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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

Commission for Holding Referendum organizes meeting No 6/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — The Commission for Holding Referendum for the Approval of the Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held its 6/2008 meeting at the office of the commission here today.

Chairman of the commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting and Secretary of the commission U Win Ko acted as MC, and members of the commission participated in the meeting.

As all the tasks carried out in the respective states and divisions to hold the referendum are nearly completed, the meeting passed a resolution to hold the referendum on 10 May.

In his concluding remarks, Chairman of the meeting Chief Justice U Aung Toe announced that the referendum will be held on 10 May in accordance with the resolution of the commission and the meeting ended. — MNA



Chairman of Commission for Holding Referendum Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at meeting No 6/2008 of the commission. —MNA



Referendum to be held on 10 May

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — The Union of Myanmar Commission for Holding Referendum issued Announcement No 4/2008 today.

The following is the full text of the announcement:

**Union of Myanmar
Commission for Holding Referendum
Announcement No 4/2008
4th Waxing of Tagu, 1369 ME
(9 April 2008)**

Announcement of the date to hold Referendum

1. According to the Sub-section (a), Section 4, Chapter 2 of the Referendum Law for the Approval of the Draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar 2008, the Meeting 6/2008 of the Commission for Holding Referendum that was held on 9 April decided to hold the Referendum on 10 May 2008 to seek approval for the draft constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
2. In accord with the decision of the meeting, it is hereby announced that the Referendum will be held on 10 May 2008 for enabling the people to approve the draft constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Aung Toe
Chairman
Commission for Holding Referendum

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

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Welcome Thingyan that ushers in Myanmar New Year

Tagu is the first month on the Myanmar calendar. Due to recent Thingyan showers, Padauk (Gum-kino) trees are in full bloom now.

So, it smells very sweet with the fragrant seasonal flowers such as Gangaw (mesua ferrea), Padauk (Pterocarpus), and Yinkhat (Gardenia coronaria) all over the environment.

Myanmar’s traditional Maha Thingyan (Water Festival) is celebrated in the month of Tagu. Of the seasonal festivals in the 12 Myanmar months, there is no other festival as long, as crowded and as merry as the Thingyan Festival.

Transition from the old to the New Year is a symbol of every race. Myanmars celebrate Thingyan as the New Year festival. The term “Thingyan” is defined the period, which spells out the end of the old year and rings in the New Year, or the period in which people douse water on each other.

During the Thingyan Festival, people enjoy themselves by pouring water onto each other, wishing the persons being poured water to be free from the evils of the old year and to be as clean as water. Water is indivisible and remains oneness. Similarly, the people taking part in the Thingyan Festival will have to remain united and harmonious with loving-kindness.

Myanmar people have preserved and handed over the fine traditions on Thingyan Festival from one generation to another. The people will enjoy Water Festival from the eve to the final day of Thingyan. We welcome Thingyan, wishing the entire people to be as cool and clean as Thingyan water.



Wellwishers U Nay Myo Tun and Daw Tin Tin Nu living in Thailand donate K 160,000 to be spent on feeding nutritious foods and a new three-storey building through Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged.—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

L&F Minister meets personnel, entrepreneurs



L &F Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein meets staff of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank and Township Bank Branches. —L&F

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met staff of Myanma Livestock and Fisheries Development Bank and its branches at the hall of Myanmar Fisheries Federation in Insein Township on 5 April.

At the meeting, the minister explained political and economic progress of the State and the duties of the State service personnel to be loyal to the State.

In the evening, the minister met with marine product entrepreneurs, livestock breeders and eel and crab exporters. The minister stressed the need to earn foreign exchange from the livestock and fisheries

sector, boosting production of livestock breeding sector to supply the demand of the foreign markets and implementation of the aims and future plans of the ministry.

On 7 April, the minister visited Aung Moe Khaing Crab Breeding Farm in Crab Breeding Zone in Kyauktan Township. Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department and officials reported on prospects for seeking profits from the crab breeding farm by supplying the demand of international market.

After attending to the needs, the minister looked into process of breeding crabs at the farm. — MNA

Doaru Cosmetics and Glorin Hair Care Products choose lucky draw winners for foreign vacation

YANGON, 9 April — Doaru Cosmetics and Glorin Hair Care Products held a ceremony to choose lucky draw winners for foreign vacation at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 21 March.

Managing Director U Khin Maung Lay extended greetings on the occasion. U Yan Naing Tun, upper Myanmar In-charge, recounted his experience gained in the first and second trips. Master of ceremonies Hsan Htut and Dream Boat band presented entertainment programme.

Mediapersons chose five lucky draw winners for the first prize of foreign vacation. The five lucky draw winners are Ma Hsan Lin Cho and Ma Myat Myat Htwe of Mandalay, Ma Mu of Shwebo Township, Ma Khine Khine Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Ma Nan Hayman Tun of Taunggyi.

The third foreign vacation trip is Hong Kong and Macao. Travel expenditure will be presented to those who fail to go along with the foreign trip.

Doaru Cosmetics has launched as new products Doaru White Roll-on and Doaru White Foundation Cream Q10 plus.—MNA



Director U Tin Aung of Shangrila-Leap Int'l Co Ltd presents best selling award to a sales agent.

MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 9 April — Mr BS Lee scored an ace from 133 yards at the 16th hole of Silvery Course City Golf Resort, here, at 4.15 pm on 29 March, while playing with golf ball Titleist Pro V1 No 2 and Trident Iron No 9.

The partners at the time were Mr SK Hona, Mr JH Kim and Mr JY Lim, it is learnt. —MNA

Obama's lead over Clinton widens again

WASHINGTON, 9 April—US Senator Barack Obama's lead over Senator Hillary Clinton in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination widened again, according to a new Gallup poll released Monday.

Obama led Clinton 52 per cent to 43 per cent and his lead has expanded to 9 percentage points from 3 percentage points in last

Gallup poll.

He has now led in 16 straight Gallup polls — by margins as much as 10 points and as little as one point. The latest results are based on surveys of 1,240 Democrats and voters who "lean" Democratic 4-6 April.

In another Gallup survey among 4,380 registered voters 2-6 April, Senator John

McCain, the Republican presumptive presidential nominee, remained tied with his two Democratic opponents.

McCain and Obama are deadlocked at 45 per cent each.

The hypothetical matchup of McCain vs. Clinton, are also unchanged, with McCain ahead 47 per cent to 45 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



Zimbabwe police officers patrol at the High Court in Harare on 7 April. Zimbabwe's opposition stepped up pleas for foreign help ahead of a second day of court hearings Wednesday that could force the publication of long-awaited presidential election results.—INTERNET

Mugabe urges safeguarding land from Whites

HARARE, 9 April—Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe has said land must remain in the hands of indigenous people and urged Zimbabweans to safeguard it from the former colonizers, *The Herald* newspaper reported on Monday. His call comes in the wake of reports that some white former commercial farmers were trooping back

onto farms they once owned threatening to evict black beneficiaries, the newspaper said.

Mugabe made the plea at Nharira in Chikomba District, Mashonaland East Province, at the burial of the First Lady's uncle Junius Takaruza Marufu on Sunday.

Addressing mourners, Mugabe urged Zimbabweans to safeguard the

land, saying thousands of freedom fighters perished while others sustained permanent injuries during the liberation war fighting for the return of the land from Rhodesians.

Chief Enos Musarurwa, at the funeral, described land as a national heritage and urged Mugabe not to backtrack on the land reform programme.

MNA/Xinhua



Dancers perform during an event to mark Iran's National Day of Nuclear Technology in Teheran, on 8 April, 2008.—INTERNET

"New York Times" reporter injured in Zimbabwe cell

HARARE, 9 April—A *New York Times* reporter has been badly injured while in detention in Zimbabwe and needed medical treatment, his lawyer said on Monday.

New York Times correspondent Barry Bearak and a British reporter were granted bail on Monday after being

charged with covering Zimbabwe's election without official accreditation.

"They were given bail of 300 million Zimbabwean dollars (7.50 US dollars) and the Briton was ordered to reside at the British Embassy and the American was ordered to stay at Dandaro Clinic

because he fell in the cells and sustained serious injuries, so he needs medical attention," lawyer Harrison Nkomo said. Police arrested the journalists at their hotel on Thursday night. Zimbabwean police were not immediately available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australia faces youth homelessness crisis

CANBERRA, 9 April—Youth homelessness has doubled in the past 20 years and it will take at least 300 million Australian dollars (276 million US dollars) to fix the problem, The National Youth Commission's (NYC) Aus-

tralia's Homeless Youth report said Tuesday.

The report said the number of homeless teenagers aged 12 to 18 has doubled to 22,000 in the last two decades. In total at least 36,000 young people under 25 are

homeless on any given night. The problem is so severe that 50 per cent of young people seeking a bed in supported accommodation are turned away because services are full.

