

Vice-Chairman of SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits modern oil refinery in Jamnagar of India

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April —Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party, while at Jamnagar, Gujarat State of India, visited petrochemical plants, and freshwater processing plants of Reliance Jamnagar Complex of Reliance Industries Ltd, which was carrying out the tasks of greening the environments, on 4 April.

They were welcomed there by SC Malhotra, Vice-Chairman of the Reliance Industries Ltd, and the officials.

At the Learning Centre, official concerned explained, with the use of audiovisual aids, measures taken for building of Reliance Refinery and greening of its environments after preparing for the once-barren land.

Next, Vice-Senior

General Maung Aye and party visited main control room of the plant and viewed the factories including oil refineries, staff quarters and parks, systematic growing of plants and Reliance Mart.

Reliance Co is a private company of India and the oil refinery in Jamnagar can refine 0.66 million barrels of crude oil per day and is manufacturing oil products such as petrol, diesel, and

other petrochemical products.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived back at Jamnagar Airport to leave for Karnataka State and they were seen off there by officials concerned.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party got to the Bangalore Airport in Karnataka State at 6 pm.

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Four political objectives

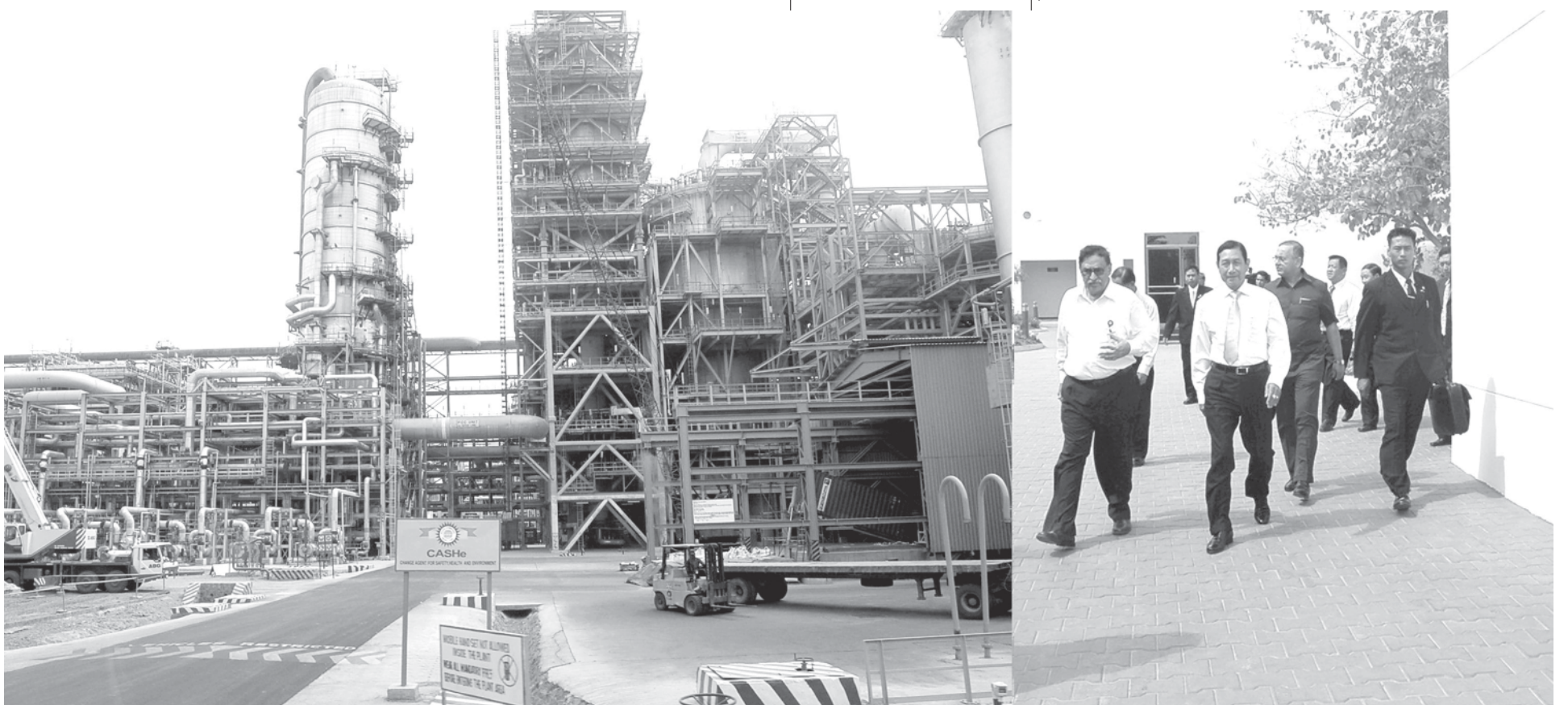
- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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



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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 9 April, 2008

Myanmar, India promoting bilateral cooperation in transport and trade

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, at the invitation of Indian Vice-President Mr Mohammad Hamid Ansari, paid a goodwill visit to the Republic of India from 2 to 6 April.

During the visit, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye called on Indian President Ms Pratibha Patil and Vice-President Mr Mohammad Hamid Ansari. The meetings focused on matters for promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation.

Myanmar and India maintain good-neighbourly relations and exchange State visits of the leaders. The two neighbours have placed emphasis on improvement of bilateral transport and trade, and economic cooperation, while enhancing bilateral friendly relations.

During Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's visit to India, agreements and MoUs between the two nations—Construction and Operation of a Multi-Modal Transit Transport Facility on Kaladan River Connecting the Sittway Port in Myanmar with the State of Mizoram in India, Intelligence Exchange Cooperation, and Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India for Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income—were signed, thereby reflecting a growing momentum of bilateral cooperation.

In addition, Myanmar entrepreneurs who accompanied the goodwill delegation and Indian entrepreneurs signed the MoU on economic cooperation between the two countries.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye's good-will visit to India will forge the friendship, good neighbourly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and India.



Lucky draw programme in progress at Yathacho Industries Ltd's ceremony to hail Myanmar New Year. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Eye patients receive free treatment in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April – A ceremony to mark successful completion of providing free medical care to eye patients in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District was held at the 300-bed hospital here today.

CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivered speeches at the ceremony.

At the ceremony, wellwishers donated cash to the patients. Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung Htay accepted K 1 million presented



A specialist performs medical check-up for an eye patient. — MNA

by Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Head of the Administration Department of MWAF donated by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and K 30 million donated by U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Co Ltd

and Maung Maung and wife Daw Mi Mi Hlaing of Moe-htet-kabar Company.

Eye patients in Nay Pyi Taw received eye surgery under the programme of providing free medical

treatment to eye patients organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association in cooperation with Ministry of Health and social organizations.

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Lucky draw for Yathahman Yum Yum Noodles held

YANGON, 8 April—As a gesture of hailing Myanmar New Year, Yathacho Industries Ltd held lucky draw for its Yathahman Yum Yum Noodles in conjunction with the prize-presentation ceremony at the Traders Hotel here yesterday.

