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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

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets farmers, inspects regional development tasks in Shan State (East)

NAYPYIDAW, 4 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence arrived at Kengtung Airport in Shan State (East) yesterday where he was welcomed by Shan State (East) PDC Chairman Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of social organizations.



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win talks at a meeting with local farmers in Shan State (East). — MNA*

At 2 pm, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met

local farmers in Yanlaw field on Kengtung-Kattaung Road. Manager

U Aye Thein of Shan State Myanma Agriculture Service reported on

cultivation of summer paddy in Shan State (East) in 2005-2006 and the commander on arrangements being made for ensuring local sufficiency of food.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win called on the farmers to strive for meeting the target of cultivating 400,000 acres of

paddy set by the State and to cooperate with departmental staff in carrying out regional development work. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win then viewed the broadcasting of fertilizers into the paddy fields and cordially greeted the farmers. Shan State (East) has cultivated 26,117 acres of summer

paddy in 2005-2006.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed by car the thriving summer paddy plantations along Yanlaw-Kattaung-Kattak-Kattawanlon village-to-village road. They also inspected cultivation of 80,000 rubber plants and 80,000 physic nut plants owned by Myanmar Police Force near Kengphaung and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party visited the state sports ground in Wakhot in Kengtung Township. Officials reported on upgrading of the sports ground.

The sports ground was constructed at K 39 million — K 29 million contributed by the State and K 10 million by wellwishers. — MNA

**Farmers in Shan State (East) urged to strive for meeting the target of cultivating 400,000 acres of paddy set by the State and to cooperate with departmental staff in carrying out regional development work.**



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects physic nut plantations of Shan State Myanmar Police Force. — MNA*

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**More new generation mercantile marine officers for the nation**

Nowadays, the government is striving together with the entire people for the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with the global nations. And it has laid down and is implementing the seven-step Road Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Meanwhile, it has laid down the national education promotion programmes, a driving factor for national development, and is nurturing the new generation youths.

Steps are being taken to bring about development in different sectors including marine transport sector for the emergence of highly qualified human resources required in the nation and the development of human resources required in different regions.

A glance at the prevailing situation in the world will reveal that the economic development of a particular nation mainly rely on its transport and communication sectors. Out of transport routes such as the land route, water route and air route, water route plays a greater role.

Therefore, the State is constantly producing mercantile marine officers, while striving for the development of mercantile marine science in the marine transport sector.

The concluding ceremony of Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course (CD/33) of the Institute of Marine Technology under the Ministry of Transport was held in conjunction with the opening of the course (CD/34) at the parade ground of the institute on 3 April.

At the concluding ceremony, 298 mercantile marine officer cadets and mercantile marine engineer cadets, who had completed the course (CD/33), were presented completion certificates while the opening ceremony was attended by 301 mercantile marine officer cadets who will attend the course (CD/34). Training and producing of those technicians will not only fulfil the requirement of mercantile marine technicians in inland vessels but also satisfy the demand of seafarers in foreign vessels registered in Myanmar.

The institute has made contact with related universities and institutes and foreign companies and is teaching marine science. Up to the 2006 academic year, it produced 2,958 mercantile marine officers of international class.

At a time when all-out efforts are being made for national development, we firmly believe that the new generation mercantile marine officers will uphold and enhance the dignity of the State and the nation through diligence and perseverance.

**စက်သုံးဆီအရောင်းဆိုင်များ၊ သဘာဝဓာတ်ငွေ့ (CNG) အရောင်းဆိုင်များ မဟာသင်္ကြန်ရက်များတွင် ဖွင့်မည်။**

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**People's Desire**

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**Patron of Shan State WAO meets local people in Taunggyi**

YANGON, 4 April — Patron of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Shan State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Myat Ngwe and officials met members of women's affairs organization and MCWA of Ayethaya Industrial Zone in Taunggyi on 28 March.

Chairperson of Shan State Women's Affairs Organization Daw Swe Swe Myint briefed on women's affairs and Daw Mya Mya Lwin on bird flu.

Patron Daw Myat Ngwe and party explained functions of WAO and MCWA in meeting with local people in Banbwe Village tract. They also discussed tasks of the associations after meeting with people of nearby villages.

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A wellwisher makes cash donations at the 463rd gold foil-offering and cash-donating ceremony for the Shwedagon Pagoda held at the pagoda on 4-4-2006.—MNA

**Armed Forces Day Exhibition concludes**

YANGON, 4 April — The public including monks and students visited the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition which concluded today at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road.

At the exhibition today, officials presented awards to students who won in the computer quiz.

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Students visiting the booths displayed at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition.

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**Refresher course for teachers opened**

YANGON, 4 April — Refresher course for teachers who have been assigned to Naypyidaw City was opened today at No 1 Basic Education High School in Lanmadaw Township.

ant teachers, 36 junior assistant teachers and 15 primary assistant teachers - are attending the course which will last until 11 April.

The course No 2 will open from 19 April to 4 May and will be held in Yangon and Mandalay simultaneously.

The courses aim at improving the teaching skills and management skills of teachers. —MNA

**Basic tailoring course ends**

YANGON, 4 April — A conclusion ceremony of the tailoring course No 1 of Seikphyu Township Vocational Training School of the Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took place at the school on 31 March.

At the ceremony, Deputy Director General of the Education and Training Department delivered a speech. The ministry sold sewing machines to the trainees by installments and Director U Aung Soe presented awards to outstanding trainees.

The 14-week course was attended by a total of 50 trainees from the villages of Seikphyu and Pauk townships.

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**UMFCCI officials meet guests**

YANGON, 4 April— Vice-Presidents of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, Adviser Dr Kyaw Htin and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, on 29 March, met a three-member delegation led by Director Mr Augustine Koh of Asia Productivity Organization of Tokyo, Japan.

The two sides discussed matters on drawing a plan for exploiting and using energy for small and medium enterprises in Greater Mekong Sub-region, a course to be conducted in Thailand and holding national seminars in the respective countries.

