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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

National Museum and National Library, crucial for nation and people

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan said that National Museum and National Library are crucial for the nation and the people, so all responsible persons must coordinate and cooperate in implementing the project.

Addressing the meeting on building National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) at the briefing hall of the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) Project on Yazathingaha Road in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District, this morning, the minister said that as the national museum will tell the world about national prestige and the power and glory of Myanmar, it is of impor-tance. Myanmar is going to host SEA Games in 2013, which is a chance for the nation to make its capabilities in various sectors known to the international community through the museum. So, it is required of the national museum to exhibit Myanmar culture, traditions and high performance.

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Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan inspects construction site of National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

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A Chinese animal lover consoles a dog after a convoy of trucks carrying over 500 dogs to be sold for meat were stopped along a highway in Beijing on 17 April, 2011.

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Marketable mung bean with higher per acre yield in Pyu Township

Article & Photos: *Pyu-Myint Oo*

Nowadays, Myanmar is producing paddy at the top level across the world. Likewise, beans and pulses production of the country is also standing at the higher level in the Southeast Asian region.

Myanmar produces 4.975 million tons of beans and pulses from 10.57 million acres of lands at present compared with 170,000 tons of beans and pulses from 1.8 million acres in 1988.

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Farmer U Kyaw Thein of Taungtesu Village in Kyathaung Village-tract of Pyu Township seen with thriving mung bean plantation.

PERSPECTIVES

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Strengthen health sector

Strengthening of health sector is basic need for everybody. The Ministry of Health is carrying out public health care services by adopting national health plans.

Health infrastructures are being built for the people. Doctors, nurses and health staff are constantly turned out. Plans are being extended for enabling the national people to receive medical treatment in their districts and townships.

Ceremonies to open new building of People's Hospital (50-bed) in Pyu Township of Toungoo District in Bago Region and Tawkywe-in Station People's Hospital (16-bed) in Kyaukdaga Township were held on 10 April. New people's hospital is complete with medical wards, X-ray room, operation theatre, dental unit and delivery room at one two-storey building and three one-storey buildings.

Likewise, Tawkywe-in Station People's Hospital is facilitated with male ward, female ward, child ward and delivery room, operation theatre, X-ray room and out-patient ward. New hospital opened in the regions where TB and malaria are rampant can contribute much to health care services for the people.

The Ministry of Health is accelerating construction of new hospitals and formation of specialist units across the nation. Thanks to collaborative participation of well-wishers, the government can provide better health care services to the people.

So far, a large number of hospitals and dispensaries have been built in all parts of the Union. Proficiency of health staff is being uplifted for development of their human resources. Health knowledge is being disseminated to the people of border areas and rural regions. As a result, the entire people are enjoying longer life expectancy keeping themselves free from diseases.

Cash and kind donated for Giri-torn Myebon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin met members of MraukU Township rice dealer association, townselders and township level departmental officials at the office of Township General Administration Department on 19 April.

He later attended the donation ceremony for Giri-ravaged Myebon Township, at Myebon Township General Administration Department, at which Sitagu Sayadaw and well-wishers donated cash and kind worth K 15,530,000.—*MNA*

People's Desire

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

Blood donated to mark Myanmar New Year

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Altogether 150 volunteers — members of Myitkyina, Phakant and Kamong Township Red Cross Brigades, Women's Affairs Federations and War Veterans Organizations, servicemen from regiments and units under the Northern Command, wellwishers from wards and members of Sangha collectively donated blood to mark Myanmar New Year at the Blood Bank of Myitkyina General Hospital on 17 April morning.

The blood donation ceremony was organized by the Supervisory Committee of Kachin State Red Cross Society.

Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai and wife Daw Kan Hsi Hseng Lon present cash donation to Kachin State Red Cross Supervisory Committee.—MNA

Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai and wife Daw Kan Hsi Hseng Lon, the speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw, ministers and wives viewed the blood donation and provided medicines and foodstuff to the donors. The chief minister and wife donated K 300,000 to the supervisory committee.—*MNA*

Aung Thiri Foundation gives free dental treatment in Pobbathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April— Aung Thiri Foundation has been providing assistances for education, health, transport and regional development of the villages. With the assistances of the foundation, a medical team comprising dentists and nurses provided free medical treatment to patients from villages of Pobbathiri Township, at No.3 Basic Education Middle School in Kyaunggon village, Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District this morning. A total of 350 patients from villages of Wegyi village-tract and Pazunseik village-tract received the treatment. The team was led by Dr Thin Naing Oo of Myanmar Dental Association.

MNA

Dentists and nurses led by Dr Thin Naing Oo of Myanmar Dental Association give free dental treatment to villagers of Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

Dentists providing free dental and oral care services to villagers of Pobbathiri Township. MNA

*An Afghan police official investigates a damaged vehicle at the site of an explosion in Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 21 April, 2011. At least three policemen were killed and six others injured in a bomb explosion, police officials said.—*XINHUA

Roadside bomb kills three police in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 21 April—Three policemen were killed and six others injured Thursday morning when a roadside bomb went off in Jalalabad, the city capital of Afghanistan's Nangarhar Province 120 km east of capital City of Kabul, an official said.

"A unit of police forces was on routine patrol in second precinct of Jalalabad City this morning at around 07:30 am local time but their van hit a roadside bomb triggering a powerful blast. As a result three policemen were martyred and six other police personnel were injured," spokesman for provincial administration, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai told *Xinhua*.

He blamed the enemies of Afghanistan, a term often used by Afghan officials referring to Taleban militants for initiating the bomb blast.

However, Taleban militants who largely relying on suicide and roadside bombings have yet to make comments.

More than 1,290 police have been killed in conflicts in militancy-hit Afghanistan in 2010, according to interior ministry officials.—*Xinhua*

15 people wounded in Iraq bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 21 April—Fifteen people were wounded Wednesday in separate bomb attacks in Iraq, including two targeted senior government officials, police said.

In Salahudin Province in the north of Baghdad, a booby-trapped car parked in central the provincial capital City of Tikrit detonated at about 7 am (0400 GMT) near the convoy of Faisal al- Azzawi, chief judge in the Salahudin's Court of Appeal, a provincial police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Azzawi escaped the attack unharmed despite damages to his vehicle, but four of his bodyguards were wounded by the blast, the source said.

Five vehicles were left charred at the scene, along with damages in several surrounding popular restaurants and buildings, the source added.

Salahudin Province, located in northern central of Iraq, is a mainly Sunni Province. Its capital city of Tikrit, some 170 km north of Baghdad, is the hometown of the former president Saddam Hus-sien.

In Baghdad, Deputy Minister of Housing and Reconstruction Istabraq Ibrahim escaped unhurt a roadside bomb explosion near his convoy in Baghdad's northern District of Adhamiyah, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged the last vehicle of the convoy along with several nearby civilian car and wounded four civilians, the source said.

Two roadside bombs went off in quick succession near al-Rusafa Education Directorate, wounding five bystanders, the source added.

In downtown Baghdad, a roadside bomb ripped through the crowded area of al-Khillani Square wounding a policeman and a civilian, he said.—*Xinhua*

65 militants killed in Afghan Logar Province

PUL-E-ALAM, 21 April—Afghan army, backed by NATO-led forces, killed 65 militants during military operation in Baraki Barak District of Logar Province, 60 km south of capital City Kabul, district chief said on Thursday.

"Army troops backed by international forces conducted an operation in Sajawand Village of Baraki Barak District late Wednesday day night as a result 65 militants were killed," Baraki Barak District chief Mohammad Rahim Amin told *Xinhua*.

He said several groups of Taleban militants in fear of military operations come to Sajawand Village but security forces acting upon intelligence report raided their hideouts killing 65 militants.

No casualties on joint forces and civilians have been reported so far, he further said.

On the other hand, Taleban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid in talks with media confirmed that the militants confronted security forces but only four fighters had been killed in fighting lasted for a while.

He also claimed the militants had killed several Afghan and foreign forces in the clash in Baraki Barak District last night.

Both security forces and Taleban fighters have intensified activities to consolidate positions since the beginning of spring, known as fighting season in the war-ravaged Afghanistan.

Xinhua

***Militants have launched a string of recent attacks against Afghan security forces, who are due to take increased responsibility from foreign troops as they withdraw in a transition due to conclude in 2014.—*INTERNET**

***An Afghan policeman searches a vehicle at a checkpoint in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 20 April, 2011. —*XINHUA**

Three PKK rebels killed in SE Turkey

ANKARA, 21 April—Three rebels of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) were killed in a clash between PKK and the Turkish security forces in southeastern Turkey on Thursday, Turkey's local NTV reported.

The report said that the clash occurred near Seyrantepe Village in Pazarcik Town of Kahramanmaras Province, leaving three PKK militants dead.

Listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, the PKK took up arms in 1984 in order to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey.

Some 40,000 people have been killed in conflicts involving the PKK in the past over two decades. —*Xinhua*

***The remains of a vehicle used in a bomb attack are seen near Baghdad's Green Zone on 18 April, 2011. Two car bombs killed three people and wounded at least 10 others when they exploded near the western entrance of Baghdad's Green Zone, an Interior Ministry source said.* INTERNET**

Second female British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 21 April— A second female British soldier has been killed in the Afghanistan campaign, after she was hit by an explosive device she was trying to disable.