General Manager of Yathacho Industries Ltd U Tint Aung extended greetings and Marketing Manager U Ye Myat Htoo explained the salient points of the prize-presentation ceremony to mediamen and guests.

Next, Managing Director of Mercury Distribution Co Ltd U Khin Maung Latt presented a jeep to special prize winner Ma Myo

Sanda of Magway while officials presented two motorcycles, five portable DVDs and ten K 100,000 cash awards to other prize winners.

After that, those present on the occasion were served with foods, and Manager U Ye Myat Htoo spoke words of thanks.

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Talks on Brands & Branding held

YANGON, 8 April —The committee for improvement of information and technology under the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry conducted talks at UMFC CI on 5 April.

First, Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of UMFC CI delivered a speech. Next, Professor Dr Daw Khin San Yi of Institute of Economics (Yangon) gave talks on Brands and Branding and replied to the queries raised by the attendees.

After the talks, Vice-President U Win Aung presented gifts to the executive of Access Spectrum Computer Sales and Services Co Ltd.—MNA

Prof Dr Daw Khin San Yi gives talks on Brands and Branding.—UMFC CI



Iraqi PM condemns US Blackwater contract extension

BAGHDAD, 8 April— Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has criticized the renewing of a US contract with Blackwater to protect American diplomats, saying the security firm had committed a “massacre” against Iraqis.

The US State Department announced on Friday that Blackwater’s deal would be extended for a year while the FBI investigates a September 2007 incident in which the

company’s guards are accused of wrongly killing 17 Iraqis.

“They committed a massacre against Iraqis and until now this issue has not been resolved. No judicial action has been taken, no compensation has been made,” Maliki told CNN in an interview broadcast on Monday.

“I would say that the US side should not have moved to renew the contract before the

outstanding issues with this company are finalized. I feel this decision was taken without the approval of the Iraqi Government.”

Last year’s shooting enraged the Iraqi Government and prompted the State Department to change elements of its deal with Blackwater, including tightening up rules of engagement and putting cameras and diplomatic security officers on all convoys.—MNA/Reuters



South Korea's first astronaut Yi So-yeon, left, and Russian cosmonaut, commander Sergei Volkov, crew members of the 17th mission to the International Space Station (ISS) speak prior to the launch of their Soyuz-FG rocket at the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 8 April, 2008.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Abbas confirms serious talks ongoing with Israel

RAMALLAH, 8 April— Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said on Sunday that the Palestinians are holding serious peace negotiations on the permanent status issue with Israel.

“We are holding serious peace negotiations (with Israel) and we are keen to reach a solution on all the permanent status issues,” Abbas told senior Fatah movement leaders at his Ramallah headquarters.

On Monday, Abbas is

scheduled to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in Jerusalem to tackle issues related to the Israeli blockade measures and settlements expansion in the West Bank.

Peace Talks between the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and the Jewish state came to a standstill following a deadly Israeli ground military operation in northern Gaza Strip early March, leaving around

130 Palestinians killed.

Abbas said if a final peace agreement is worked out by the end of the year, “the agreement will be presented before the Palestinian people for a referendum”.

Though US President George W Bush pressed the two sides to ink a final agreement before he leaves office in January, Israeli and Palestinian officials doubted whether a deal will be reached.

MNA/Xinhua



A Palestinian boy crosses the breached border fence between the Gaza Strip and Egypt, on the border in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, on 8 April, 2008. The ruling Hamas militant group on Tuesday threatened to storm the Egyptian and Israeli borders if the two countries don't lift their blockade of the Gaza Strip.—INTERNET

DPRK slams US N-policy amid stalled 6-party talks

PYONGYANG, 8 April — The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Monday blasted the US nuclear policy amid the stalled six-party talks.

The United States is proliferating nuclear weapons to the world and should be condemned, the official *Rodong Sinmun* newspaper said in a signed commentary.

Citing the US deployment of nuclear weapons in South Korea,

the article accused Washington of transferring nuclear technology to a number of countries.

The United States is not entitled to say anything about the “nuclear issue” of others, it added.

Washington blames the DPRK for the deadlocked talks which also involve South Korea, Russia, China and Japan, saying Pyongyang failed to give a full declaration of its nuclear programmes and activities, as promised

under an agreement reached in Beijing in February last year. It also warns the DPRK not to transfer nuclear technology to other countries.

MNA/Xinhua

A man, who was wounded in a US air strike receives treatment in a hospital in Baghdad’s Sadr City on 7 April, 2008.—XINHUA



Blast injures police after Putin-Bush summit

MOSCOW, 8 April—An explosion injured a policeman in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi after Russia’s President Vladimir Putin met United States leader George W Bush, *RIA Novosti* news agency reported on Monday.

The policeman was checking a bag found outside a cinema on Sunday when it exploded, the source inside the security services told *RIA Novosti*.

“As a result of the injuries both hands had to be amputated and there were abdominal injuries,” the source said. — MNA/Reuters

Three US soldiers killed, 31 injured in Baghdad strikes

BAGHDAD, 8 April—Three US soldiers were killed and 31 others were injured in two attacks with rockets or mortar bombs in Baghdad on Sunday, a US military official said. One of the strikes, on the heavily fortified Green Zone government and diplomatic compound, killed two US soldiers and wounded 17. The other attack, at a US base elsewhere in the Iraqi capital, killed one soldier and wounded 14, the official said.

He was not able to say whether the attacks used rockets or mortars, both of which are frequently fired by militants at US positions in Iraq.—MNA/Reuters

East Timor Army kills rebel supporter in operation

DILI, 8 April—East Timor’s security forces have shot dead a civilian believed to be a supporter of rebel soldiers involved in an assassination attempt on the country’s President, the military said on Sunday.

The killing on Saturday marks the first casualty since a joint military-police operation was launched following a rebel attack on President Jose Ramos-Horta at his home on 11 February in which he was seriously wounded.

Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao escaped unhurt in a separate attack the same morning.—MNA/Reuters

Bush, Putin fail to resolve missile differences

Sochi (Russia), 7 April — US President George W Bush and Russia’s Vladimir Putin ended their last face-to-face meeting as heads of state on Sunday with warm words for each other but no solution to their row over missile defence.

With Putin to step down next month and Bush in the twilight of his presidency, both leaders stressed the strong personal rapport which

they say has helped keep relations between their countries on an even keel.

But differences over US plans for a missile defence shield in eastern Europe, which have helped drive diplomatic ties to a post-Cold War low, meant their summit on the Black Sea coast ended with no firm agreements.

Afterwards, a top Bush aide implied that no agreement would be

agreed until the inauguration of new presidents in both countries.

That would delay progress until early next year.

