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President U Thein Sein attends opening of 20th ASEAN Summit, 45th Anniversary of ASEAN

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the opening of the 20th ASEAN Summit and the 45th Anniversary of the ASEAN at Nuon Srey Hall of the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in Cambodia yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Vice-President of Indonesia Dr Boediono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, President of Philippines Mr Benigno Aquino, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers, departmental officials, ministers from ASEAN countries, high-ranking officials, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, and invited guests.

Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen extended a warm welcome to Heads of State/Government attending the summit, followed by opening of the ceremony with ASEAN anthem sung by Cambodian cultural troupe.

In his opening address, Alternate ASEAN Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen called for further cooperation for attainment of the goal of "ASEAN: One Community—One Destiny" of the ASEAN, establishment of single ASEAN Community in 2015 under



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries pose for documentary photo at the opening of 20th ASEAN Summit and 45th Anniversary of ASEAN.—MNA

the ASEAN Charter, increased cooperation for regional economy in line with Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM), completion of Road Map for

ASEAN Community Building (2009-2015), prioritized measures for establishment of ASEAN economic community in 2015, narrowing of development gap among the ASEAN members and linking material and institutional infrastructure for successful integration, (See page 8)



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends the opening of 20th ASEAN Summit and 45th Anniversary of ASEAN at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.—MNA

Swachaung Reservoir and Nagapauk Sluice Gate contributing to agricultural development in Bago Region



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PERSPECTIVES

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The right job at the right moment

Nowadays, the scope of reforms taking place in Myanmar is growing under the leadership of the government committed itself to building a true democratic state where freedom, justice and liberty flourish.

Basically, reforms are carried out to make amendments or improvements through changes of a system and structures. By introducing reforms the government is finding out faults or abuses and getting rid of them in addition to repairing, restoring or correcting necessary sectors for a better tomorrow.

Here the government staff at all levels are the persons responsible for the task of maintaining, accelerating and safeguarding the reform process of the country at different stages on behalf of the Union. In consequence, the first thing they need is to adapt themselves well to the changes taking place in their own institutions. And in the second step, they must have an overall view of the democratic transition.

As the reform process is gaining more ground and running at higher pace the government staff at all levels need more efficiency to do their job smoothly. However, in one way or another, majority of government employees do not have the required competence yet for certain reasons. Besides, they do not have much experience in democracy.

Accordingly, the government and the private organizations are turning to domestic capacity-building programs conducting more and more courses, in-house trainings, seminars, workshops and conferences by their own or in cooperation with regional or international institutions or global countries. They are also sending a larger number of staff abroad for study tours, scholarship programs, short-term and long-term courses, group discussions, roundtables and seminars.

Additionally, the President himself and Union level officials are receiving guests from abroad seeking common ground and greater international cooperation for our capacity-building programs.

And through capacity-building programs, all government and private staff will have a clear picture of the democratic reforms, having efficiency to do the right job at the right moment.

Press Release

Foreigners can bring into the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at any one time any foreign currency not in excess of US Dollars Ten Thousand and its equivalent without making a declaration to the Customs on arrival with effect from 1st April 2012.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Books donated to ward and village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—With the aim of ensuring development of ward and village libraries in Mawlamyine Township of Mon State, raising of reading habit and book donation was held at the hall of Mon State Red Cross Supervisory Committee in Mawlamyine on 20 March.

After the reading habit raising contest, Mon State Minister for Development Affairs Dr Toe Toe Aung, State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo and officials awarded the winners. They then donated books and publications to ward and village libraries.—MNA

UEC Chairman receives delegation of European Union Headquarters

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received a delegation comprising of Mr Robert Cooper and Ms Malgorzata Waskilewska from European Union Headquarters at the hall of the Office of Chairman of the Union Election Commission, here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call were members of the UEC U Myint Naing, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin, Secretary U Win Ko and officials.

At the call, the EU delegation praised Myanmar for transparently holding the free and fair by-elections and



they exchanged views on cooperation in better processes for future elections.—MNA

Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye receives Mr Robert Cooper and Ms Malgorzata Waskilewska from European Union Headquarters and party.—MNA

Committee for smooth entrance of foreign tourists meets for e-visa system

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Committee for smooth entrance of foreign tourists met at the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism this morning for implementation of e-visa system.

Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and

for Sports U Tint Hsan said in his address that coordination was made with related ministries to introduce e-visa system which could save time and ensure security. The system will be installed firstly at Yangon International Airport, Ministry of Home

Affairs, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and then at Mandalay International Airport and Muse, Tachilek, Kawthoung and Myawady border gates. Thirdly it will

be installed in Bagan, Heho and Thandwe airports.

Tourist visa, business visa, social visa and other visa will be transformed into e-visa which will be introduced in fourth week of this April, he said. Managing Director U Kyaw Moe Naing of Myanmar Ease Net Co Ltd, technical arm of e-visa system implementation team, and committee members reported on the progress of works.

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Attorney-General of the Union receives NY Legal Partners, LPC Advocate of Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received NY Legal Partners, LPC Advocate Mr Yasumasa Nakamura of Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, here, this morning.

They frankly discussed legal affairs.

Also present at the call were Director-General of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union U Myint Win, Directors U Nyan Naing Win and Daw Htoo Htoo Ngwe, and officials.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

YANGON, 4 April—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung at the office of the Yangon Region Government yesterday afternoon.

They discussed friendly relations and economic cooperation between Yangon and Ho Chi Minh City as they have signed as sister cities. Also present at the call were Yangon Mayor Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Myint, Region Minister for Electricity and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo and Secretary of Region Government U Than Aung.—MNA

10th Customs Capacity Building Working Group Meeting held



The 10th Customs Capacity Building Working Group-CCBWG Meeting organized by Customs Department in progress at Traders Hotel in Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 4 April—The 10th Customs Capacity Building Working Group-CCBWG Meeting, organized by Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, was held at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday morning.

It was attended by representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN member countries and officials Customs Department.

To be able to establish ASEAN Economic Community, 15 strategic plans on development of customs are being implemented in 2011-2012 fiscal years. The meeting is aimed at emerging better process for regional custom cooperation and emergence of modern custom.

The meeting will last up to 5 April.

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Southeast Asian leaders ask Western countries to lift Myanmar sanctions after successful polls

PHNOM PENH, 4 April—Southeast Asian leaders have called on Western countries, including the European Union, to lift punitive sanctions imposed on Myanmar.

The leaders of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations made the call Wednesday at the end of a two-day summit in the Cambodian Capital. The summit was attended by Myanmar President U Thein Sein, who received a flurry of praise for recent democratic reforms in his country that have surprised even its harshest critics.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said the leaders' appeal for the lifting of sanctions would first be relayed to the EU, which punished formerly military-ruled Myanmar for massive human rights violations.—Internet

Iraq says Iran proposes Baghdad as nuclear talks venue

BAGHDAD, 4 April—Iran has proposed holding the next round of talks with six world powers over its disputed nuclear programme next week in Iraq instead of Turkey, Iraq's foreign minister said on Wednesday. US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Saturday the 13 to 14 April negotiations with Iran would

be held in Istanbul, the first such meeting since January 2011 when the two sides failed even to agree on an agenda. Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told *Reuters* the proposal for talks in Baghdad came from an Iranian delegation visiting on Tuesday and he would meet with ambassadors from the

five Western powers plus Germany on Teheran's plan. "The proposal came from them. We received a delegation from Iran... Today we are inviting G5 plus one ambassador to hand over a letter about the proposal," Zebari said.

Iraq's Shi'ite-led government is closely aligned

with Iran in a region where Sunni Arab Gulf powers are jockeying for influence with Shi'ite power Teheran. A senior Iranian figure recently spoke out against Turkey hosting the talks as once warm Iranian-Turkish relations have cooled in the past year over the Turkish position against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, Iran's close Arab ally.

Reuters



Armed Somali pirates carrying out preparations to a skiff in Hobyo, northeastern Somalia, in 2010. A Bolivian-flagged vessel seized by Somali pirates since last week has been freed, and is continuing on to Iran with its sugar shipment, the Bolivian government announced on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Bolivian-flagged ship held by Somali pirates is freed

LA PAZ, 4 April — A Bolivian-flagged vessel seized by Somali pirates since last week has been freed, and is continuing on to Iran with its sugar shipment, the Bolivian government announced on Tuesday. The *MV Eglantine* was seized by Somali pirates last week off Hoarafushi island in the Maldives, the first hijacking in the waters of the archipelago. The Bolivian-flagged and Iranian-owned vessel had a total of 23 crew, but their nationalities were not immediately known.

The ship "no longer is in their (the pirates') control as of Monday. Now it is sailing securely to port to deliver its cargo" of Brazilian sugar, said the Bolivian International Ship Registry office, which reports to the defense ministry. A 1982 UN treaty allows land-locked countries like Bolivia to use sea routes including providing paid services such as ship registry. Maldivian and Indian forces earlier were shadowing the vessel but did not board it, a defence spokesman in Male said.

The Maldivian authorities said they were alerted to the hijacking by the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System, the emergency communications system for global shipping, which maintains an operation in the Maldives. In November, the Maldives announced it was working with Sri Lanka and India on a strategy to deal with Somali pirates. The Maldives had arrested 37 Somali pirates who were drifting near the archipelago.

Sri Lanka has also arrested an unspecified number of Somali pirates. Two decades of lawlessness have carved up Somalia into mini-fiefdoms ruled by gunmen and militia, encouraging rampant piracy. At least 40 vessels and more than 400 hostages were still being held in or just off Somalia at the end of last year, according to the Ecomera International group which monitors piracy in the region.—Internet

HMS Dauntless sails to Falklands



The UK says HMS Dauntless is being sent to the South Atlantic as part of routine operations.—INTERNET

LONDON, 4 April—HMS Dauntless, one of the UK's largest and most powerful air defence destroyers, is due to set sail for the Falkland Islands. The Ministry of Defence says it is a "pre-planned and routine" six-month deployment in the South Atlantic. However, it comes days after the 30th anniversary of the start of the war. The move had earlier prompted an official complaint

by Argentina to the United Nations about the UK's "militarisation" in the South Atlantic.

HMS Dauntless, a Type 45 Destroyer, will sail from Portsmouth to relieve HMS Montrose. It will carry out operations off West Africa and the wider South Atlantic, with planned port visits in both West and South Africa. BBC defence correspondent Jonathan Beale said it was

unlikely that there would be any visits to Argentina's ports. The Royal Navy said it was the first operational deployment for HMS Dauntless since it was commissioned in 2010.