The commission held 21 separate hearings across the country and received 91 written submissions.

The report's release came almost 20 years after the last national inquiry into youth homelessness conducted by then Human Rights Commissioner Brian Burdekin in 1989, and the result showed the situation was getting worse.—MNA/Xinhua

A hooded Mehdi Army fighter fires his machinegun during clashes against Iraqi and US soldiers in Baghdad's Sadr City, on 8 April, 2008.—INTERNET

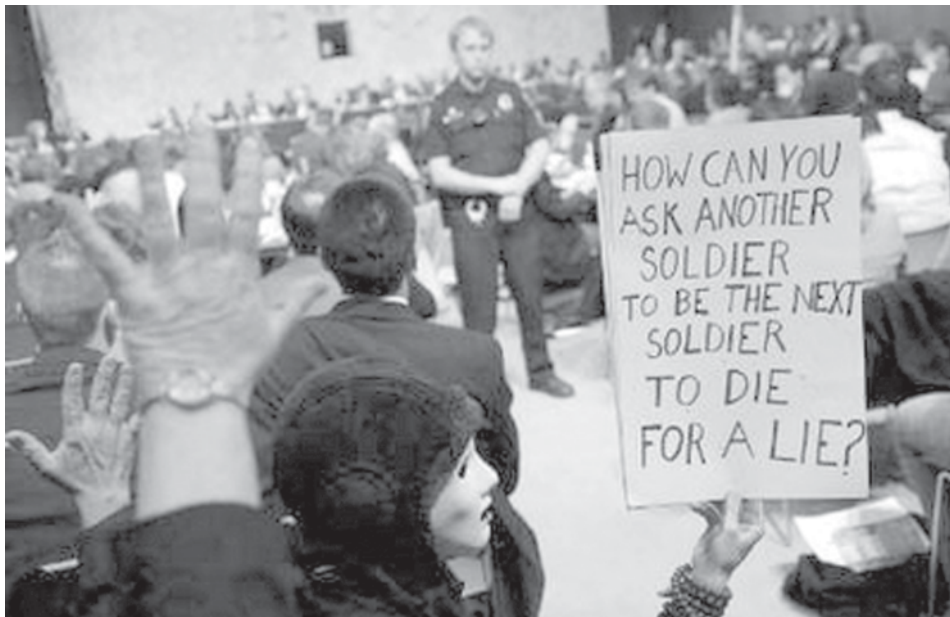
Two Polish soldiers wounded in Afghanistan

WARSAW, 9 April—Two Polish soldiers were injured on Monday when their Humvee vehicle hit a roadside bomb in the Ghazni Province of Afghanistan, Polish news agency *PAP* reported.

The life of wounded soldiers is not in danger, and their condition has been described as stable, *PAP* quoted spokesman for the Polish Armed Forces operational command Dariusz Kacperczak as saying.

The soldiers were transferred to a military hospital in Salerno, according to the spokesman. Poland's ISAF force currently numbers about 1,200 troops. Their number will go up to 1,600.—MNA/Xinhua





A protester holds a sign in the back of the room as US Commander in Iraq General David Petraeus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington on 8 April, 2008.—INTERNET

Iran says US requests new talks on Iraq security

TEHERAN, 8 April — Iran said on Monday it had received a request from the United States for a new round of talks on ways to improve security in Iraq and was considering it.

Easing a diplomatic freeze lasting almost three decades, Iranian and US officials met three times in Baghdad last year, but a planned fourth meeting has been repeatedly postponed.

The United States

accuses Iran of stoking violence in its neighbour by funding, training and equipping Iraqi militants. Iran denies this and blames the presence of US troops for the bloodshed.

“We have received a new request by American officials in a formal note for the holding of negotiations on the Iraqi developments and we are looking into the case,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini

told a news conference.

He said the US note had been delivered via the Swiss Embassy in Teheran, which handles US interests in the Islamic Republic.

The United States severed ties with Iran about a year after its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

US and Iraqi officials in Baghdad were not immediately available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

EU to give Greece 90 mln euros for forest fires

BRUSSELS, 9 April — The European Union’s executive arm on Tuesday proposed giving nearly 90 million euros (142 million US dollars) in aid to help Greece cope with the damage from last year’s forest fires.

“I had the opportunity to see the horrific fire damage in Greece for myself, so I know the scale of the needs,” EU Regional Aid Commissioner Danuta Huebner said in a statement.

The fires caused major damage to basic infrastructure and the environment.

The aid still needs to be approved by EU governments and the European Parliament, but that is not expected to be a hurdle.— MNA/Reuters

Blast destroys house in Iraq’s Basra, eight killed

BASRA (Iraq), 8 April — An explosion destroyed a house in Iraq’s southern city of Basra overnight and Iraqi police said on Monday eight people had died.

Reuters television footage showed rescue workers pulling bodies from the rubble of a house that had been completely destroyed. Relatives wailed in grief and children picked through the rubble.

Neighbours said they believed the blast was caused by a US airstrike, but British forces, responsible for US and British military activity in the area, denied any role and said they had no explanation for the blast. “Coalition and Iraqi security forces were not involved in the incident,” they said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Senior former Darfur rebel shot dead

KHARTOUM, 8 April — A senior former Darfur rebel was shot dead in his home in Darfur’s main town of el-Fasher, the movement’s head said on Sunday, declining to speculate who was behind the killing.

Suleiman Ishaq Korena, the secretary general of the north Darfur office of the Sudan Liberation Movement Peace faction, was killed late on Friday, SLM Peace Chairman Ibrahim Madibu told Reuters.

The SLM Peace faction is one of half a dozen splinter groups that signed onto a 2006 Darfur peace deal, gave up rebel activities and set up offices in Khartoum. —MNA/Reuters

Authorities impose one-day curfew on Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 April — Iraqi authorities have imposed a one-day curfew on Baghdad for Wednesday, an official in the Baghdad operations command for Iraqi security forces said.

The official said cars and motorcycles would be banned from the streets of the Iraqi capital between 5:00 am and midnight (0200-2100 GMT) on Wednesday.

Wednesday is the fifth anniversary of the fall of Baghdad to

US forces, and followers of Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr had announced mass anti-American demonstrations. But Sadr called off the planned protest earlier on Tuesday for security reasons.

Sadr’s Mehdi Army militia has been clashing with US and Iraqi forces in Sadr City, a vast eastern Baghdad slum, for the past three days after fighting late last month in Baghdad and the Shiite south.

MNA/Reuters



People look at the ruins of the Quebec City Armory on 5 April, 2008. On Friday night a fire destroyed the building, which was built in 1884.

INTERNET

McCain says Democrats make “reckless” Iraq promises

KANSAS CITY (Missouri), 8 April — Republican presidential candidate John McCain charged his Democratic rivals on Monday with making “reckless” promises they cannot keep by pledging speedy US troop withdrawals from Iraq.

McCain kicked off a week in which the war returns to centre stage in Washington and on the US presidential campaign, with the top American commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus, to give congressional testimony on Tuesday.

“I do not believe that anyone should make promises as a candidate for president that they cannot keep if elected,” McCain said to applause in a speech to a Veterans of Foreign Wars convention.

Arizona Senator McCain and his Democratic rivals, Illinois Senator Barack Obama and New York Senator Hillary Clinton, are all scheduled to be on Capitol Hill for the Petraeus testimony, and they are far apart on a war that has cost more than 4,000 American lives.

MNA/Reuters



A Russian Soyuz TMA-12 spacecraft carrying the International Space Station (ISS) crew of South Korean astronaut Yi So-yeon and Russian cosmonauts Sergey Volkov and Oleg Kononenko, blasts off from the launching pad at Baikonur cosmodrome on 8 April, 2008.—XINHUA

Worldwide financial turbulence losses could reach \$945b

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Worldwide losses following the recent financial turbulence triggered by the collapse of the US subprime mortgage market could reach 945 billion US dollars, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Tuesday. “The global financial system has undoubtedly come under increasing strains since

October 2007, and risks to financial stability remain elevated,” the IMF warned in its latest Global Financial Stability Report (GFSR) on Tuesday.

“The crisis is spreading beyond the US subprime market — namely to the prime residential and commercial real estate markets, consumer credit, and the low to high grade corporate credit markets,”

said the report.

The US remains the epicentre of the losses, and financial institutions in other countries have also been affected, reflecting the same overly benign global financial conditions and weaknesses in risk management systems and prudential supervision to varying degrees in the financial system.

MNA/Xinhua



Kerry McMillan from the National Museum of Scotland looks at a cast swan handle on a 19th century silver-gilt desert dish made by Jean-Baptiste Claude Odier, during a photocall at the museum in Edinburgh, Scotland on 8 April, 2008. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS



Jyoti Amge (At 59.69 cm, the world smallest girl) attends her local high school, in Nagpur, India, where she studies alongside classmates of her own age, though she sits at a specially made miniature desk.