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မဟာသင်္ကြန်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ



A South Korean worker looks at lanterns displayed on a tree, marking Buddha's upcoming Birthday on 5 May at Chogye Temple in Seoul, on 3 April, 2006. About one-third of South Korea's 48 million people are Buddhists.—INTERNET

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## China, Japan sign agreement on Customs cooperation

BEIJING, 3 April — China and Japan signed an agreement here on Sunday on mutual assistance and cooperation in law enforcement, information exchange, technical cooperation and personnel training between their Customs departments.

Under the agreement, Customs of the two countries are obliged to provide each other with information on possible activities breaching the Customs laws and regulations within their jurisdiction. According to the agreement the Customs departments of the two countries shall, at the request of the other, conduct special surveillance of people suspected of breaking Customs laws.

The agreement was signed by Sun Songpu, deputy director of the General Administration of Customs, and Chihiro Atsumi, minister with the Japanese Embassy in China on behalf their governments. The agreement will further consolidate the legal basis for bilateral cooperation between the Customs departments of the two countries, the Chinese Customs Department said in a statement.

The agreement was

MNA/Xinhua

### Tokyo asks sneezing citizens to cough up for trees

TOKYO, 3 April — Tokyo's city government is trying to persuade allergy sufferers to sponsor a campaign to replace the pollen-rich cedar trees that cause misery for many Japanese each spring.

Hay fever sufferers are being asked to donate 1,500 yen to cover the cost of cutting down one of about 1.8 million cedars in a western Tokyo forest and replacing it with a low-pollen variety, a city official said on Monday.

The city expects the project to cost three billion yen and take 10 years. A reforestation programme after World War II sparked Japan's pollen allergy problem—the authorities only later realized the cedars were leaving millions of Japanese sneezing and teary-eyed. Tokyo has been engaged in a push to help allergy sufferers since last year, when City Governor Shintaro Ishihara himself developed the symptoms of hay fever.—MNA/Reuters

### 43 aftershocks hit western Iran

TEHERAN, 3 April—Iran's western province of Lorestan has been rattled by some 43 aftershocks since a strong earthquake was felt Thursday evening, the official IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

The first quake measuring 4.7 on the Richter Scale Thursday hit Boroujerd and Doroud, two cities some 300 kilometres southwest of Teheran, at 23:15 local time (1945 GMT).

The quake, along with the strongest of the 43

aftershocks which rattled at 04:47 am (0117 GMT) Friday morning, has killed at least 70 people and injured nearly 1,300 so far.

The quakes also rendered about 15,000 families homeless and damaged 330 villages at various degrees, IRNA said.

A UN assessment team has rushed to the quake-stricken areas early Saturday morning to see whether further assistance would be required from the UN according to a written Press release issued by the UN information centre in Teheran.

Iran sits on some of the world's most active seismic fault lines and is prone to frequent earthquakes.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman battles with a gusty wind as she walks by a bridge connecting skyscrapers at Tokyo's newly developed Shiodome business district on 3 April, 2006.—INTERNET

### Sharks storm Gaza Strip shores

GAZA, 3 April— A Palestinian official said on Sunday that schools of sharks stormed shores of the southern Gaza Strip.

Fouad al-Aamoudi, chief of the Palestinian Fishermen Association in Gaza told reporters that flocks of sharks stormed the shores of the southern Gaza Strip, mainly in the towns of Rafah and Khan Younis.

"Dozens of sharks which stormed the shores of Rafah and Khan Younis were seen today (Sunday)," said al-Aamoudi, adding that it was the first time that such kinds of fish appeared on Gaza shores.

He warned residents to avoid swimming or using small boats in fishing in those areas. "Some fishermen managed to catch some of those sharks right at the beach. Some of the sharks are weighing 120 kilograms," said al-Aamoudi.

MNA/Xinhua

### China honours geological workers, teachers

BEIJING, 4 April — Sixteen Chinese geologists were honoured in Beijing on Monday for their outstanding performance in research, field work and education.

Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan presented the awards to the geologists at Ninth Li Siguang Geological Science Award Presentation Ceremony.

The award is named after leading Chinese geologist Li Siguang, who made a great contribution to the development of China's geoscience and geological education. His research led to the discovery and successful exploration of gas and oil fields in Daqing and Shengli regions and other mineral resources.

The geologists receiving awards included engineers, professors and researchers from universities and research institutes. — MNA/Xinhua

### Nine more US troops killed in weekend in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 April — Four American troops were killed by hostile fire, while five others died and three were missing after

their truck rolled over in a flash flood this weekend in separate incidents in western Iraq, the military said on Monday.

In violence targeting Iraqis, a suicide truck bomb exploded Monday near a Shiite mosque in northeastern Baghdad as worshippers were leaving after evening prayers, killing at least 10 people and wounding 30, police said. The US military said it was "using all the resources available" to find the two Marines and a sailor who were missing after Sunday's accident, which occurred near the Asad air base in Anbar, near the Syrian border.

Five Marines were

killed and one was injured when the seven-ton US military truck rolled over in a flash food. The military said it appeared to be an accident and "not a result of enemy action."

Three Marines and one sailor also were killed by hostile fire elsewhere in the volatile province, the military said Monday, the largest number of American deaths in a single attack in more than a month. The incidents raised to 13 the number of US troops who died this weekend. At least 2,342 American service members have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Internet



A view of the Singapore central business district in this 22 August, 2005 file photo. Asian expatriates ranked Singapore the best place to live out of 257 locations worldwide because of its clean air, infrastructure and low crime rate, a survey published on 3 April, 2006 showed.—INTERNET

## Five US troops wounded, violence rises in Afghanistan

ASADABAD (Afghanistan), 3 April — Five US soldiers were wounded in a roadside bomb blast in Afghanistan on Saturday while, in a separate incident, a suicide bomber blew himself up in an attack on Canadian troops, military officials said.

No Canadian or Afghan Army troops were hurt in the attack in Kandahar Province but Afghan soldiers killed a man on a motorbike, mistaking him for another attacker, an Afghan commander said.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the third suicide attack in three days. A Canadian soldier and at least seven passers-by were wounded in the earlier attacks.

