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GNU's objectives and activities are getting people of Kayin State into a variety of adversities, let alone prosperous future of local people

Government, people, Tatmadaw extend warm welcome to 159 GNU members and dependents led by captain Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of late chairman Saw Bo Mya of GNU/KNLA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The government with the aim of achieving national reconsolidation has showed for long its benevolent attitude to and persuaded national race armed groups that have gone underground since Myanmar regained independence to return to the legal fold.

Consolidated national unity

The government is

implementing the seven-step Road Map, mobilizing the participation of the people and the Tatmadaw for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Simultaneously, it is stepping up the tasks for stability and peace of the State and regional development in collaboration with the national race armed groups that have entered the legal fold for regaining

consolidated national unity and progress of border areas.

One hundred and fifty-nine members — 71 led by captain Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of late chairman of GNU/KNLA Saw Bo Mya, and 88 dependents — joined Htot-kawkoe Village, where GNU/KNLA peace council is based, on 30 March bringing along them with 24 assorted



Members led by captain Saw Nay Soe Mya, son of late chairman of GNU/KNLA Saw Bo Mya join GNU/KNLA peace council in Htot-kawkoe Village.—MNA



Maj-Gen Htein Maung and members warmly welcomed by local residents on 11 February, 2007 in Htot-kawkoe Village of Kawkaeik township, Kayin State.—MNA

arms and ammunition due to the fact that they had placed trust in the nation-building tasks the government had been discharging for national development; they had understood well that stability and peace were necessary for regional development; they had witnessed that local people were very pleased with regional development resulting from peace and stability; national race armed

groups that had returned to the legal fold earlier were enjoying better living conditions with peace and stability thanks to the government's compassion and care for them; and they had realized that GNU's objectives and activities were getting the people of Kayin State into a variety of adversities, let alone a prosperous future of the local people.

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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



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Enhance national and international cooperation for realizing national health objectives

Due to climate change, natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruption, storms and heat and cold waves frequently break out in various parts of the world, claiming considerable loss of lives and property.

The number of people who died from natural disasters in Southeast Asia during the 10-year period from 1996 to 2005 constitutes more than half of disaster-related deaths worldwide. Cyclone Nargis hit Myanmar in May, 2008, leaving many people dead and several towns and villages in rack and ruin. However, thanks to the concerted efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, the storm-hit areas are now on the fast track to development.

The main industries in the storm-affected areas have come back into operation. Not only that, rural and urban development work is being carried out and transport, communication, education and health infrastructures built.

As we are now building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, healthy and well-educated people are the main resources required for our national endeavour. The Ministry of Health places special emphasis on health and fitness of the people and implementing its objectives for ensuring longer life expectancy and healthy society.

The government, regional organizations, departments concerned, social organizations and the entire people are actively taking part in all national-level health activities and therefore considerable strides have been made in the health sector. Moreover, by cooperating with UN agencies like WHO, international NGOs, ASEAN member nations and neighbouring countries, we will be able to translate our national health objectives into success.



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun inspects Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank in Yangon. —F&R

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

Rural development tasks undertaken in Yathedaung, Ponnagyun Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein on 5 April met with local people in Yathedaung and introduced use of bio battery for lighting to save household expense all the year round. They presented one sample set of bio battery, 1,500 lamp shapes installed with 60 LED bulbs to officials.

At Basic Education Primary School in Yachaung Village of Ponnagyun Township, the commander and the minister met with local people, and explained use of bio battery and donated 100 lamp shapes installed with 60 LED blubs and



Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein show use of bio battery for lighting at Yachaung village of Ponnagyun Township.—MNA

1,600 batteries to officials.

After inspecting construction of new building at Ponnagyun BEHS and 1,500 litres water tank of Ponnagyun Township Hospital, the

commander and the minister introduced use of bio battery to the local people and gave one sample set of bio battery and 2,000 lamp shapes installed with 60 LED

bulbs.

During the tour, they donated 15 Eya-1 power-tillers, 20 pumps and 10 paddy threshers to the townships.

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F&R Minister meets departmental heads in Yangon

YANGON, 8 April — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with departmental heads of the departments and enterprises under the ministry at the meeting

hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) here on 6 April.

The minister heard reports on work plans for financial, monetary and management matters to be implemented in new fiscal year, tasks to be done and progress in works being carried out.

Next, the minister

gave a speech.

After hearing reports on progress in works being carried out presented by Managing Director U Than Yee of Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank and those in charge of branches at the bank, the minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister met with the managing

director and officials at the meeting hall.

Next, the minister inspected banking services of Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank, and called for development of insurance sector in meeting with the managing director and officials at Myanmar Insurance. —MNA

Temporary closure of Hlawga Wildlife Park

YANGON, 8 April—The Forest Department today announced that it opens

Hlawga Wildlife Park every day, except Monday. However, the park is closed

during the Thingyan Festival (Water Festival) holidays from 12 to 21 April.—MNA

MFF talk postponed to 25 April

YANGON, 8 April—The talk due to be jointly organized by the Myanmar Fishery Federation and the Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association are put off from 11

to 25 April as the first schedule falls on Thingyan vacation.

With the sponsorship of the Info Myanmar Computer Service & Training Centre, U Aye Kyaw (MHR) will present

a talk on “Management Development Programmes” at the federation on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township here at 2 pm. Any interested person may attend the talk.—MNA



Obama in Baghdad, tells troops Iraq must take over

BAGHDAD, 8 April — Flying unannounced into a still-dangerous war zone, President Barack Obama told US troops and Iraqi officials alike Tuesday it is time to phase out America's combat role in a conflict he opposed as a candidate and has vowed to end as commander in chief.

With violence diminished but hardly disappearing — a car bomb killed eight Iraqis just hours before Obama's arrival — the president met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and emphasized that "we strongly support" steps to unite political factions, including integrating minority Sunnis into the government and security forces.

Iraqis "need to take responsibility for their own country," Obama told hun-

dreds of cheering soldiers gathered in an ornate, marble palace near Saddam Hussein's former seat of power.

"You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country. That is an extraordinary achievement," he told some 600 troops, saluting their efforts during six years of American fighting and losses.

"We love you," someone yelled from the crowd of photo-snapping men and women in uniform.

"I love you back," responded the president, repeating a sequence that played out at hundreds of campaign stops on his successful run for the White House last year.

Internet



Arzoo, 6, sleeps on a bed in a Heathe N. Craig Joint Theater hospital in Bagram, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 April, 2009. She was wounded in a mortar attack in Tagab valley last week, her relative said.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Afghanistan region at 602

WASHINGTON, 8 April — As of Tuesday, 7 April, 2009, at least 602 members of the US military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the US invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defence Department. The department last updated its figures on Tuesday at 10 am EDT.

Of those, the military reports 445 were killed by hostile action.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defence Department reports 67 more members of the US military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, three were the result of hostile action. The military lists these other locations as Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba; Djibouti; Eritrea; Ethiopia; Jordan; Kenya; Kyrgyzstan; Philippines; Seychelles; Sudan; Tajikistan; Turkey; and Yemen.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.—Internet

US military seeks more funds against cyberattacks

WASHINGTON, 8 April — US military leaders said on Tuesday that their government needs to invest more money to boost the Pentagon's ability to fend off cyber attacks rather than repairing the damages afterwards.

"It would be nice to spend that money protectively ... rather than fixing things after the fact," said John Davis, deputy head of the US Strategic Command, told a cyber-space conference in Omaha, Nebraska, according to US wire and TV reports.

Kevin Chilton, who heads the Strategic Command, said the Pentagon spent more than 100 million US dollars in past six months in dealing with cyber attacks and other computer network problems.

The command is in charge of protecting the Pentagon's information apparatus and conducting cyber operations. Internet

Iraqi salesman saves baby after bomb kills mother

BAGHDAD, 8 April — A salesman rescued a baby from a blaze ignited by a car bombing in a Shiite neighborhood on Tuesday, reaching through the shattered window and grabbing the boy after the blast killed his mother and eight other people.

The rescue, which witnesses described to an Associated Press reporter at the scene, highlighted the often overlooked role of Iraqi civilians in the aftermath of such bombings. Although violence has tapered off greatly over the past year, deadly attacks still plague the capital.

Iraqis tend to try to help one another after bombings and often drive victims to hospitals because ambulances can be slow in getting to the scene. But salesman Asad Raad's act was particularly notable because a burning car can explode if the fuel tanks are on fire, and bombings are often quickly followed by other attacks intended to kill rescuers.

Raad rushed out of his motorcycle shop after the explosion shook the Kazimiyah area of northwest Baghdad.



Asad Raad holds a baby boy he rescued from a car bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 April, 2009.—INTERNET

He plucked the infant from the back seat, where he lay next to his dead mother.

