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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein attends 20th ASEAN Summit (Retreat)

***President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and Heads of State/ Government of ASEAN countries attend 20th ASEAN Summit (Retreat) at Champei Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the 20th ASEAN Summit (Retreat) held at Champei Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia yesterday morning.

It was also attended by 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, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries.

At the meeting, alternate ASEAN Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen delivered an opening speech.

After that, President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/ Government from ASEAN countries had a cordial discussion on cooperation for peace and stability of ASEAN region and international and regional affairs.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein attends closing of 20th ASEAN Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended the closing ceremony of the 20th ASEAN Summit, held at Champa Room on the third floor of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia yesterday morning.

It was also attended by 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, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries.

At the meeting, alternate ASEAN Chairman Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen discussed matters related to the establishment of ASEAN Community, Phnom Penh declaration and its action plan, emergence of narcotic drug-free ASEAN by 2015 progress of ASEAN during a period of over forty years, and benefits of ASEAN countries thanks to political and economic integration of ASEAN countries.

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President U Thein Sein seen at the closing ceremony of 20th ASEAN Summit at Champa Room of Peace Palace in Phnom Penh of Cambodia.

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Wahkadok water supporting dam and Yenwe diversion weir, helping boost agricultural production in Bago Region

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PERSPECTIVES

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Let's bring down poverty rate!

According to the statistics of UNDP and UNICEF, Myanmar's poverty rate was 32 percent in 2005 and 26 percent, in 2010. In developed countries, agriculture sector accounts for 15 percent of GDP while the services sector and manufacturing sector are making up 85 percent of GDP. So, it is impossible to be a developed country by relying only on agricultural sector. About 70 percent of the country's population resides in rural areas. Majority of people living below the poverty line are in rural areas. So, improving livelihood for rural populace is the first priority.

With a view to bringing down the poverty rate in the country, the government has laid down eight rural development and poverty reduction tasks—development of agricultural productivity, development of livestock breeding and fisheries, development of rural small-scale productivity, development of micro saving and credit associations, development of cooperative tasks, development of rural socio-economy, development of rural energy and environmental conservation.

The central committee and subcommittees on eight rural development and poverty reduction tasks are set up and eight major tasks are being implemented in all states/regions, targeting to reduce the poverty rate from 26 percent at present to 16 percent by 2015. Myanmar's Human Development Index (HDI) is low compared to other ASEAN countries. The country needs high individual incomes to achieve higher HDI.

As part of its programme, loans are being disbursed to vendors and needy people. Cooperation of local people is of great importance for development of micro saving and credit associations. It will be necessary to double the living status if the country is to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan attends 7th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting

***Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attends seventh ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The seventh ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting took place at Phnom Penh in Cambodia on 2 April during which Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan explained Myanmar's participation in ASEAN socio-cultural works, future plans and requirements.

In his discussion, he said Republic of the Union of Myanmar, since 1997 when it became full-fledged member of the ASEAN, has tried to promote common social and cultural values in coordination with the ASEAN fellows under the objective of the ASEAN—"Unity in Diversity". It has planned to host a workshop on "initiative for the establishment of Ancient Cities Network in ASEAN towards the promotion of ASEAN Identity" in June, 2012. The workshop is intended to promote the cultural characteristics of the ASEAN, during which exports from ASEAN member states would discuss cultural heritages and arts from various aspects. Myanmar believes the workshop would contribute to the success of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community in 2015.

Myanmar attaches great importance to environmental conservation works for enhancement of quality of living standard of ASEAN nations which is one of the programmes of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint. For this, it has reconstituted the Forestry Ministry as the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry which is focusing its efforts on ecological Conservation. Taunggyi and PyinOoLwin of Myanmar have won environmentally sustain-able cities (ESC) award.

As to education, the government has conducted national plan to ensure every school-age children go to school. In addition, it has introduced special education programme which encourages overage students go to school, resulting in an increase in school-going rate at basic education level. University of Foreign Languages has opened diploma course on Myanmar Language and advanced Myanmar Language course since 1989-90 academic year and students from ASEAN countries are learning Myanmar Language there. Besides, it has sent Myanmar students to ASEAN countries and Japan for studies under the ASEAN University Network/AUN.

With regard to disaster, there has been National Advisory Committee of Disaster Prevention and Preparation in Myanmar which educates the risks of disasters, informs in advance, prevention and security programmes, builds easy communication links and prepares drinking water, foods and first-aid programmes. Apart from this, it holds National Monsoon Forum twice a year in cooperation with regional organizations.

For social security and development of women and children, there has opened 68 kindergartens plus residential nurseries providing care to abandoned and helpless children under five.

Concerning disability, the government has pledged for development and rehabilitation of the handicapped as national duty. It has recorded the number of the handicapped in 120 townships in coordination with non-governmental organizations and drawn up National Plan of Action (2010-2012). The plan includes working plans concerned which will be implemented in coordination with NGOs. The Social Welfare Department has opened two schools for the deaf, eight schools for the blind, two vocational training schools, and four special schools for Mentally Retarded Children with a view to development of the handicapped and protection of their rights.

In response to discussions of the reps of the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN nations, the Union Minister said Myanmar welcomes the measures to extend sports sector to human resources development under education sector.

He said in implementation of score card which would be a yardstick for the progress in implementation of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint, Myanmar would like to learn more about evaluating the quantity and quality by organizing workshops with the help of the ASEAN Secretariat as socio-cultural community works are done through coordination of 17 ministries in Myanmar.

During the 7th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Meeting, report on ASEAN connectivity, integration of Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint, date and place for the next meeting was discussed with agree minutes approved.

The meeting was attended by ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials concerned from ASEAN nations and the ASEAN Secretary-General.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following heads of service organizations to posts of heads of service organizations shown against them from the date they assume charges of their duties.

	Names	Organizations
(a)	Dr Yi Yi Win Professor Cooperative Degree College (Thanlyin) Ministry of Cooperatives	Principal Cooperative College (Sagaing) Ministry of Cooperatives
(b)	Dr Aung Myo Director-General Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Development Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Director-General National Archives Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development
(c)	U Aye Ko Director-General Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration Ministry of National Economic Development	Director-General Project Appraisal and Progress Reporting Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Myo Aung of Labour Department under the Ministry of Labour as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charges of his duties.

***Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung and U Myint Swe and official launch electricity supply in Indaw Village of Lewe Township on 23 March.*—TOWNSHIP GAD**

Financial, investment restrictions to be eased on Myanmar

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announces the easing of sanctions.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 5 April— US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Wednesday that the United States will ease its financial and investment restrictions on Myanmar, following the landmark parliamentary by-election in the country.

The United States is "beginning the processes of a targeted easing of our ban on the export of US financial services and investment as part of a broader effort to help accelerate economic modernization and political reform" Clinton said at a joint Press conference with Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci.

Terming the by-election as an important step in Myanmar's transformation, Clinton said that the United States is committed to "taking steps alongside the Myanmar government and people as they move down the road of reform and development." She said that Washington is easing visa ban on Myanmar, allowing select of officials and parliamentarians to visit the United States. Clinton also said that the United States is expected to nominate an ambassador to Myanmar very soon, to establish an in-country USAID mission and to support a normal country programme for the UN Development Programme.

MNA/Xinhua

Four detained over deadly Thai blasts

BANGKOK, 5 April—Thai police have arrested four suspects in connection with a series of devastating bomb blasts in the insurgency-plagued deep south, an official said on Thursday. The car bombings in two southern cities on Saturday killed 15 people and wounded hundreds more in the deadliest attacks in the region in recent years.

Thai bomb squad members inspect the wreckage of a car destroyed in an attack in Thailand's southern restive province of Yala on 31 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Three men were detained on Wednesday evening at a house in Rueso District of Narathiwat Province in an operation involving 50 police and paramilitaries, authorities said. A stolen pick-up truck which was used in the attack in the city of Yala was earlier seen in front of the house of one of the suspects, said Colonel Satarnfa Wamasing of Rueso district police. He said the licence plate of the truck was also put on a stolen car used in an attack on a hotel in the city of Hat Yai on Saturday. "They still deny it but we have evidence that they met to plot the attacks," Satarnfa told *AFP* on telephone, adding that police were investigating records of their phone calls. "There are more people involved but I can't say how many," he added. One of the suspects is a cleric with nine outstanding arrest warrants, Satarnfa said.— *Internet*

Eight Afghan local police killed in outpost attack

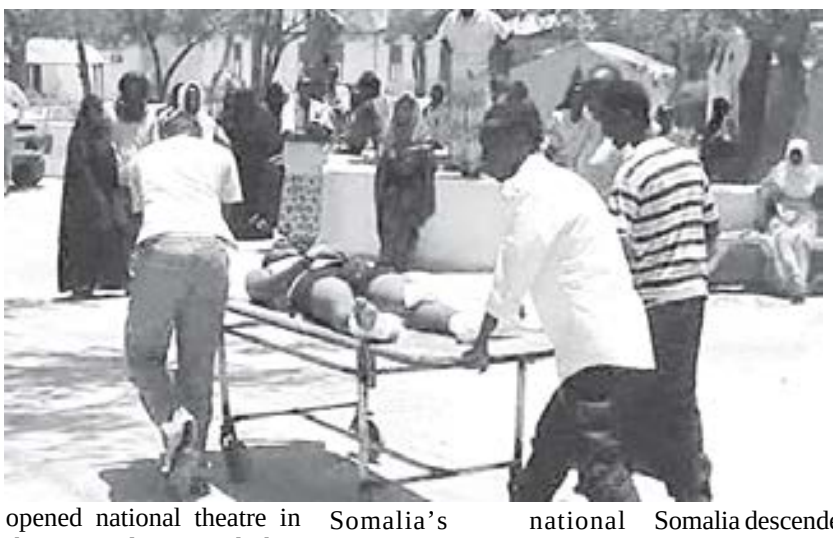
KABUL, 5 April — Gunmen attacked an outpost of a government-sponsored militia force in western Afghanistan, killing eight people, officials said on Thursday. Taleban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the attack. Men armed with assault rifles stormed the outpost late Wednesday in Farah Province's Khaki Safed district, said provincial police chief Shamsul Rahman Zahid. He says eight members of the Afghan Local Police were killed and two captured. The attacks first shot a guard who was posted outside then pushed into the compound and opened fire on those inside, said Abdul Khaliq Noorzai, the district administrator. The attackers then made off with their weapons. The assault happened on the same day that a Taleban suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed at least 10 people, including three American soldiers, at a park in northern Afghanistan.

The attacks appear to be part of an increase in violence at the start of the spring fighting season. During the harsh Afghan winter, snow often blocks roads and fighting dies down. The Taleban are targeting Afghan and NATO security forces as they fight to assert their power and undermine US efforts to try to build up the Afghan military, which will take the lead in combat responsibility over the next couple of years.

Internet

Somalia theatre bombing kills top sports officials

MOGADISHU, 5 April — The head of Somalia's Olympic committee and its football chief are among eight people killed in a bomb attack on a high-profile event in Mogadishu. Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali survived the blast unhurt after it struck the newly re-opened national theatre in the capital, Mogadishu. Militants from the al-Shabab group say they carried out the bombing.



Somali Prime Minister Abdiweli Mohamed Ali : "I was in the middle of my speech when that explosion happened". INTERNET

African Union peace-keepers said the "despicable" attack would not deter peace efforts in Somalia. The President of the Somali Olympic Committee, Aden Yabarow Wiish, and the Somali Football Federation chief, Said Mohamed Nur, were both killed. They were among a group of dignitaries who had gathered to mark the first anniversary of the launch of Somalia's national television station.

Sepp Blatter, president of football's governing body Fifa, said he was shocked at the deaths of the sport officials. "I knew both men personally and can only say good things about their endless efforts to promote sport and football in their country," he said in a statement. "They will be sorely missed." Three Somali television journalists were also wounded in the blast, sources told the BBC Somali Service. The theatre had closed in the early 1990s as Somalia descended into civil war and was only reopened last month, amid a new period of relative optimism. Police and hospital sources told BBC News in Mogadishu that eight people had been killed.

Internet

Suspected suicide bomber kills two in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 April — Pakistani police say a suspected suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a vehicle carrying a senior police official in the southern port City of Karachi, killing two people.

Police officer Mohammed Rafique says five people were also wounded in Thursday's attack in the Malir area of Karachi. The apparent target of the bombing, Malir police chief Rao Anwar, was unharmed. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. Karachi has a long history of ethnic, sectarian and political violence. It is Pakistan's largest city and its commercial capital.

