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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of congratulations to Israeli counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu on his assumption of the Office of the Prime Minister of the State of Israel on 31 March, 2009.—MNA

Progress of Thahtay hydropower project inspected



Photo shows Thahtay hydropower project being implemented on Thahtay creek about 12 miles north-east of Thandwe, Rakhine State.—ELECTRIC POWER No. 1

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, on 29 March, arrived at Thahtay hydropower project being implemented by Construction-6 on Thahtay creek about 12 miles north-east of Thandwe, Rakhine State. After hearing the reports presented by officials, the minister attended to

the needs and looked into progress of the project.

The project is being implemented in order to supply hydropower to the southern region of Rakhine State through power grid. On completion, the power plant of the project with 37 megawatt generating capacity can produce 386 million KWh a year.—MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) for people's relaxation and knowledge

Article: Hla Shwe (Ketumati); Photos: Maung Maung Thant



Photo shows Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw).

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 3 April, 2009

New roads and bridges for speedy flow of goods

Nowadays, as the government has been constructing networks of new roads and bridges across the nation, transport in every region and between one and another has become smooth and easy. As a result, transportation of goods has also become speedier, leading to social and economic development.

With social and economic development, the volume of freight and passenger traffic between one region and another has naturally become bigger. The population of towns and villages along the roads, especially along the highways, has also increased. Therefore, it is necessary to build new roads and bridges to ensure smooth and speedy interregion flow of goods and passengers.

The Bago river-crossing bridge (Kawa), built by the Ministry of Construction, was opened on 21 March. In the past, the people in that region had to rely on ferries and wait till the weather permitted. Now, they can travel between Bago and Kawa at any time all the year round.

In Bago Division, the Sittoung river-crossing bridge (Shwekyin-Madauk) and the Ayeyawady river-crossing bridge (Nawade) in Pyay has already been built. This newly-opened Bago river-crossing bridge (Kawa) will surely contribute a lot to education, health, economic and social development of the people in the region. The people in Kawa will be able to travel to Yangon 37 miles away and Bago nine miles away in so short a time. Bago Division is rich in aquatic and terrestrial resources and has the potential for development as it is very suitable for cultivation of paddy, edible oil crops and various kinds of beans and pulses.

As the government is building more and more roads and bridges across the nation, networks of all-weather roads will emerge and it will speed up the economic development of all regions.

Excursion tour of Chaungtha for disabled persons

YANGON, 2 April—Arrangements are being made for disabled persons to take relaxation at Shwe Hintha Motel on Chaungtha Beach from 19 to 21 April by Shwe Mintha Foundation (Myanmar). Altogether 45 members comprising 30 disabled persons, 10 helpers and five observers led by President U Myat Thu Win of Shwe Mintha Foundation (Myanmar) will go on an excursion tour of Chaungtha. For further information, contact Shwe Mintha Foundation (Myanmar) at Room B-104, Myanma Ahla Tower (2) on Bogyoke Street at the corner of Wadan Street in Lanmadaw Township (Ph: 01-222923, 229087 and 215939).

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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

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of congratulations to Israeli counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 April — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Avigdor Lieberman on his appointment as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel on 31 March, 2009. — MNA

UMFCCI holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 2 April — The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 March.

First, UMFCCI President U Win Myint made



UMFCCI President U Win Myint delivers an address at 18th Annual General Meeting of UMFCCI.—UMFCCI

an opening address.

Next, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing presented annual and financial report for 2008-09 and sought the approval of those present. The amendment on formation of the federation was presented and approved by those present.

Then Head of Office U Aung Naing Oo of the Ministry of Commerce announced the list of newly-

appointed advisors, CEC members and executives for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

The newly-appointed executive committee is formed with four advisers, 40 CEC members including President U Win Myint and General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay and 66 executives.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the president of the federation. — MNA

Students of Bago BEHS No. 3 pay respects to old teachers

YANGON, 2 April—The old students of Bago Basic Education High School No. 3 (Yangon) organized the respect paying ceremony and get-together at Western Park Royal Restaurant in the compound of Kandawgyi Park, here, on 29 March morning.

Chairman of the organizing committee U Ko Ko Aung extended greetings. Next, the old students paid respects to the former teachers. On behalf of the

former teachers, U Myint Oo spoke words of advice. Afterwards, the old students gave gifts to the honorary patrons of Bago BEHS No. 3.

Secretary of the organizing committee Daw Ni Ni Yin read the financial report, and the ceremony ended with concluding remarks by chairman U Ko Ko Aung.

NLM



The old students of Bago BEHS No. 3 (Yangon) pay respects to the former teachers at respect paying ceremony.—NLM



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) shakes hands with US President Barack Obama during their meeting in London, Britain, on 2 April, 2009.—INTERNET

China, US to build positive, cooperative and comprehensive relationship in 21st century

LONDON, 2 April—Chinese President Hu Jintao and his US counterpart Barack Obama agreed to work together to build a positive, cooperative and comprehensive relationship in the 21st century when they met here on Wednesday.

Hu said China-US ties have got off to a good start since Obama took office. “I have been keeping close relations with Obama and the foreign ministers of both coun-

tries have exchanged visits in a short time,” he said. The current international situation is undergoing complicated and profound changes, and the international financial crisis continues to spread and go deeper, he said, adding that global challenges are markedly increasing.

China and the United States share more extensive common interests in tackling the financial crisis, striving to recover

global economic growth, dealing with international and regional issues and safeguarding world peace and security, the Chinese president said.

He said China and the United States need to view each other from a positive perspective and push forward dialogue and cooperation with positive moves despite the differences in their social systems, historical background, cultural tradition and phases of development.—Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,264

WASHINGTON, 2 April—As of Wednesday, 1 April, 2009, at least 4,264 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,425 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

Internet

17 die in militant attack in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 2 April—Four Taliban suicide bombers disguised in army uniforms detonated a car bomb and stormed a government office on Wednesday, killing 13 people.

The assault highlighted the increasingly deadly tactics that Taliban militants are learning from al-Qaeda, an expert said.

The multi-pronged raid mirrored an attack in Kabul in February when militants assaulted three government buildings simultaneously, killing 20.

Wednesday's attack on Kandahar's provincial council office killed seven civilians and six police officers, President Hamid Karzai's office said.

Ahmad Wali Karzai, the head of the council and President Karzai's brother, said the attack came during a meeting of tribal leaders.

He said 17 people were wounded.—Internet



A man grieves over the body of a relative killed in a bomb attack outside a morgue in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 30 March, 2009.—INTERNET

US soldier dies in noncombat incident in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 April—A US soldier died of noncombat related incident in north of Baghdad, a US military statement said on Wednesday.

The soldier, assigned to Multi National Division - North, died on Tuesday in Salahudin Province, a military statement said, without providing further details about the incident.

It said that the incident is being investigated and has withheld the identity of the deceased pending notification of relatives.

The latest death raised the toll of the US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to 4,263 since the US-led invasion in Iraq in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—Internet

An Afghan youth comforts his mother near the site of suicide attack in Kandahar Province south of Kabul, Afghanistan on 1 April, 2009. INTERNET



60 years on, NATO in crisis over Afghan war

BRUSSELS, 2 April—The NATO alliance, born from the ashes of World War-II, meets for a 60th anniversary summit on Friday to seek ways to avoid humbling in a far-off war in Afghanistan it never imagined having to fight.

The meeting in the Rhineland border cities of Strasbourg and Kehl — venues straddling the frontier of foes-turned-allies France and Germany — will be packed full of symbolism aimed at celebrating an alliance created to defend Europe's borders. NATO will also welcome France's return to full NATO participation after a Franco-US schism dating to the days of Charles de Gaulle in the 1960s, and an improved transatlantic mood brought by US President Barack Obama.

The 26-nation body will usher in two new Eastern European members, Albania and Croatia, evidence of how it prevailed in the Cold War, and look to build ties with post-Soviet Russia.—Internet

Belgium to send more troops to Afghanistan

BRUSSELS, 2 April—Belgium will send an additional 150 troops to Afghanistan, bringing the total number of Belgian contingent in the Asian country to 650, Belgian broadcaster VRT reported on Wednesday.

Most of the Belgian troops in Afghanistan are guarding the Kabul Airport, while some Belgian instructors are training regular Afghan forces in the north of the country. Both operations will be reinforced with the new arrivals.

Moreover, Belgium will deploy two more F-16 fighter jets in Afghanistan, bringing the total Belgian F-16s to six. This will require the deployment of another 50 Belgians at Kandahar Airport.

The new troops will stay in Afghanistan until the end of 2010, the report said.

Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy earlier indicated that Belgium should send more troops to Afghanistan. He said that US President Barack Obama was pursuing policies which are closer to those of the European allies than his predecessor.

Internet

High birth rates hamper development in poorer countries, warns UN forum

UNITED NATIONS, 2 April—Rapid population growth, fueled by high fertility, presents a barrier to reducing poverty levels and reaching other internationally agreed development goals, experts attending the current session of the United Nations population body said here on Wednesday.

The 42nd session of the UN Commission on Population and Development, which began on

Monday and concludes on Friday, is examining the extent to which population growth affects the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), globally agreed targets on reducing poverty and eliminating other social ills by 2015.

Although birth rates have been on the slide across the developing world since the 1970s, women in most of the least developed countries (LDCs) still have five

children each on average, according to a policy brief presented by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The lack of access to family planning and to modern methods of contraception is the major cause of this persistence in high fertility.—Xinhua

Seven die as minibus carrying factory staff plunges into river

HANGZHOU, 2 April—Seven people died when a minibus plunged into a river in east China's Zhejiang Province early on Thursday, local police said.

The Ford Transit, carrying 10 people from a textile-dyeing company in Haiyan County, veered off the road and into the river at about 12:30 am, a spokesman with the Zhejiang provincial public security department said.

