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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

President highlights timely completion as well as quality in building bridges

President U Thein Sein inspects installation of steel truss of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Accompanied by Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, President U Thein Sein left here by special flight yesterday morning and arrived in NyaungU of Mandalay Region at 10 am.

The President and party were welcomed at Bagan-NyaungU Airport by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint and Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, ministers of Mandalay and Magway Regions and departmental officials.

On arrival at Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Project on Letpanchepaw bank, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint reported to the President on completion of 563 meters of 1790 meters for installation of steel trusses at the main structure of the bridge on Letpanchepaw bank, 31.45 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 4.8 of 15 spans have been built, completion of 185 meters of 1694 meters for installation of steel truss at the main structure of the bridge on Pakokku bank, 10.9 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 1.8 of 15 spans have been constructed, 21.5 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 6.6 of 30 spans have been installed, 75.15 per cent completion of steel truss installation of the whole bridge, arrival of 31346.12 tons of steel truss for the project and arrival of materials and funds and spending for the project.

Next, the Union Minister for Construction explained ongoing tasks and progress in constructing the bridges— Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan),

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There will be 14 Ayeyawady River spanning bridges – nine already built and five under construction. Five bridges under construction are Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan).

***Progress in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku).*—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 April, 2011

Work closely for development of border areas

Every government of Myanmar gives the first priority to stability, peace and national unity which are fundamental requirements of national development especially for a multicultural country like the Republic of the Union of Myanmar where in more than 100 ethnic groups make their homes together.

Localism and racism once rampant in border areas led to disunity of national brethren and armed insurrection in the post-independence period. In consequence, the nation lagged far behind other countries in development. Learning lessons from such painful memories, the ruling government has been trying to erase deep-seated feelings and beliefs in some national races. Prudent projects have been implemented intensively since May 1989 for progress of border areas, which are now yielding fruits.

New roads, railroads and bridges across the Union, for instance, have helped ensure smooth transport and commercial growth and bolster friendly relations among national races. However, the Union government has yet to work harder than ever for further development of far-flung areas.

Addressing Meeting (1/2011) of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw the other day, Chairman of the Central Committee President U Thein Sein called on those responsible to root out country folks' sentiment of thinking highly of the other country; to work diligently for greater development of the nation than that of the neighbouring country; and to inspire the people to cultivate a stronger love of the nation and the people, to work hand in hand with the governments of the Union and the Regions and States, and to come to realize and trust in the benevolent attitude of the Union government.

It is required to improve the living conditions and the education and health standards of the people of border areas while trying to broaden their horizons.

Implementation of tasks in various sectors will pick up momentum if the ministries of the Regions and States work hard closely in compliance with the guidelines of the Central Committee.

Idea-dissemination talk on high quality yield of paddy on 27 April

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—With the help of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar Rice Industry Association (MRIA) has arranged to hold talks on agricultural methods and high yield measures at the first floor of UMFCCI on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Township in Yangon on 27 April.

The talk aims to boost paddy production in coming rainy season.

Farmers, rice dealers and interested person may register at the MRIA (ph-01-218266 or 218268) to attend the talk.—*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**

Teachers to take greater part in development of human resources

***Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye delivers speech at the conclusion of the Seminar on National Education Promotion (2011) of the Ministry of Education.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—At the conclusion of the Seminar on National Education Promotion (2011) held at the University of Veterinary Science (Yezin) this afternoon, Chairman of the National Education Committee Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called on educational staff and teachers to take greater part in enabling every citizen to have easy access to basic education and promotion of the nation's education standard, to equip themselves with a stronger sense of goodwill, interest and sacrificing spirit, and to develop human resources.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Education U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, President of the Myanmar Arts and Science Academy U Than Oo and executives, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, rectors of universities, representatives from education colleges, degree colleges and colleges, Region/State Education Offices, and distinguished guests.

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Dy Information Minister, Thai PRD Director-General vow to promote information and broadcasting cooperation

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win receives a delegation led by Director-General Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich of Public Relations Department of Thailand.

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win received a delegation led by Director-General Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich of Public Relations Department of Thailand at the ministry here this afternoon.

Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Public Relations Department, a government institution of the Kingdom of Thailand had signed MoU on cooperation in the field of information and broadcasting. At the call, the deputy minister and the director-general frankly discussed matters related to promoting information and broadcasting cooperation between the two nations in accord with the MoU.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Ye Tint, Acting Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Zaw Min Oo, Head of Office U Myint Htwe and officials.

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487 killed in Afghan conflict over past month

Graphics shows 487 were killed in Afghan conflict over the past month, according to spokesman of Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari on 24 April, 2011. —XINHUA

KABUL, 25 April— Continued Taleban-led militancy and conflicts in the militancy-hit Afghanistan have claimed the lives of 487 people including 325 Taleban militants, 83 civilians and 79 policemen over the past month, spokesman of Interior Ministry Zamarai Bashari said on Sunday.

"As many as 440 subversive and terrorist activities including militant direct attack, suicide bombing and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) explosions have been registered in month Hamal or first month in Afghan calendar," Bashari told reporters in a weekly Press conference here.

These casualties have been reported from 21 March till 20 April, he further said. According to Bashari, a total of 260 civilians, 207 police personnel as well as 65 militants have also been injured over the mentioned period.—*Xinhua*

Texas Dept of Public Safety officers block the road leading to the out of control wild fires in Palo Pinto County, Texas on 19 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Texas firefighters race against clock to beat fires

SAN ANTONIO, 25 April— Hundreds of weary firefighters were racing against the clock on Sunday, pushing back massive brush fires that have destroyed near-record swatches of Texas countryside.

Fire fighters were hoping to make as much progress as possible before low humidity and strong winds set the stage for more potential flare-ups late Monday and Tuesday.

"We have gotten rain, but more importantly, we have gotten moister air, and that has been very, very helpful," Marq Webb, a spokesman for the Texas Forest Service, said on Sunday.

Webb said the amount of acreage burned in Texas in 2011 is almost at the record level set in 2006, when nearly 2 million acres were burned by wildfires. So far this year, more than 1.8 million acres have burned.

"We're only in April, with some of the worst wildfire months still to come," he said. "We will certainly break that record."—*Reuters*

Survivors say over 60 people buried alive in Philippines' landslide

PANTUKAN, 25 April— Survivors of the avalanche of mud in Philippines said Sunday over 60 people were buried alive in Friday's landslide, and the number could be higher than what authorities had thought of.

Lambert Detros, 47, a small scale miner who suffered bruises and was confined at a local hospital, told *Xinhua* on Sunday that more than 60 people sleeping in tents were on site when the tragedy occurred.

"More than 60 people were in the area when the landslide happened. I saw them before night time," Detros said in Filipino.

"Stones rolling from hill woke me up. I look from my tent's window and saw mud everywhere. I hurriedly ran but I was trapped. Later, my relatives pulled me from the mud," Detros added.—*Xinhua*

Residents shovel mud as they search for the bodies of landslide victims in Kingking Village of Pantukan town in Compostela Province, southern Philippines, on 24 April, 2011.
XINHUA

Afghan police examine a damaged police vehicle near to the site of an militant attack in Dara Nur District in Nangarhar Province east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 April, 2011. The Afghan Ministry of Interior said militants attacked the policemen in Dara Nur District in the northern tip of Nangarhar Province. Two policemen were killed and two others were wounded in the attack, the ministry said.
INTERNET

Militants tunnel into Kandahar jail, freeing nearly 500

KANDAHAR, 25 April —Militants tunneled into the main jail in Afghanistan's volatile Kandahar Province on Monday, freeing hundreds of prisoners, including many Taleban commanders, a serious setback for US forces who hope to start withdrawing in coming months.