“This is an area we’ve got more work to do to convince the Russian side that the system is not aimed at Russia,” Bush said after a morning of talks with Putin at the Russian leader’s vacation retreat in the resort of Sochi. —MNA/Reuters



Russian orbiter Buran, meaning ‘blizzard’ is moved by a barge across the river Rhine in front of the Tyssen Steel plant in the suburb Ruhrort of the western German city of Duisburg on 7 April, 2008. —INTERNET



Demonstrators chant slogans as they march past Iraqi soldiers in Basra, 550 km (340 miles) south of Baghdad on 4 April, 2008. —INTERNET

Afghan forces arrest Taleban commander

KABUL, 7 April — Afghan police have arrested a Taleban commander in the southern province of Kandahar while 15 insurgents have been killed in clashes with Afghan and NATO troops, the government said on Sunday.

The violence came days after the United States and its NATO partners reaffirmed long-term commitment to Afghanistan.

The United States has urged allies to redouble efforts in the face of rising Afghan violence and is sending an extra 3,500 Marines. France has promised another 700 troops for NATO’s 47,000-strong Afghan force. —MNA/Reuters

Hamas issues threat to kill captured Israeli soldier

JERUSALEM, 7 April — A senior Hamas official said on Sunday that if Israel rejects Hamas’ demand over the release of captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, the group will negotiate with Israel “over his bones”, Israeli newspapers reported.

Moussa Abu Marzouk, deputy leader of Hamas’ political bureau, issued the death threat in an interview with Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Qabas*, according to Israeli daily *Ha’aretz*. He said the group will free Shalit only if Israel frees 350 Palestinian prisoners as Hamas has demanded. —MNA/Xinhua

Colombia ends contract after flap with Clinton aide

WASHINGTON, 7 April — An angry Colombia said on Saturday it ended a contract with a lobbying firm headed by a top campaign aide to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton after he apologized for meeting with Colombian officials to advocate a trade deal that she opposes.

Mark Penn, who in addition to working as Clinton’s chief campaign strategist is a lobbyist in his capacity as chief executive officer of Burson-Marsteller Worldwide, said his meeting with Ambassador Carolina Barco Isakson “was an error in judgment that will not be repeated”.

“The Colombian Government considers this a lack of respect to Colombians, and finds this response unacceptable,” the Colombian Embassy in Washington said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters

Iran says to boost nuclear capacity despite pressure

TEHERAN, 7 April — Iran said on Saturday it would press ahead with plans to expand its nuclear programme, after diplomats in Vienna said Teheran was installing advanced centrifuges in its key uranium enrichment plant. The government spokesman also rejected any idea of halting work the United States suspects is aimed at building nuclear bombs in return

for trade, technology and other benefits. Speaking a few days before the Islamic Republic’s annual National Nuclear Technology Day on 8 April, Gholamhossein Elham said he hoped for “good news” on that day but did not elaborate.

The world’s fourth-largest oil producer says it needs to produce nuclear fuel for a planned network of power plants to satisfy soaring electricity demand.

“The trend of advanc-

ing nuclear capacity until reaching the production of nuclear fuel and building nuclear power plants to produce 20,000 megawatts of electricity will continue,” Elham said.

On Thursday, diplomats told *Reuters* Iran has begun installing advanced uranium enrichment centrifuges in its Natanz enrichment complex, accelerating activity that could give it the means to make atom bombs in future if it chose to.

MNA/Reuters

Italy election underdog laments “uncivil” campaign

ROME, 7 April — Walter Veltroni, who hopes to defy polls by winning Italy’s general election in just over a week, accused his rivals on Saturday of waging an uncivil campaign against him, as a former ally predicted his defeat.

Veltroni was set to campaign again on

Saturday in Campania region, where his centre-left party has endured withering criticism for its inability to sort out the basic job of collecting and disposing of trash in regional capital Naples.

Poll favourite Silvio Berlusconi, a two time prime minister who Veltroni says shares past blame for Campania’s woes, said on Friday he would base his next government in Naples until the trash crisis was resolved.

Berlusconi has also begun to attack Veltroni’s record as former mayor of Rome.

MNA/Reuters



Residents gather at the scene of an explosion in Basra on 7 April, 2008. —INTERNET

Wen Jiabao says Chinese people are self-sufficient in food

BEIJING, 7 April—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said during a spring planting inspection in the northern Hebei Province on Saturday and Sunday that the Chinese people were fully capable of feeding themselves.

Wen said the country's self-reliance in feeding its 1.3 billion people with its own grain production was a great contribution to the world.

"China has abundant

grain reserves standing at 150 million to 200 million tons," said Wen. The government had already taken a series of measures to support farm and rural sectors.

The central government vowed this year to spend 562.5 billion yuan (80.1 billion US dollars) to support farms and the rural sector, 130.7 billion yuan more than last year.

The State Council, or Cabinet, decided last

month to spend another 25.25 billion yuan in addition to this year's rural budget, mainly to subsidize farmers' purchase of seed, diesel, fertilizers and other production materials.

Wen told farmers in Renxian County, Hebei, "The government will not change its position in supporting farmers, and it will give more and better preferential policies to farmers.—Xinhua



Spectators cheer and wave Chinese national flags as they watch the Olympic torch relay in Paris, capital of France on 7 April, 2008. Paris is the fifth stop of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games torch relay outside the Chinese mainland. —XINHUA

British troops sent back into Basra

LONDON, 7 April—British troops have been sent back into Basra in southern Iraq just months after control of the southern city was placed in the hands of the Iraqis, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported on Sunday.

Up to 150 British soldiers are now "embedded" with Iraqi Army units in Basra, fighting insurgent groups which now

hold power in large areas of the city, the daily said. The paper said British Prime Minister Gordon Brown approved the move following pressure from the United States, whose military chiefs feared the restive southern city was on the brink of falling under the control of the Shia militias.

The move comes days after British Defence

Secretary Des Browne announced plans to withdraw 1,500 soldiers from southern Iraq this spring, which have now been shelved. The daily said senior defence sources have disclosed Britain's entire exit strategy is now in "tatters", and no further troop reductions would take place for at least 12 months.—Xinhua



Kong Zhaojin shows a imprinted bricks made in Han Dynasty (206BC-220AD) in Xuchang, central China's Henan Province. Mr Kong has collected some 360 bricks with imprinted patterns that dated back to ancient China's Han Dynasty for more than 40 years. —XINHUA

Seven killed in flash flood in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 8 April—Indonesian rescuers on Monday recovered seven bodies from a river in West Java Province after the Sunday's flash flood that slammed into a boat carrying 13 people.

Five other passengers managed to escape the accident at the Cipelang River in Sukabumi, about 100 kilometres south of Jakarta, while one person remains missing, reported leading news website Detikcom. The bodies were found at separate places up to 10 kilometres from the scene.

Xinhua



An infant girl born with two faces three weeks ago in northern India.—XINHUA

US cities denied millions of dollars in crimefighting money

LOS ANGELES, 7 April—Less crimefighting money has been distributed to US southern border cities because of San Francisco's inflated estimates of border-related crimes, local media reported on Sunday.

Los Angeles, San Diego and other cities closer to Mexico were denied millions in federal crimefighting dollars because of inflated claims from the city 500 miles

away from the border, the Federal Justice Department said.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that according to a federal audit, the federal government said San Francisco officials apparently vastly overstated the number of illegal aliens arrested in the city.

