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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister on inspection tour of storm-affected regions in Ayeyawady Division

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress in building of cyclone shelters and land preparations for hillocks in Damaseik village, Pyapon Township.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who was in Pathein of Ayeyawady Division, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of Government Office and heads of departments, left Pathein by helicopter yesterday morning and arrived at Setsan village of Bogale township at 7.40 am.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung briefed the Prime Minister on rural development in Setsan village, Chairman U Sein Lwin of Diamond Mercury Company on progress in building houses, schools and cyclone shelters and Managing Director U Aye Lin of Mya Nanda Construction Company on progress in building 16-bed hospital.

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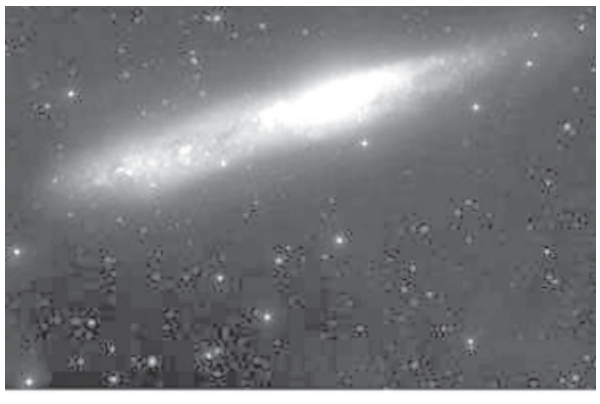
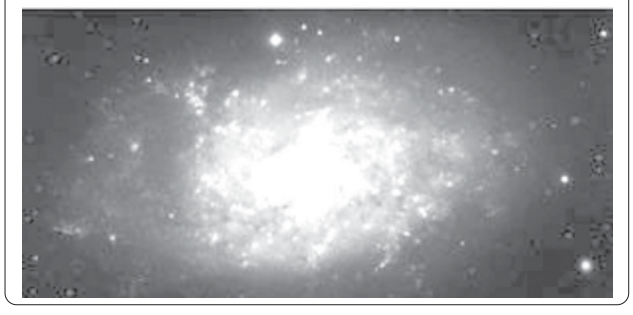
***Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with local people in Damaseik village, Pyapon Township.*—MNA**

Two galaxies for a unique event

LA SILLA, 7 April — To celebrate the 100 Hours of Astronomy, ESO is sharing two stunning images of unusual galaxies, both belonging to the Sculptor group of galaxies. The images, obtained at two of ESO's observatories at La Silla and Paranal in Chile, illustrate the beauty of astronomy.

As part of the International Year of Astronomy 2009 Cornerstone project, 100 Hours of Astronomy, the ambitious "Around the World in 80 Telescopes" event is a unique live webcast over 24 hours, following night and day around the globe to some of the most advanced observatories on and off the planet.—*Internet*





PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 8 April, 2009

Live in unity and amity and defend against destructive elements

Now is the time when the government is building the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed Myanmar by implementing the plans laid down for the parallel development of all the regions in the Union.

The special development region project, the border areas and national races development project and the rural development project have now begun bearing fruit and considerable strides have been made in political, economic, social, health and education fields. This is because all the national races are working in concert with the government.

In the past, due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists, national races distrusted and fought with one another, sticking to their ideologies, regionalism and racialism. As a result, some regions lagged behind. Therefore, it is important for all the national races to live in unity and amity, always cultivating Union Spirit, no matter where they live in the Union.

History shows that the national races succeeded in getting rid of internal and external dangers by being united. Therefore, it is necessary for them to remain united to prevent the loss of national independence and sovereignty and, at the same time, to work together with the government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Reconstruction works are being carried out in storm-ravaged towns and villages in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and the main industries of the regions have returned to normal and most of the infrastructures have been rebuilt in so short a time. It has been thanks to the full cooperation of the people living in different parts of the Union.

Therefore, we would like to call on the entire national people to cooperate with the government in building a modern nation and defend against all the destructive elements trying to undermine national peace and stability.

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**

Nay Pyi Taw Mayor visits Nanning City

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April — At the invitation of Nanning City Mayor Mr. Huang Fang Fang of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt accompanied by Secretary of management committee for special development projects Col Kan Chun and representatives from Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee arrived in Nanning of the People's Republic of China on 31 March.

On 1 April, the minister and party visited Nanning City Planning Administration Bureau where In-charge Mr. Gao Guan gave detailed explanations on construction of infrastructure in Nanning and measures for electricity supply.

Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt poses for documentary photo together with Nanning City Mayor Mr Huang Fang Fang of PRC.

PBANRDA

At Nanning New and Hi-Tech Development Zone, Mr. Zang Xian Jin gave accounts of the zone to the minister and party.

Next, the minister and party visited Wuxing New District which is under construction and viewed roads that are under construction, bridges and plots of land.

In the evening, the minister and party met Nanning Mayor Mr. Huang Fang Fang at Nanning International Conference and Exhibition Center and held discussions on bilateral cooperation and development matters. The Mayor hosted dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation.

On 2 April, In-charge Ms. Xiao Liu conducted the minister and party round Guanxi Science and Technology House.

They also visited Nanning City Emergency Response Center and observed measures taken for security of the City with the use of CCTV.

On 3 April, they visited Guangxi Modern Agriculture Demonstration Center and observed production of banana on commercial scale at Dalin model village.

On 5 April, Minister Col Thein Nyunt met Kunming Mayor Mr. Zang Zulin at the hall of Kunming International Airport.

MNA

Basic domestic science special courses conclude

YANGON, 7 April— The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs conducted basic domestic science special course No.1 in Labutta, Ayeyawady Division on 3 April morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe.

After presenting prizes to the oustanding trainees, the deputy minister gave away the completion certificates through a trainee.

Afterwards, the deputy minister observed the trainees' learning tailoring and the works of trainees.

The course was attened by 60 trainees from Labutta township.

Yesterday, the deputy minister attended the conclusion ceremony of the basic domestic science special course No. 1, the carpentry, masonry and ironwork course No. 1 conducted by Mawlamyinegyun Township Peace and Development Council and made a speech on the occasion. After presenting prizes to the outstaning trainees, the deputy minsters presented the completion certifictes through a trainee.

The domestic sciecne special course No. 1 was attended by 60 trainees and the carpentry, masonry and ironwork course No. 1 was attended by 50 trainees from Mawlamyinegyun Township.

MNA

***Deputy Minister of PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe inspects the training at the Basic Domestic Science Special Course No. 1.*—PBANRDA**

First aid talks given

YANGON, 7 April— The Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement organized talks on heart failure and first aid at its head office this morning.

Manager of Heart Disease Prevention Project of the Department of Health Professor Dr Tin Tin Latt gave talks on causes of cardiac failure and first aid. Director-General of the FSD U Myint Tun spoke works of thanks.

MNA

The area of a car bomb attack in Kazimiyah neighborhood in Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 April , 2009.

Car bomb in Baghdad kills nine

BAGHDAD, 7 April—A car bomb in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad killed at least nine people and wounded 18 others on Tuesday, a day after a deadly wave of bombings swept the Iraqi capital and raised concerns that Iraqi forces were ill-prepared to secure the city as US troops thin out.

The Interior Ministry, meanwhile, warned of the likelihood of more car bombings, saying measures were being taken to try to prevent them.

A parked car rigged with explosives went off around noon Tuesday on a busy commercial street in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack and police officials would not speculate on possible targets.

Internet

Dutch soldier killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 April — A Dutch soldier in the NATO-led force in southern Afghanistan died in a rocket attack while troops killed four militants in a raid on a bomb cell, the military said Tuesday.

The latest killings in a grinding insurgency came Monday as the top US military commander and special envoy to the region wrapped up a visit to Afghanistan and headed to Pakistan for talks on efforts to quash militants.

The Dutch soldier, a member of the International Security Assistance Force, was killed by "indirect fire," the NATO-led ISAF said in a statement.

The Dutch defence ministry announced the death overnight, saying that a 20-year-old soldier was killed and five others were wounded in a rocket attack on their base in the southern province of Uruzgan.

Around 80 international soldiers have died in Afghanistan this year, most of them in attacks, according to icasualties.org, which monitors the wars in this country and in Iraq.

Internet

Gunman kills one and then self in German court

LANDSHUT , 7 April—A 60-year-old cook shot his sister-in-law, seriously wounded two other people and then killed himself in a courthouse shooting spree in the southern German town of Landshut Tuesday, police said.

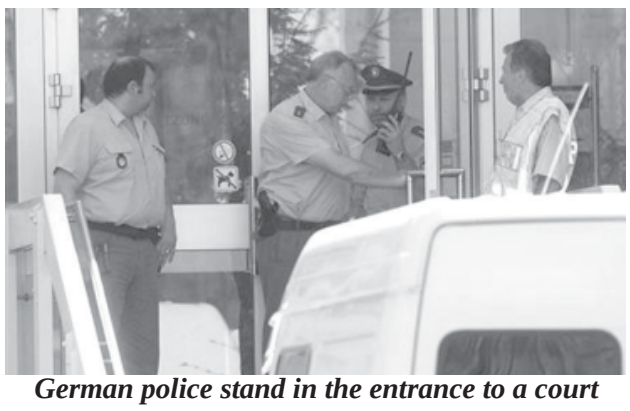
The man was embroiled in a legal battle with his in-laws over an inheritance row and suddenly opened fire with a revolver during a break in proceedings in the hallway of the court, state prosecutor Christoph Stroetz said.

Officials said there had been a long inheritance dispute over a house involving the victim and her six siblings.

Officials said there was no metal detector because it is an administrative court and not a criminal court.

The shooting took place less than a month after a school massacre in the southwestern town of Winnenden in which a total of 16 people were killed.