Violence in Afghanistan has intensified in recent days since Taliban guerillas said they launched a spring offensive in their campaign to oust foreign troops and defeat the Western-backed Govern-

ment. The US troops were wounded while on patrol in the Peche Valley of eastern Kunar Province, near the border with Pakistan and the scene of repeated clashes between insurgents and US and Afghan government troops.

A roadside bomb struck their armoured vehicle, US military spokesman Lieutenant Mike Cody said.

The five wounded men were evacuated to the main US military base at Bagram, north of Kabul, he said. He did not know their condition.

Guerillas attacked the convoy after the blast and one suspected guerilla was detained, he

added.

Four US soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in Kunar last month. Sixteen US troops were killed in the province last June when guerillas shot down their heli-copter with a rocket-propelled grenade.

A Taliban spokesman said Taliban fighters had carried out the third suicide attack in Kandahar in as many days.

MNA/Reuters

## ဝက်မှုဝှမ်းအား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



An aerial view of a new pier for the tsunami-ravaged Indonesian town of Meulaboh, on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET

## Spider-hunting nudist ends with ring of fire

SYDNEY, 3 April — A red-faced Australian nudist who tried to set fire to what he thought was a deadly funnel web spider's nest ended up with badly burnt buttocks, emergency officials said on Monday.

The 56-year-old man was at a nudist colony near Bowral, about 100 km (62 miles) southwest of Sydney, on Sunday when he spotted what he believed to be a funnel web spider hole. Ambulance workers, including a helicopter crew, were called to the scene after the man poured petrol down the hole and then lit a match in an attempt to kill the offending arachnid.

"The exploding petrol fumes left the man with

burns to 18 percent of his body, on the upper leg and buttocks," the NRMA Careflight helicopter rescue service said in a statement. It said the man's lack of clothing probably contributed to the extent of his burns.

"The fate of the bunkered spider was unknown, although other guests at the resort thought it was probably a harmless trapdoor spider and not a deadly funnel web," the statement said.

NRMA Careflight said

it was called to a property in the same area in January when another man kicked a spider that was crawling

up the wall of a friend's cabin. The man broke his leg in two places, it said.

Internet



A funnel-web spider rears up on its hind legs at the Australian Reptile Park at Gosford in a 2001 file photo. —INTERNET

## Scandinavia's first gorilla born at Sweden's zoo

STOCKHOLM, 3 April — The first baby gorilla in Scandinavia has been born in the largest zoo in south Sweden, the zoo said on Saturday.

The zoo officials said the newcomer of the Kolmarden zoo was born early Saturday, and now the gorilla baby and its mother Naomi were fine.

They did not know the baby's gender, as zoo keepers had yet to take it from Naomi for an examination, the officials added.

The official said that the baby would be named through a contest and allowed to appear in public in May.

About five to 10 gorillas are born in captivity throughout the world each year, the zoo said, adding that gorillas haven been raised in the Kolmarden for more than 40 years, but no baby gorillas have ever been born before. —MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese man works at a construction site in Beijing on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET

A rescue worker sits in front of a huge dam built with sandbags against the floods of the river Elbe in the eastern German town of Pirna, 20 kilometres (12 miles) east of Dresden, on 3 April, 2006. INTERNET



**Rising river causes flood in eastern Germany**  
BERLIN, 3 April — About 300 people were evacuated from their homes over the weekend in the eastern city of Dresden as the water level of the Elbe River reached its banks, local media reported on Sunday.

Emergency aid workers and the local fire departments have been gearing up blocking the rising waters, caused by the melt of snow, since Friday with pumps and sandbags.

In the Dresden suburb of Laubegast-Zschieren, some 700 people were

urged to leave their houses before authorities issued forced evacuations.

Other cities along the Elbe such as Bad Schandau, Prina, Wehlen, Rathen, Koenigstein and Heidenau have been already experiencing heavy flooding.

The German Army has

been called in to help in reinforcing dams and protecting historic buildings. The region last saw the century's worst flood in August 2002, when the high waters of the Elbe and its tributaries caused an immeasurable amount of damage and financial loss. —MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnamese prefer chip bank cards

HANOI, 4 April — The Vietnamese prefer chip bank cards to magnetic strip ones, a recent survey by giant credit card group Visa International has indicated.

Up to 82 per cent of the Vietnamese respondents expressed interest in chip cards, which have yet to be issued in the country, the Vietnam News reported on Monday citing the survey result.

Plastic smart cards with a microchip that stores identification information and discount points can ensure security better than magnetic strip cards whose contents can be easily copied.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Air Force C-5 Galaxy cargo plane lies in pieces after crashing in a field short of the runway at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Delaware on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET

## Hollywood to sell digital films online

LOS ANGELES, 3 April— Hollywood studios will start selling digital versions of films such as “Brokeback Mountain” and “King Kong” on the Internet this week, the first time major movies have been available online to own.

The films can't be burned onto a disc for viewing on a DVD player. Still, the move is seen as a step toward full digital distribution of movies over the Internet.

Six studios said Monday that sales will begin through the download Web site Movielink. The site is jointly owned by five of the seven major studios.

Warner Bros., Universal Pictures, Sony

Pictures, Paramount Pictures, Twentieth Century Fox and MGM will offer some first-run and older titles on Movielink. New films will be priced similar to DVDs — between \$20 and \$30 — while older titles will sell for \$10 to \$20.

In a separate announcement, Sony and Lionsgate said they will sell films through the Cinema Now site.

Films from The Walt Disney Co will not be

available, although both services say talks are ongoing.

“Digital delivery hasn't arrived until the major studios allow home ownership, and now they have and now digital delivery is very real,” said Jim Ramo, chief executive at Movielink.

Studios will sell some new films online the same day they become available on DVD. Most films will be made available within 45 days.—Internet

### Czech Republic confirms 6th case of bird flu

PRAGUE, 3 April — The Czech Republic has confirmed its sixth case of bird flu. The disease was discovered in a dead swan, a spokesman for the State Veterinary Authority said on Sunday.

The bird, which had the H5 strain of the disease, was found near a fishing pond in the province of Jihočeský Kraj, the same region where the previous five cases of bird flu were detected.