Captain Lisa Head was working in an alley frequently used by Afghan and international troops in the restive southern Helmand Province when she was hit, the Ministry of Defence announced on Wednesday.

The 29-year-old deployed with her team to the Nahr-e Saraj District to dispose of an improvised explosive device (IED) that had been found. After rendering the bomb safe, Head was fatally injured while dealing with a second one.

The captain, from 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps, was airlifted to the military hospital in Britain's main Camp Bastion base.

Xinhua

Science

Singapore's 1st locally-built satellite launched from India

SINGAPORE, 21 April—Singapore's first locally-built satellite has been officially launched from a space centre in India after a four-year delay, Singapore media reported on Thursday.

The 105 kg fridge-size *X-Sat* was one of three riding on Isro's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C16) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in India on Wednesday. It will be used to take photographs to measure soil erosion and environmental changes on earth, local daily *Straits Times* said.

The launch at 12:42 pm on Wednesday was the 18th successful lift-off since the maiden flight of PSLV in 1994.

The satellite was designed and built by Singapore's Nanyang Technological University and Singapore's defence research body DSO National Laboratories.

Now in orbit, the satellite is establishing communication contact with the ground control in Nanyang Technological University, a process that is likely to take up to a week.

The launch capped more than nine years of hard work by scientists and engineers. It also makes Singapore one of the first countries in Southeast Asia to have its own satellite in space. Previous satellite launched by Singapore involved construction efforts by foreign companies.

Xinhua

Scientists have unveiled a new kind of plastic that could extend the lifetime and improve the durability of dozens of polymer-based products, ranging from common household items such a bags and storage bins to inner tyres and expensive medical equipment.
INTERNET

Mourners bowed their heads at vigils Wednesday to mark the first anniversary of the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, which unleashed the biggest maritime oil spill in history and blackened beaches from Texas to Florida.—INTERNET

Shale oil seen as 'green' energy source

WASHINGTON, 21 April—Billions of barrels of oil from shale, now off limits because of carbon dioxide freed during extraction, could become an energy source, US researchers say.

Adam Brandt and Hiren Mulchandani say an answer could be a self-fueled method that generates electricity, as well as the heat needed to produce that electricity from shale.

Their report in the American Chemical Society's journal *Energy & Fuels* on "electricity production with in situ carbon capture" describes how the process could generate large amounts of electricity without releasing into the atmosphere carbon dioxide from burning the shale.

That carbon would be captured and stored underground as part of the EPICC production process, they said.

Almost 3 trillion barrels of oil are trapped in the world's deposits of oil-shale, a dark-coloured rock laden with petroleum-like material, and the United States has, by far, the world's largest deposits in parts of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

Concerns over the large amounts of carbon dioxide greenhouse gas released with current methods for extracting oil from shale have limited potential use of those deposits, the researchers said.

Internet

Technology

Lasers could replace spark plugs in cars

BALTIMORE, 21 April—After 150 years of sparking ignition in internal combustion engines, spark plugs may someday be replaced by laser igniters, Japanese researchers say.

A switch to laser igniters would yield cleaner, more efficient and more economical vehicles, they say.

Previously, lasers strong enough to spark the ignition of air-fuel mixtures in an engine were much too bulky to fit under a car's hood, but Japanese researchers say they've developed the first laser system small enough to screw into an engine's cylinder head.

Their finding will be presented at the Conference on Laser and Electro Optics to be held in Baltimore in May, a release from the Optical Society of America said Wednesday.

Takunori Taira of Japan's National Institutes of Natural Sciences, one of the presentation's authors, says the new laser system is made from ceramics and could be produced inexpensively in large volumes.

The lasers promise less pollution and greater fuel efficiency because they will allow engines to run cleaner, burning more air and less fuel, the researchers say.

This would create less nitrogen oxide emissions, a component of smog, they say.

Internet

Amazon to allow Library Lending of Kindle books

WASHINGTON, 21 April—Amazon said Wednesday that Kindle owners will be able to borrow books for the electronic book readers from more than 11,000 US public libraries later this year.

With Kindle Library Lending, Kindle books can be checked out from a local library for reading on any Kindle device or free Kindle applications for Apple, Android, Blackberry and Windows devices or personal computers and Macs.

"We're excited that millions of Kindle customers will be able to borrow Kindle books from their local libraries," Jay Marine, director of Amazon Kindle, said in a statement.

Using Whispersync technology, a reader's notes, annotations and bookmarks can be preserved.

"Normally, making margin notes in library books is a big no-no," Marine said. "But if you check out the book again, or subsequently buy it, your notes will be there just as you left them, perfectly Whispersynced.

"Your notes will not show up when the next patron checks out the book," he said.—*Internet*

Members of the media are given a demonstration of the Kindle in New York City 2009. Amazon said Wednesday that Kindle owners will be able to borrow books for the electronic book readers from more than 11,000 US public libraries later this year.
INTERNET

A Chevy Volt charger is displayed at the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place in Chicago on 9 February, 2011.
INTERNET

Health

Screen time linked to child heart risk

SYDNEY, 21 April— A sedentary lifestyle during childhood — lots of TV and computer screen time — was linked to cardiovascular disease later in life, Australian researchers say.

Lead author Bamini Gopinath, a senior research fellow at the Centre for Vision Research at the University of Sydney, and colleagues found 6-year-olds who spent most of their time watching television, using a computer or playing video games had narrower arteries in the back of their eyes — a heart disease risk factor.

The more sedentary behaviour was associated with an average narrowing of 2.3 microns in the retinal arteriolar caliber — micron is one-25th of a thousandth of an inch.

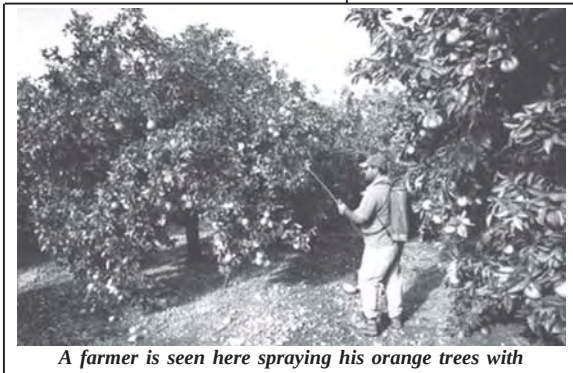
However, 6- to 7-year-olds who regularly spent time outdoors involved in some physical activity had 2.2 microns wider average retinal arteriolar compared to those children with the lowest level of activity, Gopinath said. The study included 1,492 children in 34 primary schools in Sydney.

"We found that children with a high level of physical activity had a more beneficial microvascular profile compared to those with the lowest levels of physical activity," Gopinath said in a statement. "This suggests that unhealthy lifestyle factors may influence microcirculation early in life and increase the risk of cardiovascular disease and hypertension later in life."

The findings are published in *the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology:* Journal of the American Heart Association.

Internet

Kidney failure is a main complication of diabetes, but a lab study on mice showed that a high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet could reverse that in eight weeks, US researchers said Wednesday.
INTERNET



A farmer is seen here spraying his orange trees with pesticides. High levels of pesticide exposure in pregnant women have been linked to lower IQs in their children, according to three separate US studies, released on Thursday.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Prevent bathroom slipping and sliding

It's easy to suffer an injury in a slippery bathroom, but taking some precautions can get rid of potential hazards.

The Home Safety Council lists these suggestions to reduce slips and falls in the bathroom:

* Install grab bars next to the toilet and the shower or bathtub.
* Use a non-slip mat or non-slip strips in the shower or bathtub.
* Place a bath mat with non-skid backing on the floor just outside the shower or bathtub.
* Clean up the bathroom floor regularly, and quickly wipe up any spills or moisture.
* Put a nightlight in the bathroom and in the hallways.—*Internet*

Business

Fiat to buy Chrysler stake for $1.3 billion

Italian auto giant Fiat said Thursday it had reached a deal to buy an additional 16 percent stake in Chrysler of the United States for 1.268 billion dollars (868 million euros).—INTERNET

ROME, 21 April—Italian auto giant Fiat said Thursday it had reached a deal to buy an additional 16 percent stake in Chrysler of the United States for $1.268 billion (868 million euros).

"The transaction that we are announcing today represents a historic step for Fiat and Chrysler," Fiat chairman John Elkann said in a statement.

Fiat already owns a 30-percent stake in the US auto company.

The deal will take place over the course of the second quarter and US and Canadian government debt in Chrysler will be "fully repaid", Fiat said.

Fiat took over management of troubled Chrysler after its 2009 bankruptcy as part of an agreement for a gradual merger between the two firms.

"This is a fundamental step toward completion of the momentous integration of Fiat and Chrysler," said Fiat boss Sergio Marchionne, who is also the chief executive of Chrysler.

The statement added: "Fiat, together with Chrysler, will create a stronger automobile group, with a full range of products, present in every market around the world and able to compete with the best."—*Internet*

Goldman cuts stake in S Korea's Hana

SEOUL, 21 April—Goldman Sachs has disposed of part of its stake in South Korea's Hana Financial Group through a $297.9 million block sale, documents showed Thursday.