Ironically, San Francisco has declared itself a sanctuary city, and has a formal policy against

reporting immigration law offenders to the federal government.

San Francisco told Washington officials that it had prosecuted 2,000 criminal cases based on border-related crimes. As a result, the federal government gave San Francisco 5.4 million US dollars in border-related crimefighting assistance grants over three years.

Xinhua

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Cambodian NEC orders strengthened security for elections

PHNOM PENH, 7 April—The National Election Committee (NEC) of Cambodia has issued a directive ordering directors of municipal and provincial election secretariats to improve protection, strengthen security and maintain order, the *Mekong Times*

newspaper reported on Monday.

"To make the election process successful and conducive to an atmosphere of good security without threats, intimidation and violence, directors of municipal and provincial election secretariats should pay

attention to maintaining security and order well because it is crucial to maintain security and safety during the fourth-mandate parliamentary election scheduled for Sunday, 27 July," NEC President Im Suosdey said in the directive.

To ensure security during the election campaign from 26 June to 25 July, Im Suosdey ordered election security officers to arrange protection from the Interior Ministry and the Military Police.—Xinhua

IMF chief says downside economic risks materialize

WATFORD, (England), 7 April — Most of the downside risks to the world economy identified six months ago have now materialized, the head of the International Monetary Fund said on Saturday.

“The forecasts we are going to release in a few days are not really improving and most of the downside risks identified six months ago have materialized,” IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn told a conference hosted by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

“So it already means the global forecast for the global economy is around

3.7 per cent for next year which is one of the lowest in the last two decades,” he said. Although he spoke of “next year”, Strauss-Kahn appeared to be referring to 2008 economic growth.

The IMF’s twice-yearly World Economic Outlook is due to be released on 9 April. The IMF said on Thursday it had cut its 2008 outlook for world economic growth for the second time this year, in a move that acknowledged housing and credit problems in the United States were exacting a heavy toll on the global economy.—MNA/Reuters

Cows stand inside a farm in the province of Burgos, northern Spain, on 7 April, 2008. Two people have died in Spain from variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, the human form of mad cow disease, the health department of the regional Castilla-Leon government said on Monday.

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Liberia to plant more rice as import costs soar

MONROVIA, 8 April — Liberia signed over 15,000 hectares of land for commercial rice production at the weekend under an aid agreement intended to increase local production and help offset soaring import costs as world food prices surge.

The 30 million US dollars concession deal with Swiss-backed aid group African Development Aid (ADA) is one of the first large-scale attempts to boost mechanised food farming since 14 years of on-off civil war that destroyed Liberia’s economy ended in 2003.

Agriculture Minister Christopher Toe said developing commercial rice production was a key objective of the government of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a Harvard-trained former World Bank economist who has led Liberia since early 2006.

Food farming in Liberia, as across much of west and central Africa, is largely done on a subsistence basis by families living on small-holdings who sell any crops they have left over after they have fed themselves.

MNA/Reuters



Boats race with each other during the 2008 Qintong Boat Festival on 6 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Diplomats say push for WTO deal likely from 19 May

BRUSSELS, 7 April — Ministers from trade powers are likely to meet in the week of 19 May for their long-awaited push for a breakthrough in global trade talks, European diplomats said on Saturday.

“It’s not yet been agreed but the idea is for

technical-level talks in Geneva the week of 12 May followed by a ministerial meeting in the week of 19 May,” one of the diplomats told Reuters. World Trade Organization Director-General Pascal Lamy said on Thursday ministers were likely to meet at the end of May to seek an outline deal on the Doha

round.

The negotiations for a global trade deal were launched to much fanfare in late 2001 to bring down barriers to exports around the world, giving developing countries a better chance of fighting poverty and to give the global economy a boost.

But the talks have limped from crisis to crisis and without a breakthrough in the coming weeks they could suffer further years of delay as the White House changes hands and a new European Commission takes office in 2009, and key developing countries such as India face elections.

MNA/Reuters

Traffic in New Delhi earlier this year. Drivers hooted their way through Mumbai’s first no-honking day on Monday, ignoring efforts to cut the ear-splitting cacophony of life in India’s most bustling city.

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Indonesia to import beef from Brazil, Uruguay

JAKARTA, 8 April — Indonesia plans to import beef from Brazil and Uruguay in order to meet domestic demands amid soaring domestic meat prices, local Press said Monday.

The two countries will join Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada as Indonesia’s main beef meat suppliers.

While import plan from Uruguay is proceeding smoothly, Indonesia must first send a team to verify if Brazil is fully free from lethal, infectious cow diseases, major national newspaper *Kompas* reported, quoting a senior official with the Agriculture Ministry.

“The team who will conduct a feasibility study on beef import from Brazil will depart later this month. Hopefully, by the end of April, they will come up with a recommendation,” said Turni Rusli, director of veterinary.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Bangladesh to import 400,000 tons of rice from India

DHAKA, 7 April — The caretaker government of Bangladesh Sunday opened a letter of credit to import 400,000 tons of rice at 430 US dollars per ton from India, a senior official said. “India will supply 100,000 tons of rice within a month and the rest within two months,” Food Secretary Mollah Wahiduzzaman told *Xinhua* Sunday. Four state-owned Indian companies will supply the rice under an agreement signed by Bangladesh and India last month. The government’s highest purchase body approved the import of 400,000 tons of rice from India on 30 March, after

weeks of protracted negotiations on the price by the officials of two countries.

The food secretary said Bangladesh has enough supply of rice and the new import of rice from India is aimed at beefing up its falling stock and put a lid on the soaring rice prices in the local market.

The government was keen to ensure the supply from India as most of the traditional rice exporters have already stopped shipment of rice, resulting in over 50-per-cent increase of rice price in the global market in the last one month.

MNA/Xinhua

US to have new talks with Iran on Iraq security

WASHINGTON, 8 April — The United States confirmed on Monday that it is prepared to resume long-delayed talks with Iran on security in Iraq.

“We have reconfirmed to the Iraqi Government our readiness to have these discussions (with Iran) focus on the

security situation in Iraq. There’s no date set for them,” State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

Washington conveyed the message Sunday to the Iraqi Government, according to the spokesman.

The United States,

which accuses Iran of providing weapons and funds to the insurgents to fight against coalition forces in Iraq, has held with Iran three rounds of talks over Iraq’s security issue but failed to reach any agreement.

Iran denies US accusations, saying “the US just wanted to find excuses for its failed policies in Iraq” and it was the existence of US forces made that war-torn country volatile. —MNA/Xinhua

Italian police target Calabrian mafia, 42 arrested

ROME, 8 April — Italian authorities launched a series of raids on Monday targeting some of the most influential organized crime families in the southern region of Calabria, police said.

About 300 officers took part in the operation, in which 42 people were arrested, and homes were searched and weapons seized, according to police in the Calabrian province of Crotone.

The raids targeted members of the ‘Ndrangheta organisation, the Calabrian Mafia, who are suspected of crimes including murder, extortion, drug trafficking and association with the mafia, they added.