Rescuers pulled a badly burned man, presumed to be the baby's father, from the car and rushed him to the hospital. In the confusion, no one at the scene determined the couple's names.

Internet

Battle kills five as Taleban move beyond stronghold

PESHAWAR, 8 April — At least five people died in a gunbattle with Taleban militants trying to expand their stronghold in the Swat valley, police said on Wednesday.

The clash puts more strain on government efforts to reach a peace accord in the troubled region, which critics including US officials warn could amount to a surrender to extremists.

Police said a group of Taleban fighters had crossed from Swat into a mountainous area of Buner, a previously peaceful district to the southeast, on Monday.—Internet



An Iraqi police officer walks past a wrecked car on the site of a car bomb attack in Baghdad. A spate of bloody car bombings rocked mainly Shiite districts of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least 34 people in what the US military said appeared to be coordinated attacks by Al-Qaeda jihadists.—INTERNET

French soldier kills four in Chad shooting spree

NDJAMENA, 8 April — European peacekeepers were hunting for a "deranged" French Foreign Legion officer who fled after going on a shooting spree in Chad, killing two comrades, a Togolese UN soldier and a farmer.

The shootings began on Tuesday at Camp des Etoiles, the main base of the European peacekeepers near the airport in the eastern town of Abeche near the Sudan border, a French military official said.

"Gunshots were heard in the (military) camp and then the two legionnaires were found and then a little further away the body of the Togolese soldier was discovered," said Captain Christophe Prazuck.

The soldier, an officer he described as "deranged", opened fire around 2:00 pm (1300 GMT) with his service weapon and then fled, Prazuck said.

A Chadian official told AFP on condition of anonymity that the legionnaire shot and killed a civilian about four hours later after the man, a local farmer, resisted the fugitive's attempt to steal his horse.—Internet

Fed's Fisher says US economy grim

CHICAGO, 8 April—The US economy is grim, and the Federal Reserve is “duty bound to apply every tool” to clean up the financial system and clear a path for a return to sustainable growth, Richard Fisher, president of the Dallas Fed, said on Wednesday.

“The men and women who operate our businesses and create and sustain employment have as-

sumed a defensive crouch,” Fisher said in remarks prepared for a speech to a forum sponsored by the Japan Center for Economic Research in Tokyo. “The result is an American economy in statis.”

With firms doing all they can to cut costs, and especially the cost of labor, the jobless rate is likely to hit 10 percent by year-end compared with

8.5 percent in March, he said. “Presently, the risk is deflationary job destruction.”

The US economy probably shrank in the just-ended first quarter of 2009 at a rate similar to the 6.3 percent annual decline posted in the fourth quarter of 2008, he said, giving no timeline for a potential recovery.

Internet

Fidel Castro asks US lawmakers how to improve ties

HAVANA, 8 April— A “very healthy, very energetic” Fidel Castro asked visiting Congressional Black Caucus members what Cuba could do to help President Barack Obama improve bilateral relations during his first meeting with US officials since falling ill in 2006.

Caucus leader Rep. Barbara Lee, a Democrat from California, said the ailing former Cuban president talked for nearly two hours with her and two other delegation members on Tuesday in a meeting seen as signaling Cuba's willingness to discuss better relations with the United States.

“We believe it is time to open dialogue and discussion with Cuba,” Lee told a news conference in Washington upon the caucus members' return. “Cubans do want dialogue. They do want talks. They do want normal relations.”

Lee said the group would present its findings to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a fellow Democrat from California, and White House and State Department officials.

California Democratic Rep. Laura Richardson, who also met Fidel with Illinois Democratic Rep. Bobby Rush, said Castro “looked directly into our eyes” and asked how

Cuba could help Obama in his efforts to change the course of US foreign policy.

Internet



Rep Bobby Rush, D- IL, speaks during a news conference in Havana, on 7 April, 2009. Cuba's President Raul Castro met with six visiting members of the Congressional Black Caucus for more than four hours, his first face-to-face discussions with US leaders since he became Cuba's president last year.—INTERNET

Red Cross says doctors helped CIA “torture”

MIAMI, 8 April—Health workers violated medical ethics when they helped interrogate terrorism suspects who were tortured at secret CIA prisons overseas, the International Committee of the Red Cross said. The medical workers, thought to be doctors and psychologists, monitored prisoners while they were mistreated at CIA prisons and advised interrogators whether to continue, adjust or halt the abuse, the ICRC said in a report based on interviews with 14 prisoners in 2007.

One prisoner alleged that medical personnel monitored his blood oxygen levels while he was subjected to waterboarding, a simulated drowning designed to induce panic and widely considered to be torture, the ICRC said.

Other prisoners said that as they stood shackled with their arms chained above their heads, a doctor regularly measured the swelling in their legs and signaled when they should be allowed to sit down. The ICRC interviewed 14 men who had

been held in secret CIA prisons overseas before being sent to the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in 2006. The 14 are considered by the United States to be “high-value” al Qaeda suspects who plotted or carried out mass murders, including the 11 September attacks and the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings. They had been held by the CIA, most for more than three years, in extreme isolation and had not been allowed contact with each other when the ICRC interviewed them at Guantanamo in November 2007.

The ICRC said their claims had credence because they gave similar accounts of their treatment, including the actions of medical monitors whose names they never learned.

The ICRC monitors compliance with the Geneva Conventions governing the treatment of war captives and keeps its reports secret, sharing them only with the detaining government.

Internet

Israel tests Arrow anti-missile system

JERUSALEM, 8 April—Israel on Tuesday successfully intercepted a target simulant of an Iranian missile in a test of its Arrow anti-missile system, reported local daily Ha'aretz.

During the test, the target missile, simulating an Iranian Shehab, was launched by Israel's air forces over the Mediterranean Sea, before it was intercepted, an unnamed defense official was quoted as saying.

Over a dozen tests have so far been carried out on the Arrow system, which was co-funded by Israel and the United States and designed to shield the Jew-

ish state from possible ballistic missile attacks by Iran and Syria, reported Israel Radio, adding that 90 percent of the tests are successful.

Late last month, Israel successfully completed a

series of tests on its Iron Dome anti-rocket system, which is aimed to protect its citizens from possible rocket fire from Lebanon in the north and from the Gaza Strip in the south.

Internet



A graphic illustration released by the Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), on 7 April, 2009 shows the Arrow ballistic missile interception system in a test against a simulated missile attack. Israel on Tuesday successfully intercepted a target simulant of an Iranian missile in a test of its Arrow anti-missile system. —XINHUA

Somali pirates back in action, seize five ships

NAIROBI, 8 April—For the first three months of 2009, Somalia's notorious pirates faded from the headlines as a massive international naval force moved in, and many observers thought the pirates were running scared.

Not so fast: the pirates have hijacked at least five vessels since Saturday.

Using a new strategy, they are operating further away from warships patrolling the Gulf of Aden. And they no longer have to contend with the choppy waters that always plague the seas off Somalia in the early part of the year.

That has allowed the sea bandits to come back in force — seizing five vessels over a 72-hour period.

“The weather has improved west of Seychelles and they've realized they have much more freedom of action down to the south because the coalition are not there in great numbers,” said Graeme Gibbon Brooks, managing director of the British company Dryad Maritime Intelligence Service Ltd.

“We're going to end up probably playing a cat-and-mouse game in the next six months.”—Internet



The German war ship Frigate Rheinland-Pfalz docks at the port in Mombassa, Kenya, on Tuesday, 10 March, 2009, as they prepare to hand over suspected pirates to the Kenya police after the German navy arrested them off the coast of Somalia last week.—INTERNET

Hamas denies report on Egypt's offer to abandon unity gov't talks

GAZA, 8 April—The Islamic Hamas movement denied on Tuesday an earlier report saying that Egypt had offered rival Fatah and Hamas movement a proposal to abandon the unity government talks.

The earlier report said that Egyptian mediators proposed that Fatah and Hamas put their deadlocked unity government talks on hold and instead establish a committee to coordinate their rival administrations

Internet



Shanghai Auto Show's space grows, 13 cars to debut

BEIJING, 8 April—Thirteen cars will make their global debut at the 13th Shanghai International Automobile Industry Exhibition, and auto makers intend to showcase their latest technologies and strategic vehicles at the show.

More than 1,500 auto makers and spare parts manufacturers from 25 countries and regions have confirmed their participation in the biennial auto show this year, which will

be held from 20 April to 28 April at the Shanghai New International Expo Center in Pudong New Area, according to the organizers on Tuesday.

While Italy's Fiat and Renault of France have withdrawn from this year's Auto Shanghai 2009, as the show is also known, other car makers have expanded their exhibition space. "The high enthusiasm of inter-national car makers reflects their confidence toward China's

auto industry as well as their expectations of future market potential," said Wang Xia, secretary general of the China Chamber of International Commerce Automotive Chamber. Among the 13 cars making their global debut, Porsche AG will launch its first four-seat sports car, the Porsche Panamera, for the first time. BMW will debut the world premier of two new models, and Audi will display its A3.