Tooryalai Wesa, the governor of Kandahar Province, said a total of 478 prisoners managed to escape due to "negligence" of Afghan security forces.

He said the start of the tunnel had been traced to a house near the prison.

The prison, which is supposed to be one of the country's most secure, sits on the outskirts of Kandahar City and holds both captured militants and criminal prisoners.

The Taleban, in its own statement, said that 541 prisoners escaped through an extensive tunnel that took months to construct, and were later moved in vehicles to safer locations.

Reuters

40 Australians arrested for drug offences at Melbourne music festival

CANBERRA, 25 April— Forty Australians were arrested on Monday for drug offences at the Creamfields Music Festival in Melbourne.

The police dog operation resulted in the seizure of ecstasy tablets, amphetamines and cannabis at the Flemington Racecourse festival.

According to Inspector Paul Ross, the number of arrests was disappointing.

"There is this idea with some young people that taking drugs enhances their day out, but in reality, they are putting their lives at risk by taking illegal drugs," he told *Australia Associated Press* on Monday.

"People need to be aware that there are heavy penalties associated with drug use and trafficking," he added.

Of those arrested, 38 were referred to a drug diversion programme, and two of them received a cannabis caution.

Internet

Seventy-two missing after boat capsizes in DR Congo

KINSHASA, 25 April—A total of 72 passengers have been missing after their boat capsized possibly because of bad weather and high winds on Monday in Democratic Republic of Congo, media quoted boat owner as saying.

Owner of the ship Maneno Muzuka said seven survivors had been recovered on Lake Kivu.

A security chief confirmed that 80 people were onboard the ship as the tragedy occurred.

Internet

Seven wounded in Easter bombing outside Baghdad church

BAGHDAD, 25 April—At least seven people were injured when a bomb outside the entrance of a Baghdad church exploded on Easter Sunday, an Iraqi police official said. The blast took place just yards (metres) from the Sacred Heart Church in Baghdad's Karradah neighbourhood. Shrapnel from the bomb struck the outside of the building, and at least four of the church's windows were shattered. Shards of broken glass lay on the street in front of the building.

Like many Baghdad houses of worship, the church is surrounded by blast walls to protect it from such attacks. The officer said no parishioners were inside and services had not been held in the building.—*Internet*

Buyers negotiate at a ceramics booth at the phase II of the 109th Canton Fair, officially known as China Import and Export Fair, in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 23 April, 2011.
XINHUA

Chinese tea farmer finds orphaned 'moon bears'

BEIJING, 25 April—A farmer in south China found twin black bear cubs alone in a forest while he was out picking tea leaves, state media said Saturday. He was planning to raise them until they were big enough to fend for themselves, but an animal welfare group has intervened.

China Central Television reported that the tea farmer, Tian Shougui, heard the animals crying in the forest two weeks ago and brought them home to his house in Sichuan Province's Longhua township without realizing they were bears.

"I heard their crying high up a hill, which made me very curious," Tian told CCTV. "I didn't know what animals they were but still decided to bring them back to my home, just to save their lives."

The twins, a boy weighing just 7.05 pounds (3.2 kilogrammes) and a girl weighing 6.83 pounds (3.1 kilogrammes), were confirmed by local animal welfare experts to be Asiatic black bears, the report said.

Asiatic black bears are also known as moon bears because of a crescent shaped marking on their chests. They are protected under Chinese law but are sometimes poached for their bile, which is used in Chinese traditional medicine.

Internet

UN Secretary General's Message on World Malaria Day

25 April 2011

On World Malaria Day this year, there is much to celebrate. Strategic global investments in malaria control continue to produce results. Since 2008, more than 600 million Africans have been spared terrible suffering thanks to the distribution of more than 300 million long-lasting insecticide-treated mosquito nets. In 2009, 75 million people also benefited from indoor residual spraying with safe and effective insecticides. Together with improved testing and treatment, these measures have saved nearly 750,000 lives over the past decade.

Yet, an estimated 781,000 people a year, most of them young children, still die from this preventable and treatable disease. The costs can also be measured in lost economic productivity. To reach our goal of near-zero deaths from malaria by 2015, we need an extraordinary intensification of our actions in two key areas.

First, scaling up the life-saving and cost-effective interventions that have already produced such dramatic results. We need to ensure universal coverage for all people at risk. Second, providing timely testing for all persons suspected of having malaria and effective treatment for those confirmed to have the disease.

Even these efforts, by themselves, will not be enough to conquer this ancient foe. Parasite resistance to our best anti-malarial medicines is a major threat. We must respond by implementing our global plan to overcome such resistance.

Malaria is a leading killer of children under 5 years of age. Success in this fight is crucial to improving the health of women and children around the world, especially in Africa, and in generating progress towards the health-related Millennium Development Goals. It was with this in mind that, last September, I launched the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.

On this observance of World Malaria Day, I call on all partners to increase investments in both research and programmes to defeat malaria. Let us also build up human capacity in malaria-endemic countries; our continued success depends on the hard work and dedication of these unsung heroes. And let us recognize that a world free of the burden of malaria will be a safer and healthier world for all.—*UNIC*

Photo taken on 23 April, 2011 shows the exterior of Henan Radio and Television Tower in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province. The 388-meter-high tower, the highest in Henan Province, was open on Monday with the functions of broadcasting and sightseeing.
XINHUA

Private US firm aims to put man on Mars in 10-20 years

NEW YORK, 25 April— Private US company SpaceX hopes to put an astronaut on Mars within 10 to 20 years, the head of the firm said.

"We'll probably put a first man in space in about three years," Elon Musk told *the Wall Street Journal* on Saturday. "We're going all the way to Mars, I think... best case 10 years, worst case 15 to 20 years."

SpaceX is one of the two leading private space companies in the United States and has won $75 million from the US space agency NASA to help its pursuit of developing a spacecraft to replace the space shuttle.The California-based company last year completed its first successful test of an unmanned space capsule into orbit and back.

"Our goal is to facilitate the transfer of people and cargo to other planets, and then it will be up to people if they want to go," said Musk, who also runs the Tesla company which develops electric cars.

The US space shuttle programme is winding down later this year with final flights of *Endeavour* set for next week and Atlantis in June, ending an era of American spaceflight that began with the first space shuttle mission in 1981.—*Internet*

Youngest on Hillary's Everest team dies in India

KOLKATA, 25 April— Sherpa mountaineer Nawang Gombu, the youngest on Sir Edmund Hillary's climbing team that first scaled Mount Everest in 1953, died on Sunday at his Indian home at the foot of the Himalayas. He was 79.

Friends and family were at Gombu's bedside when he died after a brief illness in Darjeeling, about 400 miles (650 kilometres) north of Kolkata, his son Kursung Phinjo Gombu said.

The first person to summit Everest twice, Gombu was considered one of the last of the so-called "Tigers of the Snow" — a small group of Sherpa mountaineers who scaled the Himalayas to bring fame and prestige to their ethnic community that originates from the mountains of eastern Tibet and Nepal.