He said the bus was raised from the water at 3 am, with three people still alive. "They were all injured, none critically," he said.

The bus was either owned or hired by the dyeing company to take staff to and from work, the spokesman said.

He said the cause of the accident was not immediately known.

Xinhua



The conjoined twins are seen before the separation surgery at Hunan Children's Hospital in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 1 April, 2009. A pair of conjoined twin girls were successfully separated on Wednesday after a six-and-half hour operation and in a stable condition. The twins were born joined at the abdomen and shared same umbilical cord in Xinhua County of Loudi City in Hunan Province on 16 March, 2009.

XINHUA

Philippine police capture suspected bomber

COTABATO, 2 April—Philippine security forces captured a suspected militant blamed for a series of bomb attacks in the troubled south last year, local police reported Thursday.

The suspect, Manuel June Guevarra, was arrested after police corodoned off his hide-out in the village of Perez in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato Province, on Tuesday, the city police director Superintendent Chino Mamburam said.

Mamburam said Guevarra, involved in the bombing attacks in the region, is facing charges for violating anti-terror law in the country.—Xinhua



Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano shoots ash thousands of feet into the air on 30 March, 2009.—XINHUA

Ten people reported dead in helicopter crash in North Sea

LONDON, 2 April — Ten people are feared dead after a helicopter with 16 people on board ditched in the sea off the north east Scottish coast on Wednesday.

While the search for survivors is still on, Sky News said that ten people were killed with six missing in the accident.

The *Bond Super Puma* aircraft, with 14 passengers and two crew members, was returning from an oil platform just before 2 pm when it went down 35 miles from Aberdeenshire.

Aberdeen Coastguard was coordinating the search and rescue operation, which includes two RAF helicopters and a Nimrod. Helicopter operator Bond confirmed

it was one of its aircraft that was involved in the crash.

BP said that the aircraft was operating on behalf of the oil giant and it was returning to shore from the Miller oil field.

The incident comes after a similar accident six weeks earlier, in which another *Bond Super Puma* with 18 people ditched in the North Sea but everyone survived.

Xinhua

Another six million people to be impoverished in Latin America, SELA warns

CARACAS, 2 April — The global economic crisis will increase the amount of poor people in Latin America and the Caribbean by another six million, SELA warned on Wednesday.

Over six million people will be impoverished due to this crisis, adding to the 190 million poor people already existing in the region, said Jose Rivera Banuet, permanent secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA).

Rivera made the remarks in a regional seminary of SELA on US and Latin America economic ties in the crisis.—Xinhua

Blizzards, thunderstorms threaten rice crops in China

BEIJING, 2 April — More blizzards and thunderstorms will hit southern China this month, a crucial month for cultivating rice, top meteorologists warned on Wednesday.

This follows the worst drought in 50 years in northern China, which has plagued 40 percent of the country's wheat harvest.

"The weather conditions ahead are not optimistic for farmers," said Zhai Panmao, director of China Meteorological Administration (CMA)'s forecast services and disaster mitigation

department.

Although grain officials have said China's grain stocks remain secure despite the drought, meteorologists worry disasters might spread to southern parts of the country, where farmers will soon be planting rice, the staple Chinese food.

The country has had the most frequent thunderstorms between January and March in the past decade, and so far

this year natural disasters have been more severe, Zhai told a press briefing.

Wind and hail storms have swept through 14 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions this year and caused 700 million yuan (\$102 million) in direct losses, CMA figures showed. Last year's storms hit nine provinces and autonomous regions and resulted in a direct loss of only 35 million yuan.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Rescue workers are seen at the site of a gas explosion, 65 km (40 miles) south of Chisinau, on 1 April, 2009. Russian gas supplies to the Balkans fell 40 percent on Wednesday after a blast damaged a pipeline in a separatist region of ex-Soviet Moldova, which said the accident happened because the link was over 30 years old.—INTERNET

Oil inches above \$49 in Asia

SINGAPORE, 2 April—Oil crept above \$49 a barrel Thursday in Asia as glimmers of hope that the US economy may be stabilizing were weighed against concerns that global demand remains weak.

Benchmark crude for May delivery rose 74 cents to \$49.12 a barrel by midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.27 on Wednesday to settle at \$48.39.

Oil prices have pulled

back from 3-month highs of above \$54 a barrel last month as investor optimism that the global recession may be bottoming has waned. Still, some investors have taken heart from improving US housing data that the worst could be over.

Pending home sales rebounded in February from a record low, the National Association of Realtors reported Wednesday, while the Institute for Supply Management's index of manufacturing activity contracted in March

but by a bit less than anticipated.

"You see bright spots here and there," said Jonathan Kornafel, Asia director for market maker Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore. "But I think the supply and demand fundamentals will push us lower."

The Energy Department reported Wednesday that crude inventories continued to rise last week, and gasoline stockpiles jumped despite predictions for a steep drop.

Internet

China-US relations on right track in time of great challenge

NEW YORK, 2 April—China-US relations are on the right track and the first bilateral summit after US President Barack Obama took office is a positive step forward, a US expert said on Wednesday.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Obama held their first face-to-face talks in London on Wednesday on the sidelines of the G20 summit.

"From what we can learn, they had a good meeting, they did agree that a whole range of topics we need closer discussions, and we need to find more areas in cooperation," Orville Schell, Arthur Ross Director of the Asia Society's Center on US-China Relations, told *Xinhua*.

Having devoted his professional life to reporting on and writing about Asia, especially China, Schell has been closely observing the development of the cooperative scheme between the United States and China. He welcomed the new "US-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue" mechanism which was revealed in a White House statement following the bilateral summit. "I think this is really a positive step forward. It means we will be discussing more than just economics. It means the (cooperation in) economics can go on in their own pace, and other issues such as climate change, military to military relations, cultural exchange, things like that can happen in their own track," Schell said.—*Internet*

Bullet train brings hope for Beijing's faltering housing market

TAIYUAN, 2 April — A new bullet train service between Beijing and China's "coal capital" Taiyuan was launched Wednesday, offering hope of a boost to the Beijing's sluggish real estate market.

The No D2002 CRH train left Taiyuan, in Shanxi Province, at 8:31 am, and hit a maximum speed of 250-km per hour to reach Beijing 2 hours and 59 minutes later, cutting five hours from the rail journey.

Eight CRH services will operate daily on the route, which could bring up to 4,976 more passengers and a glimmer of hope to Beijing's real estate market, which suffered a 33.4 percent year-on-year drop in investment during January and February to about 12 billion yuan (1.76 billion US dollars).

Shanxi Province, the largest coal production base in China, also "produces" wealthy coal industry home buyers. Pan Shiyi, chairman of property developer SOHO China, said Shanxi people had invested 700 million yuan, buying up 50 percent of its two largest residential projects in Beijing.

"The new bullet train saves time for Shanxi people coming to Beijing, and could motivate them to move here for a more developed cityscape, and for better education opportunities for their children," said Pan.—*Internet*

Brazil calls for maturity to deal with financial crisis

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 April—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Wednesday that leaders of the G20 must have maturity to deal with the international financial crisis.

"The only thing that I hope for is that the presidents' meeting here have the maturity to understand that every day that passes without a solution for the crisis, more people will suffer," Lula was quoted as saying in London, where the G20 Summit will take place on Thursday.

"Everybody knows what to do, we just have to have the courage to do it."

Lula also said Brazil didn't want to depend only on the US dollar as reference currency. He mentioned that Brazil and Argentina recently use their own currencies instead of the US dollar in bilateral commercial transactions.

Lula reaffirmed that Brazil does not need International Monetary Fund(IMF)'s loan at the moment, as it has sufficient reserves.—*Internet*

Citizens view flowers at the Shanghai Arboretum of Shanghai, east China on 30 March, 2009. The 2009 Shanghai Flower Exhibition is scheduled to kick off on 3 April.— INTERNET

Thailand opens new investment promotion office in China

BANGKOK, 2 April—Thailand's Board of Investment (BOI) opened on Thursday a new overseas office in Beijing, China to woo more Chinese investments in Thailand, senior official said in a Press release on Thursday.

The new office in Beijing is the BOI's second office in China after the first one in Shanghai, the BOI press release said, adding that the BOI plans to open the third office in

Guangzhou by the third quarter of this year.

"We are confident that China will still consider Thailand as a prime investment destination despite the global downturn," Charnchai Chairungruang, Thai Industry Minister, said in the BOI Press release.

On the back of many investment incentives, including a strategic location and a comprehensive supply chain with world-class automotive,

jewelry, food processing and hospitality sectors, Thailand has hoped the country will be able to attract more Chinese investments, BOI Secretary General Atchaka Sibunruang said in the Press release.

The country has particularly targeted more investments from China in machinery and equipment, metal working, pharmaceutical and alternative energy, Atchaka said.—*Internet*





Afghan people gather near the damaged vehicle of mayor Sahki Mirullah after an explosion in Khost, Afghanistan, on 31 March, 2009. —INTERNET

Canadian woman, 71, pleads guilty to pot smuggling

KINGSTON, 2 April— Police say a 71-year-old Canadian woman has pleaded guilty to drug smuggling charges after Customs officials found 8 pounds (3.6 kilograms) of marijuana hidden in her luggage at a Jamaican airport.

Montego Bay Police Constable Ulet Lewis-Green on Wednesday identified the woman as Margueritta Lancaster-Reid of Ontario. Authorities did not disclose a hometown for the Canadian dubbed “ganja granny” by local media.

Lewis-Green says the elderly woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to concealing the marijuana in her luggage at Donald Sangster International Airport. The Jamaica Observer says she told police officers it was “herbs” when the drug stash was found on 28 March.

She is scheduled to be sentenced Friday and could face up to a year in prison.