INTERNET

Vietnam to cut fishing boats in 2010

HANOI, 8 April— Vietnam has planned to reduce the number of fishing boats in its 28 coastal provinces to 50,000 in 2010 from current 95,600, in a move to guarantee its stable seafood development, local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review*

reported Monday.

Under a 2010 seafood development master plan, the country is also expected to halve the number of people directly engaged in fishing activities to 500,000 in 2010.

Small boats that could not go offshore would be

removed, while large vessels would be improved and retained.

The number of boats to remain dock-site has yet to be determined.

Vietnam's inshore seafood sources are in danger of exhaustion, partly due to an increase of fishing boats to 95,600 currently from 88,000 in 2001.

However, fishing fleets have failed to be expanded in offshore areas.

MNA/Xinhua

the United States has complied with previous rulings in a dumping case, according to the agenda for the next meeting of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body on 18 April, issued on Tuesday.

Japan had previously sought authority to impose up to 250 million US dollars a year in extra tariffs on American goods to retaliate against the US method of setting duties on imports Washington says are dumped — unfairly sold more

cheaply than at home. The case turns on a method of calculating anti-dumping duties known as zeroing, which is used by Washington but rejected by the rest of the WTO's 151 members. Critics say zeroing results in duties higher than necessary.

The case was referred to WTO arbitration in January because Washington objected to the level of sanctions sought by Japan.

MNA/Reuters

Greece, Cyprus to further strengthen economic ties

ATHENS, 9 April—Greece and Cyprus agreed to further strengthen their economic and trade ties, Greek Economy and Finance Minister George Alogoskoufis said here Monday.

“We have many common points, and both economies are founded on extroversion,” Alogoskoufis said after meeting with visiting Cyprus Finance Minister Charilaos Stavarakis.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia releases 35 offshore areas for oil exploration

CANBERRA, 8 April — The Australian Government has put 35 offshore areas for grabs for petroleum exploration, Resources Minister Martin Ferguson announced on Monday.

The released commonwealth areas are located across five basins off the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and the Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands coastlines.

“The Australian Government is committed to intensifying the mineral, oil and gas exploration effort and the development of new exploration

science and technology,” the minister said in a statement.

He said the announcement was a key part of the government's strategy to encourage investment in

petroleum exploration.

Bids for 17 of the new areas close on 9 October, 2008, with the remaining 18 areas closing on 9 April, 2009.

MNA/Xinhua

London to give Tower Bridge an \$8m paint job

LONDON, 8 April—Tower Bridge, the picturesque span over the River Thames in London, is to get a facelift, an eight-million-US-dollar project that will take four years to complete.

The 114-year-old bridge, whose middle section can be raised to let tall ships pass up and down the river, will be repainted its traditional blue and white, a task that will require 44,000 man hours and 22,000 litres of paint.—MNA/Reuters

A man shows frozen hailstones in Chang'an Town of Haining City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 April, 2008. Hailstones hit the town on Tuesday, causing damages to houses and cars.—XINHUA



Six nations to renew talks on Iran’s nuclear issue

WASHINGTON, 8 April—Officials from the United States, Britain, China, France, Russia and Germany are due to meet later this month in a bid to renew their efforts to make Iran halt its sensitive nuclear work, the State Department said on

Monday. “I can only narrow it down to mid-April. We’re going to wait, we’re going to let our hosts announce the meeting,” State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. The spokesman did not

offer more details of the meeting, including who will host the talks. Daniel Fried, acting undersecretary of state for political affairs, is to attend the scheduled talks, according to the spokesman. *Xinhua*

China, New Zealand sign FTA pact

BEIJING, 8 April—China and New Zealand signed a free trade agreement, the first such pact between China and a developed country, on Monday. The deal was inked by Chinese Commerce Minister Chen Deming and New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and his New Zealand counterpart

Helen Clark attended the signing ceremony after over-one-hour bilateral talks. The signing and implementation of the agreement will “further the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, promote each’s economic growth, and bring practical benefits to the two peoples,” Wen said at the beginning of the talks.

Wen described the day of the signing as “a day of historical significance” and said the move “met the goal” the two countries set during negotiations. China and New Zealand formally launched the free trade negotiations in December 2004 and concluded the talks in December 2007 following 15 rounds of negotiations. *Xinhua*



People of the Zhuang ethnic group dance at a celebration for a traditional festival in Wuming County, southwest China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 8 April, 2008.—XINHUA

Iran would be destroyed if it attacks Israel

JERUSALEM, 9 April—Israeli Infrastructure Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said Monday that any Iranian attack on Israel would lead to “the destruction of Iran”. The former defence minister made the remarks during a visit to the Infrastructure Ministry war room, which is being prepared as part of the ongoing five-day nation-wide civil defence drill. “An Iranian attack will prompt a severe reaction from Israel, which will destroy the Iranian nation,” he was quoted by local daily *The Jerusalem Post* as saying, adding Iran “is definitely aware of our strength”. Israeli-Iranian relations remain tense as the Jewish state has vowed to prevent Iran from having nuclear weapons while top officials of the Islamic state have repeatedly made remarks against Israel. *Xinhua*

Photo taken on 6 April, 2008, shows a city gate opening ceremony during the grand spring worship commemorating Confucius, in Qufu, east China’s Shandong Province.—XINHUA



Jiang Xiaoyu (C), the vice president of the Beijing Organizing Committee of Olympic Games (BOCOG), and Zhou Wenzhong (L), Chinese Ambassador to the United States, pose for photos together with the lantern which holds the Olympic flame in San Francisco, the United States, on 8 April, 2008. San Francisco is the sixth stop of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games torch relay outside the Chinese mainland. —XINHUA

Mubarak meets Seniora on Lebanese political crisis

CAIRO, 8 April—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday held talks with visiting Lebanese Prime Minister Fouad Seniora on the latest developments in Lebanon, the official MENA news agency reported. Following talks with Mubarak, Seniora said it was natural to come to Egypt and consult with Mubarak when Lebanon is in a critical stage. Seniora said Lebanon believes in the

need to move forward with the presidential election process, voicing his hope to reach an agreement on a three-point Arab initiative to help resolve the Lebanese political crisis. Lebanon is currently facing the most serious political deadlock since the end of the 1975-1990 civil war. For the first time in its history, the President’s seat has been vacant since former Lebanese President Emile Lahoud stepped

down last November. A long-awaited parliamentary session to elect a new president to succeed Lahoud has been postponed for 17 times till 22 April. Commenting on the absence of Lebanon from the just ended 20th Arab Summit in Damascus, Seniora said his country was sending a loud message to the Arab world to try to end differences and improve Lebanon’s relations with Syria.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Cambodia weeds out marijuana plantation

PHNOM PENH, 9 April—The National Authority for Combating Drugs (NACD) of Cambodia has announced it has completely stubbed out marijuana plantations in the kingdom, local media reported on

Tuesday. “We have gained victory in rooting out marijuana, but what we are worrying about is the trafficking of synthesized drugs secretly produced in the country,” NACD Secretary-General Lou

Ramin was quoted by the *Mekong Times* newspaper as saying. “This is the first successful step in reducing drug trafficking in Cambodia, but we are not satisfied with the results as drug trafficking persists,” he said. In addition, Lou Ramin said that Cambodia’s former reputation as a narcotics Mecca is beginning to change. “We formerly suffered from accusations that our country is both a marijuana producer and a big marijuana exporter,” he said, claiming that “marijuana is no longer available in Cambodia”. *Xinhua*

Vietnam to see strong growth in “IT” industry by 2011

HANOI, 9 April — Vietnamese Government and corporate officials said Tuesday that the country would see strong growth in information technology (IT), telecommunications and electronics from now to 2011.

Both foreign-invested and domestic enterprises in Vietnam will turn out more items using

integrated technologies such as computers, mobile phones and cameras in the coming years, while the country’s digital content industry will thrive, Tran Duc Lai, Deputy Minister of Information and Communications, said at an international consumer electronics export and conference opening in Hanoi capital on Tuesday.

At the four-day event

organized by the International Data Group and Vietnam’s Hanoi Information and Communication Technology Association, Nguyen Lam, country director of International Data Company (IDC) in Vietnam, said that according to the company’s prediction, Vietnam’s IT market will experience annual average growth of 11.4 per cent in the 2007-2011 period, surging to 2.1 billion US dollars in 2011 from over 1.5 billion dollars in 2007.

MNA/Reuters



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh (R) chats with Tanzanian President and African Union President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete at the India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi on 9 April, 2008. India on Wednesday ended its first-ever summit with African nations, aimed at deepening ties with the resource-rich continent and trying to ensure it is not eclipsed by Asian rival China.—INTERNET



A police officer fires tear gas to demonstrators at Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya, on 8 April, 2008. Protests erupt in Nairobi and the western Kenya, as the talks on the formation of a coalition cabinet was suspended between the Party of National Unity and Orange Democratic Movement, causing at least one death and eight others wounded. — INTERNET

Australian teen surfer dies in shark attack

CANBERRA, 9 April — An Australian teenager was killed in a shark attack on Tuesday while surfing in what lifersavers said were dangerous morning conditions, prompting authorities to close several beaches.