Internet

Flooded coal mine in SW China traps eight

GUIYANG, 25 April— A coal mine in Panxian County, Guizhou Province in southwest China, was flooded on Sunday evening, trapping eight miners.

*Medical workers await at the flooded Xiao'aozi Coal Mine in Panxian County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 25 April, 2011.—*XINHUA

An official at the accident site told *Xinhua* that the accident occurred at about 7 pm Sunday, when 45 miners were working under the mine. Thirty-seven of them came out the pit safely while the rest were trapped.

Rescuers are currently pumping water out of the well. The water flooded into the pit was estimated at over 1,000 cubic metres.

The mine produces 150,000 tons of coal per year, and has all required licenses and certificates for safe production.

Investigation into the cause of the accident is currently underway.

The flooded mine is around 330 kilometres away from the provincial capital of Guiyang.—*Xinhua*

A competitor performs Chinese calligraphy during the preliminary contest of the 10th Chinese Bridge language proficiency competition for the midwest of the United States at the Confucius Institute of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, the United States, on 23 April, 2011. Over 30 competitors from 11 Confucius Institutes took part in the competition Saturday.
XINHUA

Preserve, maintain Myanmar's cultural heritage

YANGON, 25 April – Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, who was a member of President U Thein Sein's tour of Bagan-NyaungU, visited Bagan Archaeological Museum in Bagan Archaeological Region and Pyinsapathada Golden Palace of King Anawrahta yesterday afternoon.

At Bagan Archaeological Museum, Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department and officials reported on strength of staff of Bagan Archaeological Museum, facts about the museum, research work and excavation tasks.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan inspects Pyinsapathada Golden Palace.—MNA

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan at Bagan Archaeological Museum.—MNA

The Union Minister for his part stressed the need for the staff members responsible for maintaining ancient buildings to visit archaeological zones on a daily basis and to take supervisory measures in accord with the rules and regulations, to systematically keep the antiques displayed at the museum for their durability, to systematically register the collected admission fees and to work with patriotism as they are responsible for preserving and maintaining Myanmar's cultural heritage.

On his visit to Pyinsapathada Golden Palace, the Union Minister spoke of the need to protect the palace buildings against the elements, to carry out beautifying tasks in the environs and to maintain the splendor of the palace.

MNA

Myanmar, Thai to cooperate in information and broadcasting

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—A ceremony to sign Memorandum of Understanding between the Government Public Relations Department of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Myanma Radio and Television of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar took place in conjunction with Joint Technical Committee Meeting at MRTV in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

Present on the occasion were MRTV Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enrerprise U Ye Tint, personnel of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Thai Director-General Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich of Public Relations Department and members.

The MRTV Director-General and the Thai PRD Director-general signed the MoU and exchanged the documents. And those present posed for documentary photos.

It was followed by the meeting of the Joint Technical Committee in which Myanmar side led by the MRTV Director-Deneral and the PPE Managing Director and Thai side led by Mr Grisanaporn Soempanich hold discussion on implementation of agreements in the MoU in detail.

Meeting of Joint Technical Committee (JTC) between MRTV and Thai Public Relations Department in progress.—MNA

The Thai director general and party viewed the functions of the MRTV.

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Special projects—guarantees of brighter future of nation and people (2)

Kyaw Ye Min

This year, the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 will implement Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project with 100 megawatts installed generating capacity that can generate 500 million kilowatt hours yearly on Paunglaung River, three miles upstream of the proposed place of Paunglaung River Bridge on Yamethin-Taunggyi Inter-District Road and eight miles downstream of Upper Paunglaung Dam and Namtabat Hydropower Project with 104 megawatts installed generating capacity that can generate 575 million kilowatt hours yearly on Namtabat River, 45 miles southwest of Myitkyina in Kachin State.

The Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is undertaking power grid and sub-power station projects and submitted 18 new projects to the Special Projects Implementation Meeting. Of 278 power grid and sub-power station projects submitted to the recent meetings, the ministry has completed 104 projects, is implementing 33 projects and has planned to implement 141 remaining projects. This year, the plans are under way to implement 12 projects such as Waingmaw-Bhamo-Letpanhla-Myaukpyin 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Namtabat-Waingmaw 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Waingmaw-Myitkyina (1)-Myitkyina (2)-Myitkyina (3) power grid and sub-power station project, Mongyai-Tangyan 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Mindat-Matupi 66 kv power grid and sub-power station project, up and down Hopong 132 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Aungban-Pindaya 66 kv power grid project, Laymyo (1)-Laymyo 230 kv power grid and sub-power station project, Biluchaung (2)-Toungoo 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, Thayagon-Minhla 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, Middle Paunglaung-Paunglaung 230 kv double power grid and sub-power station project, and Bilin-(Kamanat-Thaton) 230 kv double power grid project. Moreover, underground power line projects will be undertaken. These projects are Ahlon-Bayintnaung 66 kv underground power line 7.4 miles project, Ahlon-MRTV-3 66 kv underground power line 3.1 miles project, Ahlon-Mawtin 66 kv underground power line 1.2 miles project, Ahlon-Railway Sub-Station (Bogyoke Street) 66 kv underground power line3.8 miles project, Ahlon-Hsinmalaik 66 kv underground power line 3.5 miles project and Thakayta-Pathein Nyunt 66 kv underground power line 5 miles project.

Power grids being lined up.

Nantkyan reservior seen for supply of irrigation and drinking water.

As water is essential for the agricultural sector, it is necessary to complete the ongoing dam and river-water pumping projects as quickly as possible. In addition, to provide adequate irrigation water and clean drinking water in the regions where water is scarce, new dam, reservoir and river-water pumping projects must be launched as special projects. Holding the concept that where there's a land and water there's a job efforts are to be made to create more job opportunities, to effectively employ human resources and land and water resources so that the agriculture, meat and fish sector can develop.

According to the permission of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has successfully built 233 dam projects after 1988. Moreover, a total of 31 projects are under implementation, and fourteen projects have been planned. The ongoing projects are Kanyin Dam Project in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region, Kyeeohn-Kyeewa Dam Project in Wunlo Village of Pwintbyu Township of Magway Region, Myogyi Dam Multi-purpose Dam Project near Myogyi Village of Shan State (South), Pyuchaung Dam Project in Pyu Township of Bago Region, Myittha Dam Project near Pyintha Village of Gangaw Township in Magway Region, Ngamoeyeik Sluice Gate Project near Sitpintaung Village in Dagon Myothit (East) Township in Yangon Region, Kodukwe Dam Project in Bago Township of Bago Region, Kinmonchon Sluice Gate Project near Kinmonchon Village in Kayan Township of Yangon Region, North Yama Extended Irrigated System Project in Pale Township of Sagaing Region and Theinyin Dam project in Kanbalu Township of Shwebo District in Sagaing Region. Furthermore, plans are under way to implement the 30-mile radius Yangon Region (Eastern Part) Greening Project and Meiktila Plain Greening Project.

Out of 42 river water pumping special projects to benefit 434,500 acres of farmlands, a total of 26 river water pumping special projects benefiting 218,700 acres of farmlands have been completed. The remaining 16 projects are under implementation to benefit 215,800 acres of farmlands. Sixteen ongoing projects are Meiktila

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Pyay (Shwedaga)-Paukkaung railroad section commissioned as a railroad network across the nation.