Landshut is a town of around 62,000 in southern Bavaria.—*Internet*



German police stand in the entrance to a court house in Landshut,100 km (62 miles) north of Munich on 7 April, 2009.—INTERNET

A crowd gathers at the site of a car bomb attack in the al- Maalif neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 April, 2009. A string of bombing attacks struck the capital Monday, as the US military reported its first combat death in Iraq in about three weeks.

INTERNET

Italy quake toll passes 200

L'AQUILA (Italy), 7 April—The death toll from a devastating earthquake in central Italy rose to 207 on Tuesday and aftershocks hampered the race to dig possible survivors out of the debris.

Rescuers worked under floodlights through the night and thousands of people whose homes were wrecked sheltered in tents and cars.

"The hope of finding anyone under the rubble now is very small," said a civil protection agency official at a camp set up outside L'Aquila, the historic mountain city shattered by the quake.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said 207 people were now confirmed as dead in the worst quake to strike Italy in 30 years. Of some 1,500 people injured, about 100 were in serious condition.

The new aftershocks struck fear into people, with residents running out of tents screaming and crying after a particularly strong tremor. Buildings shook and masonry fell onto the streets but no new injuries were reported.—*Internet*

Firefighters carry out a body from the rubble of a collapsed building, in L'Aquila, central Italy, Tuesday after a powerful earthquake.—INTERNET

US apartment market worsens with economy

NEW YORK, 7 April — The vacancy rate for US apartments hit a three-year high in the first quarter and asking rents dropped the most in at least 10 years as the number of excess apartments on the market ballooned, according to real estate research firm Reis Inc.

And the figures are forecast to get even worse as more apartment buildings are expected to open this year, increasing supply, and as the US employment picture gets uglier, Reis said.

Job creation is the No1 driver of demand for apartments. "Given that things are weakening right now, any new buildings that come on will add additional pressure to landlords," Victor Calanog, Reis director of research, said. The national apartment vacancy rate rose to 7.2 percent in the first quarter, up 0.60 percentage points from the prior quarter and 1.1 percentage points from a year earlier, according to the report, released on Tuesday.

Internet

***Rescuers work with their dogs under heavy rain in Onna, a small town near L'Aquila. Rescuers raced against time to find survivors from a powerful earthquake that killed at least 179 people in cental Italy and left tens of thousand homeless.—*INTERNET**

Obama reiterates US support for Palestinian state

ANKARA, 7 April — US President Barack Obama said on Monday the United States strongly supported the aim of setting up a Palestinian state living "side by side" and at peace with Israel.

Obama reiterated the US position after Israel's new Foreign Minister said last week that Israel was not bound by a deal to start negotiations on establishing a Palestinian state.

"Let me be clear: the United States strongly supports the goal of two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security," Obama said in a speech to the Turkish Parliament. "Now, we must not give into pessimism and mistrust. We must pursue every opportunity for progress," he said, weighing in on the Middle East peace issue for the first time since rightist Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took power and formed a new government.

Obama promised to actively pursue a resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "We know that the road ahead will be difficult. Both Israelis and Palestinians must take the steps that are necessary to build confidence," he said.

In his speech, Obama also said he sought engagment with Iran. But he added: "Iran's leaders must choose whether they will try to build a weapon or build a better future for their people."

MNA/Reuters

Two Fatah leaders to visit Gaza Tuesday

GAZA, 7 April — A senior Palestinian official revealed on Monday that two leaders of President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement will arrive in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Tuesday to study the situation in the enclave.

Abdalla al-Ifranji told reporters that Abbas has assigned him and senior Fatah leader Marwan Abdel Hamid to head to Gaza on Tuesday to closely look at the situation and study the possibilities of reconstructing the Gaza Strip.

Al-Ifranji said they will hold talks with the leaders of all Palestinian factions to evaluate the destruction caused by the Israeli offensive carried out on Gaza in December and January, which means that they will also hold talks with Hamas.

Israel had carried out a 22-day military air, sea and ground offensive on the Gaza Strip, which ended on 18 Jan. Thousands of houses, government and security buildings were leveled to the ground.

The two rival groups, Fatah and Hamas, failed last week to overcome their differences on four major issues. They decided to get back to talk again in Cairo on 26 April.

"This visit and the talks we will hold in Gaza won't be an alternative to the dialogue in Cairo. This visit aims at deepening this dialogue and to give a positive push to the dialogue in Cairo," said al-Ifranji.

Internet

BBC survey shows pace of UK services decline eased in Q1

LONDON, 7 April —The pace of contraction in Britain's dominant services sector eased in the first quarter of this year although manufacturing plumbed new depths, a survey by the British Chambers of Commerce showed on Tuesday. The survey of more than 6,500 firms tallies with last week's purchasing managers' surveys in suggesting Britain's recession may have passed its lowest point.

But it shows the economy is still contracting at a worrying rate and supports manufacturers' complaints that they are being hit hardest by the downturn. "Although it is encouraging to see improvement in the service sector, there is more pain to come in this downturn," said David Frost, BCC director general. "Manufacturing is still being hammered and exporters see little light at the end of the tunnel."

Britain's service sector accounts for around three-quarters of the economy compared with around 14 per cent for manufacturing. The first quarter domestic sales balance for services companies improved eight points to -23 while the domestic sales balance for manufacturing firms dropped 17 points to a record low of -55.

MNA/Reuters

Polish corporate bankruptcies rise

WARSAW, 7 April— Polish corporate bankruptcies rose by 25 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2009 to 126, a sharp reversal in a positive downward trend observed from 2002, Coface Poland said in a report on Monday.

In 2008 the number of bankruptcies declined by 7 percent year-on-year, said the report, quoted by Polish news agency *PAP*.

"In 2009 bankruptcy statistics, firms are appearing whose bankruptcy was directly influenced by crisis-related factors," the report said, identifying a dramatic decline in the number of orders as a primary bankruptcy factor. The number of bankruptcies rose in particular among firms in the transport, trade and steel sectors, according to the report. —*Internet*

Hydel project protects eco-system of Yellow River

BEIJING, 7 April—The 35.2-billion-yuan Xiaolangdi Water-Control Project on the Yellow River in Henan province is helping to improve the eco-system and environment downstream, officials said on Monday.

The scheme, supposedly the largest on the river, was started in 1994 to manage levels at more than 92 percent of the river's basin areas, 90 percent of its water flow and its total sediment downstream.

"The project played a big role in securing the health of the river and rehabilitating its eco-system and environment downstream, where millions of residents would earlier suffer from catastrophic floods," Sun Xianzhong, an official with the Ministry of Water Resources, said on Monday.—*Internet*

Somali pirates hijack British-owned ship

NAIROBI, 7 April — Somali pirates seized a British-owned ship operated by an Italian company on Monday, after taking three other ships over the weekend, a maritime official said.

A Taiwanese fishing vessel could also have been taken near the Seychelles on Monday, he said.

"A 32,000-tonne bulker was seized early this morning. It is UK-owned but operated by Italians. The crew is mixed but we are not sure of their nationalities," said Andrew Mwangura of the Mombasa-based East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme.

The British vessel was named as the *Malaspina Castle*. "I hear they have also captured a Taiwanese fishing vessel near the Seychelles," he told *Reuters*.

Pirates also seized a French yacht, a Yemeni tug and the *Hansa Stavanger,* a 20,000-tonne German container vessel, over the weekend, despite the presence of foreign warships that have been sent to the region to deter the pirates.

MNA/Reuters

***A wounded man speaks on his mobile phone outside a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 April, 2009. A string of bombing attacks struck the capital Monday, as the US military reported its first combat death in Iraq in about three weeks.—*INTERNET**

The Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser, a Russian warship, arrives at the port of Zhanjiang, south China's Guangdong Province, on 6 April, 2009. Two warships of Russia's Pacific Fleet visited the south China port of Zhanjiang Monday after accomplishing an anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden.—XINHUA

Russian warships visit south China port

ZHANJIANG, 7 April— Two warships of Russia's Pacific Fleet visited the south China port of Zhanjiang Monday after accomplishing an anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden.

The Admiral Vinogradov submarine chaser and the Boris Butoma tanker would stay in Zhanjiang for five days, said a spokesman with the South China Sea Fleet with the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

Officers of the two navies would visit each other's warships and hold a series of joint activities, including football and basketball matches, and a tug-of-war, the spokesman said.

It was the first time for Zhanjiang to host warships from Russia, he said.

The two warships would continue their journey back to Vladivostok after the visit, he said.

Around 20 warships from the navies of at least a dozen countries are participating in the anti-piracy operations off Somalia.

According to the UN International Maritime Organization, 120 attacks by pirates were registered in 2008, with 35 ships seized.—*Xinhua*

Mexican university, city gov't offer grants for China study

MEXICO CITY, 7 April — The Mexico City government and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) are offering grants for 15 urban development specialists to travel to Beijing for four months of study, the UNAM said on Monday.

Applicants must present a project that can be studied in China and applied in Mexico City, and suggested topics include economic development, water, energy, ecology, electronic government, civil protection, health, public security, tourism, education, telecommunications, transport, waste management and housing.

Each project must be based on a successful case study in China and include plans for its immediate implementation in Mexico City, said the UNAM.

Once chosen, the specialists will start their study in China in August.

Xinhua

S Korean gov't to invest $38.1 m in food industry

SEOUL, 7 April—The South Korean government said Tuesday that it will set up a 50-billion-won, or 38.1-million-USdollar, food-industry promotion fund to globalize South Korean cuisine.

During its international symposium, Korea Cuisine to the World 2009, the South Korean Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries announced the government's strategies to globalize the nation's traditional cuisine.

