one two-storey building and three one-storey buildings. The new hospital comprises emergency unit, dental unit, out-patient ward, medical store, delivery room, male ward, female ward, meeting room and the recreation centre for doctors.

Under the aegis of Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann of the Pyithu Hluttaw of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, their offspring, grandson and friends and Max Myanmar Co Ltd family built the hospital.

Golden Rose two-storey building in the



compound of Pyu BEHS No. 1 is of RC type, and the 12-classroom building was constructed by Shwe Letyar Co.

RC type Tawkywe-in Station Hospital (16-bed) in Kyaukdaga Township is located on 4.09 acres of land. The hospital is constituted with out-patient unit, operation theatre, X-ray room, medical store, male and female wards, child ward and

delivery room. Under the patronage of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, local people contributed to construction of the hospital.

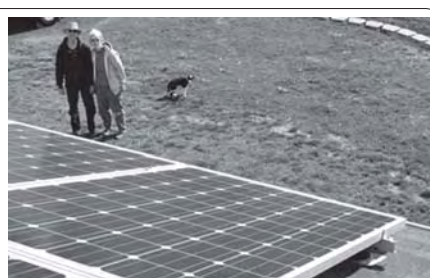
At the opening ceremonies of hospital buildings and school building, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that he is glad to witness the opening of new hospital (See page 8)

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Defence Attaché Col Brey R Sloan and husband, foreign military attachés view scenic beauty from Mulashide jeep suspension bridge.

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In this on 8 April, 2011 photo, Ken and Sally Abbott gaze up at solar panels on the roof of their Pendleton, Ore, home. The Abbotts are among dozens of residents of this rural city investing in solar energy systems.

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New library opened at Kyutawwa Village in Pyawbwe Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — A new library was inaugurated at Kyutawwa Village in Pyawbwe Township on 5 April.

The building was built at the cost of K 7 million contributed by two donors.

Pyawbwe Township Information and Public Relations Department Head U Phone Naing, the village's administrator U Shwe Mann and the donors unveiled the signboard of the library.

During the ceremony, wellwishers also donated cash, periodicals and furniture to the library through U Shwe Mann.

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 11 April, 2011

A Merry Thingyan to all!

The Myanmar Thingyan (Water) Festival is drawing closer. Every people celebrates the New Year Day concerned. In the run-up to their New Year Day, Myanmar people pour water onto each other with the belief of purifying the sins they committed in the old year. Soon, the Water Festival will be celebrated on a grand scale nationwide.

During the period, the people will enjoy themselves, splashing water over one another. The youth should abstain from throwing water in a harsh way, hurting others and engaging in brawls, indulging themselves in teases and jokes.

In addition, cars should be driven carefully in going around to visit Thingyan pandals for joy in order to avert road accidents. Traffic accidents in the festival are largely due to reckless driving and drunk driving.

So, authorities will issue necessary traffic rules for public safety. Drink driving, ignoring traffic rules, racing, and driving cars without front and rear doors and exhaust pipes may lead to road casualties.

Drivers should abide by traffic rules to avoid accidents. In like manner, merry-makers and pedestrians have to follow traffic rules in using roads.

In Myanmar, Thingyan Festival is a New Year Day festival which the entire people take part in for joy. Therefore, each and every merry-maker should participate in the festival in line with the tradition and culture and drive in accordance with the traffic rules for a merry Thingyan to all.

Yangon Mayor inspects maintenance of roads

YANGON, 10 April— Minister for Development Affairs of Yangon Region and Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint looked into repaving of Maungmakan Kantha Road, arrangements for upgrading Ayeyawun Road, supply of drinking water at No. 2 water supply camp in Ward 54 and maintenance of No. 2 Highway in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

While in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, the Mayor inspected productions of entrepreneurs at fish paste, dried fish and fish sauce and fragrance industries and Dezat-Thayetpinchaung jetty.—MNA

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Peoples' 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

Cooperation with the sense of honesty and responsibility is needed: F&R Minister

YANGON, 10 April — Departmental personnel are to work cooperatively with the sense of honesty and responsibility and to manage to effectively use constantly changing information and communication technologies, Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun called on officers of department and enterprises of F&R Ministry in Yangon Region in a meeting at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) here this morning.

Region level departmental officials reported the minister on



Finance and Revenue Minister U Hla Tun visits Myanmar Industrial Port in Yangon.—MNA

the targets and plans of each department and enterprise for 2011-2012 fiscal year at the

meeting.

The minister inspected supervision upon imports and

exports at Myanmar Industrial Port being extended on Strand Road here.—MNA

Myanmar finance delegation arrives back from Indonesia

Deputy Finance and Revenue Minister U Win Than attends 15th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting.

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Education Minister holds meeting with Yangon University's faculties

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — Education Minister Dr. Mya Aye gave instructions on teaching and administration matters to faculty members of Yangon University today.

After the meeting with the rector, pro-rector and faculty members at Yangon University, he inspected teachers marking matriculation examination papers at the university and gave instructions to them. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than arrived back here yesterday after participating in the meeting of ASEAN finance ministers in Bali, Indonesia.

The deputy minister participated in the Finance Ministers Retreat and 15th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting in Bali on 7 April morning, and Finance Ministers' Retreat at Bvlgari Resort in the afternoon.

President of Indonesia Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono opened the 15th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting at the Westin Hotel the next day.

The deputy minister also attended the luncheon together with ASEAN ministers. — MNA

Suicide bomber targets army bus in Afghan capital, injures ten

KABUL, 10 April—A suicide bomber blew himself up next to an army bus in eastern part of Afghan capital Kabul Saturday, injuring 10 people, a police official said.

"A suicide bomber strapped an explosive device in his body and blew himself up near a bus carrying army officers back to home in Harzanqimat neighbourhood at around 4:30 pm local time. As a result 10 people were injured," a Press officer with the Kabul Police Department, Hashmatullah Stanikzai told *Xinhua*.

The area is condoned off by police,

Stanikzai said, adding the injured include seven army personnel and three civilians were evacuated to hospitals.

"Fortunately the injured people were not in critical conditions, most of them sustained minor injuries," Stanikzai added.

According to police official the bomber had been killed in the attack and police has launched an investigation in the incident. Police blamed the enemies of Afghanistan, a term often use by Afghan officials referring to Taliban militants for initiating the attack. However, the armed outfit has yet to make comments.—*Xinhua*



A farmer is pictured while harvesting seaweed along the Taal lake, with the Taal Volcano seen in the background. Thousands of people living near the volcano on an island close to the Philippine capital defied official warnings to evacuate as fears of an eruption grew.—INTERNET

Thousands defy Philippine volcano warnings

MANILA, 10 April—Thousands of people living near a volcano on an island close to the Philippine capital defied official warnings to evacuate as fears of an eruption grew.

Only 77 people living near the crater of Taal Volcano left the island, a popular visitor spot 65 kilometres (40 miles) south of Manila, over the weekend, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said on Sunday.

The island is home to 7,000 farmers, fishermen and tourist guides, according to the country's volcanology institute.

The government on Friday warned magma was pushing toward the surface amid a dramatic rise in gas emissions, a swelling of the ground and higher temperature on the surrounding Taal lake, which it said could eventually lead to an eruption.

Visits to the 2,500-hectare (6,178-acre) crater island, a tourist major draw, were banned and local officials put up posters on surrounding communities urging them to leave.—*Internet*

Seven killed, 15 wounded in Dutch mall shooting



Injured people are carried out of a shopping mall after a shooting in Alphen aan den Rijn, 15 miles (25 kilometres) southwest of Amsterdam, Netherlands, on 9 April, 2011.

INTERNET

ALPHEN AAN DEN RIJN, (Netherlands), 10 April—A man armed with a machine gun opened fire in a crowded shopping mall on Saturday, killing six people and wounding 15, then committed suicide, officials and witnesses said.

Children were among the casualties, including an infant who was lightly injured, said Mayor Bas Eenhoorn. Three of the wounded were hospitalized in critical condition.

The rampage ended when the attacker shot

himself in the head at the Ridderhof mall in Alphen aan den Rijn, a suburb 19 miles (30 kilometres) southwest of Amsterdam.

"It's too terrible for words, a shock for us all," said Eenhoorn. "Alphen is in mourning."

The gunman was identified as 24-year-old Tristan van der Vlis, and it was "all but certain" he acted alone, District Attorney Kitty Nooy said. Afterward, a note was found in the attacker's black Mercedes containing threats that he had

planted explosives at three other malls in the city, said Nooy. The malls were evacuated, but no explosives were found. A witness identified as Maart Verbeek told state broadcaster NOS the attacker appeared to be firing randomly. "There was a panic in the mall, a lot of people running," said Verbeek, a pet shop owner. "I see the attacker coming, walking, and I go inside the store and I see him going by with a big machine gun."