The US-based firm sold 7.5 million shares at 43,000 won ($39.79) each, according to a term sheet seen by Dow Jones Newswires. The price represents a 6.5 discount on Wednesday's closing price.

The sale cuts Goldman's stake in South Korea's fourth-largest financial holding company in terms of assets to 4.46 percent from 7.56 percent.

The country's National Pension Service is now Hana's largest shareholder, with 5.1 percent as of the end of last year.

Goldman's action follows the sale by Singapore state-owned investment firm Temasek Holdings of its entire 9.6 percent stake in Hana last October for 680.86 billion won.

A Hana official quoted by Dow Jones said Goldman would remain a key strategic shareholder.

Hana Financial is awaiting regulatory approval to take over a controlling stake in fifth-largest bank Korea Exchange Bank from US-based buyout fund Lone Star Funds.

Internet

Pacific Trade tea light candles recalled

WASHINGTON, 21 April— The US Consumer Product Safety Commission announced a voluntary recall of 615,195 sets of Pacific Trade International Tea Lights candles due to a fire hazard.

The candles, sold in various sets of one to 12 candles each, were imported from Vietnam by Pacific Trade International of Rockville, Md, and sold under brand names Chesapeake Bay Candle or Modern Light, the commission said.

They were sold nationwide between July 2009 and February 2011 for between $1 and $12 at Fred Meyer, Home Goods, Marshalls, Super Value, Target, TJ Maxx and Wegmans stores.

Tea lights that have lettering on the bottom of the tea light cup are not involved in the recall, the commission said. Candles from tea light sets with no lettering on the bottom of the cup were sold in plastic cups that can melt during use, posing a fire hazard.—*Internet*

Goldman Sachs has disposed of part of its stake in South Korea's Hana Financial Group through a $297.9 million block sale, documents showed Thursday.—INTERNET

Yogathon! : Yoga followers take part in a 'Yogathon' event in Hong Kong. The eight-hour non-stop event aimed to raise money for the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation (HKBCF) and promote public knowledge of the disease.
INTERNET

A legless champion swimmer's ambition outside swimming pool

CHENGDU, 21 April—Dai Guohong, 21, would never have discovered his stunning gift for swimming had he not lost both legs after a magnitude-8.0 earthquake razed his hometown of Beichuan Qiang Autonomous County in southwest China's Sichuan Province three years ago.

The Sichuan Provincial Disabled Persons' Federation chose Dai to practice swimming in March 2009, about 10 months after the quake. In December, he became a professional member of the provincial disabled persons' swim team, based in the provincial capital of Chengdu.

Dai won the gold medal in the men's 100 meter breaststroke in the national disabled swimming championships held in April 2010, becoming the swim team's first gold-medal winner in a national competition. However, the promising amputee swimmer has not limited his talents to the swimming pool, but has his eye on people who experienced similar tragedies.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam reserve brings hope for rare animal, says WWF

HANOI, 21 April—The establishment of a nature reserve in Vietnam has brought new hope for the survival of a mysterious twin-horned creature "on the brink of extinction", conservation group WWF said.

Authorities in the central Quang Nam Province agreed last week to set up the reserve dedicated to the secretive saola, a relative of antelopes and cattle and one of the world's rarest animals, which was only discovered in 1992.

"This decision has brought new hope for the survival of the saola, an animal that is on the brink of extinction in the world," said Vu Ngoc Tram of the WWF Greater Mekong Programme.

The saola is hunted illegally for its horns using snares and dogs and the population could be as low as a few dozen, according to the WWF, which said none had survived in captivity.

The elusive creature was seen for the first time in a decade in August but died a few days after it was captured by villagers in Laos, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

WWF Vietnam said the new reserve, in the Annamite mountains along the border with Laos, would create an ideal habitat for the saola and the conservation group hopes for a reverse in the species' decline.—*Internet*

This photo provided by the Bokikhamxay Provincial Conservation Unit shows one of the world's rarest animals, the secretive and mysterious twin-horned saola, captured in August 2010 in Lao Province of Bolikhamxay.
INTERNET

The temple commemorating Diana, Princess of Wales, is reflected in the lake of her family home at Althorp, near Northampton on 28 June, 2001.
INTERNET

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yukio Edano addresses a press Conference in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 21 April, 2011.—XINHUA

Evacuation zone around Fukushima No 2 plant to be cut to 8 km

TOKYO, 21 April—Japanese Chief Cabinet Officer Yukio Edano said Thursday that the evacuation zone around Fukushima No 2 nuclear power plant to be cut to 8 km.

He said possibility of serious accident at Fukushima No 2 plant is low, and evacuees' brief hometown visits to complete within 1-2 months.

Xinhua

S Korea to welcome three Siberian tigers from Russia

SEOUL, 21 April—South Korea is expected to receive three Siberian tigers, also known as Amur tigers, from Russia in the first half of the year, Seoul's *Yonhap* News Agency reported Thursday, citing diplomatic sources.

"The South Korean and Russian governments, through diplomatic channels, have recently decided to forge ahead with the transfer of the tigers to South Korea," *Yonhap* quoted an unidentified diplomatic source as saying.

"The move carries a significant meaning as it symbolizes friendly relations between the two countries."

The two sides had initially considered moving the over one-year- old tigers in the winter but settled on the earlier transfer in order not to postpone the plan.

Russian officials pledged to send the three tigers to South Korea when they were in Seoul in November last year for the South Korea-Russia summit.

In 2009, Russia agreed to Seoul's request for the three tigers two male and one female and Seoul has planned to use the animals to help carry on the pedigree of the endangered species.

Xinhua

Ancient Roman tomb found under garbage

NAPLES, 21 April—Workers cleaning up an illegal toxic dump site in Italy have uncovered an ancient Roman mausoleum from the second century, authorities said.

The tomb, covered with stucco work and decorations, was discovered under tons of refuse piled up in 17th-century ruins at Pozzuoli, site of the ancient Roman seaside town of Puteolanum, the *Italian* news agency *ANSA* reported Wednesday.

Workers using constr-uction equipment at the site near Naples had removed the top level of garbage when they discovered a tunnel leading into the mausoleum.

Archaeologists described it as a find "of extraordinary interest."

Internet

A bottle of antiretroviral drug Truvada is displayed in San Anselmo, California. A trial of the oral pill aimed at preventing HIV infection in African women has been halted due to poor results, the US Centres for Disease Control announced this week.
INTERNET

Four in family killed in reservoir plunge

SWANSEA, 21 April—A vacation ended in tragedy Wednesday when a Welsh family's car plunged into a reservoir, killing four of the five people in the vehicle.

A woman who was driving was the only survivor of the crash, escaping from the car after it was in the water, *The Sun* reported. A man, two teenagers and an elderly woman believed to be their grandmother were trapped in the Peugeot.

A 23-year-old who lives near the Llyn Clywedog Reservoir in central Wales was arrested late Wednesday on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, police said. Investigators said they believe the Peugeot went off the road after a crash with another car.

"It's a very steep drop," Gareth Morgan, a member of the local council, said.

"You would be very lucky to survive. There was a similar fatal accident about 10 years ago."

A Royal Air Force rescue helicopter from Anglesey, where Prince William is stationed, helped in the search for the Peugeot, which was recovered from the reservoir.

The family, believed to be from Pontypridd in South Wales, had rented a cottage in the area, the newspaper said.

Internet

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera (3rd L) attends the inauguration of the quick-charging station in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 20 April, 2011. Chile inaugurated the first quick-charging station for electric cars in Latin America on Wednesday.—XINHUA

A gaucho rides a horse wearing a knife with its handle made of silver and gold during the celebration of "Criolla" (Creole) Week, when gauchos ride untamed or unbroken horses, in Montevideo on 19 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Two kidnapped Colombian soldiers found dead

BOGOTA, 21 April—Two soldiers believed to be in captivity of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) were found dead Wednesday, a senior army official said.

The terrorists shot them in the head and then left the bodies near the town of Toledo, General Alberto Mejia, commander of Colombia's Fourth Army Brigade, told Caracol radio.

Mejia said it would be difficult to retrieve the remains of the two men because FARC members had set up a landmine booby trap around them.

The two soldiers, identified as Jose Coba and Fernando Builes, were captured last Monday during a routine inspection tour of the Antioquia area by at least five rebels allegedly belonging to FARC's Front 36.

Authorities have offered a reward of about 25,000 dollars for useful information about the abduction.

Xinhua

Indonesian police find high-explosive bomb near church

JAKARTA, 21 April—Indonesian anti-terror police squad found a high-explosive bomb on gas pipe near a church on the outskirt of Jakarta on Thursday, National Police spokesman Boy Rafli said here. The police still combed the area to find other possible packages, the spokesman said.

"Yes, that was a bomb," Rafli said after asked whether the over 100-kg bag was a bomb.

A local television footage displayed some detonators, explosive materials and a mobile phone put in several plastic boxes. Indonesian President Susilo Bamabang Yudhoyono ordered to rise alertness on possible terrorist attacks to top level on Thursday afternoon in the wake of the Easter on Friday.—*Xinhua*

Another mountain lion attack claims sheep in Morgan Hill

CALIFORNIA, 21 April—Another sheep died in Morgan Hill on Wednesday, and authorities suspect the killer is a mountain lion.

