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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives President of China Railway Engineering Corporation of PRC and party

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by President of China Railway Engineering Corporation Mr. Li Chang Jin from the People's Republic of China at the President Office here this noon.

Also present at the meeting together with Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Director-General at the President Office U Min Zaw and departmental officials.

The meeting focused on matters to sign MoU on Muse-Lashio-Kyaukpyu railroad construction project, start the project as soon as possible and ensure development of the regions along the railroad.

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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

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo receives President of China Railway Engineering Corporation Mr. Li Chang Jin and party of China.

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo attends signing of MoU on Muse-Kyaukpyu rail transportation system project

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and party pose for documentary photo together with China Railway Engineering Corporation President and party.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— A ceremony to sign a Memorandum of Understanding on Muse-Kyaukpyu rail transportation system project between Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and China Railway Engineering Corporation of the People's Republic of China was held at Golden Palace Hotel, here, at 7 pm today, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Maintain irrigation facilities for new generations

As the government is implementing special projects for development of the nation, they project bring benefits to the State, depending on volume of investment.

In realizing the objective "Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy, included in four economic objectives, water is essential in the agricultural sector. Thus, special projects on construction of dams and reservoirs and river water pumping works have been adopted through various ways and means of water availability.

According to the permission of the Special Projects Implementation Committee, a total of 233 dam projects have been completed after 1988. Moreover, a total of 31 projects are under implementation, and plans are under way to implement another 14 projects.

Upon completion, the ongoing dam projects will irrigate 25,000 acres of farmlands in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region. Kanyin Dam Project that can generate 27.48 million kilowatt hours yearly has so far completed by 80 per cent. Kyeeohn-Kyeewa Dam Project near Wunlo Village of Pwintbyu Township in Magway Region can supply water to 96,000 acres of farmlands. With the aim of preventing floods at farmlands, supplying water to 74,007 acres of summer paddy as double cropping and generating 74 megawatts, the project has completed by 87 per cent so far.

Twenty-six special river water pumping projects of 42 to benefit 434,500 acres of farmlands have completed and the remaining 16 are under construction.

As the government is implementing the important projects for the sake of new generations, the earlier these special projects complete, the earlier the people can enjoy benefits. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all the people to maintain the irrigation facilities for serving the interest of new generations.

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**

Doctors to be equipped with theoretical and practical knowledge

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin called on rectors of universities under the ministry for the improvement of medicine universities as they play important role in nurturing qualified health staff in a meeting at University of Medicine-1 in Yangon on 25 April.

The minister also said that discipline makes the good and able person; the universities will have to turn out doctors with theoretical and practical knowledge and inter-universities and staff cooperation with mutual respect is required.

The minister highlighted the importance of efficiencies, cultivation of ASEAN level medical technicians and inter-university collaboration for developing medical science.

Rectors reported the activities of each university to the minister who then attended to the needs.

Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received Yangon Region Minister for Education, Health, Foreign Affairs and Immigration U Nyan Tun Oo at the rector's office of the university earlier in the morning. They held discussions on matters related to health care and universities in the Region.—*MNA*

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of the Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	*Appointment*
(a) U Htay Aung Deputy Director-General Dry Zones Greening Department Ministry of Forestry	Director-General Dry Zones Greening Department Ministry of Forestry
(b) U Khin Maung Win General Manager Hydropower Generating Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No. 1	Managing Director Hydropower Generating Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No. 1

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin meets rectors of universities under Ministry of Health.
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UMFCCI to hold 20 AGM on 1 May

YANGON, 27 April—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry plans to hold its 20th annual general meeting at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw District at 1:30 pm on 1 May.

Advisors, CEC members, executives and members of the federation and its brother associations have been invited to attend the meeting. The members wishing to take Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw express organized by the federation are to contact the federation at No. 29 on MinYe Kyaw Swa Road, Lanmadaw Township here (Ph: 214344~49) not later than 28 April.

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Union Attorney-General meets Advocates-General of State, Region

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin met State and Region Advocates-General and law officers at the hall of the Union Attorney-General's Office, here, this morning.

He gave instructions on works.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, the director-general (duty) of the Union Attorney-General's Office, deputy directors-general and officials.—*MNA*

Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin holds meeting with advocates-general and law officers at Union Attorney-General's Office.
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Four people killed in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 27 April— Four people were killed in separate gunfire and bomb attacks in Baghdad and Iraq's northern Province of Kirkuk, the police said on Tuesday.

In Kirkuk Province, two children were killed and four people wounded when gunmen planted bombs around the homes of two police officers and blew them up in the town of Hawija, 60 km west of the provincial capital city of Kirkuk, Sarhat Abdul-Qader, a police chief in Kirkuk Province told *Xinhua*.

Separately, two people were wounded when gunmen bombed the house of a municipal official in the town of al-Ryadh, some 50 km southwest of Kirkuk City, Qader said.

Also in the province, the police found the body of a policeman on a main road northeast of the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, Qader added.

The victim went missing on Monday and his body has signs of gunshot in the head, he said.—*Xinhua*

A wounded man lying on a stretcher is taken to a hospital ward in Baghdad on 24 April, 2011 in this still image taken from video. A roadside bomb exploded near the rear entrance of a Catholic church in Baghdad after Easter services on Sunday, wounding at least two police officers and two civilians. The bomb blew up outside Sacred Heart church in Baghdad's central Karrada District, shattering windows in nearby buildings and severely damaging a police pick-up truck at the church gate.—INTERNET

Afghan soldier opens fire at Kabul Airport

KABUL, 27 April—Afghan soldier opened fire at Kabul Airport on Wednesday wounding one person, a private television channel reported.

"An Afghan soldier opened fire at the military part of Kabul Airport on Wednesday wounding one person," Tolo television aired.

The assailant was shot dead by other soldiers at the site, it further said.

Meantime an official on the condition of anonymity described it as a suicide attack, saying a suicide bomber disguised as Afghan soldier attempted to target military part of Kabul Airport but was recognized and gunned downed by guards arround before blowing himself up.

A source with military at the airport said that five personnel of the Afghan army were injured as the attacker sprayed bullets.—*Xinhua*

An Afghan policeman searches a motorbike rider at a checkpoint searching for the missing Taleban militants in Kandahar, south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 26 April, 2011.—INTERNET

Afghan forces recapture 71 from Kandahar jailbreak

KANDAHAR, 27 April—The massive security breach that allowed the Taleban to spirit more than 480 Afghan inmates out southern Afghanistan's largest prison must have involved inside collaborators, the Justice Ministry said Tuesday, as security forces worked to recapture the escaped convicts.

Prison officials discovered early Monday morning that the inmates—nearly all of them Taleban militants — were missing from their cells, and then found the tunnel through which they appeared to have made their getaway.

The Taleban said the prison break was five months in the making, with diggers starting the tunnel from under a nearby house while they arranged for inmates to get keys so that they could open their cells on the night of the escape.

Government officials started to piece through the details of the escape Tuesday and place blame.

Internet

A general view of the Kandahar prison, on 25 April. Almost 500 Taleban prisoners escaped from the prison overnight after their comrades had spent months digging a massive underground tunnel in an audacious jailbreak, officials said on 25 April.
INTERNET

US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 27 April— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 27 April reached 705574 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1277966, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	705574
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1277966

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 27 April—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33805 Afghan people were killed and 41241 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 27 April.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	33805
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41241

Internet

Over 15,000 US servicemen to remain in Iraq beyond 2011 deadline

BAGHDAD, 27 April— The Iraqi government is preparing to accept the presence of more than 15,000 US servicemen in Iraq to protect the US interests after the deadline of US troops' pullout by the end of 2011, an Iraqi newspaper reported on Tuesday.

"The Iraqi government will arrange a special status that would allow more than 15,000 US servicemen to stay in Iraq beyond the end of this year," *al-Mashriq* newspaper quoted well-informed sources as saying.