Internet



Smoke billows as Afghan security personnel stand guard outside a police training centre near Kandahar. Six Afghan security personnel were killed Thursday as Taliban gunmen detonated a bomb hidden in an ambulance amid an attack on a police centre near the key southern City of Kandahar.—INTERNET

British Army defuses 500-pound van bomb in Ulster

DUBLIN, 10 April—A 500-pound (225-kilogram) van bomb defused Saturday near the Irish border probably was destined to strike a town centre or landmark building in a bid to undermine Northern Ireland's election campaign, police and political leaders said.

Police Chief Superintendent Alasdair Robinson said the dissident IRA bomb left Thursday night under a freeway overpass was properly constructed but abandoned before it could be detonated. He said it was likely that the attackers stopped short of their intended target because of a police road checkpoint.—*Internet*



An Afghan man stands on a piece of land after a landslide in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan on 6 April, 2011. A pre-dawn landslide in the village of Parwaz near the northern City of Mazar-i-Sharif destroyed dozens of homes Wednesday.

No one was reported injured. About 200 families live in the village, located in a valley, and about half the homes were destroyed, said District chief Sher Mohammad.

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Firefighters struggle to contain massive Texas wildfire

LUBBOCK, 10 April—Firefighters from across the country expected no help from the weather on Saturday as they battled a remote, fast-moving 61,000-acre blaze in Texas.

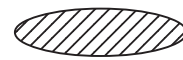
A huge, dark thunderhead of smoke visible for miles hung over Stonewall County in northern Texas as ranchland burned, the Texas Forest Service said.

Wildfires fed by dry, windy conditions have charred more than 82,000 acres over seven days across the state, killing livestock, destroying buildings and drawing in crews and equipment from 25 states.

"Predicted fire weather for tomorrow is even worse," Forest Service spokesman Alan Craft said. "These are the worst conditions we have ever seen."

The state forest service has helped fight 92 fires in the past week.

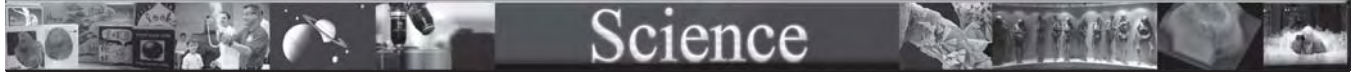
Plants that thrived in wet weather last year have dried to tinder under a drought covering all of Texas, and weeks of high winds and little moisture have made every spark dangerous.—*Reuters*



A grass fire blows smoke across Highway 83 north of Aspermont on Thursday afternoon.

INTERNET





Science

Frist man in space: A 50-year-old feat remembered



In this 15 July, 1961 picture, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, stands in an open car outside the Russian embassy in London and waves to the crowd as he departs for home.

INTERNET

STAR CITY, 10 April—It was the Soviet Union's own giant leap for mankind, one that would spur a humiliated America to race for the moon. It happened 50 years ago this Tuesday, when an air force pilot

named Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space.

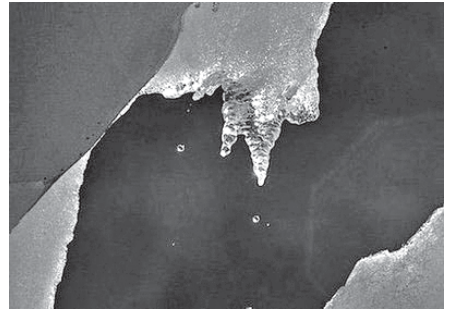
The 27-year-old cosmonaut's mission lasted just 108 minutes and was fraught with drama: a break in data transmission, glitches

involving antennas, a retrorocket and the separation of modules. And there was an overarching question that science had yet to answer: What would weightlessness do to a human being?

"There were all kinds of wild fears that a man could lose his mind in zero gravity, lose his ability to make rational decisions," recalls Oleg Ivanovsky, who oversaw the construction and launch of the Vostok spacecraft that carried Gagarin.—*Internet*

A view of a melting glacier in Ecuador. The first UN climate talks for the year have entered their final phase with negotiators still trying to hammer out a deal after familiar feuds between rich and poor nations flared.

INTERNET



Rich, poor nations feud at UN climate talks

BANGKOK, 10 April—Rich and poor nations agreed Friday on a roadmap for UN climate talks this year, but only after long-running feuds flared over a wide range of actions they must take to combat global warming.

The four days of talks eventually achieved their main goal of sorting out an agenda for the rest of the year's negotiations, which will lay the foundations for agreements at an annual UN climate summit in South Africa in November. But delegates were forced into heated debate as poor countries demanded a greater focus on long-term actions rich countries must take, particularly over cutting the greenhouse gas emissions that are blamed for global warming.

"We are content this strikes the right balance, we are disappointed it took so long to agree," Hungarian climate envoy Jozsef Feiler, representing the European Union, told fellow delegates after the roadmap was formally approved.

Many delegates came to Bangkok with a sense of cautious optimism after rich and poor nations made a series of compromises to achieve breakthroughs at the last annual summit in the Mexican resort city of Cancun in December. But the Cancun agreements focused mainly on the easiest steps to be taken, after an effort 12 months earlier in Copenhagen to achieve a much more wide-ranging accord saw the UN climate process almost collapse.—*Internet*

Ky man finds shark fossil in mine

LEXINGTON, 10 April—A miner has found a fossil from a shark jawbone deep in a central Kentucky mine and now it is on display at the University of Kentucky. The fossil was found in February in Webster County, Ky, where 25-year-old miner Jay Wright was working to bolt a roof 700 feet underground. The 300-million-year-old black jawbone is believed to be from a shark from the Edestus genus that once swam the seas over what is now Kentucky.

Wright said in an interview Friday with *The Lexington Herald Leader* that his first thought was "Gosh, what is this thing?" Jerry Weisenfluh, associate director of the Kentucky Geological Survey in Lexington, said a fossil this large is rare. It's now on display in the lobby of UK's Mines and Minerals building.—*Internet*



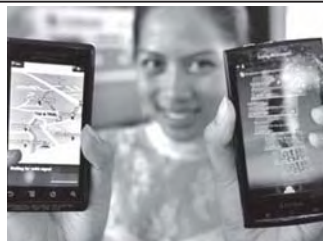
Technology

San Francisco hopes tech success isn't Bubble 2.0

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 April—A certain feeling is back in San Francisco. Murmurs of stock market riches. Twenty-something entrepreneurs as celebrities. Lamborghinis parked next to taco trucks.

Driven by social media and mobile startups, the money is flowing in the city's tech industry again, a decade after the dot-com boom minted overnight millionaires and its crash fueled a local recession worse than anything San Francisco has seen in the latest downturn. A recent tax break for Twitter and other proposals show city officials are hopeful that this latest tech industry prosperity does not portend another bubble and another bust.

"It seems to be the industry that's leading us out of the recession at the moment," said Ted Egan, the city's chief economist. Even so, he said, "it's certainly not yet another dot-com boom." At present, the signs do not point clearly to the same excess of optimism that led to the high perch from which the city had so far to fall. But some of the numbers swirling around the tech startup scene could stir a sense of deja vu.—*Internet*



A model displays smartphones with Google's mobile operating system Android. Startup Scoopler was inviting owners of Android-powered smartphones to install an application that promises to alert them every time a celebrity is sighted nearby.

INTERNET

Celebrity tracker 'app' for Android smartphones

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 April—Startup Scoopler was inviting owners of Android-powered smartphones to install an application that promises to alert them every time a celebrity is sighted nearby.

The free JustSpotted software was available online at the Android Market.

"There is no other application that gives you real-time alerts like this with thousands of spottings on our website every day," Scoopler co-founder AJ Asver told AFP in an email.

"If you are in a metropolitan area, you are going to be pleasantly surprised by how close you are to the celebrity

world."

JustSpotted.com launched in October with an online map that pinpoints celebrity whereabouts in real time based on public updates from social networking star Facebook and microblogging service Twitter.

JustSpotted members also contribute sightings.—*Internet*

A Long March-3A carrier rocket lifts off at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 10 Apr, 2010. China successfully launched into space a eighth orbiter for its independent satellite navigation and positioning network known as Beidou, or Compass System here Saturday.—XINHUA

China launches eighth satellite for indigenous global navigation, positioning network

XICHANG, 10 April—China early Sunday morning successfully launched its eighth orbiter which will form part of its indigenous satellite-navigation and -positioning network.

A Long March-3A carrier rocket carrying the "Beidou," or Compass, navigation satellite took off at 4:47 am Sunday from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

It will join seven other satellites already in orbit to form a network which will eventually consist of more than 30 satellites.

The launching of the satellite marks the establishment of a basic system for the navigation and positioning network, said an unidentified spokesperson for the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.—*Xinhua*





Health



Elf ears gaining in popularity

NEW YORK, 10 April—A body modification artist in Phoenix says he can perform cosmetic surgery on ears to give them a pointy, Dr Spock-like appearance.

It will cost you \$600 for the non-reversible surgery, which if performed by Phoenix artist Steve Haworth must be done with no anesthesia because he is not licensed to practice medicine, the *New York Daily News* reported.