Internet

Protein-folding problem may help spur Alzheimer’s health day

WASHINGTON, 2 April— A dysfunction in protein folding contributes to nerve cell death in Alzheimer’s disease, a finding that could help lead to new treatments, Dutch researchers report.

The presence of tangles of misfolded proteins is believed to contribute to Alzheimer’s disease, the experts explained. A process known as the “unfolded protein response” typically protects cells from the toxic effects of accumulated misfolded proteins. But prolonged activation of the unfolded protein response — such as that seen in Alzheimer’s patients — may result in cell death.

The researchers at the VU University Medical Center in Amsterdam and the University of Amsterdam believed that unfolded protein response contributed to brain damage through its effects on the accumulation of hyperphosphorylated tau, a major component of tangles in the brains of people with Alzheimer’s.—*Internet*

Hidden planet discovered in old Hubble data

TORONTO, 2 April—A new technique has uncovered an extrasolar planet hidden in Hubble Space Telescope images taken 11 years ago.

The new strategy may allow researchers to uncover other distant alien worlds potentially lurking in over a decade’s worth of Hubble archival data.

The method was used to find an exoplanet that went undetected in Hubble images taken in 1998 with its Near Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer (NICMOS).

Astronomers knew of the planet’s existence from images taken with the Keck and Gemini North telescopes in 2007 and 2008, long after Hubble snapped its first picture of the system.

The planet is estimated to be at least seven times the mass of Jupiter. It is the outermost of three massive planets known to orbit the dusty young star HR 8799, which is 130 light-years away from Earth.

NICMOS could not see the other two planets because its coronagraphic spot — a device that blots out the glare of the star — blocked its view of the two inner planets.

Internet

16 dead, 2 bodies chopped up, in latest Mexico violence

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 2 April— Ten people died in drug-related violence in northern Mexico amid a massive army crackdown, and six others were killed in bloody attacks in the west of the country, officials said on Wednesday.

The killings came just days after US President Barack Obama said that such attacks in Mexico had “gotten out of hand,” as the United States stepped up efforts to stem violence spilling over its southern border. More than 6,400 people have been killed in Mexico alone since January last year.

Six male bodies were found handcuffed and with shots to the head in an isolated spot in Chihuahua state, an official at the local prosecutor’s office said.—*Internet*

NEWS ALBUM



Visitors ride the pneumatic bicycle to experience the variation of air resistance under various wind speed, inside the Meteorologic Popular Science Hall for Public Experience, which opens to mark the World Meteorological Day, in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province.

Freshly-minted banknotes disappear at Dar es Salaam airport

Freshly-minted banknotes have reportedly gone missing at the Dar es Salaam International Airport after the shipment arrived aboard a Qatar Airways flight, local media reported on Friday.

The *This Day* report said that the shipment had started from Germany and arrived in Tanzania via a stopover in Doha of Qatar.

The newspaper quoted unidentified sources from Tanzania’s central bank, Bank of Tanzania, as saying that the banknotes had been minted in Germany and had been all in the 10,000 Tanzanian shilling denominations.

The 10,000-shilling banknote is the largest denomination banknote now in circulation in the country.

Record-breaking kayaker plunges 38.7 meters down falls

A Brazilian plunged in a kayak down one of the Amazon’s tallest waterfalls and claim a new world record — 38.7 metres (127 feet), according to media reports on Wednesday.

Pedro Olivia, the 26-year-old kayak enthusiast, rode down the Salto Belo falls into the waters of the Rio Sacre at a speed of 70mph (113 kilometres per hour).

The stunt, which took just 2.95 seconds, shattered the existing world record for a descent in a kayak which stood at 32.9 metres (108 feet).

Hurling head first to the bottom, he disappeared from sight as he plunged into a deep pool at the bottom.

Moments later he emerged, unharmed, behind the waterfall and was even able to right himself by grabbing onto a boulder formation.



Lin Erde aged 106, works in the field at Zhangkeng Village of De’an County, east China’s Jiangxi Province.

Spanish man is pregnant with twins

Have you ever heard a man being pregnant? If not, meet Ruben Noe Coronado Jimenez, a 25-year-old transsexual Spaniard!

Coronado claims to be pregnant with twins after artificial insemination, according to media reports in Spain Sunday.

“I am six-and-a-half weeks pregnant,” said Coronado, initially named Estefania, adding he took treatment to restart his menstrual cycle.

He said he had retained his female status to be able to undergo fertility treatment, but would start the administrative process this month to officially change his gender to male in accordance with newly passed legislation.

As a result, Coronado said, he would give birth as a man.

Dog bites man then man bites master’s lip

A man in Xixiang county, in north-west China’s Shaanxi Province, was sentenced to serve five years and six months in prison for biting a man’s lip.

After villager Chen Zhixing was bitten by Xu’s dog, he tried to get the man to pay 240 yuan (\$35) to cover his medical bill. He was turned down and he never forgot that.

One day last year, he went to Xu’s house to argue and then bit part of Xu’s lip and struck the man’s wife. He was drunk at the time.



Visitors views an ecological farm house model featuring earthquake resistance and energy saving during the China International Energy Saving, Emission Reduction and New Energy Science and Technology Expo at the Beijing Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China.



NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein had a meeting with the staff of United KMK (Myeik) Co at its Kakatit (sea perch) hatchery camp at Yaymyitkyi Village, Kyweku Village-tract, Myeik, Taninthayi Division, on 29 March.

In response to the reports of officials concerned, the commander gave instructions and inspected the nurturing process.

Yesterday morning, the commander attended the meeting to coordinate regional development tasks at Pale Yadana Hall of Myeik. He attended to the needs in response to the reports by entrepreneurs, townsenders, service personnel and social associations, and touched upon a plan to generate bio battery through cow dung. He also fulfilled the requirements of far-flung areas.

In the afternoon, the ministers held discussions on programmes to speed up regional development tasks at

Regional development tasks in full swing in Taninthayi Div



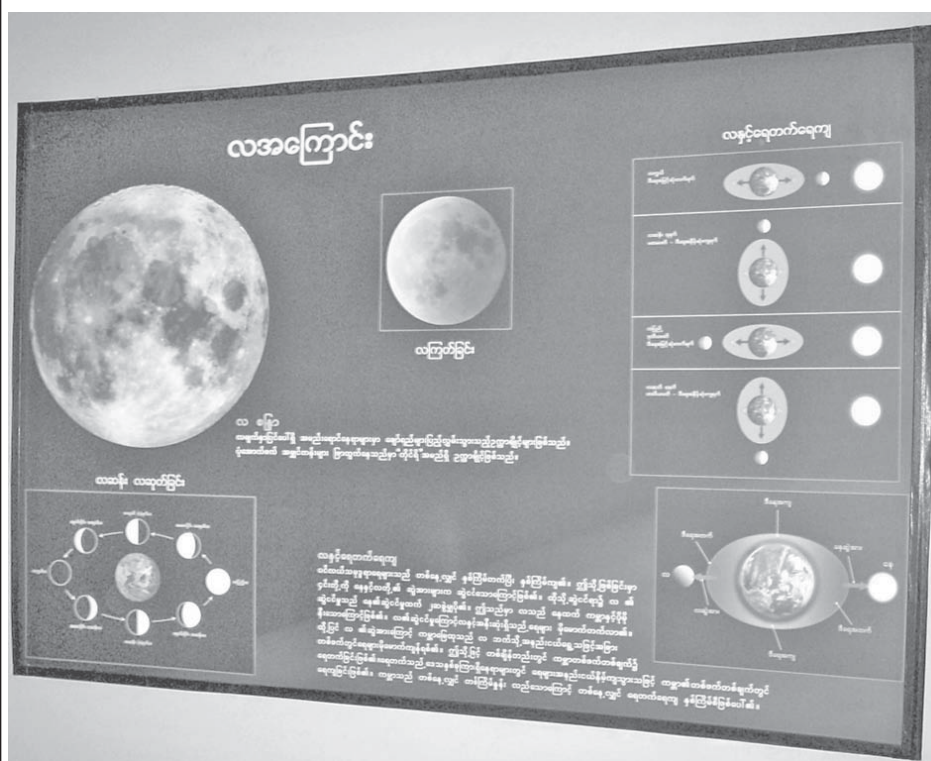
Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses meeting to coordinate regional development tasks at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik.— L & F

the office of Dawei District PDC. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 28 March inspected the test production of cost-effective bio gas equipment at the

Myanma Agriculture Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce at Setsan in Pazundaung Township, here, and attended to the requirements.—MNA

Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) for people's relaxation and knowledge

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A chart presenting rising and falling of tide at sea twice a day due to gravity of the moon.

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In addition to modern buildings, roads and bridges, airport and modern hotel zones, lodging inns, modern markets, schools, hospitals and sports grounds, facilities for public relaxation and knowledge such as the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), the herbal garden, parks and play grounds were built in Nay Pyi Taw of the Union of Myanmar in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

With the aim of presenting the educative

entertainment to the people and the student youth to broaden their horizons on astronomical science, the Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) was built by the Ministry of Forestry in line with the guidance of the Head of State, and the planetarium was opened in conjunction with the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) on 26 March 2009 as a gesture of honouring the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

As the Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) is located in the same compound of the Zoological Garden

(Nay Pyi Taw), those who have visited the zoo may enjoy the astronomical knowledge on planets, the moon and the earth and wonderful items of the Universe at the planetarium.

Moreover, the viewers will have the opportunity to observe the formation of stars and planets, gravity of the Earth by personally pressing the buttons.

At the hall, the visitors may select to enjoy the thrilling scenes of the Universe or the exciting views of the underwater in the ocean with the

presentation of the modern planetarium machinery.

The viewers can be entertained with the presentations on knowledge about the solar system, formation of the sun, the moon, stars and planets seen in the sky, matters related to eclipses of the sun and lunar eclipses, forms of comets and falls of stars.