It also said that thousands of employees working for foreign security firms will stay in the country to protect the US embassy staff, American civil contractors, engineers and investors. "The full US troops withdrawal will be announced as scheduled (by the end of 2011) and the remaining of thousands of US troops will be attributed to protect the embassy staff, foreign diplomatic corps and international companies in the country," the newspaper said.—*Xinhua*

An Iraqi policeman searches a car at a checkpoint in Baghdad, after a roadside bomb explosion in Kabul recently. Five Afghan army training officers and nine wounded in an attack, the Defence Ministry said.
INTERNET

Science

*STS-134 crew members, from left, Mission Specialists Greg Chamitoff of Canada, Drew Feustel, Commander Mark Kelly, Pilot Greg Johnson, Mission Specialists Mike Fincke, and Roberto Vittori of Italy, wave to the media after arriving at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla, 26 April, 2011.—*INTERNET

Countdown begins for next-to-last shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, 27 April—The astronaut husband of wounded Rep Gabrielle Giffords arrived at NASA's launch site Tuesday for this week's flight of space shuttle *Endeavour*, and said his wife would be following him "pretty soon" — in plenty of time for liftoff. *Endeavour* is set to blast off Friday afternoon on its final voyage. It will be the next-to-last space shuttle mission. Navy Capt Mark Kelly and his crew flew into Kennedy Space Centre early Tuesday afternoon. The countdown began about an hour later. Speaking on behalf of his five crewmates, Kelly expressed pleasure at seeing the astronauts' wives and children, who flew in a little earlier and gathered nearby. Giffords was not in the crowd. She has been in Houston, where she is undergoing rehabilitation for a gunshot wound to the head. She was attacked 8 Jan in her Tucson, Ariz, hometown.

"I'm personally looking forward to my wife, Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, getting here pretty soon, to be here in time for our launch on Friday," Kelly told the crowd of family members and journalists.—*Internet*

Human terrarium, Biosphere 2, looking good at 20

ORACLE, 27 April—Jane Poynter and seven compatriots agreed to spend two years sealed inside a 3-acre terrarium in the Sonoran Desert. Their mission back in the 1990s: To see whether humans might someday be able to create self-sustaining colonies in outer space.

Two decades later, the only creatures inhabiting Biosphere 2 are cockroaches, nematodes, snails, crazy ants and assorted fish. Scientists are still using the 7.2-million-square-foot facility, only now the focus is figuring out how we'll survive on our own warming planet.

Internet

CT scans of Egyptian mummy help Vt. solve crimes

BURLNGTON, 27 April—A childhood fascination with archaeology and a chance encounter with a 2,700-year-old Egyptian mummy are helping Vermont doctors and law enforcement officials find truth in some of the most challenging of modern-day crimes: the unexplained deaths of young children.

After spotting the mummy at the University of Vermont's Robert Hull Fleming Museum in Burlington, Dr Jason Johnson, a radiology resident, arranged to have it put through his hospital's state-of-the-art CT scanner. He wanted to know about the life of what is believed to be the remains of an Egyptian servant girl of about 14 — and what led to her death.

What Johnson didn't expect was that some of the scientific techniques used to reveal the mummy's secrets would have other applications, including helping Vermont's medical examiner and prosecutors determine if children who die in infancy are the victims of crimes.

The hospital's CT scans helped doctors and UVM staffers create a full-size, three-dimensional model of the mummy's skull — thanks to the latest technology and the sharp detail obtained by cranking up the power on the scanner to levels unsafe for living patients.—*Internet*

People walk by a promotion screen of the 54th San Francisco International Film Festival in San Francisco, the United States, 26 April, 2011. XINHUA

Technology

*Technicians install the No 30 turbine at Three Gorges' underground power station in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province, 26 April, 2011. The No 32 turbine of the hydropower project started its water filling test on Tuesday. It is expected to be put into operation in May of 2011. Three of all the six underground turbines are scheduled to be put into operation before the flood season of this year.—*XINHUA

Credit data risked in PlayStation outage

LOS ANGELES, 27 April— Sony Corp said Tuesday that the credit card data of PlayStation users around the world may have been stolen in a hack that forced it to shut down its PlayStation Network for the past week, disconnecting 77 million user accounts.

Some players brushed off the breach as a common hazard of operating in a connected world, and Sony said some services would be restored in a week. But industry experts said the scale of the breach was staggering and could cost the company billions of dollars.

*In this 9 Nov, 2006 file photo, visitors at the Sony Building in downtown Tokyo play Sony's next-generation video game PlayStation 3 as its two-week-long free trial service goes on. Sony Corp said Tuesday, on 26 April, 2011.—*INTERNET

"Simply put, one of the worst breaches we've seen in several years," said Josh Shaul, chief technology officer for Application Security Inc, a New York-based company that is one of the country's largest database security software makers.

Sony said it has no direct evidence credit card information was taken, but said "we cannot rule out the possibility."

It said the intrusion was "malicious" and that the company had hired an outside security firm to investigate. It has taken steps to rebuild its system to provide greater protection for personal information and warned users to contact credit agencies and set up fraud alerts. "Our teams are working around the clock on this, and services will be restored as soon as possible," it said in a blog post Tuesday.—*Internet*

MIPS porting Google's Android 3.0 OS for its processors

WASHINGTON, 27 April—MIPS Technologies on Tuesday said it was porting Google's Android 3.0 operating system, code-named Honeycomb, to work with its microprocessors.

The port could lead to the faster release of Honeycomb tablets running on MIPS processors, said Art Swift, vice president of marketing and business development at MIPS. Customers asked for Honeycomb support, and porting the OS could speed up tablet development, Swift said.

Honeycomb is already working on MIPS processors internally, but further optimization is needed, Swift said. He couldn't comment on when the port would be complete, but said it took 60 to 90 days to finish porting earlier versions of Android.

MIPS processors are being used in a few tablets such as Cruz from Velocity Micro. Older versions of Android have already been ported to work with MIPS processors.

Because Google hasn't yet open sourced Honeycomb, MIPS signed a licensing deal with Google for the operating system.

Porting Honeycomb could be a big step forward for MIPS as it tries to establish a beachhead in the smartphone and tablet markets, which are dominated by ARM. Honeycomb already works on ARM-based tablets, and has been ported to work with Intel's x86 chips.—*Internet*

An employee of an electronics shop works behind an LG Electronics' LCD television set (front) in Seoul 27 April, 2011.
INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Taking a cruise?

Each year, millions of passengers embark from North American ports on cruise vacations. Traveling on cruise ships exposes passengers to contained quarters and lots of other people. This means conditions may be ripe for transmission of germs, either from contaminated food or water, or more commonly through person-to-person contact.

The National Centre for Environmental Health suggests these tips to help prevent the spread of illness:

* Wash your hands — before and after eating or smoking; after touching your face or going to the bathroom, and when your hands are simply dirty.
* Leave the area if you see someone get sick (vomiting or diarrhea). Report the problem to cruise staff, if they haven't already been notified.
* Take care of yourself. Get plenty of rest and drink lots of water. Resting helps rebuild your immune system. Drinking water helps prevents dehydration.
* Be considerate of other people's health. If you're ill before taking a cruise, call the cruise line to determine if you can reschedule, and if there are alternatives to losing your deposit or fare.—*Internet*

Antidepressants work overall, but some symptoms may persist

WASHINGTON, 27April — Antidepressants may not improve all symptoms of depression, according to a new study. Researchers analyzed data from a US National Institute of Mental Health-sponsored study of depression treatment, which involved more than 4,000 people with major depression around the country and is the largest study on depression treatment to date.

While antidepressant medications worked in general, all patients taking them reported three to 13 residual symptoms, and 75 percent reported five or more residual symptoms. These symptoms included insomnia that occurs in the middle of the night (79 percent); sadness (nearly 71 percent), and problems with concentration and decision-making (nearly 70 percent), said the researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas.

Widely used antidepressant medications, while working overall, missed these symptoms.

Internet

***This US Army photo from 2002 shows the detainee hospital ward at Camp Delta in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. US Department of Defence doctors and psychologists whose duty was to care for inmates at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, concealed evidence of intentional harm and torture, said a study on Tuesday.—*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**

Severely obese teens no more depressed than slimmer peers

MASSACHUSETTS, 27 April —Severely obese teens are no more likely to be depressed than their normal weight peers, new research suggests.

"People assume that all obese adolescents are unhappy and depressed; that the more obese a teen may be, the greater the impact on his or her mental health," study author Dr Elizabeth Goodman, director of the Centre for Child and Adolescent Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, said in a hospital news release. "Our findings suggest this assumption is false." White teens, however, may face a bit of a higher risk, according to the study.

Researchers tracked 51 severely obese teens in grades 7-12 and compared them to a similar group of non-obese teens. The obese teens had a body mass index of 40 or above, which is considered severely obese and in the top 1 percent for their age group.