MNA/Reuters

400 kilos of heroin seized in N-W Turkey

ANKARA, 8 April — Turkey’s security forces seized 400 kilos of heroin in an operation carried out in the northwestern provinces of Sakarya, Bursa and Edirne, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Sunday.

Following a tip-off that certain olive wholesalers in Sakarya were smuggling drugs to foreign countries, the security forces

launched a large scale operation in Sakarya, Bursa and Edirne and tracked down a company and the wholesalers for nine months, according to the report.

The security forces who were informed that large quantities of olive would be exported abroad, launched an operation in the Kapikule border gate in Edirne, said the report, adding that they

impounded 400 kilos of heroin stashed in olive cans on a truck during their searches with X-ray devices and narcotic dogs.

The driver was taken into custody and the security forces are pursuing the suspects, said the report.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe. — MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at TV screens at the Korean stand during the yearly MIPTV, the International Television Programs Market in Cannes, southeastern France, on 7 April, 2008.—INTERNET

27 injured in Serbian pesticide warehouse fire

BELGRADE, 8 April — Twenty-seven people were injured in a fire ignited by an explosion at the warehouse of a pesticide company in Belgrade on Sunday night, police and medical

sources said.

The explosion rocked the warehouse of Galenika Pharmaceutical Company at the Zemun District of Belgrade, but the cause is still unknown.

Doctor Nada Macura from the Belgrade centre for Emergency Medicine said that 27 people including 19 firefighters, six security guards and two policemen sustained minor injuries.

Predrag Maric, chief of the Rescue and Protection Sector in the Serbian Ministry of Internal Affairs, said firefighters managed to extinguish the fire after two-hour fight, adding that they had to put on special suits as the burning material is poisonous.

MNA/Xinhua



Young Nepalese women walk past riot policemen on a street in Kathmandu on 6 April. Nepal has been rocked by two bombings, the latest violence to hit campaigning for this week’s vote on the country’s political future following a peace deal with Maoist rebels.—INTERNET

222 endangered lizards rescued in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 April—A total of 222 endangered clouded monitor lizards, believed to be destined for cooking pots in exotic meat restaurants overseas, were rescued in Maran, Malaysian central state of Pahang on Saturday, local media reported on Monday.

The seizure at a palm oil plantation was carried out by enforcement

officers of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (Perhilitan), led by district Perhilitan chief Sharil Apindi Ahmad.

The six-man team had arrived at the plantation on Thursday and were monitoring the area before carrying out their operation on Saturday night.

It is learnt that the lizards would usually be held captive in the

plantation, which acted as a stop-over spot, for several days before being sent overseas.

Early investigations revealed that the lizards were obtained from the Orang Asli (original peoples) who lived nearby and Indonesians who worked in the plantation, State Perhilitan director Saharudin Anan said.

MNA/Xinhua



A GMG Airlines passenger plane sits on the tarmac of Don Muang airport in Bangkok, Thailand Tuesday, 8 April, 2008. The Bangladeshi plane made an emergency landing Tuesday in Bangkok after a fight broke out between two passengers during the flight, airport officials said.—INTERNET



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party visit Dhammae Kha Pagoda in Varanasi, India. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits Varanasi, Migadawon in India

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April —The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visited pagodas in Varanasi and Migadawon, India, on 5 April.

When they arrived at the airport in Varanasi, they were welcomed by District Justice Mrs Veena, District Police Chief Shri Shirodkar and Myanmar Consul-General U Soe Paing.

First, they went to Migadawon by car and visited Dhamma Razika Pagoda which was constructed at the site where Buddha delivered the first sermon to the first five monks. During the visit, they offered flowers, lights, water and joss sticks to the pagoda and Sayadaw of Migadawon (Myanmar) Monastery Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Wunna Dhaja delivered a sermon.

Afterwards, the delegation visited the Migadawon where Buddha entered first rain-retreat, the stone inscription of King Siri Dhamma Asoka and the site of old Nandiya Monastery where Buddha entered first rain-retreat.

During the visit, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered flowers,

lights, water and joss sticks to Dhammae Kha Pagoda which was constructed at the site where Buddha delivered the second sermon to the first five monks.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donated cash to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Wunna Dhaja and the Sayadaw presented a Buddha statue and books published to mark the centenary of Myanmar Monastery in Migadawon.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited the pagoda clock-wise and posed for documentary photos there.

The goodwill delegation also visited Sri Lanka Monastery and offered flowers, lights, water and joss sticks to the Buddha Image at the pagoda and donated cash to Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Sumedha

to be spent on religious tasks. The Sayadaw presented a Buddha statue to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party signed in the Visitors' Book of the monastery.

Myanmar delegation left Varanasi for Gaya by flight. During the visit to Gaya, they visited Maha Bodhi Pagoda constructed by King Siri Dhamma Asoka.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and members of the delegation offered flowers, lights, water and joss sticks to the Buddha Image inside the Pagoda, and visited it clock-wise. They also visited Aparajita Throne and Bodhi Tree under which Buddha gained enlightenment.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets Governor Mr Rameshwar Thakur

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San on

4 April arrived at Raj Bhawan in Bangalore, Kanataka State, India and met with Governor Mr Rameshwar Thakur.

On arrival at Raj Bhawan, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were greeted by Governor Mr Rameshwar Thakur and wife.

At the meeting hall, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Governor Mr Rameshwar Thakur discussed matters on mutually beneficial interests.

Next, Governor Mr Rameshwar Thakur and wife hosted a dinner to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife.

Present on the occasion together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Tin Aye and others.

Present together with Governor Mr Rameshwar and wife were the Indian ambassador and officials.

After the dinner, Governor Mr Rameshwar presented gifts to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye holds talks with Mr Rameshwar Thakur in Bangalore. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers Shwekyathingan and dawn meal to Buddha image of Maha Bodhi Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San on 6 April morning offered Shwekyathingan (robes) and dawn meals to the Buddha images kept at the Maha Bodhi Pagoda and visited the seven places where the Buddha sojourned for seven days each just after enlightenment.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San arrived at the Maha Bodhi Pagoda in the Bodh Gaya Maha Auspicious Ground at 5 am, and paid reverence and offered Shwekyathingan to the Buddha image kept in Gandhakuti Chamber.

They also offered alms food, fruit, flowers,



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visit Bodhi Tree in the compound of Maha Bodhi Pagoda. — MNA

lights, water and joss sticks to the image.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and members of the Myanmar goodwill delegation contemplated the Supreme Attributes of the

Buddha and took the Five Precepts.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye made cash donations for maintenance of the Maha Bodhi Pagoda to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Charindara, in-charge of

the Committee for Maintenance of the pagoda, who then gave a picture of the Maha Bodhi Pagoda to him.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered alms food, flowers, water, lights and joss sticks and paid homage to the bronze Buddha image kept in front of the Maha Bodhi Tree and the golden altar, Pallanka Sattaha among the seven places in the compound of the Bodh Gaya Maha

Bodhi Pagoda.