The visitors accommodated with sofa settee in the air-conditioned room may enjoy the projected presentation on taking photographs and covering video documentaries on the objects of the Universe

by space satellite and by space shuttle. Moreover, they may view the supernovas of stars and planets, the emergence of the planets and the general knowledge about the black holes in the Universe.

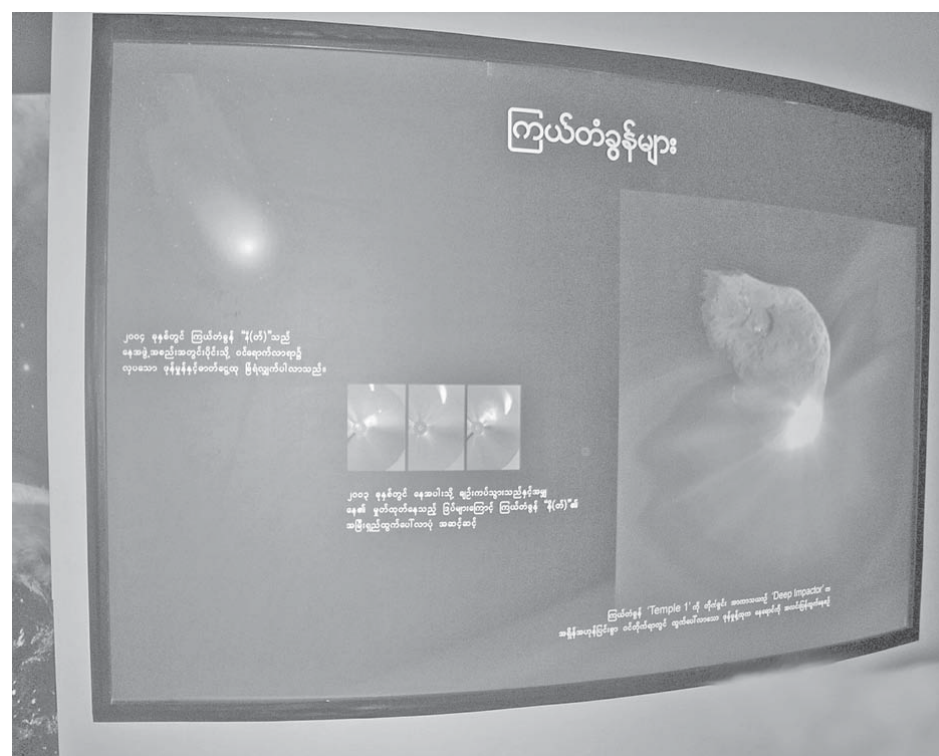
Furthermore, good underwater performances of an educative cartoon drama for the children will be presented at the planetarium.

There are many oceans across the world. The cartoon drama covers that the knowledge about a coral reef being dubbed as Kaluokahina in the Andaman Sea, one of the coral reefs contributing to

the ecosystem of the seas and oceans, and the aquatic creatures; and adventures of two small fishes in the underwater world in seeking the ways and means for solving the problems of coral reefs being damaged due to the volcanic eruptions.

The Planetarium (Nay Pyi Taw) is kept open from 10 am to 4 pm daily similar to that of the Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw). Every Monday is the holiday of the planetarium.

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The photo shows reflection of sun shine from the dust exploded between Comet Temple 1 and ballistic space craft Deep Impactor.

Regional development tasks inspected in Kyaukpyu district

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with townsenders and members of social organizations at Yamawady Hall of Yanbye Township PDC Office on 30 March and presented varieties of medicines, clothing, exercise books, publications, sports gear and K 1.6 million to renovate science lecture

rooms through officials.

Upon arrival at Kyauknimaw village, the commander and the minister met with local people in the sports ground of Kyauknimaw village Basic Education High School. Next, the commander presented a suction machine for the Kyauknimaw hospital and the minister, clothing, journals, magazines, medicines and sports gear for the villages.

Next, the commander and the minister explained facts about the generation of electricity by the use of

dung and presented LED florescent lamps to village chairmen and viewed developments of the village.

On arrival at Buyemyet village, the commander and the minister inspected progress in the construction of Panchan bridge and gave necessary instructions and met with departmental officials at township level, members of social organizations and local people in the sports ground of Kamar village BEHD.

Next, they presented

exercise books, sports gear, medicines, clothing, journals and magazines for basic education schools. After explaining facts about the generation of electricity by the use of dung and presented LED florescent lamps to village chairmen.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents K 5 million for regional development task in Kyauknimaw village-tract, Yanbye Township.—MNA



Health Minister meets UNFPA Resident Representative



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Resident Representative Mr. Mohamed Abdel-Ahad of United Nations Population Fund.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Resident Representative Mr. Mohamed Abdel-

Ahad of United Nations Population Fund at the minister's office here on 31 March.

Also present at the call

were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, departmental heads and officials.

MNA

Over 9,000 acres of poppy field destroyed

YANGON, 2 April — A total of 70 acres of poppy field (28.33 hectares) were destroyed in Namhkam and Kutkai Townships of Shan State (North), Pinlaung, Nyaungshwe, Loilem and Mongpan Townships of Shan State (South) and Waingmaw

Township of Kachin State from 21 to 26 March.

In this year's poppy cultivation season, a total of 9345.76 acres of poppy field from the states and divisions were destroyed.

MNA

Cash donations for storm survivors

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Wellwishers at home and abroad are donating cash to storm-hit regions. On behalf of Chairman of finance accepting and issuing subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, committee members

accepted K 60 million for construction of 100 houses donated by Ministry of Rail Transportation, 120 million for 200 houses by Max Myanmar Co, 75 million for 125 houses by FMI Co, 622,905 baht by wellwishers through Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok, 100,000 baht by

Mr. Luxana Jariyawatskul (Regina Hotel & Golf Club) and 734,369 euro by Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) in Yankin Township here from 11 to 30 March.

MNA

Education Minister tours Kanbalu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Kaboe Model Village in Kanbalu Township on 29 March. After hearing reports presented by local people, the minister attended to the needs and presented sports gear, exercise books and stationery.

Next, the minister

attended the ceremony to open Basic Education Primary School (Branch) in Botegon village. The minister presented sports gear and stationery to local people.

At Htangan village Basic Education High School (Branch), the minister met with the school head and teachers and presented sports gear

and stationery.

Then, the minister met with local people from Yintha, Boattaw, Hsargon and Sanndaya villages and fulfilled the requirements of basic education school.

The minister looked into progress of construction of BEHS No. 2 in Kanbalu and chosen site for construction of township hospital.—MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein cordially meets local people in Yintha village, Kanbalu Township.—MNA

Stimulant tablets, marijuana seized in Thazi, Taunggyi Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The authorities of Mandalay (South) Anti-Drug Squad searched Ma Zargyi Oo, Ma Aye Maw Lwin and son Maung Kyaw Moe Thet on board Shan Hteiktan Bus, running from Taunggyi to Yangon, in front of Pan Cherry Food Stall in Yinmabin Village of Tahzi Township, at 5.35 pm on 23 March.

The authorities seized 117 WY brand stimulant

tablets from Ma Zargyi Oo and 21.96 kilos of marijuana in their suitcases and knapsacks. Action is being taken against them, and further investigation is being conducted to expose their accomplices.

In another incident, the authorities of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Squad inspected the Taunggyi-Yangon bus with number plate 2Kha/2573 at the checkpoint at the exit of

Kalaw to Mandalay at 2.30 pm on 24 March. They seized 25 blocks of marijuana (38.47 kilos) in three suitcases of passengers Win Thant and Tin Mya Tun. Regarding the case, Tin Mya Tun, Win Thant, Aung Zin Myat, Nilar Win and Aung Ko were arrested for investigation, and arrangements are being made to expose more drug traffickers.—MNA



Commander visits River Water Pumping projects in Hlegu

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials inspected project zone for fish preserve, dry fish, fish sauce and chilli powder at Thayetpinnyaung Village in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township on 29

March. At the project zone, an official of Yangon City Development Committee reported to the commander on exploring plots, measures for drainage and power supply and the commander fulfilled the needs. During the tour, the commander arrived at Yekyaw River Water Pumping Project in Hlegu Township where the

official of Yangon Division Water Resources Utilization Department reported on water supply for summer paddy and supply of power to Yekyaw Village with hydro-turbine generator. Next, the commander also inspected Sitpin, Malip and Hsinhpon River Water Pumping Projects in the township and fulfilled the needs.—MNA



Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects construction of new school building for BEPS No.12 in Thakayta Township.—YCDC

Foreign guests attend contract signing ceremony

YANGON, 2 April—The Malaysian delegation led by Pahan Province HRH Prince Abdullah Ibni Sultan Ahmad Shah and the Bahrain delegation led by President of Bahrain Football Federation Shaikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, accompanied by General Secretary of ASEAN Football Federation Dato Paul, arrived in Yangon by air

today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives and hosted lunch to them at Sedona Hotel.

The delegations held private meetings with the President of MFF at Sedona Hotel. They held discussions on preparations prior to the 23rd

annual meeting of AFC and arrangements to be made for holding Myanmar national league cup.

Next, the president of MFF, the prince of Pahan Province and the president of Bahrain Football Federation, the general secretary of AFF and members attended the ceremony to sign contracts between footballers and clubs.—NLM



MFF President U Zaw Zaw, and foreign guests seen at contract signing ceremony.—NLM



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents prize to an outstanding student at annual meeting of Ingapu Township Association (Yangon).—MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects drinking water supply tasks

YANGON, 2 April—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin looked into the worksite at the corner of Manpyay Street and Manaung Street for supplying of drinking water to households in 3/Manpyay Ward being carried out by Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of YCDC on 31 March and gave necessary instructions.