Internet

Chavez back in Venezuela after more cancer treatment

CARACAS, 5 April — President Hugo Chavez returned home to Venezuela on Wednesday after his latest session of cancer treatment in Cuba, as he aims to fight off the illness and win a new six-year term in an October election.

The 57-year-old socialist leader walking unaided from his plane after it landed in his home state of Barinas and he was greeted on the runway by relatives, the vice president and several government ministers. "The socialist revolution is irreversible ... I continue recuperating," he said in a brief speech on state TV, wishing Venezuelans a happy Easter weekend and saying he was "now more Christian than ever." His second session of radiation treatment had gone well, he said, and the results of all his medical tests were positive. He is expected to return to Cuba for a third session soon.

Flying back and forth to Havana for the radiation therapy, Chavez has been running a kind of "virtual" election campaign via Twitter and appearances on state television, while his opposition rival tours the South American country.

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez—INTERNET

Very little is known about Chavez's condition - he has had three cancer operations in less than a year - so doubts remain about the future of the man who has dominated politics in the continent's biggest oil exporter for the last 13 years.— *Reuters*

Rocket hits Israeli town of Eilat

JERUSALEM, 5 April—A Grad rocket has landed in the southern Israeli City of Eilat, but has caused no damage or injuries, Israeli security officials said.

District police chief Ron Gertner told Israeli radio the rocket had been fired from Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

He said it struck a construction site close to a residential area shortly after midnight (21:00 GMT).

The blast took place as thousands congregated in the resort town for the Jewish holiday of Passover.

Rocket attacks from Egyptian soil are uncommon.

Attacks on Eilat and the nearby Jordanian town of Aqaba in 2010 killed one person and injured another four.

Eilat Mayor Meir Yitzhak-Halevy told the *Jerusalem Post* that the city would function as normal despite the attack.

A wave of unrest has hit the restive Sinai peninsula recently.

Israel says militants have become active in the region since former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was overthrown in February 2011.

In August 2011, an armed group crossed the border into Israel from the Sinai peninsula and killed eight Israelis.

Israel blamed Palestinian militants but five Egyptian policemen were killed as Israeli forces pursued the gunmen, sparking a diplomatic row between the two countries.

Internet

T rex relative is biggest ever feathered animal

Yutyrannus lived long before T rex, in the early Cretaceous Period. INTERNET

LONDON, 5 April — A newly described relative of Tyrannosaurus rex is the largest known feathered animal - living or extinct. The feathered meat-eating dinosaur lived about 125 million years ago and is estimated to have weighed a whopping 1,400kg as an adult. The new species, known as Yutyrannus, has been identified from three fossils found in north-eastern China.

The finds, detailed in *Nature* journal, challenge current theories about the evolution of Trex and its relations.

This group of dinosaurs is known as the Tyrannosauroids. Tyrannosaurus rex and its gigantic cousins lived until around 65 million years ago - when a huge asteroids wiped out the dinosaurs - but most of their earlier relatives are thought to have been much smaller.

However, Xing Xu and colleagues from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing have now described three specimens of Yutyrannus, which represents an early example of the Tyrannosauroid form.

The fossils include the one-and-a-half-tonne adult and also two juvenile specimens that would have tipped the scales at about half a tonne.

The dinosaur, whose name translates as "beautiful feathered tyrant", shares some features with later tyrannosaurs like Trex, but has three functional fingers (where T rex had two) and a foot typical of other early tyrannosaur relatives.

Internet

Shake your tail feather: the Chinese fossils are exquisitely preserved. INTERNET

science

CO2 'drove end to last ice age'

LONDON, 5 April — A new, detailed record of past climate change provides compelling evidence that the last ice age was ended by a rise in temperature driven by an increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide. The finding is based on a very broad range of data, including even the shells of ancient tiny ocean animals. A paper describing the research appears in this week's edition of *Nature*. The team behind the study says its work further strengthens ideas about global warming.

"At the end of the last ice age, CO2 rose from about 180 parts per million (ppm) in the atmosphere to about 260; and today we're at 392," explained lead author Dr Jeremy Shakun. "So, in the last 100 years we've gone up about 100 ppm - about the same as at the end of the last ice age, which I think puts it into perspective because it's not a small amount.

Rising CO2 at the end of the ice age had a huge effect on global climate." The study covers the period in Earth history from roughly 20,000 to 10,000 years ago.

This was the time when the planet was emerging from its last deep chill, when the great ice sheets known to cover parts of the Northern Hemisphere were in retreat.

The key result from the new study is that it shows the carbon dioxide rise during this major transition ran slightly ahead of increases in global temperature.

This runs contrary to the record obtained solely from the analysis of Antarctic ice cores which had indicated the opposite - that temperature elevation in the southern polar region actually preceded (or at least ran concurrent to) the climb in CO2.— *Internet*

Ice core records from Antarctica had suggested the CO2 increase lagged behind temperature rise. INTERNET

Memory decline speeds up in years before death

WASHINGTON, 5 April — Memory declines faster than any other time in the two-and-a-half years before death of old age, a new study finds. In the years before death, the rate of memory decline speeds up eight to 17 times, according to the research. The study examined the brains of 174 Catholic priests, nuns and monks who had undergone memory testing for six to 15 years before their deaths. After death, researchers led by Rush University Medical Centre scientist Robert Wilson investigated the participants' brains.

They found that the characteristic plaques and tangles of Alzheimer's disease (which occur before the disease is diagnosable) are not to blame for the fast rate of the decline. Alzheimer's tangles and plaques were associated with the decline starting earlier, but not with it going faster. That points to another culprit for the memory problems.

"The findings suggest that the changes in mental abilities during the two to three years before death are not driven directly by processes related to Alzheimer's disease, but instead that the memory and other cognitive decline may involve some biological changes in the brain specific to the end of life," Oregon Health and Science University professor Hiroko Dodge, who was not involved in the study, wrote in an editorial accompanying the new paper.

"The study by Wilson and his co-authors deepens our understanding of terminal cognitive decline." With further study, Dodge wrote, researchers could develop algorithms to detect and analyze memory changes to identify people in this terminal phase of life.

The study and editorial appeared online on 4 April in the journal *Neurology*. A second study, also led by Wilson, finds that mental activity can boost brainpower in old age.

Internet

Palm-sized Star Trek tech may be closer than you think

NEW YORK, 5 April — In the Star Trek universe, the tricorder is a handheld device used by Kirk, Spock, and various red-shirted crew members to make detailed scans of unfamiliar planets and even less familiar life-forms. It can be used in sick bay to diagnose intergalactic patients, and in engineering to find which part of the warp core is missing. One small device that can do all that must be total science-fiction, right? Well thanks to recent advances in X-ray technology, the tricorder might be much closer that you think.

When many of us hear of X-rays, the first thing we think of is a visit to the doctor's office. We're led into a big room, covered with a lead apron while the intended area is shot with those powerful, yet invisible rays. Or perhaps we think of a trip to the airport, where X-rays are used to check baggage and passengers before boarding a plane. But aside from that, X-rays tend to be — literally — out of sight, out of mind. But that may be changing. The scientists at Tribogenics have found some creative ways to advance a technology that doesn't seem to have evolved much in the past 130 years.

CEO Dale Fox and Chief Scientist Dr Carlos Camara are taking advantage of an amazing scientific phenomenon similar to what occurs when light energy is created as an adhesive is peeled (try it yourself with some Scotch tape in a dark closet). They are harnessing that energy to create usable and portable X-rays. For us non-scientists out there the technology is quite complicated, but the implications are not. Since the X-ray source is small, that means devices can be made smaller as well. Contrast this with the big and bulky machines we're used to seeing.

Internet

Dr Camara hard at work.— INTERNET

TECHNOLOGY

The EVO 4G LTE mobile phone is seen in this undated handout picture released on 4 April, 2012. INTERNET

Sprint seeks hit with advanced-camera EVO phone

NEW YORK, 5 April — Sprint Nextel, the No 3 US mobile service, is hoping to turn heads next month with the EVO 4G LTE, an HTC Corp phone with an advanced camera, a big screen, a high-speed wireless connection and crisper voice call quality. However the device may not immediately support fast data services and the new sound technology as it is expected to hit store shelves before Sprint launches services based on a multi-billion-dollar network upgrade it plans to kick off around mid-year.

The EVO 4G LTE will have much of the same technology HTC is putting into phones that rivals AT&T Inc and T-Mobile USA plan to sell, but Sprint is hoping that its popular EVO brand and some design changes will help make the device a hit. Fared Adib, Sprint's vice president for product development told Reuters that it made sense for Sprint to stick with the EVO brand as the company has sold 7 million EVO devices in the roughly two years since its first launch.

The latest device, which customers will be able to pre-order for $199.99 starting on 7 May, comes which a 4.7 inch display. It also comes with an 8 megapixel camera with features that are more often found in high-end cameras than smartphones. For example, the phone's camera can take multiple shots when the user presses a button once, a feature known as continuous shooting. It can also capture still photographs even when the camera is in video mode.—*Internet*

Print-your-own-robots developed in US

NEW YORK, 5 April — Printed-on-demand robots might be a reality before the end of the decade if a US-based project achieves its goals.

Researchers aim to build a desktop technology that would allow an average person to design and print a machine within 24 hours.

The team says that making it easier to create specialised robots could have a "profound impact on society". The effort is being funded by a $10m (£6.3m) grant from the National Science Foundation.

The Virginia-based organization described the move as a "game changing investment". "It has the potential to democratise and personalise automation to meet the needs of individual users — whether for search and rescue workers in remote areas of the world or educators in classrooms around the US — possibilities for social impact abound," said spokeswoman Lisa-Joy Zgorski. The five-year project involves robotics experts at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania.

The team members admit it would be unrealistic to hope to have created a "universal robot-making machine" within that time limit.

Internet

A robotic gripper was built to show what the project could be capable of. INTERNET

A technician reads a mammogram in 2006. Several leading US medical associations urged fewer tests for patients with mild health conditions and less aggressive treatment for advanced cancers in a bid to cut costs. INTERNET

US doctors urge fewer tests, less costly treatments

NEW YORK, 5 April — Several leading US medical associations on Wednesday urged fewer tests for patients with mild health conditions and less aggressive treatment for advanced cancers in a bid to cut costs. The recommendations by nine groups representing 374,000 physicians — each listing "five things physicians and patients should question" — were published in the Archives of Internal Medicine and are detailed at choosingwisely.org.

Among them, patients with advanced solid tumors who showed no benefit from prior therapies should not be given chemotherapy, because studies show cancer-directed treatments are likely to be ineffective and do not extend life. Instead, the American Society of Clinical Oncology urged "appropriate palliative and supportive care."

Another recommendation involved avoiding high-tech scans for patients with early prostate or breast cancer that appears at low risk of spreading, because such scans can be expensive and show little benefit to the patient.

The American Society of Nuclear Cardiology urged physicians to take steps to lower patients' exposure to radiation whenever possible, and to avoid cardiac imaging scans in patients at low risk of heart failure. Similarly, the American College of Physicians warned that electrocardiogram tests of heart function with no symptoms and low risk for heart disease do not improve patient outcomes. Nor are CT and MRI scans needed for people with low back pain, or for people with fainting symptoms in absence of signs of seizure or other neurological signs, it said.

Internet

Cancer diagnosis may raise odds for suicide, heart attack death

STOCKHOLMS, 5 April — When people learn they have cancer, they might face a heightened risk of suicide or a fatal heart attack in the days and weeks that follow, according to a large new study. Using nationwide census and death registry data that covered more than 6 million people over a 15-year period ending in 2006, Swedish researchers tabulated the suicides and cardiovascular fatalities among people with new cancer diagnoses and compared them to similar deaths in those without cancer. Suicide risk was more than 12 times higher for people with cancer during the first week after diagnosis and nearly five times higher during the first three months, they found. Death from cardiovascular causes — particularly heart attack — was 5.6 times higher in the week after a cancer diagnosis and 3.3 times higher in the first month. Hard-to-treat cancers with poor odds for survival, including cancers of the esophagus, pancreas, liver, lung and central nervous system, were most common in these types of deaths, the researchers said.

"That the risk increase appeared so quickly after cancer diagnosis and then decreased in magnitude during the first year after diagnosis really illustrated the role of the diagnosis itself on these adverse outcomes," said study co-author Dr Katja Fall, a senior lecturer in epidemiology at the University of Orebro. "It largely argues against [death] from cancer treatment and progression that presumably take time to accumulate."—*Internet*

Metal-on-metal hips cancer fears allayed

A growing number of concerns are being expressed about metal-on-metal hips. INTERNET

LONDON, 5 April — There is no evidence that metal-on-metal hip replacements increase the risk of cancer, a study suggests. The new analysis of nearly 41,000 patients found no link in the seven years following surgery, the *British Medical Journal* website reported. But the researchers — from the universities of Bristol and Exeter — said longer-term follow-up was needed.