According to the ministry, it plans to increase investment in food industry to 50 billion won, or 38.1 US dollars, by 2013 to beef up the nation's food industry. The government is also moving to enact the so-called Food Service Industry Promotion Bill, which aims at providing financial aid and staff training to food service businesses, the ministry said.

Also, the ministry will closely cooperate with world-renowned culinary arts schools, such as Le Cordon Bleu of France, to expand Korean cuisine classes in overseas cooking schools, it added.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Australia advanced in preparation for exhibition in Shanghai World Expo

SYDNEY, 7 April —The foundation works for the Australian pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010 have been completed, making Australia the first national pavilion to pass this important construction milestone, organizers said in an interview with *Xinhua*.

"We are delighted to be so advanced in our preparations for the Expo," said Peter Tesch, Commissioner General for Australia's exhibition section. "We have an extremely dedicated and talented team working on this important project and have been greatly assisted in our endeavors by the strong co-operation at all levels of the Bureau for Shanghai World Expo Co-ordination." To mark the occasion, Vice Director of the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination Huang Jianzhi, and Peter Tesch, poured a mixture of Australian red earth and Chinese soil into a ceremonial vessel that will be placed in the pavilion's foundations.

"The scale of our commitment to this project, which is the largest investment Australia has ever made in a world expo, speaks to the importance we attach to our participation in Expo 2010," Tesch said.

The Australian pavilion will enable us to share with Chinese and international audiences the best of Australian innovation and creativity, including our approaches to addressing the challenges of urban growth and sustainable development, Tesch added.—*Xinhua*

Bilateral trade between Vietnam, Middle East reaches over $2 b in 2008

HANOI, 7 April—The bilateral trade between Vietnam and the Middle East countries in 2008 reaches 2.03 billion US dollars, an increase of 70 percent year-on-year, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Tuesday.

Of which, Vietnam shipped 1.27 billion US dollars worth of goods to the Middle East countries in 2008, a year-on-year increase of 82 percent, said Nguyen Cong Hien, vice head of the Market Department of Africa- Western Asia- Southern Asia of Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Vietnam's major export lines to the Middle East countries include seafood, coffee, pepper, cashew, computers, electronic components, rubber, and wood furniture while it imports mainly oil and gas, petrochemical products, fertilizers and iron and steel from the oil-rich region.

The considerable growth in trade between two sides in the past two years was partially owed to the shifting trade and business activities of the Middle East countries to oriental countries, including Vietnam, said the ministry.

The ministry has issued an action plan targeting to increase the country's two-way trade with the Middle East region to 3.1 billion US dollars by 2010 and to 9.6 billion US dollars by 2015.

Xinhua

Cote d'Ivoire President Laurent Gbagbo (1st R) and Chinese Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire Wei Wenhua (3rd R, in red helmet) attend the groundbreaking ceremony of a hospital donated by the Chinese government in Gagnoa, Cote d'Ivoire, on 4 April, 2009.
XINHUA

Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin drives the stake at the designated place in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. **(News on page-16)**—MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt drives the stake at the designated place and sprinkles scented water on it in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. **(News on page-16)**—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe drives the stake at the designated place in Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. **(News on page-16)**—MNA

S-E Command Commander attends coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—A coordination meeting of Mon State Peace and Development Council (2008) was held at the meeting hall of the office on 26 March. Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party, state level departmental officials and factory managers attended the meeting.

First, the commander made an opening speech and responsible persons reported on implementation works of the respective sectors. And then the meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the commander.

On 27 March, the commander also attended the 64th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade of South-East Command and made an opening speech. He then presented prizes to winners in the central level contests and greeted those present.

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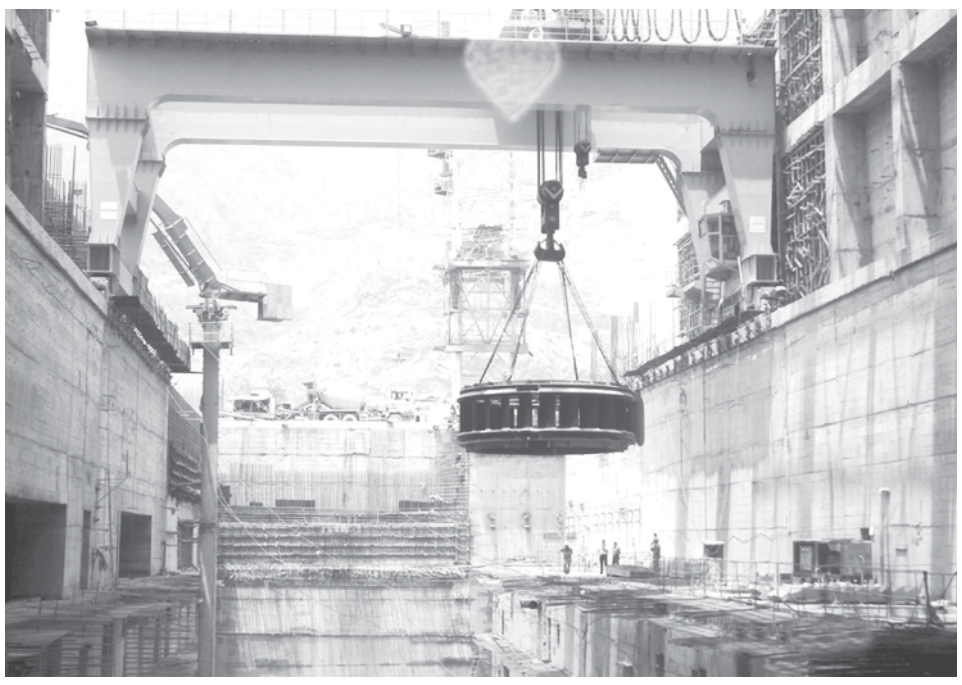
Minister for Electric Power No. 1 inspects Yeywa Hydropower project



Yeywa hydropower project in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col. Zaw Min on 5 April visited Yeywa hydropower plant constructed by No. 2 construction unit on Myitnge river near Yeyaman village about 31 miles south-east of Mandalay. After hearing the report presented by the officials at the briefing hall, the minister fulfilled the requirements and he urged them to make efforts in order to complete the task ahead of schedule.

Next, the minister and party inspected the progress of the project and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The main embankment of Yeywa hydropower project is of RCC type and so far, the project has completed by 76.35 per cent. On completion, the hydropower plant will be able to generate 3550 million kilowatt hours yearly. —*MNA*

Notifications on medicines

The Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures for the medicines to be safe, potent and of high quality for public use.

And it is hereby announced that the following medicines are the ones that have not been registered in Myanmar and have no guarantees of standards.

Sr	Medicines	Companies produced
1.	Bestozyme Syrup 200 ml (Alpha Amylase Ip 75mg, Papain Ip 60mg/5ml)	Biological E.Ltd, India
2.	Oxyzed Tablet (Paracetamol Ip 325mg, Diclofenao Sodium Ip 50mg, Magnesium Trislicate Ip 100mg)	Associated Biotech, India
3.	Vinsitil Capsule (Diphenoxylate HCL 2.5mg, Atropine Sulphate 0.0025 mg)	Cardinal Health Australia Pty Ltd, Australia
4.	Super Sea Horse Capsule (Carbetapentane Citrate 15mg, Bromhexine) 8mg, Chlorpheniramine maleate 5mg, Phenylephrine HCL 10mg, Paracetamol 430 mg,Caffeine 30 mg)	Neochem Pharmaceutical Labs Ltd, H.K
5.	Tung-Hai Fish Liver Oil Capsule	Tung-Hai P'cal Works, Shanghai

The people are informed not to purchase and use those medicines that have not been registered in Myanmar but are urged to take registered medicines.

The companies, medical stores and shops that are engaged in importing and distributing medicines are advised not to import, distribute and sell unregistered medicines and bogus and the sub-standard medicines. If they fail to do so, they will face action to be taken by the authorities concerned under Section-18 of the National Medicines Law.

Ministry of Health

Thingyan Special Trains to run on Yangon-Mandalay railroad

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Myanma Railways will run two Yangon-Mandalay Thingyan Special Trains for public convenience during Thingyan Festival.

Those trains leave Mandalay at 4 p.m. on 5 April and arrive at Yangon at 6:10 p.m. the same day. On 6 April, Thingyan special train-1 leaves Yangon at 4:30 a.m. and arrives at Mandalay at 6:40 p.m. the same day. Thingyan special train-2 leaves Mandalay at 4 a.m. and arrives at Yangon at 6:10 p.m. the same day.

Those trains will run up and down between Yangon and Mandalay on 7 and 8 April. Thingyan special train-2 will run from Yangon to Mandalay on 13 April, from Mandalay to Yangon on 17 April, from Yangon to Mandalay on 18 April, from Mandalay to Yangon on 19 April while Thingyan special train-1 from Yangon to Mandalay on 17 April, from Mandalay to Yangon on 18 April according to above-mentioned schedule.

Those trains will only stop over at Bago, Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Thazi stations and there will be no special trains from 14 to 16 April.—*MNA*

Healthy and educated people are primary human resources

Secretary-1 addresses World Health Day ceremony

***Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo makes a speech at the World Health Day commemorative ceremony.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—Jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, the commemoration ceremony of World Health Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the attorney-general, the deputy ministers, members of national health committee, departmental heads, WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo and members, delegates from UN agencies, the directors-general of departments under the ministry, the rectors, the deputy directors-general, the medical superintendents and officials, the representatives from social organizations and guests.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the World Health Organization has set its goal for the World's population to achieve the highest possible level of health, commemorating the World Health Days every year on the 7th of April is one of the organization's activities towards achieving that goal. Every year, the World Health Day commemoration ceremony is conducted in all member countries with specific slogan and theme which highlights the current global health problem or situation to motivate member countries in prioritizing health activities.