"There's a lot of people out there who have an inner vision of themselves and they want to express that to the world around them," Haworth told *ABC News*. "I'm very happy to be an artist that can provide that kind of work."

The procedure involves cutting open the tips of the ear and sculpting the cartilage into elf points. Besides being painful, the procedure can cause other problems. Some doctors say cartilage sculpting can cause ear deformities and dangerous infections that can destroy ears within a few days. The concerns weren't enough to keep Jordan Houtz from having the procedure. She said she had been thinking about having it done for 18 months.—*Internet*



A job seeker reads an employment guide as he waits in line for the Metro DC Diversity Job Fair at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland on 31 August, 2010.

INTERNET

Unemployment shortens life span

MONTREAL, 10 April— Researchers in Montreal say unemployment can lead to a shorter life, particularly among men.

The findings, analyzing 40 years of data from millions of people in 15 countries published in

the *Journal of Social Science & Medicine*, strongly suggest men are particularly affected.

"We suspect that even today, not having a job is more stressful for men than for women," Eran Shor, a sociology professor at McGill

University in Montreal, told *USA Today*.

The study found sustained unemployment raises the risk of premature death by 63 percent. The risk is increased 78 percent for men compared with 37 percent for women.

Internet

Pacific nations battle obesity epidemic

NUKU'ALOFA, 10 April—On Tonga's supermarket shelves, huge cans of corned beef the size of paint tins replaced traditional fare such as fish and coconuts long ago — contributing to an obesity epidemic that sees the Pacific region ranked as the fattest in the world.

Meat in Tonga almost invariably comes in a tin, whether it be turkey breast, meat loaf, luncheon meat or Spam, which can be bought in a variety of forms including smoked, with chilli or laced with cheese for an extra calorie hit. The common denominator, Tonga's Chief Medical Officer Malakai Ake says, is that the "junk meat" is loaded with salt and saturated fats, meaning

islanders' waistlines continue to expand.

"This is the biggest issue facing Tonga," he told *AFP*, citing soaring levels of weight-related coronary disease, diabetes and strokes among islanders. "Every other day there's a funeral, a next-door neighbour, a relative, a friend. It's always heart disease, diabetes, it's ridiculous." The Tongan Health Department says more than 90 percent of the total population is classed as overweight and more than 60 percent is obese.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) data released last year, Pacific island nations account for eight of the top 10 countries where



An overweight man walks along a street in Nuku'alofa, capital City of Tonga. —INTERNET

the male population is overweight or obese. Weight-related diseases are responsible for three-quarters of deaths in the region, Fiji-based WHO nutritionist Temo Waqanivalu said, with diabetes rates in some Pacific nations close to 50 percent.—*Internet*



Business



China factories face shortages due to Japan quake

BEIJING, 10 April— Electronics and auto makers in China are facing a severe shortage of components after Japan's twin disasters disrupted production, but the full impact will not be felt for weeks, analysts say.

The earthquake and tsunami that devastated Japan's northeastern coast on 11 March shattered infrastructure, caused power outages and forced temporary factory shutdowns — meaning shipments of key parts to China also stopped.

"As many Chinese manufacturers have started drawing down inventories of components, more significant output loss... shall start showing in the next couple of weeks," IHS Global Insight senior



Workers assemble cars at an industrial plant in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province. —INTERNET

analyst Ren Xianfang said.

Japan is a key supplier of components and equipment used in the assembly of cars, laptops, iPods, refrigerators and flat-screen televisions, and the country accounts for about 14 percent of China's imports, according to UBS.

"Given the importance of Japan in the supply chain of some electronics, chemicals

and machinery products... we expect China's related exports to the world might be affected as well," UBS economists said in a research note.

The full impact of the supply problems will start to be seen in the coming weeks as electronics and auto makers use up the parts in stock and Japanese assembly lines remain idle or operate well below capacity, analysts say.

Internet

ASEAN to market 210 superior shares

JAKARTA, 10 April— Seven capital markets in the Southeast Asia nations collected 210 top quality shares from six member countries in one basket called the ASEAN Stars, *Kompas* daily quoted an executive as saying on Saturday.

The shares will be marketed through websites of ASEAN Exchange at www.aseanexchange.org.

aseanexchange.org.

"We are promoting the most attracting 210 blue chips. The shares are ranked based on market capitalization and liquidity under the name of the ASEAN Stars," said President Director of the Indonesian Capital Market Ito Warsito in Nusa Dua area of Bali province on Friday.

According to

Warsito, to make sure the efficiency of the promotion, they agreed to cooperate with Thomson Reuters who will be a partner tasked for providing market data and ASEAN Stars share data.

"Thomson Reuters will distribute them in mobile through its global thousands of terminal," he said.

Xinhua

S Korea's shipbuilding giant STX O&S boasts huge growth potential

SEOUL, 10 April— As the world's fourth-largest shipbuilder, STX Offshore & Shipbuilding, a South Korean shipyard, has bigger growth potential than local shipbuilding firms, analysts said.

The company has the ability to build every type of vessels ranging from LNG carriers, containerships, tankers and bulk carriers to drill ships, cruise ships, offshore service vessels and ice breakers. Moreover, it has built a vertically-integrated business structure, covering the areas of ship component, ship engine, shipbuilding, shipping and even energy and power plant.

As the global shipbuilding industry bottoms out, the company is expected to enjoy faster growth with most diverse product mix and vertical integration of business structure. The vertical integration will give STX O&S various advantages such as timely supply of components, consistent quality control, stability of cash flow and faster growth opportunities, according to Mirae Asset Securities.—*Xinhua*

This image provided by KITV shows the entrance to the bunker where fireworks were stored at Waikale Business Centre on 8 April, 2011 in Waipahu, Hawaii.

INTERNET



Death toll hits five in Hawaii fireworks bunker blast

WAIPAHU, (Hawaii), 10 April—A bomb squad recovered the bodies of two people Saturday who had been missing after a fireworks storage bunker blast in Hawaii, bringing the death toll to five, officials said.

The blast near the Waikale Business Centre at a former military bunker where fireworks were warehoused occurred Friday, killing three people and leaving two the others missing. The bodies of the two missing men were found Saturday, Honolulu Fire Department Capt Gary Lum told *The Associated Press*.

Officials said the bunker burned throughout the day Friday and had been too hot and unstable to enter.

A police robot searched the facility Saturday to see whether explosions had

stopped and whether the temperature had dropped low enough for rescuers to risk going in, Lum said.

"It wasn't as hot as yesterday but it was still warm. The bomb team went in protective equipment and they were able to retrieve one victim at a time," he said.—*Internet*

One killed in N-W China shopping mall fire

XINING, 10 April—One woman was killed after a fire broke out at a large shopping mall in downtown Xining City, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province at about 3 pm Saturday, local authorities said.

Another 15 people were rescued and sent to the hospital. No more people were found in the building, said Wang Yanming, spokesman for the Xining municipal government.

Doctors say 12 people were injured, mostly from inhalation of smoke. The injured are in stable conditions.

Firefighters are still working to put out the fire. Residents of a nearby building have been evacuated.

The cause of the fire is not immediately known.

MNA/Xinhua



The fire occurred in a large shopping mall has been put out in Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 10 April, 2011. After over 10 hours' efforts, the fire has been extinguished at 1:49 am Sunday. The fire has caused a cleaner of the shopping mall dead and 15 people wounded as of the press time.

INTERNET

Small plane crashes near Los Angeles, injuring four

LOS ANGELES, 10 April—Four people were injured when a small plane they were onboard crashed in Camarillo of Ventura County near Los Angeles on Saturday, authorities said.

Three escaped with minor injuries and were able to extricate themselves from the crash which took place at 1:25 pm, the Ventura County Fire Department said. The fourth suffered "moderate to serious" injuries, according to the department.

All were transported to a local hospital, said Firefighter Dan Horton. The single-engine *Beechcraft Bonanza* took off from Chino Airport and was on its way to Camarillo Airport when it crashed into a storage facility just before landing, Horton said.—*Xinhua*

Jet returns to California airport after striking bird

LOS ANGELES, 10 April—A passenger jet sucked a bird into one of its engines shortly after taking off from Sacramento on Saturday, but the engine kept running and the plane returned to land safely, the airline said.

Alaska Airlines flight 869 had just taken off from Sacramento International Airport in California when the bird struck, said Paul McElroy, a spokesman for the airline.

The pilot flew the plane back to the airport, he said. "This was textbook. These bird strikes do happen occasionally, and the proper thing to do is just get back to the airport and land," he said.

There were 163 people on board the *Boeing 737-800*, including six crew members, he said.

Reuters



Philippine army's bomb squad examine a plastic box containing an improvised explosive device found outside a school on 10 April, 2011 in the town of Lamitan, Basilan island in southern Philippines.—INTERNET

Bomb blast devastates lodging house in S Philippines

MANILA, 10 April—Unidentified suspects on Saturday night bombed and toppled a lodging house in the southern Philippine City of Lamitan, a known area of operation of the Abu Sayyaf group, a regional military spokesman said Sunday.