As the works have been completed, 200,000 gallons of drinking water will be provided to 2,000 households of 3/Manpyay Ward daily

Next, the Mayor inspected construction of one-storey new school building for BEPS No.12 on Kyaung Street, 4/ South Ward in Thakayta Township and attended to the requirements.—MNA

Minister attends annual meeting of Ingapu Township Association (Yangon)

YANGON, 2 April—Ingapu Township Association (Yangon) held its annual meeting at Dhammayon of Myanma Timber Enterprise on Shwedagon Pagoda Road on 28 March, with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Next, Chairman of the Association U Myint Aung extended greetings on the occasion and then the annual meeting continued.

Afterwards, the minister and executives paid respects to 29 elder persons and donated items to them. The minister and wellwishers donated K 7.8 million to the association. Next, the minister presented prizes to outstanding students and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairman.

MNA

Respects paid at Dagon BEHS No. 1

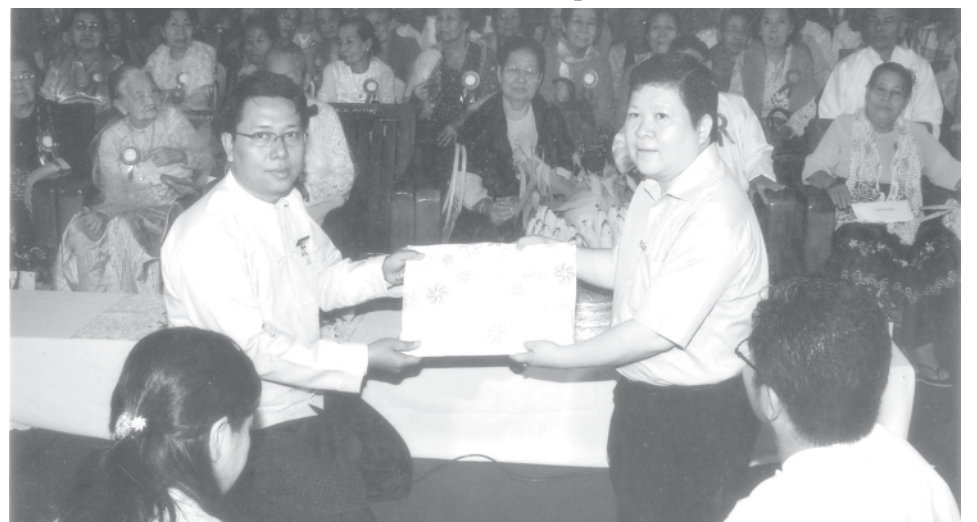
YANGON, 2 April—A ceremony to pay respects to the teachers of over 60 years old who had discharged duties at Dagon Basic Education

High School No. 1 from 1975 to 2008 was held at Dagon Thiri Hall of the school at 9 am on 29 March.

Old students paid

respects to the old teachers. An old student gave gift to Headmaster U Aung Ko Ko of the school.

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An old student presents gift to Headmaster U Aung Ko Ko at respect paying ceremony of Dagon BEHS No.1.—NLM

Railroad links to form Union railroad network

Article and Photos: Aung (Myanma Railways)



The 715 feet long Maday Bridge of Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section coping with the first train.

(from page 16)

Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section has been put into commission, for which groundwork began on 25 June 2007, and the construction of bridges, on 20 May 2007. Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section covers Bago Division for 22 miles and Magway Division for 13 miles and has 185 large and small bridges.

To complete the railroad section, nearly 180 million cubic feet earth were removed and put into the ravines and gorges along it. The largest of the hills cut to even the ground along the facility was as high as 98 feet, and the largest ravine, as deep as 67 feet. The sharpest bend of the facility is 6 degrees. It has 37 bends, and the sharpest gradient is at a ratio of 1 to 100. It has six stations: Thekaw, Padaung and Phayapaw in Bago Division, and Nyaunggaing, Dangaing and Kamma in Magway Division.

The 715 feet long Madaychaung Bridge on

Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section also has a road on it. Previously, by boat was the main means of transport from Kamma to Okshitpin, Padaung and Pyay in the rainy season.

Due to the Madaychaung Bridge, lo-

cal people of Kamma can now transport their goods to other regions all year round. So, Kamma region is on the verge of rapid development in the economic and social sectors. They can travel and transport goods to Pyay with

the truck runs arranged by the Ministry of Rail Transportation through Phayapaw Station; to Taungup in Rakhine State through Okshitpin Station; and to Kyangin-Pathein by train.

When the project is

completed, local people can travel to Pathein, Kyangin, Pakokku and Kalay, as well as to Myitkyina, Lashio, Taunggyi, Namsang, Aungban and Loikaw through Pakokku.

Due to the efforts of

the Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the total length of nation's railroads has increased from 1976.35 miles in 1988 to 3238.05 miles; the number of railway stations from 487 to 821; and the number of large and small bridges, from 5650 to 10,421.

Now, the government is putting huge efforts in the projects in various sectors to achieve the goal of building a modern, developed nation with its all parts enjoying development. The railroads under construction by the Myanma Railways are 249-mile Kamma-Pakokku railroad, 95-mile Katha-Bhamo railroad, 198-mile Namsang-Kengtung railroad, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway railroad, and 132-mile Dawei-Myeik railroad.

Apart from them, Minbu-Sittway Railroad Project is being implemented in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State to complete a Union railroad network.

Translation: MS
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Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section.



UN official says global economy could benefit from China-US cooperation

NEW YORK, 2 April—The global economy, not just members of the Group of 20, could benefit from a comprehensive China-US cooperation, said an UN official on Wednesday.

“The greater cooperation between the two major economies will not only help the global economy recover from its downturn, but also to make contributions to bringing about a new round of

global economic growth,” Hong Pingfan, chief of global economic monitoring at the United Nations, told *Xinhua* in an interview.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and US President Barack Obama agreed on Wednesday to establish “China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogues” mechanism. Meanwhile, the US government promised to cut its deficit after the current recession while China vowed to boost its domestic demand.—Internet

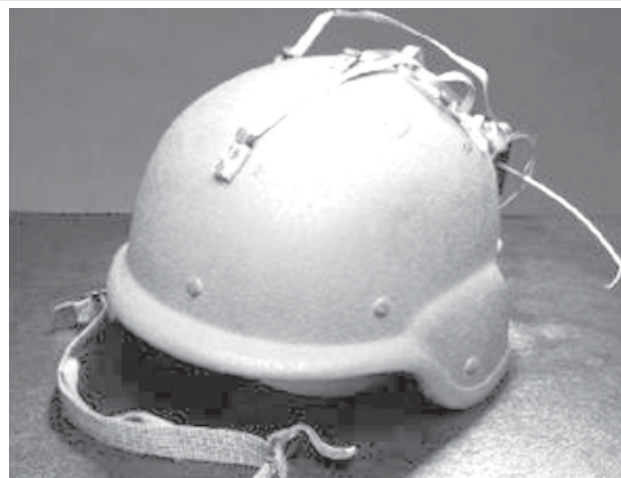
Network turns Soldiers' Helmets into Sniper Location System

SCIENCE DAILY, 2 April—Imagine a platoon of soldiers fighting in a hazardous urban environment who carry personal digital assistants that can display the location of enemy shooters in three dimensions and accurately identify the caliber and type of weapons they are firing.

Engineers at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Software Integrated Systems (ISIS) have developed a system that can give soldiers just such an edge by turning their combat helmets into “smart nodes” in a wireless sensor network.

ISIS developed this novel technology with the support of the Defence Advanced Research Project Agency and the university has patented two of the system's key elements.

Like several other shooter location systems developed in recent years, the ISIS system relies on the sound waves produced when a high-powered rifle is fired. These acoustic signals have distinctive characteristics that allow the systems to pick them out from other loud noises and track them back to their source. Current systems, however, rely on centralized or stand-alone sensor arrays. This limits their accuracy and restricts them to identifying shooters at line-of-sight locations.—Internet



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IMF set to get \$500 bln more funding

LONDON, 2 April—The Group of 20 (G20) Summit in London is set to agree on Thursday to contribute 500 billion US dollars more funding to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help struggling economies out of the financial crisis, *BBC* reported.

The international community has already pledged 250 billion dollars to the IMF, but the deteriorating financial situation in East European nations and the worsening crisis around the whole world have prompted calls for more funding, which could be loaned to struggling and poor economies.

Leaders of 20 developed and emerging economies gathered in London for the second time in five months to tackle the worsening financial crisis with an ambition to pull the world economy back to sustainable growth.

Internet

China believes ASEAN related meetings to boost confidence in coping with financial crisis

BEIJING, 2 April—China hoped and believed that the upcoming meetings of the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) would shore up East Asian countries' confidence in resisting financial crisis, said Foreign Ministry here on Thursday.

The meetings will be held in Pattaya of Thailand from April 10 to 12, including the 12th summit between the ASEAN and China(10+1), the 12th summit between the ASEAN and China, Japan and the Republic of Korea(ROK)(10+3), the 4th East Asia Summit, and the breakfast meeting of leaders from China, Japan, and the ROK.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will attend the ASEAN related meetings, where he will give a positive evaluation on the new progress made under the framework of the ASEAN+1 and ASEAN+3, especially in the financial sector.—Internet

Pilot trainee Tao Jiali prepares for a flight in China, on 29 March, 2009. China's first batch of female jet fighter pilots were conferred the rank of lieutenant on 2 April. The 16 pilots, aged 21 to 24, graduated after 44 months of training. They will take part in the National Day parade to be held in October to mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, a military source said.—INTERNET



Members of Afghan rescue team search for the body who was sank in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 2 April, 2009. Heavy rainfall over the past 24 hours in Afghan capital Kabul claimed the life of one young man and destroyed or damaged some mud houses on Thursday.—INTERNET

Chinese new fleet sails to fight Somali pirates

BEIJING, 2 April—Somali pirates remain a menace to trade in the Gulf of Aden and beyond, and the navy may extend its current mission to cope with their threats, said a senior naval commander Wednesday.