This year's theme focuses on health facilities in emergencies "Protect Health Facilities from Emergencies: Prepare. Respond. Save Lives.". This theme has been chosen to alert member countries to prioritize preparatory activities to be able to save valuable lives in case of emergencies.

Currently, the world is facing various forms of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcano eruptions, storms and cyclones, heat waves, cold waves etc. The South-East Asia Region had been devastated by frequent natural disasters during the past few years and had lost many lives. During the period from 1996 to 2005, deaths caused by natural disasters in the region are 58% of the world's total deaths from disasters and a lot of health facilities had been destroyed.

On the 2nd of May, 2008, the Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar and was the gravest natural disaster Myanmar experienced in its history. In Ayeyawady and Yangon Division that had been hit by the storm. The magnitude of injuries, loss of lives, loss of state properties and private properties were unprecedented.

Subcommittees of the National Disaster Preparedness and Management Committee which had been formed since 2005 set up base at the storm-hit areas and worked with full force on rescue, relief and rehabilitation efforts.

With the collaborative and coordinated efforts of the international and national organizations and the continuous support of wellwishers in cash and kind, the storm victims were provided with adequate medical services and no disease outbreaks had occurred. They were also provided with mental health services, social and moral support. Relief supplies were distributed to the affected people by the State.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe went to the storm-hit areas in May, 2008 to supervise the rescue, relief and rehabilitative efforts being implemented. He has stated that "When all the relief, rehabilitative, development and preventive efforts have been completed, the storm-hit areas will become the most comprehensively developed area in terms of economy, education, health and transport and we will replace the earth bricks that had collapsed with stone ones and build new lives and create new situations."

Under the guidance of the Head of State, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw had exerted all efforts for the rehabilitative works in health services, agriculture sector, fishery and salt industry, reconstruction of towns and villages, development of road networks, communication, transport, electricity distribution, education and construction of cyclone shelters.

Healthy and educated people are the primary resources when the State is developing all sectors aiming build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Ministry of Health has laid down the objectives to enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy and longevity and to ensure that every citizen is free from disease.

Under the leadership of the State, collective efforts of the people and government sector and non-governmental organizations are essential to achieve success in nation-wide activities. The Union of Myanmar will always be working closely with UN agencies, International NGOs, ASEAN countries and neighbours to achieve the health objectives of the country.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all to prepare for health facilities to be protected from emergencies and to be ready to respond and save lives. I would also like to urge to carry out the emergency preparedness activities in parallel with other health development activities.

The Union of Myanmar will always be working closely with UN agencies, International NGOs, ASEAN countries and neighbours to achieve the health objectives of the country.

***Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo reads out the message of World Health Day 2009 sent by the director of South East Asia region of WHO .*—MNA**

Next, WHO Resident Representative Professor Adik Wibowo read out the message on World Health Day sent from the director of South-East Asia Region of WHO.

The Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present. Next, the Secretary-1 and party viewed documentary photos on tour of inspection of the Head of State and party, on activities of WHO and the Ministry of Health, tables showing findings on air quality, commemorative exhibits, pamphlets and publications displayed at the hall.

This year's World Health Day commemorative theme is "Protect Health Facilities from Emergencies: Prepare. Respond. Save Lives.". *—MNA*

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into progress in construction of cyclone shelters and land preparations for hillocks in Daw Nyein village in Pyapon township.*—MNA**

Prime Minister on inspection...

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Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung explained the use of bio battery and the process of making a bio battery to the village PDC chairman and townselders and so did Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min to the schoolhead and teachers.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister urged rural people to cultivate vegetables in their backyards not only to consume but also to boost their income by selling the surplus, to work hard in doing their businesses for ensuring every family to enjoy economic growth and to systematically save the surplus of the incomes earned by the sweat of their brow. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions to officials concerned to try harder than ever for ensuring the rural people to live with durable houses in peace of mind.

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets with local people in Setsan village in Bogale township.*—MNA**

After inspecting progress in building the 16-bed hospital, the Prime Minister gave instructions to officials concerned to grow flowery plants and shade trees systematically and to collect saplings.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected progress in construction of new school buildings in the village and called for ensuring the school to be neat and tidy and greening of the school and its environs and cultivation of a good habit of growing trees and kitchen crops.

Upon arrival at Daw Nyein village in Pyapon township by helicopter, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials concerned.

The Prime Minister and party inspected progress in building cyclone shelters and land preparation for life-saving hillocks being implemented by Dagon International Limited. They were conducted round the site by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials concerned.

At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister and party met with departmental officials, townselders, members of social organizations and local people.

At the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing explained the use of bio battery and the process of making a bio battery to the local people.

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects rural development in Setsan village in Bogale township.*—MNA**

Next, the Prime Minister said that local people can easily produce bio battery with the use of wastes available in their surroundings, calling on the village chairman and officials concerned to make arrangements for every house to have easy access to electricity in the villages in 2009.

Afterwards, the ministers and deputy ministers presented bio batteries, vegetables seeds, clothes and milk powder tins through officials concerned.

Next, the Prime Minister and party visited the clinic that can be used as surgical room donated by IOM at rural health care centre and comforted the patients .

The Prime Minister and party inspected progress in building CDMA-450 Station and they were conducted by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

The Prime Minister and party also viewed the development of Daw Nyein village in a motorcade. The Prime Minister and party arrived at Daminseik village by helicopter. Chairman U Htay Myint of Yuzana Company Limited presented reports on progress in building cyclone shelters, life-saving hillocks and lecture halls.

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Prime Minister on inspection...

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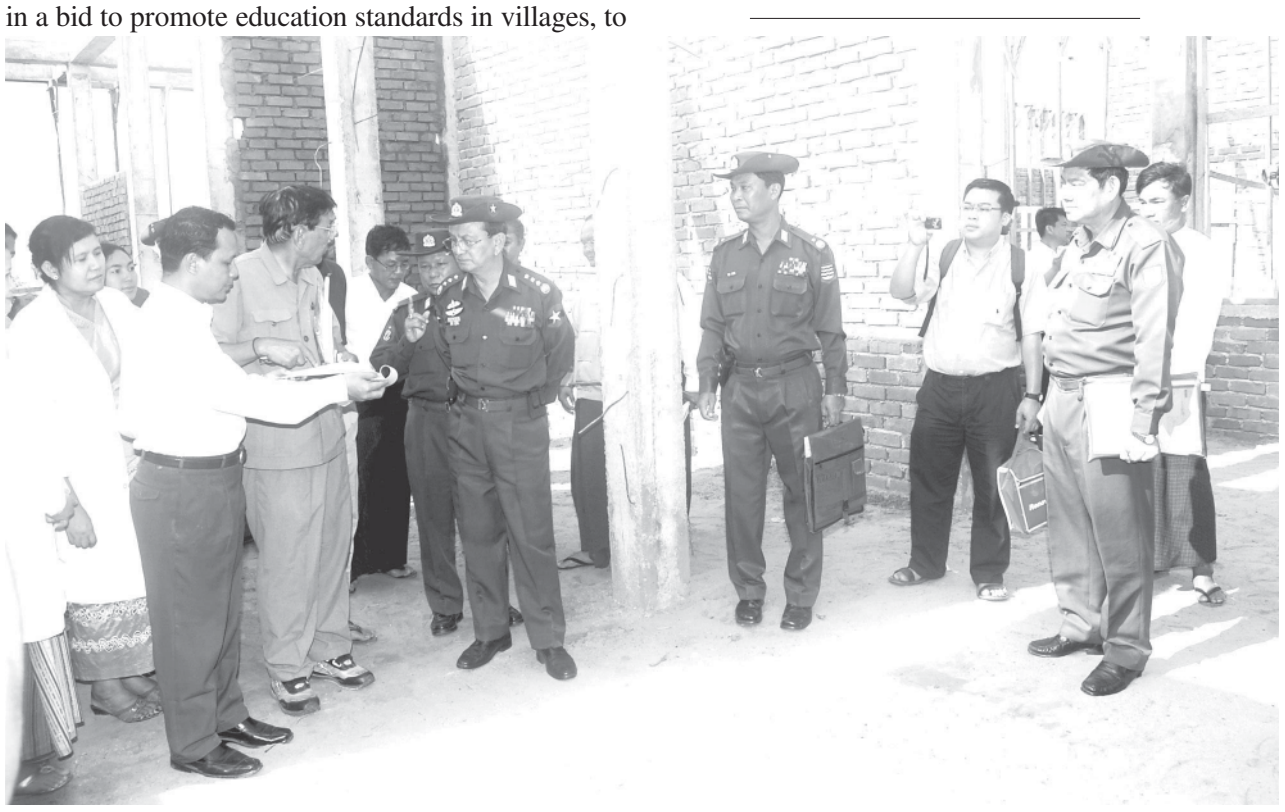
Later, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing explained electrical lighting by the use of a bio battery and how to make a bio battery. Next, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented vegetables seeds to rural people and Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, powdered milk tins and refreshments through officials concerned.

The Prime Minister dealt with the situations in which local people lost lives and property in the cyclone "Nargis", saying that the government is building cyclone shelters and life-saving hillocks ofter reviewing the situations and constructing a road network in Ayeyawady Division to take shelter and transport in times of natural disasters.

Next, the Prime Minister instructed the village chairmen to coordinate with parents and teachers for ensuring the school-age children to go to school regularly in a bid to promote education standards in villages, to conduct health talks on living a long life, to teach disease prevention methods in cooperation with health workers and social organizations, to build inter-village roads, to drink only boiled water, to make efforts to improve the rural economy, to grow vegetables and produce high per acre yields of crops and to realize the integrated farming system.