Lt Col Randolph Cabangbang, spokesman of the military's Western Mindanao Command, said that investigations are still underway to determine the identities of the suspects and their possible group affiliation.

Cabangbang described one of the two

suspects to be between 18 to 21 years old. He hinted that the two could be members of the Yakan tribe as they had a Yakan accent.

Cabangbang said the incident occurred at around 07:10 pm Saturday at the lodging house situated at Matibay village and owned by businessman Jose Tejada.

Thirty minutes earlier, Cabangbang said the two suspects checked in at Room 200, carrying a green plastic bag containing an unknown object.

Xinhua

Two detained in Rio in connection to school shooting

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 April—Two men have confessed to illegally supplying a gun to a man who entered a Rio de Janeiro school, opened fire and killed at least 12 children before taking his own life, a police official said Saturday.

Charleston Souza de Lucena, 38, and Isaías de Souza, 48, said that they sold a gun to the shooter and regretted having done so, Officer Altamir Ribeiro said. He did not elaborate. He said the two men are not related.

It was not immediately clear if police believe they also supplied the shooter with the second pistol he used in the rampage.

The two men have not been charged. Under Brazilian law, prosecutors file charges only after police have finished investigating.

Also Saturday, a small, private ceremony was

held for the 12th victim of the Thursday shooting, 13-year-old Ana Carolina da Silva. About 15 family members wearing T-shirts with a photo of her on them filed into a funeral home where the girl was cremated.

They declined to speak to reporters.

There are fears the death toll from the shooting may rise. Three other children shot at the school are in grave condition and on life support, the Rio state health department said.

Ten girls and two boys ages 12 to 15 were gunned down inside the Tasso da Silveira public school, most lined up along a wall and shot in the head at point-blank range. The shooter, identified as a former student of the school, 23-year-old Wellington Oliveira, killed himself with one of his pistols after being confronted by police. At least 12 other students were wounded.—*Internet*



A visitor poses next to an artwork created by Huang Yongping at the 798 Art Zone in Beijing, China, on 9 April, 2011. The artwork is assembled with a carriage, fiberglass materials and stuffed animals.

XINHUA

Japan ready to stop pumping radioactive water into sea



A worker wears protective gear as he operates excavator at an area that was damaged by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which is about 20km (12 miles) from the damaged Fukushima nuclear power station, in Minamisoma, Fukushima Prefecture, on 9 April, 2011. INTERNET

TOKYO, 10 April— Japan hopes to stop pumping radioactive water into the sea on Sunday which should help ease concerns in neighbouring China and South Korea over the spread of radiation from the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl.

But problems in restoring cooling systems at Japan's crippled nuclear plant, hit by a tsunami on 11 March, mean more contaminated water may eventually be pumped into the sea if the complex again runs out of storage capacity. Japan is struggling to regain control of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant after a massive earthquake and tsunami devastated its northeast on 11 March, and is facing a major humanitarian and economic crisis.

"There are still numerous aftershocks and there is no room for complacency regarding the situation (at Fukushima Daiichi)," Japan's Deputy Cabinet Secretary Tetsuro

Fukuyama said.

Plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO) said it was continuing to inject nitrogen into reactors to prevent another hydrogen explosion which would spread highly radioactive material into the air.

China and South Korea have criticized Japan's handling of the nuclear crisis, with Seoul calling it incompetent, reflecting growing international unease over the month-long atomic disaster and the spread of radiation.—Reuters

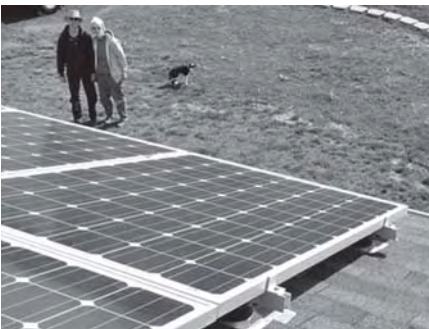
Blast at cement plant kills four in North China

HOHHOT, 10 April— Four people were killed in a cement plant blast Sunday in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local authorities said.

A steam boiler of the cement plant in Baolongshan Town of Tongliao City exploded at around 7:40 am Sunday, according to the regional work safety bureau.

The cause of the blast is under investigation.—Xinhua

Oregon cowboy town promotes solar energy



In this on 8 April, 2011 photo, Ken and Sally Abbott gaze up at solar panels on the roof of their Pendleton, Ore, home. The Abbotts are among dozens of residents of this rural city investing in solar energy systems.—INTERNET

PENDLETON, 10 April— A cowboy grasping the reins of a bucking bronco has long been the image of this farm and ranch town. It's the emblem of the annual Pendleton Roundup, a celebration of the city's colourful past, when pioneers on the Oregon Trail settled the prairie.

Today, solar panels might just outnumber cowboys.

Rural Pendleton is blazing an unlikely renewable energy trail, offering no-interest loans

to spark interest in solar power and a group-buy philosophy to get better prices. More than 50 residents installed systems last year, and the programme was expanded to more residents and to include businesses this year.

Oregon earned a reputation for being a green leader years ago, with adoption of the first bottle bill in 1971 to encourage recycling and efforts to keep its beaches public.

However, many green efforts stem from the state's populated — and more liberal — west side. They're less likely to be found in Oregon's ruggedly conservative agricultural country.

"We're a Western community, and we're proud of that, but we're also in the 21st Century," city manager Larry Lehman said. "There are people here who are interested in renewable energy, and we wanted to make it easy for them."

The cost of solar systems — even small ones — run in the thousands of dollars, and having the cash up front is a substantial impediment.

Metropolitan Portland also has pursued solar power in recent years, but other states and communities had long since taken the lead. Some have issued bonds, then used the money to issue clean energy loans that are tied to property taxes. In San Jose, Calif, city employees bought in to solar projects through their credit union.

Internet

Pakistan export boom will not repair economy

KARACHI, 10 April— After a year of unemployment and wondering if his family would be better off if he died, Pakistani textile worker Murad Ali has got the spring back in his step.

One of thousands laid off by textile bosses last year, the father of four is now back at work and one of those to benefit from a surge in Pakistani exports in the current fiscal year, which ends on 30 June.

Experts say rising global commodity prices, a government decision to prioritise power supply to industry and currency devaluation that has made Pakistani products more competitive, have fired an export boom.



A Pakistani worker arranges spools of thread at a textile factory in Karachi.—INTERNET

Compared with the same period last year, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan says textile exports such as silk rose 25.8 percent and agricultural produce, such as basmati, rose 6.2 percent from July to 7 February, 2011. The textiles sector is one of the key drivers of the Pakistani economy, accounting for 55 percent of all exports and 38 percent of the workforce, according to official figures. Bosses

have rehired staff who were laid off, but Ali is only getting a third of the salary as a skilled garment worker that he used to command.

"I'm earning less than last year. It is difficult to live a better life due to price rises, but I'm happy," Ali said. He has re-enrolled his sons at school but his wife will continue to work as a maid. Money is too tight for her to go back to being a housewife.

Internet

Farmers in Spain look to expand 'European coffee'



A Spanish farmer cleans dried coffee beans in the Agaete Valley on the Spanish Canary Island of Gran Canaria on 4 April.—INTERNET

VALLE DE AGAETE, 10 April—In a tropical valley in Spain's Canary Islands the month of April is the time to harvest coffee, which is marketed as gourmet product and one which farmers hope to expand rapidly.

Since the late 19th century, the residents of the Valley of Agaete on the northeast coast of Gran Canaria island in the Atlantic have cultivated this coffee which they consider the "only one in Europe," said Victor Lugo, head of the Agroagaete cooperative. It is not quite the only one, as coffee plantations exist in the Caribbean countries that belong to European nations.

Production of coffee in the Canaries is just 3.0 to 4.0 tonnes per year, organically grown in an area of about 20 hectares (50 acres). The aim is to bring production to 7,000 kilos (15,000 pounds) from around 2,000 to 3,000 plants while maintaining "quality as the priority," said Lugo.—Internet

Pyu Township gets new buildings...

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buildings and school building. He urged the local people to join hands in maintaining the buildings. The speaker also thanked all praiseworthy persons for the emergence of new buildings.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin promised that the Ministry of Health would set up new hospitals, and special health care centres across the nation in the interests of the national people, with permitted annual healthcare budget of the State.

Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win said that Bago locals would receive more healthcare services in consequence of emergence of hospitals



**Minister
for
Health
Dr Pe
Thet
Khin
delivering
speech.**
MNA

in the region; and that although the region was seeing high rate of tuberculosis and malaria outbreaks, it would now be able to cure those diseases in short time.

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**Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe
Mann visits Pyu Township People's
Hospital (50-bed).**
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**Chief
Minister
of Bago
Region
U Nyan
Win
making
speech.**
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Writer Paragu passes away at 90



Writer Paragu.—MNA

YANGON, 10 April—Writer U Hla Kyaing (Paragu) died of heart disease at Asia Royal Specialist Clinic here at 11 am yesterday.