Morgan Hill police said it is the third possible mountain lion attack reported in the past three months.

This time, a woman found the carcass of one of her sheep on her property in the 100 block of West Dunne Avenue, west of Highway 101, about 11 am, police said.

A police department animal control officer examined the carcass, and California Department of Fish and Game officers also came out to the property.

Officers from both agencies concluded that, by the looks of the bite marks on the remains, the sheep was likely attacked by a mountain lion.

Fish and game officials on Wednesday set a trap in the area in an attempt to capture the big cat.

Police reminded Morgan Hill residents to stay alert for possible mountain lion sightings.

Xinhua

Formed 10,000 years ago at the end of the Ice Age, the Wadden Sea is a low-lying coastal zone where tourists can walk along a land bridge in shallow water to a small island where teeming wildlife resides. "The tide brings up the water and then it goes down again… It's something that is fantastic," Hogh said. "It's something every Dane goes and does at some point. It's something we are very proud of." If the sea level continues to rise, the tidal crossing could become too deep and dangerous, while obliterating a prime bird sanctuary.
INTERNET

Months-long volcanic eruption in Russia threatens fauna

VLADIVOSTOK, 21 April—The erupting Kizimen Volcano in Kamchatka, Russia's Far East, poses a threat to wild animals, including some endangered species, the *RIA Novosti* reported Thursday.

The news agency said reindeer were now leaving their traditional habitat for lack of food as the volcano continues to spew ash over hundreds of kilometers. The animals' only food in winter, reindeer moss, is buried under a thick crust of ice and ash.

Experts from the Krontosky Nature Reserve warn that reindeer numbers may be reduced to less than 1,000 as a result of the eruption.

Kizimen, one of the 29 active volcanoes in Kamchatka, has been spewing ash since December 2010.

Xinhua

A Chinese animal lover consoles a dog after a convoy of trucks carrying over 500 dogs to be sold for meat were stopped along a highway in Beijing on 17 April, 2011. About 200 activists mobilised to stop the trucks, state-run media said Monday.—INTERNET

In this 7 May, 2010, file photo, ring-tailed lemurs huddle next to a man-made baobab tree, at Expedition Madagascar, a new exhibit at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb.
INTERNET

National Museum and National Library, …

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The national museum must be a national level cultural edifice, reflecting the image of the nation and the people and must be modern and attractive with a fine system of preserving cultural heritage. Works are to be coordinated as it is a formidable task to be completed on schedule.

He said that national library is to be built in the same way of building national museum under the supervision of well-experienced librarians. He called for building electronic library, ensuring convenience of members, and completion of the project ahead of SEA Games in 2013.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sandar Khin, heads of department, and officials of the Ministry of Culture and construction companies.

Managing Director U Zaw Moe Win of ACE Construction reported on progress in building National Museum; Project Director U Win Zaw of Moe Kyei Sin Construction, on progress in building National Library; and Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of the Archaeological, National Museum and Library Department, on arrangements for displays of the museum and library.

The minister assessed the suggestions made by the deputy culture minister and attendees.

After the meeting, the minister inspected the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) Project.—*MNA*

***Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses meeting on exhibiting at National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) and National Library (Nay Pyi Taw).*—MNA**

***Photo shows progress of National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) on Yazathingaha Road in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District.*—MNA**

Mon State Chief Minister inspects construction works

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint inspected progress in construction of State Government staff quarters being built by Asia World Company in Ngantay wards of Mawlamyine, construction of No.6 Basic Education Primary School in Mawlamyine and No.10 BEHS on 19 April.

In meeting with farmers from Beyan model village at the Mudon Township General Administration Department, the Chief Minister explained the reclamation of Beyan advanced farmland and coordinated the essential. The Chief Minister looked into the construction of Kawpayan-Kadonpaw-Balauk-Nyaungwaing bridge and two-storey floating resort in the Lake of Mudon Township.—*MNA*

Myanmar archery contingent leaves for LPDR

YANGON, 21 April — A 15-member Myanmar selected archery contingent led by Secretary of Myanmar Archery Federation and Deputy Director U Kyaw Oo of Sports and Physical Education Department left here by air this morning to take part in the Second Asian Archery Grand Prix to be held in the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 21 April.

With the aim of taking lessons on strength and weakness that would be received in the competitions in which Asian and SEA nations will compete, Myanmar sent selected athletes with high possibility of winning medals. — *MNA*

District News in Brief

Shwetanttit irrigated area concludes ploughing

PAKOKKU, 21 April—Ploughing for cultivation of summer paddy for 2011 was held at the farmland in Kwanywa Village-tract in Pakokku Township on 30 March.

Shwetanttit river water pumping area of Pakokku Township has put 551 acres of farmlands under summer paddy to meet the target.

Myanma Alin

Inter-village earthen road built

YWANGAN, 21 April—Kyauknge-Hsinsabya-Layway inter-village earthen road was constructed in conjunction with digging the drains on 25 March.

A plan is under way to upgrade the earthen facility to the 1500 feet long gravel road in 2011-2012 financial year.—*Township DAC*

Talks on crime reduction held

NATMAUK, 21 April—Educative talks were held at Affiliated Basic Education Middle School in Kalashin Village-tract of Natmauk Township on 2 April.

Township level police officers gave talks on crime reduction and fire preventive measures, attended by 400 local people.

Myanma Alin

Talks on World TB Day held

MUSE, 21 April—A talk on health knowledge to mark the World TB Day took place at Muse People's Hospital on 28 March.

The medical superintendent explained facts about World TB Day.

District IPRD

An Township opens earthen lake

AN, 21 April—To store rainwater for the local people, An Township Development Affairs Committee opened an earthen lake in Sitaunggyi Village on 21 March.

The committee dug the lake spending the fund of the State in 2010-2011 financial year.

Township DAC

Traditional health care provided to people

TAUNGGYI, 21 April—A combined team comprising traditional medicine practitioners from Taunggyi Township (Ayethaya) Traditional Medicine Clinic and apprentice practitioners of University of Traditional Medicine made a field trip to Hekei Village of Shwenyaung Township on 3 March.

They cooperated with local people and NGO in providing health care services to 107 local people.

Myanma Alin

Religious Minister seeks Ovada from Venerable monks

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung offered essential requisites and alms to eight members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Vice-Chairmen of the committee Bhaddanta Tejosarabhivamsa and Bhaddanta Sudhamma Carabivamsa at Maha Nayaka Monastery on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 19 April.

He supplicated on religious matters and sought Ovada from them. On arrival at Nyaungdon, the minister also sought sermons from Abbot of Punnamar Yama Zegon Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa.

Yesterday, he sought Ovada from Abbot Bhaddanta Kavidhaja at Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery in Ward (9), Mayangon Township, Yangon, from Member of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abbot at Ngwekyayan Monastery Bhaddanta Revata, from Abbot Bhaddanta Kesara and Bhaddanta Somana at Mya Thein Tan Monastery.

MNA

Construction of power grid in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April — On his arrival at the worksite of Hlinethaya-Ahlon power grid (Hline river crossing) construction project yesterday, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No-2 U Aung Than Oo inspected progress in construction of tension tower on the bank of Seikkyi.

Next, the deputy minister proceeded to Ahlon gas power plant and looked into progress in replacement of extension joint at No (3) turbine, 230/66/11 KV 2x100 MVA and construction of switch yard of the Ahlon power plant.— *MNA*

Mayor inspects development tasks of Yangon

***Yangon Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint inspects repaving of 1250 feet long section of Bayintnaung Road.*—MNA**

YANGON, 21 April—Yangon City Development Committee is making management for repaving of 1250 feet long section of Bayintnaung Road from Padauk Creek to Kamayut Creek in Hline Township.

After inspecting repaving works, Yangon Mayor Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint looked into last garbage heap of YCDC in Hlinethaya Township, Dagon-Ayeya Brokerage, Highway Bus Terminal, Bayintnaung Brokerage and Truck Terminal, Sawbwagyigon Brokerage and Truck Terminal, and Aungmingala Highway Bus Terminal this morning.—*MNA*

Marketable mung bean with higher per acre yield…

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Quality strain of mung bean is being cultivated in townships of Bago Region including vacant and virgin lands.

Due to favourable weather with rains three times in November 2010 and twice in January 2011, mung bean plantations are thriving in Pyu Township. So, we the news crew of Kyemon Daily made a trip to Ngagaung-in Village, six miles east of Pyu, in last month of Tabaung.

This year, Pyu Township put 154356 acres of farmlands under monsoon paddy and 9300 acres under summer paddy, 854 acres under green gram, 147 acres under pigeon pea, 23900 acres under sunflower and 99332 acres under mung bean. We witnessed the lush and green mung bean plantations outside the village.

In North Ngagaung-in Village, we had an interview with farmer U Ohn. He said that mung bean plantations were thriving this year. Mung bean plants like wet soil. In Tabodwe and Tabaung, mung bean plantations can be harvested. He joyfully said that his eight acres of mung plantation produced 160 baskets per acre.