The first swan to be hit by the disease, found dead on 27 March, has been confirmed by the European Union Laboratory at Weybridge in Britain of having the “highly pathogenic H5N1” strain of bird flu virus.

MNA/Xinhua

### US aid targets poor Vietnamese schoolchildren

HANOI, 3 April — A 10,500-ton shipment of soybean meal of the US Government arrived in Vietnam on Friday, which will be sold to fund a school feeding programmes in six provinces with high malnutrition and poverty rates.

The Vietnam Red Cross and American Red Cross, in cooperation with the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training, will use 2.7 million US dollars in

proceeds from the sale of the shipment, as well as proceeds from another donation arriving later in 2006 to ensure that 60,000 pupils in 169 primary schools in six central and northern provinces, the US Consulate General in southern Ho Chi Minh City said in a Press release.

The donation will fund the second phase of the American Red Cross' Food for Education programme in Vietnam.

MNA/Xinhua



A tap drips in a washroom in central London on 3 April, 2006. Following the worst period of drought in a century, a hosepipe ban for domestic users in south-east England came into force on Monday which will affect up to 11 million people in Greater London, Kent, north Hampshire, Surrey and Berkshire. —INTERNET

### Brazil plane crash kills 19

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 3 April — A Brazilian plane crashed into a mountainside as it carried passengers from the oil town of Macae to Rio de Janeiro, killing all 19

people onboard, rescue services and the airline said on Saturday.

Team Empresa Aerea airline said two crew members and 17 passengers died in the Friday night crash of the twin engine LET 410 near Saquarema City, about 60 miles (100 kilometres) east of Rio de Janeiro.

The dead included employees of the construction company Hochtief, which is building an administrative complex for the state-run energy company Petrobras in Macae, Team official David Faria said. They were heading home for the weekend.

The plane left Macae, the base for offshore oil operations in Rio de Janeiro State, for the 40-minute flight to Rio de Janeiro City about 110 miles (180 kilometres) to the southwest.

MNA/Reuters



Workers carry out restoration works on the Great Sphinx of Giza in Egypt, on 3 April, 2006. The restoration effort will concentrate on the neck and chest of the Sphinx which have been eroded over time by the desert winds.—INTERNET

### Earthquake jolts Sumatra of Indonesia

HONG KONG, 3 April— An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale rocked sea waters west of Sumatra, Indonesia, at 4:36 pm (0836 GMT) Sunday, according to the Hong Kong Observatory.

The epicentre was initially determined to be 2.4 North Latitude, 96.4 East Longitude, about 250 kilometres west-southwest of Medan.

MNA/Xinhua

### Explosive plant blast kills 20 in China's Shandong Province

JINAN, 3 April— Twenty workers were confirmed dead and two others were injured in a blast occurred at an explosive plant in Zhaoyuan City of east China's Shandong Province, a local government official said on Sunday.

Rescuers are searching for another nine workers missing in the explosion, according to the provincial administration of production safety. The injured have been hospitalized and were in stable condition, according to the administration.

The blast occurred at a packing workshop of No 761 Explosive Co Ltd in Xiadian Town at 7:05 pm Saturday, when 31 workers were working at the site.— MNA/Xinhua

### Eight dead, one missing in N China firecracker factory blast

TAIYUAN, 3 April— Eight people were killed and one other was missing in a firecracker factory explosion on Saturday in the county of Pianguan in north China's Shanxi Province, local government said Sunday. The accident occurred at the Wannianhong firecracker factory at around 3:30 pm Saturday. Eight people died on the site, according to the provincial administration of work safety.

Rescuers were searching for the missing and investigation into the cause of the accident is underway, according to the administration.

MNA/Xinhua

### Cholera kills 5 in Zanzibar

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 April — Cholera has claimed a fifth victim in the Indian Ocean archipelago of Zanzibar, increasing the fatality to five with 40 people having fallen prey to the epidemic.

Zanzibar Health Minister Sultan Mohamed Mughery told local reporters on Sunday that the latest victim had died in the Unguja Southern Region.

The official attributed the spread of the disease to poor sanitation and polluted drinking water in the isles. — MNA/Xinhua



**US Capitol Hill police cars and a Washington DC fire truck block the intersection into the Senate-side of the US Capitol after police ordered a complete evacuation of the building because of a power outage inside the building in Washington, on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Iran fires world's fastest underwater missile

**TEHERAN, 3 April—** Iran said on Sunday it had test fired what it described as the world's fastest underwater missile during a week of war games in the Gulf, Iranian state television reported.

"The world's fastest underwater missile was successfully test fired on the third day of the 'Holy Prophet war games'," state television reported in a caption without giving a source or details.

Western nations have been watching developments in Iran's missile capabilities with concern amid a standoff over the Iranian nuclear programme, which the West

says is aimed at building atomic bombs. Iran says the programme is civilian.

On Friday, Iran's Armed Forces said they had successfully test fired a domestically produced missile from land which could evade radar.

Iranian state television had said that missile was called *Fajr-3*. But Hossein Salami, head of the Revolutionary Guards Air Force, did not name the new weapon or give

the missile's range, saying it depended on the warhead weight. He told state television it was a defensive weapon.

The US-based military affairs Website [global-security.org](http://global-security.org) describes the *Fajr-3* as a 240 millimetres artillery rocket with a 25-mile (40-kilometre) range, one of a group of light rockets Iran has developed mainly for tactical use on the battlefield.

MNA/Reuters

## China willing to develop friendship, partnership with Australia

**CANBERRA, 4 April—** Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Monday that China is willing to become a good friend and good partner to Australia.

"There are no fundamental differences standing in the way of China-Australia relations. Rather, we enjoy extensive converging interests," Wen said in a speech delivered at a welcoming banquet hosted by Australian Prime Minister John Howard.

Wen said a long-term and stable relationship and cooperation between China and Australia serve the fundamental interests of both countries and peoples. "The Chinese side views its relationship with Australia from a strategic perspective and wishes to become a good friend and good

partner to Australia," he said.

The Chinese Premier noted Australia is endowed with rich resources and has a developed economy and advanced technologies, whereas China has a large population, a huge market and tremendous potential for development.