Xinhua

US Q1 technology job cuts hit seven-year high

CHICAGO, 8 April—Planned job cuts in the US technology sector have climbed to 84,217 in the first quarter, up 27 percent from 66,312 in the previous quarter, according to a report released this week by global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc.

It was the largest quarterly job-cut for the sector since 2002, when 133,511 layoffs were announced in the fourth quarter, said the report.

The latest job cuts data in the sector which includes telecommunications, computer and electronics firms were nearly 4 times higher than the 17,345 cuts announced during the same period a year ago. Factually, the job cuts have increased in each of the last five quarters, growing by an average of 42 percent every three months.

Despite the surprising increases, quarterly technology job cuts remain well below the levels reached during the dot.com collapse that resulted in 1,163,742 tech-sector job cuts in 2001 and 2002, when employers announced an average of 145,467 job cuts each quarter.

Xinhua

Brazil's agricultural production to fall 6.5% this year

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 April—Brazil's agricultural yield will see a decrease of 6.5 percent in the 2009 season, an improved projection compared with previous one, according to an official study released here on Tuesday.

Brazil's main agricultural products, including cereals, legumes and nuts crop, will amount to 136.4 million tons in 2009, down 6.5 percent from last year's 145.9 million tons due to adverse climate conditions, said the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, which foresaw a 7.3 decrease earlier.

The institute stated that nine out of the 25 products analyzed will register an increase in 2009, among which are rice (2.4 percent), cassava (3.8 percent) and sugarcane (4 percent).

Among the 16 products expected to see a decrease this year are soybeans (2.3 percent), corn (4.3 percent), coffee (14.3 percent), wheat (13.5 percent), and cotton (20 percent).

According to the institute of geography and statistics, the total cultivated area will fall by 0.1 percent from 2008, totaling 47.1 million hectares. The previous study projected an increase of 0.3 percent in the cultivated area. —Xinhua

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Developed by researchers at UC Berkeley, CellScope is a microscopy system that turns camera-enabled mobile devices into microscopes to diagnose and monitor infectious diseases.
INTERNET

Crude oil drops below \$50 on economic worries

NEW YORK, 8 April — Crude oil dropped below 50 US dollars a barrel on Tuesday as investors grew more concerned about corporate earnings and global energy demand.

Light, sweet crude for May delivery fell 1.9 dollars to settle at 49.15 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil prices have been closely following the performance of stock markets. US stocks continued to fall on Tuesday with major indexes losing more than 2 percent. Investors are worried that the US government's effort to help banks might not work and first-quarter earnings reports might be worse.

Xinhua

Apple raises iTunes music price

BEIJING, 8 April—A new pricing for music of Apple's iTunes, the world's largest music store, took effect on Tuesday, with price of some music up 30 percent.

In January, Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice-president of worldwide product marketing, stated that the company would switch to tiered pricing: 69 cents a song for the older catalog, 99 cents for most new songs, and one dollar and 29 cents for the most popular tracks.

Releases from new artists will be sold at a lower price, while more well-known artists will be tagged with a higher rate. Most of the 10 million songs in the iTunes catalogue are expected to remain at 99 cents.

Before the new pricing, Apple charged a flat 99 cents for every tune, a strategy that didn't fit well with record companies, which had been pressuring Apple for more pricing flexibility.

In the battle of declining CD sales, the music industry is hoping to gain more revenue from digital downloads.

Xinhua

British bank RBS to cut 9,000 more jobs

LONDON, 8 April—The Royal Bank of Scotland decided on Tuesday to eliminate an additional 9,000 jobs, half of them in Britain, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported. The job cuts were believed to be mainly in such divisions as document processing, information technology, procurement and bank property, according to the BBC.

The job cuts were on top of 2,700 job losses already announced by the RBS in Britain this year, the BBC reported.

Group Manufacturing is the biggest single part of the troubled financial giant, employing 45,000 people worldwide at a cost of 1.2 billion pounds (about 1.78 billion US dollars) last year.

Of the 45,000 Group Manufacturing staff, 27,000 work in Britain.

The British hub of Group Manufacturing is in Edinburgh, where the group is also headquartered, with other significant employment centers, including NatWest, London, Manchester and Bristol.

It is likely that the announcement will be the largest single batch of job eliminations as the company seeks 2.5 billion pounds (about 3.7 billion dollars) in cuts in its cost base over the next two years.—Xinhua



File photo taken on 21 March, 2009 shows a woman walking past a branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) in London, Britain. RBS said on 7 April that it might cut up to 9,000 jobs over the next two years, including 4,500 in the UK, in order to reduce cost. —XINHUA

Venezuela's Chavez hails US anti-nuke stance



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, left, shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso at the latter's official residence in Tokyo, on 6 April, 2009.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 8 April—Venezuela's president on Tuesday applauded President Barack Obama's promise to lead the world into a future free of nuclear weapons, and said he was open to working with the new American president. "With this statement, it is as if an 'Obama missile' has landed," President Hugo Chavez said of the president's call to eliminate nuclear bombs.

He said Venezuela was still "watching and evaluating" the new US administration, but that it was "very different" from the Bush era, with an increased possibility of cooperation.

The often outspoken Venezuelan leader, who has been critical of the U.S. and Obama in the past, continued to soften his stance ahead of the April 17-19 Summit of the Americas to take place in Trinidad and Tobago.

Chavez said on Saturday he was willing to "reset" relations with the US, after last week saying the country was acting like an "empire" and last month calling Obama "ignorant" after he accused the Venezuelan leader of "exporting terrorism." The socialist president spoke to reporters in Tokyo at the end of a three-day trip. He was to fly to China next.—*Internet*

Court reduces sentence for Iraqi shoe thrower

BAGHDAD, 8 April—Iraq's highest court on Tuesday reduced the prison sentence for an Iraqi journalist who hurled his shoes at former President George W Bush from three years to one, a court spokesman said. Abdul-Sattar Bayrkdar, the spokesman, said the decision was taken because the journalist had no prior criminal history.

The defence appealed the original ruling to the Federal Appeals

Court citing an Iraqi law stipulating a maximum sentence of only two years for publicly insulting a visiting foreign leader.

The decision came as Barack Obama made his first official visit to Iraq as US president. Muntadhar al-Zeidi was sentenced to three years in March after pleading not guilty to a charge of assaulting a foreign leader.

He described his action as a "natural re-

sponse to the occupation."

The journalist's act during Bush's last visit to Iraq as president turned the 30-year-old reporter into a folk hero across the Arab world, where the former US president is reviled for the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Defence attorneys have long argued that al-Zeidi's act was an expression of freedom and not a crime, and his lawyer on Tuesday said he should be freed immediately.—*Internet*

Five killed in Alabama shooting

WASHINGTON, 8 April—Five were found killed on Tuesday in northwest Alabama, the United States, apparently as a result of a suspected family feud, police said.

Local police said that they found Kevin Lee Garner's body near his house in Morgan County.

The 40-year-old man was the top suspect in the deaths of his wife, daughter, sister and nephew, whose bodies were found in a house in Greenhill earlier the day, said the police.

During the searching, police also found that Garner's house was burned and a car parking nearby belonged to one of the victims.

Police suspected that Garner committed suicide after killing four relatives but the case was still under investigation. Garner and his wife were undertaking divorce proceedings and had a hearing scheduled on Monday, which was, however, postponed until Wednesday, it added.

Internet

Flooding threat closes major highway between Canada and US

OTTAWA, 8 April—Flooding threats in the western Canadian province of Manitoba have led to the closure of a major highway connecting to the United States, raising fears of significant commercial impact.

Sections of Highway 75, a major artery between provincial capital Winnipeg and the US border, will be shut down later Tuesday to prepare for flooding, provincial officials announced.

The highway will reopen when the flood threat is gone.

The flood crest is predicted to arrive in Morris around 11 April, the officials said.

Trucks will have to detour and store managers along the highway are complaining of lost businesses. Some politicians have urged to reroute the highway to higher ground to avoid the problem in the future.

Internet



The installation entitled 'Chess with Rats and Cats' by artist Leon Ferrari from Argentina is seen at the 10th Biennale of Contemporary Art in Havana.

French hospital performs face, hand transplants

Paris' Public Hospital authority says a team of doctors has performed the world's first simultaneous partial-face and double-hand transplant.

In a statement on Monday, the authority said the recipient was a 30-year-old burn victim. The man, whose name was not released, was injured in a 2004 accident that left him with scars "preventing any social life."

French media reports have said the upper half of the face, including the scalp, forehead and eyelids, was transplanted. The statement did not provide such details.

A 40-person team worked for 30 hours on Saturday and Sunday to perform the operation at the Henri Mondor hospital in a Paris suburb.