Commanding Officer Captain Will Warrender said: "HMS Dauntless' ship's company has been working extremely hard over the last year or so to prepare for our first operational deployment. "We are now ready to provide a reassuring presence in the region and protect British interests." A total of 255 British servicemen and about 650 Argentines died after the UK sent a task force following the Argentine invasion on 2 April 1982. Britain has controlled the Falklands since 1833 but Argentina claims the territory—which it calls the Malvinas—saying it inherited rights to them from Spain.

Internet

Pakistan van bomb kills six passengers

PESHAWAR, 4 April — A bomb ripped through a passenger van in Pakistan's restive tribal belt on Wednesday, killing at least six people and wounding nine others, officials said. The van was carrying 15 men from Khurakai village to Jamrud, the main town in Khyber district when it was hit while passing through a ravine. "The passengers were going to town for shopping. So far we can confirm the death of six people while nine others are injured," Shakeel Khan Umarzai, a senior

administration official, told AFP.

"Three people are seriously injured. It is unclear that the blast was caused by an IED or a planted bomb in the van but explosives were used," he said. A doctor at the local government hospital where the dead and the injured were taken also confirmed the casualties. "We are treating six other passengers who were wounded while three seriously injured have been shifted to Peshawar," Mohammed Anas told AFP.

Khyber is one of seven

districts in Pakistan's semi-autonomous tribal belt, where Taliban and Al-Qaeda-linked militants have carved out strongholds used to plot attacks on Pakistani, Afghan and Western targets. Pakistani government troops are currently operating against militants loyal to local warlord Mangal Bagh. The UN refugee agency announced last week that more than 100,000 people, mostly women and children, have fled the fighting in Khyber since 20 January.

Internet

Bomb kills TV presenter in central Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 April — A "sticky bomb" killed a television presenter working for a local station in Salaheddin Province of central Iraq, a provincial spokesman said on Tuesday. Kamiran Salaheddin, a presenter for Salaheddin Channel, was killed in central Tikrit by a magnetic bomb attached to his car as he drove home from work late on Monday, Salaheddin provincial council spokesman Jamal al-Dulaimi told AFP.

Salaheddin, a 34-year-old father-of-two, was the

second journalist killed in Iraq this year, according to the Journalistic Freedoms Observatory, an Iraq-based media rights group. Salaheddin Channel was established by American forces in 2004 and is funded by Salaheddin provincial council.

"The Iraqi authorities must do everything possible to ensure that those responsible for his death are brought to justice," Paris-based watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF) said in a statement condemning

the attack. "His murder must not go unpunished."

Iraq ranked 152nd out of 179 countries in RSF's 2011-2012 World Press Freedom Index, down 22 from the year before. The report said there was "an increase in murders of journalists" in Iraq, and "journalists are very often the target of violence by the security forces, whether at demonstrations in Tahrir Square in Baghdad, or in Iraqi Kurdistan, a region that had for many years offered a refuge for journalists."

Internet

Three NATO troops killed in one day in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 April — Three international troops were killed in separate insurgency incidents in Afghanistan in one day, the NATO-led coalition force said.

The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said one service member was killed by an improvised explosive device in the south of the country, one by a similar blast in the east and one by an insurgent attack in the east.

All three incidents happened on Tuesday, with the last statement released on Wednesday. They did not give further details. "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities," each statement said. ISAF has around 130,000



Photo illustration of troops on patrol in Afghanistan. Three international troops were killed in separate insurgency incidents in Afghanistan in one day, the NATO-led coalition force said.—INTERNET

troops in Afghanistan fighting the Taliban-led insurgency against President Hamid Karzai's government

and its Western allies. Most foreign soldiers are due to be withdrawn by the end of 2014.

Internet

Space tourist is just one way to describe Simonyi

SEATTLE, 4 April — Charles Simonyi may still be described as a space tourist even though the Microsoft billionaire has no plans to take a third vacation on the *International Space Station* and hasn't hung out in outer space for a few years. He's still obsessed with space and is heavily involved in the Seattle Museum of Flight's new space gallery, which is named in the philanthropist's honour. Since 2002, Simonyi has been running his own company called Intentional Software that specializes in creating industry-specific

computer software, and he recently he took on a new title: book publisher.

The son of a Hungarian physicist, the 63-year-old just made one of his dad's dreams come true by helping translate the senior Simonyi's epic about physics into English. "A Cultural History of Physics" by Karoly Simonyi, who died in 2001, is a heavy tome with an intimidating name but inside the non-scientist will find lots of pictures and stories that offer a whimsical side of physics. Flip through the book, which has had five

editions in Hungarian and three in German, and you'll find a full-page diagram showing how the scientists of the 17th century enjoyed dismissing each other's theories. A diagram and an explanation by Sir Isaac Newton of how rainbows are formed are on another page.

An illustration of a cat with its hair standing on end may catch your attention toward the end of the book. If you stop to find out why the cat is on the page, you'll find an explanation of quantum mechanics and radioactive decay — *Internet*

March weather third warmest on record, says Met Office

LONDON, 4 April — Last month was the third warmest March on record — outshone only by 1938 and 1957 — the Met Office has said. It had an average temperature of 7.7C, compared with March 1938, which had an average of 8C. It was also the fifth driest and third sunniest March. March saw a total precipitation of 36.4mm of rain and 156.5 hours of sunshine across the month. Records for temperature and rainfall began in 1910, while the measurements for sunshine began in 1929.



March 2012 was one of the warmest, driest and sunniest on record. — INTERNET

How do we fall asleep?

with an air of detached disinterest; so, though most of us fall asleep every night, we can't say exactly how we do it. Even neuroscientists are still struggling to understand the mechanisms the brain uses to switch from a state of wakefulness to unconscious sleep, but research reveals that the transition is a lot more gradual and tumultuous than the flip of a light switch.

According to recent work by neuroscientists at Washington University in St Louis, during the pre-sleep stage of the process — the period when you're in bed with the lights off and your eyes closed, slowly "letting go" of the trials of the tribulations of the day — your brain waves exhibit what's known as alpha activity, typically associated with quiet wakefulness. "It is in this period that the brain progressively disengages from the external world," Linda Larson-Prior and her colleagues wrote in a 2011 paper. "Subjects slowly oscillate between attending to external and internal thoughts, with the majority of internal thoughts being autobiographical or self-referential in nature."

Internet



A sleeping boy is carried as Catholic Christians take part in a Palm Sunday procession on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem on 1 April, 2012. — INTERNET

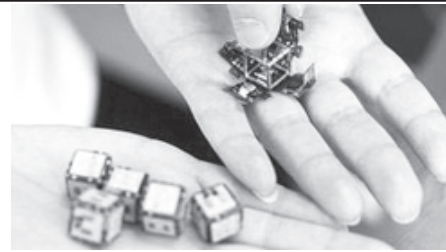
WASHINGTON, 4 April — Falling asleep is a routine yet mystifying process. Like trying to see the 3D image in a Magic Eye poster, the more you focus on it, the less likely it is to happen. It shies away from scrutiny and is best approached

Self-sculpting sand robots are under development at MIT

NEW YORK, 4 April — Tiny robots that can join together to form functional tools and then split apart again after use might be ready for market in little more than a decade, according to researchers. A team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology says it has developed about 30 prototype "smart pebbles" and the software to run them. The sides of each cube are 1cm (0.4 inches) in length. Efforts are now focused on creating smaller models.

The researchers from the university's Distributed Robotics Laboratory liken the ultimate product they are trying to develop to "self-sculpting sand". "We want to have a bag of this material that can form any shape you demand," PhD student Kyle Gilpin told the BBC. "So if you are in an isolated situation and you need a certain tool, you can tell that to the bag by making a miniaturised model of the tool, drop it into the bag, shake it around - and what you would end up with inside would be a magnified copy of the tool which is usable."

The test cubes have electropermanent magnets embedded into their sides to allow them to stick together. The



The MIT team have built test modules with microprocessors and magnets to prove their theory. — INTERNET

magnetic effect can be switched on and off and does not require an electric current to remain active. The cubes also contain a microprocessor to work out which of the magnets should be activated and when. Each processor can currently store 32 kilobytes of code and has only two kilobytes of working memory — so the algorithm powering the process had to be kept simple. The solution was to use a "subtractive" method - removing modules rather than adding them.

The first step works out what the original object looks like by covering it with the "pebbles". — *Internet*

Pupils 'made more violent by computer games'

computer games, teachers say. Pupils as young as four

are fears youngsters cannot separate fantasy worlds from reality. Schools minister Nick Gibb said some children came into school exhausted after playing games late at night. Bradford teacher Alison Sherratt is set to tell the ATL annual conference in Manchester that members of her reception class have been acting out scenes from games well above limit for their age.

"The inspiration for this motion was when I watched my class out on the playground throwing

themselves out of the window of the play car in slow motion and acting out blood spurting from their bodies," she says. "I followed it up in circle time and talked about what they knew about playing games on the computer. "Out of 27, four or five-year-olds, most have TVs and laptops in their bedrooms, most have sight of or actually own Nintendos, Playstation, Xboxes and Wii and many said they watched older brothers, sisters and cousins playing games."

Internet

Teachers say they are noticing an increase in aggression among pupils. — INTERNET



LONDON, 4 April — Children are becoming more violent as they are being left unsupervised by their parents to play inappropriate

are acting out "graphic scenes" from games in class and in the playground, the Association of Teachers and Lecturers is to hear. And there

Canon releases new camera that can capture the beauty of space

NEW YORK, 4 April — Many expensive DSLR cameras aren't optimized to shoot great photos of the heavens, especially of the night sky, right out of the box. Astrophotographers, photographers who mainly take pictures of astronomical objects, usually have to learn how to tweak their camera settings to best capture the wonders of space. Now, Canon has released a new product that makes astrophotography easy even for beginners.

The new Canon EOS 60Da Digital SLR Camera is three times more sensitive to hydrogen-alpha energy — the reddish light given off by hydrogen found in nebulae, galaxies, and star clusters among other objects in space — than other DSLRs.

Thus, you can use the camera to capture vivid out of this world photos that show a lot more detail than what images taken by ordinary DSLRs would show. The trade-off for this feature is, of course, the price: the new Canon 60Da will retail for \$1,499 when it comes out later this month, a few hundred dollars more than the normal 60D's price tag.