***Prime Minister General Thein Sein explains lighting process with the use of bio-batteries at Daw Nyein village in Pyapon Township.*—MNA**



***Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress in building 16-bed hospital at Setsan village in Bogale Township.*—MNA**

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party oversaw progress of steel fixing to cover the first floor of the cyclone shelter with concrete and land preparation for raised heights and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went back to Yangon by helicopters in the afternoon.—*MNA*

Minister inspects toll gate

NAY PYI TAW, 4 April—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at the toll gate on C junction of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway at mile post No. (202/0) yesterday. And then the minister inspected collection of fee for passing road by using computer system on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw (Dual road).

Chief Engineer (Road) U Tint San explained computerized vehicles recording system, receipts and pay system to the minister and party.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the toll gate on C junction and gave necessary instructions.—*MNA*

Minister calls for accelerating fire preventive measures

YANGON, 7 April—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe looked into Thakayta Township fire station and its buildings, maintenance of fire engines and staff quarters yesterday morning.

He inspected the site chosen for constructing new a new fire station and staff quarters.

In his speech, the minister called for readiness of fire engines, stepping up fire preventive measures, raising public awareness about fire, conducting fire drills and efficient use of electricity.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visits Thakayta Township Fire Station.*—MNA**

Special Programme for readers of Lifestyle Magazine and PC World Myanmar Computer Magazine

YANGON, 7 April—Lifestyle Magazine and PC World Myanmar Computer Magazine, monthly published by Today publishing house, will hold Buy Lifestyle, Get Handset & DVD and Buy PC World Myanmar, Get DVD programme. According to the programme, two readers will be selected out of the readers who read Lifestyle magazine from March 1 to 30 April by subscribing for six months or one year. And A Nokia 1650 Handset and a Sony NS 508 DVD will be awarded to those two readers. In addition, PC World Myanmar Computer Magazine will award one Sony NS 508 DVD to one reader out of the readers who read the magazine by subscribing for one year.

Interested readers may get the magazines by paying money at Today Publishing House Ltd, No.H, Kanyeikmon housing complex, Hlinemyintmokan Street, Hline Township, Yangon (Ph-507391, 507392, 507393 and 507385) , No.26, B street, between 78th and 79th streets, Myanma Railway Staff quarters, Mandalay (Ph-02-38779) and Today bookshops in Yangon.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects runway extension project

YANGON, 7 April—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint inspected runway extension project of Yangon International Airport this morning.

The deputy superintending engineer of airport construction special group-2 reported on extended runway and taxiway, construction of the main drain and earth work. The division superintending engineer and the general manager of the airport gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected groundwork and construction of drains at the airport.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected paving of road between mile post 6/4 and 6/3 to Thilawa Industrial Zone from Dagon Bridge and resurfacing roads. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on construction of roads in accord with the standards set.

The division superintending engineer reported on completion of the roads and programmes to be undertaken.—*MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects the progress of runway extension project of Yangon International Airport—MNA

Transport Minister visits MPA

YANGON, 7 April—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe visited Myanmar Port Authority office under the Ministry of Transport yesterday morning and fulfilled the requirements for speedy flow of commodity in Yangon Port and higher work efficiency.

At the briefing hall, Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanmar Port Authority presented reports on arrivals of cargo ships, export and import services, freight charges, operating of NVOCC (non-vessel operating common carrier), local container lines and shipping lines and actions for improvement of waterways in Yangon river.

The minister then gave instructions, saying that personnel at different levels are to pay more attention to improvement of work efficiency, while striving for familiarity with internationally recognized systems and to take actions for speedy export procedures and supervision of shipping lines in accord with rules and regulations.

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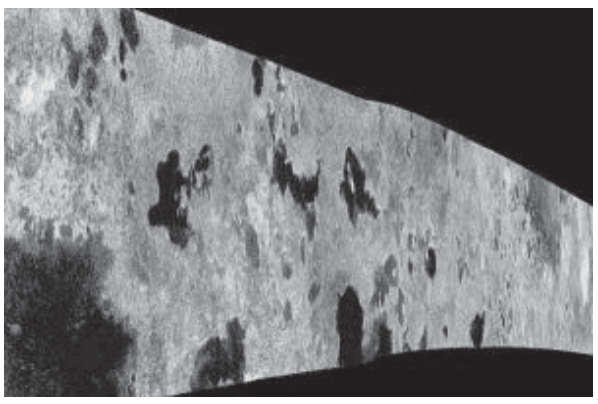

A radar image of some of the lakes of hydrocarbons spread across one of the poles of Titan.

Titan may have subsurface ocean of hydrocarbons

STANFORD, 7 April — Saturn's largest moon, Titan, may have a subterranean ocean of hydrocarbons and some topsy-turvy topography in which the summits of its mountains lie lower than its average surface elevation, according to new research.

Titan is also more squashed in its overall shape—like a rubber ball pressed down by a foot—than researchers had expected, said Howard Zebker, a Stanford geophysicist and electrical engineer involved in the work. The new findings may help explain the presence of large lakes of hydrocarbons at both of Titan's poles, which have been puzzling researchers since being discovered in 2007.

"Since the poles are squished in with respect to the equator, if there is a hydrocarbon 'water table' that is more or less spherical in shape, then the poles would be closer down to that water table and depressions at the poles would fill up with liquid," Zebker said. The shape of the water table would be controlled by the gravitational field of Titan, which is still not fully understood.—*Internet*

Diet of whipping cream, butter, vegetable oil can help control epileptic seizures

MADISON, 7 April — A new study by researchers at The Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin has shown that the highly regimented ketogenic diet, a high-fat nutritional therapy used to limit seizures, requires long-term medical management and strong parental commitment to achieve both sufficient nutrition and improved seizure control in children.

The study, by Mary L. Zupanc, M.D., professor of pediatrics and medical director of the pediatric epilepsy program, and Beth Zupec-Kania, R.D., C.D., appeared in the Nov. 4, 2008, issue of Epilepsia. Their approach to the diet includes a thorough diet history and metabolic assessment of the child, long-term seizure, nutrition, and medical monitoring, and vitamin/mineral supplementation.—*Internet*

Freshly whipped cream.

Dogs and 2-year-olds share limited ability to understand adult pointing gestures

Dogs and small children who share similar social environments appear to understand human gestures in comparable ways.

BUDAPEST, 7 April — Dogs and small children who share similar social environments appear to understand human gestures in comparable ways, according to Gabriella Lakatos from Eötvös University in Budapest, Hungary, and her team.

Looking at how dogs and young children respond to adult pointing actions, Lakatos shows that 3-year-olds rely on the direction of the index finger to locate a hidden object, whereas 2-year-olds and dogs respond instead to the protruding body part, even if the index finger is pointing in the opposite direction.

It is widely accepted that in the course of domestication, dogs became predisposed to read human communication signals, including pointing, head turning and gazing.

Internet

Iran not related to DPRK's missile programme

TEHERAN, 7 April — Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Hassan Qashqavi said on Monday that Iran's missile programme was not related to that of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the local Press TV website reported.

"There is absolutely no relation between the two countries. North Korea launched its space programme several years ago and has fired rockets into space many times," said Qashqavi.

However, he warned against any move that would provoke instability in a "sensitive region such as Eastern Asia," the report said.

Recently, Iran's Embassy in Tokyo also rejected the report by the Japanese daily Sankei Shimbun that "A 15-member Iranian delegation had gone to North Korea in March to counsel Pyongyang on rocket technology."

The DPRK's official media reported Sunday that the country successfully launched a rocket carrying the "Kwangmyongsong-2" communications satellite which entered orbit 10 minutes after launch.

Earlier in February, Teheran also announced that the Omid lightweight telecommunications satellite, its first home-made satellite, was successfully sent into space by the Iranian-produced satellite carrier Safir 2.—*Internet*

Jordan's king calls on Israel to consider Arab peace initiative

BUCHAREST, 7 April — The Arab initiative meant to reestablish peace in the Middle East is an opportunity Israel should take advantage of, King Abdullah II of Jordan, currently on a visit to Bucharest, said on Monday.

"We have talked about the EU getting involved in the questions connected to the Middle East and in settling the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians," said King Abdullah II, after his talks with Romanian President Traian Basescu. According to the King, this peace initiative is an occasion to demonstrate the intention of the Arab world to get involved in settling the conflict.

"The Arab peace initiative offers an unprecedented chance to settle this conflict and demonstrates the Arabs' engagement for lasting peace. Israel must decide if it wants to use this opportunity and be integrated in the region," he said. The King added that he had talked with President Basescu about the partnership for the Mediterranean too.

Basescu said in his turn that they approached the prospect of the cooperation between Jordan and the European Union, as well as the situation in the Middle East. "Together with His Majesty I have examined the situation in the region, both in the Middle East, with the Palestinian-Israeli issue, I have examined the situation in Iran, the cooperation prospects in Iraq, after the troops withdraw but even before it, our cooperation with Afghanistan, where Jordan contributes troops too," said Basescu.

MNA/Xinhua

5.9 magnitude earthquake strikes off Tonga

WELLINGTON, 7 April — An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale struck off the Pacific island of Tonga on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injury.

The quake, occurred at 12:16 am New Zealand local time Tuesday (12:16 GMT Monday), was centered 145 km south of Tonga's capital Nuku'alofa, and at a depth of 84.6 km.

No tsunami warning was issued by the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre.—*Internet*

Many suicidal men had problems in childhood

CHICAGO, 7 April —Teenage and young adult men who make serious suicide attempts often had emotional problems at age eight, while most suicidal women succumb to depressions that develop after puberty, Finnish researchers said on Monday. Nearly four out of five suicidal men tracked in a study in Finland had exhibited problems as eight-year-olds that were evident to their teachers or parents.