Teens were assessed for depression at the start of the study and again two and three years later.

The researchers found no link between obesity and depression, although there were signs of a connection in white teens at year three.—*Internet*

Business

Mitsubishi Motors annual profit more than triples

TOKYO, 27 April — Mitsubishi Motors' annual profit more than tripled, fueled by growth in emerging nations and the popularity of new models, but the automaker said its earnings outlook is clouded by uncertainty after Japan's earthquake and tsunami.

Tokyo-based Mitsubishi Motors Corp. said net profit for the fiscal year ended 31 March increased 228 percent to 15.6 billion yen ($191 million) from 4.7 billion yen the previous fiscal year. Sales were up 27 percent to 1.828 trillion yen ($22.4 billion).

Mitsubishi said sales grew 18 percent to 629,000 vehicles in its market segment that includes China, Brazil and other rapidly developing economies, thanks largely to demand from first-time drivers.

Sales increased by 29 percent to 218,000 vehicles in Europe and by 7 percent to 94,000 in North America, Mitsubishi said. The company attributed that growth to the success of its RVR compact crossover.

Mitsubishi did not provide an earnings outlook for the current fiscal year, explaining that the 11 March disasters would have a yet unknown impact on the availability of parts. Most Japanese automakers are making cars at far less than full capacity because of component shortages.

The company also said power interruptions remain possible due to the loss of the Fukuoka Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, which was flooded during the tsunami.—*Internet*

BP profit up to $7.124 bln in first quarter

***Energy giant BP said on Wednesday that first-quarter net profits leapt 17 percent to $7.124 billion (4.9 billion euros) as oil prices surged, one year after being hit by the US oil disaster.—*INTERNET**

LONDON, 27 April—Energy giant BP said on Wednesday that first-quarter net profits leapt 17 percent to $7.124 billion (4.9 billion euros) as oil prices surged, one year after being hit by the US oil disaster.

BP added in a results statement that last year's devastating Gulf of Mexico spill would cost it $41.3 billion.

That compared with the previous estimate of $40.9 billion.

Internet

Japan's Sharp Corp has said its net profit more than quadrupled in the year to March on brisk sales of consumer electronics and demand for LCD panels for smartphones and tablet devices.
INTERNET

3M says signals of continued economic uncertainty

NEW YORK, 27 April—3M Co says the global economy continues to send mixed signals, as sectors like automotive and technology show strength but the housing market remains weak.

"We keep on hoping for a quarter without this level of uncertainty, but that doesn't seem to be likely for a while," the manufacturing conglomerate's CEO George Buckley said in a conference call.

Still, 3M remains "much more optimistic than pessimistic," Buckley said. His company, which makes everything from Post-its and Scotch Tape to stethoscopes and films for LCD TVs, on Tuesday reported a 16 percent increase in first-quarter profit and raised its earnings expectations for the year. That sent shares up about 2 percent.

The Maplewood, Minn company now expects to earn between at $6.27 to $6.47 per share this year, excluding an increase in pension and postretirement benefits. 3M attributed the improved outlook to newer products like materials used in screens for tablet computers like Apple's iPad. The company expects problems in Japan will cut earnings by about 10 to 13 cents per share this year.

Analysts' average estimate is $6.24 per share, according to FactSet.

Internet

Ecuador suffers from rainy season

QUITO, 27 April—Twenty-two out of Ecuador's 24 provinces have been affected by the rains which have lasted for four months now, the National Secretariat of Risk Management (SNGR) said Tuesday.

All the provinces have been affected except Sucumbios and Pastaza, SNGR Director Maria del Pilar Cornejo said.

Cornejo said last week that the rains have caused flooding, sinking and landslides that are affecting about 1,000 people in the country's mountain regions.

However, she said the number of affected might be larger, as authorities lack a "precise record" because there are people living in isolated communities.

According to SNGR figures, Quito, the capital of the South American country, suffered most from heavy rains, with 282 families at risk. The Quito City Hall together with the SNGR have allocated a special budget of 6 million US dollars to help those affected by the rains.

At least seven people died in landslides last week, according to local reports.—*Xinhua*

Heavy rains cause one death, landslides in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 April—Heavy rains have caused floods, blackouts, landslides and at least one death in Rio de Janeiro.

The city's emergency operations centre reports on its website that the storm Monday night flooded several downtown streets and the Maracana stadium, site of the final game of the 2014 World Cup and major ceremonies of the 2016 Olympic games.

The website report says that several poor hillside communities suffered minor landslides, with no deaths.

An official from the fire department said a body was found in a flooded area downtown. The official could not be quoted by name under departmental policy. The electrical utility company said a tree fell, leaving the city's west side without power.—*Internet*

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh pays his last respects to Hindu guru Sathya Sai Baba inside Prashanthi Nilayamat Puttaparthi village.

INTERNET

Sai Baba buried with state honours

PUTTAPARTHI, 27 April—Hundreds of thousands of devotees gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Sathya Sai Baba, one of India's most influential spiritual leaders who enjoyed a global following.

While cremation is the most common practice at Hindu funerals, Sai Baba was buried in the custom accorded to Hindu holy men.

The charismatic guru, who died of multiple organ failure on Sunday aged 85, was interred under the podium where he gave many teachings in the main hall of his ashram in the southern town of Puttaparthi.

Television screens erected around the town showed live footage of the event for the vast crowds of followers who had converged on Puttaparthi in recent days.

Since his death, Sai Baba's body has lain inside a transparent casket on view to grieving devotees including poor villagers, foreign pilgrims and cricket stars such as Sachin Tendulkar.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi, leader of the ruling Congress party, visited the ashram to pay their last respects.

The funeral was witnessed by 15,000 invited guests — relatives, members of the Sai Baba Trust and faculty members from the many educational institutions funded by the trust.

Sai Baba was given a gun salute and state honours before his body was prepared for burial by priests dressed in saffron robes who anointed him with oil and flowers.—*Internet*

Turkish fighter plane crashes, two pilots survive

ANKARA, 27 April—Turkish Air Force says a fighter jet has crashed shortly after takeoff during a training flight but its two pilots escaped unharmed after ejecting.

The Air Force said the plane crashed within perimeters of a base near the western city of Eskisehir on Tuesday.

It says the pilots were well but have been taken to a hospital for medical examination.

It says the cause of the crash is under investigation.—*Internet*

Gas pipeline in Egypt's El Arish explodes, no casualties reported

EL ARISH, 27 April—A gas pipeline in northern Egyptian border city El Arish exploded early Wednesday and caused huge flames 20 to 30 metres high, a *Xinhua* reporter said.

The fire has been put under control, and no casualties have been reported.

Residents in southwest of the city said they heard a big blast at about 3:30 am (0130 GMT), and felt shake in their houses. A natural gas pipeline in the city exploded in early February. Arish is a major hub where Egypt exports its gas to Jordan and Israel.—*Xinhua*

***File picture from February shows flames rising from an Egyptian gas pipeline in the northern Sinai following an attack.*—INTERNET**

People stand near a destroyed house in Vilonia, Ark, Tuesday, 26 April, 2011, after a tornado struck the area late Monday. The storm system killed ten people, including three who drowned in floods in northwest Arkansas.

INTERNET

Jordanian police recover seven ancient manuscripts

AMMAN, 27 April—Jordan's archaeology chief says security police have recovered seven ancient manuscripts from local smugglers.

The writings are part of 70 manuscripts that Jordanian archaeologists discovered five years ago in a cave in the north.

Later, they were stolen and most were believed to have been smuggled into Israel. Jordan has demanded Israel return the manuscripts but has gotten no response.

Ziad al-Saad says the manuscripts were reportedly found by a Bedouin. He says the relics could be among the earliest Christian writings in existence but tests are under way to date them and check their authenticity.

Al-Saad said on Tuesday that if verified, the relics could be the most significant find in Christian archaeology since the 1947 discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Internet

Ash from the Tungurahua volcano is seen in Riobamba, Ecuador on 26 April, 2011. The country has ordered locals to evacuate towns near the base of the volcanic mountain located in the south, and issued an alert.

XINHUA

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo…

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Also present on the occasion were Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, deputy ministers, members of Myanmar Investment Commission, departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Junhua, President Mr Li Chang Jin of China Railway Engineering Corporation of China and party.

Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min reported on matters relating to the MoU. President Mr Li Chang Jin of China Railway Engineering Corporation spoke words of thanks.

In the presence of the Union Minister for Rail Transportation, Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanma Railways and Chairman of China Railway International Mr Zhao Deyi, on behalf of China Railway Engineering Corporation, signed the MoU and exchanged notes.

The Vice-President and those present posed for documentary photos.

Plans are under way to construct 78.92 miles long railroad, 41 small and large bridges, 36 tunnels in 37.37 miles in total length and seven railway stations on Muse-Lashio railroad section, which will be the first phase of the project. The estimated term of the phase is about three years. The project will take account of environmental issues and greening tasks.—*MNA*

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greets President of China Railway Engineering Corporation Mr. Li Chang Jin. **(News on page 1)** **MNA**

***Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min reports on MoU on Muse-Kyaukpyu rail transportation system project.*—MNA**

***President of China Railway Engineering Corporation Mr. Li Chang Jin speaking words of thanks.*—MNA**

***Myanmar and Chinese officials sign MoU on Muse-Kyaukpyu rail transportation system project.*—MNA**

District News in Brief

Wuntho gets new gravel road

KATHA, 27 April—Kontha-Layhtetkyaung gravel road was put into service in Shwewun Thida of Wuntho Township on 14 March morning.

Local authorities formally opened the new gravel road and walked on it.

Township IPRD

New asphalt commissioned into service in Zigon

ZIGON, 27 April—A ceremony to open new asphalt ring road took place in Zigon on 21 March morning.

The 1694 feet long facility was built at a cost of K 10.7 million.

Kyemon

Yesagyo Township to grow trees extensively

YESAGYO, 27 April—Yesagyo Township Forest Department is nurturing 77989 saplings of various species including teak to be grown in 2010-2011 rainy season.

Work is under way to plant saplings at departments, village-tracts, along both sides of roads and regiments and units.—*Kyemon*

Commodity purchasing depots to be opened in townships accessible by water and land

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Ministry of Commerce would help brokerages get accurate information, rules and regulations to be followed and necessary assistances for opening of commodity purchasing depots in the townships reachable by waterway as well as by land, said Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint in a meeting with officials from Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry, its brother associations, merchants and brokers and entrepreneurs, at Oriental House in Mandalay on 25 April. Collective efforts are to be made for new export items to be value-added and boosting the production of export items, he added.

After hearing the reports presented by those present, the Minister fulfilled the needs.

After that, the Minister met with staff at Mandalay Region Manager Office and mango growers at Thazinnwe mango plantation, TadaU Township.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint looks round Thazinnwe mango plantation in TadaU Township.*—MNA**

UNICEF Resident Representative calls on Union Education Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received a delegation led by Myanmar UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh M Shrestha at the Ministry of Education, here, this morning.

They held a discussion on projects for basic education being jointly implemented by Myanmar and UNICEF.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers for Education U Aye Kyu and U Ba Shwe, Director-General U Bo Win of the Education Planning and Training Department and Director-General U Kyaw Thu of No. 1 Basic Education Department.—*MNA*

***Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye receives a delegation led by Myanmar UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh M Shrestha.*—MNA**

Indian delegation concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—A goodwill delegation led by Secretary Shri S K Tripathi of Research & Analysis Wing (R&W) of the Republic of India left Yangon by air this afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon, the delegation who arrived in Yangon from Bagan-NyaungU by air were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials of the Indian Embassy in Yangon.

In the evening, the delegation paid tribute to King Zafar Shah's Tomb on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township. Later, they visited Shwedagon Pagoda.—*MNA*

***Indian delegation led by Secretary Shri S K Tripathi of Research & Analysis Wing (R&W) seen in Yangon International Airport before departure.*—MNA**

Chin State Govt holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The first work coordination meeting of Chin State Government took place at its office 25 April afternoon.

Chief Minister of Chin State U Hong Ngai delivered a speech. In response to the reports of ministers and heads of department, the chief minister attended to the needs, calling for completion of tasks on schedule.

MNA

Gitamate shares experience to teachers

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Gitamate social organization conducted the text supporting short course for basic education teachers from Zeyathiri and Pyinmana townships of Nay Pyi Taw District at Zeyathiri Basic Education High School No. 6 in Kyihtaung Village, beginning 22 April.

Instructors of Gitamate gave lectures on art, music, drama and classroom management to the trainees.

The organization is conducting the training courses on child in Hlinethaya, Kyaikto and Labutta townships.—*MNA*

Hninzi Myaing Home to be opened soon

YANGON, 27 April— In honour of Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Myanma Alin U Tin who was the leader of Hninzigon Home for the Age, Hninzi Myaing Home will be opened in the compound of the Great Hninzigon Home for the Aged at 21 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township soon.

The RC four-storey new home was built with the aim of taking care of the over 70-year-old members of the home management committee. At present, Great Hninzigon Home for the Aged is caring 61 grandpas and 135 grandmas, totalling 196. Soon, the home will accommodate 100 grandpas and 140 grandmas.—*MNA*

KNU mine blast leaves one villager injured

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April— Maung Kyaw Hla Wan, 18, Alekyun Village in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region, working at lemon farm of U Pi through daily wage in Tagundaing Village, stepped on a mine planted by KNU insurgents at yesterday noon. He suffered from injuries at left heel, thigh and face in the incident.

Officials rushed him to Shwegyin People's Hospital and provided medical treatment to him with necessary assistance.—*MNA*

Union Minister Maj-Gen Hla Min receives Indonesian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min received Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono at his office here this evening.—*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.

Buildings, road construction tasks supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Chief Minister U Khin Zaw of Taninthayi Region made an inspection tour of construction tasks in the region yesterday.

He viewed progress of three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Myeik) being built in Shwedu Village of Myeik Township by Yuzana Construction Co.

While in Myeik, he viewed construction of RC three-storey building of Basic Education Primary School No. 6 in Myitnge Ward. He gave instructions on construction of new building at BEPS No. 19 in South Myeik Village-tract.

The Chief Minister looked into progress of 120 miles and two furlongs long Myeik-Taninthayi-Thebyu-Mawtaung road project being undertaken by Yuzana Construction Co through BOT system.

MNA

Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Khin Zaw inspects three-storey main building of University of Computer Studies (Myeik).—MNA

Cash donation hails AGM of MMCWA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—As a gesture of hailing the 21st Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, a ceremony to donate cash was held at the hall of the association in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw District this morning.

President of the association Daw Nilar Thaw and Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha accepted cash, pharmaceuticals and medical equipment donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

The association has planned to use the donations in public welfare tasks of the association.

MNA

President of MMCWA Daw Nilar Thaw accepts donation of well-wishers. MNA

MWJA organizes workshop on weather forecast and climate change

YANGON, 27 April—Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association organized a workshop on weather forecast and climate change, on second floor of Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street here today. MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) extended greetings at the opening ceremony.

Chairman U Ko Ko Hlaing (Ko Ko Hlaing) of Periodical Sector Work Committee of MWJA and weather analyst Dr Tun Lwin spoke on the occasion.

The workshop, at which Dr Tun Lwin will talk about climate change in Myanmar and in the world, will take two and a half weeks from 9 am to 12 noon (every Monday, Wednesday and Friday).—*MNA*

Astrological diary comes out

YANGON, 27 April— The book entitled "Myanmar New Year Astrological Diary" compiled by Principal Daw Kyi Kyi Sein of Myanmar Astrology Training School has come out recently.

The diary carries best times for health, economic affairs, foreign trip, promotion, company affairs, communication, debts, education, literature, secret affairs, remittance, gold trading, love affairs, real estate, operation time, auspicious times for wedding and engagement, time of birth, naming ceremony and consultation through Nadi astrological method.

MNA

Haka Tsp to complete land records by April

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Deputy Director of the Land Records Department of Chin State Settlement and Land Records Department U Aung Kyi Oo on 20 April inspected the land records and measures for meeting the sown acreage of crops in Myothit Village-tract, Haka Township, Falam District, on 20 April morning.

Head of Haka Township Land Records Department U Myo Lin Lat and staff reported on work progress in block Nos 5/2, 5/3, 5/4 and 5/5 and field experiences. The deputy director assessed the reports and made clarification.

Since 18 April, 18 staff members have carried out the tasks which are due to be completed by the end of the month.

