

■ To approve the State Constitution is a national duty of the entire people today. Let us all cast “Yes” vote in the national interest.

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

Graduation of OTS 111th Intake held Tatmadaw put in fore wishes of people and ward off any danger to nation



NAY PYI TAW, 25 April—The following is the translation of the address delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the graduation parade of the 111th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School in Bahtoo Tatmyo today.

Comrades

Today is the graduation ceremony of the 111th Intake of Officers Training School.

The course was attended by

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers address at graduation parade of the 111th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

trainees each of them holding a degree in law, economics, agriculture or other subjects and servicemen who were permitted to attend the course as their (See page 8)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 26 April, 2008

Shape future of the nation through education

At present, all development sectors of the State are experiencing rapid changes and developments in science and technology. The government is nurturing and producing human resources with the establishment of the good educational environment, for the future of the State and the people is in the hands of the new generation youths.

Long-term and short-term national education promotion plans have been laid down and are being implemented in both urban and rural regions with the aim of enabling every citizen to have access to basic education and of ensuring constant emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Now, there has been a basic education school in every 2.5-square-mile area across the nation plus a large number of computer networks and electronic systems, thereby creating equal opportunity for different regions in learning.

There are three factors for a nation to develop, namely, stability, peace and the rule of law, developing social economic life and human resources.

Therefore, the government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of the said three factors.

We firmly believe that the nation will be able to build a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the might of the future generation youths, making better use of good education foundations created by the government.

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein to pay visit to Kingdom of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 26 April —At the invitation of His Excellency Mr Samak Sundaravej, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will pay an official visit to the Kingdom of Thailand in the near future.—MNA

Billboards set up in Yangon South District to hail Referendum



A ceremony to erect a billboard to hail the referendum in Kyauktan. — MNA

YANGON, 25 April—Hailing the Referendum to be held for the approval of the draft Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the ceremonies to set up the billboards were held at the designated places in the four townships of Yangon South District this morning.

Departmental personnel, townselders, members of social organizations and local people erected the billboards saying “Democracy cannot be achieved by anarchism, violence but by Constitution” and “Let’s approve Constitution to shape our future by ourselves” at the corner

of Bogyoke Ne Win and Lanmadaw roads near Thanlyin Myoma Market in Thanlyin Township, near the archway of Thanlyin-Kyauktan road in Kyauktan Township and in front of the township People’ Hospital on Pagoda road in Kayan Township.

MNA

USDA CEC member meets entrepreneurs in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha Tsps

YANGON, 25 April — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met with chairmen and members of management committees, entrepreneurs and officials of Hlinethaya Township Industrial Zone Nos 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 and Shwe Lin Pan Industrial Zone at Kanaung hall and at the office of management committee for Industrial Zone No 5 in Hlinethaya Township on 23 April.

He also met with chairmen and members of management committee, entrepreneurs and officials of Shwepyitha Township Industrial Zone Nos 1,2,3 and 4 at Kanaung hall in Shwepyitha Township yesterday.— MNA

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It's enduring, full of essence, conforming to Myanmar traditions, suiting time and conditions and guarantees rights most extensively... So...

Maung Maung Soe

Syria denies US allegations of DPRK-Syria N-coop

WASHINGTON, 25 April—Syria on Thursday “utterly” denied US allegations that the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) helped it construct a nuclear reactor.

“The government of the Syrian Arab Republic regrets and denounces the campaign of false allegations that the current United States Administration continually

launches against Syria claiming the presence of nuclear activity,” the Syrian Embassy in the United States said in a statement.

Damascus “utterly denies these allegations,” it said.

The denial came shortly after Washington said on the same day that DPRK’s assistance to Syria’s secret nuclear programme is “a dangerous and potentially

destabilizing development for the world”.

Calling the US allegations as “unfounded”, the Syrian statement said this campaign aims primarily to misguide the US Congress and international public opinion to justify an Israeli raid in September 2007, which Syria said the current US Administration may have helped executed.

MNA/Xinhua

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Hamas accepts ceasefire with Israel in Gaza first

CAIRO, 24 April—Palestinian faction Hamas on Thursday agreed to a ceasefire with Israel in the Gaza Strip first, the Egyptian MENA news agency reported.

Former Palestinian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar made the announcement at a Press conference after the talks here between the Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman and a high-level Hamas delegation under Zahar, the MENA report said. Under the Egyptian mediating efforts, the ceasefire would be extended to the West Bank within six months, Zahar was quoted assaying.—Internet

A woman reacts at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 24 April, 2008. One civilian was killed while six others were wounded in a car bomb attack in Baghdad’s al-Ghadeer district on Thursday, police said. —INTERNET

US Marine faces court-martial over Okinawa rape

TOKYO, 25 April— A US Marine faces a court martial on charges of kidnapping and raping a 14-year-old schoolgirl on Japan’s southern island of Okinawa in February, US military officials said on Friday. The case prompted thousands of Okinawan residents to rally last month to protest against crimes by US troops and demand a smaller US military presence on the island, host to about half the nearly

50,000 US military personnel in Japan.

The US troops are stationed in Japan under a bilateral security treaty that is the pillar of Tokyo’s post-war security policy, but those who live near the bases often complain about associated crime, noise and pollution.

US Marine Sergeant Tyrone Hadnott was arrested by police in February on suspicion of raping the girl, but

Japanese prosecutors dropped the case after she withdrew her complaints, a move some in Okinawa said was to escape the public spotlight.

Hadnott has been charged under the US military justice code with rape and abusive sexual contact with a child under 16 and kidnapping through inveigling, the US Marine Corps in Okinawa said in a statement.

Internet

McCain sharply critical of Bush response to Katrina

NEW ORLEANS, 25 April—Republican US presidential candidate John McCain on Thursday sharply criticized the Bush Administration’s handling of Hurricane Katrina and vowed, “Never again”.

McCain, putting some distance between himself and fellow Republican President George W Bush, said if he had been president during the 2005 catastrophe he would have immediately visited New Orleans during the initial shock aftermath of the killer storm.

“I’m just saying I would’ve landed my airplane at the nearest Air Force base and come over

personally,” he said.

Two days after the hurricane made landfall in August 2005, when immediate recovery efforts were chaotic, Bush

surveyed the damage during a fly-over in Air Force One while returning from a trip to the West Coast.

MNA/Reuters



US Republican presidential candidate Senator John McCain (R-AZ) (L) looks over a debris pile with Bennett Landreneau, commander of the Louisiana National Guard, during a walking tour of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, Louisiana on 24 April, 2008. —INTERNET

Rice prices skyrocket in US

LOS ANGELES, 25 April — Rice prices have increased dramatically in recent weeks across the United States despite the government’s forecast that food prices would rise only 3.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent this year, reports said on Wednesday.

As consumers concerned about rising rice prices, the shelves at big-box warehouse stores like Sam’s Club and Costco have been cleaned out and the wholesale retailers are adopting policies to limit rice purchases by customers.

Sam’s Club announced Wednesday that customers will no longer be allowed to purchase more than four bags of jasmine, basmati and long-grain white rice per visit, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The retailer chain operated by Wal-

Mart said the policy was “effective immediately” across all of its US stores.

Sam’s Club blamed the new limits on “supply and demand trends” and said it is working with suppliers “to ensure we are in stock, and we are asking for our members’ cooperation and patience.”

Meanwhile, at least one Costco store in California has also posted signs asking customers to hold back on their rice purchases and follow their regular rice-buying habits, according to an NBC report.

The price of many foods, including beer, bread, coffee, pizza and rice have risen rapidly recently in the United States as the country contends with its worst bout of food inflation since the 1990s.