The 16-year-old boy was surfing with a friend at Ballina, on the north coast of New South Wales State, when the shark bit his upper leg and body. The other boy told police he saw a dark shape, then the water filled with blood.

“One of the boys indicated that he was in trouble to his mate. His mate went over to help and found that he had been attacked,” said Surf Life Saving NSW spokesman Craig Roberts.

“He was unconscious and the lifeguards and ambulance officers had some severe haemorrhage to deal with,” Roberts said. “Unfortunately the boy died due to his injuries.”

Local lifesaver Stephen Leahy said the attack occurred 50 metres (164 feet) from Lighthouse Beach around 8.30 a.m. (2230 GMT) and followed a day of heavy rain, which had reduced visibility.

MNA/Reuters

UN convoy ambushed in northeastern Somalia

NAIROBI, 9 April — The UN refugee agency said Tuesday it is shocked by an ambush over the weekend of its convoy in northeastern Somali region of Puntland.

In a statement, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said two staff members escaped unscathed after their vehicle was ambushed by a group of armed militiamen who blocked the way with a car in the town of Garowe, in the northeastern Somali region of Puntland.

“More than 20 bullets holes were counted in the UNHCR vehicle, which

was carrying an international staff member and the UNHCR local driver. Both remain deeply shocked,” the statement said.

The UNHCR said its driver managed to reverse his vehicle and drove away from the scene under heavy gunfire.

“The Special Police Unit (SPU) which was escorting the UNHCR vehicle later managed to arrest four suspects and recovered three AK-47 rifles. One SPU officer was shot in the leg and is presently under medical care,” the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulgarian Mafia author shot in head

SOFIA, 9 April — An author of books on the Bulgarian Mafia was shot in the head in Sofia on Monday, police said, the latest gangland attack in the Balkan country.

The shooting happened just hours after the head of an energy company that repairs Bulgaria’s only nuclear power plant and other big energy utilities, was shot dead in Sofia on Sunday.

The Socialist-led government is under growing pressure from the European Union and at home to stop procrastinating and get serious about fighting rampant crime and graft. There have been more than 150 gangland assassina-

tions since 2001. But despite its campaign against crime and graft, Bulgaria has failed to convict a single suspect, nor has it charged any senior officials with graft.

Bulgarian Georgi Stoev, 35, the author of a series of books on the emergence of Bulgaria’s underworld after Communism collapsed in 1989, was shot once in the head in front of a hotel in central Sofia, police said.

Doctors said he was in a critical condition.

On Sunday, police found Borislav Georgiev, the manager of Atomenergoremont, shot twice in the head in the entrance of his apartment block. The energy

company is majority owned by a businessman, who local media say has links to crime groups.

MNA/Reuters



Children duck from tear gas fired by riot police during clashes with protesters in Mahalla City, about 110 km (68 miles) north of Cairo, on 7 April, 2008.—INTERNET

US 3-year-old shoots herself with handgun

WASHINGTON, 9 April — A three-year-old girl in Detroit, Michigan shot

herself with a handgun Monday and was critically injured, police said.

Detroit Police told reporters that the shooting took place at the girl’s home in the city’s westside around 2:30 pm local time.

The girl found the handgun, which is owned by one of her parents, and shot herself in the right side of the head. The girl was sent to a hospital and is in critical conditions. At least one of her parents was home at the time of the shooting.

Police have questioned her parents about the shooting, and recovered the gun.

MNA/Xinhua

F & R Minister meets guests

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received President and CEO Mr Young Won Kang of Daewoo International Corporation

and party at the former's office here this evening.

They discussed matters of mutual interests in a friendly atmosphere.

Next, the minister also met with Regional

Sales Director Mr Paul-Dieter Christ of FRITZ WERNER Industrie-Ausrüstungen and party. They discussed matters of mutual interests frankly and cordially.—MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets guests of PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Vice-General Manager of Central China Power Grid

(CCPG) Co of the People's Republic of China Ms Xiong Hengxi and party at the Ministry here on 4 April.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy

Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental heads. They discussed matters relating to cooperation of hydro-power projects.

MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu participates in 2nd Asia-Middle East Dialogue Ministerial Meeting (AMED II) in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Sixth Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award Presenting Ceremony held

YANGON, 6 April — The sixth Sayawun Tin Shwe Literary Award Presenting Ceremony organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at Traders Hotel, here, today.

Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made an opening

speech. On behalf of the committee for selection of awards, U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) clarified matters on award selection and Daw Than Than, on behalf of the family of Sayawun Tin Shwe, expressed words of thanks.

Writers Dr Tin Aung Aye, Maung Wunna,

Naing Zaw and Kaythipan U Hla Myint won the awards. On behalf of award winners Dr Tin Aung Aye said thanks.

After the ceremony, the family of Sayawun Tin Shwe donated cash to MWJA and books to Information and Public Relations Department.

MNA

Home Affairs Minister meets with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, accompanied by Deputy Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials concerned met with service personnel, members of social organizations, townsenders and local

people at Buddhist Missionary Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, he explained about prevailing conditions of the State and progress in undertaking of regional development tasks.

Later, the minister paid homage to Chairman

Sayadaw of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Arcinna and MyoU Pariyatti Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sucittas and members of the Sangha and donated offertories to the Sayadaws.—MNA

Deputy Foreign Minister back from Egypt

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here yesterday evening after attending the Second Asia-Middle East Dialogue Ministerial Meeting (AMED II) held in Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt from 5 to 6 April.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu attended the opening ceremony of AMED II at International Congress Building in Sharm El Sheikh on 5 April.

At the ceremony, Mr Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, acted as new chair of the dialogue and George Yong Boon Yeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, also acted as outgoing

chair of the dialogue.

The deputy minister met with Vice Minister Mr Wang Yi of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China at the Neptune Hall and cordially discussed issues of mutual interest.

The meeting was held with the aim of realizing greater understanding among the governments and the people of Asia and Middle East and of fostering a mutually beneficial cooperation between the two regions. The participants discussed ways for promoting cooperation in three main clusters, namely political and security issues, economic issues and social, scientific and media issues. The meeting adopted the declaration on principles of amity and

cooperation between Asia and Middle East.

The deputy minister attended the luncheon hosted by Foreign Minister Mr Ahmed Aboul Gheit on 5 April. He participated in the Plenary session and closing session of AMED II on 6 April and departed for Cairo by air in the evening.

At the Fairmount Hotel in Cairo, the deputy minister met with Myanmar Ambassador to Egypt U Soe Myint and embassy staff and attended dinner hosted by Myanmar Ambassador.

Myanmar delegation members, Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Tin of Political Department, and Deputy Director U Kyaw Soe also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Hlawga garden closes during Thingyan

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — Hlawga garden of the Forest Department will remain temporarily closed from 12 to 17 April and reopen on 28 April as usual.

MNA

BRUT, DENIM perfume, Asepso soap introduced

YANGON, 9 April — Infinity Investment Co Ltd introduced BRUT, DENIM perfume and Asepso soap manufactured by Unilever at Traders Hotel here today.

Sales & Marketing Manager Mr Jack Tay of SDL; Sweetyet Development Pte Ltd, Singapore

made an opening speech and introduced BRUT, DENIM perfume for men and Asepso soap.

After the introduction ceremony, the exclusive launch party was held at the hotel.

Infinity Investment Co Ltd has distributed the perfume and soap as a sole

agent in the country and more information is available at No- 48, Latha Street in Latha Township, Ph: 252464, 249162, Fax. 382295, E-mail infinity@myanmar.com.mm and No 150/A, 27th street between 80thx 81st streets, Mandalay ph: 02-65182.—MNA



Mr Jack Tay of SDL; Sweetyet Development Pte Ltd delivers opening speech at introduction of BRUT, DENIM perfume and Asepso soap at Traders Hotel in Yangon. —MNA

Activities of certain foreign embassies to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs violate Vienna Convention and international laws

People who favour State stability desire the embassies stop such activities

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—Certain foreign powers, with the intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar, are now resorting to a variety of means, while aiding and abetting some local political parties to destabilize the country.

According to the information, some diplomats of certain foreign embassies in Yangon regularly visit NLD (HQ), hold talks and give directives to harm the interests of the nation and the people. And they visited the office 19 times in March 2008, and 277 times from March 2007 to March 2008.

It is learnt that National Interest Group was formed on 29 March in Bangladesh with the aim of dealing with anti-government movements launched by foreign diplomats in the nation; and that the chairman of the Bangladeshi non-governmental political, social and

economic advisory board said at the press conference held on 29 March that the diplomats of some foreign powers were violating Article 41 on 1961 diplomatic relations of Vienna Convention and they should stop all those activities immediately. Article 41 of Vienna Convention says that foreign diplomats have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of the receiving State, and the premises of the mission must not be used in any manner incompatible with the functions of the mission as laid down in the present Convention.

