

New Thitsa tarred road put into service in Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—To honour the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a new self-reliant tarred road was put into service in Kyunbintha Ward, Myitkyina, Kachin State on 25 March.

Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint attended the opening ceremony of the road.

The 1300-foot long and 12-foot wide road was built at a cost of over K 9.8 million contributed by Kachin State PDC and local people.

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Road inaugurated to honour Armed Forces Day in Aungmyaythazan Township



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han cut the ribbon to open tarred road in Aungmyaythazan Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April— As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the repaved 76th Street was inaugurated in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, on 25 March.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and the secretary of the committee for construction of the street formally opened the street.

The street is 5,630 feet long and 20 feet wide. It was repaved with asphalt at a cost of over K 73.6 million. Residents of the township contributed over K 49 million to the funds for construction of the street.

After the street had been opened, the commander and party strolled on the street and cordially greeted the residents. — MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Weather Forecast for 4-4-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon and neighbouring area
Isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

INSIDE

People to report any suspicious destructive acts

Myanmar people are going to enjoy themselves in the forthcoming Thingyan. So, I would like to urge the people to report any suspicious acts if they notice in order that any subversive acts will not occur during the social occasion.

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AN OBSERVER

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 4 April, 2008

Boost production of quality machines for industrial development

The government is now working hard for all-round development in the industrial, livestock breeding, marine, forestry, energy, mine and trade sectors with the agricultur sector in the core in its drive for improving the economic growth of the nation.

The government is giving encouragements to industrialists, in this regard. At the same time, it is laying down and pursuing plans on industrial development for modernizing and developing the country.

A large number of import-substitute goods manufacturing enterprises have come into existence thanks to the establishment of more industrial regions and zones and opening of more factories.

So far, the nation has seen 18 industrial zones along with branches, increasing the number of private industries to more than 100,000. The industrial zones have boosted production of not only import-substitute goods but also farm machinery, spare parts of farm machines, and exportable goods.

Factories and industrial zones have to take innovative measures to operate the factories at full capacity and manufacture marketable quality items on a greater scale for the economic development of the nation.

Industrialists on their part have to work hard for cumulative progress of the industrial zones in order that there will be a growing number of reliable industrial zones in the nation.

Myanmar will soon be an industrialized country following a boom in the industrial sector if the industrial zones have been capable of boosting production of quality machines.



Chairman of the Executive Committee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) accepts K 100,000 donated by wellwishers Dr Kyaw Sein and Daw Tin Tin Aye of Konmyinthayar, Mayangon Township, Yangon. — H

People's Desire

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

Minister for Information receives delegation of Russian Federation



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives a delegation led by RIA Novosti News Agency Columnist Mr Ivan Zkhartchenk. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April – Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received a five-member Public Relations delegation from the Russian Federation led by Columnist Mr Ivan Zkhartchenk of “RIA Novosti” News Agency at the ministry here yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were managing directors, deputy directors-general, general managers and officials of enterprises and departments under the Ministry of Information.

The Public Relations delegation from the Russian Federation was accompanied by First Secretary Mr Nikolay Barabanov of the embassy of the Russian Federation. — MNA

Korean Language Test for overseas workers

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Labour Ministers from Myanmar and South Korea signed the agreement on employment of Myanmar workers on 28 November 2007.

In order to implement the agreement, Director-General U Chit Shein of Labour Department of the Ministry of Labour and Director-General Mr Lee Jae Kap of Ministry of Labour of the Republic of Korea signed Implementing Agreement between Ministry of Labour of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Labour of Korea on Conducting and Administrating the Korean Language Test today. Those who are going to work in ROK with Employment Permit System must pass the Korean Language Test (KLT).—MNA

Horizon League Basketball Tournament for 2007-08 season continues

YANGON, 3 April — Jointly organized by the Myanmar Basketball Federation and the Horizon Int’l Education Center, the Horizon League Basketball Tournament for 2007-08 season continued at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium, here, on 30 March morning.

Filipino won over CCY 57-53; GB defeated the Gyuts 59-52; and Furious crashed Last Vampire 91-78. On 23 March, the Gyuts defeated Furious 83-81; Last Vampire hammered WHO 70-30; Cow Boy crushed GB 94-63; and Blue Boy won over CCY 76-65.

At the end of the matches on 30 March, KKS was leading the tournament on 14 points with seven wins in seven matches, followed by Cow Boy and Red Star on 12 points each with six wins in six matches.

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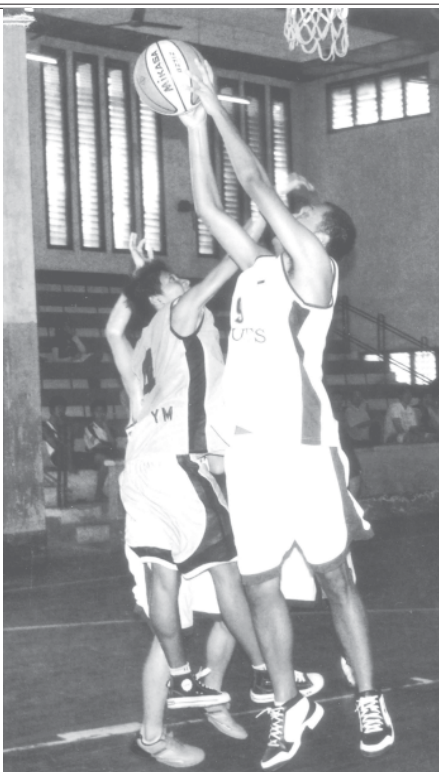
Inter-Ministry Men’s Basketball tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — The First Inter-Ministry Men’s Basketball Tournament for 2008 was held at Basketball Grounds here yesterday morning. In the group C, Ministry of Sports won over Ministry of Information while Ministry of Defence beat Ministry of Commerce.

In the evening events, Ministry of Rail Transportation defeated Ministry of Health while Ministry of Industry 1 crashed Ministry of Electric Power No 2.—MNA

The Gyuts plays against the GB at Horizon League Basketball Tournament for 2007-08 Season.

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Pakistan says CIA remarks not helpful to trace al-Qaeda

ISLAMABAD, 3 April — Pakistan on Wednesday angrily reacted to remarks from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) chief of the United States, who criticized the policies of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf in dealing with terrorism in the tribal region. "Such a statement does not help trace alleged hide-outs," Pakistani

Foreign Ministry spokesman Muhammad Sadiq said at the weekly Press briefing here.

Speaking at a TV show on Sunday the CIA chief General Micheal Hayden also hinted operation in the Pakistani regions by the American forces.

There is a clear understanding for operations along the border, Sadiq

said, adding that Pakistan's security forces were exclusively responsible for action on Pakistan's side of the border while International Security Assistance Force, North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces and Afghan National Army were responsible for action on the other side.

MNA/Xinhua



A young visitor to the National Civil Rights Museum pauses to view a wreath hanging on the balcony of the former Lorraine Motel, now part of the museum, where Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee 2 April, 2008. —INTERNET

Hamis denies planned assassination of Fatah leader

GAZA, 3 April—Islamic Hamas movement on Tuesday denied reports that a Hamas member arrested by Egypt, had planned to assassinate a prominent member of Gas cylinder blast kills 13 in Pakistan

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party on Egyptian territories. Egypt arrested Ayman Nufal, a Gaza Strip resident and a member of Hamas' military wing, without bringing any charge against him, said Ayman Taha, a spokesman for the Islamic movement in

Gaza. "The report is groundless and aims at making tension in the ties between Hamas and Egypt," Taha said, adding Hamas and its armed wing "have no intention to carry out assassinations among Fatah leaders neither in Gaza Strip nor in Egypt".

MNA/Xinhua

Russia vows "pragmatic" response to NATO expansion

MOSCOW, 3 April—Russia would respond pragmatically to any further NATO expansion by strengthening its defences and economic might, Russian news agencies quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying on Wednesday.

NATO will consider

putting the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Ukraine on the path to membership at a summit in Bucharest this week despite Russian opposition.

"NATO expansion will not be left without a response," ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Lavrov as telling the State

Duma, the Lower House of Parliament. "But we will react pragmatically."