In another interview, farmer U Thein Maung, aged over 70, said that he has been engaging in agricultural work since he was 16 years old. 30-40 years ago, the villages in the township did not focus on cultivation of mung bean. After harvesting paddy, the local farmers grew groundnut, green gram, chick pea and other beans on some acres of farmlands. Since two decades ago, the local farmers have been cultivating mung bean only. After completion of growing mung bean plantations, they purchased edible oil, kitchen utensils and other goods for their households. He grows 20 acres of mung bean. Due to favourable weather, the local farmers will enjoy better per acre yield of mung bean.

On the way to home, we had another interview with farmer U Kyaw Thein of Taungtesu Village of Kyathaung Village-tract. He invited us to see his mung bean plantations. He grows 10 acres of mung bean plantation.

As mung bean is in high demand in the market, greater production of mung bean will help uplift the living standard of local farmers.

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Photo shows thriving mung bean plantation on eight acres of land in Ngagaung-in North Village in Pyu Township.

Winners come out for 6th Thuta Swesone…

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The prize presentation ceremony will be held on 1 May in Yangon. Winners are to contact Swesone Media Group, Tel: 374400, 392982 and 385293.

Thuta Swesone Literary Award has been presented since 2006, and this year's occasion will be the 6th time of its kind. There is no winner in youth literature, international affairs and applied science genres. The winner for Thuta Swesone Lifetime Achievement Literary Award will bag K 600,000 and other winners in the respective genres, K 300,000 each.—*MNA*

6.0-magnitude quake hits off east coast of Honshu, Japan: USGS

TOKYO, 21 April—An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale jolted off the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 10:54 local time (0154 GMT) on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 3.70 km, was initially determined to be at 40.3188 degrees north latitude and 143.6760 degrees east longitude, about 187 km east of Hachinohe, Honshu and 619 km northeast of Tokyo.

There were no tsunami reported and no immediate report of damage to property.—*Xinhua*

Fires destroy over 2,500 hectares in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula

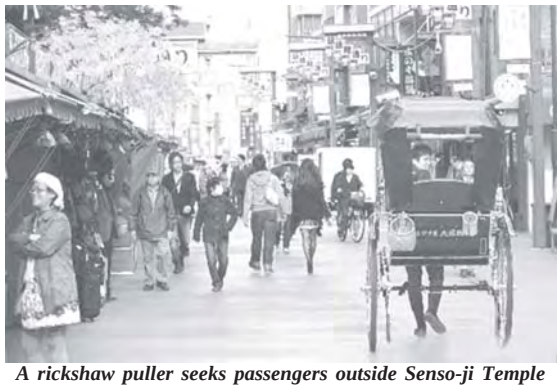
MEXICO CITY, 21 April—Five fires in three different municipalities of Quintana Roo state on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula have destroyed more than 2,500 hectares, the Environment and Natural Resources Ministry said on Wednesday.

The worst affected municipalities are Felipe Carrillo Puerto in the Sian Ka An biosphere where 400 hectares have been affected; Benito Juarez in San Pedro where 600 hectares have been affected; the Lazaro Cardenas area in the Costa Rica Lagoon where 1,000 hectares were hit, and in Santa Julia where 450 hectares were destroyed.

Some 500 fire agents of community brigades, 140 agents from the National Forest Commission and six agents from other states are helping to fight the fires, which broke out on 14 April.

During a recent visit to the affected zone, Environment and Natural Resources Minister Rafael Quesada said high temperatures, fuel storage and difficult access to the affected areas have complicated the firefighting.

Xinhua



A rickshaw puller seeks passengers outside Senso-ji Temple in Tokyo, Japan, on 20 April, 2011. The plunge in the number of foreign tourists to Japan following a string of natural calamities and a nuclear crisis has put the key industry in a tough situation, particularly with crucial Asian markets, its tourism agency head said on Wednesday. The number of foreign visitors fell by half in March compared with that of last year.—XINHUA

Flames crest over a hill as part of the out of control wild fires in Palo Pinto County, Texas on 19 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Residents look for reusable materials from burnt home after a fire hit a residential area in Makati City, Philippines, on 20 April, 2011. 900 shanties made out of light materials were razed by the fire on Tuesday, leaving more than 2,000 families in evacuation centers near the area.—XINHUA

Wildfire on Mount Tai extinguished

JINAN, 21 April—Firefighters have extinguished a rekindled wildfire near the tourist resort of Mount Tai in east China's Shandong Province, local authourities said Thursday. No casualties were reported and the tourist resort is safe, said a spokesman with local firefighting head-quarters. However, more than 1,000 villagers were forced to evacuate their homes.

The blaze, which broke out Monday morning, had been extinguished by over 17,000 firefighters and local residents the next day, but was rekindled by strong winds just hours later, the spokesman said.

Two helicopters dispatched by the state forest fire prevention headquarters dropped water on the fires to help extinguish them, he said. Wednesday night's rainfall also helped to extinguish the blaze.

Mount Tai, one of China's Five Sacred Mountains, holds great historical and cultural significance. Its peak, referred to as the "Jade Emperor Peak", is located approximately 1,500 metres above sea level.—*Xinhua*

A firefighting helicopter loads water near the site of a mountain fire in east China's Shandong Province, on 19 April, 2011. A Mi-26 helicopter was sent to help extinguish a mountain fire that broke out here Monday morning. The fire was put off Tuesday before it reached the tourist site of Mount Tai. —XINHUA

Storms in Chicago force 450 flight cancellations at O'Hare airport

CHICAGO, 21 April—Hails and torrential rains that hit Chicago area on Tuesday night led to flight delays and cancellations at O'Hare International and Midway airports, according to a Wednesday report by The Chicago Tribune.

The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) said that flights in and out of O'Hare were averaging 90 minutes delays as of 8:30 pm Tuesday due to continuing rain and low visibility in Chicago area, while airlines canceled more than 450 flights on Tuesday at O'Hare.

There were also some delays of 30 minutes and minor cancellations at the Midway airport.

At 8 pm Tuesday, the weather service's Doppler Radar found thunderstorms producing torrential rainfall.

The radar and spotters estimated that these storms were producing more than an inch of rain in less than an hour.

Meanwhile, 0.6 inches of snow was recorded at O'Hare on Monday morning, which broke the previous record of 0.4 inches registered on 18 April, 1910, according to the National Weather Service.

Xinhua

S Korean ship hijacked by Somali pirates

SEOUL, 21 April—A South Korean container ship is believed to have been hijacked by Somali pirates, South Korea's foreign ministry said on Thursday.

The 75,000-ton container ship carrying 14 South Koreans en route to Singapore reportedly lost communication with its operator, Hanjin Shipping, in waters off Somalia.

The ministry has yet to confirm details of the incident.—*Xinhua*

12 feared dead in northwest China tunnel collapse

SHANDAN, 21 April—Twelve workers who were trapped a collapsed railway tunnel in northwest China's Gansu Province Wednesday are feared dead, as rescuers have detected no signs of life at the scene.

The tunnel collapsed at about 4 am Wednesday in Shandan County in the City of Zhangye, located along a new rail link currently being constructed between Gansu's provincial capital of Lanzhou and the City of Urumqi in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Rescuers with the Gansu provincial fire department used special equipment to search for signs of life in the debris Wednesday afternoon, but have not seen any positive signs so far, said Fang Guojian, union chairman of the Second Bureau of China Railway Co Ltd, the prime contractor of the new railway.

All of the 12 missing workers are employees of Fang's company.

More than 500 rescuers were still working at the site Thursday, trying to prop up the tunnel with lumber, reinforce its walls and clean up debris.

Fang said the rescue work was difficult and risky, as falling rubble and seeping water may indicate another collapse in the near future.—*Xinhua*

10 Southern California gang members nabbed in sweep targeting two Asian gangs

LOS ANGELES, 21 April—Law enforcement members in Orange County, California, have arrested 10 individuals who were alleged to be members of two local street gangs, authorities said on Wednesday.

Of the arrestees, seven were accused of involvement in the 20 March killing of a 19-year-old gang member in Garden Grove, a City in the Southern California county as local police officers, along with 140-strong agents from 10 agencies in the county, started serving warrants in 14 places in Orange and neighbouring Los Angeles counties about 7 am local time, Garden Grove police spokesman Jeff Nightengale said.

The authorities are still investigating the deadly shooting which appears to have involved members of at least three gangs. A juvenile also shot during the incident survived his injuries.

Three others were apprehended on unrelated gun and drug charges during the sweep which targeted two Asian street gangs, as investigators also seized 12 pieces of weapons, including a sawed-off shotgun, 3,000 Ecstasy pills and 70,000 dollars in cash.

"It's not uncommon for gangs to be involved in drug and gun sales," Nightengale said. A 17-year-old gang member, Benjamin Dinh Nguyen, who was believed to be involved in the shooting on a one-million-dollar arrest warrant, is still at large.

Internet

The chairs in a metro car of the Airport Metro Express are seen in New Delhi, capital of India, on 19 April, 2011. —XINHUA

One dead, two injured in attacks in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 21 April — Two separate gun attackes happened Thursday morning in Thailand's southern Pattani and Narathiwat Provinces, leaving one dead and two others seriously injured.