MNA/Xinhua

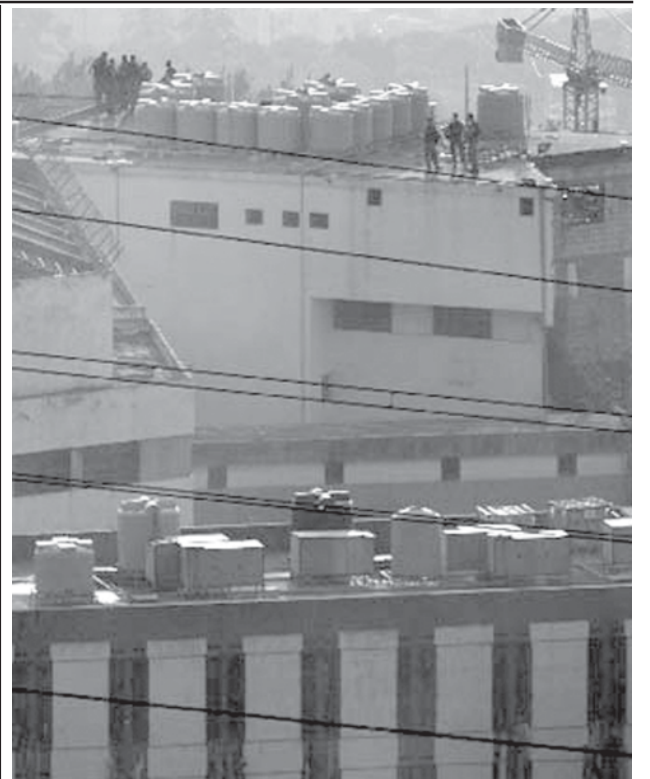
Two Israelis killed in shooting incident

JERUSALEM, 25 April — Two Israeli citizens were killed Friday morning in a shooting attack in the

Nitzanei Oz industrial zone in the Sharon region, local daily Yedioth Ahronoth reported on its website. Israel Defense Forces (IDF) combed the area in search of the terrorists, the report said.

Magen David Adom (MDA) emergency services received a report on people injured by gunshots in the northern area of the industrial zone, which is located not far from the West Bank city of Tulkarem. Rescue forces were dispatched to the area.

An initial investigation into the incident revealed that one terrorist or more arrived at a factory in the area, opened fire and escaped.—Internet



Police are on guard on the roof on 24 April. Seven guards were taken hostage on Thursday by prisoners when riot erupted in Lebanese central Roumieh Prison, northeast of Beirut, local LBC TV reported. —XINHUA



Singaporean Air Force jets perform during an air show at a military airport in Bangkok.—INTERNET

Oil must stay high if world to have enough supply

ROME, 24 April — Energy producers cannot halt a rally that has driven oil to nearly 120 US dollars a barrel and the world might have to live with even higher prices if it wants supplies for the future, exporters said on Tuesday.

Three days of talks in Rome between producers and their customers have seen broad agreement a weak dollar has pushed prices higher and the cost of extracting more oil from the ground has soared.

But one thing the 60 or so energy ministers and dozens of industry executives cannot agree is that the oil price, which hit a record above 118 US dollars a barrel on Tuesday, is too high.

“The oil market is in a state of fear, if not panic,” said Shokri Ghanem, head of Libya’s National Oil Corporation, but he also said expensive oil prices were necessary.

“Prices will have to stay high in the long term to encourage exploration and production.”

Producers and consumers alike were worried, with producers nervous about falling demand and consumers dreading a collapsing world economy.

MNA/Reuters

US military kills 15 gunmen in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 24 April—US forces said on Wednesday they had killed 15 gunmen over-night in Shiite areas of Baghdad, where fighting has raged for weeks between militia-men loyal to cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and security forces.

In a statement, the US military said ground forces and aircraft had been involved in several attacks. The first began around dusk on Tuesday,



People queue near a campaign poster of Zimbabwe’s President Robert Mugabe outside a local bank in the capital Harare on 24 April, 2008. —INTERNET

McCain demands withdrawal of anti-Obama ad

INEZ (Kentucky), 24 April—Republican Presidential candidate John McCain on Wednesday demanded the North Carolina Republican Party withdraw an advertisement critical of Democrat Barack Obama over his controversial pastor.

“We asked them not to run it,” McCain told reporters on his campaign bus as he rode to an anti-poverty event in the coalfields of eastern Kentucky.

“I’m sending them an e-mail as we speak asking them to take it down. I don’t know why they do it. Obviously, I don’t control them. But I’m making it very clear that there’s no place for that” in his campaign.

Obama has come under fire for attending a Chicago church for two decades where the Reverend Jeremiah Wright was pastor. Wright espoused inflammatory views including saying the US Government spread the AIDS virus to African Americans. He has since retired.

The 30-second ad in question attacks Democratic North Carolina gubernatorial candidates Beverly Perdue and Richard Moore for their endorsements of Obama, referencing the Illinois Senator’s “judgment” in supporting Wright and calling him “too extreme for North Carolina”.

MNA/Reuters

Iran ready to discuss nuclear dispute

TEHERAN, 24 April — Iran is ready to discuss its nuclear programme with any country but will not yield to international pressure to halt the atomic work, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a rally on Wednesday.

Iran insists its nuclear programme is aimed only at producing electricity but has so far failed to convince the West, which accuses the Islamic state of secretly trying to produce nuclear bombs.

“The Iranian nation is in favour of talks to resolve the (nuclear) issue with any of you (countries). We will slap those who want Iran to abandon its right (to nuclear technology) on the mouth,” Ahmadinejad said in a televised address in the western city of Hamedan.

Ahmadinejad in March ruled out any talks with the West over Iran’s disputed nuclear programme, saying Iran would only discuss the issue with the UN nuclear watchdog, the IAEA.

MNA/Reuters

File photo shows South Korean women harvesting cabbages on a farm in Sungsan-po, South Korea. Scores of unsatisfactory Seoul city employees will be ordered to work on farms to improve their attitude, officials said on Thursday.—INTERNET



Turkish jets bomb PKK targets in N Iraq

ISTANBUL, 24 April—At least four Turkish military jets bombed Kurdish separatist targets inside northern Iraq on Wednesday, a Turkish military source said.

The bombing, which lasted approximately 30 minutes, occurred between 1300 and 1400 GMT, the source said, adding that no further information on casualties was immediately available.

A spokesman for the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) guerilla group said the Turkish planes bombed a remote part of northern Iraq but no one was hurt.

The Turkish military launched an eight-day air campaign in northern Iraq in February against the PKK, which uses northern Iraq to launch attacks against Turkey.

MNA/Reuters

Taleban kill seven Afghan police in attacks

KABUL, 24 April—Taleban insurgents killed seven Afghan policemen in an attack on a police post and a separate suicide bomb blast on Wednesday, officials and witnesses said.

Five police were killed when Taleban insurgents attacked their post in the eastern province of Kunar, near the border with Pakistan, Abdul Saboor Allahyar, a senior provincial police officer said.

“After the attack, a clash erupted in which 13 Taleban were also killed,” Esmatullah, a border force commander, told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Int'l Energy Forum voices concern over oil price hike

ROME, 24 April — Delegates at the International Energy Forum (IEF) expressed concern on Tuesday over the recent oil price hike, and called for dialogue between oil consuming and producing countries in a bid to cope with the situation.

At the 11th IEF, a two-day meeting which concluded here Tuesday, oil ministers from the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other oil-rich nations, as well as heads of the world's major oil companies, said oil prices

should be maintained at a level acceptable to both producers and consumers in order to ensure global economic growth.

A declaration issued after the meeting called on oil producers and consumers to intensify talks to better address the common challenges of high oil prices, supply security, the environment and sustainable development of energy.

In view of the growing global demand for energy, especially in emerging economies and developing countries, investment in oil and natural gas sectors should be boosted to ensure enough supply and reduce market volatility, the declaration said.

MNA/Xinhua

Afghans hit hard by rising world food prices

KABUL, 25 April — Already one of the poorest countries in the world, Afghanistan has been hit hard by the rising price of food and while some Afghans have taken to the streets to protest most wonder how they will get by.

Largely reliant on imports of wheat and flour, Afghanistan has been particularly badly hit as Pakistan, faced with its own food problems, has restricted the flow of flour to its neighbour.

President Hamid Karzai's government has allocated 50 million US dollars to buy food from neighbouring countries, a spokesman said, blaming the rise in world food prices for the increases in Afghanistan.

"We will make sure to have enough food stuff in our markets in order to avoid any humanitarian crises," said presidential spokesman Humayun Hamidzada.