Next, they paid homage to Cinkama Sattaha Yadana Singyan (platform) and the Buddha image at the Maha Bodhi Pagoda.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye viewed the site of Rajayatana Sattaha Linlun tree, and observed the tree planted by Myanmar.

He viewed the obelisk of King Asoka, and Muncalinda Sattaha of Muncalinda Lake, and fed the fishes in the lake.

They viewed the park built for convenience of those pilgrims practicing meditation in Bodh Gaya.

They visited Animitta Sattaha, Yatana Ghara Sattaha, and Hseikkyaung

Bayan Tree, where they were conducted round the site by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nagavamsa of Bodh Gaya Maha Aungmye Monastery.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party had documentary photos taken in front of the monastery.

A ceremony to set up trust fund for eight requisites, alms food and sundry needs of the Myanmar monks residing in India took place at the Myanmar monastery in Gaya at 9.30.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ceremony and offered alms to the monks.

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Animitta Sattaha in the compound of Maha Bodhi Pagoda.

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Muncalinda Lake in the compound of Maha Bodhi Pagoda. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party visit Yadana Singyan (Platform) in the compound of Maha Bodhi Pagoda. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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The ceremony was graced by the presence of 21 Myanmar monks from Kusinayon, Baranasi, Nalanda, Savatti, Pattana, Maha Bodhi, Kanbawza and Maha Aungmye monasteries led by Myanmar monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Naninda Raninda.

It was also attended by SPCD Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife, SPDC member Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North-West Command Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe, ministers, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, and departmental heads.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Myanmar Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Naninda. Then the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo supplicated on matters related to the setting up of trust fund for the Myanmar monks and nuns who are residing in



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party pay homage to Bronze Buddha Image donated by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing near Bodhi Tree. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visit Linlun Tree in compound of Maha Bodhi Pagoda. — MNA

some regions of India including Bodh Gaya and the members of the Sangha who are learning Theravada Buddhist literature. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered the eight requisites donated by the SPDC to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and delegation members and Myanmar entrepreneurs also offered the eight requisites to the members of the Sangha.

Then followed the ceremony to set up trust

fund. The Secretary-1 presented the cash donated by the SPDC to Myanmar Ambassador U Kyi Thein, Chairman of the management executive committee (India) of Sasana Nuggaha Association. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung also presented the cash donated by the Myanmar goodwill delegation to the ambassador. UMFCI President U Win Myint presented the cash donated by the Myanmar entrepreneurs to the ambassador. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at a ceremony to establish trust fund for donating meals to Members of the Sangha in India. — MNA

supplcated on religious matters to the members of the Sangha. Then Myanmar Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon followed by sharing merits gained. After the ceremony Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party offered meals to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

The Myanmar delegation members went to Gaya Airport, India, to return home at 1 pm. They were seen off by Ambassador U Kyi Thein and embassy staff and regional leaders of India. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA





Images of the Day

The Russian Soyuz TMA-12 space ship that will carry new crew to the International Space Station is seen on the launch pad at the Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 6 April, 2008.—INTERNET



A man in traditional attire parades during a street carnival in Togo's capital Lome, on 5 April, 2008. Groups from Brazil, Belgium and Togo participated in the first Lome international carnival that started on Saturday.—INTERNET



An Afghan woman carries flowers made of cloth in Kabul, Afghanistan on 6 April, 2008.—INTERNET



Performers march with drums during the traditional provincial dance 'Tanigumi', with bamboo decorations on their back, at an opening ceremony for the men's field hockey qualifying tournament for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Kakamihara city, Gifu, central Japan, on 5 April, 2008.—INTERNET



Nepalese Army soldiers take part in a horse race festival in Kathmandu, on 5 April, 2008.—INTERNET

Otters are fed by a visitor at Phnom Tamoa zoo, 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Phnom Penh on 5 April, 2008.—INTERNET

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China hands over Red Cross Complex to Sri Lanka

GALLE, (Sri Lanka), 7 April—The Red Cross Society of China on Sunday handed over a Red Cross Complex to Sri Lanka as part of its tsunami rehabilitation operations in Sri Lanka.

The complex built, which was undertaken in December 2006, is a fully equipped, four storied administration building and a training centre for the Galle branch of the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS).

Jiang Yiman, Executive Vice President of the Red Cross Society of China, said in the handing over ceremony that the complex was a new landmark for the friendship between the Red Cross of China and its Sri Lankan counterpart.

She hoped that the new complex would enhance the capability of the SLRCS to face disaster in the future.

SLRCS Director General Nevil Nanayakkara said the two countries have enjoyed good relations for more than 1,000 years and he thanked China for its generous help in the tsunami rebuilding process.

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Division and

Aye Aye Khaing

Daughter of U Kyaw Win-Daw Myint Myint Thein in Alone Township, Yangon Division Have the Pleasure of announcing their marriage before the judge on 20th, March, 2008 and wedding at Summit Parkview Hotel on 22nd, March 2008.

Both Parents and

Nyan Win Chit-Aye Aye Khaing

Bird flu hits India's remote northeast

AGARTALA (India), 7 April—A fresh outbreak of bird flu has been reported in poultry in one of India's remote northeastern states, a top veterinary official said on Sunday. Veterinary workers were preparing to slaughter thousands of chickens and ducks in Tripura state, bordering Bangladesh, after preliminary reports that more than 3,000 birds had died, officials said.

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SPORTS



Luca Toni (C) of Bayern Munich attempts to score against Getafe during their UEFA Cup quarter final first leg soccer match in Munich, on 3 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Materazzi wins apology over racist claim

LONDON, 8 April — Italian World Cup-winning defender Marco Materazzi won a formal public apology from the Daily Star in the High Court on Monday over its claim that he had racially abused France's Zinedine Zidane in 2006.

The British newspaper claimed Materazzi had racially abused Zidane during the 2006 World Cup final in Berlin when the Frenchman head-butted the Italian and was sent off.

Italy won the final on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra time in which Materazzi scored their equalizer. He also netted a penalty in the shootout.

MNA/Reuters

Guinea face stadium ban for World Cup qualifiers

CONAKRY, 8 April — FIFA has told Guinea to fix security concerns at their national stadium or face forfeiting home advantage for their 2010 World Cup qualifiers, the Guinea Football Federation said on Monday.

The federation said world soccer's governing body had told them to make several improvements to the September 28th stadium in Conakry or face having to play at a neutral venue when they start their qualifying campaign in June.

Guinea are scheduled to host Zimbabwe on 1 June and Namibia on 22 June.

The Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone have already both announced they face similar bans on their stadiums following FIFA inspections last year.

MNA/Reuters



Serbia's Ana Ivanovic playfully poses with her trophy after her win over Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in the women's final match at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on 23 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Wenger says Arsenal can win league, European double

LIVERPOOL (England), 8 April — Arsene Wenger tried to bolster Arsenal's faltering confidence by insisting on Monday they can still win a Premier League and Champions League double. Wenger's side are six points behind in the league with five games left and travel to Liverpool on Tuesday after drawing last week's Champions League quarterfinal, first leg 1-1 at home.