Special projects—guarantees of brighter future of nation and people (2)

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Plain River Water Pumping Project, Nonpoh River Water Pumping Project, Ayadaw-2 River Water Pumping Project, Ayadaw-3 River Water Pumping Project, Ngamoeyeik River Water Pumping Project, Letpan River Water Pumping Project, Kangale River Water Pumping Project, Kayanchaung River Water Pumping Project, Myitkyo River Water Pumping Project, Dahka River Water Pumping Project, Kyeeywa River Water Pumping Project, Pyawywa River Water Pumping Project, Donthami River Water Pumping Project, Dhammatha River Water Pumping Project, Kyonsok River Water Pumping Project and Hsimeekhon-3 (Natogyi) River Water Pumping Project. These dam projects, greening projects and river water pumping projects will contribute a lot to further development of the agriculture sector.

Pakokku-Kyunchaung railroad section, a railroad network across the nation, put into service for smooth transportation and speedy flow of commodity.

The achievements of the Ministry of Rail Transportation is playing an important role in improvement of transport sector of the State. Especially, the construction of National Railway Network will cover all the States and Regions. Myanma Railways is implementing the National Railway Network with the aim of ensuring better transport across the nation, narrowing the development gap among the regions, further strengthening national unity and developing social status. There are 3579 miles long railroads, 4402 rail long tracks and 899 railway stations at present compared with 1976 miles long railroad, 2793 miles long rail tracks and 487 railway stations before 1988. Moreover, a total of 1778 miles long railroads are under construction and 297 miles long are planned for construction.

In this year's special projects, the 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project, the 98-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad project, the 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung railroad project, the 132.5-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad project, the 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad project, the 257-mile Minbu-An-Sittway railroad project, the 89-mile Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad project, the 120-mile Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyeedaw)-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project, the 48-mile Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkawt (Nyaungdon) railroad project, the 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Hsinthae-Tatkon-Pinlaung railroad project, the 474.5-mile Myitkyina-Bhamo-Momeik-Kyaukme-Hsipaw-Laikha-Namsang railroad project will be implemented step by step. Moreover, land survey works started for the 125-mile Monywa-Kani-Mingin-Kalewa-Kalay railroad project and the 150-mile Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroad project.

A total of 15.5 million sleepers are needed to be used along 6740.73 miles–the 4750.08 miles long railroads already built and 1990.65 miles long railroads under construction. So far, about four million sleepers have been substituted in the place of old ones, and 11.5 million more sleepers are needed for the railroads. In addition to existing concrete sleeper factories in Myitnge, Pyuntaza, Mottama, Pakokku, Okshitpin and KhinO, two factories are being built in Minbu and Shwenyaung and plans are under way to build three more factories in Bhamo, Hsipaw and Namsang. Thanks to concrete sleeper factories, the quality of railroads will improve, so the railway sector will take an important position in transport sector.

All the special projects that have emerged in the meeting 1/2011 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee are essential for serving the interests of the nation and the people. Otherwise, these projects are firm guarantees for shaping the aspiration of the nation and the people.

With regard to implementing the special projects, the President said that it is needed to practise thrifty measures and responsible persons at different levels are to check worksites and monitor workers to ensure there is no wastage, and malpractice. In addition, adaptation of carrot and stick approach is a must and worksite safety and welfare activities are to be done in line with rules and regulations. These work guideline is to be followed strictly for fully achieving success in implementation of the special projects.

In endeavouring for national development through the practice of the new system, the Union Government as well as State and Region governments have already been formed. So, together they will share the nation-building tasks. Those projects will achieve success only through cooperation and coordination between the Union Government and the State and Region governments in implementing the special projects. As a gesture of hailing the special projects, I would like to present my article that cent-per-cent cooperation is necessary in sharing the same goal of national development so as to complete all special projects for fully serving the interest of the nation and the people.

Translation: TTA

Ngathayouk River Water Pumping Station, one of facilities for improving of agricultural sector.

Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint presents President U Thein Sein a feedback on major bridge projects.—MNA

President highlights timely completion…

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Ayayawady Bridge (Malun), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) — of five Ayeyawady river crossing bridges which are under construction.

Next, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explained facts about the lignment of the approach railroad to Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), approach railroads, the list of proposed bridges on approach railroads, progress in construction work, construction of underpass on the banks of Letpanchepaw and Pakokku, and travelling by networks of railroads on completion of approach railroads to Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and related railroads.

In response to the reports, the President said some difficulties may be unavoidably faced in building such large bridges. It is necessary to complete the construction of bridges as scheduled. It is also needed to complete the motor road and railroad of Ayeyawady Bridge Pakokku simultaneously. Efforts are to be made for timely completion of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). Building bridges creates job opportunities for the local people.

But if the construction takes a long time, the expenses will be bigger. As the task is tremendous, priority must be given to quality. With more and more bridges being built, the engineers and staff members on their part need to improve their skills.

In building bridges, preventive measures against natural disasters such as earthquakes must be considered. The sooner the bridges complete, the sooner the people will enjoy benefits. When the projects completes one after another, the nation will develop more and more. More importantly, speedy completion of a bridge should not be at the expense of its durability and quality. Upon completion of a bridge, hardworking staff will be awarded practising carrot and stick policy, concluded the President.

Then, the President presented a basket of fruits to the foreign technicians participating in the construction work.

The President inspected installation of steel truss at the main structure of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) from the view deck. Then he put questions for his knowledge and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the President went to Pakokku bank by Z-craft and met with officials at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project.

Chief Engineer U Shwe Lay reported to the President on progress of simultaneous installation of steel trusses at the six places on Pakokku bank and work progress of construction of approach rail-cum-road bridge on Pakokku bank. Managing Director U Kyaw Lin of Public Works and Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint made supplementary reports.

The President cordially greeted local people of Pakokku and said that upon completion of roads and bridges, Pakokku, a town busy with

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President U Thein Sein presents basket of fruits to foreign technicians of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project.

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Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project started on 15 December 2009 and it has been completed by 79 percent. When India-Myanmar-Thai Tripartite Highway emerges, it will lie on the bridge. Upon completion of the bridge, there will be links between the Pakokku from the western bank of Ayeyawady River and the regions of the eastern bank, and other Regions and States can easily be travelled.

Photo shows completion of installation of steel truss of the bridge on Letpanchepaw bank.—MNA

President U Thein Sein gives instructions on Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) construction project at the briefing hall.—MNA

feet high. The foundation and lower structure of the bridge was built with RC piles and the upper structurewith steel frame. It can withstand 75 tons of load. On completion, it will be the largest and longest bridge among the bridges built in Myanmar.

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There will be 14 Ayeyawady River spanning bridges – nine already built and five under construction. Five bridges under construction are Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku), Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon), Ayeyawady Bridge (Malun). Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadana Theinga) and Ayeyawady Bridge (Sinkhan).

Nine bridges already built are Balaminhtin Bridge, Inwa Bridge, Nawaday Bridge, Anawrahta Bridge, Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway), Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon), Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Maubin Bridge and Dedaya Bridge.—*MNA*

President highlights timely completion…

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trade activities of agricultural produce of upper Myanmar, will see more developments. The government is striving for infrastructural development and more infrastructures will be built. The President called on the locals to try hard for ensuring improvement in their socio-economic status by using already-built infrastructures effectively.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) being built by Special Project Group (3) of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is located in NyaungU Township of NyaungU District in Mandalay Region and Pakokku Township of Pakokku District in Magway Region. The bridge has 11431 feet long main structure, 13537 feet long motorway and 20597 feet long railroad.