MNA

Documentary Photos of Bagan Period Mural Paintings and Pagodas in circulation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The Archaeological Research, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture published "Documentary Photos of Bagan Period Mural Paintings and Pagodas (Vol-I)" recently.

Of the wall paintings, those on Buddha's life stories are based on the Three Repositories of Buddhist Scriptures. The book also carries a list of the temples in Bagan that have wall paintings and rare wall paintings.

The photos featured in the book were taken by the Department of Archaeology from 1901 to 1906. There is a great difference between the conditions of the archaeological edifices in Bagan over 100 years ago and at present. The book is available at the museums and libraries of the department in Regions and States including Yangon, Mandalay and Bagan, and the Office No (35) of the Archaeological Research, National Museum and Library Department of the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-408040).—*MNA*

Major forest fire breaks out in Switzerland

A firefighter inspects burned out cars in Visp, southern Switzerland, 26 April, 2011. A fire broke out in a car body company leaping over to the nearby forest. Fire brigades from different adjoining villages are fighting the fire, which is not yet under control, with the help of helicopters.
INTERNET

GENEVA, 27 April—Police say almost 300 firefighters and the army are battling strong headwinds and dry conditions to extinguish a huge forest fire in southern Switzerland.

Firefighters aided by helicopters struggled to contain the blaze Tuesday night after it broke out at an auto repair shop on the outskirts of Visp and quickly advanced on forestland in the Swiss canton (state) of Valais.

The exact cause of the fire remains unknown.

Authorities warned residents to remain inside their homes.

Lack of snowfall and an unusually mild spring have contributed to low lake levels and dry tinder in the forests of many areas of Switzerland.

Strong winds pushed the flames fast up the nearby mountainsides, blocking the main road to Visp, about 20 miles (32 kilometres) from popular ski area Zermatt and the famed Matterhorn.

Internet

In this 18 April, 2011 file photo, a woman at a job fair in New York talks to an employer. For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is helping redefine who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.—INTERNET

In a first, women surpass men in advanced degrees

WASHINGTON, 27 April—For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is helping redefine who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.

Census figures released Tuesday highlight the latest education milestone for women, who began to exceed men in college enrollment in the early 1980s. The findings come amid record shares of women in the workplace and a steady decline in stay-at-home mothers.

The educational gains for women are giving them greater access to a wider range of jobs, contributing to a shift of traditional gender roles at home and work. Based on one demographer's estimate, the number of stay-at-home dads who are the primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million last year, or one in 15 fathers. The official census tally was 154,000, based on a narrower definition that excludes those working part-time or looking for jobs.—*Internet*

2012 Olympics ticket deadline extended after website crash

LONDON, 27 April—The deadline to apply for the 6.6 million tickets available to the public for London's 2012 Olympic Games was Tuesday extended by an hour after the official website crashed due to high demand.

The website froze an hour before the six-week window to apply for tickets was due to close as demand "hit the roof".

As a result, sports fans were given until 2359 GMT Tuesday to apply, an hour later than planned.

More tickets will be released closer to the two-week event, which kicks off on 27 July next year, but organizers have stressed that the initial release is the best chance to land a seat.

"Applications have been steady but at a high level, which is in line with operational expectations — but this week it has hit the roof," said London 2012 chief executive Paul Deighton.

"We have got a massive number of orders, which is not surprising, because people have taken on board that it's not a first-come, first-served system. They have sat down with their families to decide what they want.

Internet

The official London 2012 Olympic countdown clock is attended to by technicians hours after it was started in Trafalgar Square in London, on 15 March, 2011.
INTERNET

British solo rower rescued off Australia

SYDNEY, 27 April—A British woman attempting to row solo across the Indian Ocean has been rescued off the West Australian coast after her drinking water pump failed.

Roz Savage, 43, set off two weeks ago from the western Australian City of Fremantle bound for Mumbai's Gates of India monument, an epic 6,500 kilometre (4,000 mile) journey expected to take between five and six months.

But strong winds meant that after rowing 300 nautical miles, she was only 100 nautical miles from Fremantle.

She called for help after her drinking water pump failed.

Crayfisherman Lance Litchfield told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation that he found her 20 nautical miles off Leeman, north of Perth, and towed her to shore on Tuesday.

Internet

British rower Roz Savage (pictured), who is attempting to row solo across the Indian Ocean, has been rescued off the West Australian coast after her drinking water pump failed.
INTERNET

Fiat to invest 100 M USD in agriculture machinery for Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 27 April—The Italian automaker Fiat will invest 100 million US dollars in Argentina to produce agriculture machinery, the Argentine Industry Ministry and Fiat said on Tuesday.

Through its local subsidiary Case New Holland (CNH) Fiat will start the local production and assembly of a small tractor, large capacity harvesters and the Fiat Powertrain Technologies (FPT) engines needed for these agricultural machinery.

"Eighty percent of the investment will be used to produce tractors and harvesters, which at the beginning will be assembled and within 12 months its spare parts and pieces will be nationalized. Half of the machines made will supply the local market and the rest will be exported to Brazil and other South American countries," the Ministry said in a statement.

Xinhua

China seizes 26 tonnes of melamine-tainted milk powder

BEIJING, 27 April— Chinese police have seized more than 26 tonnes of milk powder tainted with melamine from a ice cream maker in a southwestern city, state media said, three years after milk tainted with the industrial chemical killed six and made thousands ill.

The Chongqing-based company bought the milk powder from a company in the southern region of Guangxi at a lower-than-market price in March, the official *Xinhua News Agency* said late on Tuesday.

The powder, produced in Inner Mongolia to the far north, was first sold to the Guangxi company in 2009, *Xinhua* said, adding most of the powder was found to be lumpy when it was seized.

No dairy products made from the milk powder ended up on the market as the company had closed for regular maintenance shortly after buying the powder, the report added.—*Reuters*

Man urinated on cough drops

Walgreens video released to Police shows suspect.

Police in Florida said they are working to identify a man videotaped urinating on more than 100 packages of cough drops at a Walgreens store.

Sanford police said the man entered the French Avenue location about 10:30 pm Thursday and urinated on 110 unopened packages of cough drops, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported Monday.

Investigators said the man then attempted to fill a prescription but he lacked the proper paperwork. He left the store and employees later discovered the urine and saw the incident on surveillance video.

Missouri Lt Gov's car stolen, torched

Police in Missouri said an arrest has been made in connection with the theft and destruction of the lieutenant governor's car.

The Cape Girardeau Police Department said Lt Gov Peter Kinder was in town Monday for a speaking engagement when his car was stolen, driven through the wall of a gun store and torched on the side of a county road, the Southwest Missourian reported Tuesday.

"It's burnt to a cinder. It is unrecognizable," Kinder said Monday. "It was found at 5:30 this morning in some field, I don't even know where."

Police said the suspects drove the car through a brick wall at Shooter's Gun Shop but they were not successful in stealing any guns.

Investigators arrested Adam Cromer, 21, on charges of stealing a motor vehicle, first-degree tampering and second-degree attempted burglary. He was ordered held on $20,000 surety bond.

The investigation is ongoing, police said.

A robot chef slices noodles in a noodle restaurant in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province,on 26 April, 2011. According to the boss's introduction, the robot took 20,000 yuan, and three times efficient than a chef, consuming only 1 kilowatt-hour in 10 hours.

Visitors view the panoramic painting entitled Splendid Central Plains in Zhengzhou, central China's Henan Province, on 26 April, 2011. Covering an area of 3520 square meters, the painting Splendid Central Plains was given the certificate of Guinness World Records as the largest panoramic painting on Tuesday.

Duck lays eggs on store's mulch pile

Workers at an Ohio store said a female duck laid 10 to 12 eggs atop an 8-foot-tall pile of mulch bags outside the front door of the business.

Employees at the Giant Eagle grocery store in Medina said the duck is believed to have laid the eggs, which need to incubate for about 28 days, about two weeks ago, *The Akron Beacon-Journal* reported Tuesday.

The store posted a sign next to the mulch pile instructing customers to take mulch bags from a different stack.

Shoppers at an Ohio supermarket have to negotiate a nesting mallard duck.

News Album

Paraplegic bunny gets mobility cart

An Arizona man said his young son designed and built a small cart for a paraplegic rabbit the family discovered had been abandoned by its mother in their yard.

Paul O'Rourke of Tucson said he and his family found a pair of young rabbits abandoned by their mother in the family's back yard and they soon discovered the bunny they nicknamed Joe had no use of his hind legs, KGUN-TV, Tucson, reported Tuesday.