Cancer risk was just one of the fears linked to the implants. Regulators have already called for them to be monitored closely following reports of high failure rates. Tiny metal ions made up of cobalt and chromium are thought to break off from the implants and leak into the blood, with fears that this leads to muscle and bone damage, and neurological issues.

The data for this study, based on the National Joint Registry of England and Wales, covered 40,576 patients with metal-on-metal hip implants and 248,995 who had other types. The study found no evidence of an increased risk of any type of cancer in the patients. However, researchers said "as some cancers have a long latency period it is important that we study the longer-term outcomes and continue to investigate the effects of exposure to orthopaedic metals".

Internet

Asia stocks fall as Europe debt woes flare anew

A man walks in front of the electronic stock board of a securities firm showing Japan's Nikkei 225 index fallen 135.95 points to 9914.44 in Tokyo on 4 April, 2012.— INTERNET

BANGKOK, 5 April — Asian stock markets fell Thursday after a weak Spanish bond auction inflamed concerns about the European debt crisis and hopes faded for more help for the US economy from the Federal Reserve. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1 percent to 9,717.93, after hitting its lowest intraday point since 8 at 9 March, 692.70. Hong Kong's Hang Seng tumbled 1.5 percent to 20,489.01 and South Korea's Kospi fell 0.8 percent to 2,002.69. Falling commodity prices dragged Australia's S&P/ASX 200 down 0.9 percent to 4,296.80.

The debt crisis in Europe flared anew Wednesday after a disappointing auction of government debt in Spain signaled investor confidence in the country's finances is weakening. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 125 points, and the price of gold plunged to its lowest level since January. That compounded worries that arose Tuesday, when minutes released from the March meeting of the US Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee gave no hint of a third round of bond purchases, dubbed quantitative easing III or QE3, to support the US economy.—*Internet*

Jaguar to build new F-type sports car in Birmingham

Jaguar's F-type will be based on the C-X16 concept car and be the heir to its iconic sports cars of the past.— INTERNET

LONDON, 5 April — Jaguar Land Rover is to build a successor to its previous sports cars called the F-type at its factory in Birmingham. It will launch as a two-seater convertible with petrol engines made at Jaguar's Castle Bromwich plant with the design to be unveiled this year, the carmaker said. As the iconic E-type was last made in 1975, Jaguar said it had been "absent for too long" from making sports cars. The car will go on sale in mid-2013. Jaguar has previously described it as "the spiritual successor to the E-type", which had its debut more than 50 years ago.

"The C-type, D-type and E-type Jaguars were all sports cars that held true to this principle in their era, and the F-type will hold true to that same principle in its time, a time that is soon to arrive," said Ian Callum, Jaguar's director of design. The design will be based on the C-X16 concept that it unveiled in September 2011. "The reaction to it has been so positive that we've accelerated our development of an all-new Jaguar sports car," the carmaker said.—*Internet*

Yahoo to cut 2,000 more jobs in new redundancy round

Yahoo expects its cost-cutting programme to save $375m.— INTERNET

LONDON, 5 April — Yahoo is to cut 2,000 staff, 14% of the workforce, the company has confirmed. The California-based company said the cuts were part of efforts to make it "smaller, nimbler, more profitable". The web portal has 700 million users, but has failed to keep up with rival Google in the search engine business, while its popular webmail service has been overtaken by social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Yahoo expects its cost-cutting programme to save $375m (£236m) a year. However, severance pay is expected to cost the company a one-off $125m-145m. The affected employees will be notified later on Wednesday.

It is the struggling company's sixth round of redundancies in the last four years, with the latest announcement bringing the total to almost 6,000 jobs losses.

This is the biggest round yet - beating the 1,500 laid off in late 2008 in response to the recession. Yahoo has also changed its chief executive twice over in the same period, but has as yet failed to turn around its fortunes. The company made a profit of $1bn last year, down from $1.2bn in 2010. More worryingly, revenues fell to $5bn from $6.3bn, at a time when rivals have seen rapid growth.

"You can't cut your way to revenue growth," said analyst Colin Gillis of brokerage BGC Partners. "What people want to see out of Yahoo is they want to see a plan and provision for revenue growth."

The firm said it would reveal more details of its new stategy when it releases its next set of results on 17 April.

"We are intensifying our efforts on our core businesses and redeploying resources to our most urgent priorities," said Yahoo's current chief executive, Scott Thompson, who joined from PayPal three months ago.

He said it would move "aggressively" towards its goal of putting users and advertisers first.

"Today's actions are an important next step toward a bold, new Yahoo," he added.

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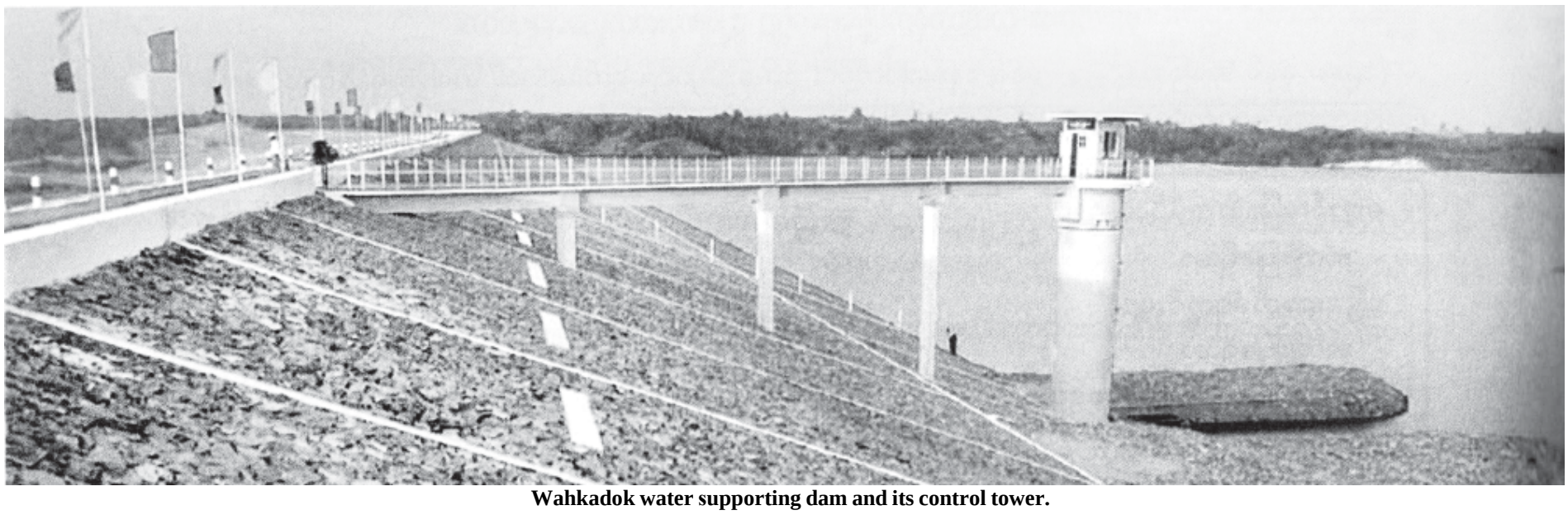
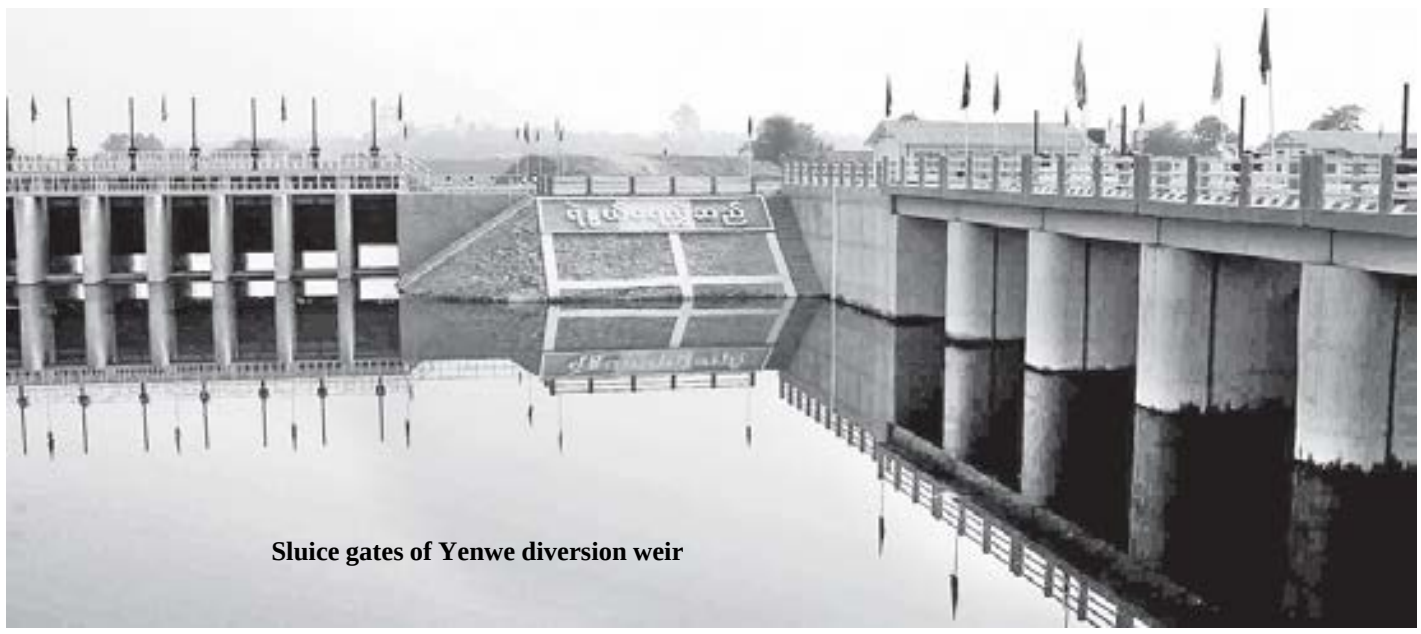
Business



Wahkadok water supporting dam and its control tower.

Wahkadok water supporting dam and Yenwe diversion weir, helping boost agricultural production in Bago Region



Sluice gates of Yenwe diversion weir

Facts about Wahkadok water supply facility

* Located near Taunghsatin Village in Bago Township, Bago Region.
* Its height is 86 feet; main dam, 6400 feet long and saddle dyke, 3155 feet long.
* Its water storage area is 32600 acres feet.
* It can supply irrigation water to about 1200 acres of farmlands in Thanatpin and Thongwa regions.

Translation: MT

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Yenwe diversion weir

* located near Hsisongon Village in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region. It can contribute to boosting agricultural production in Kyaukdaga Township.
* It can supply irrigation water to 118,500 acres of farmlands. Thanks to it,multiple cropping as well as summer paddy can be grown.
* It is 154 feet in length, 99 feet in width and 17.5 feet in height. It has five 10x15 feet valves.
* It can protect Pyuntaza lain between Nyaunglebin and Sittoung River from floods.

Sluice gate and valves of Yenwe diversion weir.

Police nab suspected top Guatemala drug trafficker

GUATEMALA CITY, 5 April — A leading drug trafficker who helped Mexico's brutal Zetas drug cartel expand into Guatemala was arrested Tuesday and is facing extradition to the United States, authorities said. Horst Walther Overdick, 44, was captured during an operation to arrest Zetas operatives east of Guatemala's capital, Interior Secretary Mauricio Lopez Bonilla told reporters.

The process of extraditing Overdick will begin after he enters a plea to the trafficking charges against him in the US and Guatemala, attorney-general Claudia Paz y Paz said. Lopez Bonilla said Overdick, known as "The Tiger," had worked for years to establish a cocaine-trafficking link between South America and Mexico, and was the primary ally of the Zetas in Peten, Izabal and Verapaces Provinces.

Overdick began as a trader in cardomom, a spice used in cooking, then used is knowledge of import and export routes to help the Zetas move cocaine to the United States.

Internet

Snake on a plane compels Aussie pilot to turn back

CANBERRA, 5 April — An airline executive says a pilot on a cargo run found a snake loose in his light plane and turned back to his north Australian base. In a scene reminiscent of the 2006 movie "Snakes on a Plane," pilot Braden Blennerhassett saw the snake's head pop out from under the dashboard of his twin-engine Beechcraft Baron G58 shortly after takeoff from Darwin airport on Tuesday.