The statement said it was the world's sixth partial-face transplant but the first to include hands as well.

Colorado springs man coughs up inch-long nail

Prax Sanchez says he doesn't recall any serious hammer-and-nail mishaps in his past.

Yet doctors administering an MRI on the 72-year-old Colorado man last month abruptly stopped the exam to tell him there seemed to be something metallic in his face.

Right after the MRI, Sanchez coughed up an inch-long nail.

His doctor, Jamieson Kennedy, told television station KKTU in Colorado Springs that the nail might have been embedded there as long as 30 years. The MRI's magnetic force apparently dislodged the nail, causing Sanchez to cough it up.

Sanchez says he can't remember ever using a nail like it.

"I'll probably frame it," he said on Friday.

Featherweights: Detroit police halt pillow fight

Police in Detroit have ruffled some feathers after they cracked down on an organized pillow fight at a downtown park.

The Detroit News reports that police at Campus Martius Park prevented the feathery fight on Saturday by disarming pillow-toting participants. The bout was part of a worldwide event organized on social networking Web sites.

Michael Davis of Hamtramck says police confiscated the 32-year-old man's pillows but returned their cases. He says he was told that he needed a permit.

Scott Harris of Ferndale told the News that it's "not illegal to own a pillow."

Detroit police spokesman James Tate says cleanup was the issue.

Man arrested just before grand opening at NH store

Just as a Massachusetts man was about to open his new urban clothing store in Newport, NH, police arrested him on a federal warrant. The man, 26, was arrested in front of his store, Mr G's Fashions, shortly before its grand opening on Wednesday. The New Hampshire Union Leader reported the man was arrested on a federal warrant for a charge of felon in possession of a firearm.

He was to be arraigned in federal court on Thursday. Police also said they found heroin and cocaine in the car he arrived in.

It was unclear whether the store, which would have started selling clothing, music and other items, would open in the future.

NEWS ALBUM



The tiny puppy, called Tom Thumb, peers out of a coffee cup.

Man cries after attempt to rob liquor store fails

Police say a 19-year-old who tried to rob a liquor store sat down and cried after 76-year-old owner locked him in the store. The man was accused of trying to rob Sykes Liquor Store in Trenton on Monday night. Police said the owner, who was behind the counter, triggered the lock after the man grabbed a bottle of Hennessy cognac and bolted for the door.

The man then allegedly pulled out a handgun and demanded to be released. But the owner said he saw that the gun was a fake, refused to unlock the door and called police.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of No. 2 water supply station.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils No. 2 water supply station in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 8 April — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended opening of No 2 water supply station constructed by Engineering Department (water/ sanitation) of Yangon City Development Committee in Ward 54 on Zeyar Myaing Street in Dagon Myothit (South) Township here today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa opened the station.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the stone plaque of the station. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the commander opened the waterworks. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected the system for removal of iron, water tanks of the water supply

station. At the water supply station, Dr Tun Than Tun, Head of Engineering Department (water/ sanitation) reported to Lt-Gen Myint Swe on water supply work and the mayor gave supplementary reports.

About 1 million gallons of drinking water for 8 tube wells removing iron with Aeration Cascade System will be distributed to 6,000 households in the township.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected two tube wells sunk by the Engineering Department (water/ sanitation) at the corner of Manpyay and Manpyay roads in Manpyay Ward 3 in Thakayta Township. Lt-Gen Myint Swe also inspected removal of iron with Aeration Cascade System and water tanks.

The drinking water from the tube wells will be supplied to Yanpyay and Manpyay wards in the township.—MNA

Projects under Myanmar-UNICEF programme (2006-2010) weighed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—The Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held a meeting to judge the projects carried out in the first half of the term according to the programme (2006-2010) co-organized by Myanmar

and UNICEF, at the ministry here yesterday. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Director of UNICEF for East Asia and Pacific Region based in Bangkok Ms Anupama Rao Singh, and UNICEF Resident

Representative to Myanmar Mr Ramesh Shrestha delivered speeches. Deputy Representative of UNICEF Ms Juanita Vasquez gave a brief account of work progress for the nation. Representatives con-

cerned from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development recounted their experiences in implementing the project from 2006 to 2008. Officials from the departments concerned assessed the suggestions made to conduct the plans for the second-half term. MNA

Four storm-hit villages merged into Ywathit Village



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi shows sample of low-cost bioelectricity lanterns to be given away to every household in Kungyangon Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected Ywathit Village Project by the Thakhut River in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division, on 5 April. Officials of Asia World gave an account of progress in establishing the village. The minister fulfilled the requirements of the project.

The minister touched upon the sample of low-cost bioelectricity lanterns to be given away to each household in Kungyangon Township. Four storm-hit villages in the township: Kangyigon, Myakyuntha, Yaydagar and Ywathit villages are merged into a combined village “Ywathit” with better conditions in the

economic, health, education and social sectors. On completion, the village will have a school, health care centre, a library, water supply facilities in addition to 133 houses. It is being constructed with the donations and services of Asia World Co, in charge of Kungyangon Township Reconstruction Project. MNA

Public Notice

Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures for the public to be able to consume safe and potent medicines. The following are the medicines that are not registered in Myanmar and that does not come with a guarantee of quality—

Sr No	Medicine	Manufacturing Co/nation
1	Roxycan-Foret Capsule (Piroxicam 20 mg)	T. Man Pharma, Thailand
2	Panvid Tablet (multivitamin)	Picco pharma Co Ltd, Thailand
3	Eifcof-B Tablet (Dextromethorphan HBr 15 mg)	Bangkok lab & cosmetic Co, Ltd Thailand
4	Mustab Tablet (Paracetamol 500 mg, Orphenadine Citrate 30 mg)	New Life Pharma Co Ltd, Thailand
5	Chloroquine Tablet (Chloroquine Phosphate 250 mg)	Acdhon Co Ltd, Thailand

Therefore, a public warning has been issued that people are not to buy those unregistered medicines and that they are to buy only the medicines already registered in Myanmar. Drug companies and stores are not allowed to import and distribute unregistered, fake and poor quality medicines. If they fail to respect the rules, authorities concerned shall file a lawsuit against them under section (18) of the national medicine law.

Ministry of Health





Members led by captain Saw Nay Soe Mya arrive at Htot-kawkoe Village in Kayin State through Thingannyinaung.—MNA



Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min and departmental officials warmly welcome members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya.—MNA

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Warm welcome

On 30 March 2009, under the arrangement of officials from local battalions Saw Nay Soe Mya and party left a place in the jungle. They arrived in Thingannyinaung via Myawady. They were

warmly welcomed by Tatmadaw members and families from local battalion. They left Thingannyinaung at noon and in the evening they arrived at Htot-kawkoe Village in Kayin State where KNU/KNLA Peace Council is situated.

Saw Nay Soe Mya and party were warmly welcomed by Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min, departmental officials, members of KNU/KNLA Peace Council led by U Htain Maung, uncle of Saw Nay Soe Mya and local people numbering 1,000.



Members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya warmly welcomed by local people.—MNA



Family members of U Htein Maung warmly welcome members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya.—MNA

At the meeting hall of the Peace Council, the Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council and officials presented materials, rations, kitchenware, clothing and cash assistance to Saw Nay Soe Mya and party.

Family members of KNU/KNLA Peace Council also presented

provisions to them. Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min cordially met Saw Nay Soe Mya and party who returned to the legal

fold.

They were accommodated in the houses arranged by the government and given land for cultivation.

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Rations and utensils to be provided to Saw Nay Soe Mya and dependent families.—MNA



Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min presents materials, rations, kitchenware, clothes and cash assistance to members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya and dependent families.—MNA



Chairman of Kayin State PDC Brig-Gen Zaw Min explains facts about the programme to be provided by the Government to Saw Nay Soe Mya and members.—MNA

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The government fulfilled health and education requirements and made arrangements for the supply of power and water. Officials explained the government's long-term programmes to them. Saw Nay Soe Mya also explained the purpose of making peace with the government and continued programmes.

A total of 161 members led by Saw Nay Soe Mya, who have joined Htot-kawkoe Village up to 4 April, were 28 married troops and 45 singles totalling 73; 13 males and 34 females who are over-12 of the families totalling 47; and 23 boys and 18 girls who are under-12 of the families totalling 41.

Due to genuine goodwill and warm welcome of the government, Saw Nay Soe Mya, members and families are keen to join hands with the KNU/KNLA Peace Council under the leadership of the government for carrying out regional development tasks, and they will strive for prevailing peace and stability in the whole Kayin State and for ceasing the armed insurgency.