O'Rourke said his young son Paul designed and built a small cart for Joe to use and the wagon improved the animal's mobility.

The family said the rabbits were taken to a wildlife rescue centre.

Eminem, Coldplay and Muse headlining Lollapalooza

NEW YORK, 27 April— Eminem, Coldplay, the Foo Fighters and Muse will help Lollapalooza ring in its 20th anniversary as the headliners of the annual US music festival.

The full lineup for Lollapalooza 2011, which will invade Chicago's Grant Park on 5 to 7 August, was revealed on the festival's official website Tuesday.

For Eminem, the headlining set follows a triumphant 2010 in which he scored the best-selling album of the year ("Recovery") and a pair of Hot 100 chart-toppers ("Not Afraid" and "Love the Way You Lie"). The rapper is also set to headline the Bonnaroo festival, which takes place 9 to 12 June in Manchester, Tenn.—*Internet*

***In this handout photo provided by MTV, L-R) Jonny Buckland, Guy Berryman, Chris Martin and Will Champion of Coldplay perform on stage at the Hope For Haiti Now concert, a global benefit for earthquake relief, at The Hospital Club on 22 Jan, 2010 in London, England.—*INTERNET**

Beijing International Film Festival embraces 2.8 billion yuan in contracts

BEIJING, 27 April — The ongoing Beijing International Film Festival has seen about 2.8 billion yuan in contracts (about 427.4 million US Dollars) signed during a promotional fair for film industry-related projects, as of Tuesday.

The total amount contracted in the Beijing International Film Festival has already topped that contracted in all film festivals and related exhibitions ever held in China, said an official with the festival organizing committee.

Statistics show that 334 film institutions at home and abroad, and more than 800 professionals, attended the festival. One hundred institutions signed 256 contracts.

Xinhua

Dates announced for 2012 Oscars

LOS ANGELES, 27 April—Next year's Oscars show will take place on Sunday, 26 February, the organizers of the movie industry's biggest awards fest said Tuesday.

Nominees for the famous golden statuettes — Hollywood's most coveted prizes, handed out at the climax of the annual awards season — will be announced on 24 January, said the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Nominations ballots for the Academy Awards — presented at Tinsel Town's Kodak Theatre, and preceded by a 90-minute red carpet parade — will be mailed out on 27 December, and must be returned by 13 January.

Oscars winners are chosen by nearly 6,000 voting members of the Academy, who will cast their ballots for 2011 movies which fulfill strict criteria concerning their US release.

After the nominations are announced — five nominees in the major categories, 10 for best picture as introduced in 2010 — final ballots will be mailed on 1 February.

The traditional Nominees Luncheon will be held on 6 February, and polls will close on 21 February, five days before the show itself.

This year's Academy Awards were dominated by British historical movie "The King's Speech," which was crowned with prizes for best picture and best director for Tom Hooper.

Internet

***A general view of the red carpet before the start of arrivals at the 82nd Annual Academy Awards held at Kodak Theatre in 2010 in Hollywood, California. Next year's Oscars show will take place on 26 February, the organizers of the movie industry's biggest awards fest said Tuesday.—*INTERNET**

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

UNDP Myanmar

Vacancy Announcement

VA No. 010/UNDP HR/2011

The United Nations Development Programme is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP, Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional title and level : **Gender Specialist**
Level : **NO-B**
Type of Contract : **Fixed Term**
Duty Station : **Yangon**

The Gender specialist will build capacity and ensure effective gender mainstreaming in the new programme phase. UNDP's corporate strategy on Gender is called "Empowered and Equal: Gender Equality Strategy 2008-2011, thus implementation of GES is a high priority for UNDP Myanmar and a national strategy and action plan has already been developed based on the corporate GES. The work of the Gender advisor will furthermore be guided by the normative frameworks such as the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women, and others. Under the leadership of the Senior DRR the Gender Advisor provides leadership on the gender equality and women's empowerment dimension of UNDP's programme in Myanmar and assumes leadership for the implementation of the UNDP Gender strategy and action plan in the new programme.

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Minimum of two years of experience in policy advice and programme management in the field of gender and preferably for the grass-roots level community development (in Myanmar would be a plus)proven expertise in integrating gender and human rights perspectives into mainstream policies or programs; good knowledge of UNDP's procedures and operational activities for development; previous experience in UNDP, UN and/other international agencies is desirable. Excellent language proficiency in English and Myanmar. She must be a Myanmar national; have excellent experience in the usage of computers and office software packages.

Candidates should clearly indicate the post title and Vacancy Announcement number in their application and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph.

Detailed Terms of Reference is posted on the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Applications should be addressed to: **Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), United Nations Development Programme, Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon, Myanmar or online at application.mm@undp.org.**

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest in will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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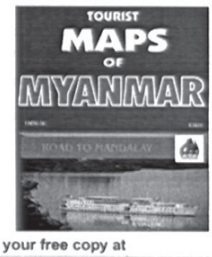

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***The Colorado River, which runs through the Hoover Dam, is expected to see a reduction in stream flow.—*INTERNET**

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

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

Commencement date of course : 23-5-2011
Commencement date for submission of applications : 16-5-2011
Closing date for applications : 20-5-2011 (For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)
Application to be submitted to : Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Days on which classes held : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time : 5:20 - 7:00 p.m.
Documents required : Certificate of Matriculation (or) Marks Certificate (or) Degree Certificate (Both Original and copy are required)
Enquiry : Student's Affairs Section, YUFL Phone : 514371 (Ext-202)

Application must be submitted in person.

Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Invitations for application of MA(EFL) Course

1. The First Year academic programme leading to the MA (English as a Foreign Language) degree for the 2011-2012 academic year will be opened in June 2011.
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   (a) be Myanmar citizens
   (b) fulfil the requirements for admission to the First Year academic programme leading to the MA (EFL) degree.
3. Applications should be submitted by 13 May 2011 at the least. Enquiries on admission may be made during office hours at Student Affairs Department, Yangon University of Foreign Languages.
   Ph: 514371, Ext 202.

Report says climate change to reduce US West water supply

WASHINGTON , 27 April —Scarce water supplies in the western US will probably dwindle further as a result of climate change, causing problems for millions in the region, a government report has said. Climate change could cut water flow in several of the American West's largest river basins by up to 20% this century, the interior department report said.

Those rivers provide water to eight US states, from Texas to California. The West and South West are among the fastest-growing regions in the US. The Colorado, the Rio Grande and the San Joaquin are three of the rivers mentioned in the report, which said an 8% to 20% decrease in average annual stream flow is expected.

Internet

TENDER INVITATION

NAY PYI TAW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE is intended to establish a cement manufacturing plant in Taung Phila, Lewe Township (Nay Pyi Taw) adopting the Dry Process Cement Manufacturing and Capacity of 1000 Ton per day with precalciner kiln using firing system with Coal/ Natural Gas Dual firing system.

Sealed Tenders are invited from Cement Machinery Manufacturing Companies with Machinery and Full Turn key Basic including Technical Services, Machinery erection, commissioning and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

- Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Head office
- Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- Tel 067414205 - 013334015, Tender Closing Date- 31.5.2011

(Note- Tender bidders are requested to site visit on Existing Nay Pyi Taw Cement Plant before 14.5.2011).

***Ancient Vijayanagara, a crumbling 16th-century metropolis, is a stark contrast to the decadence of Goa's beach life.*— INTERNET**

Blowing in the wind

BEIJING, 27 April — German kite enthusiast Andreas Fischbacher was in his element on the weekend of 16 to 17 April when he attended arguably the world's most famous kite festival. The 24-year-old journeyed to Shandong province, for the 28th Weifang International Kite Festival, which attracted more than 100,000 people from 29 countries and regions between 12 and 17 April.

"I was into kites when I was 10," he grins. "My mother, a dress maker, showed me how to make and fly kites. "I have been to many international competitions all over the world, including Vietnam and Malaysia, and Weifang was a great experience." Kites do not have a long history in Germany, he says, but are growing in popularity. "There are around 80 kite associations and 10 festivals during a year. Some are international ones, which attract worldwide kite players," Fischbacher says.