Air Frontier director Geoff Hunt said Thursday that his employee was a "cool character" who told air traffic control: "I'm going to have to return to Darwin. I've got a snake on board the plane." The reptile quickly slithered away. A snake handler was later unable to find the snake, which might have escaped after the plane landed. The snake's species is not known.

Internet

Flower and football

by Nathan

(1)

He had just turned one when I met the boy again. He started to learn some words from his surroundings and to speak. This brilliant kid learned more new words in a few days and turned some passive vocabulary to active ones. He could well call Dad and Mom. But there are still some funny and lovely mistakes he often makes. He always indicates his boo-boo as "Grandpa" because he got one while playing with his grandpa. He could not pronounce the word "bro" but "sis". His word for any man is "uncle". By the time he met a couple, he addressed them as "Uncle and sis". Though, he had two favourite words - flower and football. He murmurs, "*Pan...Pan*," for flower in Myanmar every time he found any flower anywhere. He repeated, "Ball...ball," for football he plays with his Dad. It may be strange to you that the boy loves flowers. Who says boys cannot like flower? Our children are born pure. They never hide likes of them. And they have got great sense of beauty naturally. Who spoils this?

(2)

The big sister, about five, is quarrelling with her little half-brother, about three, on a bus. The person who is assumed to be father of the boy barely utters a word in his children's fight. The girl says, "You're the offspring of your father, not my mother." What a surprise! The girl at this very young age can use the word "offspring" well. The boy stops retorting and starts gazing paddy fields by the road. I am sure he does not see anything through weeping eyes. The word "offspring" of the girl gives me a scare and will surely mark a scar in her brother's hazy childhood memory. These words may be taught to the girl by someone, maybe her mother. Alas! Our world is so dirty that our children are painted black so fast.

(3)

Television is screening comedians' show. Children are among the spectators. One of the comedians has dark complexion. Others poke fun at this one. Many watchers split their sides with laughter, so do the children. Is dark complexion such funny? I am pretty sure that it is not what our kids feel originally. They are taught to do so by their seniors till it is adopted as their own thought.

(4)

There are many things to relay to our new generation. But our grieves, hatred, reprisal and so on are to leave off.

In the world of diversity, we should find out what is common among us rather than igniting arguments over what is different. Being the person in black or of any race is not such important. We could define neither foe nor friend by colour or race. Regardless of skin or race, anyone who brings about bad things to the country we love or the world we live in is our enemy.

Our country and the world will be lovelier to live in on the day we all the brethren unite as one.

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Prizes awarded in Invitational Futsal Tournament

TACHILEK, 5 April—The final match of the A Lo Lo Invitational Futsal Tournament was held at the gymnasium in Tachilek on 19 March.

In the final match, Face Book beat Beer Chang 6-5.

Officials awarded the best players in the respective places.

Deputy Commissioner of Tachilek District General Administration Department U Thet Lwin presented the first prize to Face Book team.

The tournament commenced on 9 March and it was participated by 10 Futsal teams.—*Myanma Alin*

Two-three digits illegal lottery documents seized

YANGON, 4 April—Together with witnesses, Myanmar Police Force of Kyimyindine Township, acting on tip-off, searched the house in West Magyidan Ward of Kyimyindine Township on 26 March.

They seized one laptop used in recording the lists of participants in gambling, one CDMA mobile phone, two calculators, vouchers on which digits and number of cash amount were noted down and K 2,234,600.

Action was taken against the offenders in the case under the law.

Myanma Alin

Kawhmu Township raises reading habit, organizes book donation

YANGON, 5 April—The raising of reading habit and book donation was held at Basic Education Middle School in Natsingon Model Village in Kawhmu Township of Yangon South District on 27 March.

Chairman of Yangon Region Reading Habit Raising and Book Donation Committee Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe made a speech.

Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Swe reported on the purpose of holding the ceremony.

Kawhmu Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Win reported on development of libraries and a plan to raise the reading habit in the township.

Region Minister Daw San San Nwe and officials awarded the winners in the poem, essay and extempore contests.

Later, wellwishers donated books to the library through officials.

Myanma Alin

Thingangyun Township observes World TB Day

YANGON, 5 April—The World TB Day of Yangon East District was observed at the hall of Thingangyun Township Administration Department on 28 March morning.

Chairman of Yangon East District Health Committee Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Thant Soe of Yangon East District made a speech.

Next, Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Phyu Phyu Aye read the address of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham. TB Specialist Dr Saw Nwe Nwe of Yangon East District explained facts about TB disease and future plan.

Later, those present visited he booths to mark the World TB Day. TB Control Surgeon Dr Khin Mi Mi Khaing of the region and health staff distributed pamphlets on health knowledge.—*Myanma Alin*

Tube-well launched in Htantabin Township

YANGON, 4 April—A ceremony to launch the tube-well sunk by Htantabin Township Development Affairs Committee of Yangon Region for 2011-2012 fiscal year was held on Aungtheikdi Road in Ward 1 of the township on 24 March.

Assistant Director U Thet Maung of Yangon Region Development Affairs Committee, Township Administrator U Ngwe Doe and Executive Committee U Htein Lin of Township Development Affairs Committee formally opened the tube-well.

Thanks to the tube-well, a total of 1009 people from 475 households from Ward 1 are enjoying safe water.

Myanma Alin

Vaccination of measles for children clarified

YANGON, 5 April—A clarification on age-wise measles vaccination 2012 of Yangon Region was held for the children from nine months to five years old at the office of Township Health Department in Lanmadaw on 14 March.

At first, Township Administrator U Thein Hsint made a speech. Head of Township Health Department Daw Pa Pa explained procedures of measles vaccination in detail.

It was attended by administrators of wards from Lanmadaw Township, the chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and members, township social organization members and officials of the departments. Officials drew the plan for procedures of measles vaccination.

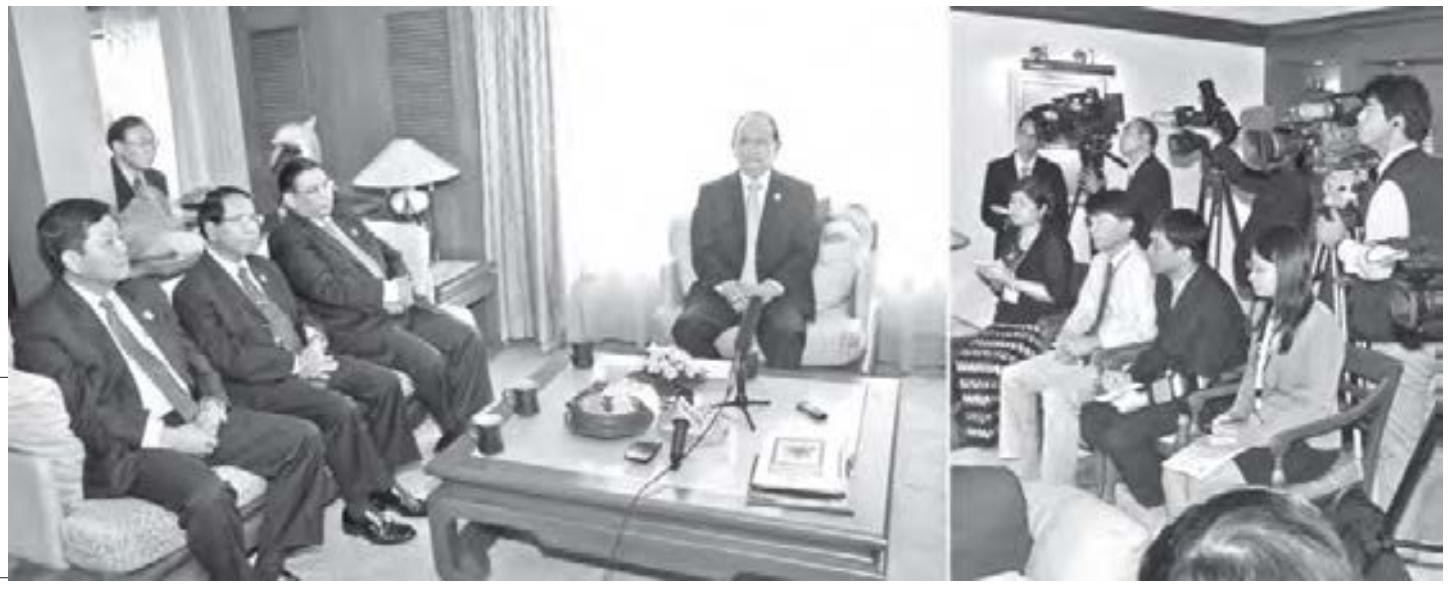
Myanma Alin

President U Thein Sein meets press in Cambodia

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— After attending the 20th ASEAN Summit, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with the press at Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, yesterday.

During the press meet, the President answered the questions of correspondents from NHK, CCTV and Myanmar International Channel.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Kyaw Hsan and U Tin Naing Thein.— *MNA*



***President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets correspondents of NHK, CCTV and Myanmar International Channel at Cambodiana Hotel in Phnom Penh.* —MNA**

***The concluding of 20th ASEAN Summit in Champa Room at Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in progress.*(News on page 1)—MNA**

Production sharing contract signed

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy, Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc of Malaysia and Myanmar national-owned UNOG Pte Ltd signed a production sharing contract on exploration of inland block RSF-2 (Tuywintaung Myaingtaung region) and RSF-3 (Gwaycho-Ngashantaung region) at the ministry here yesterday evening.

The signing ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, members of Myanmar Investment Commission Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Zaw Min, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, MIC Joint Secretary Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Minister for Energy U Soe Aung, Vice President and CEO Mr Effendy Cheng Abdullah of Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc, Chairman U Nay Aung of UNOG Pte Ltd, departmental officials and guests.

Union Minister U Than Htay delivered an opening speech. MOGE Managing Director U Aung Htoo and Executive Vice President Dato' Wee Yiaw Hin of Petronas Carigali Myanmar Inc extended greetings. Then, the contract was signed and the documents exchanged.

For the past nine months, the Energy Ministry has put international tenders for 18 inland blocks. It has also selected seven Myanmar national-owned companies to do joint-venture business with international oil companies on nine blocks and two contracts have been inked. Today's contract on RSF-2 and RSF-3 is the third time. — *MNA*

Union Construction Minister meets Thai Transport Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—At the invitation of Minister of Transport of Thailand Mr Jarupong Ruangsuwan, a seven-member Myanmar delegation led by Union Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint went to Thailand to discuss upgrading of road sections and paving of new roads on 1 April.

On 2 April morning, the two ministers discussed major maintenance of No. 1 Friendship Bridge in Myawady being undertaken with the help of Thai government, upgrading of 18-kilometer long Myawady-Thingannyinaung road section, construction of new axis of 30-kilometer long Thingannyinaung-Kawkareik road, and construction of No. 2 Friendship Bridge in the north of Myawady across Thoungyin River and 111-kilometer long Mawlamyine-Kawkareik-Myawady road, 104-kilometer long Thanbyuzayat-Phaya Thonzu road and 192-kilometer long Myeik-Taninthayi-Mawtaung road.

The Union Minister and party held discussions with President of Italian Thai Co Mr Premchai Karnasuta at Amari Watergate Hotel. They dealt with construction of 132-kilometer long Dawei-Fungayuan-(Kanchannapuri) road section through BOT system and construction of three additional axes—Mawlamyine-Kawkareik, Thanbyuzayat-Phaya Thonzu and Taninthayi-Mawtaung in Myanmar.

On 4 April morning at the Emural Land Hotel, the Union Minister and party discussed with President of Tran-Asia Co Ltd Mr Sathom Vanits Thian and party about upgrading of three axes namely Myawady-Mawlamyine, Papun-Mawlamyine and Phaya Thonzu Mawlamyine which can link Mawlamyine with Yunnan Province of China through Laos and Thailand.

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Dy Foreign Affairs Minister participates in ASEAN Awareness Forum in Rome

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April —Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint arrived back here from Rome, Italy, on 24 March after attending the ASEAN Awareness Forum in Rome at the invitation of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Italy.

The forum was held from 22 to 23 March. At the forum on 22 March, Deputy Minister Dr Myo Myint discussed matters on economic cooperation, peace and stability between Italy and ASEAN, importance of the ASEAN Awareness Forum and the latest developments in Myanmar.