TASS quoted him as saying the response would take the form of strengthened economic and defence potential, but gave no details. Moscow strongly opposes membership for Tbilisi and Kiev on grounds that NATO is intruding on its sphere of influence. Lavrov told lawmakers Moscow would carefully consider a parliamentary resolution calling for the recognition of two breakaway Georgian regions but would also keep in mind its general commitment to the territorial integrity of states.—MNA/Reuters

A protester holds a poster with a portrait of US President George W Bush and words reading, "NATO Means Death" during anti-NATO procession in Kiev, on 2 April, 2008.—INTERNET

ISLAMABAD, 3 April—At least 13 people were killed on Wednesday when a worker struck a match to light a cigarette at a gas cylinder shop and set off series of explosions, a police official in the central Pakistani city of Faisalabad said.

The incident happened while workers were refilling gas cylinders for sale to domestic consumers, and the explosions caused the building to collapse.—MNA/Reuters



Center Elementary School is shown, on 2 April, 2008 in Waycross, Ga. Allegations that third-graders hatched an elaborate plot to knock out, handcuff and stab their teacher were met with shock by neighbours and with doubt by psychiatry experts who said it is unlikely that children that young seriously intended to hurt anyone.

INTERNET

McCain working on list of VP candidates

PENSACOLA (Florida), 3 April—US Republican presidential candidate John McCain said on Wednesday he has begun a list of potential vice presidential running mates—a decision

he quipped was especially big "given my age". McCain, 71, said his search is in the "embryonic stage" but that he has a list of about 20 names and has talked to a couple of people about leading his vice presidential search team. He would like to have his running mate set before the Republican convention in St Paul, Minnesota, in early September that will nominate McCain as the party's choice to face either Democrat Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton in the November election.

MNA/Reuters



Bush calls on NATO allies for Afghan troops

BUCHAREST, 3 April—US President George W Bush urged NATO allies on Wednesday to send more troops to Afghanistan, saying the alliance could not afford to lose its battle against Taleban insurgents and al-Qaeda militants.

In a keynote speech before a summit of the 26-nation defence alliance in the Romanian capital, Bucharest, Bush said: "As (French) President (Nicolas) Sarkozy put it in London last week, we cannot afford to lose Afghanistan. Whatever the cost, however difficult, we cannot afford it, we must win. I agree completely.

Noting that France and Romania were due to send more troops, he said: "We ask other nations to step forward with additional forces as well."

NATO allies want the Bucharest summit, starting later on Wednesday, to send the message that its 47,000-strong peacekeeping force will stay in Afghanistan for as long as necessary to battle the insurgency.—MNA/Reuters



An Shiite fighter runs past a burning armoured vehicle in Basra recently. At least 15 people and several others wounded in spate of bombings and shootings across Iraq. —INTERNET

Colombia accuses Ecuador of violating airspace

BOGOTA, 2 April— Colombia Monday accused an Ecuadorean military helicopter of violating its airspace on Sunday.

An Ecuadorean Air Force *Gazelle* helicopter entered Colombia at 11.10 am local time (1610 GMT), and Colombian *Black Hawk* helicopters had tried and failed to establish radio contact with it, said a statement

issued by the Colombian presidency.

Colombian soldiers identified two pilots and two passengers aboard the Ecuadorean aircraft, all in military uniform.

“The Ecuadorean craft descended suddenly and flew low to the south, not completing the instructions given,” the statement said, adding that the Colombians had not chased the aircraft and that

Ecuador’s Government had been informed.

Ecuador is yet to resume diplomatic ties with Colombia, which it severed following the latter’s incursion into Ecuadorean territory to conduct a raid on a rebel camp on 1 March.

MNA/Xinhua

Pipe bomb parts found in Florida airport bag

ORLANDO (Florida), 2 April— Components that potentially could be made into a pipe bomb were found in the luggage of a man preparing to fly from Orlando International Airport to Jamaica on Tuesday, the *Orlando Sentinel* newspaper said. The Transportation Security Administration confirmed only that “suspicious” items were found in a search of the man’s luggage.

FBI spokesman David Couvertier, whose agency is handling the case, said the items “generated a high level of concern”, but he declined to confirm the newspaper’s report that the suspicious items included “unassembled pipes with end caps, metal ball bearings and other potentially explosive materials”. —MNA/Reuters



Obama courts Clinton supporters in Pennsylvania

WILKES-BARRE (Pennsylvania), 2 April — Despite months of “bad blood” in the Democratic Party, Barack Obama is wooing supporters of his rival Hillary Clinton to begin healing divisions that could cost them the White House.

Campaigning in Pennsylvania where the two will face off in a closely watched primary on 22 April, Obama on Tuesday made a point of

praising supporters of Clinton, who would be the first woman president, for their enthusiasm.

“It’s true that Senator Clinton’s folks are passionate, my folks are passionate,” Obama told a rally, though he added that some comments from supporters on both sides had created “some bad blood”.

Sometimes sharp exchanges between Obama and Clinton campaigns have grabbed the media

spotlight lately.

An Obama adviser was forced to resign last month after calling Clinton a “monster”. Political strategist James Carville, a Clinton supporter, has called New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson a “Judas” for throwing his support to Obama.

Obama and Clinton have traded criticism over their readiness to lead on foreign policy and other issues. —MNA/Reuters



Doctor Asfaw Atnafu, head of telemedicine at the Black Lion hospital in Addis Ababa, uses a high-speed Internet connection to communicate with doctors at Care Hospital Hyderabad in India, on 1 April, 2008. —INTERNET

McCain takes on Letterman in “Late Show” monologue

NEW YORK, 2 April — Republican presidential hopeful John McCain turned the tables on talk show host David Letterman on Tuesday with a comic monologue in which the 71-year-old senator got revenge for Letterman’s jokes about his age.

In an April Fool’s day appearance on CBS’s “The Late Show with David Letterman,” McCain, who would be the

oldest person to serve a first US presidential term if he wins the November election, showed he could take a joke by coming on stage at the end of Letterman’s routine ribbing him.

“You think that stuff’s pretty funny, don’t you?” he asked Letterman, according to excerpts of the show released by CBS in advance of its broadcast on Tuesday night. Letterman had said McCain “looks like the guy who always has wiry hair growing out of new places”, and a string of similar quips about the candidate’s age.

MNA/Reuters

Mav, a New Zealand fur seal is seen chasing a fish in its new exhibit during a media call at Taronga Zoo in Sydney on 2 April, 2008.

XINHUA

Somali gunmen kidnap two foreigners

MOGADISHU, 2 April— Somali gunmen on Tuesday kidnapped two foreign contractors working for a project funded by the United Nations in southern Somalia, one of their colleagues said.

“One Briton and one Kenyan working for the UN’s FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) were kidnapped by clan militiamen somewhere between Bule and Sakow towns in Middle Jubba Province,” a Somali aid worker, who asked not to be named, told *Reuters*.

“We understand that the British man was wounded during an exchange of gunfire between the Somali bodyguards and the militia,” he added. —MNA/Reuters

Twelve rebels killed in northern Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 2 April — The Sri Lankan military said that 12 Tamil Tiger rebels were killed by government troops on Tuesday as clashes between the two sides continued in the north.

Officials from the Media Centre for National Security said eight cadres of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were killed and nine were injured when Army troops captured the Pikulam area and destroyed 12 LTTE bunkers in the Mannar District early morning.

Eight soldiers were injured in the encounter, said the officials. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia, Singapore business forum opens

SINGAPORE, 2 April—Singapore's Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang Tuesday urged businessmen from Singapore and Russia to extend cooperation in infrastructure development and the retail sector.

Because some one trillion US dollars will be dedicated to infrastructure projects under the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) project structure. In addition, Russia is now embarking on new initiatives such as tourism and port special economic zones, Lim said at the third annual Russia-Singapore business forum.

As to the retail or lifestyle sector, Lim noted that, the middle-income class in Russia is growing—estimated 30 million Russians, they make up 20 per cent of the total population. This figure is set to grow further in the near future, leading to growing demand for consumer services such as good restaurants and entertainment facilities.

The forum opened to around 600 delegates—half of them were from Russia and the others from Singapore and other Asian countries. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergey Naryshkin, who is visiting

Singapore now, also attended the forum.

Businessmen discussed the opportunities and issues related to doing business in Asia through Singapore. Delegates also heard from the Russian governors on updates and developments in various regions in Russia. Many initiatives are in the pipeline to further strengthen bilateral collaboration between Singapore and Russia.