“Pirates have recently expanded their zone of operations, coordinated with each other, upgraded their weapons and selected a wider range of targets. They also tend to use force more often,” said Rear Admiral Yao Zhilou, the commander of a new fleet setting sail today to replace the current anti-piracy fleet near Somalia.

While the warships are being replaced, China's biggest supply ship, *Weishanhu*, will continue to serve in the second escort fleet after sailing for 98 days, keeping the current number of soldiers for the mission at more than 800.

The fleet will set off from a naval base in the west Guangdong city of Zhanjiang, headquarters to the South China Sea Fleet.

Internet

Plane, with seven on board, feared crash in Philippines

MANILA, 2 April—A small turbo-prop plane with five passengers and two crew members on board was believed to have crashed in northern Philippines after losing contact with the ground for more than 10 hours, civil aviation officials said Thursday.

The European-made twin-engine *Islander* jet *RP-C764* went missing shortly after it left the airport of Tuguegarao in northern Cagayan province at around 8:55 a.m. Thursday (0055 GMT), the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) said.

Despite the flight destination, Macanac airport in the neighboring Isabela Province, was only 30 minutes away, no landing has been recorded in any major airports in northern Luzon by late Thursday, CAAP Director General Ruben Ciron said in a press release.

Ciron said a team was formed to investigate the incident while several agencies of the military and government departments are engaged in the search of the missing plane. However, an official with the CAAP operation department told *Xinhua* over phone that the search and rescue operation was halted due to “deteriorating weather conditions in Cagayan Province.”—Internet

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Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

Chinese police seize 178 mln yuan in fake banknotes

BEIJING, 2 April—Chinese police have seized counterfeit cash with a face value of 178 million yuan (26 million US dollars) since a national campaign was launched on 20 January, the Ministry of Public Security said on Wednesday.

The police had resolved 271 of the 412 fake money cases, they had been investigating and arrested 613 people during the campaign, the ministry said in a statement. Police also raided five counterfeiting dens, it said.

In southern Guangdong Province, police destroyed a major production plan, arresting all 13 suspects and confiscating notes with a face value of almost 100 million yuan, according to the statement.

In the southwestern Chongqing Municipality, police broke up a counterfeiting ring and confiscated 13.68 million yuan worth of notes. In another major case, police in Luohe city, in central Henan Province, arrested 11 people when they broke up a production plant and confiscated fake banknotes with face value of almost two million yuan.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnamese footwear export turnover decreases in Q1

HANOI, 2 April—Vietnam's export turnover of footwear in the first three months this year fell 10.8 per cent, compared to last year's figure, to 915 million US dollars, the local newspaper *Young People* reported on Wednesday.

This is the first time for the past seven years the country's footwear exporters saw a sharp decrease in export turnover of their products right in the first quarter of the year, according to Vietnam's Leather and Footwear Association.

In the first quarter of 2008, Vietnam earned over 1.02 billion US dollars from exporting footwear of all kinds, 14.6 per cent year-on-year increase, said the association. The decrease was due to the shrinking demand from foreign importers such as the US and European countries as the fall-out of the global financial crisis, said the newspaper.

Hoping to increase exports of footwear, domestic exporters are trying to seek new markets like Cuba, Mexico, and Israel, said the association.

In 2008, Vietnam exported leather footwear worth 4.7 billion US dollars, a rise of 18.5 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

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British police arrest 63 in G-20 London summit protests

LONDON, 2 April—The number of arrests made by British police during Wednesday's city-wide G-20 London summit protests has risen to 63, police said.

Most were held under public order act, breaching of peace, burglary or arson on Royal Bank of Scotland building, criminal damage and possession of police uniform or drugs. Other offenses include carrying offensive weapon, threatening behavior, obstruction of police or highway.

Earlier on Wednesday afternoon, protesters clashed, with police in central London after some trouble-makers ran out of control and started to smash the windows of Royal Bank of Scotland. A man was also found dead after collapsing at a protest camp near the

Bank of England in central London. A member of the public told a police officer that "there was a man who had collapsed round the corner," said a police statement.

The officer then sent two police medics through the cordon line and into St Michaels Allery where they found a man who had stopped breathing. "The officers gave him a initial check and cleared his airway before moving him back behind the cordon line to a clear area outside the Royal Exchange Building where they gave him CPR," it added. The officers took the decision to move him as number of missiles believed to be bottles were being thrown at them. The man was pronounced dead when he was taken to hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

Skype to launch BlackBerry application

BEIJING, 2 April—Skype, the VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) communications company, said Tuesday it will soon launch a free, "lite" version of Skype for BlackBerry. Unlike the iPhone version just released, you won't need Wi-Fi to connect to Skype. Skype Lite will work over your BlackBerry's data plan, so long as you have a calling plan as well.

It is Skype's core capabilities that will debut in Skype Lite for BlackBerry — placing calls to Skype



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users, calling landlines and mobile phones using Skype Out credit. You'll

also be able to receive inbound calls to your online Skype number.

Instant messenger and SMS features will also stay intact, but features like voicemail and file transferring, which are available on other more platforms, will be delayed for future builds.

Skype's downloadable applications for Android, Java, Symbian, and Windows Mobile are already available, and Palm's Web OS platform would be the last major hurdle.

Internet

White wine can also make tooth stains darker

WASHINGTON, 2 April—It has long been known that red wine causes teeth to stain. However, a recent study by New York University dental researchers found that drinking white wine can also increase the potential for teeth to take on dark stains. The researchers compared two sets of six cow teeth, whose surface closely resembles that of human teeth, and used a spectrophotometer, an instrument that measures color intensities, to evaluate staining levels.

They found that teeth soaked for one hour in white wine before being immersed in black tea had significantly darker stains than teeth immersed for one hour in water before exposure to the tea.

"Dipping teeth in white wine for one hour is similar to the effect of sipping the wine with dinner," said Mark Wolff, a professor and chairman of the department of Cariology & Comprehensive Care at New York University College of Dentistry, who oversaw the study. The findings were presented Wednesday at the annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research in Miami. "The acids in wine create rough spots and grooves that enable chemicals in other beverages that cause staining, such as coffee and tea, to penetrate deeper into the tooth," Wolff said.—Internet



A man spins Prosecco wine in the Valdobbiadene valley, northern Italy.

INTERNET



Study suggests coffee kills exertion pain

BEIJING, 2 April — If you want to get rid of athletic exertion pain, have a cup of coffee! A new study suggests coffee reduces exertion pain and it works regardless of whether a person already had a coffee habit or not.

University of Illinois kinesiology and community health professor Robert Motl says, “caffeine works on a system in the brain and spinal cord (the adenosine neuromodulatory system) that is heavily involved in pain processing. And since caffeine blocks adenosine, the biochemical that plays an important role in energy transfer and thus exercise, it could reduce pain.”

The researcher, a former competitive cyclist, divided 25 fit, college-aged males into

two distinct groups. In one group were males whose everyday caffeine consumption was extremely low to non-existent, and the other group included people with an average caffeine intake of about 400 milligrams a day, the equivalent of three to four cups of coffee.

After completing an initial exercise test in the lab on a stationary bike to determine maximal oxygen consumption or aerobic power, subjects returned for two monitored high-intensity, 30-minute exercise sessions.

An hour prior to each session, cyclists — who had been instructed not to consume caffeine during the prior 24-hour period — were given a pill. On

one occasion, it contained a dose of caffeine measuring 5 milligrams per kilogram of body weight (equivalent to two to three cups of coffee); the other time, they received a placebo.

During both exercise periods, subjects’ perception of quadriceps muscle pain was recorded at regular intervals, along with data on oxygen consumption, heart rate and work rate.—Xinhua



A file photo taken shows an overhead view of part of the Yangguanzhai ruin in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.—XINHUA

Prehistoric cave homes among China’s top 10 archaeological discoveries

BEIJING, 2 April — A group of man-made cave houses dating back 5,500 years ranked top among the 10 most significant archaeological discoveries in China in 2008, the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) announced on Tuesday.

Other discoveries included a Bronze-Age graveyard in northwest China’s Gansu Province, a tomb that proves the existence of a kingdom during the Spring and Autumn Period (770-476 BC), and a “shopping district” of the Song Dynasty (960-1279) in southwest China’s Chengdu City. “Every discovery, chosen from 25 nominated projects, is of great and special significance in archaeological

studies,” said Xu Pingfang, a leading archaeologist with the Institute of Archaeology under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The Yangguanzhai ruin, in northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, consists of 17 cave houses on a cliff and adjacent pottery kilns near Gaoling county, 20 km away from the provincial capital Xi’an.

Scientists believe the caves, built between 3,500 to 3,000 BC, were the earliest man-made cave homes in China, and belonged to a late Neolithic culture named Yangshao. Yangshao culture originated on the middle reaches of the Yellow River and was considered a main ancestor of Chinese civilization.—Internet

Albania, Croatia formally join NATO

BRUSSELS, 2 April — Albania and Croatia formally joined NATO on Wednesday, bringing the total number of member states of the alliance to 28.

“Today, Albania and Croatia have completed the accession process, and have joined the alliance as members,” said NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer in a statement.

“I warmly congratulate them on this historic achievement. In becoming NATO members, Albania and Croatia share the benefits and responsibilities of collective security.”

Croatia was able to join NATO ahead of the April 3-4 NATO summit in Strasbourg, France, and Kehl, Germany, after Slovenia deposited with Washington its instrument of ratification for Croatia at the last minute.

Internet

TB-plagued countries promise to scale up treatment efforts

BEIJING, 2 April — Health ministers and senior officials from 27 countries on Wednesday promised to scale up efforts to control the spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis (TB) amid warnings that the disease is fast becoming a major global health threat.