Internet

***Two girls fly traditional swallow kites during the 28th Weifang International Kite Festival.* XINHUA**

Anti-inflammatory drugs reduce effectiveness of widely used antidepressants

WASHINGTON, 27 April —Study by scientists at the Rockefeller University shows that anti-inflammatory drugs reduce the effectiveness of the most widely used class of antidepressant medications, the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), taken for depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety disorders.

This discovery, published online Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, may explain why so many depressed patients taking SSRIs do not respond to antidepressant treatment and suggests that this lack of effectiveness may be preventable.

The study may be especially significant in the case of Alzheimer's disease. Such patients commonly suffer from depression and unless this can be treated successfully, the course of the illness is likely to be more severe.

Depression in the elderly is also a risk factor for developing Alzheimer's Disease and researchers have suggested that treating depression in the elderly might reduce the risk of developing the disease.

Internet

***Tourists walk past huge-sized cactus in Cachi, Argentina, on 19 April, 2011. A patch of 65,000 hectares of huge-sized cactus serves as a famed nature reserve at the foot of Andes.*— XINHUA**

Piracy makes life harder for filmmakers: "Black Swan" director Aronofsky

BEIJING, 27 April — Oscar-nominated "Black Swan" director Darren Aronofsky said piracy had made work harder for filmmakers, but he also noted positive industry and government responses to curb the practice. "It's definitely a problem, and definitely needs a solution," the American filmmaker told reporters on Monday at the First Beijing International Film Festival.

Aronofsky made the statement responding to a reporter's question that how would he react once seeing pirated copies of "Black Swan" on Beijing backstreets. "As a storyteller, it was thrilling to hear that my story was widely seen, but piracy has made movies harder and harder to make as it prevents film producers from recovering costs," Aronofsky said.

But he said there have been positive developments, such as spontaneous distribution, which has allowed for global audiences to see new films faster than ever before. "And it (Black Swan) is a scary movie. You're better off being scared with other people," he added.

Internet

Teen faces adult trial for school shooting

MARTINSVILLE, 27 April—An Indiana teenager charged with wounding a former classmate should be tried as an adult for a "planned act of violence," a judge said on Monday.

Michael Phelps, 15, was to be transferred to the Morgan County Jail, the *Indianapolis Star* reported. He has been held in a juvenile facility since his arrest. Superior Court Judge Christopher Burnham described the crime as "a cold, calculated and planned act of violence with the intent to kill." The judge noted Phelps is about to turn 16.

The teenager allegedly went to Martinsville West Middle School 25 March with a gun he had stolen and shot Chance Jackson, 15. The victim's family said Friday he is "beginning a long recovery." Phelps faces charges that include attempted murder. As an adult, he faces a long prison term if he is convicted.— *Internet*

Rio still flying high at North American box office

NEW YORK, 27 April — Animated film Rio has beaten Tyler Perry's new film and a circus romance starring Robert Pattinson to stay top of the North American box office. Rio, featuring the voices of Jesse Eisenberg and Anne Hathaway, took $26.8m (£16.2m) on it second weekend, according to studio estimates. Perry film Madea's Big Happy Family, was at two with $25.8m (£15.6m).

Water for Elephants, starring Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, opened in third with $17.5m (£10.6m). In the film, Pattinson stars as a vet who joins a travelling circus and falls in love with its star performer. Madea's Big Happy Family - in which Perry stars as a grandmother who pulls her clan together in a crisis - narrowly failed to knock Rio, a film about a stolen macaw, off the top spot.— *Internet*

***Rio tells the tale of a stolen macaw.*— INTERNET**

Cases of malaria among UK travellers rise by 30%

LONDON, 27 April — The number of malaria infections recorded among UK residents has increased by nearly 30% over the past two years. New figures from the Health Protection Agency (HPA) reveal there were 1,761 new cases in 2010. Over the past decade most infections have occurred among people who visited West Africa or South Asia.

***Malaria, spread by mosquitoes in tropical areas, is one of the world's biggest killers.*— INTERNET**

The HPA is warning travellers to heed advice on how to avoid malaria, which is the world's second biggest killer. In 2008 there were 1,370 new cases but the following year the numbers increased to 1,495.

Internet

Mom on trial for 3rd time for killing baby

DAYTON, 27 April — Jury selection began on Monday for an Ohio woman facing a third trial for allegedly killing her baby by putting him in a microwave.China Arnold of Dayton is charged with murder, the *Dayton Daily News* reported.

A judge declared a mistrial at her first trial in 2008 because a 5-year-old boy came forward after the defence rested and said he saw another child put the baby in the microwave. Later that year, Arnold was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole when jurors deadlocked on the death penalty.

Her conviction was reversed last year. The appellate court ruled the judge should not have allowed videotaped testimony from a woman who testified at the first trial that Arnold admitted, while they were sharing a cell, that she killed 3-week-old Paris Talley. Prosecutors were unable to find the witness for the second trial.— *Internet*

Champions League semi: United beats Schalke 2-0

Manchester's Ryan Giggs, left, scores his side's opening goal against Schalke's keeper Manuel Neuer, right, during the first leg Champions League semi final between FC Schalke 04 and Manchester United in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 26 April, 2011. —INTERNET

GELSENKIRCHEN, 27 April — Manchester United defeated Schalke 2-0 Tuesday in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on a burst of second-half goals by Ryan Giggs and Wayne Rooney.

Rooney set up one goal and scored another two minutes later Tuesday, putting United in strong position to reach the 28 May final at Wembley against Real Madrid or Barcelona. The second leg is next week at Old Trafford.

The 37-year-old Giggs became the oldest player to score in the competition, according to European soccer's governing body.An amazing man, his peak seems to have lasted so long," United manager Alex Ferguson said. "He doesn't show any sign of receding."

Ferguson lauded his team for a "fantastic performance" that he called one of the best in his 25 years as United's manager.Giggs scored in the 67th minute off Rooney's pass. Rooney then struck in 69th minute after United had wasted a dozen chances against the unheralded German club.—*Internet*

Gold-medal echoes reach Luongo just in time

Vancouver Canucks' Roberto Luongo makes a save against the Chicago Blackhawks during the first period of Game 7 of an NHL hockey Stanley Cup first-round playoff series in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 26 April, 2011. INTERNET

VANCOUVER, 27 April — Game 7s tend to be unforgiving affairs, and when the puck dropped to start the overtime period against Chicago, Vancouver's most-excellent season, and perhaps the future of the coach and who knows how many players were swirling down around the drain.

The Blackhawks, who bounced the Canucks from the playoffs the previous two years, had already clawed their way back from a 3-0 series deficit, then scored to tie Game 7 with less than two minutes left in regulation. Now, just 24 seconds into the extra period, they were on the power play.

"I had a good feeling going into that overtime," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville recalled afterward.—*Internet*

Clinical Stoke deepen Wolves' league drop fears

STOKE, 27 April—FA Cup finalists Stoke's fine run of form has continued as they dealt a huge blow to Wolves' prospects of staying in the Premier League with a 3-0 win.

Goals by Trinidadian international Kenwyne Jones, Ryan Shawcross and the outstanding Jermaine Pennant easily saw off a woeful Wolves side, who are second from bottom a point adrift of safety with four matches remaining.

The hosts took the lead just after the quarter-hour mark as Jones headed home from a great cross by Pennant, who had beaten a couple of weak challenges down the right flank.

Jones, a record signing for Stoke last August for £8million, wasted a better chance eight minutes later as Shawcross found him with a brilliant long pass but unmolested he shot well wide with just goalkeeper Wayne Hennessey to beat.—*Internet*

Stoke City's forward Jermaine Pennant (L) and Wolverhampton Wanderers' defender Stephen Ward vie for control of the ball during their Premier League clash in Stoke-on-Trent, England on 26 April, 2011. —INTERNET

Houllier to be discharged this week - club

BIRMINGHAM, 27 April — Aston Villa manager Gerard Houllier is to be discharged from hospital later this week after a health scare which saw him admitted with chest pains, the club said on Tuesday.

Houllier, 63, was expected to leave hospital in "three to four days" the club said in a statement as the veteran Frenchman expressed his gratitude for messages of support.

Aston Villa manager Gerard Houllier

"I am extremely touched by all the messages I have received and by the reaction of people throughout the world of football. It has been overwhelming actually," Houllier said in an official statement.—*Internet*

Fifth package found in Celtic bomb investigation

Celtic Football Club manager Neil Lennon

GLASGOW, 27 April—Police investigating parcel bombs sent to Celtic Football Club manager Neil Lennon and two other well-known fans said Tuesday a suspect package had been found at a mail office in Northern Ireland.