MNA/Xinhua



A WestJet guest lies in an overhead cabin in an undated handout photo. Continuing its irregular tradition of April Fools' Day press releases, WestJet Airlines Ltd offered passengers a small "sleeper cabin" in its planes' overhead luggage bins on 2 April, available for a modest extra charge of C\$12 (5.9 pounds).—INTERNET

China, India, Mexico most favoured by Spanish Cos

MADRID, 2 April—China, India and Mexico are among the most favoured choices of Spanish companies for investment in developing countries, the ABC Spanish daily reported Monday.

Some 81 per cent of Spanish companies plan to invest in India and Mexico, while 86 percent prefer China as their investment destination, the paper quoted an Ernst & Young survey as saying.

The statistics are based on a survey with more than 900 senior executive officials of Spain's multinational companies.

A file photo shows Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates speaks at a keynote address at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. —INTERNET

Russia (59 percent), Poland (51 percent), Argentina and Brazil (30 percent) are the other overseas favorites of Spanish companies, the survey shows.

When choosing overseas markets for investment, Spanish firms consider several key factors, such as potential of market scales, yield from investment, costs and easy communication.

The Ernst & Young survey also found that Spanish companies have a very strong sense of risk. Some 89 per cent companies pay attention to the potential risks of newly emerging markets, and nearly half have risk control measures in overseas markets in place.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

East Asia faces uncertainty 2008, slower eco growth

SINGAPORE, 2 April—East Asia faces challenging times in 2008 as falling exports and reduced business spending result in slower economic growth at a time when rising food prices push up inflation rates, the World Bank said.

In its semi-annual report released on Tuesday, the World Bank predicted 7.3-per-cent growth for East Asia, excluding Japan.

Developing Asia, which also excludes Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea and Taipei, would expand 8.6 per cent, which will be its lowest growth rate since 2002, and down from 10.2 per cent in 2007, the fastest pace since the early 1990s.

Given the high level of uncertainty about the global outlook, spawned by the US subprime mortgage financial turmoil, the World Bank said it was assuming a range of outcomes for the external environment in making these forecasts.

It assumes the US economy could grow anywhere between 0.5 and 1.4 per cent this year, down from 2.2 per cent in 2007. The Eurozone could see growth in a 1.3-1.7-per-cent range, compared with 2.7 percent in 2007. The World Bank predicts China's growth would dip below 10 per cent in 2008 after five years of double-digit rates. —MNA/Reuters



UAE issues foreign investor directory in Chinese

ABU DHABI, 2 April—The Ministry of Foreign Trade of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced on Tuesday that it has issued a comprehensive foreign investor directory in Chinese, the official Emirates News Agency reported.

The directory will be distributed to Chinese businessmen during the UAE-China trade forum which will be opened in Shanghai on Wednesday, the report said. The move is part of the ministry's efforts to execute the federal government's strategy of developing foreign trade which seeks to establish the UAE as a favourite destination to foreign investors.

The directory provides detailed information and statistics on the UAE's political system, federal ministries, demographic transformation, economic development, business and trade legislations, and other areas related to foreign investment. — MNA/Xinhua



Argentine beef industry says exports halted

BUENOS AIRES, 2 April — Argentine meat industry sources said on Tuesday beef shipments had been halted amid a 20-day-old farm strike that has emptied butchers' counters in a country where steak is an everyday staple.

However, an e-mailed statement from the government's Customs agency later denied beef exports had been suspended, saying officials had simply been checking documents related to shipments.

MNA/Reuters

Petr Vaculin from Czech Republic poses for photographers in horizontal position with the legs at the wall and the hands at the vertically adjusted stick during the Impossibility Challenge 2008 in Dachau, southern Germany, on 30 March, 2008.

INTERNET



The sixth Torch bearer Zhamilya Yunusbaeva (front R) ignites the torch from Kazakhstan swimmer Olegrabota at the Dam during the Olympic torch relay in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 2 April, 2008. —XINHUA

China to continue tight monetary policy

BEIJING, 2 April — The People's Bank of China (PBOC), the central bank, said on Monday that the country would continue with its tight monetary policy, which would be adjusted in response to changes in the domestic and world economies.

According to a circular on the PBOC website, the regular first-quarter monetary policy committee meeting decided that the economic and financial situations were stable.

The consumer price index (CPI) increased by 8.7 per cent year-on-year in February, the biggest

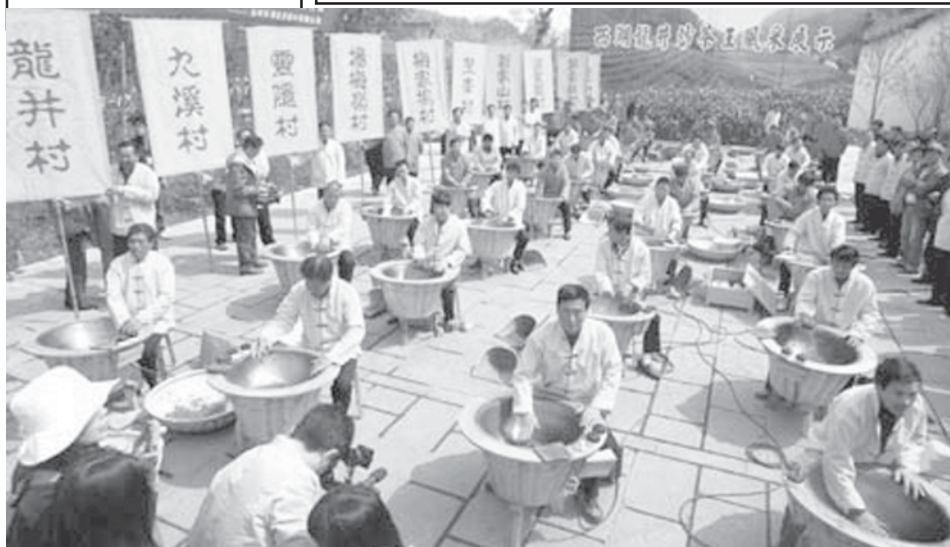
jump in nearly 12 years and well above the annual target of 4.8 per cent set by the central government for 2008.

The central bank will continue improving the exchange rate regime "in a proactive, manageable and gradual manner" while allowing the market to play a bigger role in determining the rate.

It would also introduce more flexibility to the renminbi exchange rate and keep it stable at a reasonable and balanced level, said the central bank. —Xinhua

Forty master-hands from the origin village of West Lake Longjing Tea compete to show their skills of tea stir-frying, in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 2 April, 2008.

XINHUA



Developing Asia needs invest more in education

MANILA, 3 April — Developing Asian economies may fail to reap the "demographic dividend" if they do not invest enough in their education and training systems, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said on Wednesday.

In its flagship publi-

cation, Asian Development Outlook 2008, the Manila-based development bank says developing Asia is passing through a demographic phase that has a high share of young adults in the total population. This "youth bulge" has the potential to stimulate economic growth through productive employment, asset creation, and investment.

"The growth opportunity must be harvested within the next two or three decades," said ADB Chief Economist Ifzal Ali in a Press release. "To

redeem this demographic dividend, countries have to put in place an enabling policy environment and strengthen the institutional framework," he added.

The "youth bulge" will start to shrink around 2010, and by 2040 the percentage of young people in the total population will be about 14 per cent, down from 20 per cent in 2005, according to the report. Before the bulge begins to shrink, it is critical that economies create productive and sustainable jobs for the young. —Xinhua

Britain postpones withdrawal of troops home from Iraq

LONDON, 2 April — The British Government announced on Tuesday to postpone the withdrawal of its troops home from Iraq, due to violence in Basra, southern Iraq. Speaking in the House of Commons, Defence Secretary Des Browne said: "In the light of the last week's events, it is prudent that we pause any further reductions while the current situation is unfolding."

During the weekend, British forces became directly involved in fighting between the Iraqi Army and Shia militiamen. —Xinhua

Turkey not to send combat troops to Afghanistan

ISTANBUL (Turkey), 3 April — Turkish President Abdullah Gul said Wednesday that Turkey has no intention to deploy combat troops in Afghanistan, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

"Turkey is closely interested in Afghanistan but we have no intention of sending combat troops," Gul said at Esenboga Airport in the Turkish capital of Ankara before his departure for Romania to attend a NATO summit.

Gul's remarks turned down statements by Turkish Foreign Minister Ali Babacan last month that the government might consider sending more combat troops to Afghanistan. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Air China launches flights to North Korea

BEIJING, 2 April — Air China on Monday launched flights to North Korea, making it the world's only foreign airline to fly regularly to the country's capital, *Xinhua* news agency reported on Mon-

day. The Beijing-Pyongyang air link comes as tensions have flared between North and South Korea.