But many Afghans were unmoved and blamed the government. — MNA/Reuters

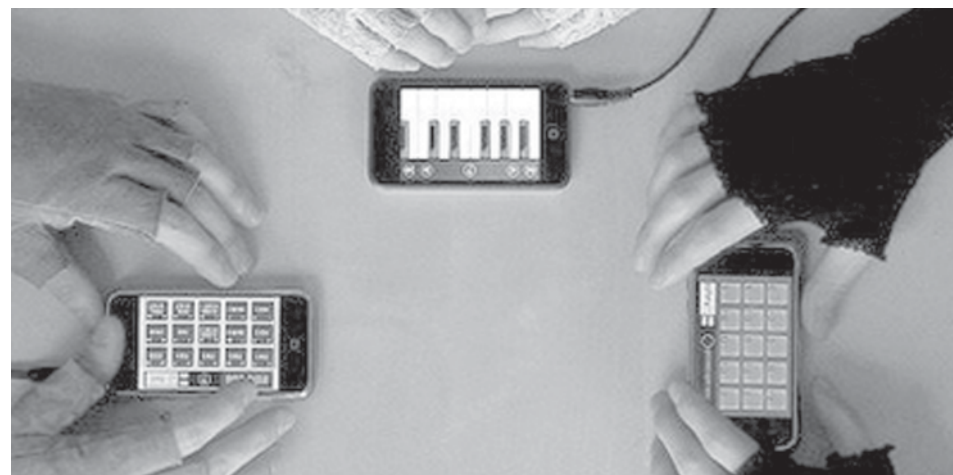
Shell to cut hundreds of jobs in Scotland

LONDON, 25 April — Royal Dutch Shell Plc is to cut hundreds of jobs in Aberdeen, as it sells oil fields in the declining North Sea, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

No one was immediately available for comment at Shell. Major oil companies such as Shell, BP Plc and Exxon Mobil have been selling assets in the North Sea to focus on areas which offer greater exploration potential.

Last October, BP said it planned to cut its onshore North Sea workforce by almost 20 per cent, a loss of 350 jobs.

UK-registered BP and Shell are sensitive to the accusation they are gradually exiting the North Sea which helped them retain their position as oil majors when they lost key assets in the Middle East in the 1960s and 1970s. — MNA/Reuters



Musicians from the Austrian band "Iband" pose with their iPhones converted into music instruments in Vienna. The Viennese trio who first gained attention in February on the video-sharing website YouTube with its music video "Life is greater than the Internet," have turned Apple's last mobile phone into guitars, piano and drums.—INTERNET

Emirates Airline plans fleet of 450 aircraft by 2020

ABU DHABI, 24 April — The Dubai-based Emirates Airline, the largest airline in the Arab world, plans to expand its fleet to more than 450 aircraft by 2020, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Wednesday.

The ambitious expansion plan was revealed

by Sheikh Ahmad Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, president of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority and chairman of Emirates Group, the parent company of Emirates Airline, at the World Travel and Tourism Council Summit closed Tuesday in Dubai,

according to the report.

"Emirates has been doubling its size every three or four years since it started. I think we will continue with that kind of growth," Sheikh Ahmad was quoted as saying.

Dubai's strategic location has helped the airline in its rapid expansion, he said, adding with a third terminal to be completed within three months, Dubai International Airport is expected to handle 40 million passengers this year, 16.5 per cent up compared with the number in 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai rice exports to tumble as world stockpiles decline

BANGKOK, 24 April — Thailand's rice exports during the second quarter this year are projected to tumble around 25 to 30 per cent in face of a sharp decline in global rice stockpiles, said Chookiat Ophaswongse, president of Thai Rice Exporters Association.

The global rice stockpile has sharply fallen to some 70 million tons from more than 100 million tons earlier, said Chookiat, so he projected Thailand, the world's number one rice exporter, will have to cut down its exports, according to a report by *Thai News Agency* on Wednesday.

Rice forward contracts for April and May fell to

less than 800,000 tons from a monthly average of one million tons during the first quarter this year.

Exporters have become more cautious as they would not commit themselves on signing export contracts unless they have sufficient rice in their hands, the report said.

Rice export prices of Thailand have more than doubled since the beginning of this year. Rice prices in the world market "must have peaked" by now, said Chookiat.

MNA/Xinhua

Economic News

Hun Sen says commercial banks to increase deposit reserve

PHNOM PENH, 24 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said Wednesday that the government considered demanding all private banks to reserve more deposits at the National Bank of Cambodia (NBC)

to avoid risk.

The reserve rate may be possibly increased from 8 per cent to 16 per cent, Hun Sen told the 13th Government-Private Sector Forum held in Phnom Penh, adding that the de-

posits can be used to invest in foreign countries.

The deposit reserve at the NBC will guarantee the confidence of customers, he said, adding that it is a financial sector reform. —MNA/Xinhua

Oil gains on US gasoline inventory fall

NEW YORK, 24 April — Oil rose on Wednesday after US Government data showed a bigger-than-expected decline in gasoline stocks ahead of the summer driving season, offsetting a build in crude inventories.

US crude for June delivery settled 23 cents higher at 118.30 US dollars a barrel. Supply concerns sent the May contract to a record high 119.90 US dollars before it expired on Tuesday.

London Brent crude gained 51 cents to settle at 116.46 US dollars barrel, after hitting a record 116.75 US dollars on Tuesday. "Overall, the stats were bullish. Gasoline stocks fell more than expected, most in Padd 1 (East Coast)," said Tom Bentz, analyst for BNP Paribas Commodities Futures in New York. —MNA/Xinhua



A 60 x 13 ft mural by Romare Bearden is displayed in the Gateway Center subway station in downtown Pittsburgh, on 24 April, 2008. The county's cash-strapped public transit agency recently learned that a mural is worth \$15 million, and now it's trying to figure out how to take care of the artwork. —INTERNET



China’s first domestically produced bullet train is on trial operation at a speed of 260km per hour on the Beijing-Tianjin inter-city railway line, north China, on 23 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Eleven Iraqis wounded in Baghdad bombing attacks

BAGHDAD, 24 April — Bomb attacks targeting the US and Iraqi security forces in Baghdad injured at least eleven people on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

“A roadside bomb detonated in the morning near a police patrol passing near Nafaq al-Shurta area in western Baghdad, damaging a police vehicle and wounding two policemen aboard,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Four civilians were also wounded by the blast, the source said.

Another roadside bomb detonated near a police patrol in the Qahtan Square in western Baghdad, wounding three civilians, he said.—*Xinhua*

Crossfire with Afghan forces kill Pakistani security man

ISLAMABAD, 24 April — One Pakistani security man was killed and another injured in a crossfire with Afghan forces due to misunderstanding, said a Pakistan Army statement on Wednesday.

“Due to misunderstanding some exchange of fire took place between Afghan National Army troops and Frontier Corps troops on the (Afghan) border,” said the statement.

The Frontier Corps (FC) is Pakistan’s paramilitary forces mainly deployed in northwestern Pakistan to fight militants.

The statement said some miscreants attacked checkpoint at Daud Qilla on Afghan side of the border on Wednesday morning. Meanwhile Pakistan’s Nawa pass in Bajaur tribal agency on the border also came under fire. —*Xinhua*



Masters of tea ceremony from South Korea show their tea manner during the international tea fair held in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 24 April, 2008. XINHUA



A cargo ship passes by the world’s longest sea-spanning bridge on the Hangzhou Bay near Shanghai in east China, on 24 April, 2008. —XINHUA

Asia, Europe seek to promote cultural interactions

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 April — Culture Ministers from Asian and European countries reiterated here on Wednesday that both Asia and Europe should take concrete action to further promote their cultural interactions.

Their commitment in the field of culture had been identified in the Action Plan of Culture Ministers in the Second ASEM Conference on Culture and Civilizations (ASEM COCC) held in Paris, France, in June 2005 to step up cultural exchanges and cooperation between Asia and Europe, according to a statement.

ASEM culture ministers reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the plan through concrete action, according to the Chairman’s Statement released after the Third ASEM Culture Ministers’ Meeting (ASEM CMM) closed here. The networking among professionals in the cultural and audiovisual fields should be further enhanced, exchanges of performances, exhibitions, literary works and audiovisual programmes between European and Asian countries should be promoted, the statement said. —*Xinhua*

Egypt trying to mediate Israeli-Hamas conflict

BERLIN, 24 April — Egypt is still trying to mediate between Israel and Hamas to resolve the conflict between the two sides, visiting Egyptian President Hosny Mubarak said here.

After a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Mubarak told reporters that Egypt was awaiting responses from both sides.

He said the two sides have to stop exchanging fire so that a good atmosphere can be created for talks. He also welcomed the German conference penned for 24 June to rally support for the training of Palestinian security forces.

Mubarak hoped the conference could lend political support to the current talks aimed at allowing an “independent Palestinian state to arise”. —*Xinhua*

China-DPRK Tobacco JV set up in Pyongyang

PYONGYANG, 24 April — With four million euros (6.36 million US dollars) of investment, a tobacco joint venture by China and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) was set up here on Wednesday.

The joint venture, Pyongyang Paeksan Tobacco Ltd, a fruit of the increasing China-DPRK friendship and economic cooperation, would meet the needs of the DPRK people, DPRK’s Vice Minister of Light Industry Cho Chong Ung said.