The approach bridge (motorway) on Pakokku bank is 1378 feet long and the approach bridge (railroad) is 5420 feet long. The approach bridge (motorway) on Letpanchepaw bank is 728 feet long and the approach bridge (railroad) is 3746 feet long. The bridge has 28 feet wide two-way motor road and 14 feet wide railroad and it is flanked by 3 feet and three inches wide pedestrians on both sides. Its water clearance area is 262 feet wide and 52

President U Thein Sein cordially greets townselders at the briefing hall.

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Photo shows Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) on Letpanchepaw bank.—MNA

New primary schools under construction in Thaton District

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — Chief Minister of Mon State U Ohn Myint yesterday inspected visited construction sites of Kawchan Primary School in Kyaikhto Township, No (2) Primary School in Bilin Township, extended building of Primary School of Naungbo Village in Thaton Township and new Primary school in Monai ward in Paung Township in Thaton District which are being built with the funds of the State and contribution of the people. He urged officials to complete the construction works on schedule.—*MNA*

No polythene bag factories in Yangon Region

YANGON, 25 April—Respective Township Development Affairs Committee Offices in Yangon Region have sent notices to all polythene bag factories to halt the production by 21 April. The notices also state that if the factories fail to close on the said date, they will lose their licenses and be dealt with Development Affair law, rules and regulations and procedures.

Production of polythene bags and ropes, and Storage and sale of those items at stores and groceries in the townships are not allowed starting from 22 April. The licenses issued by Yangon City Development Committee will be withdrawn if they do not follow the notification, the notices said.—*MNA*

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.

President U Thein Sein gives means to facilitate the ongoing tasks of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). —MNA

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89 miles long Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad and 48 miles long Hinthada-Danubyu-Sakkaw (Nyaungdon) railroad, and approach roads to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) are under construction. On 20 March 2011, 20 miles long Pathein (Begarat)-Einme section of Pathein (Begarat)-Einme-Nyaungdon-Yangon was commissioned and plans are under way to commission 20.13 miles long Samalauk-Nyaungdon-Sakkaw section and 21.50 miles long Einme-Pantanaw section on schedule. Priority is being given to complete Kalay-Pakokku, Pakokku-Kyangin, Kyangin-Hinthada, Hinthada-Sakkaw (Nyaungdon) and Sakkaw-Hlinethaya as the whole to form 700 miles long No.3 Strategic Railroad.

Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung gave supplementary reports on plans for provision of inexpensive housings to households moved from project area.

In his speech, the President said that efforts are to be made for completion of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) ahead of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) as the former is less massive and is easily accessible for supply of equipment and materials compared to the latter.

The earlier the bridges are commissioned, the earlier the people benefit from them. Strenuous efforts are to be made with accelerated momentum for completion of projects initiated in the time of Tatmadaw Government within two or three years. Only then, can the incumbent government implement new projects.

Efforts are to be made for maintaining and upgrading existing roads and bridges while implementing new projects. The President then called for practice of thrifty measures, calculation of potential change of water ways to avoid damage to the bridges, worksite safety, and parallel completion of railroad and motor road of the bridge on schedule.

The president then presented foreign technicians with baskets of fruit. While holding cordial talks with locals, the president said that Ayeyawady Region once faced poor transportation. Going from Yangon to Ayeyawady Region takes a long time, calling the traveler to use at least two modes of transportation—motor vehicle and vessel or train. However, the region will experience more positive changes with better transportation. The State has increased employment upholding the concept that where there's a land or water, there's a job.

The President said that each individual is responsible for striving to enhance his socio-economic life using sound foundations provided by the government. He, highlighting national prosperity results from individual prosperity, urged them to work hard with patriotic spirit, and to maintain already-built roads and bridges.

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Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min briefing President U Thein Sein on Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon). —MNA

Photo shows an aerial view of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) project in Nyaungdon Township—MNA

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The President and party left the construction site for Yangon, where they arrived back in the afternoon. Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) being constructed by Special group No (5) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction lies in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady region.

The main bridge of the facility will be 7402 feet long, approach bridge (motor road) on Pathein side 1837 feet long, approach bridge (motor road) on Yangon side 1575 feet long and the total length of the main bridge and motor road 10814 feet.

The railroad on Pathein side will be 6529 feet and on Yangon side 6614 feet and the total length of the main bridge and railroad 20545 feet.

Approach motor road on Pathein side will be 3447 feet long and on Yangon side 7942 feet long and the total length of approach roads 11389 feet.

The bridge will have 28-ft wide two-way motor road, 14-ft wide railroad, flanked by 3 feet 3 inches wide pedestrian. The clearance will be 262 feet wide and 57 feet high.

The foundation and lower structure of the facility will be built with RC piles and the upper structure with steel frame. The facility can withstand 75 tons of loads.

The project started on 1 January 2010 and 77 per cent of the bridge has been completed so far. The bridge, upon completion, will shorten train and bus routes between Yangon, Pathein, villages and towns on the west bank of Ayeyawady River.

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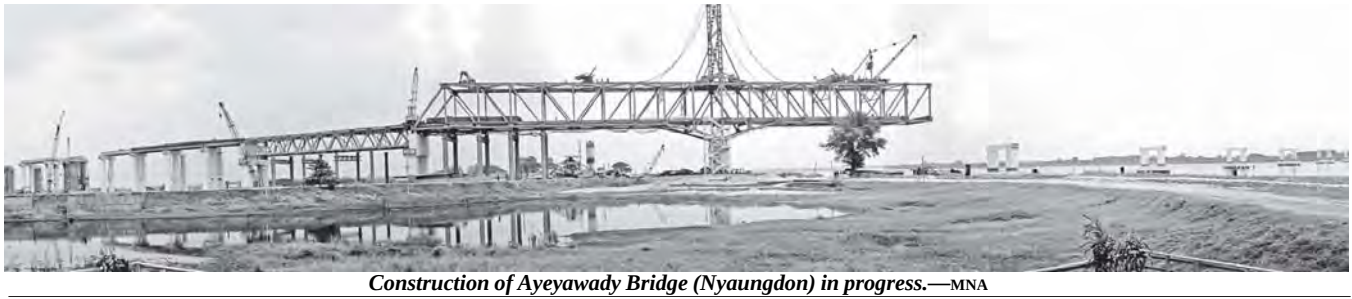
***President U Thein Sein cordially greets local people at briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) Project.*—MNA**



***Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in progress.*—MNA**

Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win receives Indian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence received an Indian delegation led by Research & Analysis Wing Secretary Shri S.K Tripathi of the Republic of India at Zeyathiri Beikman of the Ministry of Defence here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Maj-Gen Thura Thet Swe and senior military officers.

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***Lt-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence receives Indian delegation led by Research & Analysis Wing Secretary Shri S.K Tripathi of the Republic of India at Zeyathiri Beikman.*—MNA**

SSA (Wamhaing) armed group critically wounds civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April — SSA (Wamhaing) armed group is committing destructive acts in any way causing public panic. The armed force on the rampage opened fire at a civilian on 21 April.