North Korea has threatened to attack the South in recent days and

sent jet fighters to test its neighbour's air defences as it tries to push a new government in Seoul to back off from an increasingly hard line in their bilateral relations.

Analysts have said that China, one of North Korea's biggest benefactors and the closest the destitute state has to a major ally, would lean on the hermit state to prevent the situation on the Korean Peninsula spinning out of control.

The Beijing-Pyongyang flight route was postponed by three months after Air China said preparatory work took longer than expected.

Xinhua



Dancers rehearse on the stage for next day's celebration ceremony of Beijing Olympic torch relay in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 1 April, 2008. Almaty is the first leg of the global torch relay of Beijing Olympic Games. —XINHUA

Thai PM admitted to hospital for having diarrhoea

BANGKOK, 2 April — Thailand's Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej cancelled all his appointments on Tuesday after being admitted to a hospital for having fever and diarrhoea, according to government spokesman Wichienchote Sukchotrat.

Samak was given saline solution at Bamrungrat Hospital and would return home to take a rest.

Wichienchote Sukchotrat said Samak suffered the illness since Monday morning during his official visit to Laos where he had local food chilly paste with fermented fish at a market in Vientiane.

The spokesman said Samak's condition now improved. —Xinhua

People to report any suspicious destructive acts

An Observer

- Crows destroy other birds’ nests.
- Rats destroy the furniture of houses.
- Unscrupulous persons destroy peaceful conditions of the nation.

Loka Niti says that these three kinds of creatures destroy others’ property. Whenever they are on my mind, I happen to think about the saboteurs who are trying to destroy Myanmar.

There is a saying goes by “thieves grow into dacoits, and dacoits into rebels”. I notice that in Myanmar, many politicians have become expatriate insurgents and then terrorist insurgents.

The politicians have engaged in above-ground and underground movements as members of Burma Communist Party (BCP), then members of political parties in the parliamentary democracy period, and now members of a certain political party. They have incited riots and committed destructive acts to create a public panic at the same time. Since 1988, they have focused on seizing power through a shortcut and blasting public property.

On 7 July 1989, they blasted the oil refinery in Thanlyin Township, leaving two innocent civilians dead. However, fortunately, the township did not face mass destruction. According to the investigation, the perpetrators were Thanlyin Township NLD member UGs.

On 10 June the same year, the saboteurs detonated a time bomb at Yangon City Hall. The bombers were Ko Ko Naing of KNU and accomplice. Officials concerned made clarification concerning the incident with profound evidence.

That was followed by several bomb explosions in Pyu cinema hall, Mandalay Zaygyo Market, and

Mongshu gems land, and a hijack. In that regard, explosives training courses were conducted in border areas with some explosives experts of the Western nations, funds and arms and ammunition from some Western powers.

Then, they became too daring. They raided the Myanmar embassy in Bangkok and Ratburi hospital in Thailand. They even detonated bombs at the ceremony to temporarily keep Buddha’s Tooth Relic for public reverence in Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon.

Among the cases, many bombers have been exposed directly and through investigation. All the saboteurs were from KNU, NLD (LA), ABSDF, NCUB, NCGUB and SSA-S.

There is ample evidence that verifies that point. On 4 August 1992, DAB of insurgent groups, NCGUB of expatriate Sein Win, and expatriate NLD members formed NCUB. In January 1993, they formed Political Defiance Committee to rise against the government through various ways.

The committee speeded up its military and diplomatic attacks and continuously sent bombers into the country. They are found to be trying to disrupt every step of the State’s seven-step Road Map.

As part of the plot, they detonated bombs at Zawgyi House Restaurant near Bogyoke Market on 21 December 2004, and in the compound of Parami bus terminal in South Okkalapa on 17 March 2005. On 7 May 2005, they committed a series of bomb detonations in three busy places in Yangon, leaving 23 persons including members of the Sangha dead and 150 injured. The people abhorred and denounced the inhumane attacks.

However, that could not prevent them from stopping their destructive acts. They have been like brutal murderers and they are ready to commit any forms of crimes if they come to power.

Since early 2006, they had blasted pylons, railway stations and railroads in Bago, Nyaunglebin and surrounding areas of Toungoo. About 25 or 30 years ago, a large number of passengers lost their lives in the bomb attacks on Shwe Mann May and Dagon Lwin Yangon-Mandalay express trains, and Yangon-Mawlamyine express trains. Now, security members and local people are cooperating with each other in taking security measures. The people remain constantly vigilant against their schemes.

We cannot know whether a person is a saboteur or a citizen by just looking at him. Destructionists are pretending to be public members. About two or three months ago, I read news stories about the schemes to blast a railway station and to detonate bombs in a show.

I also noticed a news story in the end of last month that some destructionists were caught with satellite phones, TNT gelignite and related materials, and some members are still at large. The people have known why they entered the nation bringing explosives along with them and where they have detonated bombs in the nation.

The referendum is going to take place coming May. Destructionists have publicly announced that they will disturb the referendum. Now, expatriate groups such as NLD (LA), ABSDF and KNPP are sending bombers into the country.

Here, I would like to present an event in which an attempt to detonate bombs was exposed in time. On 4 January 2000, authorities concerned managed to expose the attempt of destructionists to detonate bombs in Maha Bandoola Park where Independence Day celebration was being held. Some of them managed to escape from the arrest. They again arrived with the intention of detonating bombs in Thingyan (Water Festival) in April 2000. However, they were all arrested. They were members of a destructive group namely PP-21 and it deals with a certain political party. The events were clarified in a press conference.

Myanmar people are going to enjoy themselves in the forthcoming Thingyan. So, I would like to urge them to report any suspicious acts if they notice in order that any subversive acts will not occur during the social occasion.

Translation: MS

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Centennial anniversary of Maha Wizaya Ordination Hall held in Kanyutkwin

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — A ceremony to mark the centennial anniversary of Maha Wizaya Ordination Hall built in the precinct of Ngahtetgyi Pagoda by wellwishers U Po Nyunt and wife Daw Thin was held in conjunction with the ceremony to share merits for all-round renovation of the ordination hall at the Dhammayon to mark the centenary of Maha Vizara Thein was held at the Pagoda in Kanyutkwin of Bago Division on 30 March.

Present on the occasion were wellwishers for the ordination hall Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Myint, senior military officers, townsellers and

residents.

Maj-Gen Zaw Win and wife together with congregation opened the ceremony by reciting Namo Tassa three times. Then, Maj-Gen Zaw Win supplicated on the purposes of renovation.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Mingalar Myodaunt Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita. Then, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Maj-Gen Zaw Win, wife and family donated offertories to members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, wife and family offered meals to members of the Sangha.

MNA

USDA CEC member attends opening of road, bridge



Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends a ceremony to open a bridge in Wakema Township. — MNA

YANGON, 2 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the opening of Kanasogon-Lanthamaing gravel road built by Wakema Township Development Affairs Committee this morning. Also present on the occasion were the chairman of Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council, district and township level officials, the secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA, district and township USDA members, social organization members and local people.

The village-to-village gravel road is 2 miles long and 12 feet wide. The road was built with the funds of Development Affairs Department and Township Development Affairs Committee. Thanks to the completion of the road, 10447 people of 1750 houses of

seven villages can travel to Wakema in any season.

Next, the CEC member met members of social organizations at Shwe Khe Thiri Hall of Wakema. Responsible persons reported on regional development tasks and the CEC member fulfilled the needs.

Afterwards, he attended the opening of Mwayhtayan wooden bridge on Kanyinngu-Hsatthey earth road built by Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Committee. Also present on the occasion were the chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council, district and township level officials, the secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA, district and township USDA members, social organization members and local people.

Afterwards, a cash donation ceremony for the construction of the bridge followed. The donations included K 8 million by Supreme Co Ltd President Dr Sein Myint and wife and K 11.5 million by local people. The Pantanaw Township PDC chairman accepted the donations and presented the donors with certificates of honour. — MNA

Seinle Shwe Pyi Journal Vol 5 No 9 comes out

YANGON, 2 April — Seinle Shwe Pyi Journal Vol 5 No 9 comes out today.

The journal carries news of fisheries, breeding technology assistance from ADRA-Myanmar, parking tender of Myanmar Railways, fish export, invitation of Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry to Nay Pyi Taw, article titled salary and ration of Yadanapon period written by Hla Myint (Yangon University), breeding zones, breeding of cattles, Thanetkha and humours.