"China is now the largest source country of overseas students to Australia and the number of Chinese tourists to Australia is growing faster than any other country," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Turkish engineer killed in Afghanistan

**KABUL, 4 April —** Suspected Taliban militants have killed another road engineer of a Turkish company in southwest Afghanistan, provincial governor said on Monday.

"Taliban militias intercepted the car of a Turkish engineer on Dularam road in Nimroze Province Sunday evening and killed him on the spot," Governor Ghulam Dastgir Azad told *Xinhua*.

The militants also captured five local bodyguards of the engineer and set them free after disarming them, he added.— MNA/Xinhua



**A Fajr-3 missile is test fired during naval manoeuvres in the Persian Gulf and Sea of Oman on 31 March, 2006 in this video frame grab released on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Gunmen kidnap senior official in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 3 April—** Unknown gunmen kidnapped a senior official of a state-run company in eastern Baghdad on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"Unidentified armed men kidnapped Subhi Muhammed, director-general of the State Company of Trans-

portation, in Waziyyiya at about 12:10 pm (0810 GMT)," the source said on condition of anonymity.

Muhammed was driving his car on a main road near the Mustansriya gas station when unknown gunmen forced him to stop and drag him into their vehicle, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



**Students walk across a shallow river as a bridge damaged by March 2005's earthquake is seen on the background, in Idano Gawo, Nias island, Indonesia, on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET**

## China completes radio telescope for moon-probe project

**KUNMING, 4 April —** Chinese scientists on Monday completed the main part of a high-tech radio telescope which will serve China's ambitious moon-probe project scheduled for launch in 2007.

The 45-metre tall telescope weighs 400 tons and measures 40 metres in diameter of the antenna. It's located in southwest China's Yunnan Province and is the country's second largest radio telescope. The largest is being built in Beijing.

According to Li Yan, director of Yunnan Observatory of Chinese Academy of Sciences, together with two radio telescopes already set up in Shanghai and northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, China now has four large radio telescopes which are 2,000 to 3,000

kilometres apart from each other.

The telescopes will form a comprehensive earth-based research and survey network that will be able to detect, track and retrieve data sent back from China's first moon-orbiting satellite, Li said. Located on top of the 2000-metre-tall Mountain Phoenix in an eastern suburb of Kunming, capital city of Yunnan Province, the newest radio telescope is "superbly well positioned", the scientist said. The construction of the telescope started in August last year and will be completely installed and tested by June.—MNA/Xinhua



**A Humvee passes the wreckage of a car bomb on 3 April, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET**

# Double standard nature of US human rights report

Aung Moe San

The US State Department issued the 2005 report on human rights practices on 9 March, 2006. The report in reality is an attack against the countries America disliked, or the countries that never yielded to the American domination. By issuing the report, the US disguised itself as a model, while hiding all its human rights violations inside and outside the nation. Hence, all the countries cited in the report refuted it.

China also issued its own report, rebutting the US report, and from racial discrimination to crimes it revealed in detail all the US human rights violations.

The Chinese report stated the rising US crime rate, the tapping of e-mail and telephone conversation inside the US and the arrest of Iraqi journalists by the American troops in Iraq. The Chinese report issued through *Xinhua* urged the US to have equality in addressing its own human rights problems, to review its own acts, and to make practical efforts to improve its own human rights conditions. The report said that America arrogantly boasted itself a model democracy, other countries should copy.

A Chinese Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman at a formal press conference said that China always protected its constitution and observed human rights with respect; that in every aspect, the Chinese government adhered to the policy towards its people; and that it was making great efforts to develop democracy according to the law.

A Thai Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman also criticized the US report on 11 March. The Thai report sent to *Xinhua* said that the US report was far from truth; that every nation had its own traits and characteristics; that measuring others with US yardstick was wrong; and that the US report was contrary to true situation in Thailand.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry of Myanmar also issued a press release, saying, "No foreign states can claim to have greater interest in the well-being of citizens of Myanmar than the Government and people of Myanmar. The report of the US State Department can only be regarded as a politically motivated attempt to maintain pressure on Myanmar and to interfere in the domestic affairs of the country. It has conveniently ignored the positive achievements scored by the Myanmar Government in the political, social and economic spheres of the country. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs categorically and totally rejects the US State Department's annual report on human rights in Myanmar."

The press release indicates the social science that every country has developed on its own history, social situation and other conditions.

The scope of fulfilling the basic needs is

within the limit of human relations development. But man cannot develop human relations according to wish. Human relations can be called the economic system of a human society. All the human knowledge, laws and political systems develop on the foundation of human society. But the US report ignores the fact and concentrates only on attacking others.

Food, clothing and shelter are the most basic human needs. Human history begins with the endeavour to fulfilling the basic needs. The quest for religion, politics, administration and culture came only after the basic needs had been fulfilled. Usually, a social revolution begins from economic reforms. As the economic productivity is the heart of the human society, all other progresses are based on it.

It is true according to social science that human rights can conquer even the universe. Economic and technological development and advancement of human beings are vital for human beings to conquer the universe. But the US is violating human rights by practising double standard policy against the developing countries that have freed themselves from colonialist rule or are in the process of transforming themselves from the centralized socialism into democracy. The act of imposing economic sanctions against those developing countries based on double standard policy totally breaches human rights norms of the peoples of those nations.

From the view point of the political science, human rights knowledge and essence develop together with human evolution.

The rich-poor gap is widening in the world at present. Many of the developing countries are facing slow social and economic progress. One third of the population of the developing countries still live in poverty. As for the peoples of the developing nations, survival and economic, social and cultural development are still the most important human rights. Hence, they should give priority to progress. The international community should pay heed to the right to make progress of the developing countries, and should strive to adopt active schemes to free the world economy from unjust and inappropriate means,

make practical efforts for progress of economic environment, end unnecessary restrictions against the developing countries; set up an international economic order, and put an end to racism, colonialism, hegemony, intrusions and interferences that may jeopardize progress, and create a beneficial international environment.