The incident started at two miles in the south-west of the village when a Lahu national Mg Zar Ni Tun aged 16, who lives in Manpaing Village, Tantyaung Township in Shan State (North) was coming back from Minekaung Market at 3 pm of that day. And he got serious wounds in his left scapular region.

The victim was admitted to Lashio People's Hospital via Tantyan People's Hospital, where he is now receiving medical treatment. Military columns are in hot pursuit of the armed group. —*MNA*

H & T Ministry opens spoken English proficiency course

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—Ministry of Hotels and Tourism opened spoken English proficiency course (officer level) No.1/2011, at the Ministry, here, this morning. At the ceremony, managing director U Hla Htay of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Enterprise made an opening speech. A total of 20 assistant managers and managers are attending the three-week course.

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Season's Greetings

MAY THIS AUSPICIOUS MYANMAR NEW YEAR BE FILLED WITH

JOY, SUCCESS, PROSPERITY,

AND

TREASURED MOMENTS...

MAY YOU FLY BEYOND YOUR DREAMS !!!

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MV ORIENTAL DESIRE VOY NO (012)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENTAL DESIRE VOY NO (012) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.4.2011 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SONG WON PCS CO LTD KOREA

Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (04)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI EAGLE VOY NO (04) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.4.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W 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.

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Videogame giant Nintendo Co said its group net profit for the year to March plunged 66.1 percent on a strong yen and a global sales slump. Net profit fell to 77.6 billion yen ($942 million), while operating profit slumped 52.0 percent to 171.1 billion yen.

INTERNET

Body parts found in upscale Mexico City district

MEXICO CITY, 25 April —The dismembered body of a woman was found scattered in a leafy, upscale Mexico City district, while authorities investigated possible drug gang links in the deaths of five females whose throats were slashed in Acapulco. The mass slaying of women is unusual in Mexico's drug war, and there was no indication the cases in the two cities were related.

Residents of the capital's tree-lined San Miguel Chapultepec neighbourhood discovered the woman's upper body on one block and her left leg and right leg on two other blocks, the city prosecutor's office said Saturday. The body parts were stuffed into three plastic bags and the fingers of the victim's left hand had been cut off.

The prosecutors' office provided no details on the woman's identity or a possible motive for the killing. Officials did not return requests for comment Sunday.—*Internet*

***Citizens look at a whale specimen during an outdoor exhibition for science popularization in downtown Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 23 April, 2011. The specimen will be shown here for two days, which weighs three tons with six meters in length.*— XINHUA**

N Ireland police seize dissident weapons

LONDON, 25 April— Northern Ireland police have charged three men with a series of terrorist offenses linked to the discovery of suspected dissident firearms.

The three suspects, aged 34 to 39, were arrested on Friday. Police found guns and ammunition in their vehicle after stopping it close to the Irish border.The men were charged on Sunday with possession of firearms with intent to endanger life, preparing to commit an act of terrorism and possession of items likely to be of use to terrorists.

The arms seizures on Friday was the first of three similar hauls recovered in south Armagh in two days. They come as police remain on high alert across Northern Ireland amid fears of a terror attack to mark traditional republican commemorations of the 1916 Easter Rising against British rule.— *Internet*

German baby born at 21 weeks goes home for Easter

German doctors say a baby girl who was born at 21 weeks and five days is spending Easter at home after five months in neonatal care. She is believed to be the most premature baby in Europe to have survived.

Doctors at the Fulda Children's Clinic say Frieda was born on 7 Nov weighing just 16 ounces (460 grams). She was released from the hospital on Wednesday weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces (3.5 kilogrammes).

The clinic's chief doctor, Reinald Repp, said he saw "no indication that she will not be healthy."

The hospital cites medical records for its information that Frieda is most premature baby known to have survived in Europe. *The Associated Press* could not independently confirm that.

A normal pregnancy lasts 40 weeks and a twin brother, Kilian, who was born with Frieda did not survive, *the Fuldauer Zeitung* newspaper reported.

The hospital cited one other baby born at 21 weeks and five days, in Ottowa, Canada that is known to have survived.

Frieda's life hung in the balance several times during her long hospitalization. Repp called her survival "a medical miracle."

Visitors look at a blooming Titan Arum (amorphophallus titanum), pictured in the botanical garden of the university of Basel, in Basel, Switzerland, on 23 April, 2011. Thousands of plant lovers have flocked to the northern Swiss city of Basel to see a giant, stinky flower bloom for the first time in 17 years.

Swiss flock to watch giant stinking flower bloom

Thousands of plant lovers have flocked to the northern Swiss City of Basel to see a giant, stinky flower bloom for the first time.

The Basel Botanical Gardens expects 10,000 people to see its amorphophallus titanum, or corpse flower, in full glory before the bloom wilts late Saturday or Sunday. The plant is 17 years old and has never bloomed before.

Visitors haven't been deterred by the strong stench of rotting flesh the flower emits to attract insects for pollination.

The 6.6-feet (2-metre) tall flower is native to the Indonesian island of Sumatra and the last one to bloom in Switzerland was 75 years ago.

Worldwide, there have been only 134 recorded blooms from artificial cultivation.

The black bear baby Mimi rides an electric bicycle to rehearse a programme in Hangzhou Safari Park, Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 21 April, 2011. Lots of the star animals are in the training for the coming May Day holiday.

Student faked pregnancy for project

A Washington state high schooler revealed she spent 6 1/2 months faking a pregnancy as part of her senior project.

Gaby Rodriguez, 17, a student at Toppenish High School, told fellow students during a Wednesday assembly her pregnancy had been faked as part of a social experiment to analyze "stereotypes, rumours and statistics," *the Yakima (Wash) Herald-Republic* reported Friday.

"I'm fighting against those stereotypes and rumours because the reality is I'm not pregnant," Rodriguez told the students.

She said only a few people, including her mother, boyfriend and Trevor Greene, the school's principal, were aware of the project.

Greene said calls have been pouring into the school about Rodriguez and her project.

"It's gone big; it's been quite a day," he said Thursday. "We didn't anticipate that by the end of the day we'd be getting calls from, like, the 'Today' show."

News Album

Russian bakers whip up 3-ton Easter cake

Bakers in St Petersburg, Russia, celebrated Easter by serving a 3-ton cake known as a kulich during celebrations in the south of the city, organizers said. Event staff said the kulich was the world's largest, measuring 33 feet by 66 feet and weighing 3.3 tons, *RIA Novosti* reported. Kulich, an important element of the Russian Easter dinner, is a glazed cake similar to the Italian panettone. It is served on the Easter table alongside colored eggs and a dish called paskha — cottage cheese blended with candied fruits and nuts.

"Rio" dominates North America box office for two weekends in a row

LOS ANGELES, 25 April—"Rio," an animated comedy featuring voices by Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway and George Lopez, continued to show its dominant power atop the North America box office this weekend, grossing an estimated 26.8 million dollars from movie theaters in Canada and the United States to edge out Tyler Perry's latest movie.

The Blue Sky Animation film, which has a strong staying power due to its spell with kids and their parents, remained atop the box office list, the North America box office authority said on Sunday. The 20th Century Fox-distributed film is expected to make more progress as many schools have been on vacation through the Easter holiday, and young audiences will swarm into theaters for this well-received release.