MNA

Coordination meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April — In order to smoothly implement the e-Government work programmes, a coordination meeting was held at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Central Committee for Electronic Communication Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen

Thein Zaw, the vice-chairman and central committee members, members of supervisory committee for electronic communication.

The chairman and minister discussed matters on electronic communication and Certification Authority (CA).

Members of the central committee and the supervisory committee took part in the discussion. The minister saw to the needs. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address at coordination meeting on implementing work programmes for e-Government. — CPT

ITBMU to open foreign language and computer courses

YANGON, 3 April — The 8th basic and advanced spoken English and German courses will be opened at International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University from 4 pm to 6 pm daily on every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in April.

The two-month course on Introduction to Computer including Internet and Email will be opened from 3 pm to 5 pm daily on every Saturday and Sunday.

Those having passed the Basic Education High School examination and the Matriculation exam and graduates may apply for attending the courses. For more information, may dial Ph-650712, 650708 and 650716. — MNA



Responsible person of International Cultural and Charity Group (ICCG) donate Cyscope-Partec-Fluorescent Microscope (Germany) to Yangon Children's Hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win at the hospital on 3 April, 2008. The microscope is worth US \$ 2,200. — H

USDA Secretariat Member supervises regional development tasks in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April—Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan on 31 March morning held a meeting with 3,000 local people from 13 villages at the monastery in Phalanpin Village of Pale Township.

After hearing the reports on regional development presented by officials, the Secretariat Member attended to the needs. Afterwards, the Secretariat Member explained tasks of the government and progress in the education, transport and agriculture sectors of the nation.

The Secretariat Member presented K 200,000 each to officials for renovation of basic education schools of Hsebyin, Zeiktaunt, Thandaung and WanbeU villages, publications to the libraries, exercise books to students and personal and household goods to the local people.

In front of Post-Primary School in Kandaunt Village, the Secretariat Member met over 2,000 local people



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with residents from 18 villages at Kandaunt Village in Pale Township. — MNA

from 18 villages. Officials reported on efforts being made for regional development. After attending to the needs, the Secretariat Member urged them to take part in the regional development tasks.

Next, he presented K 200,000 each for renovation of the basic education schools through officials of Kandaunt, Taungyathit and Kanyoe Villages, books to libraries, exercise books to students and personal goods to the local people. Afterwards, he cordially greeted the local people.

In the afternoon, another meeting was held

at the pandal in front of BEHS in Mintaingbin Model Village, attended by the Secretariat Member together with about 2,500 local people from 30 villages.

The Secretariat Member explained matters related to regional development tasks. On behalf of the local people, U Hsan Win of Kyaukpyagan Village, U Win Maw of Letpugan Village and U Bo Htay of Uhnauk Village submitted reports that they will join hands with the government in the tasks for regional development, peace and stability.

Next, the

Secretariat Member explained matters related to the role of the people to participate in development process of the nation and the people. He presented books to libraries, exercise books to students and personal and household goods to the local people.

From 29 to 31 March, Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a field trip to the grassroots level and met about 25,000 people from 127 villages in Pale Township. He donated cash, books, exercise books and personal goods to the local people and attended to the needs.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash and kind to a local people to be used in education and health care services in Phalanpin Village in Pale Township. — MNA

Meeting to control trafficking in persons held

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The second bilateral meeting on

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Thailand-Myanmar to

Control Trafficking in Persons was held at the Myanmar Police Force

headquarters, here, today.

The Myanmar delegation led by Joint-Secretary of the Central Committee for Prevention Against Trafficking in Persons Police Chief of Staff of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si and the Thai delegation led by Acting Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security Mr Chanyul Kosirinod discussed drawing of the MoU.

Future work programmes to be carried out bilaterally were to be discussed on 2 April.—MNA



Second Bilateral Meeting on Memorandum of Understanding to Control Trafficking in Persons in progress. — MNA

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 6 No 22 in circulation

YANGON, 2 April — Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 6 No 22 has been distributed today.

The journal features articles titled distinctive Myanmar Water Festival, referendum to be realized with the strength of the people, today's industrial sector and future prospects, articles let's support through one vote coming from the heart, that is important for every citizen, journey to Sagaing, Monywa, Mandalay and Kyaukse, if democracy wanted, oil palm plantations and remembering Chin mountain ranges, a wide range of local and foreign news.

The journal is available at Sarpay Beikman Book Shop on Marchant Street, News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop, Pan Shwe Pyi Book Shop, Offices of District Information and Public Relations Departments. Manuscripts can be sent to Building No 228 of Office of Printing and Publishing of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal in Botahtaung Township (Ph-01-382070).

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New planets discovered outside solar system

WASHINGTON, 3 April — An international team of astronomers has found 10 new extra-solar planets, planets that orbit stars other than our sun, University of California, Santa Barbara, announced on Tuesday.

The new international collaboration is called “SuperWASP”, for Wide Area Search for Planets. In the last six months the SuperWASP team has used two batteries of cameras, one in Spain’s Canary Islands and one in

South Africa, to discover the 10 new extra solar planets.

Two participating astronomers from the US are Rachel Street and Tim Lister, who are working at the Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope Network (LCOGTN), affiliated with UCSB.

“The flood of new discoveries from SuperWASP will revolutionize our understanding of how planets form,” said Lister in the statement released by UCSB.

With the gravitational technique, scientists have discovered around 270 extra solar planets since the early 1990s. They measured the gravitational pull on the star that is exerted by the orbiting planet. As the planet moves, it pulls on the star, tugging it back and forth. However, making these discoveries depends on looking at each star over a period of weeks or months, so the pace of discovery is slow.

MNA/Xinhua

Study encourages cornea donation from those up to age 75

WASHINGTON 3 April — A national study in US reported on Tuesday that corneas from older donors are as successful for transplants after five years as is tissue from younger donors, allowing possible expansion of the donor pool.

Based on findings from the study, the age pool of corneas for transplant should be expanded to include donors up to 75 years of age, said the study, which was published in the April issue of *Ophthalmology*.

“The majority of donors have been older,

but there has been a great prejudice against using older tissue for fear it was going to wear out faster. So many doctors pass on

tissue from older donors,” said Dwight Cavanagh, the principal investigator for the study.

MNA/Xinhua

Hundreds of alligators slaughtered in Brazil

BRASILIA, 3 April— The skinned and salted corpses of about 740 alligators have been found in a nature reserve in Brazil’s Amazon jungle, apparently destined to be served up as lunch in restaurants.

About eight tons of dried alligator corpses were discovered in the Piagacu-Purus reserve with the skins, usually the most valuable part of the animal, likely dumped in rivers, the Amazonas state environmental protection agency said.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia says France offers hostage medical mission

BOGOTA, 3 April — France has offered a medical mission to treat sick hostages held in the jungles by Colombian guerillas, including French-Colombian captive Ingrid Betancourt, Colombia’s President Alvaro Uribe said on Tuesday.

Uribe, speaking after a conversation with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, said Colombia would halt military operations in the area once the mission provides

coordinates where it will treat hostages who are sick after years in jungle camps.

“President Sarkozy has told me the humanitarian mission is in movement to attend to the health of the hostages,” Uribe said. “Once authorities are informed by the mission about the coordinates ... we will allow this mission to do its work.”

It was unclear whether the French mission had started. But

the announcement came hours after Sarkozy appealed for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, to free Betancourt who he said is close to death after more than six years in guerilla captivity.

Any successful mission to treat the captives would be the first contact for years with some of the hostages, whom FARC rebels say they want to exchange for jailed guerilla fighters.

MNA/Reuters

A French Falcon 50 plane carrying a medical team arrives at Colombia’s Catam military airport in Bogota on 3 April, 2008.

INTERNET



India takes measures to check inflation

NEW DELHI, 3 April — The government has decided to check inflation by scrapping import duty on crude palm and soya oils and banning export of rice and pulses, the government said on Tuesday.

The decision was made after a three-hour meeting of the Indian Cabinet Committee on prices Monday in New Delhi and put into effect from Tuesday.

Under the decision, all edible oils in crude form can be imported at zero duty while the duty on oils in the refined form would be 7.5 per cent.

The government also decided to scrap import duty on maize from 15 per cent at present and to raise the minimum export price of rice to 1,200 US dollars per ton from 1100 US dollars to discourage export and increase availability in the domestic market.