He also called on Foreign Minister of Italy Mr Giulie Terzi di Sant Agata at the latter's office on 21 March and exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations between Myanmar and Italy. Also present at the call was Myanmar Ambassador to Italy U Tint Swe.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister receives Vietnamese National Assembly Vice-Chairman

YANGON, 5 April— Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received a goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Huynh Ngoc Son at region government office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Region ministers, national races affairs ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and officials.

The goodwill delegation paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda earlier this morning.

They also visited industrial zone supervisory committee office in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township where Committee Chairman U Aye Lwin explained facts about the industrial zone. The visiting vice-chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam expressed thanks and viewed round Popular Plastics factory, Sogo pipe factory and Asian Dragon garment factory.—*MNA*

***Township Headofficer of Immigration and National Registration Department U Htein Lin Thein presents a total of 165 citizenship scrutiny cards to the locals at the ceremony held at No. 8 BEMS in Strand (West) Ward in Insein Township on 31 March.* MYANMA ALIN**

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni receives President U Thein Sein and Heads of State/ Government of ASEAN member States. **(News on page 16)**—MNA

World Health Organization

World Health Day 2012

7 April

Ageing and Health

"Good health adds life to years"

Ministry of Health

US Embassy officials call on Union Election Commission Chairman

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston and First Secretary Mr Machut A Shishak of the US Embassy called on Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye at the UEC Office here this morning.

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

During the talk, the US charge d' Affaires ai credited the free and fair by-elections in a transparent manner and proposed to provide technical assistance to Myanmar for elections in the future. The UEC Chairman replied that the commission was committed to organizing better elections in the future, assessing the experiences of the previous elections. He expressed heartfelt welcome to international cooperation and technical assistance. They then frankly exchanged views on bilateral cooperation.—*MNA*

Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Michael E Thurston and First Secretary Mr Machut A Shishak of the US Embassy call on Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives UNDP official

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo received Adviser to Parliamentary Affairs Supporting Group of UNDP Mr Kevin Deveaux and party at the Hluttaw Committee Hall-20 of Hluttaw Complex, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed assistance programmes of the UNDP for the Hluttaw and development of human resources.

Also present at the call were the secretary and members of the Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee and officials.

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Chairman of International Relations Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw Col Maung Maung Htoo receives Advisor Mr Kevin Deveaux to UNDP Parliamentary Affairs Supporting Group and party at Hall-20 of Hluttaw Building Nay Pyi Taw on 4 April morning.

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Vice-Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly arrives in Yangon

YANGON, 5 April— At the invitation of Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, a Vietnamese delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Huynh Ngoc Son of the National Assembly of Vietnam, arrived here yesterday evening.

The Vietnamese delegation was welcomed by Amyotha Hluttaw Financial and Legal Affairs Commission U Myint Thein, Deputy Director-General of Hluttaw Office Daw Khin Mya Win and Deputy Chief of Vietnamese Embassy Mr Tran Phuoc Anh and personnel at Yangon International Airport.—*MNA*

Hand-on training on reserve money targeting and liquidity forecasting for CBM concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — The hand-on training on reserve money targeting and liquidity forecasting for Central Bank of Myanmar and workshop on standardized data formatting system was concluded at the Yangon Branch Office of CBM of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue this afternoon.

The course concluding ceremony was attended by Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win, course instructors, officers and trainees.

Retired Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Thailand Mr Bandid Nijathaworn spoke on the occasion. CBM Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win then delivered a speech.

The training course was conducted with assistance from FES of Germany and Thai Central Bank. It lasted two weeks and was attended by 25 trainees.—*MNA*

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Insein Township raises reading habit

YANGON, 5 April—The ceremony to launch raising of reading habit was held in front of Amyinthit Library on Myothit (C) Ward in Insein Township of Yangon Region on 29 March morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Ledwintha Saw Chit, Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department and Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe cut the ribbon to launch the ceremony.

At the literary talks, writers Ledwintha Saw Chit and Nwam Ja Thaing gave matters related to literary affairs.

Later, the essay, extempore talks and poem recitation contests followed.—*Myanma Alin*

LOANS DISBURSED: ***A ceremony to disburse loans to microfinance institutions was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Insein Township on 23 March. Township Administrator Chairman of Township Microfinance Institutions Supervisory Committee U Tin Naing Soe presents loans to leaders the institutions of 15 wards.***
KYEMON

Citizenship scrutiny cards handed over

SITTWAY, 5 April—According to Moe Pwint-2 Plan, the ceremony to hand over citizenship scrutiny cards was held at Parahita Khemamandaing Monastery in North Ywagyi Ward of Sittway on 20 March morning.

Director of Rakhine State Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyaw Yin Oo presented 65 cards to North Ywagyi Ward Administrator U Maung Tun Aung.

Township Immigration

Director of Rakhine State Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyaw Yin Oo hands over 65 cards to North Ywagyi Ward Administrator U Maung Tun Aung.

DISTRICT NEWS

Medical checkups given to staff of MCDC

MANDALAY, 5 April—Jointly organized by Health Branch of Sanitation Department of Mandalay City Development Committee, Anlene Orthopaedic Health Team and Target Medical Store of Mandalay General Hospital, the free medical checkups of osteoporosis were given to the staff of 14 departments of the MCDC, at the clinic of the health branch from 9 am to 3 pm on 30 March.

Osteoporosis can be prevented by consuming milk and milk products and vegetables with high rate of calcium and by taking regular physical exercises.—*Thiha Ko Ko-Mandalay*

Fire destroys three houses, leaving 20 people homeless in Mogaung

MOGAUNG, 5 April—A fire broke out at the house of No. 17 in Natgyigon Ward of Mogaung in Kachin State at 1.15 am on 30 March. The fire started from candle light.

Officials, members of fire brigade and auxiliary fire brigade together with local people put out the fire with the use of four fire engines of Township Fire Station and one water tanker of Township Development Affairs Committee, and the fire was died out at 2.30 pm.

In the incident, the fire destroyed three houses, leaving 20 people homeless.

A file was opened against Myo Ko Ko Aung, 24 of the fire-started house by Mogaung Police Station.

Kyemon

Mandalay dwellers urged to systematically throw garbage

MANDALAY, 5 April—Although Mandalay City Development Committee cleans the city with the strength of sanitation workers and garbage bins daily, undisciplined throwing of garbage at junctions of roads tarnishes image of the city.

The dwellers have been urged to systematically throw their garbage to the respective trash bins from 5 am to 8 am, and from 5 pm to 8 pm daily.

If the bins of Mandalay City Development Committee do not collect garbage, may contact 09-2006581 of the head of Sanitation Department, 02-72003 of Sanitation Department, 09-2000314 of the branch officer of region-1, 09-91006085 of the branch officer of region-2 and township administrators.

In Mandalay, about 325 tons of garbage are thrown by residents and restaurants daily.—*Kyemon*

Quality of rice processing, storage talked

YANGON, 5 April—A ceremony to introduce good practices of quality management and implementation of ISO/HACCP systems for processing and storage of rice and paddy was held in conjunction with the ceremony to present HACCP certificate to Ayeya Hintha Co at UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 8 March.

Managing Director Daw Phyu Phyu Win reported on safety food system and Dr Bo Bo on experiences of ensuring safe food.

Managing Director Daw Phyu Phyu Win presented HACCP certificate to Director U Ah Yu.—*Kyemon*

CSC ISSUED: ***As part of efforts to implement Moe Pwint-2 Plan, the ceremony to hand over citizenship scrutiny cards was held by Kayin State Immigration and National Registration Department on 12 March. At Hlaka Village of Hpa-an Township, Head of Kayin State INRD U Thaung Zaw presents the card to an eligible citizen.***
MYANMA ALIN

Rowers take part in boat race in Kyonmange River

WAKEMA, 5 April—The Organizing Committee for Festivities to Mark 83rd Buddha Pujaniya of Atula Buddha Maha Tooth Relic Pagoda of Kyonmange in Wakema Township held the boat race in Kyonmange River on 8 March morning.

Altogether 20 boat teams actively took part in the boat race.

Later, Police Inspector Than Myint, Administrator U Soe Win and U Maung Maung Kyaw of Chindwin Machinery Trading presented K 100,000 to first prize winner Pah Pah Lay team of Kyethsinchaung Village, K 50,000 to second prize winner Doelay team of Aunghlainggyi Village and K 30,000 to third prize winner Shwe Pazun team of Aunghlainggyi team.

Kyemon

Traffic rules talked at Taunggyi University

TAUNGGYI, 5 April—A talk on traffic rules and danger of narcotic drugs was given at the convocation hall of Taunggyi University in Shan State (South) on 13 March.

Rector in-charge Dr Mu Mu Myint made a speech.

Head of Shan State Directorate of Road Administration U Kyaw Aye Lwin explained salient points for traffic users, Inspector U Zaw Ko Ko Pe salient points for motorcycle riders, Traffic Police in-charge Police Captain Tin Soe Shein traffic accidents, Police Inspector Myint Aung penalties and punishment for traffic accidents and Police Inspector Than Shwe drug eradication.

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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 Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Rescue in Llanddulas as cargo ship hits rocks

LONDON, 5 April — Seven crew members have been rescued from a stricken cargo ship that ran aground off the Conwy coast in rough seas. Two lifeboats and a helicopter were called at 20:30 BST on Tuesday after the ship hit a rock near a quarry jetty at Llanddulas, near Colwyn Bay. An operation to refloat the stricken vessel is expected to begin later. Concerns now are that the ship's fuel tanks may have been ruptured and pollution crews are on alert.

The Marine and Coastguard Agency (MCA) said the cargo ship was in one piece following the incident, but the fear was that it could begin to leak some of the 40,000 litres of fuel it is carrying. A Welsh Government spokesman said: "The Welsh Government is closely monitoring the emerging situation at Llanddulas. "We are being kept fully informed of developments." The RNLI said the vessel—thought to be a coaster, which used the jetty to load limestone — hit a rock on the breakwater at Llanddulas and ended up broadside on the shore.

It added that the Llandudno and Rhyl all-weather lifeboats

The 82m (269ft) long ship had seven crew members on board.— INTERNET

launched into a "full gale and rough seas" at 20:30 BST and arrived on scene by 21:00 BST. Five of the Polish crew were successfully rescued by midnight but two remained on board with a helicopter winchman after the rescue helicopter's winch broke. The A55 eastbound between junction 22 and junction 23 was closed from 22:00 BST to allow the helicopter to land and take-off. The 82m-long (269ft) ship was registered in Antigua and Barbuda.—*Internet*

al-Qaeda 'could target UK youths'

LONDON, 5 April — British youths from African communities could become radicalised as al-Qaeda looks to Africa to build its strength, the Rusi think tank has suggested. It says such a development would pose new challenges for UK and other Western intelligence services. It warns of potential for new or greater radicalisation among British youths from the Somali and other east and west African communities. The government said it was tackling home-grown terrorist threats.

Radicalisation has already been seen during the past 15 years among some young members of the Pakistani, North African and Indian communities in Britain, the report published by the Royal United Services Institute suggests. Report author Valentina Soria said: "Most significant is the potential for radicalisation and then mobilisation of a new subset of

Foreign fighters may be seen as a source of manpower in Somalia, the report suggests.— INTERNET

British youths." "The UK could soon be facing much greater radicalisation among the Somali minority and new radicalisation in some sections of other communities from east and west African countries."

This was because the "jihadist challenge" may be migrating across Saharan and Sub-Saharan Africa as the al-Qaeda leadership - weakened by the death of Osama Bin Laden - looks to partnerships to re-group and re-energise itself, the report says. Western intelligence services have acknowledged that the terror threat has changed and shifted, including into Africa, with Somalia a particular focus of concern.—*Internet*

Russian plane 'may have iced over before crashing'

The plane (seen here in 2011) was 21 years old. INTERNET

MOSCOW, 5 April — Russian investigators have ruled out engine failure as the cause of an air crash which killed 31 people, amid reports the plane may have iced over. Twelve survivors are being treated in hospital after the disaster in Tyumen, western Siberia, when the plane crashed 40 seconds after take-off. The engines on the turboprop plane continued working right up until the moment of impact, investigators said.

The operator, UTair, has grounded its *ATR 72-200* fleet as a precaution. Company head Andrei Martirosov said the planes would not be used again until the investigation was completed, and cited "psychological" reasons for taking the decision. Built by a French-Italian company, the *ATR 72-200* which crashed had been in service 21 years.