Internet



Astrophotography enthusiasts can now take great images of the sky without modifying cameras.

INTERNET



Women's height linked to ovarian cancer



Obesity has been linked to several cancers.—INTERNET

LONDON, 4 April — Taller women have a slightly higher risk of ovarian cancer, according to a review of studies. Obesity is also a risk factor among women who have never taken HRT, say international researchers. Previous studies have suggested a link, but there has been conflicting evidence. The latest research, published in the journal *PLoS Medicine*, analysed all worldwide data on the topic. It looked at 47 epidemiological studies in 14 countries, including about 25,000 women with ovarian cancer and more than 80,000 women without ovarian cancer. Lead researcher Prof Valerie Beral of the Oxford University Epidemiology Unit told the BBC: "By bringing together the worldwide evidence, it became clear that height is a risk factor."

She said there was also a clear relationship between obesity and ovarian cancer in women who had never taken HRT "Ovarian cancer can clearly be added to the list [of cancers linked to obesity]," she added. Sarah Williams, health information officer at Cancer Research UK, said the study produced a clearer picture of the factors that could affect a woman's risk of developing ovarian cancer, and found that body size was important. "Women can reduce their risk of this and many other diseases by keeping to a healthy weight," she said. "For women trying to lose weight, the best method

is to eat healthily, eat smaller amounts and be more physically active."

Commenting on the study, Dr Paul Pharoah, reader in cancer epidemiology at the University of Cambridge, said the increase in risk was small. "If we compare a woman who is 5ft tall with a woman who is 5ft 6in tall, there is a relative difference in ovarian cancer risk of 23%. "But the absolute risk difference is small. The shorter woman will have a lifetime risk of about 16-in-a-1000 which increases to 20-in-a-1000 for the taller woman. "A similar difference in absolute risk would be seen when comparing a slim woman with a body mass index of 20 to a slightly overweight woman with a body mass index of 30."

Internet

US obesity 'higher than thought'



How should obesity be calculated?—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 4 April — The obesity problem in the US may be much worse than previously thought, according to researchers. They said using the Body Mass Index or BMI to determine obesity was underestimating the issue. Their study, published in the journal *PLoS One*, said

up to 39% of people who were not currently classified as obese actually were. The authors said "we may be much further behind than we thought" in tackling obesity. BMI is a simple calculation which combines a person's height and weight to give a score which can be used to

diagnose obesity. Somebody with a BMI of 30 or more is classed as obese. The US Centres for Disease Control says at least one in three Americans is obese.

Other ways of diagnosing obesity include looking at how much of the body is made up of fat. A fat percentage of 25% or more for men or 30% or more for women is the threshold for obesity. One of the researchers Dr Eric Braverman said: "The Body Mass Index is an insensitive measure of obesity, prone to under-diagnosis, while direct fat measurements are superior because they show distribution of body fat."

Internet

phenolphthalein," the agency said in a statement.

"Phenolphthalein is a solution used in chemical experiments and a suspected cancer-causing agent that is not approved for marketing in the United States." The FDA has classified the agent as "not generally recognized as safe and effective," and it has been found to potentially damage or even cause mutations in a person's DNA, the warning said. A similar notice was issued for "Japan Rapid Weight Loss Diet Pills Yellow" because they contain both phenolphthalein and sibutramine, a weight loss agent found in the drug Meridia that was removed from the market in 2010 because it boosted the risk of heart attack and stroke.

"The product poses a threat to consumers because sibutramine is known to substantially increase blood pressure and/or pulse rate in some patients and may present a significant risk for patients with a history of coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias or stroke," the FDA said.

Internet



The US Food and Drug Administration warns of cancer-causing agent in Japan weight loss pills.—INTERNET



Asia stocks slump on US job growth worries

BANGKOK, 4 April — Asian stock markets on Wednesday followed Wall Street into negative territory after the Federal Reserve voiced concern about US job growth but appeared to refrain from taking steps to prop up the economy. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.4 percent to 9,910.84 after briefly slipping to 9,886.34, its lowest level in a month. South Korea's Kospi dropped 0.9 percent to 2,030.90 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 lost 0.3 percent to 4,324.60. Markets in mainland China, Hong Kong and Taipei were closed for public holidays.

On Tuesday, the US Federal Reserve released

minutes of the March meeting of its Open Market Committee, which sets interest rates and monetary policy. The Fed minutes showed that policymakers fear hiring could slow if economic growth doesn't improve. That caused Wall Street stocks to slump. The minutes also did not address the logistics of more bond-buying — troubling to traders who have been hoping for more action from the Fed. The Fed has embarked on two previous rounds of bond-buying, most recently in August 2010, to drive down long-term interest rates. Low bond yields generally encourage profit-hungry investors to buy

stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 0.5 percent at 13,199.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished down 0.4 percent at 1,413.38. The Nasdaq composite index lost 0.2 percent to 3,113.57. Benchmark oil for May delivery was down 37 cents to \$103.64 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.22 to settle at \$104.01 per barrel in New York on Tuesday. In currencies, the euro fell to \$1.3199 from \$1.3217 late Tuesday in New York. The dollar fell to 82.63 yen from 82.86 yen.

Internet

China surpasses US as world's biggest grocery market

LONDON, 4 April — China has become the world's largest market for food and grocery retail, surpassing the US, a study showed. The grocery sector in China was worth £607b (\$972b) by the end of the 2011, showed research published by IGD.

The US market was valued at £527 for the same period, which means it ranks second. By 2015, the research forecasts that the Brics countries (Brazil, Russia, China and India) will be the top grocery markets.

"China's grocery growth story is phenomenal. Between 2006 and 2015, the

Chinese grocery market is forecast to triple in value and to be worth nearly a trillion pounds," said Joanne Denney-Finch, chief executive of IGD. IGD forecasts that by 2015, the Chinese market will be worth £918bn compared to a US value of £675b. "This rapid expansion has been fuelled by three main factors: rapid economic growth, population and rising food inflation," Ms Denney-Finch added.

The company said that many of the world's largest grocery retailers would be looking to China, and not just at the major cities but also at second and third tier cities. IGD said companies will also be looking to the Brics nations as the size of their markets grows. "Many UK food and grocery companies are already pursuing this opportunity," Ms Denney-Finch said.

Internet



Foreign grocery retailers are looking to China and the other Brics countries.

INTERNET



A General Electric Company (GE) logo is seen on a toggle switch package in New York on 18 Jan, 2012.

INTERNET

Moody's downgrades GE, citing risks from financial unit

NEW YORK, 4 April — Moody's on Tuesday said it had downgraded the ratings of conglomerate General Electric Co by one notch to Aa2 and the ratings of its finance unit General Electric Capital Corporation (GECC) by a notch to A1. Moody's affirmed the Prime-1 ratings of both companies and said the rating outlook for both was now stable. The move concludes a review begun on 19 March.

"The downgrades result from the implementation of Moody's revised global rating methodology for finance companies, and reflect in particular the impact of GECC's higher risk profile on GE," the agency said in a statement. Moody's added that, while GECC had improved its liquidity and capital levels since the credit crisis, there remained material risks associated with the firm's funding model.

Reuters





Swachaung Dam in Yedashe Township of Bago Region feeding irrigation water to 35000 acres of farmlands, contributing towards socio-economic development of local people and greening of its environs.

Swachaung Dam and Nagapauk Sluice Gate contributing to agricultural development in Bago Region



Nagapauk Sluice Gate

- * Nagapauk Sluice Gate lies near confluence of Nagapauk creek and Khamon Myitkyophyat creek about three miles east of DaikU-Nyaungkhashe road.
- * It prevents inundation of 15000 acres of watershed areas in Waw Township in rainy season.

Translation: HKA

- * It reduces the number of flood by preventing Sittoung River water from entering farmlands in monsoon and irrigates farmlands with fresh water of Sittoung River in summer.
- * It has 40 valves with six-foot width and 16-foot height each.

Archive: Maung Nyein Aye



Memorial held for seven killed in Oakland shooting

OAKLAND, 4 April — Civic and religious leaders in Oakland are mourning the deaths of seven people who were gunned down in one the nation's deadliest campus shootings in years. Several hundred people gathered on Tuesday night for a prayer vigil for the victims of Monday's shooting at Oikos University, a small Christian school in Oakland.

Mayor Jean Quan joined pastors from the Bay Area's Korean Christian community in calling for unity and an end to violence at

the service at the Allen Temple Baptist Church.

The service was attended by friends, family and colleagues of the victims whose identities were officially released Tuesday. Not long after the mass shooting, police arrested 43-year-old One Goh at a supermarket several miles away in Alameda.

Goh is being held without bail on suspicion of seven counts of murder, three counts of attempted murder and other charges. — Internet

NYC officials: one dead, four hurt in crane accident

NEW YORK, 4 April — The boom of a crane set up at a subway construction site came perilously off its base and crashed to the ground, killing a construction worker and injuring four other people Tuesday night, city officials said. The worker was pronounced dead after the accident at the Manhattan construction site of the No 7 subway line extension, officials said.

One other person was hospitalized in serious condition and three people were

treated for minor injuries, according to a Fire Department spokesman. Jack Sullivan, deputy chief for the FDNY EMS, said it was possible one of the workers had been struck by the crane's boom. The crane operator and someone who worked with him were among those who were injured. He described the removal of the workers from the construction site, about 60 feet below street level, as "extremely dangerous."

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President U Thein Sein attends meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, informal meetings between ASEAN leaders and representatives of ASEAN public organizations, and between ASEAN leaders and youth delegates



State/Government of ASEAN countries, reps from the AIPA including Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Alternate Chairman of the ASEAN Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen extended greetings, followed by discussions between Alternate Chairman of the AIPA Dr Marzuki Alie of Indonesia and reps of the assembly.

ASEAN Heads of State/Government frankly exchanged their views on the discussions.

The Myanmar President then attended the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and ASEAN public

President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attends meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly at Champei Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, informal meetings between ASEAN leaders and representatives of ASEAN public organizations, and between ASEAN leaders and youth delegates at Champei Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in Cambodia on 3rd April noon.

First, President U Thein Sein attended the meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and representatives of the AIPA. It was attended by Heads of

President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attends informal meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and representatives of ASEAN public organizations at Champei Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.