Arsenal have won just two of their last 11 games, but after leaders Manches-

ter United were held 2-2 at Middlesbrough on Sunday, Wenger is positive about his side's chances of pulling off an unlikely double.

"I still believe we can finish as champions in the league," Wenger told a news conference.

"Manchester United's result helped us a lot because if they had won, I believe we could not have caught them. But it is compulsory that we win (at United) on Sunday to win the league. "I also believe we can win the Champions League. I wouldn't be here if I didn't think that."

MNA/Reuters



Memphis Tigers' forward Joey Dorsey (3) loses control under the boards as Kansas Jayhawks' Darrell Arthur (00) pulls in a rebound during the first half of their NCAA Men's Final Four championship basketball game in San Antonio, Texas, on 7 April, 2008. The Kansas Jayhawks defeated the Memphis Tigers by a final score of 75-68 Monday night to win the national championship. The loss marked the end of a spectacular season by the Tigers.—XINHUA



Tiger Woods of the US chips to the 13th green during a practice round for the 2008 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 7 April, 2008. INTERNET

Scan shows no break, Ferdinand remains doubtful

LONDON, 8 April — Manchester United received a boost ahead of their Champions League quarterfinal, second leg at home to AS Roma with the news on Monday that defender Rio Ferdinand has not broken a bone in his foot.

The England defender is still doubtful for Wednesday's match at Old Trafford, however, with United's medical staff not confirming how long he might be out of action.

"Rio went for a scan on Monday and we can confirm that he has not suffered any break," a club official told United's website (www.manutd.com).

MNA/Reuters

Facial surgery for Chelsea's Cech

LONDON, 8 April — Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech had surgery on Sunday following a training ground accident that left him with cuts to his lip and chin, the Premier League club said on Monday.

"Petr will begin his rehabilitation immediately and we hope to have him back playing as soon as possible," the London club said on their website (www.chelseafc.com).

The Czech Republic international has not played since March 1 because of an ankle injury, with Italian Carlo Cudicini standing in. — MNA/Reuters



Ferrari Formula One driver Felipe Massa of Brazil takes part in the qualifying session ahead of the Bahrain Grand Prix on 5 April, 2008. The race takes place on 6 April.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TERAJU VOY NO (TRJ-295)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TERAJU VOY NO (TRJ-295) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.4.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Totti ruled out of United clash

ROME, 8 April — Francesco Totti has been left out of AS Roma's squad for Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal second leg at Manchester United, the Serie A side said on Monday.

Totti missed the first leg last week with a thigh problem and there had been conflicting reports over the weekend about the striker's availability for the Old Trafford leg, with Roma trailing 2-0.

The forward, however, was not included in a squad list published on the club Web site (www.asroma.it).

Roma boss Luciano Spalletti had said after Saturday's 3-2 win over Genoa that it might be better for Totti to miss the United game and fully recover for next weekend's league clash at Udinese.

MNA/Reuters

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800 grammes of heroin seized from suspect's stomach in Dubai

ABU DHABI, 8 April — Dubai police seized 800 grammes of heroin which a Pakistani visitor had attempted to smuggle into the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by putting them into his stomach, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Monday.

The suspect, identified as MA, arrived at the Dubai International Airport on a flight from Karachi around 3am local time last Tuesday (2300 GMT last Monday), police said. At the security

check, the Customs officials did not find anything unusual in MA's baggage but grew suspicious on seeing his posture. The Customs officials then informed the police and admitted him to Dubai Hospital under tight supervision.

At the hospital, doctors recovered a total of eight plastic shells in the shape of eggs, which contained 800 grammes of heroin, from MA's body.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive Safely

Slow deforestation may worth billions of dollars

OSLO, 8 April — A slowdown of deforestation from the Amazon to the Congo basin could generate billions of dollars every year for developing nations as part of a UN scheme to fight climate change, a study showed on Monday.

Burning of forests by farmers clearing land accounts for 20 per cent of world greenhouse gas emissions. A 190-nation UN climate conference agreed in Bali, Indonesia, in December to work on ways to reward countries for slowing deforestation.

“Even with quite

conservative assumptions, you can generate substantial amounts of money and emissions reductions,” said Johannes Ebeling of EcoSecurities in Oxford, England, of a study with Mai Yasue at the University of British Columbia in Canada.

Malaysia, Indonesia to conduct aerial patrol along border

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 April — Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed in principle to conduct aerial patrol along their common land border, local media reported on Monday.

The move was made at a joint committee meeting chaired by Malaysian Defence Forces Chief General Abdul Aziz Zainal and Indonesian Armed Forces chief General Djoko Santoso on Monday in Kuching, capital of the Sarawak State in East Malaysia.

Abdul Aziz said that the “Eye in the Sky” aerial patrol carried out by Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, three littoral states of the Malacca Straits, had drastically reduced the incidence of piracy and robbery in the

waterway and restored confidence in navigation.

“So far this year, there has not been a single report of piracy in the Straits,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

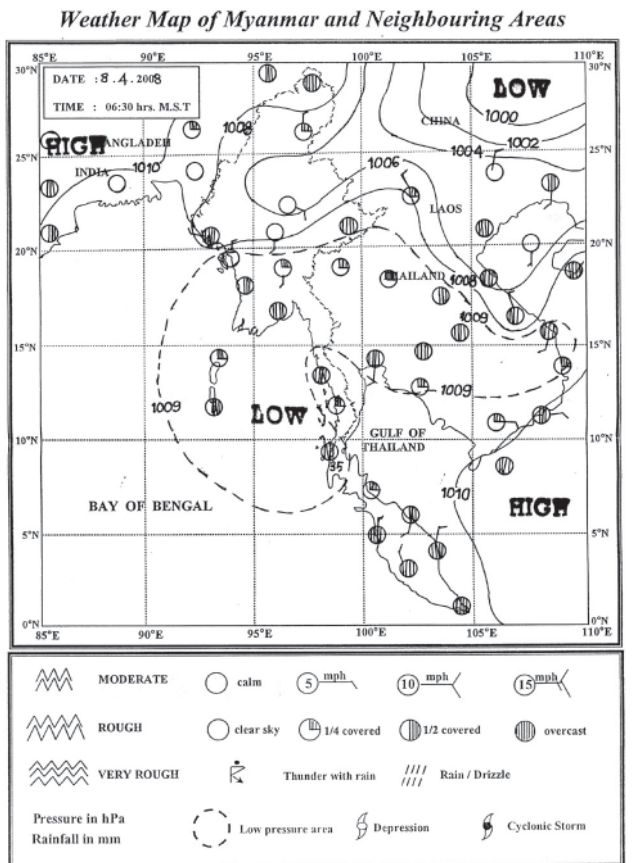
Armed men storm school in Sydney, injure students

CANBERRA, 8 April — Several young men armed with bats and a machete stormed a Sydney high school around 9:45 am Monday morning, attacking students and teachers and leaving a trail of damage.

Police said a total of 18 children were treated by ambulance crews at the scene following the incident at Merrylands High School, in Sydney's west.