It is learnt that in Myanmar, the people who favour stability of the State desire that the activities of certain foreign embassies to interfere in the internal affairs of the nation violate the Vienna Convention and international laws, so, the embassies should stop such activities.—MNA

Purified drinking water to be donated on Myanmar New Year Day

YANGON, 9 April — In commemoration of 103rd founding Anniversary, Waynayya Thukha Yaygyansin Association will donate 40,000 bottles of purified drinking water worth K 3.6 million near the northern stairway on the middle terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda, at Waynayya Thukha Dhammayon and near four stairways on the middle terrace on 17 April (Myanmar New Year Day of 1370 ME).

So far, the association has donated 940,000 bottles of purified drinking water. Those wishing to provide water for life may donate K 10,000 to the association by dialing 381736 and 383511, extension 171.

MNA

Cultural troupes entertain residents in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April — Two cultural troupes entertained members of the Tatmadaw and residents with songs and dances at No 2 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township on 5 and 6 April.

Shwe Myanmar Troupe of Production Branch under the Ministry of Culture performed entertainment at the hospital on 5 April and Kumudra Troupe yesterday. Members of the Tatmadaw and their families receiving treatment at the hospital enjoyed the performances.

Members of the Tatmadaw and their families and residents in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon also enjoyed the concerts.

MNA

Medical Equipment donated to Yangon Children's Hospital

YANGON, 7 April—A ceremony to donate medical equipment by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) to Yangon Children's Hospital took place at the hospital here at 10 am today. Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong explained the purpose of the donation.

Chairman of SAM Mr Teddy Chia and the ambassador presented two Patient Monitors and two Syringe Pumps worth over K 11.4 million to Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win of Yangon Children's Hospital. Dr Aung Kyi Win presented the donors a certificate of honour and expressed thanks.

MNA

USDA Secretariat Member supervises regional development tasks



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meeting with departmental officials and townsenders in Myitkyina. — MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw paid homage to State Ovadacariya Myitkyina Wuntho Kyaungtaik Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Silavamsa, Thuwunna Bowdhi Shwenyaungpin Kyaungtaik Sayadaw and Ayezaydi Kyaungtaik Sayadaw and donated offertories to the Sayadaws in Kachin State on 5 April.

The minister together with Deputy Commander

of Northern Command Brig-Gen San Tun looked into Digital Auto-Exchange installed in Myitkyina and attended to the needs. Next, the minister gave instructions on handling Digital Auto-Exchange and machines systematically, maintenance of the machines and timely completion of the tasks.

At Myitkyina town hall, the minister met with departmental officials at state and township levels, members of social organizations and townelders and attended to the requirements.

MNA

Participants invited for Regional World Blood Donors Day Banner Competition 2008

YANGON, 9 April — Participants have been invited for Regional World Blood Donors Day Banner Competition 2008 to mark World Blood Donors' Day which will fall on 14 June of 2008.

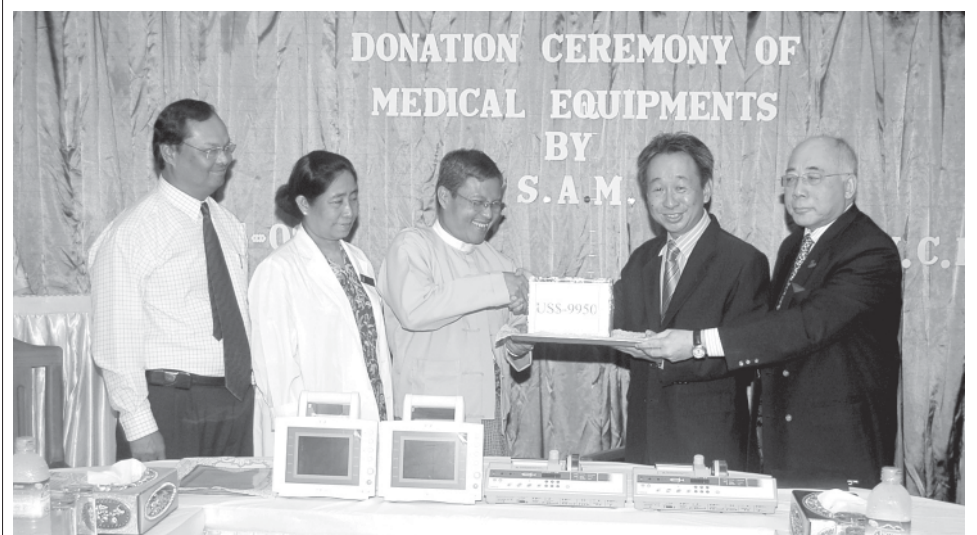
Myanmar Red Cross Society is also

invited to participate in Regional World Blood Donors Day Banner Competition 2008. The Red Cross Societies of different countries with best two designs each have to take part in the competition at the regional level.

The participants are invited to take part in the competition in line with the designated rules. The commemorative motto is "Voluntary Blood Donation—We Can Do!" Participant youth with the age of 16 to 25 or participants in team can take part in the competition. There is no term for the size of the design.

MNA

Beware of Fire



Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong presents two Patient Monitors and two Syringe Pumps to Dr Aung Kyi Win, Medical Superintendent of YCH. — MNA

CEC member makes field trips to grassroots level in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 5 March met departmental personnel, members of social organizations, local people, executives and organizers of the township USDA at Shwehintha Hall in Mudon.

After fulfilling the requirements, the CEC member explained efforts of the government in all aspects to serve the interest of the people.

The CEC member inspected Basic Education Primary School of Kyaungnauk Ward and construction of the four-storey monastery in Ward 7.

On 6 April, the CEC member met local people from villages at Kyonkadat BEHS in Thanbyuzayat Township. After attending to the needs, the CEC member donated cash to the funds of the school and the village.

In the afternoon, the CEC member heard reports of the local people from villages at Ywahaung Dhammayon in Panga Village and presented cash assistance to the village.

He met departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at the hall of Kamawat BEHS in Mudon Township. He also met with local people at the Dhammayon in Kawparan Village.

On 7 April, the CEC member gave instructions to local people from the villages at Natgyichaung BEHS in Paung Township and donated cash to the funds of the village.

He also met with local people of villages in Thaton and Bilin townships. At Sittoung Paper Factory, the CEC member gave instructions to staff and social organization members and provided cash assistance for the social organizations and villages. — MNA



CEC Member of USDA Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint meeting with local people at Kyonkadat Village Basic Education High School in Thanbyuzayat Township. — MNA



Water pipelines opened in Dagon Myothit (North), Insein Townships

YANGON, 9 April — Under the leadership of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association and with the supervision of Dagon Myothit (North) Township USDA, Ngamoeyeik drinking water pipeline for Ward 41 extension, Tawwin and Mahamyaing Housing Estate in Dagon Myothit (North) Township was opened near Mahamyaing Housing Estate this morning.

USDA CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe, Yangon Division USDA Secretary U Aye Myint, Tawwin Housing Estate Development Committee U Tin Mya and Mahamyaing Housing Estate Development Council U Khin Maung Win cut the ribbon to open the water

pipeline.

The mayor opened the tap of the water pipeline. A ceremony to open water pipeline was held at Thantithukha Sasana Beikman near Tawwin Housing Estate. The Mayor delivered an address and accepted 300 USDA membership applications from Ward 41 extension, Tawwin and Mahamyaing Housing Estates and presented membership cards to officials.

Thanks to installation of the water pipeline, the people from 2,000 apartments at Ward 41 extension, Tawwin and Mahamyaing Housing Estates can have access to drinking water.

The Mayor also attended the ceremony to launch the self-reliant Phugyi water pipeline to supply water to Etheikdi Block of Ywama East Ward in Insein Township. The CEC member together with the Secretary of Yangon Division USDA and Chairman of the Water Supply Committee U Tha Aung opened the water pipeline.

The ceremony to open water pipeline was held at Myanmar Nazarene Church on Baho Road in Insein Township. After delivering an address, the CEC member accepted 500 USDA membership applications and presented membership cards to the Chairman of the Water Supply Committee.

Phugyi Water Pipeline will supply drinking water to the people from 500 households of Etheikdi Block in Ywama East Ward.—MNA

Inter-Ministry Men's basketball semi-finals go on

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April—The first inter-ministry men's basketball semi-final matches continued at Nay Pyi Taw basketball gymnasium here on 7 April morning.

Ministry of Industry-1 beat Ministry of Sports and Ministry of Rail Transportation defeated Ministry of Defence in the Group D today.