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President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar attends informal meeting between ASEAN Heads of State/Government and youth delegates at Champei Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.—MNA

organizations. Present were ASEAN Heads of State/Government, reps from public organizations and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

Joint-Secretary Daw Khaing Nwe Nwe of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry attended the meeting as Myanmar delegate.

Heads of State/Government of ASEAN nations held cordial discussions with reps of public organizations.

The Myanmar President then attended the informal meeting between ASEAN leaders and youth representatives in the evening.

ASEAN Heads of State/Government, youth reps and the ASEAN Secretary-General were present at the meeting. Maung Lin Htin Ko Ko and Maung Sa Win Hlaing Oo from Education College from Myanmar participated in the meeting.

Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General responded to the discussions of youth reps.—MNA

Alternate ASEAN Chairman issues statement at 20th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—The 20th ASEAN Summit was successfully held from 3 to 4 April. Alternate ASEAN Chairman issued statement dated today.

That statement includes the facts that ASEAN welcomes Myanmar's current progress and also describes the following factors under the heading of regional and international issues—

“We welcomed the significant positive developments in Myanmar throughout 2011 and underscored the importance of maintaining a strong momentum in this regard, particularly on the bold steps undertaken by the Government of Myanmar to enhance socio-economic development, improve the livelihoods of the people, promote good governance and democratic practices, strengthen

promotion and protection of human rights, and achieve peace, and national reconsolidation and reconciliation.

We welcomed the successful holding of the by-elections in Myanmar on 1st April 2012, which was conducted in a free and fair manner.

We expressed appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for inviting a large number of election observers from ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners as well as from regional and international organizations.

We recognized that the holding of the by-elections was a significant step towards further democratization in Myanmar. We reaffirmed our full support for the Myanmar Government's on-going efforts in democratization, national

reconsolidation and reconciliation and reiterated our call for the international community to support and encourage the democratic developments in Myanmar.

We welcomed the invitation extended by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to host a Special Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Nay Pyi Taw at a date convenient to all ASEAN Member States.

We called for the lifting of all sanctions on Myanmar immediately in order to contribute positively to the democratic process and economic development in that country.

We also reaffirmed our commitment to expand necessary assistance and cooperation in view of Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014.—MNA

President U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and wife

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and wife at Rumduol Room of the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in Cambodia on 2 April evening.

Also present at the dinner were Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN countries, Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, ministers from ASEAN countries, high-ranking officials, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and invited guests.

The Cambodian Prime Minister and wife warmly

welcomed President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/Government of ASEAN nations.

Next, the Cambodian Prime Minister and wife, Heads of State/Government of ASEAN countries and ministers posed for documentary photo.

The Cambodian Prime Minister and wife and Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN nations proposed a toast and had dinner together during which the Cambodian cultural troupe entertained with songs and dances.

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President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and ASEAN Heads of State/Government pose for documentary photo at the dinner.—MNA



Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and wife cordially greet President U Thein Sein at the dinner.

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The opening of 20th ASEAN Summit and 45th Anniversary of ASEAN in progress at Nuon Srey Hall of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.

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President U Thein Sein attends opening...

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unrestricted flow of skilled workers within the ASEAN, effective cooperation in regional disaster preparedness measures, further cooperation in agricultural sector for food security, which could become a challenge in the future due to climate change and frequent catastrophes, and joint implementation of Phnom Penh Agenda.

Next, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein together with Heads of State/Government of ASEAN nations posed for documentary photo.

The Cambodian cultural troupe sang a song in commemoration of the 45th Anniversary of the ASEAN and traditional dances were presented and the opening ceremony came to an end.—MNA

A & I Ministry holds annual coordination meeting on researches

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Annual coordination meeting on researches for 2011-2012, was held at Yezin Agricultural Research Department in Zeyathiri Township this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing.

The Union Minister said that the country needs to conduct continual researches, which is basic foundation for the agricultural development of the country. Research findings need to be applied in actual practice. The Ministry is improving the role of researchers and providing necessary assistances. After that, he inspected cultivation of high yield paddy, research plantations, hybrid Palethwe paddy research plantation, Basmati hybrid paddy plantation and Palethwe hybrid paddy seed production plantation (100-acre) of University of Agriculture. Then, he met with trainees of hybrid paddy seed production course.—MNA



Coord meeting held for disaster risk reduction work plan

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—A coordination meeting for ratification of Myanmar disaster risk reduction work plan was held at Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Natural Disaster Prevention Committee Union Minister

for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi.

It was also attended by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, members of the Myanmar Natural Disaster Prevention Committee, deputy ministers of the ministries concerned,

and representatives of Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committees.

Union Minister U Aung Kyi made a speech, followed by detailed explanation about work programmes of Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction by the board joint secretary di-

rector-general of the Relief and Resettlement Department. Union Minister U Win Tun, deputy ministers and departmental heads made suggestions. The joint secretary read the minutes for approval of the board. The meeting came to an end with concluding remark of Union Minister U Aung Kyi.—MNA

Narrowing Development Gap should...

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ASEAN should try to achieve more important role in G-20 bloc. It will expand ASEAN's influence in international monetary sector. It is also accorded with Bali Agreement No. 3.

At today's summit, Heads of State and Government from ASEAN countries frankly discussed matters related to narrowing rich-poor gap among ASEAN countries, equal and active participation in establishing three pillars of ASEAN, implementation of Phnom Penh Agenda for 2012, unanimous recognition of by-elections which had been held in Myanmar on 1 April as free and fair and transparent elections, unanimously supporting the lifting of sanctions on Myanmar as it is important not only for the country concerned but also for dignity of ASEAN, realization of "ASEAN: One Community—One Destiny", implementation of Bali Agreement No. 3, successful establishment of ASEAN Community by 2015, establishment of Drug-Free ASEAN by 2015, energy and food sufficiency in ASEAN countries, cooperation in ASEAN highways, railroads, motorroads, civil aviation routes and ASEAN's participation in G-20.

After the summit, the Heads of State and Government together had lunch hosted by the Cambodian Prime Minister.



At 20th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session, all ASEAN leaders welcomed successful holding of free and fair and transparent by-elections in Myanmar and unanimously supported the call for prompt lifting of economic sanctions on Myanmar.—MNA

The 20th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session in progress at Champa Room in Peace Palace of Phnom Penh in Cambodia.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed by Cambodian Education, Youth and Sports Minister Mr Im Sethy and personnel at Phnom Penh International Airport.—MNA

President U Thein Sein arrives in Phnom Penh of Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, at the invitation of Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, together with his entourage, left here for Phnom Penh of Cambodia to attend the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh on 2nd April morning.

The special flight carrying President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, Deputy Foreign Minister Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint and high-ranking officials arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport in Phnom Penh in

Cambodia at 11.40 am local time.

Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung and Deputy Chief of Protocol Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ministry of Cambodia Mr Sam Phang welcomed President U Thein Sein and so did Cambodian Education, Youth and Sports Minister Mr Im Sethy, personnel and staff of the Myanmar Embassy and the Military Attaché Office.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and party then proceeded to Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—A three-member delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint left Yangon International Airport on 31 March for Cambodia to attend the preparatory meeting of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Chairman and heads of Parliaments from member countries and the meeting of heads/leaders from ASEAN countries and delegates of AIPA at the 20th ASEAN Summit. They arrived at Phnom Penh International Airport of Cambodia in the afternoon.

On 2 April, the Speaker submitted proposal on putting promoting the role of AIPA in ASEAN in AIPA Chairman's speech at the Preliminary coordination meeting between ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Chairman and heads of Parliaments from member countries, at Hotel Cambodiana, in Phnom Penh. It was attended by the AIPA Chairman and Chairman of The House of Representatives

of Indonesia Dr Marzuki Alie, AIPA Secretary Mr Antonio V. Cuenco and AIPA representatives from ASEAN countries.

In the evening, the Speaker also attended a dinner hosted by Prime Minister of Cambodia, alternate ASEAN Chairman Samdech Hun Sen, at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh, together with heads/leaders from ASEAN countries, AIPA representatives, the ASEAN and AIPA Secretary.

The following day, he attended the 20th ASEAN Summit and the opening of 45th ASEAN Anniversary Day, the meeting of heads/leaders from ASEAN countries and delegates of AIPA, at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.

In the evening, he also attended a dinner hosted by Chairman of National AIPA Group of Cambodia Dr Cheam Yeap, at Inter-continental Hotel in Phnom Penh.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw this evening.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attends AIPA meeting



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint poses for documentary photo together with delegates to preparatory meeting of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly Chairman and parliamentary heads of ASEAN countries.—MNA

Reading contest raises reading habit of rural people in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 4 April—With the aim of raising reading habits of rural people, Tachilek District Women's Affairs Organization and District Information and Public Relations Department jointly organized the reading contest at Hsonsiyan Library in Meiyin Village of Phanmin Village-tract in Tachilek on 20 March.

A total of 19 readers participated in the Myanmar Alin newspaper reading contest.

After the contest, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Dr Daw Htay Htay Win presented first prize to Ma May Thazin Htwe, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare

Association Daw Shwe Moe Thuza, the second prize to Maung Naing Lin Aung, Staff Officer U Maung Kyi of District Information and Public Relations Department the third prize to Ma Nan Bu, and Village administrator U Kyaw Naing, the consolation prizes to respective winners.

Myanma Alin

CASH DONATED: In memory of both side parents, wife Daw Kyin Win, daughter Yin Yi Tun and grandson Maung Sithu Tun, U Hla Tun and family of Thakayta Township donated K 700,000 to Kyauktan Home for the Aged recently. Chairman of the Home U Tun Hla Shwe and party accept the cash donation.—MYANMA ALIN



Prizes awarded in reading skill contest

LABUTTA, 4 April—The raising of reading habit and prize presentation was held in conjunction with the book donation in Thayetgon Village of Labuttaloktaung Village-tract in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 28 February.

Deputy Commissioner

U Aye Maung Kyi of Labutta District General Administration Department made a speech.

Head of Ayeyawady Region Information and Public Relations Department U Ngwe Tun explained the procedure for raising the reading habit.

Next, officials awarded the winners in the open and primary level essay, poem recitation and reading skills contests.

Officials concerned also presented first, second and third prizes to the village library committees that strove for enabling the local people to have reading opportunity.

Later, wellwishers donated books and publications to the village libraries.