One student and one teacher were taken to nearby hospital for treatment, according to a report by the *Australian Associated Press*.

“We've assessed 18 school-aged children ... all having minor injuries, some lacerations, some bruising and they're obviously quite anxious about what has happened,” an ambulance spokesman said. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 8 April, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Mon State and Bago Division, (5°C) below April average temperatures in Kayin State, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Chin, Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (44°C), Nyaung U and Aungmye (42°C) each, Shwebo, Monywa, Mandalay, Myingyan and Minbu (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (1.38) inches, Minghsatt (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-4-2008 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 8-4-2008 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-4-2008 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 7-4-2008 was (4.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 8-4-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (19:00) hours MST on 7-4-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-4-2008: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-4-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon and evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-4-2008: Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, 9 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Musical programme

7:50 am

5. “အေးမြသောလေညှင်းလေးများ” (မေတ္တာ၊ ဇေယျာ၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး-(ပဲရစ်))

8:10 am

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Practice in Reading

4:25 pm

3. သီချင်းကြီးပဒေသာ

4:35 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:45 pm

5. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:00 pm

6. မျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်ရှင်သန်

ထက်မြက်ရေးတေးများ

5:05 pm

7. Musical programme

5:20 pm

8. ရာသီလွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. Man & The elephant

(Part-1)

Man & The elephant

(Part-2)

7:15 pm

12. မြန်မာဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

7:30 pm

13. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:50 pm

14. အခြေခံဥပဒေသစ်နှင့်

ပြည်ထောင်စုစနစ်(အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

19. “သာယာရွှေပြည်တို့နေပြည်”

(ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ အောင်ရဲလင်း၊

ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ မောင်၊ ဇေလူဝ၊

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- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits ISRO, ISSC in India

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited a department under the Indian Space Research Organization- ISRO in Bangalore, India, on 5 April.

When they arrived at ISTRAC under ISRO, they were welcomed by Director of the department Shiva Kumar and officials.

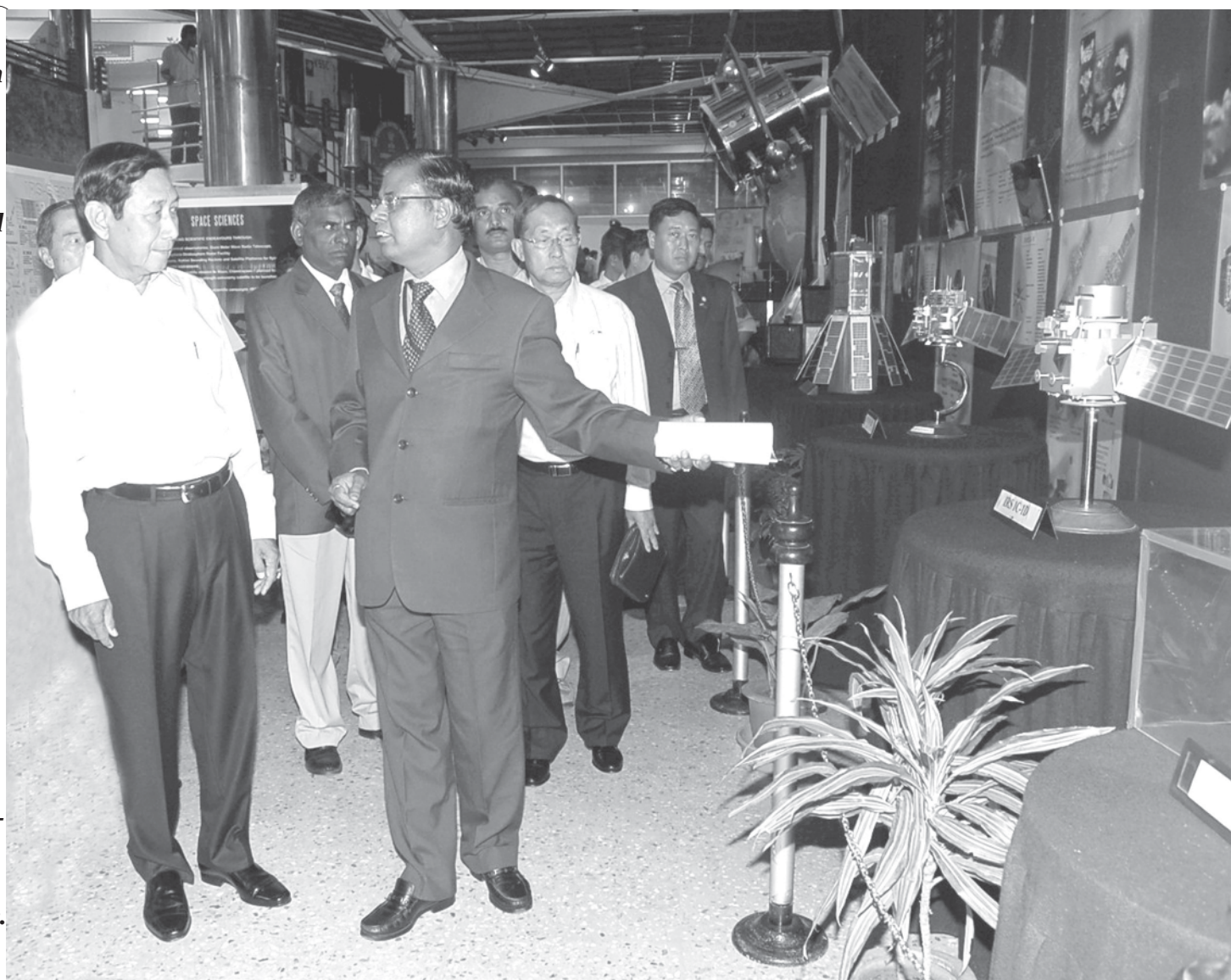
At the meeting hall of the department, Director Shiva Kumar extended greetings and briefed them on functions of the department including controlling satellites and research work, satellites being put into orbit that are to be rented to congenial countries and organizations.

Director Shiva Kumar answered queries raised by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and other members of the delegation.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited the space control centre. Officials concerned conducted them around the

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye visits Indian Space Research Organization in Bangalore.

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department. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed in the Visitors' Book after visiting the department.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party also went to Indian Space Satellite Centre (ISSC) of India Space Research Organization (ISRO) where they were welcomed by Joint

Secretary of ISRO Shri Ranganath and officials.

At the meeting hall, officials concerned briefed them on the department's satellite services, launching satellites into space and satellite communication and surveying systems.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye exchanged souvenirs

with Shri Ranganath and viewed the booth of Indian Space Satellite Centre (ISSC).

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived at Bangalore Airport to leave for Varanasi.

They were seen off at the airport by Secretary of the diplomatic affairs Syad Zamir and local authorities.—MNA

Dailies to appear in turn during New Year holidays

YANGON, 8 April — Dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the Myanmar New Year holidays.

Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 April. During these days, Myanmar Alin will be in circulation and it will take holidays on 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 April. On these days, Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar daily will resume circulation.—MNA