The poster of Fox's animation "Rio".
INTERNET

"Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family," the third Madea-titled movie and the 11th film in the Tyler Perry film franchise, opened in second place, and is on track to turn 25.8 million dollars in sales for Lionsgate at 2,288 locations.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 14 April, 2011 shows a scene of the drama "Romeo and Juliet" at the Fengchao Theater in Beijing, capital of China. The adaption edition of Shakespeare's drama "Romeo and Juliet", which is directed by Meng Jinghui, was premiered here on Thursday.—XINHUA

Nepal holds film fair to promote indigenous film industry

KATHMANDU, 25 April—The 5th Nepal International Indigenous Film Festival (NIIFF 2011)is being held in Kathmandu to promote the nation's film industry.

The four-day festival organized by Indigenous Film Archive (IFA) began from 22 April, aims to provide a platform for indigenous as well as non-indigenous community to research, document, interact, and develop information on indigenous cultures, traditions, languages, issues, knowledge and wisdom through the visual medium.

Navin Subba, Chairperson of IFA said, "Alike previous edition of NIIFF, this 5th edition also eyes for international recognition of Nepali film industry and indigenous community of Nepal."

"In our first attempt, we hardly got few international participants but now there are dozens of films and documentaries made by international film makers," he added. According to him, in past couple of decades Nepal film industry used to copy Bollywood and Hollywood movies but at present, Nepali film industry and Nepali film makers have the quality to tell their own Nepali stories.

"At least qualities of our films are reaching international level and some of them are liked by international audience," Subba stressed. Nepali film industry had started to address core issues and culture of Nepal's indigenous community, according to Subba. A total of 42 films from 20 countries and regions including Australia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Finland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Palestine, Peru, Sweden, Russia, Vietnam and the United States.

Xinhua

A contestant takes part in the Miss World Fashion final in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 24 April, 2011.
XINHUA

Promotion fair of Beijing International Film Festival attracts world's film operators

BEIJING, 25 April—As the highlight of the on-going Beijing International Film Festival, the promotional fair for film industry-related projects kicked off on Sunday.

Fifty-six domestic and 44 overseas exhibitors, including the 20th Century Fox, Tokyo International Film Festival and other world famous film companies and institutions, attended the fair, said the organizing committee of the festival.

The three-day fair is aimed to provide a communication platform for the creativity, scripting, technology and related products of the film industry.—*Xinhua*

Oussama Darragi (10) of Tunisia's Esperance is congratulated after scoring against Senegalese ASC Jaraaf during their African Champions League football match at Rades Olympic stadium, in Rades.—INTERNET

North African clubs shine in Champions League

JOHANNESBURG, 25 April—Tunisian outfit Esperance led a show of force by clubs from northern countries in African Champions League last-16 ties this weekend. The 'Blood and Gold' were ahead within two minutes against Senegalese visitors Diaraf and romped to a 5-0 victory that virtually assures them of a mini-league place after the early May return fixture.

Wydad Casablanca of Morocco built a 1-0 lead at home to defending champions and 2010 FIFA Club World Cup runners-up Tout Puissant Mazembe of the Democratic Republic of Congo thanks to an early goal. Record six-time champions Al-Ahly of Egypt forced a 0-0 deadlock with ZESCO United on the Zambian Copperbelt and Mouloudia Alger of Algeria overcame the burden of an early red card to grab a 1-1 draw with InterClube in Angola.— *Internet*

Gilbert wins Liege-Bastogne-Liege cycling race

LIEGE, 25 April—Belgium's Philippe Gilbert of Omega Pharma etched his name into cycling's history books Sunday with a maiden victory in Liege-Bastogne-Liege which gave him a rare 'Ardennes Classics' Grand Slam. Siblings Frank and Andy Schleck, of Leopard-Trek, finished second and third respectively after nearly six and a half hours of racing in temperatures hitting 26 degrees Celsius in the hilly Belgian Ardennes.

"It's just an incredible day for me, unbelievable," said Gilbert, who becomes only the second rider to win all three Ardennes Classics, having won the Amstel Gold Race last week and Fleche Wallonne on Wednesday. "It was a tough day but I did my best to stay calm, concentrate on my race and not let myself get carried away with emotions or what was happening on the roadside. "I've been in the best form of my life recently, and these past 10 days have just been incredible."— *Internet*

Belgian rider Philippe Gilbert of Omega Pharma-Lotto kisses his trophy as he celebrates his victory on the podium of the 97th edition of the Liege-Bastogne-Liege cycling race, 255.5km from Liege to Ans.— INTERNET

Wolves earn lifeline by hammering Cologne

STUTTGART, 25 April—Former champions VfL Wolfsburg gave themselves a Bundesliga lifeline on Sunday with a 4-1 win over fellow relegation-candidates Cologne. Despite the three points, 2009 champions Wolfsburg remain third from bottom, but are now just two points from safety with three games left before the season finishes on 14 May.

"The relief is huge," admitted Wolfsburg coach Felix Magath, whose side face mid-table teams Werder Bremen, away, Kaiserslautern, home, and Hoffenheim, away, in the next three weeks.—*Internet*

Faltering Lille open French title door for Marseille

PARIS, 25 April—Lille seriously compromised their title hopes on Sunday when a 1-1 draw at Lorient left the French league leaders with just a two point lead on second-placed Marseille who have a game in hand.

Lille have taken just two points from their last three games while Marseille are powering ahead and will be boosted by retaining the League Cup title on Saturday when they host mid-table Nice on Wednesday.

Largely dominated on the Brittany side's controversial plastic pitch, Lille were also hampered by the absence of injured midfielder Florent Balmont.

Internet

Lorient's French defender Jeremy Morel (R) vies with Lille's French defender Franck Beria (L) during their French L1 football match Lorient vs Lille, at the Moustoir stadium in Lorient, western France. INTERNET

Snedeker wins Heritage, denies Donald top spot

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, 25 April—The toughest part of Brandt Snedeker's day was spent in the clubhouse. Snedeker posted an out-of-nowhere 7-under 64 on Sunday to come from six shots behind to finish in the lead at The Heritage nearly two hours before the round ended. So Snedeker headed inside to watch, wait and see if he'd get back on the course.

He eventually did, beating Luke Donald in a playoff Sunday and denying the Englishman a chance at No 1. "It was brutal," Snedeker said of his time in front of the TV. "I don't want them to do bad, but I don't want them to do great, either." In the end, Snedeker had the great finish, surviving against one of the world's best in a gritty three-hole playoff for his second career PGA Tour win and first since the 2007 Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, NC, in his rookie season.— *Internet*

Brandt Snedeker

SPORTS

Ben Smith scores in OT, Blackhawks force Game 7

CHICAGO, 25 April—After a wild and eventful night at the United Center, the Chicago Blackhawks have pulled off the improbable. They've drawn even after losing the first three games to the Vancouver Canucks, the team with the best record in the NHL this season. Now, do the defending Stanley Cup champions have one more left?