Learning the news, the local people of Kayin State heartily welcomed the peace activities of Saw Nay Soe Mya and members. Moreover, remnant KNU groups



Some houses seen in Htot-kawkoe Village, Kayin State.—MNA

are wishing to make peace with the government similar to captain level Saw Nay Soe Mya and party for ensuring peace and tranquillity and development of Kayin State as soon as possible.—MNA



Photo shows Nabu-Htot-kawkoe tarred road.—MNA



Photo shows Htot-kawkoe village.—MNA

Weightlifting qualifiers held

YANGON, 8 April—As part of preparations to take part in the XXV SEA Games 2009 and the 1st World Youth Weightlifting Championship to be held in Thailand in May, the weightlifting qualifiers were held at the hall of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation at Aung San Stadium, here, yesterday.

The weightlifters being undergone training at the camp for the SEA Games and under-17 weightlifters took part in the qualifiers.

President of MWF U Win Lwin provided K 5,000 and travel and daily allowances to the weightlifter each and K 10,000 each to the best weightlifters.

MNA

Development of road networks in Ayeyawady Division discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 April—A coordination meeting on development of road network in storm-ravaged regions of Ayeyawady Division was held at the hall of Pyapon District Public Works yesterday morning.

The Deputy Minister for Construction, chief engineers and

superintending engineers discussed arrangements for timely completion of roads and bridges.

They also discussed that engineers of road and bridge constructions are to undertake construction tasks without taking days-off during the Maha Thingyan Festival.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses coord meeting on holding Maha Thingyan Water Festival

YANGON, 8 April— Patron of the Committee for Holding Maha Thingyan Water Festival Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at a coordination meeting on holding Maha Thingyan Water Festival for 1370 ME at the meeting hall of Yangon Command in Konmyinthar here this afternoon.

Next, Chairman of Discipline Enforcement Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint made a report on discipline enforcement matters. Then Chairman of Committee for Preservation



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivers an address at coordination meeting on holding Maha Thingyan Water Festival for 1370 ME.—MNA



of Myanmar Traditional Culture and Prize Presentation Chairman of Yangon City Development

Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin made a report on preservation of Myanmar traditional culture

and prize presentation programme. After hearing reports on arrangements being made for organizing

Maha Thingyan Water Festival presented by those present, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Myint Swe. —MNA

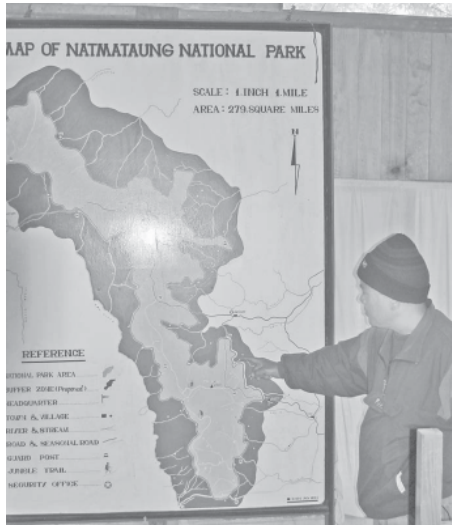
Mt. Natma, a tourist attraction in Chin State

Article and Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

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Seventy-seven species of butterflies

have been identified, as well. From 1 to 30 July 2006, the Forest



U Sheinn Ge Ngai explaining Mt. Natma National Park.



Bird "Myet-khonphyu Hngetpyarchauk" that is peculiar to the Mt. Natma National Park.

Department and CAS in cooperation with staff of Mt. Natma National Park carried out research and could identify 34 species of frogs, one species of tortoise with soft shell, one species of yellowish tortoise, 31 species of grass-lizard, and 39 species of snakes, totalling 106 species. Of them, 27 species were put into world record, and Chin hill chameleon, evergreen forest chameleon, and stripy gecko are found only in Chin mountain range.

Since 2002, the Forest Department and Makino Botanical Garden

in Kochi State, Japan, have been doing research on plants and herbal plants in the Mt. Natma National Park. They collected about 4000 species of plants and identified 808 species. Of them, white Taungzalat (rhododendron) and yellow Taungzalat grow

A large number of the species of mammals are found in the Mt. Natma National Park, and of them, tiger and guar have been extinct.

When asked about the ecotourism, U Sheinn Ge Ngai said that Kanpetlet had three gardens-owned

could watch wild birds through a three-day 16-mile trip from the summit of Mt Victoria to Mindat-Matupi Road.

Going up the mountain by car, we had marvelous views of large old trees, orchids on trees, and various rare species



Trees growing thickly along the road leading to Mt. Natma National Park.

only on Mt Natma and in Kachin State, and Potentilla and Monstivictorias, only on Mt Natma. It is expected to have identified all the species, and so far, 150 species of orchids have been collected and 35 species of them, identified. And the number of all the species in the area is expected to be about 6000.

six-person-capacity lodging houses alongside private-owned Mountain Oasis Resort and Pinewood Villa Resort that can provide accommodation for 66 visitors and Western foods, Chinese foods, Myanmar foods and Chin foods; that visitors could order foods from the urban areas of the town; and that visitors

of wild birds. I hope Mt. Natma National Park will make greater contribution towards development of the region and the tourism industry, and earning foreign exchange if it is conserved for sustainable development.

Translation: MS Kyemon: 7-4-2009



Various rare species of orchids are found along the road to Mt. Natma National Park.



Decline narrows down of March power generation in China

BEIJING, 8 April—China generated 286.73 billion kilowatt hours of electricity in March, down 0.71 per cent from the same period last year, according to statistics released on Wednesday by China National Power Dispatching and

Communication Centre (CNPDC).

Hydropower went up 27.25 per cent to reach 34.55 billion kilowatt hours, while thermal and nuclear power declined 3.41 per cent and 12.69 per cent, respectively, to 247.03 billion and 5.15

billion kilowatt hours, said CNPDCC.

As a major barometer of economic performance, the combined power generation in January and February reached 488.3 billion kilowatt hours, down 3.7 per cent. Xue Jing, head of the statistics department of China Electricity Council said the reason for the trend is still unclear, and the fall in power generation has not bottomed out.

MNA/Xinhua



Susan Docherty, North America vice president Buick-Pontiac-GMC introduces the 2010 GMC Terrain at the 2009 New York International Auto Show, on 8 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Canadian boy gets no jail time after holding 400 as hostage

OTTAWA, 8 April—A Canadian teenage boy who held 400 people hostage with a pellet pistol at a high school has been sentenced, but received no jail time, local media reported on Tuesday.

A court in Regina of Saskatchewan Province on Monday sentenced the boy to six months of deferred custody and supervision, which means he has to live at home under electronic monitoring, followed by 18 months probation.

The boy was arrested last September after he staged the incident at Luther College, a private high school in Regina to revenge on those who had bullied him. He barged into the middle of morning prayers at the school, waving around what appeared to be a gun. He then pointed the weapon at the head of a pastor and made the man read a letter in front of terrified staff and students.

The teen pleaded guilty in January to charges of threatening, confinement and possession of a weapon.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood destroys over 300 houses in west Afghanistan

KABUL, 8 April—Heavy rains and flood have destroyed over 300 houses and left dozens of people homeless in the west Afghan province of Herat, the province's top emergency official said on Monday. "The natural disaster affected people in the districts of Kohsan, Gulran, Anjil and Guzara and has also badly damaged hundreds of hectares of agricultural land," said Naved Timorian, director of the provinces emergency department. Three persons were injured in the incident, he added. The province has been experiencing cold rainy weather since the weekend. Timorian called on the central government and aid agencies to help the people in the affected areas.—MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia clears, detonates 820,000 mines, UXOs

PHNOM PENH, 8 April—Some 820,000 mines and unexploded ordinances (UXOs) have been cleared or detonated since the kingdom initiated its demining action in 1992, national media said on Wednesday.

"Previously, we put the amount of mine areas at 43 million kilometres, and now it decreases to 427 kilometres," Chinese-language newspaper the *Sinchew Daily* quoted Prak Sokhon, Secretary of State for the Council Ministers, as telling a Press conference at the Institute for Peacekeeping Forces, Mine and ERW (Explosive Remnant of War) Clearance in the province on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, 266 people died of mine and UXO accidents in 2008, over 352 in 2007, 800 in 2001 and some 2,000 in 2000, he said. "Mine clearance aims to save people's lives and help push for development of the country," he added. Around 30 years of war left large numbers of landmines and UXOs in Cambodia, especially at the border area with Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua



A dancer performs during the oriental dance championship in Bishkek on 8 April, 2009.

INTERNET

Report says half of country in food crisis shadow in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 8 April—Nearly half of the 75 districts of Nepal will face an acute food shortage if the government does not act fast, local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported on Wednesday.

At present, 37 districts are facing food shortage, according to the report. "We don't have adequate funds to supply food in drought-hit areas," said Nepal Food Corporation (NFC) general manager Beni Bahadur Rawal. According to him, NFC has managed to supply only half the required quantity of rice till March-end.