Chinese Ambassador to the DPRK Liu Xiaoming said cooperation with DPRK enterprises will benefit the people of both countries and the Chinese Government will continue to support its enterprises to “go abroad”. —*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Former US Army engineer charges in old spy case

WASHINGTON, 24 April — An 84-year-old former US Army engineer has been charged with leaking dozens of secret documents to Israel in the early 1980s, federal prosecutors said.

Ben-Ami Kadish, a resident in New Jersey, could face life imprisonment or possibly the death penalty if convicted on the most serious charge, the CNN quoted the authorities as saying on Wednesday.

His case is linked to that of Jonathan Jay Pollard, the naval analyst serving a life sentence for leaking documents to Israel around the same time.

An Israeli official who came to Kadish’s house to photograph documents also received information from Pollard, prosecutors said. Authorities became aware of Kadish’s spying activities only in recent months but would not say how they learned of them more than 20 years later. —*Xinhua*

*** We remain ever united whoever tries to divide us
And will cast “Yes” vote**

● Let’s get democracy by voting at polling booth

Rights will be available only if all are dutiful

Sai Thiha

Sovereign power of an independent country is the exercise of legislative power, executive power and judicial power by respective three bodies on behalf of the people.

The three bodies can be called legislative body, executive body and judicial body. Under the legal term, the legislative body is called hluttaw; administrative body, government; and judicial body, high court.

In every country that exercises democracy or people’s administration, laws are made and enacted by the legislative body. The executive body is responsible for administering the nation in line with the laws. In the process, the body has to supervise the matters for ensuring stability of the State, community peace, rule of law, and equal rights of the citizens. Judicial organs have to pass judgments on those who have violated the existing laws and rules and regulations and those who have troubled the people, in accordance with the law. That is the right to take action according to the sovereign power of an independent nation.

The right is prescribed through a constitution. A constitution reflects the sovereign power of the nation concerned. It also indicates that the sovereign power of the nation is derived from the citizens and is in force in the whole country.

Today, the Tatmadaw government is taking up the State duties. Since 1988, it has addressed the general deterioration and rebuilt the nation. It is now taking State responsibilities for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty, but it has no intention to prolong the rule.

The government had pledged that it would peacefully hand over State duties to the government that would come into existence under an enduring State constitution. It has reiterated that point whenever opportune.

It has worked hard to build all necessary foundations for handing over State duties peacefully and systematically. As a result, the State constitution has been drafted now. A referendum will be held soon for the approval of the constitution.

Now, measures have been taken to see that there is national political leadership role in order that the people will not suffer again the evil consequence of the weak points of the two previous constitutions. The Tatmadaw member representatives make up one-third of the representatives-elect in the legislative bodies. That is just to enable Tatmadaw member representatives, on behalf of the people, to observe and object to possible party politics and political movements for power that may deviate from the national politics.

In other words, that is to enable the Tatmadaw member representatives to cooperate in the processes for flourishing of enduring discipline-flourishing democracy or people’s administration. Now is an opportune time to nurture honest and young politicians.

That point is evidenced by the qualifications set for electoral candidates. It is prescribed that a candidate to the Pyithu Hluttaw shall have attained the age of 25 years, a candidate to the Amyotha Hluttaw, the age of 30 years, and a candidate to the Region or State Hluttaw, the age of 25 years. Under the law, every

citizen who meets the set qualifications has the right to stand for election to a hluttaw.

So, if any citizen who has attained the age from 25 to 30 years and who meets the qualifications set under the forthcoming democracy people’s administration system with the support of the electorates of the constituency concerned, will definitely have the right to serve as a representative in a hluttaw.

For that right, there is no need to canvass for votes, rig votes, instigate the people, make propaganda, misuse politics, and stick to particular dogmatisms. Without doubt, anyone who puts national politics in the fore and makes sacrifices in the interests of the community and region concerned will become a hluttaw member.

That is a fundamental right of the citizens that the constitution will bestow on them after they have approved the constitution by casting ‘yes’ vote. That right is not available yet. The people can enjoy that right only after the constitution has been approved and the people’s democracy administration has come into being.

So, the people should not ignore national politics. Everyone regardless of race and creed who favours non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty, flourishing of a genuine multi-party democracy system, and further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality has the right to cooperate in the national political leadership role. The constitution has vested that right in the people.

Writer Gorky urged everyone to do what should be done, and said that all the people were born to serve the interest of human society. The State has reminded for long that to ensure emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all Myanmar citizens. Now, it is reminding the people that to approve the State Constitution is a national duty of the entire people today. Let us all cast “Yes” vote in the national interest.

Therefore, the people should participate in the national politics by carrying out the national duty, and that is what they should do. The State constitution will approve all those who approve it. I would say that the people can enjoy the rights only if all are dutiful.

Translation: MS

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*** For flourishing of democracy
Ratify Constitution**

*** To ratify Constitution
Let's go to the polling booth**

**Graduation of
OTS 111th...**

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qualifications met the required standard. You all have been trained to become competent Army officers who are able to skillfully command a platoon in a battlefield, and this is the aim of the course. As you are going to be commissioned as army officers I will explain all what you should know in all seriousness.

Comrades,

As Tatmadawmen have handed down the Tatmadaw's twelve fine traditions, the Tatmadaw has been able to stand tall with dignity. Therefore, you will have to uphold the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw such as being patriotic,



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects graduate cadet companies — MNA

tion, combat skills, fitness, camaraderie spirit and daring spirit and determination, you can carry out the three main tasks of the Tatmadaw successfully.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye awards silver sword to Best Cadet Thant Sin Kyaw. — MNA

being disciplined, being loyal, being united, being capable, etc. To uphold these fine traditions, every Tatmadawman should be endowed with five basic qualities—morale, discipline, loyalty, unity, and three capabilities.

Moreover, only if you are endowed with the ten strengths of the Tatmadaw including loyalty, obedience, diligence, good discipline, qualifica-

Comrades,

The three main tasks of the Tatmadaw are – defence, training and social welfare tasks.

Regarding the defence of the State, I would like to say that military affairs are related to the politics, and so the Tatmadawmen should have the political outlook. Similarly, the politics and economy are also related, and so Tatmadawmen

should also have the economic outlook. Besides, if an administrative system of a country deteriorates, its political and economic systems can collapse. Therefore, the Tatmadawmen should also have the administrative outlook. The outlook for defence can be drawn only after the combined review of the political outlook, the economic outlook and the administrative outlook. Therefore, Tatmadawmen are to try to have these four outlooks and to review them properly.

It is only the training that provides the serv-

icemen with necessary skills and help them gain self-confidence. As you have already received training at the training school, you will have to get practical experience in a battlefield. As the training is the first task of the four organizing tasks of the Tatmadaw, you will have to train yourselves and to train Tatmadaw members continuously. Only then, will you all be on alert for military awareness and must be ready for combat.

Regarding the social welfare task, you should uphold the fact that the Tatmadaw stands by

the people. Therefore, you will have to observe the ten codes of conduct including loyalty to the people, safeguard the life and property of the people and placing in the fore the duty in the interest of the people. After taking the responsibilities of the State, the Tatmadaw has carried out social welfare tasks in the interests of the people and to satisfy the desire of the people by building infrastructures which are necessary for transition to the multi-party democratic system. The Tatmadaw is making efforts for ensuring the transition to favourable

situations which can be adaptable to the time and the system while implementing the development tasks with the aim of improving the living standard of the farmers who make up 70% of the population of the country.

As part of efforts for equitable development of the country, the Tatmadaw has been implementing the project for development of rural areas and national races, the project for development of 24 Special Regions and the project for development of rural areas. Therefore, you are to actively *(See page 9)*



Dignitaries and guests attending the graduation parade of 111th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

● Towards the new nation Will ratify Constitution.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers address at graduation...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces

Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Directors of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Col Kyaw Nyunt, Col Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Sein Lin, Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo of Kalaw Station, the commander of Bahtoo Station and Commandant of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School Brig-Gen Soe Win and senior military officers, guests and parents and relatives of the cadets.

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of the cadet companies.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the cadet companies and took their salute.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented silver sword to Best Cadet Thant Sin Kyaw.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address. *(The address of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye is reported separately.)*

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye left the parade ground.

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Dignitaries and guests attending the graduation parade of 111th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

Graduation of OTS 111th...

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participate in implementing the projects and especially, you are to regard the people as your parents and to serve their interests.

Comrades,

As you all come from the people, you are already loved-ones of the people. You will have to observe the military codes of conduct without fail and observe military disciplines, and the people will have deep attachment to you.

Our Tatmadawmen have to abide by both civil and military laws. Without discipline, the Tatmadaw, an armed organization, will be in disarray and fall into ruin. Discipline is the lifeblood of the Tatmadaw. Hence, you are to be exemplary in discipline in order to not only uphold the traditions of the Tatmadaw but also to win the wholehearted support of the people. By doing so, you will also win leadership over your subordinates to an extent.