He was born to U Ba Saw and Daw May Toke at Thanon Thanawt Village in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 10 November 1921. He pursued education at Thanon Thanawt Primary School. He was initiated into a novice at the age of 11. He passed Dhammacariya Ex-amination in 1941. He was ordained at 20. He pursued Buddha studies at Hindi University in Baranasi, India, from 1947 to 1952. He left the Religious Order in 1954.

He served as Interpreter Officer at the Information Department of Indian Embassy to Myanmar, as member of the Oriental Studies Board of Myanmar Universities and Colleges, as Executive of Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Missionary Central Executive Committee, as Patron of Theosophy Team, as Vice-Chairman of Committee for Promotion of Myanmar Literature, as Chairman

of Myanmar Tagore Society, as Chairman of the Myanmar Hindi Literature Association, and as member in writers associations. He started writing in 1939. He wrote about 80 novels including translation works.

He founded Paragu Shantiniketan Library at his residence at 981/990, U Ponnya Street, Ward (16), Shwepaukkan Myothit, on 24 December 2005. Now, the library has over 50,000 publications of various fields.

Information and Culture Minister U Kyaw Hsan signed the Condolence Book in commemoration of the demise of Writer U Hla Kyaing (Paragu) at the residence of the late writer. At the meeting with the chairman and CEC members of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, executives of the Myanmar Libraries Foundation, members of Paragu Shantiniketan Library Committee, and townsenders, the minister rendered assistance for funeral services, and held discussions for sustainable development of libraries.—MNA



A train running on Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw section of Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad.

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Two shot dead, eight wounded at teen party near Philly

CHESTER, 10 April—Shots rang out in a suburban Philadelphia social hall where a teenage party was being held, killing two people and sending eight others to hospitals, authorities said Saturday.

Police in Chester, where a state of emergency was declared last summer because of crime concerns, said a suspect was taken into custody after officers were called to the Minaret Temple No 174 around 11:30 pm

Friday and found “numerous victims.”

Police said nine people were transported to Crozer Chester Medical Centre, where a spokesman said one died soon afterward and another died Saturday afternoon. Four other victims remained in stable condition, and three had been discharged, the spokesman said. A 10th

person was treated at Taylor Hospital and was released.

The social hall had been rented for a party, and many teenagers were present when the shots were fired, police said. Detectives were investigating the cause of the shooting and declined to release further information.—Internet

Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin wave hands as they greet local people along Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad.
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Religious Affairs Minister attends consecration ceremony of Hindu Temple, inspects construction of Sasana Beikman

YANGON, 10 April — Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung yesterday attended a consecration ceremony of Hindu Temple in Pelakhet village of Kyauktan Township in Yangon Region and inspected the construction of Maha Atula Waiyan Sasan Beikman in Thongwa.—MNA

Local people attend opening ceremony of Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section.
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Plan under way to improve water course of Yangon River for 35000-ton oceanliners

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Myanma Port Authority is to carry out safety drive for oceanliners and inland transport vessels and tackle timely completion of freight-handling, Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said on his inspection tour along Yangon River by Thameehla Vessel yesterday morning. In giving instructions to officials, the minister noted that it is necessary to maintain the water course of Yangon River for arrival of foreign vessels from the weights of 15000 tons to 35000 tons.

The minister inspected jetties along the strand road and extension of the strand road.

A total of 41 small and large jetties

at Yangon Port can yearly handle 6800 vessels of Inland Water Transport and private-owned vessels on their arrival and 6885 vessels for their departure. The port tackles over 360,000 tons of incoming commodities and over 280,000 tons of outgoing commodities. The port gives service to over 5.7 million passengers on their arrival and over 7 million passengers for their departure. Jetties handled 1598 oceanliners in 2009-2010 and 1719 in 2010-2011.MPA manages to dredge the sandbanks in the river daily to be adequate seep of water course and keep the bouys for better water course.—MNA



Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin meets law officers and staff at Nay Pyi Taw District Law Office.(News reported) — MNA

Foreign military attachés, family members tour Putao, Myitkyina townships



Defence Attaché Col Brey R Sloan and husband, foreign military attachés and their families pose for a documentary photo by Myithson Hydropower Project near Kyeinkharan Village of Myitkyina Township.—MNA

YANGON, 10 April—An excursion team comprising Dean of the Military Attachés to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Defence Attaché Col Brey R Sloan and husband, foreign military attachés and their families led by Daw Win Win Maw, wife of Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers and their wives, left Yangon by special flight on 8 April to observe progress of Kachin State and scenic beauty and arrived at Myitkyina Airbase.

They proceeded to Putao Airport in the afternoon.

They observed Mulashide jeep suspension bridge and natural beauties in Mulashide Village of Putao Township and traditional handiworks of Lishu

and Rawan national races at the national races village. They took a raft ride along the Mulashide Creek. In the afternoon, Putao Station hosted a dinner to them

at Khakaborazi guest house.

Yesterday morning, they visited Kaunghmulon Pagoda in Kaunghmulon Village of Machanbaw Township and viewed Malikha suspension bridge linking Putao and Machanbaw townships and Kyauknaga Viewpoint in Machanbaw Township.

In the evening, Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Zeyar Aung and wife hosted a dinner to the excursion team members on the lawn of Malikha Yeiktha in Myitkyina. Afterwards, the military attachés and family members participated in the Kachin traditional Manau dance together with local traditional cultural troupe members. This morning, they left Myitkyina by special flight for Yangon after visiting Myithson Hydropower Project near Kyeinkharan Village of Myitkyina Township and Aungmyintha Model Village.—MNA

Defence Attaché Col Brey R Sloan and husband, foreign military attachés view scenic beauty from Mulashide jeep suspension bridge.—MNA



A port employee passes in front of containers originating in China. The country's exports in March rose 35.8 percent from the same month a year earlier, up from February's 2.4 per cent rise.—INTERNET

South Africa's photo-op penguins show signs of decline

CAPE TOWN, 10 April — Penguins waddle over giant boulders and

dive into the shallow turquoise sea to the delight of camera-ready

tourists near the tip of South Africa.

The birds are a top attraction in Simon's Town, a naval village in Cape Town where motorists yield to the seabirds, but their numbers are dwindling, a worrying factor that also points to wider threats to the world's oceans.

"The African Penguins have been decreasing, by 60 percent now, since 2004, so that's why we are all very worried,"

said Lorian Pichgru of the Percy FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology.

"There's 26,000 pairs left and that's the lowest number ever recorded. At the beginning of the 20th century we had more than two million birds."

Scientists call pengu-ins an indicator species: one that is easy to monitor and can also point to unseen and wider problems in the ocean.—Internet

Death toll rises to 59 in floods in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 10 April—The total death toll in the Thailand's southern floods has been confirmed at 59, the Interior Ministry's

Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department reported on Saturday.

Nakhon Si Thammarat suffered the most — 26, followed by

Surat Thani (12), Krabi (10), Phatthalung (5), Chumphon (3), Trang (2) and Phangnga (1), according to the department.

The floods continue in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Surat Thani, Phatthalung and Trang. The water has receded

in Phangnga, Krabi, Chumphon, Songkhla, Satun and Narathiwat, it said.

The flash floods and mudslides caused by heavy rainstorms hit severely several southern provinces since 23 March.

Internet



African penguins are pictured in Simon's Town near Cape Town, South Africa. Africa's only nesting penguin was reclassified as endangered last year due to it being nearly wiped out, likely as a result of competition for food from commercial fisheries and shifting fish stocks.

INTERNET

Tokyo Disneyland to reopen on 15 April



Minnie Mouse (right) and Daisy Duck characters play violin as part of Disney characters band at the Tokyo Disneyland in Urayasu City, suburban Tokyo on 19 January.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 10 April—Tokyo Disneyland will reopen on 15 April, a report said Saturday, more than a month after a massive quake-tsunami hit Japan, causing widespread

damage and knocking out power supplies.

The amusement park closed on 12 March, a day after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck northeastern Japan, generating a

tsunami that crippled the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant run by Tokyo Electric Power Co (TEPCO).

The amusement park remained largely intact despite some damage to its car park, but the operator Oriental Land Co had to close the popular tourist site because of rolling blackouts due to a region-wide power shortage caused by multiple power plant shutdowns.

Oriental Land decided to reopen Tokyo Disneyland after the government Friday announced an end to planned blackouts “in principle”, the *Nikkei* business daily reported without citing sources.

Internet

India car sales soar 30 percent in 2010-11

NEW DELHI, 10 April — Indian passenger car sales soared by 30 percent in the past year, the most in over a decade, but surging raw material costs will put the brakes on further growth, an industry body said Friday.

Car sales grew to 1.98 million units in the just-ended fiscal year to March 2011 from 1.53 million the previous year, spurred by cheap loans and new model launches, the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) said.