"Most males who commit suicide or need hospital care after a suicide attempt have high levels of psychiatric problems at the age of eight years", wrote Dr. Andre Sourander of Turku University Hospital in Finland and colleagues. "The main finding of our study is that severe suicidality in adolescence and early adulthood has different childhood trajectories among males and females," they wrote in a report published in the Archives of General Psychiatry. The study tracked 5,302 people born in 1981, of whom 27 men and 27 women made serious suicide attempts by age 24. Of those, 13 men and two women died.—*MNA/Reuters*

Magnitude-7 quake strikes near Russia's Kuril Islands

Moscow, 7 April — A strong quake with a magnitude of 7 struck Tuesday near Russia's Kuril Islands in North Pacific, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported. The quake hit 295 kilometers east northeast of the town of Kurilsk at 0423 GMT, with its focus at a depth of 39.1 kilometers, the USGS said on its website.—*Internet*

Cheng Shiqun displays her long hair at a park in Yunyang, Chongqing Municipality on 30 March, 2009. Cheng has grown her hair, measuring 2.5 metres, for 16 years, according to China Daily. Effect created by the photographer's assistant holding and releasing her hair.

Excited mahjong winner swallows false tooth

A mahjong player surnamed Li needed emergency surgery after he swallowed a false metal tooth in reaction to winning a game.

Li, 44, of Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong province, was taken to a hospital at Sun Yatsen University.

Doctors said Li's metal false tooth almost broke his aorta since it was lodged in his gullet.

Li's mahjong partners said Li swallowed the tooth when he laughed loudly.

College students highlight bad times with laughter

Five college students, three dressed like a prince and others like bodyguards, showed up at Wulin Square in the center of Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, last Sunday afternoon.

They kept shouting: "The prince is here. Where are the princesses?" Onlookers thought they were looking for girlfriends.

But they claimed they wanted to arouse public attention to the plight of college students in finding jobs.

NEWS ALBUM

This photo provided by Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Mavrick, a 14-month-old male Atlantic bottlenose dolphin tries to go eye to eye with Akaasha, a six-month-old female Bengal tiger at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California. Park animal staff strolled by the dolphin exhibit as they escorted the tiger cubs on their daily walk around the park.

Woman used fake ID to get fake breasts

US Huntington Beach police arecurrently looking for a woman who according to them used a false identity to get breast implants and liposuction, then skipped town.

Police said on Monday that a 30-year-old woman opened a line of credit in someone else's name in September 2008 and had the procedures worth more than 12,000 US dollars performed at the Pacific Center For Plastic Surgery. Employees said she never returned for follow-up visits.

Police said the woman faces charges of commercial burglary, grand theft and identity theft.

A girl touches a panda made of paper in a square in Nantes, west of France. World Wildlife Fund International displayed 1,600 paper pandas in the city of Nante, calling the world to save endangered species and improve deteriorating environment.

Husband's cleaning habits force woman to divorce him

A German woman who was pissed off at her husband because of his cleaning habits divorced him, particularly after he rebuilt a wall at their home when it got dirty. German media reported the wife got through 15 years of her marriage with the man's penchant for doing household chores, tidying up and rearranging the furniture.

But she ran out of patience when he knocked down and rebuilt a wall at their home when it got dirty, Christian Kropp, court judge in the central town of Sondershausen, said.

It's not illegal for woman to use men's room

A woman who slipped and broke her nose while using a men's toilet has won 28,000 yuan ($4,099) in compensation after she sued the owner.

The woman, attending a conference at a hotel, used the men's toilet after the ladies room was occupied. She slipped on the wet floor and broke her nose.

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Indonesian court jails pilot over deadly 2007 crash

SLEMAN, 7 April—An Indonesian court sentenced the pilot of a Garuda Indonesia aircraft to two years in jail on Monday for negligence in an air crash in 2007 in which 21 people were killed, the judge said.

Prosecutors had said captain Marwoto Komar, who had 22 years of flying experience, ignored warnings from his co-pilot and onboard alert signals about the plane's speed and trajectory when landing the aircraft with 140 people on board.

The plane bounced and skidded off the runway at Yogyakarta Airport before bursting into flames in a rice field. "The defendant was found legitimately and convincingly guilty of negligence", said Sri Andini, the head of a panel of five judges at the court in Sleman, near Yogyakarta on Java island.

Komar had denied the charges against him, and told reporters previously he had tried to avoid the accident. Prosecutors had sought a four-year jail term. Indonesia has suffered a string of airline disasters in recent years, raising concerns about safety and prompting the European Union to ban all Indonesian airlines from its airspace. — *MNA/Reuters*

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Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 12nd April (Sunday) to 21st April (Tuesday) being Public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

EC approves $13.4m food security grant for Philippines

MANILA, 7 April—The European Commission (EC) said Tuesday it has approved a grant of 10 million euros (13.4 million US dollars) for the Philippines to support agriculture and improve the food security situation in the Southeast Asian country. The project, to be implemented by the Philippine Department of Agriculture and co-financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, will help to assure the supply of rice seed and increase rice production in the country, the European Commission said in a press statement.

The grant is part of the first financing decisions taken in the framework of the 1.0-billion-euro Food Facility approved by the European Union (EU) last year as a response to the growing food security problems faced by many developing countries. Several other projects are also foreseen for the Philippines under the Food Facility, with the financing decisions expected in the coming months, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Hubei province considers building three more n-power plants

WUHAN, 7 April—Central China's Hubei Province, which is preparing for the construction of the country's first inland nuclear power plant, is considering building three more such plants, a local official has said. The Xishui County, Yangxin County and Zhongxiang City would seat the three plants according to a plan, said Zhen Jianqiao, deputy director of the Hubei Provincial Development and Reform Commission.

"We have submitted an application to the National Development and Reform Commission for the Xishui project," Zhen said. He said Hubei is short of coal, oil and natural gas resources and nuclear power would offer a safe, economic and clean energy for the province's development.

MNA/Xinhua

Nirupam Sen appointed as special adviser to UNGA President

NEW YORK, 7 April—Former Indian envoy to the United Nations Nirupam Sen has been appointed Special Senior Adviser to the President of the 192-member General Assembly on world financial and economic crisis.

Announcing the appointment, President Miguel D Escoto Brockmann spoke of Sen's experience and expertise which, he said, would provide "valuable support" to his office.— *MNA/PTI*

G-8 report says food crisis may threaten stability

LONDON, 7 April—Global food production needs to double by 2050 to avert the risk of scarcity and high prices hurting international stability, says a policy document for a G-8 meeting on agriculture, the *Financial Times* reported on Tuesday.

"Without immediate interventions in agriculture and agri-marketing systems, the 2007 crisis will become structural in only a few decades," the paper quoted the document as saying. It said the document was drafted by the G-8's Italian presidency ahead of a meeting in Treviso later this month. — *MNA/Reuters*

Big belly, obesity linked to increased risk of restless legs syndrome

WASHINGTON, 7 April— A new study showed both obesity and a large belly appear to increase the risk of developing restless legs syndrome (RLS), a common sleep disorder characterized by an irresistible urge to move legs.

The research will be published Tuesday in a print issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

It is estimated that 5-10 percent of adults in the United States have RLS and the disorder often has a substantial impact on sleep, daily activities and quality of life.

For the study, researchers questioned 65,554 women and 23,119 men, all of whom were health professionals who took part in the US Health Professionals Follow-Up Study or the Nurses' Health Study II. None of the participants had diabetes, arthritis or were pregnant. Of the groups, 6.4 percent of the women and 4.1 percent of the men were identified as having RLS.

The research found men and women with a body mass index (BMI) score over 30 were nearly one-and-a-half times more likely to have RLS than people who were not obese.

In addition, people who were in the top 20 percent of the group for highest waist cir-cumference were more than one-and-a-half times more likely to have RLS than the bottom 20 percent of the group with the lowest belly size.

The results were the same regardless of age, smoking, use of antidepressants or anxiety.

Internet

A child smiles as she runs in a tent camp where earthquake victims reside in Aquila on 7 April, 2009. Rescuers used mechanical diggers and their bare hands to search through the night on Tuesday for survivors of Italy's worst quake in three decades which killed nearly 180 people.—INTERNET

Broccoli sprouts may prevent stomach cancer by defeating Helicobacter pylori

WASHINGTON, 7 April—A small, pilot study in 50 people in Japan suggests that eating two and a half ounces of broccoli sprouts daily for two months may confer some protection against a rampant stomach bug that causes gastritis, ulcers and even stomach cancer.

The paper of the study was published Monday in US journal Cancer Prevention Research.

The study builds on earlier test-tube and mouse studies at Johns Hopkins University and elsewhere about the potential value of sulforaphane, a naturally occurring biochemical found in relative abundance in fresh broccoli sprouts.

Sulforaphane appears to trigger cells in the body, including in the gastrointestinal tract, to produce en-zymes that protect against oxygen radi-cals, DNA-damaging chemicals, and infla-mmation. Working in Japan where there is high incidence of chronic bacterium Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori)-infection, an international research team including Johns Hop-kins University scientists gave 25 H. pylori-infected subjects two and a half ounces (about 71 grams) per day of broccoli sprouts for two months.

Internet

Mike Gansler, Director of Core Technology with Segway Inc., drives a Personal Urban Mobility and Accessibility, or PUMA, project prototype vehicle in New York's Times Square on 5 April, 2009. Segway Inc. and General Motors Corp. announced Tuesday that they are working together to develop the two-wheeled, two-seat electric vehicle designed to be a fast, efficient, inexpensive and clean alternative to traditional cars and trucks in an urban environment.—INTERNET

UK Government launches plastic bag campaign

LONDON, 7 April—The government laun-ched a campaign on Tuesday to get the public to reuse carrier bags, saying each shopper got through 13,000 bags in a lifetime. "We simply can't continue using the billions of new plastic bags we do each year, it's such a huge waste and a visible symbol of our throwaway society," said Environ-ment Minister Jane Kennedy.