Myanma Alin

Dagon Myothit (South) gets new self-reliant library



YANGON, 4 April—Thuta Kaungkin library was opened in Ward 107 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township in Yangon East District on 27 March morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Myint Lwin, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw

Yin Yin Thwe and Ward administrator U Kyi Tun formally opened the library.

The township administrator donated K 50,000 and one TV set.

The library was built at a cost of K 4 million by the local people. It is 20 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet high building.—Myanma Alin

Fuel stations to be opened in Thingyan

MANDALAY, 4 April—The fuel brokers association manages sales of fuel at the filling stations in Mandalay for ensuring stability of fuel rate and convenience of Thingyan merry makers and revelers during the period of Maha Thingyan Festival.

The Internal Revenue

Department declines commercial tax for petroleum to 10 per cent from 170 per cent and to 10 per cent from 90 per cent for diesel beginning 1 April.

As such, the it is not prospect to raise the price of fuel.

Kyemon

Football finals of MEMEA wraps up

YANGON, 4 April—The final match of the Myanmar Economic Management Executives Association was held at the football ground in West Mayan Village of

Dedaye Township, Pyapon District, Ayeyawady Region, at 3 pm on 27 March.

In the junior class, West Mayan team beat Hsagyin 2-1 whereas Kawgyaing team

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routed Hsagyin team 2-0 in the senior class.

Officials presented prizes to the winning teams in the respective classes.

Kyemon

YCDC keeps garbage bins on Inya bund

YANGON, 4 April—As garbage bins are systematically kept along the bund of Inya Lake on the side of Pyay Road in Kamayut Township of Yangon, those taking relaxation should throw litters into the bins.

The bins were arranged by Yangon City Development Committee beside the relaxed

chairs and along the pavements.

The bunds of Inya Lake are packed not only those taking health exercises but also those taking relaxation the whole nation. The number of visitors on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road is more than that of the bund on the side of Pyay Road.—Kyemon

Fruit and flowery arrangement course concludes



Chairperson of Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thauang Mya speaking at concluding of fruit and flowery arrangement course No. 1/2012.

YANGON, 4 April—Organized by Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the fruit and flowery arrangement course 1/2012 concluded at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 29 March.

It was attended by the

chairpersons of Region and District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees and members, the chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members, and trainees.

Chairperson of Region MCWSC Daw Thauang Mya delivered a concluding

speech.

After that, Chairpersons of Region and District MCWSCs awarded the outstanding trainees.

Later, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Nwe Nwe Win presented completion certificates to the trainees.—Myanma Alin

Township level age-wise measles vaccination coordinated

KYAIN-SEIKKYI, 4 April—The coordination meeting on township level age-wise measles vaccination was held at the hall of the Township People's Hospital in Kyain-

Seikkyi of Kayin State on 15 March.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Township Health Committee Township Administrator U Win Hlaing

made a speech.

After that, Head of Township Health Department Dr Maung Maung Lwin reported on procedure for giving measles

vaccines. Later, those present participated in the discussions.—Health

Coordination meeting on age-wise measles vaccination in progress in Kyain-Seikkyi.

Mr and Miss Summer Contests 8 April

YANGON, 4 April—Under the directives of Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Body-building and Physical Culture Federation will hold the Mr and Miss Summer Contests at Aung San Gymnasium in Yangon at 10 am on 8 April.

Trainees from the body-building and physical culture training course are allowed to take part in the contest.

The medical checkup and classification will be

held at the hall of the grand stand of Aung San Stadium at 9 am on 7 April.

The physical contest will be classified into junior and senior classes.

Likewise, the body-building contest is also classified into 55-kilo, 60-kilo, 65-kilo and 70-kilo classes for the participations.

For further information, anyone may contact 09-73218546 of the in-charge of the training U Kyaw Sein Than.

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MLF invites donations of cash, books

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.



Neighbours view what remains of a home in Arlington, Texas, on 3 April, 2012.—INTERNET

Snow and ice return to parts of Scotland

LONDON, 4 April — Wintry weather has returned to northern parts of Scotland — with reports of 25cm (10in) of snow in Aberdeenshire. Grampian Police said Moray had taken the brunt of the poor conditions but so far there have been no reports of major disruption. In the Highlands, the A939 Grantown-on-Spey to Dava and the B9007 Carrbridge to Ferness have been closed due to heavy snowfall.

And the snowgates have been closed on the A93 at Spittle of Glenshee. The return

of wintry weather follows the mildest March ever recorded in Scotland. A week ago the temperature in the Aberdeenshire town of Aboyne reached 23.6C — the warmest March day on record. The high in Aboyne on Tuesday is not expected to rise above 2C — and it will feel much colder in the biting wind and snow.

The Met Office issued amber warnings for much of Scotland and said drifting was likely over the Grampians. Across lower parts of the central belt it was estimated about 1cm (0.4in) to 4cm (1.6in) would fall in places. The warning is in place until 12:00 on Tuesday.

A spokesman for the Met Office said, with widespread ice developing on untreated surfaces in northern Scotland, the public should be prepared for disruption to transport.

INTERNET



Several inches of snow has fallen in Aboyne overnight.

INTERNET

Violent storm leaves four dead in Japan

TOKYO, 4 April — A huge storm killed at least four people in Japan, police said on Wednesday, as violent wind and rain battered the nation and disrupted transport for a second day. The storm has moved east and is now covering all of the north of Japan's main island of Honshu and much of the northernmost island of Hokkaido, buffeting the region with strong winds caused by what meteorologists say is a severe low-pressure system. On Sado island, on Honshu's northwest, gusts of up to 156 kilometres (97 miles) per hour were recorded.

The dead included a 96-year-old man who fell from the roof of a three-storey house during high winds and a 28-year-old woman who was hit by a falling tree while walking a dog. The storm temporarily reduced electricity supplies to the Onagawa nuclear power plant, in Miyagi prefecture, halting the cooling system for a fuel pool, operator Tohoku-Electric Power Co said. Plant workers manually restarted the cooling system after about 20 minutes, it said. "There was no problem in the operation," a company spokesman added. All reactors at the plant are currently idle.—INTERNET



Pedestrians struggle against the wind and rain in Tokyo on 3 April, 2012. INTERNET

Texas tornadoes wreck homes and ground flights

DALLAS, 4 April — Several powerful tornadoes have touched down near Dallas, in the US state of Texas, flipping trucks, wrecking homes, uprooting trees and grounding planes. Dallas-Fort Worth Airport cancelled flights and moved passengers away from glass windows for their safety.

Meteorologists estimated that six to 12 tornadoes had touched down in North Texas. Police reported several injuries but no fatalities so far. US TV footage showed images of houses with roofs and second storeys missing. Some of the properties were almost completely blown away. "Obviously we're going to have a lot of assessments to make when this is done," Dallas County spokeswoman Maria Arita told the Associated Press.

The National Weather Service (NWS) at first reported at least two "large and extremely dangerous" tornadoes. Its warning said that the area would remain on tornado watch until

20:00 local time (01:00 GMT) on Tuesday. Later, senior NWS meteorologist Eric Martello said an estimated six to 12 twisters had touched down, although survey teams had yet to confirm the numbers.

One of the tornadoes touched down in a parking lot full of articulated lorries, and a local television station captured the vehicles flying through the air.

Some of the cargo containers attached to the lorries were flattened. Witnesses said the twisters formed quickly. "All of a sudden, the rain and hail ceased," Jonathan Cook, a resident of a nearby town, told CNN. "That's when we saw the tornadoes touch down." Damage was reported in nearby Kennedale, Arlington and Lancaster. Lancaster police said 10 people had been injured, two seriously. In Arlington another three people were injured including two residents of a nursing home, fire crews said.—INTERNET

The aim of carbon capture is to prevent CO2 escaping into the atmosphere.

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New UK attempt to capture carbon

years, £1bn will be offered for schemes to trap and bury carbon dioxide. An earlier

Power at its Longannet station in Fife, and the prize money was not awarded.

strategy, CCS has been plagued by delays and uncertainty.

Its attraction is that existing fossil fuels including coal and gas can be burned without releasing the usual quantities of CO2, the key greenhouse gas.

Instead of being vented into the air, the gas would be trapped and then piped into long-term storage in old oil fields under the North Sea. The original hope was for British firms to design systems that could be fitted to the soaring numbers of coal plants in China and India to reduce their emissions. However the research has proved costlier and more complicated than many expected, and the timescale keeps slipping.

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LONDON, 4 April — A renewed attempt to develop ways of making power stations greener is set to be unveiled by the government. For the second time in five

competition collapsed after all nine entrants pulled out, most citing cost as the main problem.

The last to withdraw was a project run by Scottish

Known as "carbon capture and storage" (CCS), the idea is to prevent CO2 escaping into the atmosphere. A major part of the government's low-carbon

Vietnam craves rhino horn; costs more than cocaine

HANOI, 4 April — Nguyen Huong Giang loves to party but loathes hangovers, so she ends her whiskey benders by tossing back shots of rhino horn ground with water on a special ceramic plate. Her father gave her the 4-inch (10-centimetre) brown horn as a gift, claiming it cures everything from headaches to cancer. Vietnam has become so obsessed with the fingernail-like substance it now sells for more than cocaine.

"I don't know how much it costs," said Giang, 24, after showing off the horn in her high-rise apartment overlooking the capital, Hanoi. "I only know it's expensive." Experts say Vietnam's surging demand is threatening to wipe out the world's remaining rhinoceros populations, which recovered

from the brink of extinction after the 1970s thanks to conservation campaigns. Illegal killings in Africa hit the highest recorded level in 2011 and are expected to worsen this year. This week South Africa called for renewed cooperation with Vietnam after a "shocking number" of rhinos have already been reported dead this year. China has long valued rhino horn for its purported — though unproven — medicinal properties, but US officials and international wildlife experts now say Vietnam's recent intense craving, blamed partly on a widespread rumor that rhino horn cures cancer, is putting unprecedented pressure on the world's estimated 28,000 remaining animals, mainly in South Africa.—INTERNET

Coast Guard monitors ghost ship drifting northwest

ANCHORAGE, 4 April — A derelict Japanese ship dislodged by last year's massive tsunami was drifting toward Alaska on Monday, the US Coast Guard said.

The shrimping vessel was floating slowly northwest in the Gulf of Alaska about 125 miles west of the nearest point of land — Forrester Island outside the Dixon Entrance, a maritime transportation corridor separating US and Canada jurisdictions. The ship is heading in the direction of the southeast Alaska town of Sitka 170 miles to the north, traveling at about one mile per hour, Coast Guard spokesman David Mosley said.