They endorsed the Beijing “Call for Action” on TB Control and Patient Care late on Wednesday after wrapping up the first day of a three-day ministerial meeting organized by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Identified by the WHO as “high multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) burden countries,” they would help raise 2 billion US dollars in the next two years to finance TB and MDR-TB control and care, said the document.

This would help them to provide universal access to diagnosis and treatment by 2015 in order to meet a global target of treatment for 1.6 million MDR-TB and extensively drug-resistant (XDR-TB) patients by 2015.

Internet

Fatty oil in fish may help reduce tumors

LONDON, 2 April — An omega 3 fatty acid found in fish oils reduced the size of tumors in mice and made a chemotherapy drug more potent while limiting its harmful effects, Egyptian researchers reported on Thursday.

The findings, published in publisher BioMed Central’s peer-reviewed Cell Division journal, add

to evidence showing a range of health benefits from eating the fatty acids found in foods such as salmon.

AM El-Mowafy and colleagues from Mansoura University in Egypt looked at how an omega 3 fatty acid called docosahexanoic acid, or DHA, affected solid tumors growing in mice and how

well it interacted with the chemotherapy drug cisplatin.

“Our results suggest anew, fruitful drug regimen in the management of solid tumors based on combining cisplatin and possibly other chemotherapeutics with DHA,” El-Mowafy said in a statement.

Internet

Flooded Australian towns declared disaster zones

SYDNEY, 2 April — Several towns on Australia’s east coast were declared disaster zones Wednesday after flash floods stranded thousands of people and forced hundreds to be evacuated.

More than 2,000 people spent the night house-bound or trapped in schools and restaurants

after a sudden deluge hit towns around Coffs Harbour about 570 kilometres (350 miles) north of Sydney Tuesday, officials said.

Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes in Coffs Harbour, where 450 millimetres (18 inches) of rain fell in just 24 hours, said New South

Wales state’s Emergency Services Minister Steve Whan. “The State Emergency Service has received more than 760 requests for help from the region and, as always, the volunteers have responded swiftly and professionally to assist the community,” Whan said.—Internet



This Western Australian Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) handout shows a flooded Yarraloola station in the Pilbara region of Western Australia in February 2009.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ribery strikes again to sink Lithuania

PARIS, 2 April — A second-half strike from Franck Ribery earned France a 1-0 victory over Lithuania for the second time in five days in their World Cup 2010 qualifying match here on Wednesday.

The mercurial Bayern Munich winger scored from long range to sink the Baltic side in Kaunas on Saturday, and he proved the match-winner again in Paris after seeing his side labour for long periods of the game.

"The Lithuanians came, they stayed back and they kept their shape," said France midfielder Lassana Diarra. "We had total control of the ball. We just had to be patient and in the end we won."

Victory enabled Les Bleus to leapfrog their op-



France's midfielder Franck Ribery celebrates after scoring a goal during the World Cup 2010 qualifying football match France vs Lithuania at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, near Paris. France won 1-0.

INTERNET

ponents into second place in European qualifying Group Seven, two points behind leaders Serbia after five matches.—Internet

Newly trimmed Terry a cut above for England



John Terry of England (C) celebrates scoring his goal against Ukraine during their 2010 World Cup qualifying, group six international match at Wembley Stadium in London.—INTERNET

LONDON, 2 April — England captain John Terry revealed a hair cut from Wayne Rooney helped get him in the right frame of mind to keep his country on course for the World Cup finals.

Terry scored England's late winner as Fabio Capello's side consolidated their position on top of Group Six with a 2-1 victory over Ukraine at Wembley on Wednesday.

The Chelsea defender celebrated his goal by mimicking a trim with Rooney and then admitted he had let his England team-mate loose on his hair earlier in the week. "In the week I needed a little trim up. We're not allowed to leave the hotel or anything so I asked Wayne and he obliged," Terry said.

"I'm pleased with it. I might go back next time. He was asking for 10 pounds and I still owe him it!"

Internet

Argentina suffer worst loss in more than 60 years

LA PAZ, 2 April — Argentina suffered their worst defeat in more than 60 years after losing 6-1 to Bolivia in a South American World Cup qualifier here on Wednesday night, their first loss under coach Diego Maradona.

Bolivia's goals came from a Joaquin Botero hat-trick and Marcelo Martins, Alex Da Rosa and Didi Torrico while Argentina found the net through Luis Gonzalez at La Paz's high-altitude Hernando Siles's stadium. Maradona said of the Argentina fans at the post-match press conference: "I suffered with them. Every Bolivian goal was a dagger in my heart."

Argentinian keeper Juan Pablo Carrizo, who had a memorable night for the wrong reasons, was first beaten in the 12th minute by striker Marcelo Martins, who plays for Shakhtar Donetsk in the Ukraine.

Internet



Bolivia's forward Joaquin Botero celebrates after scoring the team's second goal against Argentina during their FIFA World Cup South Africa-2010 qualifier football match at Hernando Siles stadium in La Paz.—INTERNET

For two black golfers, path to PGA tour is rocky

HARDEEVILLE, 2 April — Tim O'Neal watched carefully, head down, as his pitch from just off the green rolled perfectly into the cup on the ninth green at Tradition National Golf Course last month. "That was great," cheered playing partner David Robinson at the eGolf Professional Tour event.

O'Neal smiled back, a nice shot on a good day. There just haven't been enough of those moments for O'Neal to reach his ultimate goal. Tiger Woods' phenomenal rise and accomplishments seemed destined to lead to a wave of talented minority golfers, a new generation topping leaderboards throughout the country.—Internet

Federer, Djokovic book semi-final clash in Miami

MIAMI, 2 April — World number two Roger Federer overcame American Andy Roddick in three sets to set up a semi-final clash with Novak Djokovic at the ATP Masters 1000 hardcourt tournament here.

The second-seeded Swiss, still in search of his first title of 2009, defeated Roddick 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, avenging a quarter-final loss to the American here last year.

Internet



World number two Roger Federer, seen here, overcame American Andy Roddick in three sets to set up a semi-final clash with Novak Djokovic at the ATP Masters 1000 hardcourt tournament here.—INTERNET

Serena Williams books clash with sister Venus

MIAMI, 2 April — American Serena Williams survived a scare from China's Li Na to advance to the semi-finals of the ATP and WTA tournament where she awaits a tussle against her sister.

The top-seeded Serena Williams lost the first five games but rallied to beat Li 4-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-2 in the quarter-finals on Wednesday. She will face sister Venus Williams who earned a semi-final berth with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Czech Iveta Benesova.

Internet



Serena Williams reacts to a point against Na Li of China during the Sony Ericsson Open quarter-finals at the Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida. Serena won 4-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-2.

INTERNET

Shearer rides to Newcastle's rescue

NEWCASTLE, 2 April — Alan Shearer has been given eight games to save Newcastle from relegation after the Premier League strugglers confirmed Wednesday his appointment as manager until the end of the season.

The former Newcastle striker will become the north-east side's fourth manager of the season as he bids to save his home town club from the drop.

Shearer, 38, a hero to the Magpies' fans for his exploits on the pitch, had long been tipped as a future manager but he could never have envisaged taking over in such difficult



Alan Shearer, has been appointed the manager of Newcastle United for the final eight games of the season, the Premier League side announced on Wednesday.

INTERNET

circumstances. Newcastle are currently third from bottom of the Premier League, two points adrift of Blackburn, the club currently occupying the last survival spot.—Internet

Last-gasp Keane earns Irish draw at 10-man Italy

BARI, 2 April — Robbie Keane made a successful return to Italy as his close range strike three minutes from time earned Ireland a 1-1 draw against 10-man defending champions Italy in a World Cup qualifier here Wednesday.

Former Inter Milan striker Keane's last gasp equaliser rewarded the Irish for a gutsy performance that was rich in endeavour. Ireland's popular Italian manager Giovanni Trapattoni said a draw was a fair result.

Internet



Republic of Ireland forward Caleb Folan (top) fights for the ball with Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon during their World Cup 2010 group 8 qualifying football match at St. Nicola stadium in Bari.

INTERNET



Obituary

Zabayda (A) Daw Ma Ma Khyn (A) Ada Eusoof, age (87) years, Head of English Department (retd) Mon State regional college, daughter of the late Khan Sahib Mr. M. Eusoof (Bar-At-Law) and Daw Mah Mah of Mawlamyine, sister of (U Aung Than-Daw Nu Nu), (U Tin Aung)-Daw Khin Myint Myint and (U Tin Tun)-Daw Tin Mya, beloved aunt of Hajee U Maung Maung, U Myat Aung (U Myo Sett Aung), U Myo Thet Aung, U Aung Lwin Lay, U Tun Tun Oo -Daw Wah Wah Aung, U Nay Linn Aung-Daw Nyein Nyein Kyaw and U Maung Maung Lay-Daw Pann Nu; expired at (2:00) pm on (1-4-2009) (Wednesday) at No. 114, Room 7, Yankin residence, buried the same day at Ye Way muslim cemetery.