Two villagers suffered serious wounds when gunmen attacked a tea shop on the Narathiwat-Pattani road in Pattani's Muang District early Thursday morning, police said.

According to the police chief of Muang Pattani police station, seven men were having tea at the shop when gunmen on a pickup truck opened fire with M-16 assault rifles and a shotgun shortly after midnight. Najmudin Arwae, 40, and Roslee Salae, 34, were hit several times and taken to Pattani hospital, he said.

In another attack at in Narathiwat's Sungaipadi District, Sukiflee Waenu, a village defence volunteer was shot dead in his house on Thursday morning. Sungaipadi police said the victim took one shotgun bullet in his chin and died at the scene.

Police blamed separatist militants for both incidents.—*Internet*

A model poses next to a Porche 918RSR hybrid sports car during the media day of the 14th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition in east China's Shanghai, April 20, 2011. The 14th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition will be open to the public from 21 April to 28. About 2,000 carmakers and parts providers from 20 countries are due to showcase 1,100 car models, 75 of which makes their world premieres in the auto show.—XINHUA

Nuclear power to reduce world's oil reliance: US senior official

KIEV, 21 April — "Nuclear power will reduce the world's reliance on oil and other fossil fuels," said the head of the US delegation for nuclear summit in Ukraine here Tuesday.

"I believe that nuclear energy can improve people's lives and help to overcome the effects of the global warming," said Zbigniew Brzezinski while adding that the world needs to continue investing in nuclear fuel researches.

The head of the US delegation stressed that the international community is set to continue providing the financial assistance on Chernobyl's projects.

"The US as well as the international community aimed to help financially to complete all the work to make the Chernobyl facilities safer."

Washington has allocated 123 million US dollars for Chernobyl projects on the donor conference, which was held in Kiev on 19 April.

Internet

At least 2 died, 50 missing as launch capsizes in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 21 April — Two dead bodies have been recovered and nearly 50 people are still missing after a launch sank early Thursday in Meghna River at Bangladesh's Rajapur, in Brahmanbaria District, 109 km northeast of capital Dhaka, local TV channel ATN Bangla reported.

Local police said that the launch, with over 50 passengers on board, hit a sunken cargo coming from the opposite direction at about 2 am. Then cracks appeared at the bottom of the launch and it sank.

Some of the passengers managed to swim ashore.

On information, police and divers rushed to the spot and started rescue operation.—*Internet*

S China tax-free store attracts a crowd excited to splurge

SANYA, 21 April — A pilot tax-rebate programme in China's southernmost Hainan Province proved to be a huge success as first-day visits to the tax-free store exceeded expectations, a staff member said Thursday. Sanya's only tax-free store received over 15,000 customers after doors opened at 10:10 am on Wednesday, said Teng Rui, the store's deputy general manager.

"The number of customers exceeded our expectations, and our statistics show that a total of 5,619 purchases were made," Teng said. Tourists to the tropical island resort town have shown strong interest in the pilot programme, which is modeled on similar schemes on the Republic of Korea's Jeju Island and Okinawa, Japan.

According to the programme's policies, tourists visiting the island and local residents can both enjoy duty exemption on certain imported commodities worth no more than 5,000 yuan (765 US dollars) before flying to other destinations in China.—*Xinhua*

A transformer model featuring legendary Chinese general Guan Yu towers up on a street in downtown Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 20 April, 2011. The 9.7-meter-high robot, designed by a college student, is made of steel bars, PVC plastics and lumber. Guan Yu was a general serving under the warlord Liu Bei during the late Eastern Han Dynasty and the Three Kingdoms period (A.D. 220-265). He is respected as a symbol of loyalty and worshipped as the god of war in China.—XINHUA

Bomb, propane tanks found at Colo Mall after fire

LITTLETON, 21 April — Firefighters found two propane tanks and a pipe bomb near a suburban Denver Mall's food court after a fire broke out Wednesday, and investigators were exploring a possible connection between the incident and the 12th anniversary of the Columbine massacre.

The Southwest Plaza Mall was evacuated after the fire, which started around noon.

No one was injured and the bombs didn't explode.

This 20 April, 2011 image taken from surveillance video provided by the FBI shows person of interest sought in a fire and the planting of a pipe bomb and two propane tanks near a food court at the Southwest Plaza Mall in Littleton, Colo. —INTERNET

One official called the location and timing of the incident "disturbing."

The mall is about two miles from Columbine High School, where two student gunmen killed 13 people and themselves on 20 April, 1999.

Unexploded pipe bombs and a propane tank with explosives attached were found in the school after the shootings.

"The fact that has happened on 20 April , 12 years later, near the school and with similar devices is very disturbing," Jefferson County sheriff's spokeswoman Jacki Kelley said. "It's something that can't be ignored."—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ATLANTIC TRADER VOY NO(30)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ATLANTIC TRADER VOY NO (30) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 17.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO, LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

Mudslides cause major damage in Utica

BOGOTA, 21 April— More than 200 families have been left homeless in the central Colombian town of Utica after a mudslide swept away their houses. Heavy rains caused the local river to break its banks, sending torrents of water, mud and stones through the town's streets. Officials said one elderly woman died and two men are missing.

Meteorologists say five of Colombia's provinces have seen double the average rainfall for April. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said he would visit Utica to inspect the damage caused to the town. Utica mayor Marcel Hernandez said 238 families had been "left with nothing". Officials said more than 80% of the town had been engulfed by the mudslide. Residents recounted how they had been alerted to the approaching mudslide by the ringing of the church bells.

Most were able to flee their homes in time. The government said it would send a group of experts to Utica to assess whether it was safe for residents to return to the town or if there could be sinkholes or other geological faults.

Internet

Residents resorted to mules for transport near the town of Utica. **INTERNET**

***The last year has seen a huge rise in sales of Apple's iPhones, but iPad sales disappointed.*— INTERNET**

Apple profits nearly double as iPhone sales soar

NEW YORK, 21 April— Latest profits for the computer giant Apple beat hopes, including a higher-than-expected rise in iPhone sales. Net income for the three months to March jumped 85% on the same period a year ago, with iPhone sales of 18.65m — a rise of 113%. The figures are the latest in a string of good results from the US's technology companies.

Intel's figures, released on Wednesday, were also well above hopes and helped share prices to a three-year high. Apple reported quarterly net profits of $5.99bn (£3.6bn), 95% up on the $3bn it made a year ago. Revenue was $24.67bn, a rise of 83%. Sales of the company's computers were strongly higher, up by 28% from a year ago driven by its tweaked MacBook Pro.

Apple's figures were not uniformly positive. It sold 4.69m iPad tablet computers in the quarter, below expectations.

Internet

Macao police seize heroin worth 187,500 USD

MACAO, 21 April— Macao police has nabbed a Tanzanian drug swallower as he arrived at Macao International Airport carrying 100 latex balloons filled with heroin worth 1.5 million patacas (187,500 US dollars) in his gastrointestinal tract, *the Macao Post Daily* reported on Thursday.

The newspaper quoted a spokesperson of Judiciary Police as saying that the suspect, surnamed Salum, was stopped upon his arrival in Macao on Monday, and was taken by police to the hospital where an X-ray check showed a number of what appeared to be capsules, which were later found to be filled with heroin, in his stomach.

Drug swallowers are also known in police jargon as swallowers or internal carriers. The "balloons" containing drugs usually consist of multilayered condoms, rubber gloves or hollow pellets.

The suspect later excreted a total of 100 heroin "latex balloons" weighing 1.4 kg, which was estimated to have a street value of 1.5 million patacas.—*Xinhua*

Lamb spared chop after bin rescue

LONDON, 21 April — A lamb has been saved from the dinner plate after being found dumped in a wheelie bin on a city street. District nurse Gillian Powell was doing her house calls when she heard a high-pitched "baa-baa" coming from the bin on Watts Street in Levenshulme, an inner-City area of south Manchester.

Nurse Powell phoned her colleague Georgina Holmes at a nearby clinic and she rushed down to help investigate. The pair plucked up enough courage to open the top of the bin - to find the month-old animal inside.

"She was anxious about opening the bin because she didn't know what she'd find, so she rang me at the health centre around the corner and I went straight over to meet her," Ms Holmes said "We couldn't believe it when we lifted the lid, the last thing we expected to see was a lamb!" The nurses wrapped him in a blanket before ringing police and the RSPCA.— *Internet*

***A lamb has been saved from the dinner plate after being found dumped in a wheelie bin on a city street.*— INTERNET**

Emergency call released after double shooting in Florida

SARASOTA, 21 April — Police in Florida have released the recording of a emergency call made by a woman after she saw the body of one of the two British holidaymakers found shot dead on a street in Sarasota.

"We seen a white dude laying, he's... blood everywhere, he's just laid out," the woman is heard telling a 911 dispatcher in the call made at 2.56am on Saturday. "I don't know if he's dead or not." Shawn Tyson, 16, has been charged with two counts of first-degree homicide.

Internet

Group reports record trash haul from NJ beaches

A record amount of trash was picked up along New Jersey beaches last year, including a kitchen sink.