There are no immediate concerns regarding the community of about 9,000, however. Mosley said the town is just a reference point at this time and that currents could always change. "Our main concern is maritime traffic," he said. "We're trying to minimize any safety concerns, alerting vessels. We don't want any vessels to run into it."

A Coast Guard C-130 was heading to the ship on Monday to pinpoint the exact location and check if a data buoy was successfully dropped on it Saturday. The vessel has been adrift since it was launched by the tsunami caused by the magnitude-9.0 earthquake that struck Japan last year. About



Ryou-Un Maru.—INTERNET

5 million tons of debris were swept into the ocean by the tsunami.

The ship has been identified as coming from Hokkaido, Japan. Beside boat traffic, another concern is the ship's impact on the maritime environment after floating at sea more than a year. What's on board is unknown. Also unknown is whether the ship is carrying fuel. The vessel, named Ryoun-Un Maru, is believed to be 150 to 200 feet long, according to Mosley. Officials are studying various options on how to deal with the ship, including scuttling it at sea or towing it to land.—INTERNET

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Imperial Chinese bowl fetches \$27 million

HONG KONG, 4 April — An extremely rare Chinese porcelain bowl fetched nearly \$27 million — smashing pre-sale estimates by about three times — at a hotly anticipated Sotheby's auction in Hong Kong on Wednesday. The modest-looking imperial ceramic bowl that was made around 900 years ago had been expected to fetch up to HK\$80 million, but it was snapped up by an unidentified telephone bidder for HK\$208 million (\$26.7 million).

The price sets a new world record for a piece of ceramic from the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127), according to Sotheby's, beating a 2008 record when a "Guan" Mallet Vase went for HK\$67.52 million. "The Ruyao Washer is among the most sophisticated achievements in Chinese ceramics. Its appearance on the market has created enormous excitement," Sotheby's Asia deputy chairman Nicolas Chow said.

Eight hopefuls competed for over 15 minutes during intense bidding for the extraordinarily rare flower-shaped bowl. The interest and price is testament to the vitality of Asia's art market, which has witnessed explosive growth over the past decade, experts say.

Internet

The "Geraldton Western Australia" yacht races towards the finish line off of Tauranga, New Zealand in this undated handout photo courtesy of the Clipper 11-12 Round the World Yacht Race.— INTERNET

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

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

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Australian yacht reaches California after "monster wave"

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 April — An Australian racing yacht stricken by a 100-foot (30-metre) wave plodded into San Francisco Bay for repairs on Tuesday, two days after the US Coast Guard rescued two injured crew members. The 11 remaining crew members of the Geraldton Western Australia arrived in the port of Oakland, the mid-point of a round-the-globe sailing contest, after 30 days in the North Pacific, much of it in harsh weather.

Some gave vivid accounts of their brush with maritime catastrophe. "I was down below, when the last monster wave hit us," crew member Ian Geraghty recalled. "Water was just pouring down and everyone was in a complete state of shock." The Geraldton is one of 10 clipper-style vessels that set sail on 31 July, 2011, from Southampton, England, on a 40,000-mile voyage due to conclude back in Britain in July.

The race already has taken the competing boats to ports in Brazil, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and China. Nearly a month after leaving Qingdao, China, the Geraldton ran into trouble about 400 miles off California on Saturday, when the impact of a monster wave severed the yacht's primary steering control and destroyed communications equipment. Four crew members were hurt and the US Coast Guard battled seas of 20 to 30 feet feet to get the two more seriously injured mariners to a hospital ashore.

Reuters



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SINAR BIMA VOY NO (112)

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Despite all those decades of driving, Rachel Veitch is nowhere near to holding the Guinness World Record for highest mileage.— INTERNET

For sale: 1964 Mercury, one lady owner, 576,000 miles

NEW YORK, 4 April—A 93-year-old Florida grandmother has parked her car for good after driving 576,000 miles (927,000 km) over 48 years at the wheel of one trusty vehicle, Rachel Veitch bought her Mercury Comet Caliente for \$3,289 in February 1964. It has outlasted three marriages and 18 battery changes, she says. On 9 March she had to give up driving as she has become legally blind. Mrs Veitch plans to sell the car instead of giving it to her family amid concerns they might not look after it. "They're not going to get it. They couldn't take care of it like I did," Mrs Veitch told Fox News. She has four children, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mrs Veitch said the care and attention she paid to her car was one of the main reasons

it had lasted so long. In 2009 she told Fox News: "When I buy gas, I write down the mileage, the date and how many miles per gallon I got. I've never been a destructive person and I've just taken care of everything, except my husbands."

The car is said to be worth about \$12,000 (£7,500) today and has been through three sets of shock absorbers and eight exhaust mufflers as well as surviving a rear-end collision in 1980. It is due to appear in an antique car show in the state of Wisconsin in July, though Mrs Veitch says she is not sure what will happen to it after that. Mrs Veitch has said she would consider selling the car to Jay Leno, a classic car enthusiast and host of the US late night chat show The Tonight Show.

Internet

Israel Museum showcased in Google Art Project

JERUSALEM, 4 April — Until Tuesday, if history buffs wanted a glimpse of the Israel Museum's vast collection — including a 9,000-year-old carved human face found in the Judean Desert — they would have to travel to Jerusalem to see it. Now, through a joint venture with Google Inc, people from around the world can examine the ancient Neolithic artifact, which the museum says is the oldest in the world, in greater detail than ever before with a simple click of a mouse from the comfort of their own home. The mask is just one of 520 objects made available as part of the museum's partnership with the Google Art Project, an online compilation of high-resolution images of artwork from galleries worldwide, as well as a virtual tour of the museums using the high-tech giant's Google Street technology.—Internet

GPS leads Customs to stolen luxury cars

Agents who opened a container labeled as "used fitness equipment" in Los Angeles found a \$280,000 Ferrari, US Customs and Border Protection said on Tuesday.

Fifteen other stolen luxury cars were found in nearby containers, all marked as fitness equipment, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The investigation began when a car rental agency reported strange readings from the Ferrari's Global Positioning System equipment. Investigators said the agency told Customs the vehicle appeared to be on a ship at the Port of Los Angeles.

The cars were being shipped to Hong Kong and Vietnam. The same group of thieves appears to have sent at least four vehicles to Vietnam, and US officials are trying to get the cars returned

to California.

The group apparently operated by renting or buying luxury cars under false identities, defrauding rental agencies, banks and insurance companies. Investigators said the recovered cars, worth about \$1.5 million in the United States, could be sold for twice that in Asia. No arrests had been made Tuesday, the newspaper said.



A diver swims near British artist Jason de Caires Taylor's sculpture "The Flower of Hope" in this undated handout in the Mexican resort of Cancun.

Man allegedly urinated on women's chairs

Police in Iowa said a man accused of urinating on the office chairs of female coworkers turned himself in to authorities.

The West Des Moines Police Department said Raymond Charles Foley, 59, who was caught on camera urinating on office chairs belonging to four female coworkers at the Farm Bureau, surrendered Saturday and was charged with second-degree criminal mischief, *The Des Moines (Iowa) Register* reported.

Farm Bureau officials, who fired Foley when police were informed 26 March, said they installed cameras in February after workers started complaining about stains on their chairs in October of last year.

The officials said the security camera video caught Foley going to the desks of female coworkers during off-hours and urinating on their chairs.

Police said the estimated value of the damaged chairs at \$4,500.

Japanese man, 97, charged in sword attack

A 97-year-old Japanese man was arrested on Tuesday after allegedly using his walker to get to a relative's nearby home to attack her with a sword, police said.

Police in Kanazawa allege Koshio Kawamura made his way about 100 yards to the 84-year-old woman's home and used a sword with a 20-inch blade to slash her left hand, *The Yomiuri Shimbun* reported.

Police said Kawamura vowed to the relative, "I'll kill you."

There was no word on how Kawamura was related to his alleged victim.



A Chinese cabbage is handed to a robot named "Robovie-II", developed by Japanese robotics research institution ATR, at a grocery store during a shopping assisting experiment by utilizing the robot in an ubiquitous network technology platform in Kyoto, western Japan recently.

News Album

Burger King ad with Blige stirs criticism

NEW YORK, 4 April—A Burger King commercial featuring Mary J Blige singing about chicken



In this 15 Jan, 2012 file photo, singer Mary J Blige arrives at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

been pulled. But the fast-food chain is blaming music licensing issues for the decision — not criticism of the ad.

The spot debuted this week. In it, Blige sings soulfully about chicken snack wraps.

But as the video went viral, some in the black community criticized the ad as stereotypical. The black women-oriented website *Madame Noire* likened it to "buffoonery."

Burger King said on Tuesday the commercial was pulled because of a licensing concern. The company said it hopes to have the Blige "ads back on the air soon," though a spokeswoman would not comment on whether they ads would be the same.

The spokeswoman also noted that other celebrities, including Salma Hayek and Jay Leno, also are advertising the snack wraps. A rep for Blige did not immediately respond to a request for comment.—*Internet*

Palin pans Julianne Moore in "Game Change" film



Actress Julianne Moore walks the red carpet for a viewing party for the new HBO film "Game Change," about the 2008 McCain-Palin republican presidential campaign, at the Newseum in Washington, on 8 March, 2012.—*Internet*

WASHINGTON, 4 April—Sarah Palin gave a visible

thumbs-down to actress Julianne Moore on Tuesday for her portrayal of Palin in the political docudrama "Game Change," but praised Tina Fey for her comic impersonation of the former Alaska governor.

The movie review came up during a NBC "Today Show" panel discussion on whether Ashton Kutcher was the right actor to play the late Apple chief Steve Jobs.

"Do any of you have experience of people being paid a lot of money to pretend they're you?" Palin asked the other panelists.—*Reuters*



In this 12 June, 2011 file photo, Alec Baldwin, right, and Hilaria Thomas arrive at the 65th annual Tony Awards in New York.

INTERNET

Amy Adams to join free summer Central Park plays

NEW YORK, 4 April—Amy Adams, who played a princess in the film "Enchanted," will be returning to fairy tales this summer, starring opposite Cinderella and a witch. The Public Theater said on Tuesday that the three-time Academy Award nominated actress will play The Baker's Wife in its production of Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's "Into the Woods."

The musical is one of two shows the Public will present in Central Park's Delacorte Theatre to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of its free Shakespeare in the Park series.