The concept — non-interference in internal affairs is useless in human rights problems — in reality is a demand for others to relinquish their sovereignty in the human rights affairs. Hence, the concept breaches the international law. The act of forceful indoctrination, with human rights as a tool, means the use of political power for interferences. We should remove such wrong concepts from the international human rights movement or amend them.

No country can stay aloof from the objective economic, political and cultural conditions in materializing and protecting human rights. A sovereign nation should precisely define human rights by enacting a law. The 45th UN General Assembly resolution stated that every nation had the right to choose and develop its own political, social, economic and cultural systems. The 46th UNGA resolution also pointed out that there could not be a single development model for all civilizations and peoples. It is inappropriate and impossible for any nation to make others to copy it. The main aim and activities of international human rights protection should help develop international human rights cooperation, and international mutual love, understanding and respect. Human rights with different historical, religious and cultural backgrounds should be taken into account. Based on similarities, while leaving aside the differences, mutual respect, understanding and cooperation should be enhanced, with the spirit of encouragement.

In this regard, the so-called annual US report on human rights is just a weapon to attack the countries the US dislike and the countries that never yield to its domination, according to its double standard policy.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects sports ground in Warkhoke, Kengtung Township. (NEWS ON PAGE 1) — MNA

## USDA Secretary-General pays homage to Sayadaws, meets local people in Bago Division

YANGON, 4 April — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, accompanied by townsenders and USDA members, visited Ratana Siddhi Pagoda in Kanyutkwin in Bago Division and paid homage and offered alms to the Yadana Theikdhi Mandalay Monastery Sayadaw on 1 April afternoon.

Next, the secretary-general inspected the renovation of Maha Theindawgyi and gave necessary in-

structions to officials. He also visited Moegaung Monastery and paid homage and offered provisions to the presiding Sayadaw. Afterwards, the secretary general met with townsenders and USDA members and called for the implementation of regional development work. He gave necessary assistance for the upgrading of village roads.

The minister and party inspected the renovation of Moegaung Pagoda and construction of Kanyutkwin Auto Telephone Station. — MNA

## Kyindwe Village in Kanpetlet Township gets Telegraph office

NAYPYIDAW, 4 April — A new telegraph office was opened in Kyindwe Village in Kanpetlet Township, Chin State, on 1 April, and Vice Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Hsan Aung unveiled the signboard of the office.

During his tour of Kanpetlet Township, Col Hsan Aung provided two sets of computer to the high school (branch) at Kyindwe Village through the headmistress of the school and one generator to the station hospital. — MNA

## Writer donates books to USDA



U San Tin Aung (Shwebo) presents books to Deputy Information Minister U Thein Sein. — MNA

YANGON, 4 April — A writer donated 350 copies of a book to Union Solidarity and Development Association today.

At the donation ceremony held at the

Headquarters of the USDA, writer U San Tin Aung (Shwebo) presented books worth K 735,000 through Central Executive Committee member of USDA Deputy Minis-

ter for Information U Thein Sein.

Deputy Minister U Thein Sein spoke words of thanks and presented a certificate of honour to the writer. — MNA

## Preventive measures on bird flu being taken intensively

YANGON, 4 April — Avian influenza control programmes are being carried out in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The dead bodies of chicken, pigeons, crows and sparrows from various parts of the country were sent to Yangon Central Animal Laboratory and Mandalay Regional Animal Laboratory and they were examined from the first week of March to 2 April.

There were 20 cases of chicken, pigeons, crows and sparrows in Sanyoung, Hlegu, Twantay, Insein, Tharkayta, Hlinethaya, Mingaladon, Kyauktan, Dagon Myothit and South Dagon Townships in Yangon Division. The

bodies were examined through rapid test, HA test and HI test and there was no evidence of bird flu.

There were chicken deaths at five poultry farms in Myingyan, Myaung, Taungtha, Chanayethazan and Maha Aungmye Townships in Mandalay Division.

The dead bodies of the chicken and pigeons were examined at Mandalay Regional Animal Laboratory.

The H5N1 virus was found at a farm in Maha Aungmye Township where 630 chickens were raised. All the fowls in that township were culled and buried. The farms were sprayed with pesticides. There was no virus in other townships.

Officials of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department inspected a farm, where 700 layers were raised, in No 8 Ward in Yesago Township in Magway Division. It was found that 13 chickens died of heatstroke and thick phlegm.

Two chickens died of newcastle disease at a farm in Shwebo Township where 180 fowls were raised.

Preventive measures are being taken intensively by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in cooperation with Health Department and local authorities.

MNA

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- ၁။ လေပေါင်(၁၀၀)မှ(၁၅၀)အထိ အတင်အချ ပြုလုပ်၍ရသည့် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပက်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့် ရေစူးအား ပြင်းလွန်း၍ ရေပက်ခံသူတွင် အသားအရေများ ပွန်းပဲ့ စုတ်ထွက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊ မျက်စိ၊ နားများအားထိုးမိပါက မျက်လုံး၊ နား ကန်းနိုင်ခြင်း အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်နိုင် ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမထူဝပ်များ၊ ရေပက်ခံကားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များအသုံးပြု၍ ရေပက်ခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ သင်္ကြန်ရေပက်ကစားခြင်းအား သင်္ကြန်ရက်များအတွင်း နေ့စဉ်နံနက်(၀၇:၀၀)နာရီ မှ (၁၈:၀၀)နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပက်ကစားကြရန်နှင့် (၁၈:၀၀)နာရီနောက်ပိုင်း ရေပက်ကစားခြင်း မပြုရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၃။ တားမြစ်ချက်အား ဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူခံရမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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- \* အမျိုးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ။
- \* သရုပ်ပျက်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- \* အမျိုးဂုဏ်၊ ဇာတိဂုဏ်ကို မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်ဖြင့် မြှင့်တင်ပါ။

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## Course on arts of make-up, hair styles opens

YANGON, 4 April— A training course on arts of make-up and hair styles organized by the work group for uplifting of womens' living standard under Yangon Division Woman Affairs Organization was opened today in Thakayta township. The course attracted 50 trainees and will last till 10 April. At the opening ceremony, Patron of the division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai explained the purpose of the course. — MNA



Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai and guests view demonstration of wearing makeups. MNA

## Lucky draw winners chosen

YANGON, 4 April— TZK Co Ltd and Myanmar SEA Marketing Co Ltd held a lucky draw programme in response to their regular customers of Ship Brand condensed sweetened milk, Falcon Brand condensed sweetened milk, and My Boy Brand tinned evaporated milk at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here on 1 April evening. The first prize of K 1.5 million went to Aung Myanmar Cafe of Parami Ward, South Okkalapa Township, the second prize of K 1 million to Waingdawtha Cafe of Ward 10 in South Okkalapa, and the third prize of K 500,000 to Luxury Cafe in Market Ward, Magway. The list of the prize winners and consolation prize winners will be inserted in weekly journals. — MNA



Officials award K 1.5 million to lucky draw winner, Aung Myanmar Cafe. — MNA

## Fire drill conducted at Taunggyi Sub-printing house

YANGON, 4 April— Staff of Taunggyi Sub-printing house under the News and Periodicals Enterprise were drilled on 2 April on the use of fire extinguishers in case of fire. The drill was conducted at the printing house under the supervision of Taunggyi Township Fire Services Department. Staff of the printing house and members of the township FSD participated in the drill. — MNA



U Myat Thin Aung and Daw Khin Myint Myint donate alms to the Kandawmingalar Sayadaw at the novitiation ceremony in DaikU Township, Bago Division on 4 April. — MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

## Old Composers' Songs and Biographies Scrutinization Committee meets

YANGON, 4 April— The Old Composers' Songs and Biographies Scrutinization Committee held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Myanma Radio and Television this afternoon. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay, Bogalay Tint Aung, Gita Lulin U Ko Ko, Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Mya Maung, U Myint Kyi, A1 U Soe Myint, U Maung Maung Latt, U Min Naung, U Lay Nyunt, U Maung Maung Gyi, Danubyu Soe Thein, Pyinmana Myint Hlaing, Daw Htar, U Tin Oo Lay, Ketu Win Htut, U Tun Myint, Yenathar Win Maung and officials. Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya acted as master of ceremonies. First, Chairman of the Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein made a speech on the occasion and Secretary U Ko Ko Htwe reported on works to be carried out. Afterwards, those from the respective committees took part in it. This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended at 4.10 pm with the concluding remarks by the deputy minister. — MNA

## Negligence causes fires in some regions

YANGON, 4 April— Despite widespread educative talks and reminding of the Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Myanmar Fire Brigade about preventive measures against fires and dangers of fires, some regions were rocked by fires that occurred due to negligence. The fire also cost the life of five-year-old Maung Ar Khi. A Daewoo Brand automobile of Daw Aye Aye of No 4, Myalayyon Street, Ward 7, Hline Township, Yangon Division, with number plate Bha/7816 caught fire at about 9.40 am yesterday when it was started after its old pump was replaced with a new one. The inner part of the car was destroyed and worker Kayinlay had his chest burnt. Similarly, a fire broke out in Su Htoo Pan fifth Street, Ward 70, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, this morning, leaving three houses destroyed. The fire started from Pan Cherry tea shop of U Soe Myint of No 305. The Fire Services Department again reminded the people of fire and urged them to take fire prevention measures constantly. — MNA

incident cost about K 5.462 million. A fire broke out at the car servicing workshop of U Hla Moe in the compound of Chaunggyi Industrial Zone in Taninthayi, Taninthayi Division, at midnight on 31 March, when a candle set the workshop on fire, destroying the workshop and two homes. While Maung Mone Htaw Hla was playing with live candle in the home of Daw In Daung Kwunt of No 518, Yuzana Ward, Myitkyina, at 11.45 pm on 2 April, a bamboo matting wall caught fire. Then, the house was burnt and the child met his tragic end. The house of Daw Char Mar Too at No 80, Man Sein Ward, Region 2, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, was ravaged at about 3 am on 3 April because a fire broke out as the live stove set the nearest bamboo matting wall.

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မူးယစ်ကင်းစင် ကျန်းမာမှု

သတိပြုရန်

- (က) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုမဟာသင်္ကြန်ကာလအတွင်း ယာဉ်မောင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန်။
- (ခ) မူးယစ်သောက်စား ယာဉ်မောင်းရ။
- (ဂ) အပျော်လှန်ကျူး စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ပြိုင်မောင်းရ။ လူမမောင်းရ။
- (ဃ) မော်တော်ယာဉ်၊ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင် အိတ်ဇောဝိုက်ဖြုတ်မောင်းရ။
- (င) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်ပြားမပါ ရှိဘဲမောင်းရ။
- (စ) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်အတုများ၊ အခြားယာဉ်နံပါတ်များ တပ်ဆင်ခြင်းလုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရ။
- (ဇ) ယာဉ်၏ဘေးတံခါးများ၊ နောက်ရုံးများဖြုတ်၍ မောင်းနှင်ခြင်းမပြုရ။
- (ဈ) ယာဉ်မောင်းလိုင်စင်နှင့် ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင်(ပိုင်းတက်)မပါဘဲမောင်းရ။
- (ည) ဗျက်သိမ်းထားသော ယာဉ်အို/ယာဉ်ဟောင်းများနှင့် ပြုပြင်ဆင်ယင်မှု မမောင်းရ။
- (ဋ) နိုင်ငံတကာအလံများ ယာဉ်တွင်တပ်ဆင်၍ မောင်းနှင်ခြင်းမပြုရ။
- (ဌ) ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာနယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း မည်သည့်မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်မှ ဖီးနင်းခြင်း လုံးဝမပြုရ။
- (ဍ) ဟွန်းသံကင်းမဲ့စုများအတွင်း ဟွန်းလုံးဝမတီးရ။
- (ဎ) ကျူးလွန်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူမည်။
- (ဏ) “သင့်ကြောင့် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုမဟာသင်္ကြန်ကို အကျည်းတန်မညစ်နွမ်းပါစေနှင့်” ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ



Two Christies' staff hang an Andy Warhol painting 'Double Mona Lisa', at Christies' in London, on 3 April, 2006. The painting is to be auctioned in an inaugural sale of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Jumeirah Emirates Towers in Dubai, on 24 May.—INTERNET

**1,700-year-old tombs excavated in S-W China province**

**KUNMING, 4 April — Chinese archaeologists have discovered more than 360 tombs dating back more than 1,700 years in southwest China's Yunnan Province.**

Located in Cheng-jiang County, the tombs were found around a 56-metre high hill covering a total area of 8,000 square metres. The tombs are believed to be built during the Eastern Han Dynasty (25-220).