Since you are to be commissioned as junior leaders, you are to firstly equip yourselves with the characteristics of a leader; to be exemplary in abiding by disciplines, to be endowed with the spirit to constantly serve the interest of the Tatmadaw, to always make

sacrifices whenever there is a privilege, to be equipped with the spirit of a good commander and a parent and to be endowed with physical and mental prowess. Likewise, you are to fulfill ten duties to the superiors, five duties to subordinates and ten duties to other comrades. Moreover, you are to have the three capabilities to win the trust and reliance of subordinates. This is the nature and basics of leadership and you are to continue to learn to be able to sharpen your supervisory and control power in line with your rank. Therefore, you need to undergo further trainings such as platoon commander course, company commander course and commanding officer course. However, I would like to urge you to build yourselves to become good officer as one has to build oneself to become a good leader. Only then, will you become good sons on whom the State and the Tatmadaw can rely.

Comrades,

It is the Tatmadaw that is constantly striving for the emergence of a constitution capable of shaping the multiparty democracy system. Therefore, the National Convention was held with the participation of over 1000 delegates of eight delegate groups including delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates from organizations that had returned to the legal fold and delegates of national races from states and divisions. The

draft constitution was drawn according to fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention. The Commission for Holding Referendum will organize the national referendum in a systematic and fair manner for approving of the draft constitution on 10 May.

It is safe to say that the process of implementing the seven-step Road Map is nearing completion when the constitution has been approved.

Some dissidents at home and abroad are making attempts to undermine the process of the systematic hand-over of the State power by the Tatmadaw. However, I would like to assert that the Tatmadaw will put in the fore the wishes of the people and ward off any danger to the nation joining hands with the people.

In conclusion, I urge you

- to uphold the 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw at the risk of your lives
- to discharge dutifully the three major tasks of the Tatmadaw
- to strictly abide by the military codes of conduct, respecting and following the civil and military laws and
- to strive to become good sons on whom the State can rely.—MNA



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Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA)

Aye Phyu

Our Government has been taking all the necessary steps to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Through the implementation of various national plans, efforts are steadfastly made to set up proper infrastructures throughout the country. Border areas development projects and rural development tasks are systematically being carried out in order to bring forth all-round proportionate development among the regions. While the government is trying its best in its efforts towards its goals, MMCWA members, as part of the nation's strength, have also been going hand-in-hand by engaging themselves in their voluntary work for the development and welfare of the people.

Origin and Mission Statement

MMCWA was established on 30th April 1991 as a voluntary organization under Law (21/90). The Association is dedicated to serving Myanmar society in promoting the health and wellbeing of mothers and children with the aim to improve the quality of life of the people.

Present Status

At present, MMCWA's activities are carried out throughout the country under the supervision of the Central Council including the 15 members of the Central Executive Committee, under which there are various Supervisory Committees at State/Division and District levels respectively. These committees supervise and give necessary assistance to the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, altogether (325) in number, plus (21059) branch associations under them. The total number of MMCWA members for both gender, stands at (9938702) by the end of the year 2007.

Four Main Activities

In line with its objective to promote the families and their overall standard of living, MMCWA gives assistance in the areas of health, education, economic and social matters, trying to get the operations, as much as possible, down to villages and wards at grassroot level.

Health Activities

Throughout the country, MMCWA members are involved in National Immunization Programme for children against 6 major vaccine-preventable diseases. They help in combatting of Iodine Deficiency Disorders by giving health talks and distribution of iodated salt mostly to pregnant mothers.

MMCWA members also carry out nutrition promotion activities for under 5 children, with GMP (Growth Monitoring Programme), Health Education talks on nutrition, regular weight and height measurements, setting up of community nutrition centres and village food banks for proper supplementary feeding and holding cooking demonstrations for mothers.

The role of MMCWA is more crucial in provision of Reproductive Health programmes covering:

- (a) Adolescent Reproductive Health and Reproductive Health (ARH & RH) MMCWA and its branch associations provide information, education and communication in ARH & RH to increase awareness regarding RH health issues among youth, men and women of reproductive age by conducting advocacy meetings for community mobilization, community health talks, round table discussions, training of trainers and multiplier courses in all States and Divisions.
- (b) Safe-Motherhood Activities:
 - (i) With the aim to lower Maternal and Infant

Mortality rates and in order to establish safe motherhood, MMCWA is providing maternity home services in needy townships and rural villages where hospital services are not in proximity. A total of (116) maternity homes are being operated by the Association in the country. The services provided at these maternity homes include quality antenatal, intranatal and postnatal care, clean and safe delivery by skilled attendants as well as provision of prompt referral services for emergencies and also providing immunization services. During antenatal visit, iron and folate supplementation is provided as an intervention against anemia in pregnancy.

- (ii) To improve access to skilled care by a health professional with midwifery skills, 10 to 15 MMCWA volunteers from the community are sent to 18 month multipurpose midwifery course annually. In addition to that auxiliary midwife trainings are being conducted in all States and Divisions annually for overall increase in deliveries with skilled attendants under the guidelines of MMCWA.

- (iii) To allow rural women greater access to hospital deliveries MMCWA has operated construction and staffing of maternity waiting home in 5 selected townships in collaboration with UNFPA in 2006. Under the agreement, there are plans to extend this activity to cover more townships in 2008.

- (iv) To prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission, MMCWA endeavours to increase access to Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMCT) through its Maternity Homes in collaboration and in coordination with National AIDS Programme (NAP) of the Ministry of Health. In 2006, PMCT project has been launched in 5 selected townships and one PMCT centre at the central MMCWA in cooperation with UNICEF. The agreement has been made to extend this programme to cover more townships in 2008.

- (v) Home-based care Programme:
Together with other forces MMCWA members also participate in community home-based care programmes for chronically ill patients.

Besides, the Diagnostic Centre situated in MMCWA compound in Yangon has been offering medical services at a reasonable charge to the women for early detection of cancers of the reproductive system by means of Mammography, Pap Smear, Colposcopy and Ultrasonography. Services like health education, counseling, and referral, where necessary, to relevant specialists are also provided at the center. Very recently the Diagnostic centre has been upgraded for the expansion of Laboratory and Radiological Diagnosis.

One notable activity of the Association is organizing of reconstructive surgery in collaboration with Ministry of Health in all States and Divisions for congenital malformations among children as well as adults. With due respect to the doctors who actually do the operations on children with harelip and cleft palate, credit should also be given to all association members who have participated in case finding and cooperation of persons with congenital defects, in arranging and helping for the corrective operations by the specialist teams.

We all know that health problems are usually related to ignorance and lack of education. Mothers as focal persons in families play a significant role in the creation and maintenance of good health in the families. So in order to raise their awareness on health matters, educative talks are held frequently on various subjects all over the country. Our associations succeeded in

giving those educative talks enlightening mothers in many areas such as exclusive breast feeding, healthy environment, so on and so forth. Actually they contributed a great deal in the successful implementation of Advocacy and Public awareness programs with respect to HIV/AIDS and other deadly diseases. Traditional or indigenous medicine courses are also given to help mothers to better manage their families' health issues.

Education Activities

Regarding the education activities, MMCWA has been operating an Early Childhood Development Centre in Yangon and (1457) of community-based pre-schools and day-care centres country-wise. These centres give valuable lifelong ideas and concepts to the children to enable them to adopt good habits and practices crucial for their physical, mental and intellectual development. Parenting education is also one function of those centers. Mothers also have a chance to earn additional family income while their children are left in good care.

In line with the "Education for All" policy of the Ministry of Education, MMCWA members at all levels in the States and Divisions try to ensure that all children of school going age get the chance to go to school and complete their primary education. In addition, stipends, school uniforms and stationeries are provided for the needy students. For non-formal education, township and branch associations supervise and organize 3-R classes, voluntary twilight schools, evening classes and Reading-circles to speed up the reading capacity of those who have finished the basic 3-R course.

Economic Activities

Another important area of MMCWA is to help mothers in income generation. Vocational training courses like knitting, sewing, cooking, etc., appropriate to the respective region are carried out to generate family income. Sewing machines are also often sold to them on installment basis as part of the arrangement. Similarly, micro-credit loan scheme is quite common in most of maternal and child welfare associations to help poor women get a start in doing business for extra earnings.