"Into the Woods," directed by Timothy Sheader and Liam Steel, will begin previews on 23 July and continue for five weeks through 25 Aug. Adams, whose films include "The Fighter," "Doubt" and "Junebug," will star opposite Jack Broderick, Gideon Glick and Cooper Grodin.

Internet

Alec Baldwin goes Twitter-ballistic for fiancée

NEW YORK, 4 April—When it comes to his 28-year-old fiancée, Alec Baldwin is very protective.

He used Twitter to blast a New York newspaper for "crashing" yoga instructor Hilaria Thomas' class.

He tweeted Monday: "Shame on the no-talent trash from the *Daily News* for invading the privacy of 75 people in a yoga class to take a picture of someone."

Baldwin also posted the names of reporters at the class. He included a picture of one, and called her "nutty," followed by a mild curse word.

The actor celebrated his 54th birthday on Tuesday. He popped the question last weekend.

The *Daily News* had no immediate response to comment requests on Tuesday.

Internet

A second star is dismissed from 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES, 4 April—Jack Wagner remains among "The Bold and the Beautiful," but his time on "Dancing With the Stars" is done.

The 52-year-old actor was axed from the ABC dance competition Tuesday despite turning in a samba that the judges praised. Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine



In this 2 April, 2012 image released by ABC, actor Jack Wagner and his partner Anna Trebunskaya perform on the celebrity dance competition series "Dancing with the Stars," in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

who is ousted each week.

Wagner said he had a great time on the show and wished the remaining contestants good luck.

Returning to compete next week will be actors Jaleel White, Roshon Fegan, William Levy and Melissa Gilbert; singers Gladys Knight, Gavin DeGraw and Katherine Jenkins; TV personalities Maria Menounos and Sherri Shepherd; and football star Donald Driver.—*Internet*



In this 12 Jan, 2012 file photo, actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is seen onstage during the 17th Annual Critics' Choice Movie Awards in Los Angeles.—*Internet*

Patton Oswalt to host 16th annual Webby Awards

NEW YORK, 4 April—Patton Oswalt will host the 16th annual Webby Awards. The actor-comedian will emcee the 21 May event, it was announced Tuesday, where winners are famously restricted to five-word acceptance speeches. The awards will be held at the Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City and streamed live on WebbyAwards.com.

The Webbys, which celebrate Internet achievement, are presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a group of about 1,000 Web experts and Internet professionals. Winners are announced ahead of the awards show. Nominees will be unveiled next week, with winners announced 1 May. This year's Webby Awards received more than 10,000 entries. Oswalt recently co-starred in the film "Young Adult." He also plays a supporting role in the upcoming "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World."

Internet

Gunners' runners raise thousands for charity

LONDON, 4 April — Charity runners were out in their hundreds on Saturday to help Arsenal raise £40,000 for its charity partner Save the Children. The annual 'Be a Gunner. Be a Runner.' event took place on Saturday 31st March and saw Arsenal fans, staff and keen runners from more than 20 countries around the world coming together to take part. Approximately 750 runners braved the chill at the Emirates Stadium - with 400 adults taking on the 10-lap, 6.4km route around the Gunners' home and more than 300 youngsters completing a shorter race.

There were also overseas-based individuals and groups taking part from more than 20 countries including Australia, India, Poland and Nigeria, to help spread the word about the club's global charity partnership. To date the event has raised £40,000, with the figure expected to rise further over the coming weeks. Lizzie Lleshi from Save the Children, who was also participating and who has been writing a weekly blog for



Football supporters from many countries — including Kenya — took part in the charity run. — INTERNET

the event, said: "The training has been tough. "But I'm very proud to have been part of the event and run alongside Arsenal fans and staff who have all showed fantastic support to help children fulfill their potential." — Internet

Confident Tiger the player to tame at Augusta National

AUGUSTA, 4 April — While this week's Masters is one of the most anticipated in years with so many players bringing good form to Augusta National, Tiger Woods once again commands the spotlight. The former world number one has a renewed spring in his step after ending a 30-month title drought on the PGA Tour with a win at last month's Arnold Palmer Invitational and is unquestionably the player to beat at a venue where he triumphed four times.



Tiger Woods of the US answers questions during a Press conference following his practice round for the 2012 Masters Golf Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 3 April, 2012. INTERNET

De Jong tells Balotelli to stop acting the fool

MANCHESTER, 4 April — Manchester City midfielder Nigel de Jong has warned controversial team-mate Mario Balotelli to stop acting like a "fool".

Balotelli has repeatedly earned headlines for his bizarre antics on and off the pitch since moving to Eastlands from Inter Milan and the City striker was at it again over the last week.

First the Italian irked City boss Roberto Mancini by using his time off to make an unscheduled appearance at the press conference to unveil new Inter boss Andrea Stramaccioni.

Then Balotelli, who also

have come at a bad time as City have surrendered top spot in the Premier League to Manchester United and are now five points behind their arch rivals.

With the title slipping away, Dutch star De Jong has urged Balotelli to stop courting controversy and concentrate on helping the team get back on track.

"Sometimes Mario is a fool and at other times he is a genius - there are two sides to him," he told *The Sun*.

"Lots of people expect him to pull off crazy stunts and as a result he feels he must do something. People like that need to have upheaval



Man City midfielder Nigel de Jong makes a point to team-mate Mario Balotelli during a Herbalife World Football Challenge 2011 game in Carson, California, in July 2011. INTERNET

set fire to his bathroom by letting off fireworks earlier this season, was involved in a dressing room bust-up with Yaya Toure over the taking of a second-half free-kick in last Saturday's 3-3 draw with Sunderland.

Balotelli's latest antics

in their lives in order to perform.

"He is happy in his personal relationship. That is important and it makes him more focused. But he knows that he has to become more serious-minded."

Internet

Olic brace fires Bayern into semi-finals

MUNICH, 4 April — Bayern Munich reached the Champions League semi-finals after Croatia striker Ivica Olic netted both goals in a 2-0 win over Marseille in Tuesday's quarter-final second leg. With the Bavarians having won 4-0 on aggregate, Bayern will host the first leg of their semi-final on 17 April, most likely against Real Madrid, who host APOEL with a 3-0 lead in the second leg of their last-eight match on Wednesday. Olic was back in the hero role, two years after his hat-trick in Lyon put Bayern through to

the 2010 final, where they lost 2-0 to Jose Mourinho-inspired Inter Milan in Madrid.

Bayern are now within touching distance of the final that Munich's Allianz Arena will host on 19 May as they look to win the Champions League trophy for the second time and claim their fifth European Cup title overall. "We were very concentrated, despite the amount of games we are playing at the moment," said Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes, whose side are in contention for a Champions League, Bundesliga and

German Cup treble.

"In the first half, (goalkeeper) Manuel Neuer rescued us a few times. After that we came back stronger and deserved the win. "Marseille weren't in the quarter-finals for nothing and they tried everything." Having lost the first leg 2-0 in Marseille last Wednesday, the visitors were always facing an uphill task to win in Munich. "At half-time, I didn't ask my players to score four goals," said Marseille coach Didier Deschamps.

Internet

Vonn will not need surgery on sore knees



Lindsey Vonn of the US Celebrates with her trophy after winning the Alpine skiing women's overall World Cup at the Alpine Skiing World Cup finals in Schladming on 18 March, 2012. — INTERNET

TORONTO, 4 April — Lindsey Vonn, winner of the women's alpine skiing

overall World Cup title, will not require surgery on her sore knees, the United States Ski and Snowboard Association said on Tuesday.

After another long, grueling campaign that ended in March with Vonn claiming a fourth overall crown, the American all-rounder had doctors examine her tender knees. Tests revealed some wear on the meniscus of Vonn's left joint but nothing that would require surgery, US ski team spokesman Doug Haney

said.

Vonn will now rest her knees after a productive but draining season that saw her add the super-G, downhill and super-combined crystal globes that go to discipline champions to her haul. The 27-year-old started the season announcing her divorce from husband and coach Thomas Vonn and ended it with a women's record point total of 1,980, just 20 points shy of Austrian great Hermann Maier's mark of 2,000 points.

Internet

Venus Williams advances at Family Circle Cup

CHARLESTON, 4 April — Venus Williams is hoping for even more success in her second tournament after a long layoff. Williams beat qualifier Iveta Benesova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday in the Family Circle Cup, bouncing back from her quarterfinal loss at Key Biscayne. "This is great for me to be in another match and to be in the second round," she said. "It was a good start."

The Family Circle Cup is Williams' first clay-court tournament in months. She withdrew from last year's US Open after being diagnosed with a fatigue-causing autoimmune disease, then returned last week and won four matches in the Sony Ericsson Open before losing to eventual champion Agnieszka Radwanska in straight sets.

Her sister Serena is seeded fifth this week and beat Elena Vesnina of Russia 6-3, 6-4, in her first match in Charleston since winning the Family Circle title in 2008. The Williams sisters could meet in Saturday's semifinals. Venus Williams, who has 43 career titles, said she takes a lot of ice baths and had three days off just to rest following Thursday's loss. "For me it's just about having energy at this point. I try not to worry about tomorrow," she said. — Internet



Venus Williams, of the United States, hits a return to Iveta Benesova, of the Czech Republic, during the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament on 3 April, 2012, in Charleston, SC. INTERNET

McLeish: Petrov in fantastic spirits

LONDON, 4 April — Aston Villa manager Alex McLeish says club captain Stiliyan Petrov is in "amazing spirits" and is determined mood as he begins treatment for acute leukaemia. The Bulgarian international was diagnosed with the illness last week after developing a fever following the Barclays Premier League match against Arsenal. The 32-year-old began his treatment in London on Monday with McLeish among those visiting the midfielder.

"The chairman Randy Lerner, the chief executive Paul Faulkner and myself went to see Stiliyan today with support from his wife, who was there also, on the very first day of his road to recovery," McLeish told the club's official website. "He is determined to meet it head on, as we expect from Stan, and he was talking really positively and couldn't wait to get started to try and clear up this illness he has. "Stan himself is in amazing spirits, absolutely fantastic spirits."