Clean Ocean Action has been doing beach sweeps for 25 years and says in a report to be released Tuesday that more than 475,000 pieces of litter were removed from the shoreline last year. They included a bag of heroin, a 10-gallon gas tank, five pairs of underwear, a duck caller and a plastic cow, in addition to the sink.

There also were four televisions, a plastic Easter egg with $3 in it, a fire extinguisher, a toilet seat lid and an MP3 player.

Also found were 84 whole tires, nearly 1,400 aerosol cans and more than 1,300 strands of fishing line, which can kill sea life that gets tangled in it.

In 18 April, 2011 photo, a toy lays next to a crab leg on the beach in Sandy Hook, NJ Clean Ocean Action, the environmental group that has been doing beach sweeps for 25 years, says in a report to be released on 19 April, 2011 that an all-time high of 475,321 pieces of litter were removed from the state's 127-mile shoreline last year. The 8,372 people who participated in spring and fall cleanups also set a record.

Woman freed from jaws of python by policeman

Albino Burmese Python sleeps on its cage at a live reptile exhibition in Irun, Basque Country.

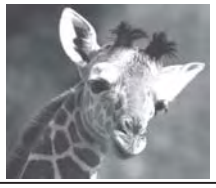
A Kansas woman faces a charge of harboring a vicious animal after her pet python grabbed onto her neck and would not let go until a police officer intervened.

Chrystal Wilson of Lyons, Kan, took the eight-foot-long albino snake from its cage for feeding Tuesday when it clasped its jaws on the side of her neck, Police Chief Chris Detmer said Friday. Luckily, the snake has small teeth rather than sharp fangs, he said.

A child in the house called police. Officer Max Bryant forced the jaws of the snake apart with his hands. Bryant will get a citation for bravery from the Lyons City Council, Detmer said. "There's not too many guys or women who would grab it by the end of the mouth like that," Detmer said. The snake was not wrapped around Wilson but she was reportedly visibly upset because she could not get it off her neck, Detmer said.

News Album

A two weeks old giraffe baby is pictured in his enclosure at the Tierpark Hellabrunn in Munich on 17 April, 2011. The female giraffe was born on 5 April, 2011.



La Maison du Chocolat's creative director Gilles Marchal inspects a chocolate retro car creation in preparations for Easter at their workshop in Nanterre, near Paris on 20 April, 2011. Some 13,000 tonnes of chocolate are sold in France during the Easter holiday period, which counts for 3.5% of total yearly sales or even more for luxury chocolate stores.

Some NY cab drivers to wear bulletproof vests

New York City livery cab drivers, often called to crime-ridden neighbourhoods that yellow taxis tend to ignore, are being armed with bulletproof vests, an advocacy group said on Tuesday.

Citing some deadly attacks on the drivers the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers distributed the vests on Monday and drivers started using them immediately. Priority was given to drivers working the night shift in areas where statistics showed high incidence of attacks — chiefly in outlying parts of boroughs outside Manhattan.

Livery cabs must be hired ahead of time and do not pick up passengers off the street, unlike the more well known yellow taxis that cruise New York City streets looking for fares.

"Looper" wraps shooting

BEIJING, 21 April—Upcoming Hollywood sci-fi flick "Looper," which was produced by DMG (China) in cooperation with American media group End Game Entertainment, wrapped up filming in Shanghai on Sunday.

Featuring Bruce Willis, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Emily Blunt and Chinese actress Xu Qing, the film represents the latest in a high-profile series of collaborations between Hollywood and China, and sees Willis playing a mob hit man whose glimpse into the future reveals his own murder.

Shooting has largely volleyed between North America and Shanghai, where most of the scenes between Xu and Gordon-Levitt were filmed.

Xinhua

Chinese pianist Li Yundi (R) gives instructions during his class at China's National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 April, 2011. Li Yundi was best known for being the first, yet the youngest Chinese pianist winning the International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition in 2000, while he was at the age of 18. —XINHUA

A model catwalks during a Hidesan fashion show in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 20 April, 2011. Fashion brand Hidesan released its new Spring/Summer collections here Wednesday.—XINHUA

Kate Middleton pays tribute to Princess Diana with William

BEIJING, 21 April—Kate Middleton paid an emotional visit to Princess Diana's grave with Prince William days before their wedding, media reported on Thursday.

The prince held hands with his fiancée as they walked slowly to the island where Princess Diana was laid to rest.

A source told *the Daily Mirror*, "…even though Kate never met Diana she knows what an incredible woman she was and it is very important to her [that] she can share and understand William's love and grief for his mum."

The tomb is located on an island called The Oval, which is part of an estate belonging to the Spencer family since the 16th century. Diana's brother Charles Spencer was said to have known his nephew and Kate's visit.—*Xinhua*

Pirates 4 premiere date set

BEIJING, 21 April—The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean film franchise will hit Chinese theaters on 20 May, as part of a coordinated global premiere of the latest installment of the hugely popular Walt Disney series.

Pirates of the Caribbean 4: On Stranger Tides will see the return of Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow. Original baddie Geoffrey Rush also returns, in addition to fresh faces Penelope Cruz, who plays a beautiful trickster that becomes entangled in a romance with Captain Jack, and Ian McShane, a fearsome new villain.

The "Pirates" name has proven itself one of the most lucrative film franchises of the 21st century, taking in a combined total of more than 2.6 billion US dollars in box office returns. The latest film will be the first to be screened in 3D and IMAX-3D.

Internet

Keira Knightley is set for an on-screen reunion with Orlando Bloom. XINHUA

A model displays a creation from the Fall/Winter 2011-2012 collection of Russian designer Masha Tsigal in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 20 April, 2011. —XINHUA

Tens of thousands of euphoric Real Madrid fans welcomed their team home to the Spanish capital in the early hours of Thursday after they clinched their first Spanish Cup win since 1993.— INTERNET

Thousands welcome Real home after Spanish Cup win

MADRID, 21 April — Real Madrid defeated archrivals Barcelona 1-0 after extra time in a dramatic finale to win the Spanish Cup for the first time since 1993, setting off an all-night party. A header from Cristiano Ronaldo sealed the championship on Wednesday night, delivering coach Jose Mourinho's first trophy since joining the club last May. Tens of thousands of euphoric Real Madrid fans welcomed their team home to the Spanish capital in the early hours of Thursday after they clinched their first Spanish Cup win since 1993.

Supporters, many wrapped in the club's flag, cheered as the squad arrived Madrid's central Cibeles Square, the traditional home for raucous Real Madrid victory celebrations, at around 4:30 am (0230 GMT) in an open-top bus that was escorted by police on horseback as confetti rained down around them. —*Internet*

SPORTS

Man United world's most valuable soccer club

LONDON, 21 April — Manchester United has been ranked soccer's most valuable team by *Forbes* magazine for the seventh year in a row, while Barcelona's valuation has dropped. Taking into account income, profitability and debt levels, the American business magazine's valuation of Man United has risen slightly to $1.9 billion.

Manchester United's Wayne Rooney

United is again followed by Real Madrid and Arsenal, but Barcelona has been dislodged from fourth place in the rankings by Bayern Munich, with the valuation of the Spanish champions slipping below the $1-billion mark to $975 million.—*Internet*

Title race could go to wire, says Chelsea manager

LONDON, 21 April — Carlo Ancelotti believes the Premier League title race could go down to the final game of the season after Chelsea moved into second place with a 3-1 win over Birmingham.

Chelsea's Florent Malouda (R) celebrates scoring his goal against Birmingham City during their English Premier League match at Stamford Bridge in London.— INTERNET

Ancelotti's team sit above Arsenal on goal difference with the two London clubs trailing leaders Manchester United by six points with five games remaining.

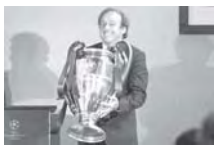
Both of the challengers have still to face Sir Alex Ferguson's side — Chelsea must travel to Old Trafford on 8 May while Arsenal host the leaders on 1 May— handing them the chance to deny United points. And while Ancelotti admits the odds remain stacked against his team, he insists there could be more twists and turns before the season reaches its climax.

Internet

Platini sorry for Champions League final prices

LONDON, 21 April — Michel Platini, the president of European soccer's governing body, apologized Wednesday for the high price of Champions League final tickets while claiming that some are already available on the black market for 10 times face value. Tickets at Wembley Stadium on 28 May will cost almost twice as much as the final two years ago for some fans.

"It was a mistake, it was not good," Platini said in London for the handover of the Champions League trophy. "But it is not easy to decide the price of the tickets in the Champions League final."A ticket that cost 90 euros ($130) in 2009 will cost 175 euros ($253) in 2011. Platini, the president of the Union of European Football Associations, said 11,000 tickets for the final that already had been put on sale — sold after UEFA received 200,000 requests on its Web site — are being advertised at huge markups.— *Internet*



***UEFA President Michel Platini holds the UEFA Champions League trophy cup as he prepares to hand it over to Mayor of London Boris Johnson, not seen, during a handover ceremony in central London's Guildhall, on 20 April, 2011.* INTERNET**

Wenger refuses to give up on league title dream

LONDON, 21 April — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger claims the Premier League title race is still wide open even though his side suffered another blow as they squandered a two-goal lead in a 3-3 draw at Tottenham. Wenger's side were 3-1 up five minutes before half time at White Hart Lane on Wednesday, but just days after Liverpool came back in the dying minutes of injury time to rescue a point, Arsenal somehow managed to blow another lead.