The government-run NFC is in

charge of providing food items to the public at government rates.

"Our main concern is the hill districts of the Far-Western region where there is acute shortage," said Rawal, NFC is strapped for cash. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) had sanctioned 310 million Nepali rupees (around 3.9 million US dollars) earlier this year for a food relief package. "We are asking MoF for additional relief package but it is not listening," said Rawal adding that the National Planning Commission had already given permission for the new package.—MNA/Xinhua

Kenya Justice Minister resigns

NAIROBI, 8 April—Kenyan Justice Minister Martha Karua announced to resign from the coalition government on Monday.

Addressing a news conference in Nairobi on Monday, Martha Karua who played a key role in President Kibaki's controversial re-election last year, left her Constitutional Affairs and National Cohesion docket after chairing a meeting of her NARC-Kenya Party, claiming that she had been sidelined in her own docket.

"Today I have tendered my resignation as Minister for Justice and National Cohesion because I feel my position as minister is untenable," Karua told a news conference in Nairobi. "I

will continue to participate in nation building as a Member of Parliament and a leader. I will now be able to totally disagree with anything that is anti-reform," she said.

She made good her threat to quit a day after she said "enough is enough" after attending a church service in Nairobi.

"If I feel as a minister I am not helping Kenyans. Then it is not a must I remain one," she said on Sunday giving the clearest indication that she was ready to quit the coalition government — an institution she helped build after the post-election violence early last year.—MNA/Xinhua



Flowers bloom on a hill overlooking in the southern German town of Hohenfels.—INTERNET

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4.	Spare Parts For Shovel Loader	1 Lot	9.4.2009	11.5.2009
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6.	Load Cell	1 Set	9.4.2009	11.5.2009
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10.	Spare Parts For Sheet Machine	3 Items	9.4.2009	18.5.2009
11.	Machinery And Equipment	23 Items	9.4.2009	18.5.2009
12.	Non Control Items	36 Items	9.4.2009	18.5.2009
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AIG aircraft unit seeks \$5 billion Fed credit line

NEW YORK, 8 April—American International Group Inc's (AIG.N) aircraft leasing unit is in talks over a \$5 billion credit line from the New York Federal Reserve that could be used to facilitate its sale, the Financial Times reported on its website late on Tuesday.

People close to the situation told the paper that discussions between International Lease Finance Corp (ILFC), AIG and the New York Fed were still ongoing and no decision had yet been taken on whether the facility would be provided or how big it would be.

The credit line from the Fed would come from the billions of dollars worth of loans the monetary authorities have already extended to troubled insurer AIG, the paper said, citing people close to the situation.

Reuters' efforts to contact the New York Fed and AIG out of regular office hours were unsuccessful.

ILFC, one of the world's largest aircraft leasing companies, is one of the units AIG has put on the auction block. Private equity firms are eyeing the firm, and a buyer could get financing help from AIG under revisions to AIG's US financial rescue in March.—*Internet*

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5.7-magnitude earthquake rattles Nicaragua

MANAGUA, 8 April—The Nicaraguan Institute of Territorial Studies (INETER) reported on Tuesday that an earthquake of 5.7-magnitude hit the country on Tuesday. The earthquake struck at 2:50 pm local time (2050 GMT) in the coordinated 14.20 north and 90.77 west, and the epicenter was located 216 km deep in the Pacific Ocean, according to INETER report.

There was no immediate reports of victims and material damages resulted from the quake.—*Internet*

Flight student charged with piloting plane into US

A single-engine, four-seat Cessna airplane, allegedly stolen from Ontario, Canada, sits along Highway FF in Carter County, Missouri, on 7 April, 2009. —INTERNET

ST LOUIS, 8 April—Suicide by fighter jet was the goal of a flight student who stole a plane in Canada, entered US airspace and flew an erratic path over the Midwest with the military on his tail

before he landed safely on a rural Missouri road, federal authorities said on Tuesday.

Adam Dylan Leon, who was running out of fuel when he landed the plane Monday night in

Ellsinore, Mo, was charged on Tuesday with transportation of stolen property and illegal entry. The seven-hour flight prompted a brief evacuation of the Wisconsin Capitol and warnings to commercial aircraft over Chicago and other cities, but terrorism is not believed to be a motive. According to the federal complaint, Leon told the FBI that he flew the plane into the US expecting to be shot down by military aircraft. The complaint said Leon also told the FBI he "has not felt like himself lately" and he recently was being treated by a psy-chiatrist.

Internet

Fire destroys five garment factory buildings in Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, 8 April—A fire here on Tuesday night destroyed at least half of one of the largest garment factories in Cambodia, national media on Wednesday quoted fire department and factory officials as saying.

By 08:30 pm (GMT 1330) on Tuesday, the fire had demolished five of nine buildings at the Suntex factory complex, said Chinese-language daily newspaper the *Commercial News*.

Internet



FDA approves rapid test for H5N1 virus in humans

WASHINGTON, 8 April — The US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday cleared for marketing a new, more rapid test for the detection of H5N1 virus, a disease-causing subtype of the bird flu virus that can infect humans.

The test, called A Vantage A/H5N1 Flu Test, detects H5N1 in throat or nose swabs collected from patients who have flu-like symptoms. The test identifies in less than 40 minutes a specific protein (NS1) that indicates the

presence of the H5N1 virus. Previous tests cleared by the FDA to detect the virus can take three or four hours to produce results. “This test is an important tool to help quickly identify emerging H5N1 infections and reduce exposure to large populations,” said Daniel G. Schultz, director of the FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health. “The clearance of this test represents a major step toward protecting the public from the threat of

pandemic flu.”

H5N1 virus is found mostly in birds, although infections have also occurred in humans, mostly in people who have come into contact with the virus through infected poultry. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, of the few avian influenza viruses that have infected humans, the H5N1 subtype has caused the largest number of detected cases of serious disease and death.—*Internet*



Afghan asylum seekers build a new shelter in the woods near the harbour of Calais, northern France, on 7 April, 2009. Hundreds of migrants, mostly from Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea, camp in woods near Calais, known locally as the “jungle”, from which they make nightly attempts to board trucks about to cross the Channel by train or ferry.—*Internet*

Cutting out sugary drinks helps weight loss more

BEIJING, 8 April — In terms of losing weight, a new research shows that cutting back on sugar-laden drinks seems to have a bigger impact than cutting back on solid foods, according to April’s edition of American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

“Consumption of liquid calories from beverages has increased in parallel with the obesity epidemic in the US population,” Dr. Benjamin Caballero of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and colleagues point out in the journal. “Our study supports policy recommendations and public health efforts to reduce intakes of liquid calories, particularly from sugar-sweetened beverages, in the general population,” they added.

The researchers examined 810 adults who participated in a behavior intervention study on how changes in beverage consumption over 18 months affected their weight. The researchers divided beverages into seven categories based on calorie content and nutritional composition: sugar-sweetened beverages (regular soft drinks, fruit drinks, fruit punch, or high-calorie beverages sweetened with sugar); diet drinks (diet soda and other “diet” drinks sweetened with artificial sweeteners); milk (whole milk, 2 percent reduced-fat milk, 1 percent low-fat milk, and skim milk); 100 percent juice (100 percent fruit and vegetable juice); coffee and tea with sugar; coffee and tea without sugar; and alcoholic beverages.—*Internet*

Russian manned spacecraft leaves ISS

MOSCOW, 8 April — A Russian manned spacecraft has departed from the International Space Station (ISS), the Mission Control Center outside Moscow said on Wednesday.

The Soyuz TMA-13 spaceship, with two astronauts and one space tourist aboard, departed from the ISS at 07:55 Moscow time (0355 GMT) on Wednesday, said Valery Lyndin, spokesman for the mission control.

The spaceship is expected to land some three hours later at the site northeast of Kazakh city

Dzhezkazgan and the crew will bring the results of experiments back to the Earth, including a bioreactor with bacteria grown in orbit, he said.

The capsule will bring back the Hungarian-born US businessman Charles Simonyi, who has spent over 11 days on the ISS, and two astronauts — US astronaut Michael Fincke and Russian flight engineer Yuri Lonchakov.

Simonyi, one of the brains behind Bill Gates’ Microsoft, is the first twice self-funded space traveler. The 60-year-old billionaire

paid his first visit to space in 2007, which reportedly cost him 25 million US dollars. The second trip cost him about 35 million dollars. A Soyuz TMA-14 spaceship carrying Simonyi and the two astronauts blasted off from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan on March 26 and docked with the ISS on 28 March.—*Internet*

US launches \$45 m Act Against AIDS

BEIJING, 8 April — The United States launched a five-year, 45 million dollar media blitz Tuesday to spark awareness about HIV infection and AIDS. The campaign, Act Against AIDS, will include public service announcements, advertising on trains, buses and other modes of public transportation, text messages and a Web site — a reference to the frequency with which people are infected.