Ben Smith scored at 15:30 of overtime Sunday night, giving Chicago a 4-3 victory and sending the spirited and physical opening-round series back to Vancouver for Game 7 on Tuesday night. "Anything can happen in Vancouver," said Smith, a rookie who made his NHL debut in October. "I'm just trying to take a deep breath every once in a while. ... They've got some great players. It's nerve racking when they've got the puck. They really took it to us for a while." The Canucks made a goalie switch, turning to Cory Schneider in place of Roberto Luongo, who was pulled in the two previous games when he gave up 10 goals on 40 shots.—*Internet*

Chicago Blackhawks' Ben Smith celebrates with teammates after scoring the game winning goal against the Vancouver Canucks.—INTERNET

Villa boosts Barca as Euro race hots up

BARCELONA, 25 April — Barcelona striker David Villa ended his goal drought in the 2-0 victory over Osasuna and admitted it was a timely strike as his team aim for a Spanish and Champions League double. While the attention was on Lionel Messi, who continued his amazing season by becoming the first player to hit 50 goals in a Spanish season, Villa was also celebrating his opener in Saturday's game.

The player from Gijon went eleven games without hitting the target — almost two months — and one of the longest droughts in his career. He slotted home comfortably from a Jeffren Isaias cross as Barcelona maintained their eight-point lead at the top of the table after Real Madrid had defeated Valencia 6-3. Both they and Real rested players ahead of their mouth-watering clash in the semi-finals of the Champions League on Wednesday. Real will have the psychological advantage after beating the Catalan side in the King's Cup final and the manner of their 6-3 victory over Valencia will further boost their confidence.

Internet

Blame me says Wenger as Arsenal title bid crashes

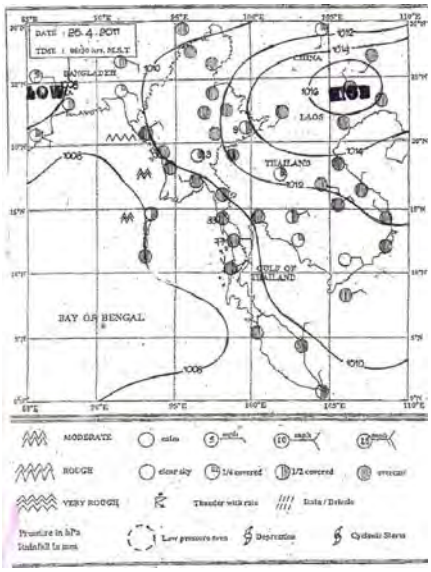
BOLTON, 25 April—Arsene Wenger shouldered the blame after admitting that Arsenal's title chances had all but vanished following defeat to Bolton. Wenger said his team's hopes of avoiding a sixth successive season without a trophy were "minimal" after a 2-1 defeat at the Reebok Stadium on Sunday.

The result left Arsenal nine points behind Premier League leaders Manchester United with four games remaining. Although Wenger's side, who entertain United at the Emirates Stadium next Sunday, can mathematically finish top, it will require an exceptional set of circumstances for them to overhaul Sir Alex Ferguson's side.

Wenger did not mince his words after Tamir Cohen's last minute goal earned Bolton a dramatic victory to all but end Arsenal's season. The Frenchman said his third placed team lacked maturity and experience, but admitted he was to blame for another unsatisfactory season.— *Internet*

Arsenal's French manager Arsene Wenger

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 25th 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 Kayah State, fairly widespread in Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Regions. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin State, (5°C) to (6°C) below April average temperatures in Magway Region, Eastern Shan State and Chin States, (7°C) below April average temperatures in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Zaungtu, Hinthada and Bawlake (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.78) inch, Myeik (3.03) inches, Longlon (1.65) inches and Dawei (1.30) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 25-4-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-4-2011 was (83%). Rainfall on 25-4-2011 was (0.08)inch.

Nay Pyi Taw(Airport)

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2011 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 25-4-2011 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-4-2011 was (63%). Rainfall on 24-4-2011 was (0.78) inch.

Rainfall on 25-4-2011 was (0.08) inch at Nay Pyi Taw, (Nil) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.04) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.18) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (3.90) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast (09:30) hours MST on 25-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 26th April 2011: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Shan and Mon States, isolated in Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Region and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Decrease of day temperatures in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Injured Berbatov misses Man United trip to Schalke

MANCHESTER, 25 April—Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov will miss the Champions League semi-final first leg against Schalke 04 with a groin injury, the Premier League leaders said on Monday.

The Bulgarian has not travelled to Germany for Tuesday's match after sitting out Saturday's 1-0 victory over Everton, United said on their website (www.manutd.com).

Despite being the Premier League's top scorer with 21 goals, Berbatov has become a peripheral player with Mexican goal poacher Javier Hernandez often preferred as a partner for the deeper-lying Wayne Rooney.—*Internet*

Manchester United striker Dimitar Berbatov

Schalke's Metzelder hoping to catch out Man Utd

BERLIN, 25 April—Germany defender Christoph Metzelder hopes underdogs Schalke 04 can catch Premier League giants Manchester United off-guard in Tuesday's Champions League semi-final. Schalke 04 reached the semi-finals for the first time in their history when they knocked out holders Inter Milan, but they now face Sir Alex Ferguson's side at Gelsenkirchen's Veltins Arena on Tuesday, with the second leg on 4 May. With Spanish giants Barcelona and Real Madrid contesting the other semi, Metzelder is hoping United are distracted by thoughts of a mouth-watering final against either Spanish side at Wembley in London on 28 May. "Our advantage is certainly that Manchester United will be busy thinking about facing either Real or Barcelona at Wembley in the final," said the 30-year-old.

"We will definitely be looking to come up with something."—*Internet*

Schalke defender Christoph Metzelder

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(26-4-2011) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "Myanmar Pottery"
* News
* A Festival on Buddha's Life Story
* News
* Computer Human
* VCD Centre
* News
* Mobil Phone, ICT and Communication Sector

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* VCD Centre
* News
* Ancestor And Successors
* News
* Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
* News
* Kyi Hla Han's Journey (A Journey to the Lashio)
* Music Gallery
* News
* Computer Human
* News
* Myanmar Movies "Twin Brothers In Different Lives"

Myanmar TV

Tuesday, 26 April

View on today

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

7:15 am
2. Dhamma Puja Song

7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning News

7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

7:55 am
6. Songs Of Yester Years

8:10 am
7. Documentary

8:25 am
8. Dance Of National Races

8:40 am
9. International News

8:45 am
10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm
4. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Zoology)

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:00 pm
6. The Mirror Images Of Musical Oldies

5:10 pm
7. Documentary

5:20 pm
8. Sweet Melody

5:30 pm
9. Star Garden

6:00 pm
10. Evening News

6:15 pm
11. Weather Report

6:20 pm
12. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

6:30 pm
13. Sing A Song

7:00 pm
14. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. Just for Laughs
19. TV Drama Series
20. Metta Bhavana by Mingun Sayadaw

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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

President U Thein Sein visits construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)

Efforts to be made for parallel completion of motor road and railroad on schedule

President U Thein Sein inspects steel truss installation at Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—President U Thein Sein and entourage after tour of Bagan-NyaungU visited construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Region today.

At the briefing hall of the project, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint submitted reports on progress of approach roads on Pathein bank and Yangon bank, completion of 757 metres of 2256 metres for installation of steel trusses at the main structure of the bridge, 38 per cent completion of steel truss installation as 7 of 20 spans have been built, parallel installation of steel trusses at five places, 77 per cent completion of the bridge, and arrival of all the 19705.883 tons of steel trusses for the project, provision of machinery, equipment and raw materials and allocation and expenditure.

Next, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min also submitted reports on ongoing 13 projects of Myanma Railways: Of the 2255 miles long railroad under construction, 464 miles long section has been commissioned. In Ayeyawady Region,

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