“We have ended the year on a reasonably high note. We have reached a very strong base,” SIAM president Pawan Goenka told reporters. India is the second-fastest growing auto market in the world after China.

But Goenka said growth would slow to 16 or 18 percent this year due to rising commodity prices and costlier loans resulting from a tighter monetary policy aimed at curbing inflation.

The percentage gain in car sales in the year to March 2011 was the highest



A sales assistant stands between Maruti Suzuki cars on display at an auto show.

INTERNET

since 2000 when car sales soared 60 percent, SIAM said. The sustained expansion of the Indian market in the face of saturated markets in the West has turned the country into a battleground for global vehicle manufacturers.

Ford, Renault-Nissan, General Motors and Volkswagen have all launched new models in India recently.

Internet

Huge opportunity in China's clean energy market

BOSTON, 10 April—China's clean energy market offers huge business opportunities, experts said at the Harvard China Forum here Saturday.

In a panel discussion on clean energy, experts who have been keeping a close eye on China's renewable sectors evaluated its market size, development level and current challenges. “No matter it comes to wind, solar or any other type of clean energy, the market capability in China is enormous,” Peter Evans, GE Energy's global strategy and planning director said.

Evans said he believed China has the need to develop all kinds of energy in order to meet its ever-growing appetite for energy, especially against the background of high oil price, which just surged to nearly 113 US dollars a barrel.

He also said China now has the capital needed to develop clean energy but lacked the technology, although that would not be a problem since “every abroad company related to clean energy wants to go to China and to grab something.” Gong Li, chairman of Accenture Greater China, said that for a better development of China's renewable sectors, sustainable policy support is needed.—*Xinhua*

Man says one-year-old daughter's overdose accidental

DENVER, 10 April—A Colorado man charged in the overdose death of his one-year-old daughter said the girl ingested the painkiller oxycodone after he lost one of the pills, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released on Friday. Manuel Angel Rivera told investigators with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office that Analeisia Rivera must have swallowed the drug when she found the pill on the floor in their Clifton, Colorado home last month.

Rivera admitted to investigators that he had the narcotic illegally because it helped him sleep.

“I like the nod,” Rivera said, according to the affidavit. Rivera, 30, is charged with reckless child abuse resulting in death, and two counts of illegal drug possession.

Deputies responded to the home 6 March after the dead girl's three-year-old sister alerted her parents that “sissy would not wake up,” the affidavit said.—*Reuters*

Farmers of Uygur ethnic group plant cotton covered with mulch plastic film in Shache county, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 7 April, 2011.

INTERNET



A fire fighter tries to put out a fire in Paranaque city, the Philippines, on 8 April, 2011. A fire broke out and burnt down hundreds of houses made out of light materials here Friday, the cause of which is still under investigation.

XINHUA

Living in shadows of suspected HIV infection

BEIJING, 10 April—Despite repeated tests showing negative results, a group of people live in fear, suspecting that they have been infected with HIV.

Experts believe they are suffering from a psychological phobia of AIDS, but they say they are patients of “HIV-negative AIDS”.

Among them is 30-year-old Xiang Jun, who prefers not to use his real name, from Xiangtan, a city in central China's Hunan Province.

Since kissing a woman at a karaoke house in August 2010,

he has noticed some changes in his body.

“My lymph nodes and muscles swell. At night, I sweat feverishly. I feel dizzy sometimes and can sleep for a whole day. When feeling ill, I want to kill myself,” he says.

He has visited hospitals for two HIV tests, and both have come back negative for infection. Still, Xiang has noticed that, after coming into contact with him, some of his relatives and colleagues have developed symptoms similar to his.

He suspects that his

disease could be a new, more contagious form of AIDS.

On the Internet, many people have complained of experiencing symptoms similar to that of Xiang Jun. Some have also complained of other maladies, including joint aches, canker sores, and diarrhea, which resemble symptoms of HIV infection.

Some of them have managed to contact Zeng Guang, chief scientist of epidemiology with the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Xinhua

Italy sets world record with heart surgery for 100-year-old man

ROME, 10 April — Italy has claimed a world record in the field of surgery with a recent lifesaving open-heart operation on a 100-year-old man. The unnamed patient, a former doctor, was saved with a procedure never before used in a person of his age, Florence medical experts confirmed on Thursday.

According to the ANSA news agency, the operation, using the implantation of an artery-widening balloon and three stents, was carried out at Careggi Hospital in Florence. The patient, an ex-urologist born in February 1911, was said to be "doing well". The man had worked until he was 80.— *Xinhua*

Shooting on British nuclear sub kills one

LONDON, 10 April — A shooting on board the *HMS Astute*, a British nuclear submarine making a visit to Southampton, left one person dead and another critically wounded, authorities said on Friday. One man was arrested after the shooting, said police, who were contacted by the Ministry of Defence about the incident.

No other details of the incident were immediately released. The *Astute* made headlines last year when it ran aground off the Isle of Skye, in northern Scotland, while doing sea trials.

Its nuclear propulsion system was not damaged in the incident, and its reactor was declared safe, with no environmental impact. It was eventually pulled free and escorted back to port.

The submarine can carry a mix of as many as 38 Spearfish heavyweight torpedoes and Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles, according to the ministry.— *Internet*



HMS Astute sailing up Gareloch on the Firth of Clyde to its base at Faslane, in western Scotland, in November 2009.— INTERNET

French art theft addict charged

STRASBOURG, 10 April — Notorious compulsive art thief and collector Stephane Breitwieser has been charged with several new crimes after dozens of old masters were discovered at his home in France. An investigating magistrate interviewed the 39-year-old in the eastern city of Strasbourg on yesterday and has already charged him with one theft in France and with handling goods stolen in Belgium and Germany, officials said.

Assistant prosecutor Claude Palpacuer said Breitwieser had admitted some of the allegations against him. He is free on bail but may face further charges and will eventually be put on trial.

A grand-nephew of Alsatian painter Robert Breitwieser (1889-1975), Stephane won infamy in 2002 when he admitted stealing hundreds of works from museums, castles and palaces around Europe, supposedly for his own collection.— *Internet*



The bride and groom bow to greet each other at a traditional Chinese wedding in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 8 April, 2011. The bride and groom, both were Chinese culture researchers, held a traditional wedding with the style of Han (206 BC-220 AD) and Tang (618-907) dynasties. — XINHUA

An overturned tanker is lifted by a crane at the site of a road accident in Kaili, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 8 April, 2011.

INTERNET



New York set to be big loser as sea levels rise

NEW YORK, 10 April — New York is a major loser and Reykjavik a winner from new forecasts of sea level rise in different regions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said in 2007 that sea levels would rise at least 28cm (1ft) by the year 2100. But this is a global average; and now a Dutch team has made what appears to be the first attempt to model all the factors leading to regional variations. Other researchers say the IPCC's figure is likely to

Places like New York are projected to experience an above average sea level increase.—INTERNET



200 passengers hurt in train crash

PRETORIA, 10 April — A driver died and about 200 people were hurt when two passenger trains collided near South Africa's capital.

"Paramedics are tending to the injured, most of whom had clambered from the upended coaches," said Netcare911 spokesman Jeff Wicks, adding that one man's body was "trapped in the wreckage of a coach."

The cause of the rush-hour accident outside Pretoria is still under investigation.

"At this stage a total of 200 people suffered injuries and were taken

to various hospitals for treatment around Pretoria," public train operator Metrorail said in a statement. "One train driver suffered fatal injuries." Train accidents are relatively common in South Africa but rarely

fatal. Last year, a luxury train carrying tourists derailed outside Pretoria, killing two people. More than two million South Africans, mostly low-income earners, commute on trains every day.— *Internet*



be a huge under-estimate. Whatever the global figure turns out to be, there will be regional differences. Ocean currents and differences in the temperature and salinity of seawater are among the factors that mean sea level currently varies by up a metre across the oceans — this does not include short-term changes due to tides or winds. So if currents change with global warming, which is expected — and if regions such as the Arctic Ocean become less saline as ice sheets discharge their contents into the sea — the regional patterns of peaks and troughs will also change.— *Internet*

Vietnam, Laos vow to boost all-sided cooperation

HANOI, 10 April — Vietnam and Laos should further strengthen comprehensive cooperation that benefits both countries.

The statement was made by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung during a reception here on Saturday for the visiting Lao Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad.

The special relationship and comprehensive cooperation between Vietnam and Laos have been constantly consolidating and developing, both in depth and width, but still not up to the two countries' potential. Both sides should

make joint efforts to seek solutions to promote effective co-operation, in order to bring bilateral trade turnover to two billion US dollars by 2015, said PM Dung.

Lao Deputy PM Somsavat Lengsavad, on behalf of the Lao Party, Government and people thanked the Vietnamese Party, State and people for their wholehearted support and assistance over the past years. He said he hoped the two countries will facilitate cooperation in the coming years, bringing practical results to both sides. Laos expects to receive Vietnam's support in trade, infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, mining, among others.