It also cut import duty on butter and clarified butter from 40 per cent to 30 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

Spain arrests man wanted for Casablanca bombing

MADRID, 3 April — Civil guards in Spain’s north African enclave of Melilla arrested a man on Tuesday wanted by Morocco over the 2003 Casablanca bombings that killed 32 people and 13 suicide bombers.

Acting on an international arrest warrant from Morocco, Spanish police detained Ali Aarass, who Morocco accuses of being involved in the Casablanca blasts. Police said they had seized documents from his home in Melilla.

Police said they had also detained Mohammed El Bay, who they said was in charge of striking up links with Central European arms dealers on behalf of an Islamic militant group in Morocco which was broken up in February.

Moroccan authorities have broken up dozens of suspected cells of religious militants in recent years and the country’s prisons now hold hundreds of Islamists. — MNA/Reuters



A rare white albino alligator is seen during a photocall at the ‘Serengeti’ Safari park in the northern German village of Hodenhagen on 2 April, 2008. — INTERNET

Nova Scotia bans smoking, cellphone use while driving

OTTAWA, 3 April — From Tuesday, drivers in Canada’s eastern Nova Scotia Province must butt out when children and teens are present and put down their cellphones.

According to the new regulation, anyone caught smoking in a vehicle with someone under the age of 19 could be fined 400 Canadian dollars (400 US dollars).

As of Tuesday, it is also illegal in Nova Scotia to talk on a hand-held phone or send text messages while driving. However, using a wireless device is allowed in an emergency.

Fines for violating the cellphone ban start at around 165 Canadian dollars (165 US dollars), rising to 222 dollars for a second offense and 337 dollars for each additional one.

Nova Scotia is the first Canada Province to ban smoking in cars with young passengers. Other provinces are expected to follow suit later in the year.

On Tuesday, the province of Quebec also started to impose a ban on using cellphone while driving.

MNA/Xinhua



Italian engineer Enrico Berruti poses with his invention, a self-making bed with two lateral arms handling any bed linen during the opening day of the 36th International Exhibition of Invention in Geneva.—INTERNET

Images of the Day

A woman holds a Canadian Sphinx during a cat exhibition in the Kyrgyz capital Bishkek on 30 March, 2008. Cat lovers from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan took part in the exhibition.
INTERNET



A baby elephant runs after a couple wearing wedding suits in the Beijing World Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 April, 2008. The elephant family roamed the park to enjoy the sunny day here, which attracted so many tourists. —XINHUA



Members of the judging committee look at the participating camels ahead of the 'Asayel' (pedigree) show during the Mazayin Dhaфра Camel Festival in the western province of Abu Dhabi on 3 April, 2008. The event, which started yesterday, is divided into special shows for camels in the 'Asayel' category and 'Majahim' (dark-skinned) category.—INTERNET

77-year-old woman to scale Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, 3 April — A team of 10 women representing different castes and different parts of Nepal, including a 77-year-old woman, is set to scale Mt Everest in April.

Pemba Dorje Sherpa, a mountaineer who set the record by scaling Mt Everest in the shortest time ever (eight hours and 10 minutes), is leading the the team, according to local newspaper *The Himalayan Times*. They would start their mission on April 14.

“We are going to scale Mt Everest for long lasting peace in the country as well as for the success of Constituent Assembly,” he said at a Press

conference organized by Himalayan White House International College on Wednesday.

The Constituent Assembly elections are to be held in April, and the Constituent Assembly to be formed is to decide the future political set-up of Nepal.

Pemba said that he was interested to take women from across the nation to set a record. “Many foreign women set the record by scaling Mt Everest,” he said. “We wanted to show that Nepali women are also equally competent like women from other countries and we can also set world records like them.”

MNA/Xinhua



View of the 8,848 metre (29,028 feet) high Mount Everest. A team of mountaineers have unveiled plans for what could be the most environmentally-friendly attempt yet at scaling Everest — where even bodily waste will not be left behind.—INTERNET

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At least 40 wedding party members drown in Nigeria
BAGWAI (Nigeria), 2 April—At least 40 members of a wedding party drowned in a river after the dug-out boat they were travelling in capsized in the northwestern Nigerian state of Kano, survivors and officials said on Tuesday. The victims, mostly women and children, were escorting a bride from Bagwai District to the remote village of Badau when their boat sank late on Monday, they said.
“We cannot for now ascertain the number of deaths, though we gathered from survivors that not less than 40 people may have lost their lives in the accident,” Bagwai council chairman Abdulhamid Idris said.
The lone female survivor, Habiba Bagwai, said 22 women, 15 children and three men died. The boat sank after it had ferried the first batch of members of the wedding party across the river.—MNA/Reuters

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New Zealand business confidence down
WELLINGTON, 2 April—New Zealand’s National Bank said on Tuesday that the dismal results of its latest business confidence survey do not mean businesses are talking themselves into recession.
The bank’s *Business Outlook* survey, released on Tuesday, suggests that the confidence of businesses in their own prospects has dropped to its lowest point in 17 years.
Chief economist Cameron Bagrie said there is a danger of overstating the prospect of economic downturn, though firms have some compelling reasons to be circumspect.
MNA/Xinhua

Crude tumbles nearly 4% to close below \$102
NEW YORK, 2 April—Crude tumbled nearly 4 per cent to close below 102 US dollars Monday amid a wider commodity selloff.
Crude for May delivery dropped 4.04, or 3.8 per cent, to settle at 101.58 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It earlier fell to an intraday low of 100.25 dollars. Crude ended the first quarter's trading up 5.6 dollars, or 5.8 per cent.
MNA/Xinhua

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Reserchers find racial clues in bowel cancer

LONDON, 2 April – British scientists have identified three more genes that increase the risk of bowel cancer, including one affecting specific races. Scientists at the Institute of Genetics and Molecular Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, found that one of the genes increased bowel cancer risk in people of European descent, but not Japanese people, according to a BBC report Monday. It is the first time that this has been found with a bowel cancer gene,

providing clues as to whether Japanese people have a make-up which is generally more resistant to the disease, the scientists claimed. “This is the first time that a race-specific effect has been found for a genetic marker. It’s an important step forward in our knowledge of the causes of bowel cancer, bringing us ever closer to a genetic test for those at high risk of the disease,” said Professor Malcolm Dunlop. He however said that a genetic screening test for

bowel cancer was still some way off. The two other genes were found jointly by Edinburgh and London-based scientists at Cancer Research UK’s London Research Unit, and the Institute of Cancer Research. Lesley Walker from Cancer Research UK said they could now begin to explain some of the differences in rates of the disease between populations through specific genes. MNA/Xinhua

World’s biggest gas vessel passes Egypt’s Suez Canal

CAIRO, 3 April — Egypt’s Suez Canal on Tuesday witnessed the transit of the world’s largest liquefied natural gas vessel on its way to Europe, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported. Owned by Qatar Gas Transport Company and built by a South Korean

company, the 305-metre-long tanker is heading for Spain, carrying 210,000 cubic metres of natural gas, according to a Suez Canal Authority official. The vessel belongs to a new Qatari Fleet, which includes 44 giant gas tankers of capacities between 210,000 to 270,000 cubic metres of

gas each. On Tuesday, Suez Canal Authorities started applying new tolls for ships transiting the international waterway, which rose between four to 14 per cent according to the type and size of different ships, MENA said. The Suez Canal, linking the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, is one of the world’s busiest waterways for international trade and Egypt’s major sources of revenue along with tourism, remittances from expatriate workers and oil exports. — MNA/Xinhua

Crocodile stolen from Norway aquarium

OSLO, 2 April — A thief walked unnoticed out of a Norwegian aquarium carrying a crocodile at the weekend and now risks losing a finger or two, the head of the aquarium said on Monday. “I think whoever did this knew what they were doing,” Bergen aquarium director Kees Oscar Ekeli told Reuters, suggesting the young crocodile was smuggled out in a bag during the busiest hours on Saturday. The stolen reptile, named “Taggen” (Spike), is a 70-centimetre (2.3-foot) long smooth-fronted caiman also known as Schneider’s dwarf caiman (Paleosuchus Trigonatus). — MNA/Reuters



Light streams through a window on various emergency personnel after firefighters battled an explosion that destroyed a church and damaged three homes in downtown Oconomowoc, Wis. on 1 April, 2008. INTERNET