MNA



Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sovana delivers a sermon at a ceremony to donate cash to Parahita School for Development of National Races in Pauktaw Village, in Bilin Township. — H

Botahtaung Seikkan Health Care Association makes cash donations

YANGON, 9 April — Botahtaung Seikkan Health Care Association held a ceremony to donate K 6.6 million to Parahita School for Development of National Races in Bilin Township, Mon State on 6 April.

Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sovana, founder of the school, delivered a sermon and those present shared the merits gained.

Today's donation totalled K 7 million including provisions worth K 400,000.

The members of the association donated K 5.2 million to the funds of Mingalar Parahita Orphanage in Twantay Township in September, 2007. —H



U Myint Than and Daw Hsan Lwin Lwin of No 9, Market Road, Myaynigon, Yangon, donated K 3.5 millions to Dhammaduta Tawya Meditation Centre at 10-mile Hill, Bago, recently. U Nay Aung, a member of the executive committee of the meditation camp, accepts donation presented by wellwishers in the presence of Sayadaw of the meditation camp Dr Ashin Paññissara. —H

Dohkyeywa Journal Vol 5 No 8 comes out

YANGON, 9 April— Dohkyeywa Journal Vol 5 No 8 has been distributed to the readers today.

The journal features agriculture, breeding and health, education, short stories, stories, humour, poem, cartoon, Video films and current news.

The journal is available at offices of Information and Public Relations Department, Sarpay Beikman Book Stall, Wah Moe Aung Book Stall and it costs of K 150.

Manuscripts and advertisements may be sent to the address of No 228, Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township (Ph-371340 and 371342).—MNA

Images of the Day



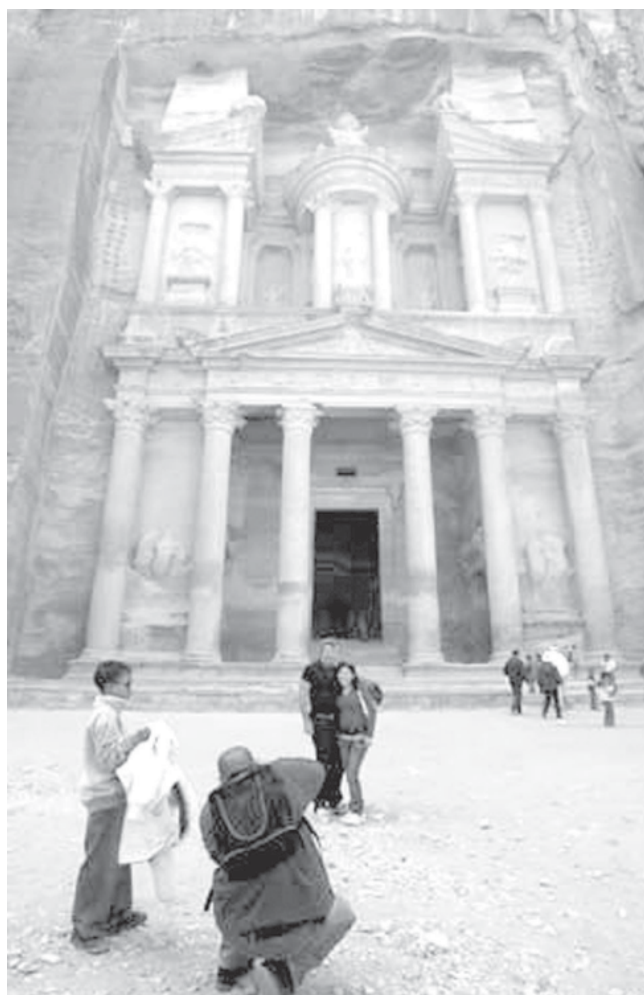
The 13th Century Konarak Sun Temple in the Puri district of the state of Orissa in India is shown in this Jan. 16, 2008 photo. — INTERNET



An Indian Army soldier performs a motor bike stunt during the diamond jubilee celebration of the Jammu Kashmir Light Infantry regiment, on the outskirts of Srinagar, India, on 5 April, 2008.— INTERNET



Humanoid robot HRP-2 takes away a cup after a man drinks from it during a demonstration at Tokyo University recently. —INTERNET



Tourists pose near the Al Khazneh (Treasury) in the ancient city of Petra on 7 April, 2008. The Treasury is Petra's most famous monument whose name reflects the local legend that the urn on top of the monument held the pharaoh's treasure. —XINHUA

The old town district of the city of Dresden, Germany, including the Elbe river, the Albertbruecke bridge and the Church of Our Lady, center, experienced a cloudy and rainy day on 3 April, 2008, during which temperatures hovered at around 7 degrees Celsius (44 degrees Fahrenheit). INTERNET



Crew from the 'Team Louie' crashes into the water after their attempt to fly off a ramp in a flying machine competition overlooking Sydney Harbor in Sydney, Australia, on 6 April, 2008. Teams from around Australia attempted to fly the greatest distance across the water in their manpowered flying machines.— INTERNET

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2.	Extension of 9 MVA Transformer (FE)	1 Set	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
3.	Air Quenching Cooler Exhaust Fan	1 Set	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
4.	Slurry Valves And Accessories	11 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
5.	Conveyor Chain	5 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
6.	Flexible Gas Tube With Flange	2 Sets	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
7.	Kiln Supporting With Shaft	2 Sets	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
8.	Trunnion Journal For Raw Mill (FE)	1 No	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
9.	Head Cover For Raw Mill (FE)	1 No	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
10.	Girth Gear And Drive Pinion For Cement Mill (FE)	1 Set	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
11.	Dump Truck 25 tons (FE)	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
12.	Dump Truck 10 Tons (FE)	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
13.	Forklift (TCM) 3.5 Tons (FE/Ks)	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
14.	15 Tons Ore Car	10 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
15.	Cable Wire And Accessories	8 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
16.	Unit Cooler For Quality Control Room	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
17.	3 Phase Induction Motor For Air Separator	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
18.	Magnetic Brake Assembly With Power Module	2 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
19.	Electrical Instrument Accessories (FE/Ks)	1 Unit	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
20.	6.6 KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker	1 Set	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
21.	Spare Parts For Heavy Equipment	14 Items	9.4.2008	16.5.2008
22.	Spare Parts For Production M/C	3 Sets	9.4.2008	16.5.2008

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE**

As the wharves, warehouses and Chellan offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 11st April 2008 to 20th April 2008 (Water Festival Thingyan) being the public Holidays. Goods will be received, shipped or delivered on payment of Holiday Fees.

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV XIANG FENG VOYNO (8019)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8019) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.4.2008 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.

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

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

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Bank Holidays

All Banks will be closed on 11th April (Friday) to 20th April (Sunday) Myanmar New Year Holidays 2008, under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

CHANGE OF NAME

I RAJA (9/ Ma Ma Na (N) 087672) P/P No.514420 have changed my name as RAJA (a) RAJA GAUTAM from today onwards.

Pig disease hits four Vietnamese provinces

HANOI, 8 April — Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) has recently stricken Vietnam's central Nghe An Province, raising the total number of affected localities in the country to four.

The disease has hit 208 pigs in Dien Chau District, local newspaper *Youth* on Monday quoted the provincial Veterinary Bureau as reporting.

The bureau has intensified surveillance on pig transport and disinfected farms to prevent the disease's spread. Earlier, PRRS hit northern Thanh Hoa Province and the two central provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Nam, according to the Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea confirms new case of H5N1 bird flu outbreak

SEOUL, 8 April — The South Korean Government confirmed Monday that a virulent bird flu strain causing the death of ducks at a farm in the south-western city of Jeongup was identified as H5N1 strain of avian influenza.

The H5N1 strain of avian influenza is dangerous as it can affect humans. The Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries announced the conclusion after conducting detailed tests on ducks at a farm where thousands of ducks have died suddenly since last month.

MNA/Xinhua

Don't Smoke

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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- (5) Oxygen Cylinder
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- (7) Mild Steel Sections
- (8) Welding Electrodes
- (9) Communication Equipments
- (10) Solar Power
- (11) Batteries
- (12) Tyres & Tubes
- (13) Lubricants
- (14) Calcium Carbide
- (15) Zinc Anode

Quotation forms and documents are available at the Stores Department, Seik Kan Township, Myanmar Port Authority, starting from 25.4.2008 during office hours.

For further details, please contact telephone numbers 292334, 292292 and 292301.

**Controller of Stores
Myanmar Port Authority**

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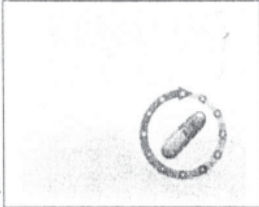
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Drive Safely

Drug-trafficking gang arrested in Austria

VIENNA, 9 April—Austrian police have arrested a drug trafficking gang and confiscated their weapons near the capital, local media reported Tuesday.

Three main suspects and 32 others were caught in the raid, reported Austrian TV and Radio (ORF) reported.