Having made a preliminary analysis of the plane's flight recorders, the Moscow-based Interstate Aviation Committee (Mak) said on its website that the engines had been working "right up to the moment of ground impact". Following take-off, the plane climbed to roughly 210m (689ft) after which it listed first by 35 degrees to the right, then by more than 50 degrees to the left, at which point it crashed. There was no official comment on Press reports of the ice factor.—*Internet*

The plane crashed on a snow field.— INTERNET

Dutch boy comes up with pizza-based euro solution

LONDON, 5 April — An 11-year-old Dutch boy has gone where many of the best economic minds in Europe have feared to tread and proposed a radical solution to the European single currency's problems — using a pizza as his inspiration. Jurre Hermans' entry in the 250,000 pounds ($401,000) Wolfson Economics Prize, an international economics competition to find the "best contingency plan for a break-up of the euro" won special mention Tuesday from the judging panel.

Hermans, of Breeden-broek in the Netherlands, was 10 at the time he entered. He has been given a •100 ($133) gift voucher for his efforts but failed to make the final short list of five proposals — which included reversing the process in which the euro was created and exiting the system over a weekend.

The 17-country single currency union has been placed under considerable strain by the crippling debt problems of some of its members. Greece recently managed to avoid a chaotic default on its debt — an event that could have destabilized the 17-country eurozone and the global economy — by negotiating a •170 billion ($226 billion) bailout. If Greece had been forced into a disorderly default, one course of action would have been for it leave the euro and go back to its old currency, the drachma.

Internet

Total to send expert team to assess gas leak soon

ABERDEEN, 5 April — France's Total plans to send a team of experts on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning to assess the steps needed to stop a large and potentially explosive gas leak at its North Sea Elgin platform, a spokesman said on Tuesday. Helicopter flights resumed carrying crews to North Sea oil and gas rigs on Tuesday afternoon, after adverse weather conditions offshore grounded traffic overnight, preventing the oil company from beginning its relief efforts on the platform.

Strong east to northeast winds are expected in the area on Wednesday evening and early on Thursday with a risk of gales, forecasters from the Met Office said, potentially hampering relief efforts if conditions deteriorate further. "The team of engineers will be on a mission to assess conditions," Total's UK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications Manager Andrew Hogg said. Hogg said part of the mission would be to find out whether a so-called "well kill" was feasible through pumping mud into the well and whether any other measures would be necessary. Another, much more expensive option being pursued in parallel is to dig two relief wells to the source of the gas at 4,000 metres depth, far below the sea bed. Experts have said that this option could take up to six months to complete and could cost the company billions of dollars.—*Reuters*

Total's Elgin Wellhead Platform is seen in the North Sea off the coast of Scotland on 2 April, 2012.— INTERNET

Indian Navy to deploy Russian nuclear submarine

NEW DELHI, 5 April — India is to formally commission a nuclear submarine into its navy, joining an elite group of nations with similar capabilities. The $1bn (£630m) Russian-built *Nerpa* has been leased by the Indian navy for the next 10 years. It was handed over to India in eastern Russia in January. India previously had a Soviet submarine but decommissioned it in 1991. It now rejoins China, Russia, the US, the UK and France as an operator of underwater nuclear vessels. India is also developing its own nuclear-powered submarine which is expected to be ready by the end of this year. The 8,140-tonne Akula II submarine, the *K-152 Nerpa*, has been renamed by India as the *INS Chakra II*. The submarine will be formally commissioned into the navy by the country's Defence Minister, AK Antony, at a ceremony in Vishakhapatnam, on India's east coast off the Bay of Bengal on Wednesday morning.

The submarine set sail from the Russian port of Vladivostok 40 days ago and is now set to become the pride of the Indian navy, the BBC's Sanjoy Majumder reports from Vishakhapatnam. In keeping with international non-proliferation treaties, the submarine will not be equipped with nuclear weapons.—*Internet*

India has renamed the submarine the Chakra II. INTERNET

Afghan police kill four Taleban militants, detain 28

KABUL, 5 April—Afghan police have killed four Taleban militants and captured 28 others over the past 24 hours during series of operations across the country, Interior Ministry said in a press release.

"During the operations, conducted in several provinces including the southern Kandahar, Helmand, Zabul and the eastern Nangarhar and Laghman provinces, four Taleban rebels have been killed, one injured and 28 others made captive," the press release said.

A number of arms and ammunitions, including 17 pistols and 19 anti-personnel and anti-vehicle mines were also seized, it said. However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the police. Taleban militants have yet to make comment. —*Xinhua*

'Thrones,' 'Colbert' win Peabody Awards

ATHENS, Ga, 5 April—"Game of Thrones," "Austin City Limits" and "The Colbert Report" were among the winners of the 71st annual Peabody Awards announced Wednesday in Georgia.

The awards recognize the best in electronic media for the year 2011. The Peabodies are presented annually by the university's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Also named as awards recipients for 2011 were "Homeland," "Treme," "Parks and Recreation," "Somalia: Land of Anarchy," "Jeopardy!," "My Perestroika," "People's Republic of Cheating," "Misjudged Cases," "Surviving the Tsunami," "Portlandia," "A Year in the Clouds," "Intersexions," CNN, TED.com, BBC.com, NPR, "CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley" and Al Jazeera English.

***Peter Dinklage holds his award for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for "Game of Thrones" at the 63rd Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on 18 Sept, 2011.—*INTERNET**

"The range of the Peabody Awards' search for excellence has never been wider or deeper than this year," Horace Newcomb, director of the Peabody Awards, said in a statement. "Local news organizations covered stories with international import as well as those significant within their communities. Documentaries and news reports on issues missed or overlooked by big organizations were available on Web sites. Comedians engaged in political actions. Radio proved again the power of the individual human voice. Drama took on issues of power and control. Images of disaster appeared alongside images of hope and freedom."

The awards are to be handed out 21 May at an event to be presided over by Sir Patrick Stewart at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.—*Internet*

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***Mirlande Wilson says she is originally from a small village in Haiti.* INTERNET**

Unconscious canoeist, 82, found at Fairbourne beach

LONDON, 5 April — An 82-year-old man has been found unconscious in a canoe on a beach in north west Wales. Holyhead Coastguard said the man was found by a walker at 19:40 BST at Fairbourne near Barmouth in Gwynedd.

Barmouth Coastguard, Barmouth Inshore Lifeboat and an ambulance attended along with an RAF Sea King helicopter. The man was airlifted to Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth where he was later described by paramedics as "conscious but weak". Holyhead Coastguard said it was not yet clear if the man was local or how the man came to be found unconscious on the beach.— *Internet*

'Winning' ticket in Mega Millions jackpot sparks row

NEW YORK, 5 April — A US woman claims to have one of three winning lottery tickets from a $640m (£403m) jackpot, but her colleagues say it would be part of their syndicate. A lawyer for Maryland woman Mirlande Wilson said in a news conference he had not seen the ticket, but added he was preparing for any challenges. Ms Wilson told the *New York Post* she hid the winning ticket somewhere at the Baltimore McDonald's where she works.

Maryland officials say no-one has come forward to claim the prize. Lottery officials have called a press conference on Thursday to discuss the status of the Maryland winning ticket. Ms Wilson spoke little during Wednesday's Press conference but Edward Smith Jr, her lawyer, asked for reporters staking out her house to leave the 37-year-old woman alone. "Let's be human about this," Mr Smith said, adding Ms Wilson's blood pressure had risen because of the attention. "It's just money, people."

Three tickets - one in Maryland, one in Kansas and one in Illinois - matched the numbers drawn last week in the Mega Millions jackpot, the largest single prize in the world.According to the *Post*, the boss of the McDonald's outlet gave Ms Wilson money to buy extra tickets for a group pool on Friday. She says she bought those tickets, but also some for herself and that the winning ticket came from the latter set.

"We had a group plan, but I went and played by myself," she told the *Post.* One of 15 members of the lottery syndicate, Suleiman Osman Husein, says the group does not believe her. "We each paid $5. She took everybody's money!" he told the *Post.* Mr Smith said the mother of seven had been thrust into the spotlight by her colleague's accusations, and that he himself had no idea if the ticket was legitimate.— *Internet*

Spiced chickpea recipe from Cookbook of the Year 'Tasting India'

CANBERRA, 5 April — An Aussie chef's cookbook chronicling her gastronomic journey through India was named the Cookbook of the Year at the International Association of Culinary Professionals Awards in New York this week.

Christine Manfield became the first Aussie chef to take home the coveted title for her book Tasting India, which features 250 recipes of authentic recipes from all the regions of the country. The 26th annual IACP awards recognize the best in English-language cookbooks and food publications. Here's a sample recipe from the book, courtesy of Manfield.

Punjabi Spiced Chickpeas

SERVES 6

Typical of north-west frontier cuisine, this is a wonderful dish to serve with grilled or barbecued meat. I sometimes serve it with roasted chicken that I have rubbed with similar spices to complement the chickpeas.

I use dried chickpeas from Indian suppliers; they are smaller and slightly darker than some other varieties.

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
12 curry leaves
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 onion, finely diced
6 cloves garlic, minced
2 teaspoons minced ginger
2 small green chillies, sliced
2 ripe tomatoes, peeled and diced
100 g thick plain yoghurt
300 g cooked chickpeas, drained
1 teaspoon Chat Masala, a spice mix that typically consists of amchoor or dried mango powder, cumin, kala namak or black salt, coriander and dried ginger.
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 tablespoons pomegranate seeds
2 tablespoons chopped coriander leaves

• Heat the oil in a heavy-based frying pan and fry the curry leaves and cumin for 30 seconds over a medium heat until fragrant. Add the onion, garlic, ginger and chili and gently fry until starting to colour. Stir in the tomato and any juice and bring to simmering point. Add the yoghurt and chickpeas and cook for 4-5 minutes until heated through.

• Remove from the heat and stir in the chat masala, salt, lemon juice and pomegranate seeds. Taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary.

Sprinkle with the fresh coriander to serve.

Internet

***Punjabi Spiced Chickpeas from award-winning cookbook 'Tasting India,' by Christine Manfield.* INTERNET**

At least eight dead in Nairobi landslide

NAIROBI, 5 April — Massive boulders crashed onto houses Wednesday in Mathare, a Nairobi slum, killing at least eight people after a night of heavy rains, police and the Kenyan Red Cross said. "Eight people have died in this disaster. Six bodies were retrieved from under the rubble, another died on the way to hospital," a police officer involved in the rescue operation told *AFP*. Hopes of retrieving any more people alive from the rubble faded late in the afternoon after bulldozers cleared the site.

"We do not believe that there are any more bodies here," the head of the Kenyan disaster management service Vincent Anami said.

Internet

***People watch from an iron sheet houses as rescuers retrieve bodies from the rubble following a massive boulder that crashed onto houses in the Mathare slum of Nairobi.—* INTERNET**

Traditional Bachokheh wrestling competition in Esfarayen, Iran: Wrestlers compete in a traditional wrestling competition called Bachokheh, in Esfarayen, Iran on 2 April, 2012. Bachokheh, traditionally played on the 13th and 14th of the Iranian New Year, has gained popularity in recent years.

82 snakes released after winter in cooler

Animal rescuers in the Chicago area said dozens of brown and garter snakes have been released after spending the winter in a wine chiller.

Rob Carmichael, director of the Lake Forest Wildlife Discovery Center, said the 82 snakes were found hibernating underneath old tracks near the decommissioned Zion nuclear power plant and were removed before work crews came in to repair the tracks, the *Chicago Tribune* reported Tuesday.

Carmichael said the snakes, which were discovered by a high school teacher in December, would have been exposed to freezing temperatures and possible death if they had not been removed before the scheduled repair work.

The reptiles were kept in a donated wine chiller at the Lake Forest Wildlife Discovery Centre for the duration of the winter and are now being released into a newly created habitat at Illinois Beach State Park.

"We hope these snakes will recognize this as their new home," Carmichael said.

Colo court won't accept coins as payment

A Colorado court has refused to let a college student pay a speeding ticket with coins, even though there is a coin-counting machine on premises. Fort Collins municipal court workers said it would take too much time to count the coins Ted Nischan brought in to pay his $160 speeding ticket, *The Coloradoan* reported on Wednesday.

"It's not prudent use of taxpayer funds to have one of the clerks sit there counting quarters, nickels and pennies," municipal court supervisor Fran Seaworth said.

Nischan said he didn't understand why the court wouldn't accept legal tender for his ticket, which he said he couldn't afford to pay with funds from his bank account after paying rent. "This is what I've got," Nischan said Tuesday at a court hearing. "Please take it. It's real money."