Australians flatten undersea ironing record

CANBERRA, 2 April — A group of 72 Australian scuba divers has flattened the world record for ironing under water, taking the plunge off a pier near the southern city of Melbourne with ironing boards and irons, and their linen. So-called “extreme ironing” has spawned a cult following in recent years. The website extremeironing.com espouses it as being the “latest danger sport that combines the thrills of an extreme outdoor activity with the satisfaction of a well pressed shirt”. The Australian group,



This undated photo released by Courtesy of Ateliers Jean Nouvel, shows Agbar Tower located in Barcelona, Spain, designed by French architect Jean Nouvel. Nouvel, whose hyper-modern buildings have been acclaimed for their eclecticism and departure from tradition, is the winner of the 2008 Pritzker Architecture Prize, it was announced on 30 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Japan space agency searches for new astronauts

TOKYO, 2 April— Japan’s space agency began recruiting astronauts for the first time in nearly a decade on Tuesday amid growing interest in the space programme spurred by a Japanese astronaut’s journey on the US space shuttle Endeavour. Japan’s space programme was in tatters in the late 1990s after a series of mishaps, but it sent its first lunar probe into orbit last year in hopes of putting the programme back on track. The first piece of a new Japanese laboratory was also installed on the International Space

Station last month, paving the way for more Japanese astronauts to work in space. “We hope to have more applicants this time we did last time,” said Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (AXA) official Takahiro Abe. “Japanese will have opportunities to work for long periods at the Inter-

national Space Station.” Japan’s space agency now has eight astronauts with massive media coverage given to each when they travel to space. Takao Doi, part of the Endeavour’s crew last month, chatted with Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda about Japanese space food. MNA/Reuters

Stolen Aboriginal art found in Australian bushland

CANBERRA, 2 April — Seven historic Aboriginal paintings were found in bushland in the northern Australian city of Darwin, several hours after they were stolen from a Northern Territory art gallery, police said on Tuesday. The seven paintings included six works from the Papunya Tula, or Western Desert Art Movement of central Australia, which popularized the indigenous art movement in the 1970s with their dot paintings of

traditional stories. “The paintings... were located in bushland near the Darwin Bowls and Social Club,” police said, adding one man had been taken into custody for questioning over the theft. Papunya Tula paintings are among the most popular and valuable in Australia, with a 1977 work by the late Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri selling for 2.4 million Australian dollars (2.2 million US dollars) in 2007. —MNA/Reuters

EU-US open skies agreement to boost passenger number

PARIS, 2 April — The open skies agreement between the European Union (EU) and the United States is expected to generate 25 million more passengers over the next five years, France’s Les Echos daily reported Monday. “We believe that this open skies agreement is going to generate over 25 million more passengers in about five years, above the current annual traffic of 50 million people, and stimulate the creation of 80,000 new jobs on both sides of the Atlantic,” European Commissioner for Transport Jacques Barrot told the newspaper in an interview. —MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Wenger says referee wrong over crucial penalty decision

LONDON, 3 April — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said he could not understand why Dutch referee Pieter Vink did not award his side a penalty against Liverpool in Wednesday's 1-1 draw in the Champions League quarter-finals.

Wenger said Arsenal should have had a penalty early in the second half at the Emirates Stadium when Liverpool's Dirk Kuyt appeared to pull Aleksandr Hleb back by his shoulder.

"It is difficult to understand why he did not give a penalty," Wenger told a news conference after the first leg tie. "It definitely looked 100 per cent like a penalty to me."

Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez said the television replays he had been shown were inconclusive.

"It was difficult to tell," he said. "You don't get penalties like that in England, it is not very clear."

MNA/Reuters



Chinese Olympic hurdles champion Liu Xiang and superstar basketballer Yao Ming have relegated English footballer David Beckham to third spot in the sporting hearts of Chinese youngsters. —INTERNET

Zico pays tribute to Deivid after Fenerbahce comeback

ISTANBUL, 3 April — Coach Zico hailed Fenerbahce striker Deivid for overcoming his own goal to score the winner in their 2-1 Champions League quarterfinal victory over Chelsea on Wednesday.

Deivid deflected Florent Malouda's cross into his own net in the 13th minute but made amends in the first leg game by blasting home an 81st minute winner.

"Today's own goal could have happened to anyone... Deivid clearly decided he would go on to win the game for himself," the Brazilian coach said of his compatriot.

He also gave credit to goalkeeper Volkan Demirel for a string of saves which kept the Turkish side in the match. Fenerbahce came back strongly after a weak start to the game, the Zico told

Turkish television.

"We started hastily and were nervous, maybe because we were in this position for the first time. After conceding the goal we were in shock and the players became more uneasy," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick returns to Julien Benneteau during the fourth-round match at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla, Tuesday, 1 April, 2008. —INTERNET

Arsenal, Liverpool level after battling draw

LONDON, 3 April— Arsenal and Liverpool drew 1-1 in an end-to-end Champions League quarterfinal first leg match at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor headed Arsenal in front after 23 minutes when he rose unchallenged to power the ball past keeper Pepe Reina from close range.

Arsenal's joy was short-lived, however, as Liverpool equalized in the 26th minute when captain Steven Gerrard surged past three defenders wide on the left and crossed for Dutch striker Dirk Kuyt to slide home.

Wednesday's match was the first of three between the teams inside seven days as they face each other again in the Premier League at the Emirates on Saturday before the return leg at Anfield next Tuesday.

The 200th meeting between the old rivals who first met in 1893 was a superb advert for the English game, even though only three Englishmen played -- Jamie Carragher and Steven Gerrard of Liverpool and halftime Arsenal substitute Theo Walcott.

The game had all the power, speed and high tempo



Liverpool ties Arsenal 1-1 in quarters

play typical of the Premier League and while Arsenal created the better chances, Liverpool defended superbly. Their only slip was to leave Adebayor free to score his 24th goal of the season and his second in successive games in the Champions League. Arsenal took a deserved lead after Robin van Persie had twice gone close. — MNA/Reuters

Olympic flame lands in Kazakhstan

ALMATY, 2 April — The Olympic flame arrived in Kazakhstan to pomp and tight security on Tuesday.

Fans cheered and waved colourful flags as a Chinese Olympic official carrying the flame in a lantern emerged from an airplane after arriving in Almaty, a city tucked in the slopes of the Tien-Shan mountains 500 kilometres (300 miles) east of China. A group of women clad in traditional Kazakh dress and hats with feathered plumes greeted the delegation with flowers as Jiang Xiaoyu, Vice President of the 2008 Olympics organizing committee, and other officials stepped on the tarmac.

The first stop in the international leg of the 130-day global relay. Kazakhstan sees the flame's arrival as a moment of national pride as the oil-producing nation seeks to raise its global profile and emerge as a regional player. —MNA/Reuters



Dancers perform during a rehearsal as a part of the preparation for next day's celebration ceremony of Beijing Olympic torch relay in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 1 April, 2008.

INTERNET

Williams sisters, Henin reach Miami quarters

MIAMI (Florida), 2 April — Defending champion Serena Williams beat Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 6-3, 6-3 on Monday to set up a repeat of last year's Sony Ericsson Open final against

world number one Justine Henin in the last eight.

Henin, seeking her first title of 2008, wasted little energy in a 6-2, 6-2 fourth-round win over world number 53 Elena Vesnina of Russia.

Williams's sister Venus lined up a quarterfinal against world number four Svetlana Kuznetsova after beating Danish teenager Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 6-3. Third-seeded Kuznetsova sealed a 7-6, 6-3 victory over 16th-seeded Shahar Peer of Israel, avenging her defeat by the same player in Miami last year. Men's world number one Roger Federer had a short day at the office when his opponent Robin Soderling of Sweden retired from their third-round match trailing 6-4, 3-0 because of illness.

MNA/Reuters

Ferguson says United on verge of something big

LONDON, 3 April — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said on Wednesday there was no danger of his side thinking the job was already done when they host AS Roma next week in the second leg of their Champions League quarterfinal.

Goals by Cristiano Ronaldo and Wayne Rooney gave United a 2-0 win in the Italian capital on Tuesday to put the English league leaders firmly in the driving seat before the return leg on April 9.

"I would have taken that scoreline before the game without question," Ferguson told Sky Sports News.

"I thought it was going to be a difficult game and for most of the night it was. Cristiano Ronaldo's goal killed them a bit. We rode our luck in the first 20 minutes of the second half. —MNA/Reuters

Fenerbahce beat Chelsea with late Deivid goal

ISTAMBU, 3 April — A late goal from Deivid earned Fenerbahce a 2-1 win over Chelsea on Wednesday, his thundering shot making up for an earlier own goal in their Champions League quarterfinal first leg match.