Bereaved family



Australian rescuers gather information from dead long fin pilot whales at Hamelin Bay. Experts studying the mass beaching of whales along Australia's coast have warned that such tragedies could become more frequent as global warming brings the mammals' food stocks closer to shore.—INTERNET

Afghan, US army kill 20 suspected militants in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 April—Afghan troops backed by the US-led Coalition forces killed 20 suspected Taleban militants in the troubled southern Helmand Province on Wednesday, a press release of the alliance said Thursday. "Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers, advised by Coalition Forces, killed 20 armed militants in Kajaki District, Helmand Province, on Wednesday," the press release said.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (3.4.2009) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

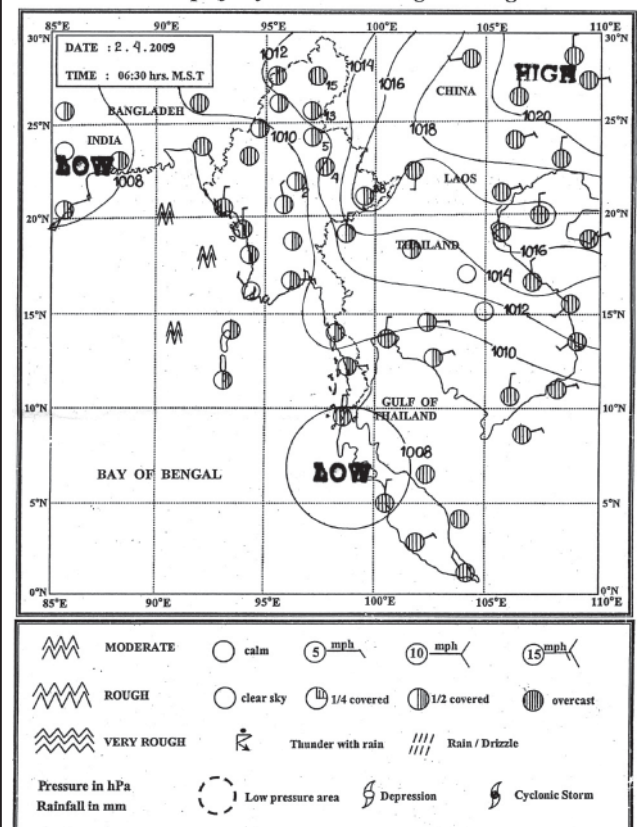
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * A Journey to Research Taron Race
- * Weaving Industry of Pakokku
- * Let's Decorate with Myanmar Silversmith
- * Thingyan Dance
- * Our Coffee Town
- * Mandalay Cultural Museum
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Fantastic Scenic Sunsets of Myanmar
- * Myanmar Traditional Fan
- * Bayin Nyi Naung Yadana Cave
- * Beach Souvenir Sea Shell Decorations
- * The Walking-sticks Industry of Ywalut Village
- * The Folk Art of making Ornaments with Leaves
- * Glimpse at the Architecture (The Dhammayangyi)
- * Exhibition Centre Introducing Hkakaborazi National Park
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * A Journey to Research Taron Race
- * Weaving Industry of Pakokku
- * Let's Decorate with Myanmar Silversmith
- * Thingyan Dance
- * Our Coffee Town
- * Mandalay Cultural Museum
- * Myanmar White Gold (Rubber)
- * Myanmar's Ancient City Bagan
- * Medicinal Plants at Popa Mountain Park
- * A Clean and Green Brewery
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 2 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (4°C) above April average temperatures in Mon State, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin and Shan States, (5°C) below April average temperatures in upper Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant Day temperatures were Minbu and Magway, Tharrawady and Patheingyi (40°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kengtung (1.50) inches, Machanbaw (0.75) inch, Katha (0.71) inch and Putao (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-4-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 2-4-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-4-2009 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 1-4-2009 was (10.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 2-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 1-4-2009.

Bay inference: 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 3rd April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 3 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. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယင်ကျေးမှုအက

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet song

8:00 am

6. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်းဝိုင်းကြီး ဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

8:10 am

7. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက် ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:15 am

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

9. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Song of yester year

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Song of national races

4:30 pm

4. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

4:40 pm

5. Musical programme

4:55 pm

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:05 pm

7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ (ပထမနှစ်) (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

8. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

9. ရန်ကုန်မွန်လေး အမြန်လမ်းမကြီး (အပိုင်း-၂)

5:30 pm

10. Musical programme

5:45 pm

11. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်

7:05 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၆၄) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း)

7:45 pm

16. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)

Railroad links to form Union railroad network

Article and Photos: Aung (Myanma Railways)

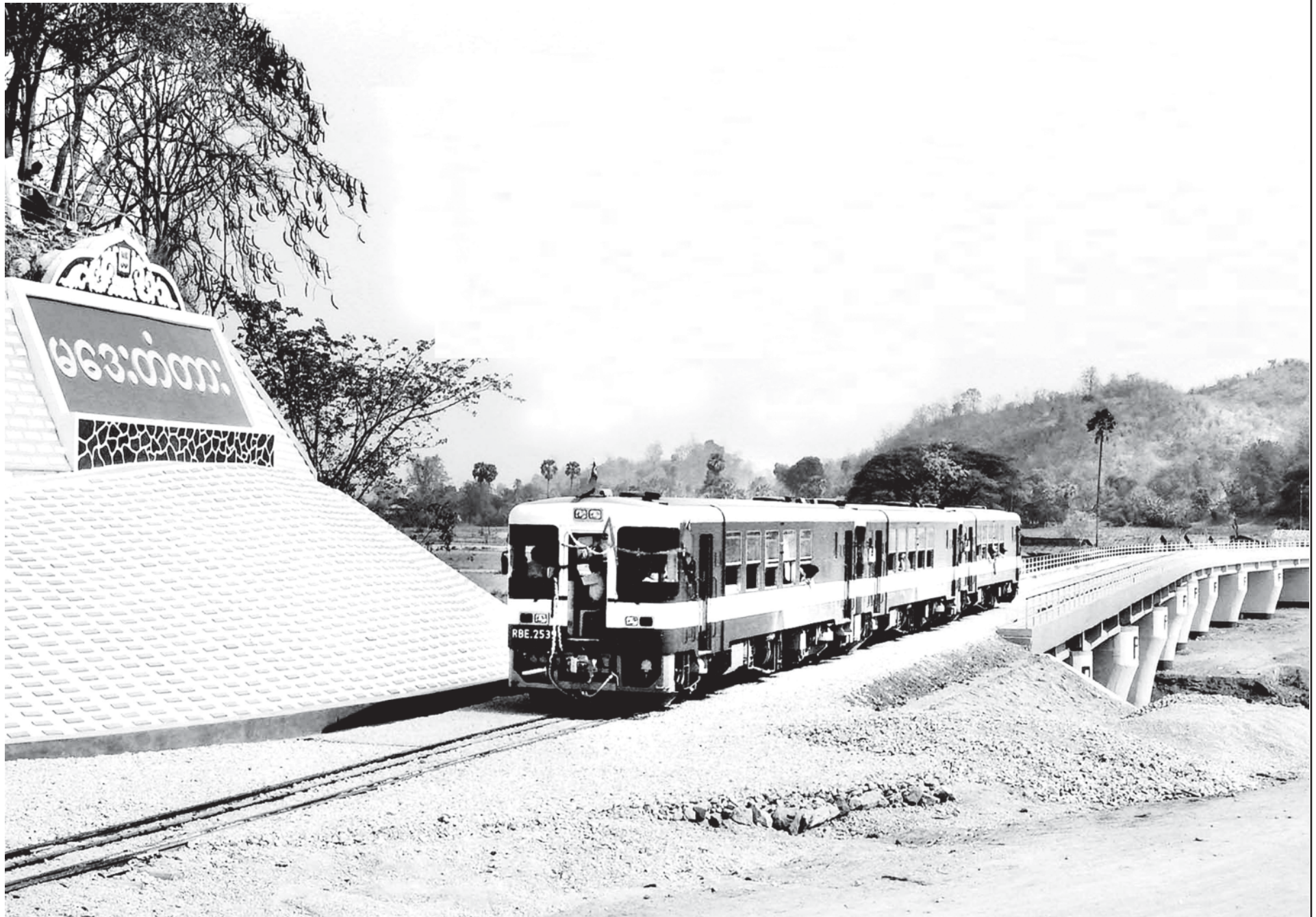
In the time of the Tatmadaw government, which assumed State duties in 1988, the nation is in a position to enjoy peace and stability well more than ever, and the tasks designed for all-round development of the nation are now at their peak. To put it another way, the government is working hard with a self-reliant basis to enable the Union of Myanmar to

catch up with the international community in terms of development.

As part of the drive to expedite nation-building tasks, the Myanmar Railways is now constructing simultaneously the three sections of the 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad intended to enable the regions on the west bank of Ayeyawady River to enjoy

development on a par with that of the regions on the east bank of the river: 110-mile Kyangin-Thayet section, 100-mile Thayet-Pwintbyu section, and 110-mile Pwintbyu-Pakokku section.

The 40-mile Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section was inaugurated on 1 March 2008. The 35-mile (See page 10)



The first train running on Maday Bridge of Okshitpin-Kamma railroad section.

Take Fire Preventive Measures

Sittway facilitated with water pumps

YANGON, 2 April—Under the instructions of the Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Sittway Township Development Affairs Committee installed two water pumps in Sittway on 17 February.

In the past, the local people relied on supply of drinking water through gravity flow system from the water tank of

Sittway.

At present, the newly installed pumps sufficiently supply water to 554 water taps and 40 public use water tanks for 13,855 people of 3,500 house from seven wards of eight in the urban area.

Arrangements are being made by the Township DAC to supply water to the remaining water taps and public use water tanks of other wards.—MNA

Permission for temporary connection of water pipelines

YANGON, 2 April—Permissions for temporary connection of water pipelines during Maha Thingyan Festival for 1370 ME are to be sought from Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee, not later than 12 noon on 10 April, for taking water from the water pipelines of YCDC, Inya Lake and Kandawgyi Lake.

The application forms are to be taken free of charge from the office of in-charge for water/sanitation section of Township DAC and office of Engineering Department (Water & Sanitation) of

YCDC. The applications with the endorsements of Township Executive Officers of DAC and the in-charge of Township Water and Sanitation Section are to be attached to the permissions for construction of the pandal from the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge).

Staff of the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of Township DAC will connect the water pipelines in line with the prescribed disciplines. Action will be taken against those who take the water from the pipelines of YCDC, Inya Lake, Kandawgyi Lake and other water tanks.—MNA