Mini Cooper's Yachtsman, an amphibious vehicle, is unveiled at the New York International Auto Show held at the Jacob Javits Center on 4 April, 2012 in New York City. The annual car show offers previews of next year's models along with the introduction of concept vehicles.

Dog eats master's Masters tickets

A Seattle man whose tickets to the Masters golf tournament were eaten by his dog said officials agreed to exchange the regurgitated scraps for new tickets. Russ Berkman said he had four passes to Wednesday's practice round of the Masters and he was dismayed to arrive home recently to find paper scraps on the floor and the tickets missing, Seattlepi.com reported on Wednesday.

Berkman told Sports Radio KJR, Seattle, he soon determined the tickets had been eaten by his Swiss mountain dog, Sierra.

He said his girlfriend recommended he induce the canine to vomit and he did so safely by giving her hydrogen peroxide. "Quite frankly, she didn't really have much else in her stomach but that, so it worked out," Berkman said.

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Cannes festival left fuming by April Fool's line-up

PARIS, 5 April—A French blog has admitted to posting a bogus line-up for next month's Cannes Film Festival, saying it was tricked by an April Fool's prank that left the organisers of the Riviera showcase fuming.

***General Delegate of the Cannes Film Festival Thierry Fremaux, pictured in 2011, was furious at an April Fool's joke which offered a bogus line up for the festival.—*INTERNET**

"It was an April Fool's stunt played by a couple of jokers," the festival's general delegate Thierry Fremaux, who is tasked with choosing films to compete in the 16 to 27 May festival, told *AFP* late Tuesday. "Everything they said is false—simply because the line-up hasn't been decided yet," he said, confirming that the films in the running would be unveiled as planned at an 19 April Press conference.

"I am stunned to see how easily some media let themselves be tricked." The 24 films on the fake list—which was widely picked up on Twitter and movie-watching websites—included Wes Anderson's already announced Cannes opening film "Moonrise Kingdom", David Cronenberg's "Cosmopolis" starring Robert Pattinson, and Jacques Audiard's "Rust and Bone" with Marion Cotillard.

Internet

***Singer Justin Bieber speaks at a ceremony where Michael Jackson's shoes and gloves are used to make hand and foot imprints in cement in the courtyard of Hollywood's Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles on 26 Jan, 2012.* REUTERS**

Justin Bieber to appear at Tribeca Film Festival

LOS ANGELES, 5 April—Justin Bieber will win an award and "Game of Thrones" will have its multi-platform rollout dissected at the 11th Tribeca Film Festival in New York City, organizers announced this week.

The announcements of Tribeca's Disruptive Innovation Awards and its Interactive Day programming take the film festival into a variety of non-movie areas, celebrating and showcasing books, social media, music, television, news and online humor. The Tribeca Film Institute's annual Interactive Day will take place on Monday, 23 April. Designed as a day to explore what TFF calls "the digital media ecosystem," it will feature a keynote address from Baratunde Thurston, director of digital for The Onion, and an interactive case study in the transmedia rollout of HBO's series "Game of Thrones."

Internet

***Poland's head coach Franciszek Smuda reacts to a football match in 2011. Fans of both music and football will have the final say on Poland's official team song for the looming European championships on home soil, the Polish FA announced.—*INTERNET**

Poland hunts for team song for Euro 2012

WARSAW, 5 April—Fans of both music and football will have the final say on Poland's official team song for the looming European championships on home soil, the Polish FA announced on Wednesday. The football association, or PZPN, said entries for its "White and Red Hit" competition would be accepted from allcomers by an 13 April deadline. "The contest is open to stars of the Polish music scene and amateurs alike," the PZPN said. "The only condition is that they record a song with a football theme, one which will inspire the Poland team on the pitch and get the fans cheering louder still," it added.

A jury comprising local pop star Beata Kozidrak, plus representatives of the private station Radio Zet, Polish public television and Warsaw's cultural institute - and Poland manager Franciszek Smuda as a honorary member - will shave the list to 25.—*Internet*

Katy Perry 3-D concert movie to be released in July

NEW YORK, 5 April—The makers of Justin Bieber's top-grossing concert film have moved on to another global pop star — Katy Perry.

A 3-D documentary concert feature film billed as an on-and- off stage close up look at Perry and her 2011 California Dreams Tour began production more than year ago, Paramount Pictures said in a statement on Wednesday.

The movie, called "Katy Perry: Part of Me," is named after her new single "Part of Me," which was released in February and debuted at No 1 on Billboard's Hot 100.

The film, which will be released in cinemas in the United States on 5 July, is being produced by Perry and directed by Jane Lipsitz and Dan Cutforth.

Perry, 27, said in the statement she was excited to "reveal the highs and lows and nuts of bolts of this extraordinary ride. I promise you, after seeing this film, you will truly know me."—*Reuters*

***Singer Katy Perry poses for a picture during a photo opportunity before her performance at the Indian Premier League (IPL) opening ceremony in the southern Indian city of Chennai on 3 April, 2012.* REUTERS**

Film version of Dylan's "Blood on the Tracks' eyed

RIO DE JANEIRD, 5 April—A Brazilian-based movie company has acquired the rights to make a film adaptation of Bob Dylan's iconic album "Blood on the Tracks," an executive said on Wednesday.

RT Features is seeking a director for an English-language movie based on the 1975 record, which includes Dylan classics like "Shelter from the Storm," "Tangled up in Blue" and "Simple Twist of Fate." The Brazilian firm's senior vice-president Fernando Loureiro confirmed to *AFP* details reported by industry daily Variety, which said RT Features had sought rights from US firm Grey Water Park Productions.

***Bob Dylan performs in January 2012. A Brazilian-based movie company has acquired the rights to make a film adaptation of Dylan's iconic album "Blood on the Tracks," an executive said on Wednesday.* INTERNET**

Internet

Neil banned from Las Vegas resort

LAS VEGAS, 5 April— The Palms hotel and casino in Las Vegas says it has banned Motley Crue front man Vince Neil because of his alleged "inappropriate behavior."

Neil last week complained via Twitter about his treatment by staff at the Palms restaurant Little Buddha 28 March.

"I love Vegas, but DO NOT GO TO LITTLE BUDDHA @PALMS IN VEGAS," he said via Twitter. "OMG RUDEST STAFF EVER!! Don't go!!" "Do [sic] to recent events, including distrust and dishonesty at the executive level. I will never again step foot @palms property," the rocker said in a follow-up tweet.—*Internet*

***Vince Neil of Motley Crue attends Press conference to announce their "Crue Fest 2" line up at Fuse Studios in New York on 16 March, 2009.—*INTERNET**

Chelsea set up Barcelona semi

Lampard and Meireles help secure aggregate win over Benfica in UEFA Champions League

***Frank Lampard's first-half penalty set Chelsea on their way to victory.*— INTERNET**

LONDON, 5 April—UEFA Champions League quarter-final second leg Chelsea 2-1 Benfica (agg: 3-1). Chelsea set up a UEFA Champions League semi-final against Spanish giants Barcelona after overcoming Benfica on a nervous night at Stamford Bridge. Roberto di Matteo's men, leading 1-0 from the first leg, subdued their lively opponents when Frank Lampard converted a penalty on 21 minutes following a foul on Ashley Cole.

The Portuguese visitors' task got harder when Maxi Pereira was sent off for picking up a second booking shortly before half time. Ramires was guilty of a glaring miss after the break, and Fernando Torres also came close - and the Blues' regretted the missed chances as Javi Garcia headed to level on the night with five minutes remaining.

But with Benfica pushing forward for another — which would have seen them win on away goals — substitute Raul Meireles produced an emphatic finish after a breakaway to secure Chelsea's progress. The Blues will be at home for the first leg of the semi-final against Barcelona - who beat AC Milan in their quarter-final - on 17th or 18th April, with the return leg the following week.— *Internet*

Coyle and Sigurdsson win Barclays awards

Bolton boss and Swansea midfielder recognized for impressive March performances

LONDON, 5 April — Bolton boss Owen Coyle has been named as the Barclays Manager of the Month for March. The Trotters had an impressive month, winning three out of four matches with all the victories coming against their relegation rivals. The wins have helped the club move out of the drop zone with only seven matches of the Barclays Premier League season remaining.

Coyle, who also received the honour with Bolton in November 2010, has been the figurehead as the club dealt with the serious incident involving midfielder Fabrice Muamba, who is recovering after suffering a cardiac arrest during the FA Cup tie against Tottenham."I am delighted to receive the award on behalf of everyone at the football club," Coyle told the club's official website.

***Midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson helped Swansea win three out of four matches in March.* INTERNET**

"As much as it is called the 'Manager of the Month' it is very much a collective effort and reflects how hard everybody has worked, particularly to win the last three games. "We have moved in the right direction and we have to keep it going in the remaining weeks of the season. "One thing that we would like to do is win the award again for April because it would mean that we are continuing the progress at the football club.

"We have given ourselves a platform and now have an opportunity to go and win the matches and points that will see us remain in the Barclays Premier League." Swansea midfielder Gylfi Sigurdsson, meanwhile, has been rewarded for his fine form by being named as the Barclays Player of the Month for March. The 22-year-old, currently on loan at Swansea from Hoffenheim, scored four goals with doubles against Wigan Athletic and Fulham as his side recorded three wins out of four. Sigurdsson is first Swansea player to receive the accolade.

Internet

Venus topples Jankovic at WTA Charleston clay event

CHARLESTON, 5 April—In a clash of former world number ones, Venus Williams toppled seventh-seeded Jelena Jankovic 7-5, 6-0 to reach the third round of the WTA's green clay Charleston tournament. Jankovic had won her last four meetings on clay against Williams, but once the American heated up in the wake of a first-set rain delay on Wednesday, the Serbian couldn't stop her. Jankovic served for the first set at 5-4, but Williams broke and never looked back.

Marion Bartoli snapped Victoria Azarenka's 26-match unbeaten streak when she downed the world number one en route to the semi-finals at Miami last week.— INTERNET

By the time she won the second set she had reeled off nine games in a row, capping the match with a backhand winner down the line. "I hadn't played her in a long time, so in the first set I was just finding my rhythm and getting used to any new patterns she might have," said Williams, playing on a wild card invitation as she tries to rebuild a ranking dented by a lengthy injury and illness layoff.

"In the second set everything started landing for me. I was moving forward and playing my aggressive game. Honestly, I don't know how it went that nicely for me. Everything just landed, and she hit a few errors, and that helped me a lot." Third-seeded Marion Bartoli of France found the going much tougher, but persevered to get past Russian Vera Dushevina 6-2, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4 in a second-round match lasting more than three hours.— *Internet*

Porto players celebrate a goal against Manchester City during their Europa League football match at the Dragao Stadium in Porto on 16 Feb, 2012.— INTERNET

UEFA fines Porto 20,000 euros for 'racist conduct'

LONDON, 5 April — European football's governing body UEFA on Wednesday fined FC Porto 20,000 euros ($26,344) for its supporters' "racist conduct" during a match against Manchester City. "The UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body has imposed a fine of 20,000 euros on FC Porto for the racist conduct of their supporters at their UEFA Europa League round of 32 first-leg match against Manchester City FC in Porto on 16 February," it said in a statement.

City had complained that Mario Balotelli and Yaya Toure were the target of racist chants during the English side's 2-1 victory over the defending champions at Estadio do Dragao. The UEFA decision can be appealed within three days.— *Internet*

Ronaldo double as Real ease into semi-finals

MADRID, 5 April — Nine-time champions Real Madrid eased into the Champions League semi-finals here on Wednesday, beating APOEL Nicosia 5-2 in their quarter-final second-leg clash and by 8-2 on aggregate. A double from Cristiano Ronaldo, along with goals from Kaka, Angel Di Maria and Jose Maria Callejon ensured the Spanish giants will meet Bayern Munich - who beat French side Marseille 2-0 on Tuesday and 4-0 on aggregate - in the final four.

Gustavo Manduca and an Esteban Solari penalty gave the Cypriots some consolation late in the match. The result was never really in doubt after Real won the first leg 3-0 in Cyprus, but the visitors nevertheless gave a fighting performance on a wet night in the Spanish Capital.—*Internet*

Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R) scores during the UEFA Champions League second leg quarter-final football match Real Madrid against APOEL Nicosia at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.— INTERNET

City clash hold no fears for United star Rooney

LONDON, 5 April — Wayne Rooney insists Manchester United are capable of clinching the Premier League title with a victory at Manchester City later this month. United are five points clear at the top of table and could win their 20th English league title at the Eastlands home of bitter rivals City on 30 April. That is a mouth-watering prospect for everyone associated with United, especially with the painful memories of City's 6-1 win at Old Trafford earlier this season still fresh in their minds.