Social Activities

As far as the social area is concerned, MMCWA participated in the home-based 'elderly-care' programme, providing medical and other assistance to the old people. Some volunteers even offered their time to those who were left alone in their houses to keep company with them and listen to what they said. To the needy ones like the twins and triplets mothers, MMCWA also contribute cash and other commodity supply.

The activities mentioned here do not cover all those that are being carried out in all of the associations. As one of the leading NGOs in the country, MMCWA, despite its main focus on mothers and children, is ready to give any kind of assistance to promote the status of Myanmar people, whoever and wherever. Sometimes, natural disasters destroy a place and trust those volunteers of MMCWA to come forward and render their services and help hand-in-hand with other national forces.

We are no doubt a part of our nation's strength! We all should take pride in our activities for good cause, and try to extend our services more to needy brethren in faraway places. Let's all try to preserve our good tradition and march hand-in-hand with other national forces towards prosperity and development of our people.

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Images of the Day



Doctors perform heart surgery. By 2010, India will carry 60 percent of the world's heart disease burden, nearly four times more than its share of the global population, according to a study released on Friday.—INTERNET



This file photo shows landscape of New Zealand's mountain range. Country's largest glacier is shrinking fast due to climate change and will eventually disappear altogether, scientists said on Thursday. The 23-kilometre (14.3 mile) long glacier in the South Island's Southern Alps is likely to shrink at a rate of between 500 and 820 metres a year.—INTERNET



Toni Gardemeister of Finland drives his Suzuki SX4 on the first day of the Jordan Rally WRC near the Dead Sea on 25 April, 2008.—INTERNET



The Brazilian exotic fruit papaya, produced in Bahia northeastern in Brazil, is displayed in a market in Sao Paulo downtown in this file photo.—INTERNET



Pierre the Penguin, 25, climbs quickly out of the water while wearing his wetsuit at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, on 17 April, 2008. Pierre, who was going bald, began wearing a wetsuit six weeks ago and has begun regrowing his feathers.

INTERNET

Samsung Electronics' mobile phones and flat screens are displayed at the company's main office in Seoul on 25 April, 2008. Samsung Electronics, the world's top maker of memory chips, beat forecasts with a 37 percent rise in quarterly profit on stellar performances in flat screens and mobile phones, sending its shares 4 percent higher.—INTERNET



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Afghan
police arrest
Taleban
commander

KABUL, 24 April—Police in Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province detained a Taleban commander who was in charge of facilitating and carrying out suicide bombings in the restive province, said a statement of the Interior Ministry released on Wednesday.

"Mullah Assadullah who served as the in-charge of organizing suicide attacks and terrorist activities in Kandahar Province was nabbed on Monday," the statement said.

Taleban militants have not made comment so far.

Over a dozen people including 10 Taleban insurgents and six police had been killed in Kandahar the former stronghold of Taleban since late weekend.

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INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

- Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyat;

Tender No.	Description	Quantity
12(T)1/MR(ML)	Bolt, Nut, Washer, Rubber Hose	(1) Lot
2008-2009	V Belt, Pressure Gauge, Union Tee Elbow	
	Cable Eye Socket, Circuit Breaker and etc:	
	for purpose locomotive construction	

Closing Date/Time -13.6.2008 (Friday)(12:00) Hours
- Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon starting from 28.4.2008 during the office hours.
- For further details please call: 01-291982,291985 (201555Ext 601, 605).Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Botahtaung, Yangon.

Brokerage lands for sale

- Brokerage lands have been reclaimed at border trade zone in Myawady. The following five firms will sell them.
- The areas and values of the brokerage lands are as follows:--

(a) Max Myanmar Company	
(200 ft by 100 ft)	- 10 million kyats
(200 ft by 200 ft)	- 20 million kyats
(b) Eden Group of Company	
(200 ft by 100 ft)	- (-)
(200 ft by 200 ft)	- (-)
(c) Shwe Wah Myay Company	
(200 ft by 100 ft)	- 10 million kyats
(200 ft by 200 ft)	- 20 million kyats
(d) Ever Green Company	
(200 ft by 100 ft)	- 10 million kyats
(200 ft by 200 ft)	- 20 million kyats
(e) Asia World Company	
(200 ft by 100 ft)	- 8.75 million kyats
(200 ft by 200 ft)	- 17.5 million kyats
- Those interested may purchase the above brokerage lands in accordance with the following rules.

(a)	The buyer must be a Myanmar citizen.
(b)	He shall abide by the laws promulgated by the State. He shall not be associated with an unlawful person or unlawful organization or organizations.
(c)	He shall not have violated the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and Control of Money Laundering Law before and have not associated with violators of the above laws.
(d)	Priority shall be given to members of Local Merchants Associations or State Chamber of Commerce and Industry or the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and brother associations.
(e)	Payment is to be made cash down.
- Contact the following for further details.

(a) Max Myanmar Company	- 01- 500123, 513009
(b) Eden Company	- 01-500980/985
(c) Shwe Wah Myay Company	- 09 5022561, 01-381994
(d) Ever Green Company	- 01-663659, 667256
(e) Asia World Company	- 01-224067, 224068
(f) Border Trade Department	- 067-408174/017

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Canadians turn to N
American-made
Japanese cars

OTTAWA, 24 April — Canadians are veering away from North American cars in favour of Japanese brands manufactured on the continent, according to a report released Wednesday by federal agency Statistics Canada.

The market share of the "Big Three" of North America — Chrysler, Ford and General Motors, accounted for only 49.1 per cent of North American-built passenger cars bought in Canada in 2007, according to the report.

North American-made cars by Toyota, Nissan and Honda were the next highest sellers. Just seven years earlier, the Big Three controlled 67.9 per cent of the same market.

MNA/Xinhua

Cancer
cases rise in
Albania

TIRANA, 25 April — The number of diagnosed cancer cases in Albania has surged in the past two decades, requiring urgent efforts to slow the upward trend, local media reported on Wednesday.

More than 4,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed each year, up from around 2,800 in 1990, and cancer has now become the second biggest killer in Albania. Cardiovascular disease is the main cause of death.

MNA/Xinhua

Britain's Channel 4 struggled to break even in 2007

LONDON, 24 April—Britain's Channel 4 has cut editorial budgets and disposed of some radio and educational operations, and needs urgent action on public funding to compete with the BBC, the TV broadcaster said on Wednesday.

"2007 will be the last year in which Channel 4, under its current funding model, manages the

difficult balance between increased creative investment and financial break-even," Chairman Luke Johnson said in a statement.

Channel 4, which is publicly owned but funded by advertising, is, like all broadcasters, struggling with the transition to multi-channel digital television and competition from the Internet.

"Channel 4's key objective each year is successful delivery of its public service remit, not maximizing profit," Chief Executive Andy Duncan said in the annual report. Last year, a report commissioned by media regulator Ofcom said Channel 4 was likely to be loss-making beyond 2010 unless it received an injection of cash.

MNA/Reuters

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(TENDER NO. 1(T)/LBO(1)/2008-2009)

- Sealed Tenders are invited for the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the Supply of 1,267.500±10% Metric Tons Lube Base Oil & Additives.
- Tender Closing Date : 6-5-2008 at (12:00) noon
- Tender Opening Date : 6-5-2008 at (13:00)hrs
- Delivery Time : Within June/July 2008
- Tender Documents and details information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours commencing (28-4-2008) on payment of the One Hundred (100) FEC per set.
- Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Canadian scientists turn embryonic stem cell into heart cell

OTTAWA, 24 April — Canadian scientists have discovered how to turn an embryonic stem cell into a so-called “master” heart cell that can then turn into an “endless supply” of three different cell types found in a human heart, according to an online edition of the journal *Nature* posted on Wednesday.

The hope is that this breakthrough will lead to the creation of heart tissue that could repair hearts damaged by disease or heart attacks.

Embryonic stem cells are able to turn into any kind of cell in the human body. With this research, scientists were able to devise the right cocktail of growth factors and molecules to turn the master heart cell into three types of heart cells: muscle cells that pump blood, cells that form blood vessels and cells that create the lining of blood vessels.

“We’re telling them in the best way we can to go down a pathway, and that pathway is towards a functioning heart cell,” said

study author Gordon Keller of Toronto’s McEwan Centre for Regenerative Medicine.

Keller noted that since the process was rather quick, and the stem cells became heart cells in about 14 days, it could have a big impact in the field of heart research.