Rafael van der Vaart scored a penalty to earn Tottenham a point, which left Arsenal six points behind leaders Manchester United with five games left to play.The draw also meant Arsenal dropped to third in the table following Chelsea's home win over Birmingham.

Internet

Tottenham Hotspurs' Luka Modric (C) shoots at goal past Arsenal's Bacary Sagna (L) and Alex Song during their English Premier League match at White Hart Lane in London.— INTERNET

Wimbledon tennis champs get prize money boost

LONDON, 21 April — Wimbledon's singles champions will benefit from a prize money rise taking their earnings to £1.1 million ($2.9 million) at the 2011 Championships, organizers announced on Tuesday. If men's champion Rafael Nadal and women's winner Serena Williams successfully defend the titles they won last year they will bank a cheque that represents a 10 percent rise of £100,000 on the £1 million prize awarded 12 months ago.

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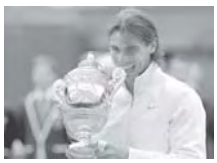


Spain's Rafael Nadal holds the Wimbledon Men's SinglesTrophy at the All England Tennis Club on 4 July last year. Wimbledon's singles champions will benefit from a prize money rise taking their earnings to £1.1 million ($2.9 million) at the 2011 Championships, organizers announced.— INTERNET

Nadal makes winning return to Barcelona

BARCELONA, 21 April — Five-time champion Rafael Nadal thrashed Spanish compatriot Daniel Gimeno-Traver 6-1, 6-1 on Wednesday as the top-seeded king of clay returned victorious to the Barcelona Open. Nadal took his record for the season to 25-4 just 72 hours after defeating compatriot David Ferrer for an historic seventh straight trophy in Monte Carlo.

Spain's Rafael Nadal

The world number one owns 30 titles on clay and is aiming to pick up where he left off in 2009 here when he won his fifth on the trot at the Real Club de Tenis. That run was interrupted a year ago when he missed the tournament due to a knee injury.

Top seed Nadal needed just 55 minutes to stroll into a third-round match against Colombian Santiago Giraldo, a winner against Albert Ramos 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Nadal also took his career record in the tennis-mad Catalan capital to 26 wins and just one loss.— *Internet*

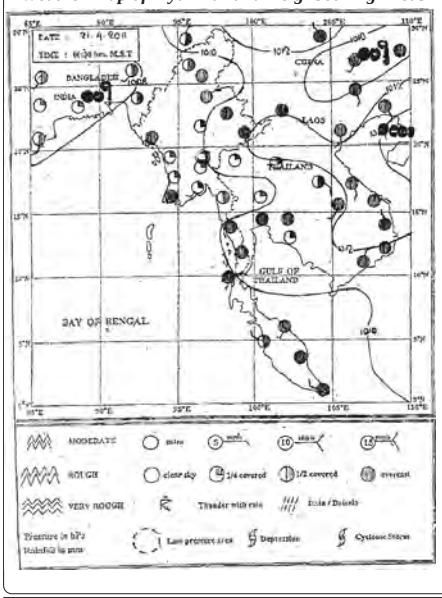
Wozniacki in Stuttgart tennis quarters, Germany end decade-long wait

STUTTGART, 21 April —World number one Caroline Wozniacki powered into the Stuttgart WTA quarter-finals on Wednesday as four German players snapped a decade of national failure at the claycourt event. The 20-year-old Wozniacki crushed Slovakia's Zuzana Kucova — ranked 133 places below her — for a 6-1, 6-2 second-round victory in which she barely broke sweat.

Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki

Wozniacki, who won the Charleston tournament on clay earlier this month, is making her third appearance here, but has yet to win the title. "I felt good out there," she told *AFP* having had a bye into the second round. "It's always good to get the first match out of the way. I am definitely looking to win, but it won't be easy, there are a lot of good girls here. "I am comfortable on the surface, having won at Charleston, so I am feeling good."— *Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 21st April, 2011

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, scattered in upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kayah Stae, isolated in Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady Region, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Sagaing Region and Kachin State and (6°C) below April average temperatures in Eastern Shan State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (41°C), Minbu, Magway, Aunglan and Bawlakhe (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (1.26) inches, Kyauktaw and Loikaw (0.63) inch each, Heho (0.59) inch, Taunggyi (0.51) inch, Pinlaung (0.39) inch and Yamethin (0.31) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 20-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 21-4-2011 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-4-2011 was (65%). Rainfall on 21-4-2011 was Nil.

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 20-4-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 21-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-4-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 21-4-2011 was (0.04) inch.

Rainfall on 21-4-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.10) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.86) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (10) mph from Southeast at (21:30) hours MST on 20-4-2011.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the south west Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 22nd April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Shan States, scattered in Taninthayi Region, Chin and Kayah States and isolated 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-4-2011: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-4-2011: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

BASF SE constructing new chemical plant in N China municipality

TIANJIN, 21 April—BASF SE, the world's largest chemical company, kicked off the construction of a new chemical plant in north China's harbor municipality of Tianjin on Wednesday, said an official with the company.

With an investment of 85 million yuan (about 13 million US dollars), the Tianjin project is part of BASF SE's development strategy for China, said Dr Melanie Maas-Brunner, Senior Vice President of Polyurethanes in Asia Pacific.

The new plant, located in the Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area, covers 3.4 hectares. It is expected to open by the end of 2012. The Tianjin project will include a centre for sales and technology services in addition to a space for manufacturing an organic compound used in the production of polyurethane foams.

Xinhua

A tornado flattened most of this home in the LaGrange subdivision, 16 April, 2011 in Fayetteville, NC. Homes and businesses were badly damaged Saturday by a severe storm system that whipped across North Carolina, bringing flash floods, hail and reports of tornadoes from the western hills to the streets of Raleigh.—INTERNET

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Programme Schedule

(22-4-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (22-4-11 09:30 am ~ 23-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Maha Muni Pagoda
* Super Myanmar Traditional Stick Form
* News
* 2011 Yangon Thingyan
* News
* Myanmar Movies Impact ''The Chics and Trouble Makers''
* News
* Unlimited Happiness Beautiful Smiles of Future Flowers
* Wonderful Myanma Handicrafts from Inlay Lake

Oversea Transmission

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* News
* Youth and Fashion (Yawai Aung, Sandi Myint Lwin)
* News
* Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade and Gem)
* Music Gallery
* News
* Culture Stage
* News
* Products of Aye Thar Yar Industrial Zone
* Myanmar Movies "Great Goodwill"

Myanmar TV

Friday,

22 April

View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta

7:30 am
2. Morning News

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
5. One village and one Product

8:15 am
6. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies

8:25 am
7. Teleplay (Health)

8:40 am
8. International News

8:45 am
9. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Dance Of National Races

4:10 pm
3. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:30 pm
5. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Third Year (Economic)

4:45 pm
6. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:50 pm
7. Songs Of Yester Years

5:05 pm
8. Myanmar Language

5:30 pm
9. Images of Innocent Child

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Internet Garden

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Just For Laughs (Gags Asia)
18. TV Drama Series
19. Song Lover

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

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

People's Desire

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

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

Using less seed, but doubling per acre yield is a matter of focus

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing looks into farming equipment at central training school of Agricultural Mechanization Department in Meiktila Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing viewed the demonstration on use of systematic cultivation methods for target production of over 100 baskets of paddy, near Nyaungkaing Village in Meiktila Township in Mandalay Region yesterday morning and called for observing 14-point systematic agricultural methods.

The minister then addressed the special course on handling farming equipment No (1/2011) at Central Training School under Agricultural Mechanization Department in Meiktila. The 12-month course is for the first time for young farmers from villages in Nay Pyi Taw District.

While visiting Shwetaung cotton research and quality strains farm, the minister called for extensive research and production of 1000-viss-cotton per acre. He also met cotton growers in Katin Village, Yamethin Township.—*MNA*

MRTV, Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar Programmes return to normal

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Due to the technical problem of Thaicom-5 satellite, Myanma Radio and Television programme was temporarily interrupted at 4 pm today across the country, except Yangon and Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw District. But, MRTV telecasts its programme as usual starting from 7 pm.

Similarly, temporary interruption of Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar Programmes occurred in some regions of lower Myanmar from 4 pm to 4:30 pm because of the technical problem of Thaicom-5 satellite. Now, the programmes have returned to normal.—*MNA*

Winners come out for 6th Thuta Swesone Literary Award

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Winners in the 6th Thuta Swesone Literary Award were announced yesterday.

U Win Maung (Saya Min Yu Wai) secured the Thuta Swesone Lifetime Achievement Literary Award. Maung Khin Min (Danubyu) won the award in the belle-letter genre, Maung Moe Thu in the arts genre, Ko Swe (Panorama) in the science genre, Kyi Shoon in the translation genre, Pe Myint in the reference genre and Win Htut Zaw in the social economic genre.

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