“There is a complacency — a false sense of security and a false sense of calm,” said Kevin Fenton, director of the national center for HIV/AIDS at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fenton said, “Every 9 1/2 minutes, someone’s mother, someone’s daughter, someone’s father, someone’s friend is infected.”—*Internet*

Toyota banks on tiny, green but pricier iQ model

TOYOTA, 8 April — Toyota’s new tiny car doesn’t boast any state of the art hybrid or plug-in technology. But the iQ has

plenty else packed into a diminutive frame that blends stylish curves with safety, fuel efficiency and smooth handling.

The iQ at less than 3 meters (9.8 feet) long is smaller than Toyota Motor Corp.’s Yaris subcompact.

It is being shown as a Scion model, which targets younger buyers, at the New York International Auto Show, opening to the public on 10 April. It went on sale November in Japan, earlier this year in Europe, and is being considered for the US market. The boxlike yet curvy “premium four-seater” encapsulates Toyota’s strategic ambitions to woo buyers of European models like German Daimler AG’s Smart two-seater. It is also an attempt to engineer bigger profits from usually cheap small cars.—*Internet*



A visitor sits in a Toyota Motor Co’s compact car iQ during a Toyota-sponsored event to promote its cars in Mimasaka in Okayama, southwestern Japan, on 28 March, 2009. Toyota’s new little car doesn’t boast any glamorous hybrid or plug-in technology. But the iQ is a star in its own right for more mundane features that are just as critical in car-making — safety, fuel-efficiency, handling and sheer tiny size.

INTERNET

Yangtze landslide near Three Gorges Dam ‘won’t block river’

CHONGQING, 8 April — A landslide on a section of the bank of China’s Yangtze River near the Three Gorges Dam may fall into the river but will not block it, experts said on Tuesday.

Cracks had been seen in the landslide and its shape had continued to change, said Yin Yueping, deputy chief of the investigation team, deputy general engineer of China Geological Survey.

Traffic on the river will not be stopped although the landslide may fall into the river, Yin said.

The landslide will be monitored round the clock, said Zhou Shihong, deputy director of the municipal Bureau of Land and Resources. A portion of the river’s southern bank in Guling township, Yunyang County of southwest China’s Chongqing Municipality broke loose from the rest of the bank since November last year, when the cofferdams of the Three Gorges Dam tried to hold water at a depth of 175 meters, Zhou said. The dislocation had worsened since March and quickened pace in recent days, Zhou said.

The 55 people living on the sliding portion, called the Liangshuijing landslide, have been evacuated.

Internet

SPORTS



FC Porto's Argentinian midfielder Mariano Gonzalez (L) scores past Manchester United's Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar during their UEFA Champions League quarter final first leg football match at Old Trafford in Manchester. The match ended in a 2-2 draw.—INTERNET

United suffer setback in tie against Porto

MANCHESTER, 8 April—Sir Alex Ferguson has challenged Manchester United to keep their Champions League title defence alive by becoming the first English team to win in Porto.

Ferguson's holders face an uphill struggle to reach the semi-finals after being held to a 2-2 draw by the Portuguese champions in Tuesday's last eight first leg clash at Old Trafford.

Porto's two away goals mean United need to win or earn an unlikely high-scoring draw at the Dragao Stadium next Wednesday to stay in the competition.

Ferguson admits it is a daunting prospect, especially given the woeful record of Premier League teams in Porto.

Arsenal lost 2-0 at the Dragao this season, while United have failed to return from Porto with a win twice under Ferguson and Liverpool and Chelsea have also been frustrated there.

"It's a difficult job now because no British team has won in Porto," Ferguson said. "We have to win the game. We've been good at firsts at this club so this is an occasion when we can be first again. We have a job to do."—*Internet*

Top tennis seeds Blake and Fish toppled at Houston

HOUSTON, 8 April—Top-seeded James Blake and second-seeded Mardy Fish tumbled out of the first round of the 500,000-dollar US Men's Clay Court Championship here.



Guillermo Canas, seen here, of Argentina, ranked 113th in the world, ousted Blake 6-4, 6-4 top-seeded James Blake from the first round of the 500,000-dollar US Men's Clay Court Championship in Houston.—INTERNET

Guillermo Canas of Argentina, ranked 113th in the world, ousted Blake 6-4, 6-4, while Germany's Bjorn Phau, ranked 77th, defeated Fish 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

It marked the first time since 2000 that the top two seeds failed to get out of the first round of the event.

Canas led 5-4 in the second when Blake tried to make a stand, but the American failed to convert four break chances.

—*Internet*

Adebayor acrobatics give injury-hit Arsenal edge

VILLARREAL, 8 April—A brilliant acrobatic equaliser by Emmanuel Adebayor earned Arsenal a 1-1 draw and a crucial away goal in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal against Villarreal here on Tuesday.

Spain's Euro 2008 victor Marcos Senna had put

Villarreal into a 10th minute lead with an unstoppable swerving shot but Adebayor levelled on 65 minutes with his fourth Champions League goal and it was one to remember.

The Togo striker controlled a superb pass from Cesc Fabregas on his chest before volleying home with an acrobatic scissors kick.

The away goal makes Arsenal slight favourites for the tie going into the return leg at their Emirates Stadium on 15 April.

However, the joy at getting the away goal will have been tempered by the news that first choice goalkeeper Manuel Almunia faces perhaps three weeks out with an ankle injury and France international defender William Gallas faces a lengthy absence after suffering a medial ligament injury.—*Internet*



Villarreal's Marcos Senna celebrates his goal against Arsenal during their Champions League quarter final football match at Madrigal Stadium in Villarreal. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Ferguson 'scared' of Liverpool claims Benitez

LIVERPOOL, 8 April—Rafael Benitez has launched another attack on Sir Alex Ferguson after claiming on Tuesday that the Manchester United manager is running scared of Liverpool.



Liverpool's Manager Rafael Benitez, seen here on 4 April, 2009, has launched another attack on Sir Alex Ferguson after claiming on Tuesday that the Manchester United manager is running scared of Liverpool.—INTERNET

As the race for the Premier League and Champions League enters a crucial phase, Liverpool manager Benitez accused his rival here on Tuesday of "talking too much" before adding: "I just think he is a little bit scared."

It is the second time this season that Benitez has had a dig at Ferguson, whose United side now have a one-point lead at the top of the Premier League over the Merseysiders.

—*Internet*

Rapids beat Galaxy 4-2 in penalty kicks

CARSON, 8 April—The Colorado Rapids survived a one-man disadvantage for 84 minutes to defeat the Los Angeles Galaxy 4-2 in penalty kicks Tuesday night in qualifying for the US Open Cup.

The teams played to a scoreless tie after 90 minutes of regulation and 30 minutes of overtime.

The Rapids played with 10 men after Greg Dalby received a red card in the 36th minute. But the Galaxy failed to convert any of their 24 shots, six of them on goal.

Omar Cummings, Mehdi Ballouchy, Colin Clark and Ugo Ihemelu made Colorado's penalty kicks. Rapids goalkeeper Preston Burpo dived to his left to smother Chris Klein's shot and dived to his right to deflect Mike Magee's attempt.—*Internet*

City seek to prove credentials in UEFA Cup

PARIS, 8 April—Manchester City defender Nedum Onuoha says medals and not money will tempt new recruits to the big-spending club, ahead of their UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg at Hamburg.

City's take-over by the hugely wealthy Abu Dhabi United Group in September thrust the club into the spotlight and after an indifferent start they are now beginning to climb the Premier League table.

Such is the club's financial strength that rumours are already beginning to circulate about who they will sign in the summer, but England Under-21 captain Onuoha feels the UEFA Cup trophy is more likely to lure big names than the promise of a juicy contract.

"That would definitely mean more than the money," Onuoha said.

"There is so much potential here now and the chance to be able to afford better players. But they will come because they see the club is moving in the right direction."—*Internet*

Liverpool's Spanish striker Fernando Torres (front) with Manchester City's English defender Nedum Onuoha, who says medals and not money will tempt new recruits to the big-spending club, ahead of their UEFA Cup quarter-final first leg at Hamburg.—INTERNET



Vandereycken fired as Belgium coach

BRUSSELS, 8 April—Rene Vandereycken has been sacked as coach of the Belgian national team after a string of disappointing results, the Belgian Football Federations (URBSFA) announced on Tuesday.

The 55-year-old oversaw Belgium's failure to qualify for Euro 2008 and leaves them fourth in their European qualifying group for the 2010 World Cup, eleven points behind group leaders Spain and unlikely to qualify for next year's tournament in South Africa.

Belgium were last week

beaten twice in the space of five days (4-2 at home and 2-1 away) by second-placed Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Those are the two results that especially disappointed us," said federation president François De Keersmaecker.