The cells could be used to study the effectiveness of new drugs, Keller said. As well, researchers could determine if sheets of these cells could be used to repair large areas of a damaged heart. — MNA/Xinhua



A technical diver passes by the propeller of the British transport ship the *Thistlegorm* lying at the bottom of the Red Sea on 23 April 2008. The *Thistlegorm* was sunk by two by German bombers on 6 October, 1941.—INTERNET

Syria returns about 700 stolen relics to Iraq

DAMASCUS, 24 April — Syria returned on Wednesday about 700 pieces of archeological relics to Iraq, which were stolen after the US-led invasion of the country in 2003. A hand-over ceremony was held at the Damascus national museum, in which Syrian Minister of Culture Riyadh Na’san Agha and Iraqi Minister of State for Tourism and Archaeology Mohammed Abbas al-Oraibi signed an agreement on the return.

Agha introduced in a statement that these stolen objects were seized by Syrian Customs officials,

adding Syria would return other “very precious” relics soon.

He also urged all countries in the world and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to strive to return to Iraq all antiquities “which were

stolen under the eyes of American occupation soldiers”.

More than 30,000 pieces of antiquities were reportedly looted around Iraq during the chaos following the US invasion, but only 4,000 pieces have been recovered.

MNA/Xinhua



A pizza maker performs with his dough during the flying pizza event, part of the World Pizza Championships, in Salsomaggiore Terme, northern Italy, on 23 April, 2008. Every year this northern spa town gathers the world’s best pizza makers for a championship which includes an acrobatic event with the pizza dough.—INTERNET

UAE sets up task force for AIDS control

ABU DHABI, 24 April — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has set up a committee to implement a national strategy for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) control and prevention, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Wednesday.

The committee, formed under the direction of the UAE Ministry of Health, consists of representatives of the health authority of Abu Dhabi, the largest emirate of the UAE, the private health sector and other health authorities in the country.

It will provide employees in various healthcare facilities with guidelines to prevent from Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infections.

The UAE national strategy for AIDS control and prevention aims to involve the various health sectors in order to efficiently implement HIV awareness and prevention programmes on a national level, and to face the challenges of an interconnected world, said Nada Al Marzouqi, head of national AIDS programme at the Health Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

Crown jewels return to France

PARIS, 24 April — One of the last intact pieces of the French crown jewels that were sold off by the republican government in the 19th Century, returned to France this week after being acquired by the Louvre Museum.

“It’s one of the most important pieces I’ve handled in all my career,” said Francois Curiel, president of Christie’s Europe, who negotiated the sale.

The diamond bow brooch, made up of 2,634 diamonds was created by the Parisian jeweller Francois Kramer for the Empress Eugenie, wife of Napoleon III, in 1855.

In 1887, after the fall of

the Second Empire, it was sold at auction by order of the government of the Third Republic.

MNA/Reuters

Acute diarrhoea spreads to 20 Vietnamese localities

HANOI, 24 April — Acute diarrhoea has spread to 20 cities and provinces across Vietnam since early March, affecting 2,490 people, of whom 377 have been tested positive to cholera virus, according to local newspaper *People* on Wednesday.

Hanoi capital is hardest hit with 1,032 acute diarrhoea infection cases, followed by northern Ha Tay Province with 691 cases, the paper quoted the Vietnamese Ministry of Health as reporting.

The country’s health sector has conducted effective treatment to ensure no fatalities from the disease, said the World Health Organization (WHO) Chief Representative in Vietnam Jean-Marc Olive.

MNA/Xinhua



Pollution that has washed down stream from Tijuana, Mexico and eventually run into the Tijuana Estuary is seen in handout photo in Imperial Beach, Calif. The estuary faces critical levels of pollution that threaten wildlife and their habitat.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rangers, Fiorentina battle to 0-0 draw

GLASGOW, 25 April — Rangers fought out a 0-0 draw with Fiorentina in a tense UEFA Cup semi-final first leg at Ibrox on Thursday.

There were few clear scoring chances created in a cagey affair, although Rangers, fielding a depleted side through injury and suspension, could feel the happier.

Romanian striker Adrian Mutu had the first shot on target after 12 minutes but his 20 metre effort flew straight at keeper Neil Alexander.

It was a false start in a frustrating first half with Rangers only lifting their support with a surging run from the halfway line by French striker Jean-Claude Darcheville. But, following his charge into the box, his low cross was blocked and ran back to French keeper Sebastien Frey.

There was little in the way of chances until five minutes from the interval as both sides seemed content to play out a draw.

Argentine Mario Alberto Santana pounced after a through ball into the penalty area, but as keeper Alexander dived down to meet him, Rangers' defender Carlos Cuellar came to the rescue with a deft tackle 12 metres out.

Rangers rallied after the interval and a quickly taken free-kick down the right by Kirk Broadfoot released Nacho Novo but the Spanish striker blazed his shot across the near side netting from just inside the box.

Fiorentina fired back with a 30-metre shot from the middle by Santana which forced keeper Alexander to plunge to his right and smother the danger on the line.

The second leg is next Thursday in Florence.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's Martin Petrov (left) and Vedran Corluka. City will play in Bangkok next month, a report said on Friday, as the club strengthened its ties with Thailand by appointing a former Thai coach to help develop academies in Asia.—INTERNET

Riise promises to bounce back after own goal

OSLO, 25 April — Liverpool defender John Arne Riise believes he will come back stronger after a scoring a shock injury-time own goal in Tuesday's 1-1 draw with Chelsea in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal.

"I've learned that it's the way you hit back that matters," Riise told Thursday's Norwegian daily *Verdens Gang*. "Mentally, I am the best.

"I've got my head back

in place after a heavy night. I'm going to learn from this."

Substitute Riise headed a Salomon Kalou cross into his own goal deep into stoppage time at Anfield to give Chelsea a vital away goal.

"I decided to stoop and head the ball in the direction it came from," said the Liverpool defender. "But it was a swerving cross, the ball was wet, and it slid right off my fore-

head. It was a shock to see it lying in the goal."

Riise added that he was hopeful of staying at Liverpool beyond next year when his contract expires with the Merseyside club.

"I hope and still believe in a new contract with Liverpool," he said. "But I cannot say definitely that I have a future here when I only have one year left of my deal and haven't heard anything from the club yet." — MNA/Reuters



Li Binghua, executive vice president of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games (BOCOG), poses with the lantern which holds the Olympic flame at Tokyo's Haneda Airport early Friday morning 25 April, 2008.—XINHUA

Bayern held to 1-1 draw by Zenit in UEFA Cup

MUNICH (Germany), 25 April — Bayern Munich were held to a 1-1 home draw by Russian champions Zenit St Petersburg in the first leg of their UEFA Cup semi-final on Thursday.

The Bundesliga leaders led through Franck Ribery's 18th-minute goal but, sorely missing suspended striker Luca Toni, they wasted chances galore.

Brazil defender Lucio deflected a cross from Viktor Fayzulin past Bayern goalkeeper Oliver Kahn for the shock equalizer on the hour that silenced the sell-out crowd of 66,000 at the Allianz Arena on a chilly evening in Munich. Ribery had first fluffed a penalty when his weak shot was blocked by Zenit goalkeeper Vyacheslav Malafeev but the France playmaker made amends by firing the rebound into the corner.

The return leg will be played in St Petersburg on



Bayern held by Zenit 1-1 at UEFA Cup semifinal.

INTERNET

May 1, with Zenit looking to make the most of their away goal. The winners will play either Rangers or Fiorentina in the final in Manchester on May 14.

"It's going to be difficult but it's still possible," said Bayern striker Lukas Podolski. "We've got nothing to fear because we're

the better team. We played well but were unfortunate to give up a stupid late goal."

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld told German TV: "We played well at high tempo in the first half. The own-goal was unfortunate but it happens. We've still got a good chance.

MNA/Reuters

UEFA moves to EU backing on homegrown players rule

BERNE (Switzerland), 25 April — European soccer's ruling body UEFA said on Thursday it had moved a step closer to agreement with the European Union over sport's status in EU law.

UEFA said it had hosted a meeting with the French and Dutch ministers for European affairs resulting in a joint declaration that sporting federations should have autonomy "in the organization, regulation and promotion of their various sports."

UEFA president Michel Platini has been pressing the EU to formally recognize the social importance of sport and grant legal

exemptions, particularly in the area of labour law.

Although stopping short of any concrete agreements, Thursday's declaration for the first time gave provisional approval to

UEFA's "homegrown players" proposal under which clubs would have to retain a fixed number of players trained within the countries of the clubs in question.—MNA/Reuters



Houston Rockets center Tracy McGrady (1) starts move around Utah Jazz guard Ronnie Brewer (9) during the first quarter of an NBA basketball playoff game on 24 April, 2008, in Salt Lake City.—INTERNET

Frank Lampard's mother dies at 58

LONDON, 25 April — Pat Lampard, mother of Chelsea midfielder Frank and wife of former West Ham United player Frank Senior died on Thursday, Chelsea said in a statement. The 58-year-old had been in hospital for 10 days suffering from pneumonia and Frank Lampard had missed two league games to be by her bedside.