Strathclyde Police believe the suspected device — the fifth to be intercepted — was posted at the same time as the previous parcel bombs.

The package was found at the National Return Letter Centre in Belfast, where mail which has not been picked up and which has no return-to-sender attached, is kept by the mail service.

It was reported that the package was not labelled with any particular address.—*Internet*

Mancini backs Dzeko to spearhead City's Euro push

BLACKBURN, 27 April—Manchester City boss Roberto Mancini backed Edin Dzeko to become a regular scorer after the £27 million forward hit his first Premier League goal.

Dzeko's second-half strike gave City a 1-0 win over struggling Blackburn on Monday and a four-point lead over Tottenham in the race to secure the fourth and final qualifying place for next season's Champions League.

"It will do his confidence the power of good," said Mancini of a player who had failed to find the target since his move from German side Wolfsburg in January.

Manchester City's Bosnian forward Edin Dzeko (C) vies with Blackburn Rovers' US defender Jermaine Jones (L) and Blackburn Rovers' Senegalese forward Mame Biram Diouf during the match between Blackburn Rovers and Manchester City at Ewood Park on 25 April.—INTERNET

Internet

SPORTS

Rose, Bulls eliminate Pacers, 116-89

CHICAGO, 27 April—Sitting on the bench with four fouls and his team struggling, Derrick Rose pleaded with his coach to put him back in the game.

Chicago Bulls center Joakim Noah (13) and forward Taj Gibson (22) react during the third quarter in Game 5 of a first-round NBA playoffs basketball series against the Indiana Pacers on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau took the risk and his All-Star guard responded, lifting the Bulls to the second round.

Rose scored 25 points, Luol Deng added 24 and Chicago finally played like a top seed, knocking off the Indiana Pacers 116-89 in Game 5 to wrap up their first-round playoff series Tuesday night.

The top-seeded Bulls can breathe a little easier after getting a dominant performance by their MVP candidate and an emphatic win that came on the heels of four dramatic games.—*Internet*

Sergio has long road to US Open

Sergio Garcia of Spain

JACKSONVILLE, 27 April—Sergio Garcia missed the cut in his first major as a pro, at Carnoustie in 1999 for the British Open. He has played in every major since then, a streak of 46 in a row that suddenly is in danger.

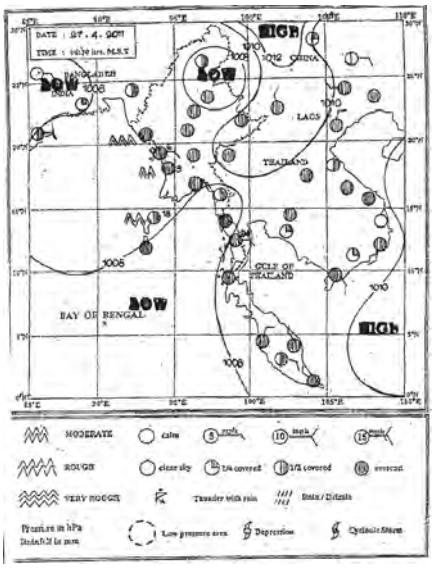
Garcia, coming off his worst season as a pro that required a 10-week break to become rejuvenated about golf, is not exempt for the US Open at Congressional.

As of Monday, he had not signed up sectional qualifying — the deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday — although his agent said he was going to enter. The 31-year-old Spaniard still has time to avoid having to go through qualifying for the first time."I suspect he'll be top 50 by then," Clarke Jones of IMG said on Tuesday morning.—*Internet*

Del Potro struggles to opening claycourt tennis win

ESTORIL, 27 April—Former US Open winner Juan Del Potro struggled to defeat Portugal's world number 488 Pedro Sousa as the big Argentine made an unconvincing start to his claycourt season at the Estoril Open on Tuesday. Del Potro, who played only three events in 2010 due to right wrist surgery, emerged a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 winner after nearly two hours, with qualifier Sousa putting in a respectable showing for the home crowd.—*Internet*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 27th 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 Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, scattered in Yangon Region, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (3°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, (7°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Region, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Mandalay and Yangon Regions and Chin State, (5°C) to(6°C) below April average temperatures in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan and Kayin States, (7°C) to(9°C) below April average temperatures in Magway Region and Kayah State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures was Kawthoung (37°C), Monywa, Mandalay, Myingyan and Ngathaingchaung (36°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Naungkhio (1.65) inches, Cocogyun (1.18) inches, Myeik (0.95) inch, Kyaukpyu (0.83) inch, Thayet (0.79) inch and PyinOoLwin (0.63) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 26-4-2011 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 27-4-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-4-2011 was (92%). Rainfall on 27-4-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

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Rainfall on 27-4-2011 was (Tr) at Nay Pyi Taw, (Nil) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (0.12) inch at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (6.46) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (7.09) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (4.02) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 27-4-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 28thApril 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions . Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas 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: Continuation of likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-4-2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

J.Lo and Anthony team up with Fuller for new show

NEW YORK, 27 April—Jennifer Lopez is teaming up with "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller for a new TV show — and she's bringing husband Marc Anthony into the fold.

The trio announced Wednesday that they are creating "Q'Viva! The Chosen." The show would feature the superstar couple as they travel 21 countries to find the best performers in Latin music, dance and other arts with the goal of creating a live extravaganza.

The show's director will be Jamie King. It will be filmed in three languages. Lopez said the show will be groundbreaking. "This is a show for the 21st century with an unprecedented global and local story. The Latin culture is a tapestry that is rich in passion, tradition and artistry," she said. "We are going to places where all of this talent lives and wouldn't have otherwise been discovered."

Jennifer Lopez and husband Marc Anthony. INTERNET

Anthony said the show will "provide an outlet to a whole new generation that have been waiting to have their voices heard."

"Q'Viva!" is sponsored by BlackBerry. A statement said more than one network will be involved, but they have yet to be announced. It's unclear when the show will air.

Lopez became a judge on "American Idol" this year, and has a new album, "Love?" out next week.—*Internet*

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(28-4-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	- (28-4-11 09:30 am ~ 29-4-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

* Opening
* News
* Truly Magical Pindaya
* News
* Workshop on CBR for children with special Needs
* News
* Products of Myanmar Myaing Loom
* The Launching Ceremony of Air KBZ
* News
* Off Show Challenge

Oversea Transmission

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* News
* Off Show Challenge
* News
* Youth of the Future (Puppet)
* News
* On the LEDO Road (Part-1)
* News
* MI people's Celebrities ''Are they Future Brides?''
* Music Gallery
* News
* Maungmagan, The Seaside Village
* All Lives Under The Sky: ''Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin''
* Myanmar Movies "I miss you painfully"

Myanmar TV

Thursday, 28 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

7:50 am
6. Dance Of National Races

8:00 am
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

8:05 am
8. Performance with Song

8:10 am
9. Dance Of Variety

8:25 am
10. Teleplay (Traffic)

8:40 am
11. International News

8:45 am
12. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:05 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:15 pm
3. Cute Little Dancers

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

4:45 pm
5. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

4:55 pm
6. Singing In Different Versions

5:10 pm
7. Science and Environment

5:30 pm
8. Programme

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Myanmar Series

6:35 pm
12. Approaching Science Discovery World

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. Documentary
18. TV Drama Series
19. TV Drama Series

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★ 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

Tasks of environmental, forest resources conservation and establishment of plantations inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April —On his arrival at Khatatkon forest nursery camp on Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway on 23 April, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun heard reports on growing of trees on both sides of the expressway, rainy season tree planting plan and a plan to set up 4150 acres of plantation in the region by an official and stressed the need to adhere to the directives of the President as a work guideline and to put more efforts into environmental and forest resources conservation and establishments of private plantations, and to set up departmental plantations on a managerial scale.

On 24 April, the Union Minister inspected Htongyi raft jetty and timber extraction in Mahtu forest reserve and visited a 140-acre teak plantation in Kalewa Township.

The Union Minister visited Nos (11) and (123) Saw Mills and raft jetties including the raft jetty of Tamu timber extraction site in West Mawlaik timber extraction region in Kalay on 25 April and yesterday.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun visits raft jetty of Tamu timber extraction site in West Mawlaik timber extraction region.

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