"We don't dispute either the professionalism or competence of Rene but we did demand a level of results that was not achieved."—*Internet*



Rene Vandereycken, seen here in March 2009, has been sacked as coach of the Belgian national team.—INTERNET



Two geese chatter in the hippo enclosure in the Zoo in Berlin, on 3 April, 2009 on a sunny day in Germany.—Internet

Company lawyer says Google is good for newspapers

NEW YORK, 8 April—Google Inc helps newspaper websites make money through online advertising and does not misappropriate their content, a lawyer for the search engine said on the company's blog on Tuesday.

"We drive traffic and provide advertising in support of all business models, whether news sources choose to host the articles with us or on their own websites," wrote Alexander Macgillivray, Google's associate general counsel for products and intellectual property. "Users like me are sent from different Google sites to newspaper websites at a rate of more than a billion clicks per month," he wrote.

On Monday, The Associated Press, a 163-year-old news wire paid for by member newspapers, said it was working on a plan to protect its content from misappropriation on the Internet. On Tuesday, Google's Chief Executive Eric Schmidt, speaking at the Newspaper Association of America's annual meeting in San Diego, said AP has a "multimillion-dollar" deal with Google for the search engine to host and distribute its news.

Some journalists have complained that search engines run by Google and Yahoo Inc make millions of dollars off their news, and that it should belong to them instead.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (9.4.2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

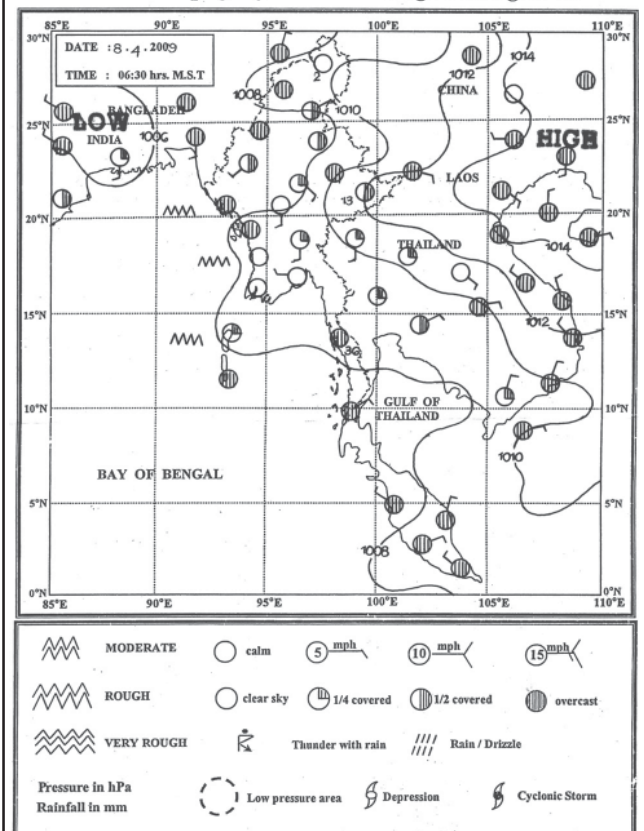
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Mandalay's Grand Walls and Moat
- * Delicious Mango Jam
- * Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- * Thingyan Dance
- * King Thayawaddy's Bell
- * Myanma Eretes Sticticus
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * 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
- * Mandalay's Grand Wall and Moat
- * Delicious Mango Jam
- * Bronze Casting of Kyar Ton Village
- * King Thayawaddy's Bell
- * Myanma Eretes Sticticus
- * How To Make Chinlone
- * Innwa Ancient Capital
- * A Day in Yangon (Zoological Garden)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Shan States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States, (4°C) below April average temperatures in Shan State and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Chauk and Minbu (44°C), each and Magway (43°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.41) inches, Kengtung (0.51) inch and Myeik (0.43) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-4-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 8-4-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-4-2009 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 7-4-2009 was (9.4) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 8-4-2009 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 (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 7-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-4-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-4-2009: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Thursday, 9 April
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဟောကြားတော် မူအပ်သောဥပပါသတ္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

2. Morning news

7:40 am

3. Nice & Sweet song

7:50 am

4. Dance variety

8:00 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. “မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်” (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေသုဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ပြည့်စုံခိုင်၊ စာစာမင်းထက်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)]

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Cute little dancers

4:30 pm

4. Song of national races

4:35 pm

5. Musical programme

4:45 pm

6. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:40 pm

7. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

တတိယနှစ် (ခါတုလေးအထူးပြု)
(ခါတုလေး)

5:15 pm

8. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

9. “လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှူးမယ်”

5:30 pm

10. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:45 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ

“ချစ်သူလူမိုက်”

(မိုးရန်အောင်၊ ခင်မဇ္ဈနိုင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:50 pm

15. ထူးဆန်းထွေးလွယ်များကိုသိပ္ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:15 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ”

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မြူးခိုးဝေခေချစ်သက်တည်”

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

22. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၏

အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်



Mt. Natma, a tourist attraction in Chin State

Article and Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)



Some lovely lodging houses on the path to Mt. Natma National Park.

Today, world nations have put greater emphasis on tourism industry or the smokeless industry for their economic growth.

On our tour of Chin State, we visited Mt. Natma in Mindat District, southern Chin State. In an interview, Administrator U Sheinn Ge Ngai of Mt. Natma National Park of the Environmental and Wildlife Conservation Division of the Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry explained that the mountain stood at an altitude of 10,500 feet

and it was the catchment area of the Myittha River, the Laymyo River, the Mone Creek, the Mao Creek, the Yaw Creek and the Salin Creek; that Mt. Natma was the highest one among the mountains covered with soil in Southeast Asia; that it had an area of 279 square miles (178,060 acres) along with evergreen pine forests and hilly meadows; that on average its temperature was 32 degree Celsius in maximum and 3 degree Celsius in minimum; and that Mt. Natma National Park was constituted with 32 villages of

3571 people.

It is home to about 300 species of birds, and 284 of which have been identified. Of them, the bird "Myet-khonphyu Hngetpyarchauk" is peculiar to the Mt. Natma National Park. And of the 152 species of mosses found, Hyprodon topsis Sputalata is unique to the gardens. So far, 32 species of beetles have been identified, and more than 1000 species are yet to be identified.

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MRTV-4 (Free To Air) Channel to be broadcast up to 20 hours a day

YANGON, 8 April—Myanma Radio and Television under Ministry of Information is broadcasting MRTV-4 (Free to Air) channel with 6-hour long programmes 4 times a day. It is learnt that the broadcast hour will be extended up to 20 hours starting from 11 April. MRTV-4 TV programmes are now being broadcast through VHF Channel (11) with VHF system in Yangon and its environs.

As such, people in Yangon and environs can now receive MRTV-4 (Free To Air) Channel just with VHF TV antenna.—MNA

Antarctic marine biodiversity data now online

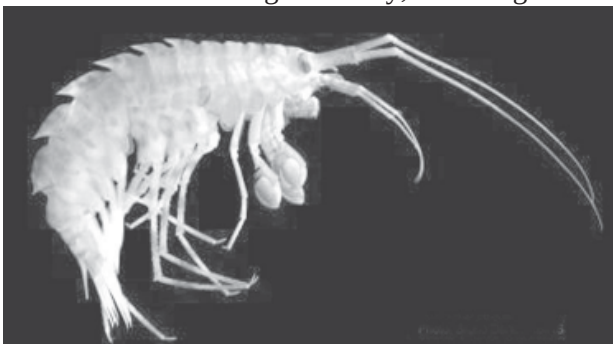
BRUSSELS, 8 April—The International Polar Year (IPY) concluded in March 2009 with a tangible legacy in the form of a network of databases on marine biodiversity that will serve as clearing-

house for all biodiversity-related data gathered since the very first Antarctic research expeditions. The network gathers data describing the species themselves as well as information about their collection history, allowing scien-

tists and conservationists to access the first rigorous census of Antarctic marine life.

Created by the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research's (SCAR), an inter-disciplinary committee of the International Council for Science, the Marine Biodiversity Information Network (SCAR-MarBIN) is a collaborative web portal that provides free and open access to information on Antarctic marine biodiversity (<http://www.scarmarbin.be>).

Internet



Dailies in alternative circulation during Thingyan

YANGON, 8 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

MPT to deliver letters, telegrams on 15, 18 April

YANGON, 8 April—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will perform delivery of letters and telegrams on 15 April (Akyat Day of Maha Thingyan Festival) and 18 April (New Year holiday for 1370 ME) for serving the interest of the people.

Moreover, expedite postal service will be performed during 11 New Year holidays including Maha Thingyan Festival.

MPT requested the revelers and those who wil enjoy the water throwing festival not to throw water to the postmen and mail men discharging their duties.

MNA