After an improvement in her condition he returned to action in Tuesday's Champions League semi-final against Liverpool and had been expected to play in the virtual title-decider against Manchester United on Saturday and next Wednesday's semi-final second leg.

"Everybody at Chelsea is absolutely devastated to hear the tragic news of the passing away of Pat Lampard," the club said on www.chelseafc.com.

"Pat was a very familiar face to many people at Chelsea. Her unwavering support for her son's career was evident at virtually every game that Frank participated in regardless of where it was being played, she would always be there to watch him with Frank's dad. Pat will be deeply missed by everyone at Chelsea."

MNA/Reuters

Asleep in Jesus

Sayamagyi Daw Mya Kyi (Mrs.T.O. Brown)
Aged (95) years

Daw Mya Kyi eldest daughter of Reverend U Tun Pe and Daw Shwe Nu, beloved wife of Mr.T.O. Brown (No.8 Kabaung lane, Hline Township), beloved mother of U Than Htut Director (Engg) MOGE-Daw Than Kywe, U Aye Cho, Managing Director of MTG Motors Co and First Automotive Co-Daw Mi Mi Thwin, U Htin Kyaw-Daw Aye Kywe, General Secretary, National YWCA, loving grandmother of Ko Tun Pyi and Ma Aye Thetta, fell asleep in Jesus, on Thursday (24-4-2008) at 5:15 am, at her residence. The funeral service will be held at U Naw Memorial Baptist Church (No.115 corner of Anawrahta and Sin Oh Dan Road, Latha Township) at 10:00 am, Saturday (26-4-08) following which the funeral cortege will be taken to Yay Way Cemetary for entombment.

Bereaved family

Four Latam countries sign
food security accord

CARACAS, 25 April— Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia and Nicaragua signed an accord on Wednesday to guarantee their food security in face of the recent warnings about a global food shortage, local media reported.

The accord was signed at the presidential Miraflores Palace here by representatives of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Bolivian President Evo Morales, Nicaraguan President

Daniel Ortega and Cuban Vice President Carlos Lage.

Chavez said the accord aims to increase the production of cereal crops, meat and milk in the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) countries.

The accord also includes further development of irrigation systems, improvement in food distribution and a 100-million-US-dollar fund to cope with food shortages.

MNA/Xinhua



Buddy sits on the throne as he is crowned Most Beautiful Bulldog by his owner, George DuBois, of Ankeny, Iowa, at the 29th Annual Beautiful Bulldog Contest in Des Moines, Iowa, on 21 April, 2008. The competition attracts the ugliest and prettiest of bulldogs from around the midwest to represent Drake University, whose mascot is the bulldog.—INTERNET

Uruguayan police destroy
cocaine laboratory

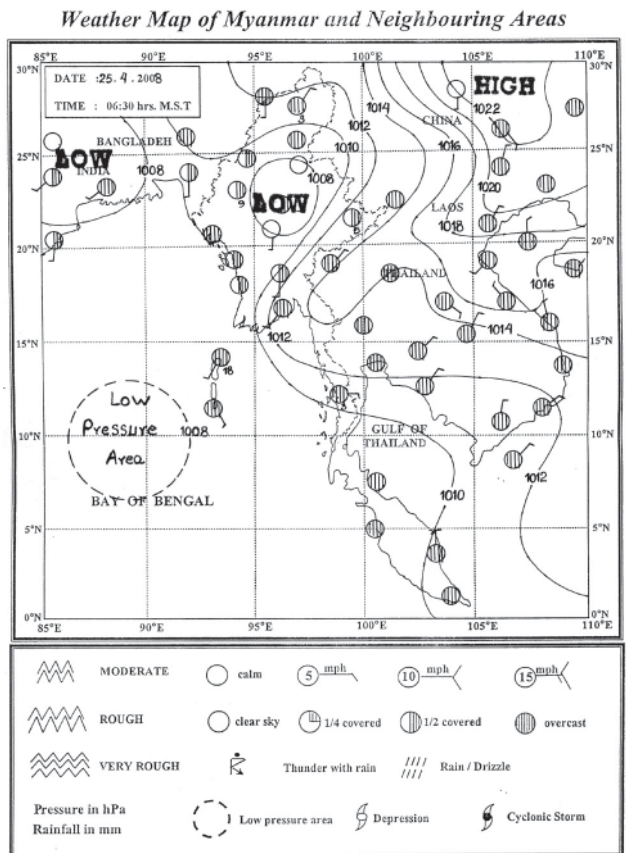
MONTEVIDEO, 25 April— Uruguay's Anti-Narcotics Brigade on Tuesday destroyed a cocaine-producing laboratory in a town near Sauce, according to local reports.

Ten people were arrested, 35 kilos of cocaine, six kilos of cocaine paste and chemical materials used to produce cocaine, such as acetone were seized.

The Brigade discovered the laboratory after intercepting a vehicle carrying at least 300 kilos of marijuana about 45 kilometres north of Montevideo.

The detainees were to be put on trial Wednesday at the Justice Penitentiary in Florida Province.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 25 April, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Kayin States upper Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Chin State and Yangon Division, (6°C) above April average temperatures in Mandalay Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk (45°C), Minbu (44°C), Magway (43°C), Nay Pyi Taw, Meikhtila, Myingyan and Aungmye (42°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Lounglon (3.82) inches, Zaungtu (2.28) inches, Hpa-an (2.16) inches, Phyarpon (1.74) inches, Yay (1.58) inches, Dawei (1.50) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Minesat (1.34) inches each, Bago (1.18) inches, Shwegyin (0.79) inch, Coco Island (0.71) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.44) inch and Hinthada (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2008 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 25-4-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-4-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 24-4-2008 was (3.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-4-2008 was (0.44) inch at Mingaladon, (1.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (2.13) inches at Mingaladon, (3.19) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.07) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (03:30) hours MST on 25-4-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay still persists. Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-4-2008: Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-4-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather Outlook for last weekend of April 2008: During the coming weekend, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions.

“Untimely Rainfall Warning”
Issued at (13:00) hours MST on
25th April 2008

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's the low pressure area over Southeast Bay still persists. Due to the influence of the low pressure area isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Northern Shan, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, Bago, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions within next (48) hours commencing noon today.



Saturday, 26 April
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်၊ ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercies

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Songs of National Races

8:00 am

- Eternal Festival

8:45 am

- International news

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:15 am

- Dance of National Races

11:25 pm

- Games for children

11:55 pm

- Round up of the week's TV local news

12:20 pm

- “အတည်ပြုကြံ့ခိုင်အခြေခံဥပဒေ”

12:30 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စစ်သူကြီးဆွန်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

1:30 pm

- “သာယာရွှေပြည်တို့နေပြည်” (ပြီးငွေစိုး၊ အောင်ရဲလင်း၊ ဇင်စင်စော်မြင့်၊ မော့စ်၊ ဗေလုဝါရှက်တယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ- ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ)(ရူပဗေဒ)

4:30 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:40 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

5:00 pm

- Games for children

5:25 pm

- ရသေ့ပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကြွယ်ဝယ်

6:55 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထားကျွေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ “အောင်ပန်းမြို့မှ မက်မွန်နှင့်မက်မန်း”

7:05 pm

- ဧရာဝတီအလှူတစ်ပါး ရတနာပုံတံတား

7:30 pm

- “စိတ်အားထက်သန်ဆန္ဒအမှန်”

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- “ရှိတာကပိုကောင်းပါတယ်”

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာတောင်ချောက်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

Let us all

- * who are equipped with ardent patriotism,
- * who cherish genuine independence,
- * who aspire perpetuation of sovereignty,
- * who loathe foreign interference and manipulation, and
- * who oppose puppet government with strings of colonialists,

VOTE “YES” for ratification of the Constitution.

POEM: Let's approve and ratify

O the entire people
Ratify and approve unanimously
The Constitution
We have drawn in unity
And with patriotism
Our long-term vision
Ever perpetuation of Myanmar

(Maung Moe Oo)

● **Democracy cannot be achieved by anarchism or violence, but by Constitution.**

● **Let's approve Constitution to shape our future by ourselves.**



Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes the salute of graduation companies at the graduation parade of the 111th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers address at graduation parade of 111th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School

NAY PYI TAW, 25 April – The graduation parade of the 111th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held at the parade ground of the School in Bahtoo Tatmyo this morning. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address.

It was also attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, (See page 9)