MNA/Xinhua

A baby tiger named Xin Le plays with a feeder in a zoo in Weifang, east China's Shandong Province, on 7 April, 2011. Xin Le was born on 25 March, 2011. Her mother refused to feed her due to the lack of experience of being a mother. The stockmen in the zoo managed to let the baby tiger get breast-fed from a mother goat and a mother dog. Now Xin Le have gained weight from 1.8 kilogram to 3 kilogram after the birth. XINHUA

Nazi warplane lying off Kent coast is intact



A World War Two era German Dornier 17 bomber is seen using high-tech sonar equipment, showing it to be largely intact and well-preserved on the sea floor, in an undated photo off the Kent coast.

A rare World War Two German bomber, shot down over the English Channel in 1940 and hidden for years by shifting sands at the bottom of the sea, is so well preserved a museum wants to raise it.

The Dornier 17 — thought to be

world's last known example — was hit as it took part in the Battle of Britain.

It ditched in the sea just off the Kent coast in an area known as the Goodwin Sands. The plane came to rest upside-down in 50 feet (15 metres) of water and has become partially visible from time to time as the sands retreated before being buried again.

Now a high-tech sonar survey undertaken by the Port of London Authority (PLA) has revealed the aircraft to be in a startling state of preservation.

Ian Thirsk, from the RAF Museum at Hendon in London, told the BBC he was "incredulous" when he first heard of its existence and potential preservation.

"This aircraft is a unique aeroplane and it's linked to an iconic event in British history, so its importance cannot be over-emphasised, nationally and internationally," he said.

Chicago cellphone shushing sparks fracas

Chicago transit officials say they'll seek criminal charges against a man who allegedly swung at a conductor who had asked him to keep his voice down.

Kenneth Pollard, 30, of Chicago, allegedly took a swing at the conductor who had admonished him not to talk so loudly while riding on a Metra train through Chicago's South Side Thursday evening.

The Chicago Tribune said the encounter led to a brief scuffle at a station in Hyde Park that was broken up by two off-duty police officers who were on the train.

The conductor reportedly dodged the alleged blow but injured his leg in the subsequent wrestling match.

Snakes on a bus: Argentina nabs wildlife trafficker

Passengers on a bus in Argentina got an unwelcome surprise when police found more than 600 snakes and other reptiles packed in the luggage compartment, a ranger said Saturday.

Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted the bus in a northern province bound for Buenos Aires, asked to see passengers' documents, then began poking into their bags. "A passenger came onboard with 40 snakes, plus what he had in the boxes" in the bus luggage hold, said ranger Daniel Chersich, warden of Santa Fe province.

Police "were terrified of opening the bags," Chersich, who was investigating a wildlife trafficking network and joined in the operation, told the daily *Clarín*. The trafficker had loaded them with 444 boas, vipers and other snakes; 186 endangered tortoises; 40 lizards, and an armadillo.

The smuggler, who was arrested, boarded the bus in Santiago del Estero, where he had spent three months trapping various species in the bush with the intent of selling them, Chersich said.



Two boa constrictors are pictured in 2009.

News Album

Thief uses stolen card to send 'thank you'

Police in Rhode Island said a thief who charged \$2,400 to a woman's credit card used the card to send flowers and a "thank you" note to the victim's home.

Investigators said Bank of America officials contacted the Narragansett woman in March and informed her of \$2,400 in suspicious charges to her credit card, WHDH-TV, Boston, reported Thursday.

The charges included \$65 for flowers sent to the woman's home with an accompanying note reading, "thnx for ur money."

Police said they were trying to track down the thief. Bank of America officials said the credit card has been canceled and the woman will not be responsible for the charges.

Elizabeth Taylor's jewels, art, fashion to be auctioned



A portrait of actress Elizabeth Taylor by Andy Warhol is seen at the Phillips de Pury gallery in New York, on 28 March, 2011.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 10 April—Elizabeth Taylor's renowned collection of jewelry, works of art, clothing and memorabilia will be sold at a series of auctions, Christie's said on Saturday.

"Christie's will be selling the historic collection of Elizabeth Taylor," who died last month in Los Angeles aged 79, the auction house said in a statement.

Taylor's possessions will be sold in a series of sales, details and the timing of the sales will be announced at a later date, it said.

Stephen Lash, chairman emeritus of Christie's Americas, and Marc Porter, chairman of Christie's Americas worked with Taylor and her family "over the past two decades, and are most honored to have been entrusted with collection of this world renowned film legend, humanitarian and taste maker," said the statement.

Taylor, known for her beauty, love of diamonds, eight marriages and work as an AIDS activist, died of congestive heart failure in Los Angeles on 23 March and was buried the following day.

Reuters

Prolific American film director Sidney Lumet dies

NEW YORK, 10 April—Sidney Lumet, an American film director known for inspiring top-notch performances from actors in a stream of classic films including "12 Angry Men," "Dog Day Afternoon," "Network" and "Fail-Safe," died on Saturday at age 86, his Hollywood talent agency said.

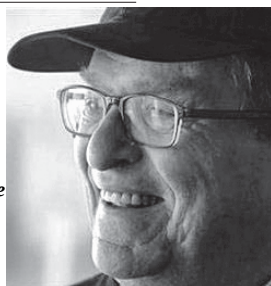
Lumet's death at his Manhattan home was confirmed by Michelle Suess, a spokeswoman for International Creative Management in Los Angeles.

Lumet was one of the leading film directors of the second half of the 20th century. He was prolific, directing more than 40 movies, and was versatile, dabbling in many different film genres. He shot many of his movies in his native New York.

Lumet received an honorary Academy Award for lifetime achievement in 2005. He was nominated for Oscars five times without winning: as best director for "12 Angry Men" (1957), "Dog Day Afternoon" (1975), "Network" (1976) and "The Verdict" (1982), and for best screenplay as co-writer of "Prince of The City" (1981).—Reuters

US director Sidney Lumet poses during a photocall for his film "Before the Devil Knows You're Dead" at the 33rd Deauville American Film Festival on 8 September, 2007.

INTERNET



Flowers, candles, notes and pictures of John Lennon are placed on the "Imagine" mosaic as fans gather at Strawberry Fields in Central Park to pay tribute to the musician on 8 December, 2010 in New York City.
INTERNET



John Lennon's letters to be published

NEW YORK, 10 April—The first collection of letters by John Lennon is due out next year, more than 30 years after the former Beatle was gunned down in New York.

The book was edited by Hunter Davies, author of "The Beatles," the only authorized biography of the British group, which was published in 1968, the *Los Angeles Times* reported. Davies, who worked with Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, on the letters, also wrote the introduction.

Lennon was a prolific letter writer, to strangers, newspapers and organizations as well as family and friends. He often made small drawings in the margins.

Some of the letters in the book are produced in facsimile in Lennon's handwriting.

Little Brown, the publisher, announced Friday the book is scheduled for release in October 2012.

Internet

Anelotti: Chelsea must shape up for United clash

LONDON, 10 April — Carlo Anelotti admits Chelsea will have to improve quickly if they are to avoid a Champions League exit at Manchester United on Tuesday. Anelotti's side travel to Old Trafford for the quarter-final second leg trailing 1-0 after Wayne Rooney's strike in the first leg at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea returned to winning ways with a narrow 1-0 home victory over bottom club Wigan on Saturday, but the Blues were once again well below their best.



Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti

Chelsea manager Anelotti conceded a similar performance would spell disappointment against Sir Alex Ferguson's side.—Internet

Arsenal sink Blackpool to keep title bid alive



Abou Diaby scores the first goal for Arsenal

LONDON, 10 April— Arsenal got their challenge for the Premier League title back on track with a 3-1 win against Blackpool at Bloomfield

Road on Sunday

Wenger said: "We are on a long unbeaten run and I knew we'd still have a chance if we won this game. Wenger was forced to give 41-year-old goalkeeper Jens Lehmann his second Arsenal debut following his return from

retirement after Manuel Almunia was ruled out during the warm-up. The German gave a solid performance despite a few nervous moments and Wenger added: "Jens can be very proud. The way he practises every day is outstanding."

Arsenal survived a promising opening from Blackpool, which included a rejected penalty appeal for Laurent Koscielny's challenge on Gary Taylor-Fletcher, and took the lead in the 18th minute.

With Blackpool's defence backing off, Van Persie's cross allowed French midfielder Diaby to slot past Richard Kingdon. Wenger's side

increased their lead three minutes later as Ivory Coast defender Eboue ran onto Andrei Arshavin's pass and lashed in his first league goal of the season.

Taylor-Fletcher gave Blackpool a lifeline in the 52nd minute when he scored after referee Lee Mason waved played on when Lehmann rushed off his line to foul DJ Campbell.

But Mason turned down another Blackpool penalty appeal after Koscielny appeared to trip Taylor-Fletcher and Dutch forward van Persie made the points safe when he converted Theo Walcott's cross in the 76th minute.