The head of the gang is a 36-year-old Viennese accused of having imported some 100 kilos of cocaine and cannabis from Amsterdam, the capital city of Holland, over a nine-year period.

According to the police, the suspects hid their drugs inside a garden house near Vienna. Purchasers bought drugs from them through telephone contacts.

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**Canada warns of health
problems due to climate change**

OTTAWA, 8 April — Canadian doctors on Monday urged the medical community to prepare for new health problems caused by climate change.

Climate change will lead to health problems unseen before, and Canadian doctors need to become experts in these new diseases, the Ontario College of Family Physicians said in a report.

Even a small rise in temperatures could have a “profound effect” on infants and children, the elderly and people with pre-existing diseases, the report said, adding that such problems as heat stroke and respiratory ailments are going to be common.

Malaria and dengue fever are now appearing in more areas in the world. Canadians visiting those areas are at risk of coming home sick, which requires Canadian doctors to get necessary skills in dealing with the disease.

College president, Dr Renee Arnold, also warned that the negative health effects of climate change will be irreversible “if we don’t get our act together now and stop damaging our environment”.

MNA/Xinhua

Diana unlawfully killed, inquest rules

LONDON, 8 April — Princess Diana and her lover Dodi al-Fayed were unlawfully killed by the grossly negligent driving of chauffeur Henri Paul and paparazzi photographers pursuing their limousine into a Paris road tunnel in 1997. The jury, which had spent almost six months listening to more than 250 witnesses from around the

world, reached their decision on Monday after deliberating for four days. The presiding judge, Lord Justice Scott Baker, had specifically instructed them to reject conspiracy theories that the accident was staged. The inquest, estimated to have cost up to 20 million US dollars, stretched around the globe with witnesses heard by

video link from France, the United States, Nigeria, Kenya and Australia.

Dodi’s father, luxury storeowner Mohamed al-Fayed, charged that his son and Diana were killed by British security services on the orders of Prince Philip, Queen Elizabeth’s husband and Diana’s former father-in-law.

MNA/Reuters

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A bronze fountain memorial to Dodi al-Fayed (R) and Princess Diana is seen in central London in this 31 Aug, 1998 file photo.

Princess Diana and her lover Dodi al-Fayed were unlawfully killed by the grossly negligent driving of their chauffeur Paul and paparazzi photographers pursuing them into a Paris road tunnel 10 years ago, an inquest ruled on 7 April, 2008.—INTERNET

**Study says
treatment
reverses
blood
disorder in
mice**

CHICAGO, 8 April — An experimental treatment in mice showed promise in reversing a rare blood disease that can cause leukaemia, US researchers said on Monday, offering a glimpse of how the drug may work as it begins testing in humans.

In experiments at Harvard Medical School in Boston and the University of California, San Diego, researchers found the compound blocked a genetic mutation that causes three kinds of leukaemias.

The studies tested a compound supplied by privately held biotechnology company TargeGen in San Francisco, which has just begun early testing in humans.

It targets a genetic mutation in the JAK2 gene that causes most cases of the leukaemias polycythemia vera, essential thrombocytosis and primary myelofibrosis, which affect up to 100,000 people in the United States.

The mutation in the JAK2 gene causes an overproduction of blood cells. The TargeGen compound TG101348 is designed to block the JAK2 mutation that causes this.—MNA/Reuters

**Cement truck crashes into
China park, kills eight**

BEIJING, 9 April — A loaded cement truck lost control on a mountain road in central China, crashed through the gate of a park and ran down more than 20 people, killing eight, a newspaper said on Tuesday.

The accident happened on Saturday in Nanyang, Henan Province, during a long weekend after the country introduced its Tomb-Sweeping Day holiday on Friday. Many of the victims were students.

“Get out of the way!,” the *Beijing News*, quoting witnesses, said the driver was shouting out the window when he realised his brakes had failed.

More than 20 people were knocked down and five cars were damaged. Ten people were injured.

Several college students, who were to have spent the weekend climbing, were among the dead, the newspaper said. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Ronaldo eyes Flamengo stint before AC Milan return

MILAN, 9 April — Brazilian forward Ronaldo may use a stint at Flamengo to boost his fitness before returning to Italian side AC Milan.

The three-times World Player of the Year was linked to a permanent move to the Rio de Janeiro club he supported as a child before suffering a career-threatening knee injury in February.

“I have a beautiful relationship with my team (Milan), the doors will always be open for me there, but I have to be up to it,” Ronaldo told Tuesday’s La Gazzetta dello Sport. “The idea is to play in Brazil for a few months, maybe at Flamengo, and if everything goes well, reappear in red and black (of Milan).”

Milan have said they will support Ronaldo through the recovery process, which is expected to take at least seven more months. However, the Serie A side have yet to commit to a renewal of the player’s contract, which expires at the end of the season.

Ronaldo said he had a “huge desire” to return to soccer and that he could not imagine life without it.

“There is still a long way to go. Perhaps it’ll be four months before I can start running, but the recovery will be quicker than last time,” he added. —MNA/Reuters

Beijing Olympics to be most successful in history

BEIJING, 9 April — Julio Cesar Maglione, the Association of the National Olympic Committees (ANOC) vice-chairman, said here on Tuesday he was certain the Beijing Olympics would become the most successful Games in history.

“The preparation of the Games has made Beijing’s appearance greatly change for the better,” said Maglione, also a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The president of Uruguay’s Olympic Committee was in Beijing to lead a delegation attending ANOC’s 16th assembly being held 7-9 April.

MNA/Reuters



Dirk Kuyt scored an equalizer to help Liverpool hold Arsenal to a 1-1 draw in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Wednesday. — XINHUA



Chelsea’s Lampard celebrates goal with Essien and Makelele during Champions League quarterfinal match against Fenerbahce in London on 8 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Babel backs ref’s decision

LONDON, 9 April — Ryan Babel is convinced the referee made the right decision in awarding a penalty in Liverpool’s 4-2 win over Arsenal.

A pulsating second leg of the UEFA Champions League quarter-final had turned in Arsenal’s favour after Emmanuel

Adebayor had made it 2-2 on the night. But a minute later, Liverpool were given a spot-kick after Babel was brought down by Kolo Toure, with Steven Gerrard converting from 12 yards.

Toure and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger were unhappy with the de-

Pizarro denies indiscipline, criticizes Peru federation

LIMA, 9 April — Peru striker Claudio Pizarro, banned playing for his country for 18 months for alleged indiscipline, said Tuesday that he was innocent and accused the country’s federation of bad management.

“I want the truth to see the light of day and I want to prove that I’m innocent,” the Chelsea player told RPP radio.

“I want the public to realise that I haven’t committed any breach of discipline, above all, to be aware of the bad management of this football federation.”

Pizarro has been suspended along with fellow strikers Jefferson Farfan and Andres Mendoza and defender Santiago Acasiete following alleged incidents at the team hotel in November after World Cup qualifier against Brazil.

The bans were handed out last month but back-dated to November. The Peruvian federation has said that it’s case was based on evidence provided by a television station and hotel employees.

MNA/Reuters

INTERNET

Boavista players threaten strike over unpaid wages

LISBON, 9 April — Boavista players will begin a strike next week if the Portuguese Premier League club does not pay wages that are two months late, the head of the players’ union said on Tuesday.

If they strike, the players would skip a league match against Nacional Madeira on 20 April. Similar strikes could also take place at other Portuguese clubs that are struggling to meet their financial obligations to players, the head of the Professional Soccer Player’s Union Joaquim Evangelista said.

“Boavista players unanimously decided to formalise a strike if the players do not receive their pay cheques by Friday,” he told reporters. —MNA/Reuters

Chelsea manager Avram Grant celebrates at the final whistle during their Champions League quarter-final second leg soccer match against Fenerbahce in London on 8 April, 2008. —XINHUA



Liverpool’s Fernando Torres, foreground, celebrates after scoring against Arsenal during their Champion’s League quarter-final second leg soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on 8 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Liverpool, Chelsea through to semifinals

LIVERPOOL (England), 9 April — Liverpool beat Arsenal 4-2 in a classic Champions League battle at Anfield on Tuesday to clinch their quarterfinal tie 5-3 on aggregate and reach the semifinals for the third time in four seasons.

Their opponents at the end of the month will again be Chelsea who they defeated at the same stage in 2005 and last season.

In a match that will rank as one of the best played in European competition, Liverpool came back from the dead after Arsenal appeared to have clinched the tie on away goals with only six minutes to play.

But Liverpool’s indefatigable belief in themselves on European nights at Anfield saw them turn the tie with Steven Gerrard smash-

ing home an 85th minute penalty and substitute Ryan Babel wrapping up a memorable win with a stoppage time goal.

Arsenal, who were superb for the opening half hour playing football worthy of European champions, took the lead through Abou Diaby after 13 minutes.