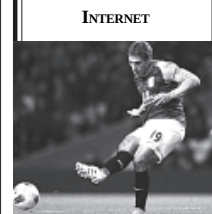
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International Sports



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery controls the ball during the UEFA Champions League second leg quarter-final football match FC Bayern Munich vs Olympique de Marseille in Munich, southern Germany. INTERNET

Aston Villa skipper Stiliyan Petrov began his treatment for acute leukaemia this week. INTERNET



Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- Kid's Anyeint (or) Non-Dramatic Performance
- News
- The Rise of the Myanma Coffee
- News
- Distinctive Food From Inlay Lake
- News
- Water Festival "The Pride of Myanmar Tradition"
- News
- Adventurous Journey to Bontalar Waterfall
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- Myanmar Movie "A Glance at Love"

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- 7:40 am
- 2. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
- 3. Health Programme
- 8:20 am
- 4. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 8:40 am
- 5. International News
- 8:45 am
- 6. Dance of Thingyan Festival
- 4:00 pm
- 7. Martial Song
- 4:30 pm
- 8. One Village & One Product
- 5:00 pm
- 9. Song for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:30 pm
- 10. Science and Environment
- 5:45 pm
- 11. Music Series
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Documentary
- 6:45 pm
- 13. Myanmar Series
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. TV Drama Series
- 16. TV Drama Series

Suicide bomber kills 12 in Afghan north



Afghan policemen inspect the site of a suicide attack in Maymana, the capital of Faryab province, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

KABUL, 4 April—A suicide bomber attacked foreign military forces in northern Afghanistan on Wednesday, killing 12 people, officials said, as NATO's fatalities for the year passed the 100 mark.

"A suicide bomber targeted a group of foreign friends" near a park in

Maymana, the capital of Faryab province, provincial governor Abdul Haq Shafaq told AFP. "They were military. There are casualties, dead and wounded."

Faryab, which borders Turkmenistan, is far from centres of the Taliban-led insurgency in Afghanistan's south and east, although the

militia are present in some areas of the province and it suffers sporadic attacks. NATO's US-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said two service members died after an explosion in northern Afghanistan, but refused to confirm whether it was the same incident.

There were conflicting reports about the exact death

toll and the identity of the victims after the suicide bomber blew himself up on a motorcycle.

Lal Mohammad Ahmadzai, police spokesman for northern Afghanistan, described the blast as "powerful" and said six civilians and four policemen were killed, with 20 people wounded including four police.—Internet

Germans snatch sprint cycling crown in record time



Germany's Miriam Welte celebrates after winning gold with teammate Kristina Vogel in the women's team sprint event at the track world championships in Melbourne, on 4 April, 2012.

MELBOURNE, 4 April—Germany's Miriam Welte and Kristina Vogel upset Australia on the opening day of the track world championships Wednesday by winning the hosts' coveted women's team sprint crown in a new record time.

Anna Meares and Kaarle McCulloch had won the last three world titles in the new also sold during Houston's 2007 debt auction, pulled in \$11,520, and had been listed in the catalog in the \$1,000-\$2,000 range.

The items were sold off as part of the Hollywood Legends auction held in Beverly Hills by Julien's Auctions.

Other items up for bid included a bowler hat, cane and suit owned by film icon Charlie Chaplin and a Christian Dior gown worn by Grace Kelly.

A vest and two pairs of earrings worn by Houston in her breakthrough film "The Bodyguard" were also auctioned off, raking in a combined \$8,700.—Internet

Olympic event but were given warning after Welte and Vogel set a new world mark of 32.630 in qualifying fastest for the two-lap power event.

The Australians looked on for a fourth world crown until late into the final lap when the Germans pushed on to set a new world record of 32.549. It meant Germany took gold, Australia silver and China the bronze. The record previous to the start of the world championships, 32.754, was set by Britain's Victoria Pendleton and Jessica Varnish at the London leg of the track World Cup in February. The British duo had clocked only the fourth fastest time in qualifying (32.941) but left empty-handed from their bronze medal match-up after defeat to China's Jinjie Gong and Shuang Guo.—Internet



LOS ANGELES, 4 April—Whitney Houston may be gone, but her presence is still being felt — particularly on the auction block. A number of items once belonging to the deceased singer, who died in February at age 48, commanded slightly more than \$82,000 at an auction this past weekend, with most items drawing much higher bids than they were originally estimated to bring in. The

highest-selling Houston item, a beaded bustier that had been sold during a 2007 court-ordered debt auction, drew \$18,750. In the catalog for the auction, the estimated value is listed as \$4,000 to \$6,000.

Also commanding a handsome price: a grey velvet gown that Houston wore to her mentor Clive Davis' pre-Grammys party in 1996.

The gown, which was



CASH DONATED: Under the patronage of (U Shwe Dinga)-Daw Kyin Ti of 27th Street in Yangon, family of Aungthabye Co Ltd (carpet trading) donated medicines worth K 5 million to people's hospital in Pantanaw and two station hospitals on 7 March. Township Administrator U Mya Oo and Township Medical Officer Dr Daw Hnin Nilar accept cash donation.—KYEMON

Cash donated to religious examination

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 April—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for holding Dhammacariya Examination 2012 of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area was held at Yadana on Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Pynnmana on 2 April morning.

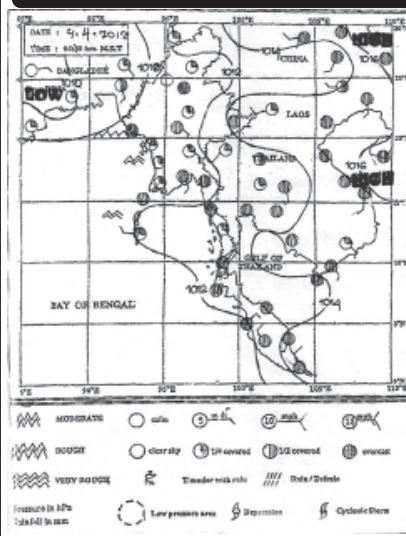
Member of Nay Pyi Taw

Council U Than Htay handed over K 440,700 for meals of 682 members of the Sangha who will sit for the examination.

Chairman of the Religious Service Group U Hla Myint accepted the cash donation.

Township GAD

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 5th April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Rachin	34/95	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
2	Kayah	28/82	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
3	Kayin	37/99	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
4	Chin	21/81	11/52	Partly cloudy	
5	Upper Sagar	33/91	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
6	Lower Sagar	32/90	20/68	Partly cloudy	
7	Imathay	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
8	Bago	35/95	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
9	Magway	33/91	23/73	Partly cloudy	
10	Mandalay	33/91	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
11	Mon	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
12	Yangon	36/99	26/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
13	Rakhine	34/93	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
14	Southern Shan	28/82	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	13/55	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)
17	Ayeyawady	35/95	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	35/95	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	33/91	23/73	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, isolated in Lower Sagar, Mandalay and Tanintharyi Regions and weather have been partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States. Day temperatures were (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (2°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Lower Sagar, Mandalay, Magway Regions and Kayah States and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chit, Tanintharyi, Pyaw, Zangla, Kunglun and Hpa-an (28°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (1.77) inches, Magway and Lolo (0.20) inch each.

Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay partly cloudy to cloudy in the elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squall with moderate to rough Seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of generally slight decrease of day temperature in the whole country.

Narrowing Development Gap should be one of main tasks to be implemented by ASEAN

President U Thein Sein attends 20th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President U Thein Sein attended 20th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session at Champa Room on third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia at 10.45 am yesterday.

The session was also attended by Brunei King Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Indonesian Vice-President Dr Boediono, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongsing Thammavong, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Filipino President Mr Benigno Aquino, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Thai Prime Minister Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, ASEAN ministers and high-level officials.

Alternative Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen extended greetings at the session.

President U Thein Sein, Heads of State and Government from ASEAN member countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General frankly discussed matters related to ASEAN community.

President U Thein Sein said that he was heartened by Cambodia's active leadership in the bid for "ASEAN: One Community—One Destiny". He expressed pride in reaching agreement on Phnom Penh Declaration and Phnom Penh Agenda which include priorities to

be implemented in accord with the motto. The President believed the declaration and the agenda will formulate guidelines for priorities during the time from 2012 to 2015 in which ASEAN community will be established.

He called for speeding up integration attempt as the establishment of ASEAN Community in 2015 is nearing.

He underscored the need to narrow rich-poor gap among ASEAN countries and in a particular ASEAN country.

Narrowing the Development Gap should be one of the main tasks to be implemented by ASEAN.

Equitable Development goal adopted by ASEAN and UN Millennium Development Goals will be achieved as it focuses more on economic integration in ASEAN region for balancing regional economic development. Myanmar is adopting eight poverty alleviation and rural development tasks.

Energy and food sufficiency will have to be ensured with added momentum in ASEAN region. The world is worrying to feed growing population and all the countries including Myanmar are striving for food sufficiency.

As Myanmar has a great advantage in agriculture sector investment in farming and livestock sectors by ASEAN countries is invited.

Service industry usually grows in parallel with economic development. Creating more job opportunities and nurturing more



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attends 20th ASEAN Summit Plenary Session at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.—MNA

qualified service providers are needed.

ASEAN Connectivity plays the most important role in development and integration among the regional countries.

Myanmar's strategic position could contribute to ASEAN's access to countries outside the region. Kyaikpyu Special Economic Zone in the western part of Myanmar, Thilawa Special Economic Zone near Yangon in the southern part and Dawei Special Economic Zone in Taninthayi

Region are being implemented. These economic zones will contribute to ASEAN Connectivity and ASEAN's communication with the outside countries.

Myanmar All-round Development Goal adopted with the help of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia was approved. The realization of the ambition will contribute to Mekong-India Economic Corridor Programme. Now is time to start communication works for ASEAN integration. ASEAN links South

Asia and North-East Asia region in terms of trade and tourism. It is a must to communicate with the prospective economies around ASEAN.

Myanmar supported the declaration of Drug-Free ASEAN in 2015. Myanmar is adopting effective plans for combating illegal drug cultivation, abuse and trafficking. Myanmar has targeted to be drug-free by 2014. It will contribute much to ASEAN's ambition of being drug-free in 2015.

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President U Thein Sein arrives back from Cambodia



NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by delegation members, arrived back here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 5.30 pm today, from Phnom Penh of Cambodia after attending the 20th ASEAN Summit.

Myanmar delegation led by President U Thein Sein was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Presidents Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing,

Union ministers, first secretary of Cambodian Embassy in Myanmar Mrs Tuot Kunthea and departmental heads.

Myanmar delegation members Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint and departmental high-level officials also took the same flight.

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Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein being welcomed back by Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and officials, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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