Internet

SPORTS

Barca maintain title surge with Almeria victory

MADRID, 10 April — Barcelona took another step towards the title after coming from behind to beat Almeria 3-1 and keep their eight point lead at the top of the table on Saturday. Earlier Real Madrid beat Athletic Bilbao 3-0 and with the top two sides due to meet next week at the Bernabeu a defeat could have added spice to the clasico.

Barca coach Pep Guardiola warned

Almeria's defender Marcelo Silva (L) clashes with Barcelona's forward Lionel Messi (R) during their Spanish league football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET

of the importance of winning this game with some difficult clashes ahead but decided to rest several players after their mid-week Champions League victory over Shakhtar Donetsk.—



Woods remains a puzzle that can't be solved

AUGUSTA, 10 April — The crowd followed him eagerly from hole to hole, still buzzing about what happened the previous afternoon. Tiger Woods was back, and if anyone needed a reminder all they had to do was look at the giant white leaderboard on the first fairway and see

the nine birdies he posted in the second round.

It was all coming together according to plan, after a year when nothing went according to plan. Sure, the youngsters behind him had the lead, but the faithful at Augusta National had seen this act before and they knew it was only a matter of time before order was restored in the game of golf once again. That was the way they wanted it to happen. That was the way it always used to happen. Once again, it didn't happen.

Internet



Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt.

INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Collins eases pressure on Houllier

BIRMINGHAM, 10 April— James Collins eased the pressure on Aston Villa manager Gerard Houllier as his header secured a 1-0 win over Newcastle on Sunday. It was hardly a classic performance but even so it was a vital victory for Houllier after Villa fans vented their anger at the former Liverpool boss following a recent home defeat against Wolves.

As an added bonus, the win also went some way to avenging Villa's 6-0 thrashing at Newcastle in August. The Magpies were the first to threaten and a dangerous left-wing cross from Jose Enrique picked out the run of Joey Barton at the far post, only for the midfielder to head well over.

Villa keeper Brad Friedel went down to his left to gather Nile Ranger's low attempt

from Jonas Gutierrez's through-ball. But that bright start from Newcastle quickly faded after 24 minutes when Collins put Villa ahead.

Young had a shot deflected wide after finding plenty of space 20 yards out, then a goalbound header from Richard Dunne was blocked from the resulting corner by Young.

The hosts started the second period on the offensive and a mistake by Barton allowed Stiliyan Petrov to find Gabriel Agbonlahor in space on the left flank. The home side appealed in vain for a penalty when Steven Taylor barged into England striker Bent after an hour.

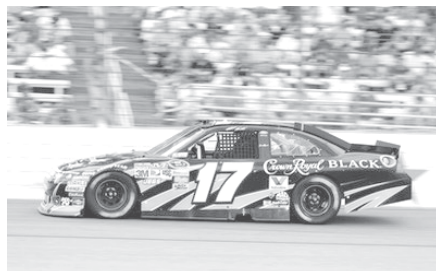
Houllier's side were still searching for the second goal and Collins had a goalbound header cleared from a Young corner.

Internet



Aston Villa's Welsh defender James Collins (R) celebrates after scoring the opening goal during the English Premier League football match between Aston Villa and Newcastle United at Villa Park, Birmingham. Villawon 1-0.—INTERNET

Matt Kenseth (17) drives out of Turn 4 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Texas Motor Speedway on 9 April, in Fort Worth, Texas.—INTERNET



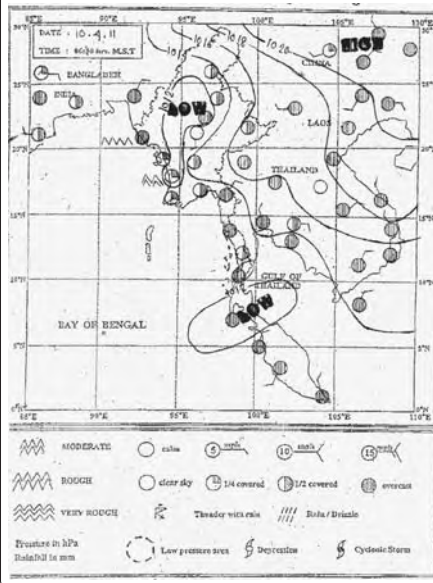
Kenseth ends 76-race drought with Texas win

FORT WORTH, 10 April— Matt Kenseth can quit wondering. He is still good enough to win. After going 76 races without a win, Kenseth finally got back into Victory Lane with a dominating run at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday night when the entire Roush Fenway team was outstanding. "As you start to get a little older and start looking up at the results, it's been over two years since we won," Kenseth said. "You can't help but think, is the way it's going to go? Are we going to keep trickling backwards?"

Kenseth led 169 of 334 laps at the 1 1/2-mile, high-banked track for his 19th career victory, his first since California in February 2009 when he won the first two races of that season.

Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 10th April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Monywa, Chauk and Magway (42°C) each and Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkeyik (2.52) inches, Launglon (2.01) inches, Ye (1.57) inches, Chaungzon (1.14) inches, Hpa-an (0.99) inch, Mawlamyine and Myeik (0.67) inch each.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2011 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 10-4-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-4-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 10-4-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2011 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 10-4-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 10-4-2011 was Nil.

Rainfall on 9-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (5.71) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (1.38) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southeast at (01:30) hours MST on 10-4-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 11th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Park-inspired Monaco down 10- man Lille

PARIS, 10 April — A first half strike from South Korean forward Park Chu Young ensured Lille suffered just their fourth defeat of the season as Monaco moved out of the drop zone in French league action on Saturday. Lille have lost an important tie with a view to claiming their first league title in 53 years, as they could see their lead shaved to

just one point should champions Marseille win at home to Toulouse on Sunday.

Third-placed Rennes' title ambitions were further hit as they fell 2-0 at midtable Brest in Saturday's late match, leaving them four games without a win and in danger of being overtaken by Lyon who host Lens on Sunday.

Internet



Monaco's forward Chu Young Park (R) jumps for the ball with Lille's defender Adil Rami (L) during the French L1 football match at the Louis II stadium in Monaco.

INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (11-4-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (11-4-11 09:30 am ~ 12-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Auspicious and Traditional Thingyan
- * News
- * Green Ngwehsaung Beach Music Festival and Fashion Show (Day-1)
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Traditional Chin Clothes

Oversea Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * New Democratic Nation in New Era
- * Auspicious and Traditional Thingyan
- * News
- * Green Ngwehsaung Beach Music Festival and Fashion Show (Day-1)
- * News
- * Thingyan Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Traditional Songs and Dances
- * News
- * Traditional Chin Clothes
- * Topic on Journal "Nay Pyi Taw Gems Emporium's Offer To the World"
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie Impact "Trouble of being A Spirit"
- * News
- * Aureum Palace Resort
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
- * News
- * Myanmar Movie "The Moon Born from the Sun"



Monday,
11 April
View on today
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7:00 am

1. Paritta By Hilly
Region Missionary
Sayadaw

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy

Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Dance of Thin Gyan
Festival

8:15 am

7. "Teleplay" (Forest)

8:30 am

8. Song Of National
Races

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Dance of Thin Gyan
Festival

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Musical Programme
(The Radio
Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

4:20 pm

3. Instrumental Music

4:30 pm

4. Dance of Thin Gyan
Festival

4:45 pm

5. University Of
Distance Education
(TV Lectures)
-First Year
(Home Economic)

5:00 pm

6. Songs For
Upholding National
Spirit

5:05 pm

7. Myanmar Language

5:20 pm

8. Dance of Thin Gyan
Festival

5:35 pm

9. Myanmar Idol

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. World's Stars

18. TV Drama Series

19. Myita Pawana By
Min Gun Sayadaw
Phayagyi

- ★ 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

Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw railroad section helps Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad take form

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw section of Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad Project being implemented by Myanma Railways was commissioned today.

The Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw section is the third commissioned section of 257 miles long Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad Project after 11.46 miles long Pyitawtha-Yechanbyin section, 22.72 miles long Kuntaung-Ponnagyun-Yoetayoke section. MR took only 11 months to complete the 19.82 miles long section with two above 180-ft and 61 under-180-ft bridges. Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad is believed to serve as a major transportation facility in Rakhine State.

Speaking at the opening of the railroad section at Kyauktaw Station in Kyauktaw, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min said that the ministry was implementing 13 railroad projects, totaling 2265 miles in length and had so far commissioned 455 miles long railroad.

Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin of Rakhine State said that Rakhine State for sure would experience sector-wise development upon completion of Minbu-An-Sittway railroad linking Magway Region and Rakhine State and urged locals to maintain the State-built infrastructure so as to hand down to the next generations.



Yoetayoke-Kyauktaw section of Minbu-An-Sittway Railroad put into service.

MNA

Then, a local spoke words of thanks. The minister and party inspected the condition of railroad. To commemorate the inauguration of the railroad section, trains will be run for three days for free.—MNA

Significant day temperatures

Monywa	(42°C)
Chauk	(42°C)
Magway	(42°C)
Minbu	(41°C)