Liverpool fought back with a header from Sami Hyypia on the half hour and a stunning shot on the turn from Fernando Torres in the 69th minute to take a 2-1 lead on the night and 3-2 on aggregate.

A breakaway by substitute Theo Walcott which saw him skate past four Liverpool players six minutes from time set up Emmanuel Adebayor to make the score 2-2 — 3-3 on aggregate and Arsenal ahead on away goals. —MNA/Reuters

Adebayor: We can win title

LONDON, 9 April — Emmanuel Adebayor admits that he has already turned his focus to Sunday’s Premier League showdown with Manchester United.

The Arsenal striker was part of the Gunners side which crashed out of the UEFA Champions League against Liverpool on Tuesday night.

European glory had appeared to represent Arsenal’s best opportunity of picking up some silverware this season, but victory at Old Trafford this weekend could keep their push for domestic success on track.

Maximum points in Manchester would see the Gunners move to within three points of the Red Devils at the top of the table, and Adebayor is well aware that the weekend encounter has now become a must-win fixture for Arsene Wenger’s men. —INTERNET

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Thunderstorm kills eight in central China

WUHAN, 9 April— Eight people died and at least 66 were injured by a thunderstorm that hit central China’s Hubei Province on Tuesday.

Strong wind, heavy rain and hail affected 350,000 people in 10 counties of Dangyang City from Monday night,

according to a source with the provincial government. About 70 per cent of Dangyang residents faced power failure after the grid was badly damaged.

The extreme weather left eight dead in their collapsed homes, and forced the evacuation of 8,327.

The disaster caused 210 million yuan (25.9 million US dollars) in losses, with 10,850 houses and 22,666 hectares of crops damaged.

It destroyed 41 transformers, 162 electrical wiring standards and broke 76 wires, among others. The local grid suffered 5.8 million yuan in losses.

More than 100 emergency workers were summoned from other areas of Hubei to repair the Dangyang grid. Local residents were expected to have power as early as Wednesday evening.

MNA/Reuters

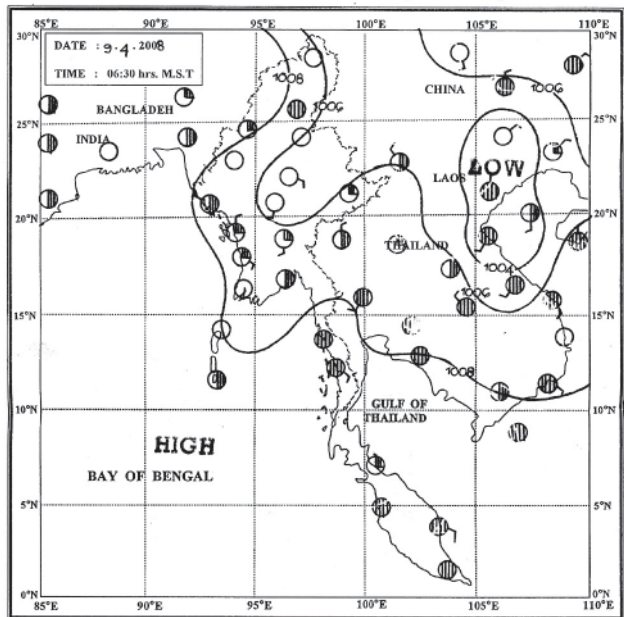
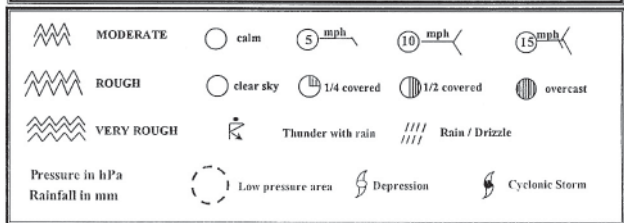
Train derailment forces evacuation in Canada

OTTAWA, 9 April — Residents in a community in central Canada were forced to evacuate Monday following a crash involving three trains, some of which carrying dangerous goods, reports reaching here said.

No one was injured in the accident that happened near the farming community of Ralph, about 150 kilometres southeast of provincial capital Regina in the province of Saskatchewan.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 9 April, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Eastern Shan and Chin States, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (43°C), Minbu and Aungmye (42°C) each and Magway (41°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthoung (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-4-2008 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 9-4-2008 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-4-2008 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 8-4-2008 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 9-4-2008 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 (6) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 8-4-2008.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-4-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin, Rakhine, Shan, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and generally fair 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 continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-4-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon and evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-4-2008: Partly cloudy.

British PM hits record low in leadership rating

LONDON, 9 April — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown’s leadership rating has fallen to a record low, a poll carried out for *The Times* revealed on Tuesday.

The Prime Minister has presided over a sharp fall in confidence in the economy as he enters a crucial three weeks of campaigning for the London and local elections.

The Populus poll

interviewed a random sample of 1,502 adults aged over 18 by telephone on 4-6 April. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to be representative of all adults.

The Conservative Party have risen two percentage points since a month ago to 39 percent while the Labour Party and Liberal Democrats has slipped down several points each, according to the poll.

The proportion regarding Labour Party as competent and capable has fallen to 37 per cent from 56 per cent since last September while the Conservative rating has risen to 45 per cent from 39 per cent.— MNA/Xinhua

Floods leave 36 dead, 130,000 homeless in N-E Brazil

BRASILIA, 9 April — Floods triggered by downpours over the past weeks in northeastern Brazil have killed at least 36 people and forced about 130,000 to leave their homes, reports here said Monday.

The federal government will release 613 million reals (about 317 million US dollars) in emergency funding to relieve the victims, Minister of National Integration Geddel Vieira Lima told reporters Monday in Brasilia.

The federal government is considering extending agricultural insurance cover to protect farmers who have suffered losses, added the minister.

Seven states in northeastern Brazil have been severely hit by the floods. In the state of Paraiba, there have been 17 people reportedly dead and some 14,000 homeless. While in Piaui state, four people were killed and 57,000 have abandoned their homes. — MNA/Xinhua



Thursday, 10 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. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ

- 7:55 am
5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
8:10 am
6. Musical programme
8:30 am
7. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. နားဝင်ပီယံသူ့လက်သံ
4:20 pm
3. Dance of national races
4:30 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ—ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

- 4:45 pm
5. Songs to uphold National Spirit
4:50 pm
6. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
5:00 pm
7. The mirror images of musical oldies
5:25 pm
8. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
6:00 pm
9. Evening news
6:30 pm
10. Weather report
6:35 pm
11. “ကြိုဆိုလျှက်ပါ” (နန်းဆုရတီမှီး၊ ဇင်ဇော်စော်မြင့်၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်သင်ဇာဝင့်ကျော်၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်ဇင်၊ နေထူးနိုင်၊ နေယံ၊ မိုးယံစွန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—အောင်မိုး—(ပဲရစ်))

- 6:50 pm
12. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လေဒီယာနှင့်ဆုံစည်းခြင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
7:55 pm
14. အခြေခံဥပဒေသစ်နှင့် ပြည်ထောင်စုစနစ် (အပိုင်း-၂)
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. Musical programme
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဘဝဆက်တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

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Expose saboteurs in collaboration

Wellwishers invited to donate blood on Myanmar New Year Day

YANGON, 9 April — The National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital will be kept open from 9 am to 1 pm on Myanmar New Year Day which falls on 12th Waxing of Tagu 1370 ME (17 April) in order that wellwishers may be able to donate blood there.—MNA

Briefing on construction of Nay Pyi Taw Ngalaik Lake Gardens held

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— A briefing on construction of Nay Pyi Taw Ngalaik Lake Gardens was held at the hall of the gardens here yesterday morning, attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

Also present on the occasion were heads of departments, officials, members of social organizations and others.

First, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw explained work being carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Suntac Technologies for the emergence of the gardens and future tasks with the help of charts.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed those present on the purpose of the construction of the gardens and presented certificates of honour to officials who are

engaged in the construction tasks.

Those present on the occasion viewed

round the facilities and buildings of the gardens and attended to the needs.

Situated along Ngalaik Dam near Kyweshin Village, seven miles from Nay Pyi Taw,

the Ngalaik Lake Gardens is completed with facilities including slides, natural resorts, lodgings and

bathing beaches. The gardens will be opened to the public during Thingyan holidays.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Nay Pyi Taw Ngalaik Lake Gardens. — MNA

USDA Secretariat Member, CEC Member carry out regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 9 April— Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and CEC Member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen

Thein Swe met with departmental officials at township level, executives of Mandalay Division USDA and members of social organizations and local people at Paunglong Gymnasium in

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 7 April.

Secretariat Member U Aung Thaung said that the government is now undertaking all-round development tasks in the health and education sec-

tors. It is carrying out the tasks for the ensuring peace and stability and security. It is taking measures for the development of human resources. Members of USDAs are to participate

in the regional development tasks in cooperation with members of social organizations and to implement five rural development tasks with added momentum.

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