A survey found that an average shopper uses more than 160 new carrier bags every year, with 9.9 billion new bags distributed in 2008 alone, the government said.

Last year Prime Minister Gordon Brown warned retailers to take action on the issue or the government would force them to charge shoppers for their bags.

MNA/Reuters

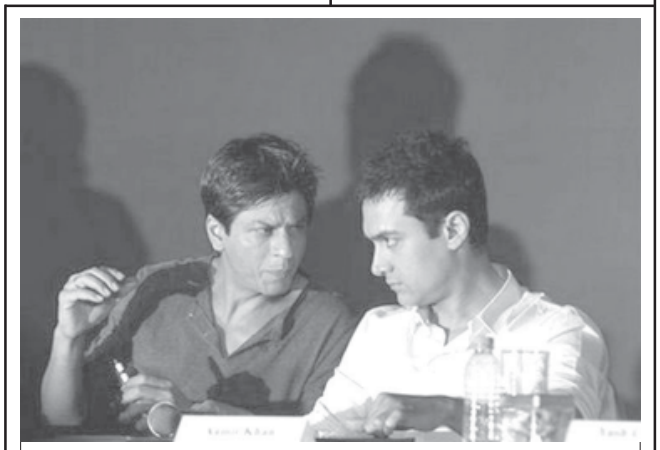
Killer mails letter to NY TV station before massacre

NEW YORK, 7 April— Jiverly Wong, the Vietnamese immigrant who killed 13 people before taking his own life in Binghamton, upstate New York, on Friday, mailed a letter to a TV station the day of the massacre, local media reported Mon-day. Wong wrote in rambling English that the police had harassed him for 18 years, even spreading rumours about him and touching him in his sleep.

"Many time from 1990 to 1997 at the day time cop would exploit unknown English and went to my house knock the door for harass," New York local TV channel NY1 quoted the letter. The letter was mailed, along with Wong's driver's license, his gun permit, and several photos of himself, to News 10 Now in Syracuse, the fifth largest city in New York State, hours before Wong walked into the American Civic Asso-ciation and opened fire in one of the worst massacres in the state's history.

The materials were released by the newschannel Monday. The two-page handwritten letter begins: "I am Jiverly Wong shooting the people."

Internet



Bollywood actors and producers Aamir Khan (R) and Shah Rukh Khan hold a news conference in Mumbai on 7 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Wall Street falls amid banking concerns

NEW YORK, 7 April — Wall Street extended early losses on Monday, as analyst Mike Mayo said the US Government's financial actions may not help as much as expected. Mike Mayo, an analyst of Calyon Securities, said new government actions to shore up the financial system may not help as much as expected.

Mayo gave "sell" ratings to US Bancorp and SunTrust and "underperform" ratings to many bank giants including Bank of America, Citigroup and JPMorgan. Moreover, investors also worried that International Business Machines' talks to buy Sun Microsystems have collapsed.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Lazio claim foul over new United star Macheda

LONDON, 7 April—Manchester United have been accused by Lazio of snatching away their star youngster Federico Macheda, who made a sensational Premier League debut when scoring the winner against Aston Villa on Sunday.

The 17-year-old became an instant Old Trafford hero when coming off the bench to score a stunning injury-time winner in the 3-2 victory, sending United back to the top of the table.

But Lazio, who first groomed the young striker before he moved to Manchester, have been angered by the loss of Macheda.

"All these players are robbed as a matter of course by this club," Lotito told Tuesday's *Daily Mail*.

"They are always outside what is normal in terms of etiquette.

"They go to the parents and give them money and important jobs. These are boys who come from poor families. The families base their choices on economic interests.

Internet

Donati sees no future at Celtic after Strachan row

GLASGOW, 7 April—Celtic's Italian midfielder Massimo Donati says he is eying a return home after a major falling out with manager Gordon Strachan.

Donati made the announcement on Tuesday in what was a repeat of his claim in February that Strachan was treating him like an outcast.

"Since I had the argument with the manager, I am not being considered, so things are not going well," said the 28-year-old who joined the club from AC Milan in 2007.

Donati, who has made just one first team appearance since November, added: "I will have to stay for another month and a half until the championship is finished. We will see what happens in the summer.

"Do I hope to come back to Italy? If the situation stays as it is, yes. I find myself in a fantastic country at a great club, but I am not in the manager's thoughts, so it is difficult. I can't just stay to go training.

"My Celtic contract ends in two years. But, I repeat, if the manager stays and the situation does not change, then I want to give up and come back to Italy."

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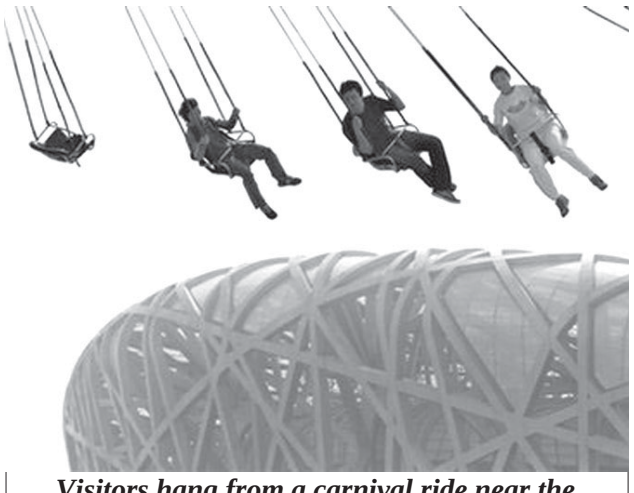


Visitors hang from a carnival ride near the National Olympic Stadium, known as the Bird's Nest, in Beijing on 7 April, 2009. The Bird's Nest Carnival theme park was opened in the Olympic complex in March and will run through October.—INTERNET

Bayern up next as Barca dream of historic treble

MADRID, 7 April—No Spanish side has ever won the treble of league, Kings Cup and Champions League but Barcelona have it in their sights with German powerhouse Bayern Munich the next obstacle on Wednesday.

Barcelona start as favourites for the Champions League quarter-final match-up and hope to make home advantage count against a Jekyll and Hyde Bayern team.

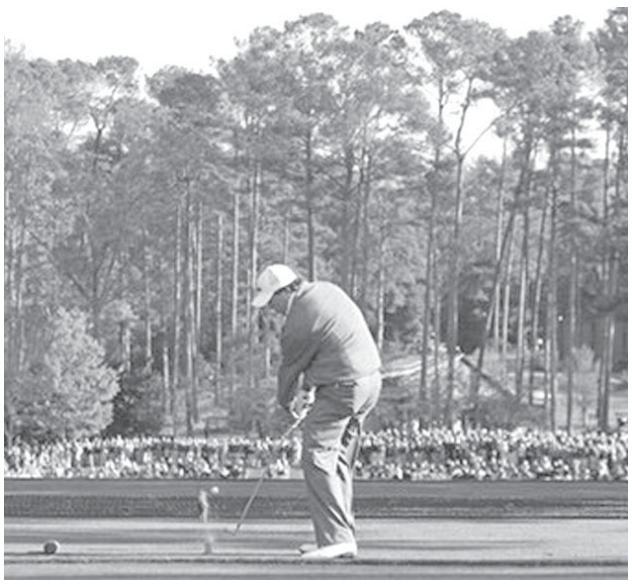
Pep Guardiola's side lead the Spanish league and face Athletic Bilbao in the Kings Cup final on May 13, meaning Europe is the final part of their treble bid.

Barca, semi-finalists last season and winners in 2006, have been unplayable at times this season with Lionel Messi, Xavi, Samuel Eto'o and Thierry Henry ripping sides apart at home and abroad.

Henry has won the English Premier League, FA Cup, European championships and World Cup leaving the Champions League as the only medal missing from his collection.

"I want to win the Champions League. It is a competition I am passionate about and I have never won it," said Henry.

"Bayern are a tough team and have a lot of players that can make a difference in a game like Luca Toni or Bastian Schweinsteiger."—*Internet*



Phil Mickelson tees off on the sixth hole during his practice round for the Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga, on 7 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Australia name Stosur for Fed Cup play-off

MELBOURNE, 7 April—Australia's Samantha Stosur will hope to extend her recent run of form after being named in the Fed Cup team to play Switzerland this month for a place in World Group II.

Stosur upset world number two Dinara Safina of Russia on her way to the quarter-finals of the Miami WTA hardcourt title last month, also defeating French former world number one Amelie Mauresmo in the same tournament.

Her run lifted the 25-year-old's ranking to 31 and consolidated a comeback from viral illness that struck in 2007 and kept her out of the game for nine months.

She will line up alongside former world number four Jelena Dokic, who shocked the tennis world when she returned from the wilderness to reach the last eight at this year's Australian Open.

Teenager Jessica Moore and veteran Rennae Stubb will complete a Fed Cup team that captain David Taylor said was the strongest Australia had fielded for long time.—*Internet*

Australia Newcastle Jets defender Tarek Elrich, right, and Nagoya Grampus Eight forward Davi from Brazil vie for the ball during their AFC Champions League qualifying match at Nagoya, Japan, on 7 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Liverpool's strike duo can KO Chelsea says Torres

LIVERPOOL, 7 April—Fernando Torres believes his lethal partnership with Steven Gerrard will help Liverpool hand Chelsea another dose of Champions League misery in Wednesday's quarter-final first leg.

After watching Robbie Keane struggle to gel with Torres earlier this season, Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez decided to move England midfielder Gerrard into a more advanced position just behind Spain striker Torres.

The switch has transformed Liverpool as an attacking force. For much of Benitez's reign they have focused on a safety-first philosophy that delivered results but few thrills.