Chelsea were lucky to take the lead in the 13th minute when the Brazilian striker deflected the ball into his own net off Florent Malouda's cross from the left. The goal stunned Fenerbahce and they struggled to recover during the first half, showing little of the creativity which took them through to the last eight for the first time. —MNA/REUTERS

Judge says Diana's butler "did not tell the truth"

LONDON, 3 April— Princess Diana's trusted butler Paul Burrell did not tell the truth at the inquest into her death, the presiding judge told the jury on Tuesday.

"All in all, you may think Burrell's behaviour has been pretty shabby," Lord Justice Scott Baker told the jury as he concluded the official inquiry into the death of Diana and her lover Dodi al-Fayed in a Paris car crash in 1997.

Burrell, who called himself "Diana's Rock", faced a three-day grilling from lawyers when he

appeared at the inquest in January to be repeatedly asked how much he really knew about secrets he was supposed to have held for the princess.

In February, Scott Baker asked Burrell to return to court to explain discrepancies between his evidence and comments attributed to him in a tabloid newspaper but he refused. —MNA/Reuters

Chinese woman writes late husband 530 letters

BEIJING, 3 April— As they say, true love never dies. In memory of her late husband, a Chinese woman has written 530 letters to him since his death 14 years ago.

Wan Fengxia, a 75-year-old woman from Beijing's Dongcheng District, admits she has never really gotten over the grief of losing her husband. Since then, she has resorted to writing him

letters to express her everlasting memory for her loved one, the *Beijing Morning Post* reported on Tuesday.

In her writings, Wan expresses everything from recalling their happy past to telling about her daily life, the newspaper reported. She also wrote of China's major events, such as the launch of the manned spacecraft and the recent Olympic torch relay.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents a creation by Fashion house "Allen Solly" during the last day of India Fashion week in Mumbai on 2 April, 2008. —INTERNET

S Africa's electricity still cheapest

JOHANNESBURG, 3 April— Should the proposed 53 per cent electricity price hike be finalized, South Africa would still have the cheapest electricity in the world, Minerals and Energy Minister Buyelwa Sonjica said Tuesday.

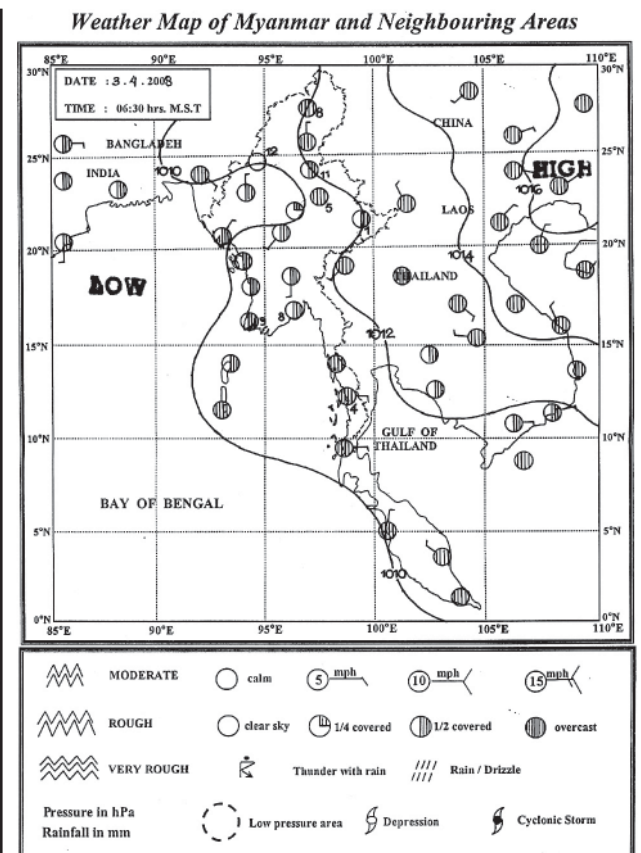
Sonjica was addressing the media and the public at the Rand Show in Johannesburg.

"Despite the increase, we will still have the cheapest electricity in the world."

She said should Eskom's proposal be finalized — which would only happen after public comment — it would have a "knock on" effect on the price of fuel and food among other things. But government was looking at subsidizing poor households.

"We are looking at cushioning the poorest people," the minister said.

Highlighting energy saving tips, the government would also subsidize solar heaters. She encouraged the public to switch off nonessential lights, invest in energy saving light bulbs and turning off geysers at certain times. Sonjica said cooking was also a heavy drain on energy supply. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 3 April, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Mon State and Ayeyawady Division, isolated in Kayin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (6°C) above April average temperatures in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (2.55) inches, Mogok (1.42) inches, Hmawby (1.14) inches, and Hsipaw (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-4-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 3-4-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-4-2008 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 2-4-2008 was (5.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-4-2008 was (0.27) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (1.69) inches at Mingaladon, (1.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.83) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 2-4-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-4-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, eastern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, isolated in northern Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-4-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-4-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-4-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 4 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. မြန်မာ့အနုလက်ရာထင်ရှား
ကြည့်ညိုဖွယ်ရာနီးဘုရား

8:10 am

5. Musical programme

8:20 am

6. အကပဒေသာ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ်အသိနဲ့ပြင်"

(အပိုင်း-၂)

(ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊

မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊

ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊

ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊

ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊

ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊

အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး၊

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

(အပိုင်း-၂)

4:30 pm

3. မျိုးခပ်စိတ်ဓာတ်ရှင်သန်

ထက်မြက်ရေးတေးများ

4:40 pm

4. Practice in Reading

(lesson-4)

4:55 pm

5. Musical programme

5:10 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်

ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား

သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ်

(သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

5:25 pm

7. Musical programme

5:35 pm

8. ပြည်ထောင်စုတိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ

တေးသံသာ

5:45 pm

9. Musical programme

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း"

(အပိုင်း-၂၁)

7:50 pm

14. ထေရဝါဒဗုဒ္ဓသာသနာတော်

ထွန်းကားပြန့်ပွားရေး

ဆရာဒကာလက်တွဲညီစွာ

ကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်မှု

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. Musical programme

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း"(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

20. The next day's

programme

People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

Commander looks into progress of Ngawun Bridge

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April —Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, accompanied by officials, on 22 March afternoon, arrived on the Hinthada bank of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin).

They heard reports on progress in construction of the approach roads to the bridge on Ingapu and Hinthada banks, installation of iron frames at the main section of the bridge, construction of Nankathu Creek Bridge, maintenance of Kanyin Creek Bridge and preparations for enabling vehicles to pass through the bridge presented by in-charge Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Lin of the project.

After inspecting installation of iron beams and tasks of approach roads, the commander gave necessary instructions to officials.

Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) is being constructed by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-4. The 2,835-foot-

long bridge will have the 1,035 feet main bridge, flanked by 960 feet long approach road on Hinthada side and 840 feet long approach road on Ingapu. The bridge will have 28 feet wide motor way flanked by three foot pedestrian ways. It will be the pre-stressed reinforced concrete bridge that can withstand 60-ton loads.

At Yele Village of Laymyethna Township, the commander heard reports on tasks of the irrigation facilities presented by Deputy Director U Tun Tun and officials of Irrigation

Department. The commander viewed the construction tasks carried out by using heavy machinery.

On arrival at Aingthabyu Village, Executive Officer U Tin Maung Than of the Laymyethna Township Development Affairs Committee reported to the commander on construction of Aingthabyu-Aingto gravel road measuring seven miles and 12 feet wide. After looking into the maintenance tasks at Aingthabyu Bridge, the commander attended to the needs. — MNA

Road opened in Myeik to honour Armed Forces Day

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — As a gesture of honouring the 63rd Anniversary Armed Forces Day, a tarred road was commissioned into service in Myeik on 23 March.

The tarred road was upgraded at a cost of over K 11.5 million funded by Myeik Township Development Affairs Committee and the people.

The road was opened in the presence of Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo.

Chairman of Myeik Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Shwe, Executive Officer of Myeik Township Development Af-

fairs Committee U Soe Win and Chairman of the committee for construction of the road U Hla Tun formally opened the road.

The road is 1,420 feet long and 18 feet wide.

After the opening ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and party inspected the tarred road.

MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe inspects Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) in Hinthada Township. — MNA



- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying**
- ★ **VOA deceiving**
- ★ **RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**