Wayne Rooney, insists Manchester United are capable of clinching the Premier League title with a victory at Manchester City later this month.—INTERNET

After that superb City display, Roberto Mancini's men were widely expected to end United's hold on the title, but the momentum has since shifted back to Sir Alex Ferguson's side.

United striker Rooney knows City have a formidable home record — they recently set a Premier League record for 20 successive victories — but his side's FA Cup third round win at Eastlands in January guarantees they will have no fear about playing a potential title decider on enemy soil. "We're certainly good enough to beat them there," Rooney said. "We showed that when we beat them 3-2 in the FA Cup in January. "They have a great home record in the league but we managed to get the result there in the Cup. "That shows we can go there and win. We just have to be ourselves and play our normal football. We'll take full confidence into that game and hopefully we can get the three points".

Internet

Kagawa planning Premier League switch

DORTMUND, 5 April — Borussia Dortmund's Japan star Shinji Kagawa is planning a switch to either Premier League giants Manchester United or Chelsea, according to a report in German daily *Bild* on Wednesday. The 23-year-old has been in stellar form this season and his 12 goals in 25 league games have helped put defending champions Dortmund on top of the German league with six games remaining.

But according to *Bild*, Kagawa is considering rejecting Dortmund's offer to double his wages from 1.5 million to three million euros per season and extend his contract, which is due to expire in June 2013, until 2016. Both Manchester United and Chelsea are reported to be interested in signing the Japan star and reports in the German media claim Kagawa is worth around 15 million euros. "There will be a decision made soon," said Dortmund manager Michael Zorc.

"We would love to extend to his contract, but the ball is in his court. "We know that he fancies a move to England or Spain. "The question is at what point in time." —*Internet*

***Borussia Dortmund's Japan star Shinji Kagawa.* INTERNET**

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

7:50 am
2. Nice and Sweet Song

8:10 am
3. Dance of Thingyan Festival

8:35 am
4. International News

4:00 pm
7. Martial Song

4:25 pm
8. Dance Of National Races

4:35 pm
9. Dance of Thingyan Festival

5:05 pm
10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

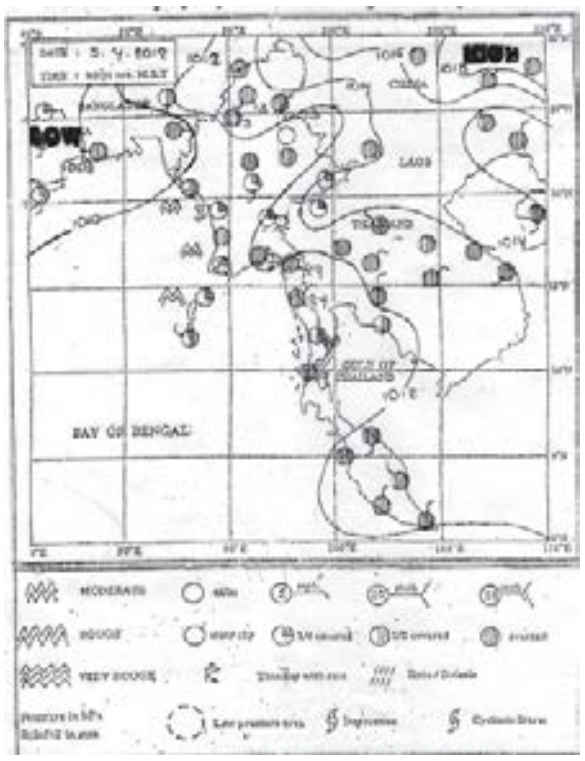
5:10 pm
11. Myanmar Language

5:50 pm
12. Sports Highlight

7:20 pm
13. Dance of Thingyan Festival

8:00 pm
14. News
15. TV Drama Series
16. Song Lovers

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th April, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
2	Kayah	32/90	18/64	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
3	Kayin	37/99	21/70	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
4	Chin	28/82	12/54	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
5	Upper Sagaing	35/95	19/66	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	20/68	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
7	Taninthayi	36/97	24/75	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
8	Bago	37/99	22/72	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
9	Magway	40/104	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
10	Mandalay	40/104	25/77	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
11	Mon	37/99	24/75	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
12	Yangon	37/99	23/73	Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers	(60%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
14	Southern Shan	28/82	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
15	Northern Shan	34/93	15/59	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	20/68	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
17	Ayeyawady	37/99	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	38/100	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	37/99	23/73	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	40/104	25/77	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours,weather has been partly cloudy in Ayeyawady Region, Chin and Rakhine States rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Lowers Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayan State, scattered in yangon Region, Shan and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and bago Regions, Kachin State, widespread in Taninthayi region and Mon State with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Northern Shan States, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Chin State and about April average temperatures in the remaining Regions and States. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44°C), Minbu and Gangaw (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Belin (3.11) inches, Longlon (2.17) inches, Thaton (1.93) inches, Myeil (1.89) inches, Theinzayat (1.46) inches, Tamu (1.30) inches, Namsam (1.18) inches and Minesat (1.02) inches.
Bay Inference	Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay partly cloudy eleswhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squall with moderate to rough Seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama and Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

From left, Mark O'Meara, Tiger Woods and Sean O'Hair skip golf balls across the pond on the 16th hole during a practice round for the Masters golf tournament on 4 April, 2012, in Augusta, Ga.— INTERNET

Two stars, and a wide-open field at Masters

AUGUSTA, 5 April — Tiger Woods couldn't see the green through the trees, though that was only a minor obstacle. He choked up on a 5-wood and played a sweeping draw around the pines, over the water and onto the back of the green.

As he approached the Sarazen Bridge to the 15th green Wednesday, the grandstand rumbled when fans suddenly rose in unison to see him walk by.

Some of them held cameras as high as they could, clicked and hoped for the best.

Woods is worth watching at the Masters for all the right reasons.

All it took was one win at Bay Hill two weeks ago for Woods to even remotely resemble the guy who once dominated golf. He won by five shots, and, just like that, was elevated to the favorite at Augusta National.

Everything is headed in the right direction at the right time," Woods said. ut he's not the only star of this Masters.

Rory McIlroy has all the traits of the heir apparent — an easy swing that produces enormous power, a US Open title at age 22, a tennis star for a girlfriend, and an engaging personality - something that Woods is not.

In his last 12 tournaments, McIlroy finished third or better eight times, including two wins and a brief stay at No. 1 in the world.

I'm in a great place," McIlroy said. "I feel like my golf game is in great shape."— *Internet*

Spanish trio look to flood Europa League last four

MADRID, 5 April — Three Spanish clubs will seek on Thursday to reach the Europa League semi-finals and build on the impression that whilst their country is in a financial crisis their football fortunes are in rude health. Athletic Bilbao should progress at home to German side Schalke 04 having won 4-2 away last week while 2010 winners Atletico Madrid hold a 2-1 lead as they travel to German side Hanover while Valencia host AZ Alkmaar having lost 2-1 in the first leg.

Sporting Lisbon will be bidding to make it an all-Iberian quartet in the semis as they take a 2-1 lead to Ukraine side Metalist Kharkiv. The size of the task facing last season's Champions League semi-finalists Schalke is illustrated by the fact that Athletic Bilbao have only ever lost 3-0 once in European competition - to another Bundesliga side Werder Bremen in 2009. Both sides failed to win at the weekend, Bilbao losing 2-0 to Barcelona while Schalke had to rely on an 80th minute penalty by Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to force a 1-1 draw with Hoffenheim.

The German side will be looking to the in-form Dutch star for an early goal on Thursday and maintain his rich vein of scoring form that has seen him net 23 in the Bundesliga this term. However, Athletic will be encouraged they can also score several more goals with the visitors probably forced to play fourth choice goalkeeper Mathias Schober as number one Timo Hildebrand was injured in the first leg and the other two goalkeepers are on their way back from injury. The hosts' leading striker Fernando Llorente has warned his team-mates that they would be foolish to already be thinking of the semi-finals where they will play either Sporting or Metalist.—*Internet*

Atletico Madrid's Radamel Falcao. Three Spanish clubs will seek on Thursday to reach the Europa League semi-finals and build on the impression that whilst their country is in a financial crisis their football fortunes are in rude health.
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Brolin to narrate 'Untamed Americas'

WASHINGTON, 5 April—National Geographic Channels says US actor Josh Brolin will narrate its upcoming 4-hour miniseries "Untamed Americas."

The programme "reveals the grit and glory in the wilds of North America, Central America and South America" and will debut in late spring, the network said.

"National Geographic is an iconic brand known for its storytelling, and I am thrilled to be a part of this project," Brolin said in a statement.

"This series is absolutely breathtaking, and really inspires my passion for the great outdoors."

"We could not have found a more perfect narrator for this series," said series producer Karen Bass.

"Josh really brings to life what our crew captured — the intimate, the epic and the dramatic stories of wildlife facing the extreme challenges of surviving in the Americas."

Brolin's film credits include "True Grit," "W," "Milk," "No Country For Old Men" and "The Goonies." He also starred in the TV series "Young Riders."—*Internet*

Actress Diane Lane (L) and actor Josh Brolin arrive at the 18th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on 29 Jan, 2012.
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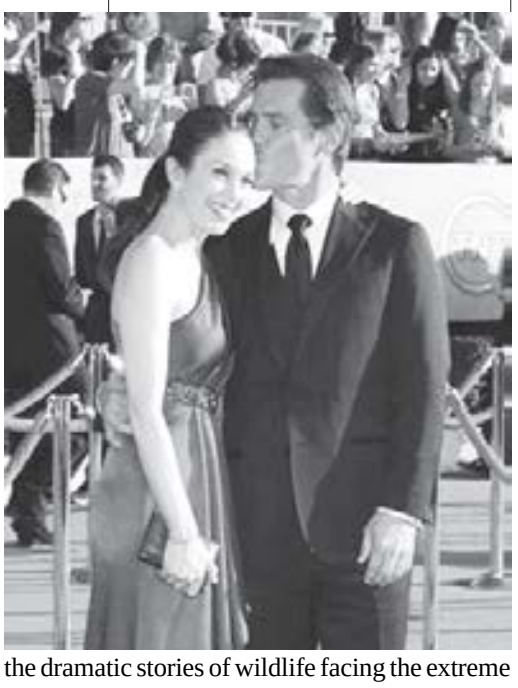

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President U Thein Sein attends dinner hosted by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni at Royal Palace in Phnom Penh on 3 April evening.

It was also attended by 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 the Philippines 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 and high-ranking officials from ASEAN countries.

Heads of State/Government from ASEAN nations arrived at Royal Palace around 6.30 pm and they were welcomed by Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni.

Afterwards, Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni granted audience to the heads of State/Government from ASEAN nations and had the dinner together with them. At the dinner, Cambodian cultural dance troupe entertained them with a variety of dances and songs.—*MNA*

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni cordially greets President U Thein Sein at dinner. **MNA**

President U Thein Sein arrives back Nay Pyi Taw after attending 20th ASEAN Summit

***President U Thein Sein being seen off by personnel at Phnom Penh International Airport.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein arrived back here yesterday evening by a special flight of Myanma Airways International after attending the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

After attending the 20th ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh at the invitation of Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen, the President arrived at the Phnom Penh International Airport yesterday afternoon to leave for Myanmar. President U Thein Sein was bidden farewell by Cambodian Minister for Education, Youth and Sports Mr Im Sethy, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ms Sun Saphoeun and officials concerned, Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Cho Tun Aung, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Aung Naing and staff of Myanmar Embassy.

Members of the Myanmar delegation 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 and heads of department also arrived back here on the same flight.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (5-4-2012)

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Monghsat	**(1.02) inches.**

MLF donates books to village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—The prize presentation for raising reading habit was held in conjunction with the book donation at the Dhammayon of Kinpunchaung Village in Kyaikto Township on 25 March morning.

Mon State Minister for Pa-O National Races U Khun Pe Mya made a speech. Assistant Director of Mon State Information and Public Relations Department U Kyaw Win Aung discussed development of library meeting five-point standards.

Mon State Minister U Khun Pe Mya, Kyaikto Township Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Nyi Nyi Tun and Assistant Director U Kyaw Win Aung awarded winners in the essay, extempore talks and poem recitation contests.

Later, officials handed over 1250 books worth K 500,000 donated by Myanmar Libraries Foundation to 10 libraries.

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Flower and football

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***Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (R) scores during the UEFA Champions League second leg quarter-final football match Real Madrid against APOEL Nicosia at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid.*— INTERNET**

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