But with Gerrard in tandem with Torres, Liverpool's two best players have formed a formidable double act which has provided the firepower to keep the Reds hot on Manchester United's heels in the Premier League title race and set up yet another European showdown with Chelsea.

The two English powerhouses will be meeting in the Champions League for the fifth successive season and, for once, it is Benitez's men who have painful memories to avenge.—*Internet*

Petty bringing race experience to Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS, 7 April—The Richard Petty racing experience is coming to a new venue next month — the Indianapolis 500.

And this is no ride-along, publicity stunt or gimmick.

The King of NASCAR plans to take his first crack at winning IndyCars' crown jewel by putting one of his former drivers, John Andretti, in the cockpit of an open-wheel car co-owned with Dreyer & Reinbold Racing.

"I'm not here just to be having fun," Petty said during Monday's announcement. "I'm serious about this stuff. So we come here for a serious deal."

To Cup fans, seeing Petty with an IndyCar will be a strange sight.

Petty won seven points titles in NASCAR and retired as the series' all-time leader in victories (200) and poles (127). He won a record seven Daytona 500s and in 1967 incredibly won 27 races including 10 straight.

Clearly, the 71-year-old North Carolina native is a born-and-bred NASCAR man. His late father, Lee, won three Cup titles. His son, Kyle, was still driving last season, and Petty also gives paying Cup fans thrills with those ride-alongs.

Internet

***The global recession has forced Hollywood star Nicolas Cage to tighten his purse strings and sell his sumptuous castle in Bavaria in southern Germany, seen here in 2006, the actor told a magazine on Tuesday.—*INTERNET**

Chinese police detain two for trying to smuggle kids to Costa Rica

BEIJING, 7 April— Chinese police have detained two suspects who had allegedly attempted to smuggle about 300 youngsters to Costa Rica since last May, a spokesman with the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau said.

Diplomats of the Costa Rican Embassy in Beijing told local police last December that they had received about 300 visa applications since last May, and the applicants — all from south China's Guangdong Province and mostly youngsters — all claimed that they hoped to reunite with their parents who had settled down in Costa Rica, the spokesman said.

The embassy officials suspected that the ID cards and birth certificates of the applicants were forged, he said. Beijing police then went to the southern province and launched an investigation into the case together with the Guangdong counterparts.— *MNA/Xinhua*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(8.4.2009) (Wednesday)

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 Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* Beautiful Magwe
* A Place of Cultural Heritage
* Thingyan Dance
* Let's visit the under water world
* Traditional Folk Weaving Works
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
* A Glance at Mandalay
* Lumber Buffaloes
* Traditional Chin Clothes
* Thingyan Dance
* Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
* Ancient Royal City Innwa & Nanmadaw Mae Nu Brick Monastery
* The beautiful green ice
* Travelogue "Hpa-an"
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Beautiful Magwe
* A Place of Cultural Heritage
* A Safe Haven: Mandalay Kandawgyi Garden
* Thingyan Dance
* Let's visit the under water world
* Traditional Folk Weaving Works
* A Thin Kind of Paper
* Pleasurable Myanma Marionette Show
* Art of Carving On Fruits
* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

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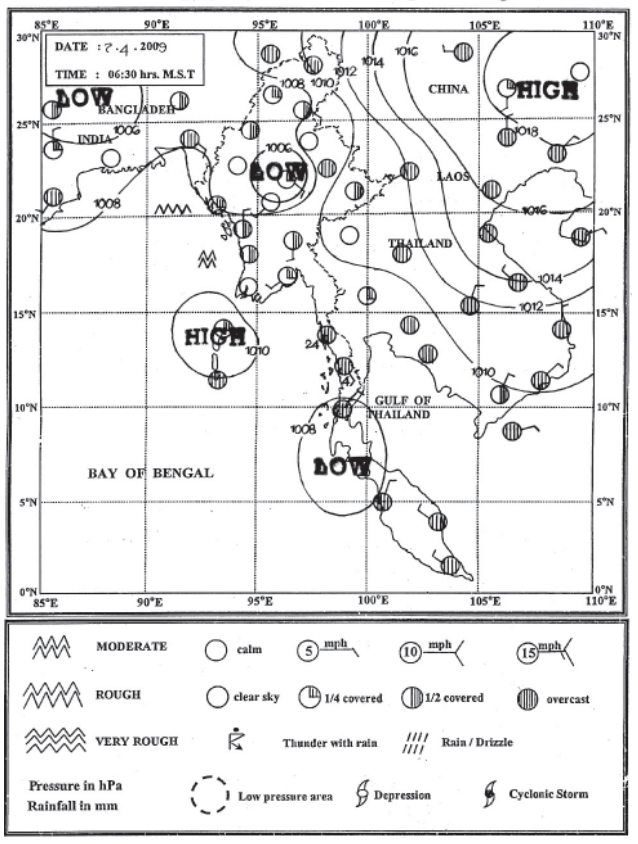
TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 8 April
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice & Sweet song
7:55 am
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
8:05 am
6. "နွေအတွက်စိုက်ပျိုးမခက်အလင်း ပါဆောင်မည့်ပေါင်းရေလှောင်တမံ"
8:15 am
7. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
8:30 am
8. International news
8:40 am
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:45 am
10. "ချောင်းကမ်းဘေးကရွာကလေး" (တြိကို၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့စန်း၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ သဇင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ–မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ)]
8:50 am
11. Musical programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Songs of national races
4:25 pm
3. Classical song
4:35 pm
4. "သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား" (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
4:45 pm
5. Musical programme
5:00 pm
6. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
5:15 pm
7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တမေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တမေဒ)
5:30 pm
8. Songs to uphold National Spirit
5:35 pm
9. Musical programme
5:55 pm
10. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
6:00 pm
11. Evening News
6:30 pm
12. Weather report
6:35 pm
13. မြန်မာ့ခရေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့
6:50 pm
14. ထက်မြက်ဟော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
7:15 pm
15. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင်ပြင်
7:45 pm
16. ခါသကြိန်အဆိုအကများ
8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူနိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (အပိုင်း–၁၃)
21. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုဇာတ်လမ်း "ညာ– – –ငိုး" (လွင်မိုး၊ အိန္ဒြကျော်ဇင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–မောင်သီ)

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 7 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3˚C) to (4˚C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayin and Mon States,upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5˚C) above April average temperatures in Magway Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas.The significant day temperatures were Minbu (45˚C), Chauk and Magway (44˚C) each, Aunglan (43˚C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.95) inch and Myeik (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-4-2009 was 100°F. Minimum temperature on 7-4-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-4-2009 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 6-4-2009 was (8.9) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 7-4-2009 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 (7) mph from Southeast (15:30) hours MST on 6-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-4-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

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Stake-driving ceremony for construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport held

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presses button to drive Yadana stakes.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—A stake-driving ceremony for construction of Nay Pyi Taw International Airport was held at Nay Pyi Taw Airport today, attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Present were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the attorney-general, the deputy attorney-general, departmental heads and guests.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on data of the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport Project.

Managing Director of Asia World Co U Tun Myint Naing reported on drawing design of the airport with the assistance of CPG Consultants Pte Ltd of the Republic of Singapore and arrangements for construction of the airport in three phases.

The Secretary-1 said the present new Nay Pyi Taw airfield was built in accord with the characteristics of a city before the Nay Pyi Taw construction project started. Now Nay Pyi Taw construction tasks have completed to some extent and transport networks such as railroads and motor roads that centred on Nay Pyi Taw have gradually developed.

He said basic structures have been built in Nay Pyi Taw and State-sponsored ceremonies are being held there and diplomats and embassy staffs come to discharge their duties. Moreover, Heads of State, Heads of government come to Nay Pyi Taw on goodwill visits.

According to the present position of the Nay Pyi Taw Airport, there are limitations for taking off and landing of big planes and for other services. Therefore, it is necessary to upgrade the present airport to meet international standard. The international airport project will be implemented in three phases. At the first phase, necessary structures and terminals will be built to handle 3.5 million passengers per year.

The Secretary-1 called for construction of the airport in accord with the standard set as it is the building that the State can be proud of. The Secretary-1 and party went to the site where the stake-driving ceremony will be held.

At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Ministers Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Col Thein Nyunt drove the stakes at the designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.

The Secretary-1 then drove the stake.—*MNA*

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New insight into tsunamis

NEWCASTLE, 7 April—A new mathematical formula that could be used to give advance warning of where a tsunami is likely to hit and how destructive it will be has been worked out by scientists at Newcastle University. The research, led by Newcastle University's Professor Robin Johnson, was prompted by the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami disaster which devastated coastal communities in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

In this instance, an earthquake in the depths of the ocean triggered a long surface wave which resulted in six massive wave fronts, one after the other.

Of these waves it was the third and largest one that caused the most devastation, hitting the beaches with terrifying speed. Reaching a height of 20m, it is this wave that lifted a train from its tracks as it travelled along the Sri Lankan coastline, killing almost 1,000 people. Professor Johnson and his colleague Professor Adrian Constantin, based at the University of Vienna, Austria, felt that if we could understand more about how these long water waves behave we could predict where they might hit and how devastating they might be.

Their research is published in the academic journal Fluid Dynamics Research.—*Internet*

A tsunami warning sign on Lanta island, Krabi, Thailand.

Dailies in alternative circulation during Thingyan

YANGON, 7 April—The dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during Thingyan (The Water Festival) holidays.

The Myanma Alin and The New Light of Myanmar will not appear on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 April. During these days, the Kyemon will be in circulation, and it will take holidays on 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 April. On those days, the Myanma Alin and The New Light of Myanmar will be in circulation.

All the papers will resume a regular circulation on 22 April.—*MNA*

Beware of Fire

INSIDE

It is necessary for the national races to remain united to prevent the loss of national independence and sovereignty and, at the same time, to work together with the government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

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