Archaeologists have so far carried out excavation on some 17 tombs and unearthed over 40 historical relics including utensil, farming tools and weapons.

According to Yang Jie, director of local archaeological research team, four of the large tombs had been robbed during ancient times.

The historical relics, including button-shaped adornments, a bronze hoe, a bronze sword, chinaware and painted earthenware, will provide valuable clues in study of ethnic culture in southwest China, Yang said, adding those buried there did not seem to be of very high rank.

The comprehensive excavation on the tombs will continue until the end of April.

MNA/Xinhua



People walk past the Eiffel Tower, on 3 April, 2006 in Paris. —INTERNET

**India, Sweden to cooperative in science and technology**

**NEW DELHI, 4 April — India and Sweden on Monday agreed to cooperate in the field of biotechnology, automotive research and information and communication technology.**

The cooperation in the science and technology sector was discussed here at a meeting between Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal and Swedish Minister for Education, Research and Culture Leif Pagrotsky.

Other areas in which the two countries decided to cooperate are environmental sciences and advance manufacturing technologies. “The Science and Technology cooperation could be two-pronged—fundamental research in basic sciences and engineering, and applications and industrial research and

development,” Sibal told reporters.

“We have also decided to set up a joint committee to carry forward the agreement between the two sides signed in December 2005 in Sweden,” he said.

The two sides had also decided to set up a steering committee at the ministerial level to periodically review the progress and provide the policy direction, he said.

Pagrotsky said the interest of Swedish universities had grown in Indian science.

MNA/PTI

**“Xinhua” to cement cooperation with Malaysian News Agency**

**BEIJING, 4 April—** President of Xinhua news agency Tian Congming and Editor-in-Chief Nan Zhenzhong, met here Monday with a delegation from the Malaysian News Agency (MNA), headed by its president Syed Jamil Bin Syed Jaafar.

reports about China and is to set up a bureau in Beijing in about two or three months.

MNA/Xinhua

Tian said Xinhua has maintained sound cooperative ties with MNA during the past years. He hopes the current visit of Jaafar could further promote the cooperation and exchanges between the two sides.

Jaafar, also president of the Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies, said MNA attaches great importance to its cooperation with Xinhua. He said MNA will enhance

**Large vehicles banned from Angkor site**

**PHNOM PENH, 4 April — Large vehicles will be banned from travel within the Angkor Thom complex from the beginning of April, local media reported on Monday.**

A notice from Cambodia's Apsara Authority,

which manages the world well-known Angkor temples, said that “from April 1, any transportation vehicle with a width of two metres and a height of three metres or with a load capacity exceeding 3 tons or a load of five metres in radius, including any local non-tourist passenger vehicle and any tourist bus with more than 24 seats, will not be allowed to travel within the Angkor Thom complex.”

The ban, the authority explained, is being imposed after an excessive number of vehicles unacceptably jeopardized the ancient infrastructure of roads and water drainage, according to the weekly Business Press.

Moreover, smoke and tremors from vehicles affect the stone of the temples in the compound, and the narrow roads make it difficult for vehicles to commute, causing traffic jams and land collapsed, the Apsara Authority said.

“Nowadays, the authority is worried about the growth of vehicles within the Angkor complex, because it adversely affects the national heritage in terms of both beauty and environmental pollution,” said Deputy General Director Seung Kong of the authority.

MNA/Xinhua



A monkey looks into a mirror in an adventure and nature park in Affenberg, Austria on 2 April, 2006. The park is home to 95 monkeys. —INTERNET



**Bird flu brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU Townships and Mandalay District**  
**Press release on measures undertaken in central Myanmar**



Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries issued a press release on death of chicken in central Myanmar.

**1. Death of chicken:** The LBVD carried out restriction and control measures on prevention and control of disease regarding the death of chicken and quails in Shwebo District, Sagaing Division from the first week of February 2006 to 26-3-2006 and Mandalay District, Mandalay Division from 8-3-2006 to 26-3-2006.

**(A) Death of chicken/those destroyed**

Out of 60,929 fowls at 93 poultry farms 6,731 died in Shwebo District (Shwebo, KhinU, Kanbalu and YeU) from the time of chicken death to 26-3-2006, altogether 24,836 fowls were culled and buried. In Mandalay District (Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan) 2,060 fowls died at 99 poultry farms where 111,919 were kept and 96,159 were destroyed. Therefore, 8,791 fowls died and 120,995 fowls and 560 eggs were destroyed and buried in those districts.

**(B) Death of quails and those destroyed**

Altogether 1,941 quails at two quail farms in Shwebo District and 115,650 quails in 44 quail farms in Mandalay District and 50,515 eggs were killed/destroyed. Therefore, 117,591 quails and 50,515 quail eggs were killed/destroyed and buried.

**(C) Finding of bird flu virus**

After the initial outbreaks in the cull zone in Kanbalu, KhinU, YeU, Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan Townships, investigation was made at 47 poultry farms. A total of 433 samples (blood, inner organs of the chicken and trachea) were collected and examined through rapid test and HA, HI and PCR processes. The H5N1 virus was detected in 26 samples of 35 chicken farms.

**2. Control of disease:** Under the supervision of local authorities the LBVD is taking measures on disease control in the cull zones in cooperation with Health Department, Development Affairs Departments, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and breeders and with the assistance of disease control experts from international organizations. All the fowls in the farms from one kilometre radius of the farm where the virus was found were culled for

risk prevention. The destruction included 120,995, fowls, 112,414 quails, 50,515 quail eggs and 560 eggs.

The farms and other materials were sprayed with pesticides. The ban on sale and transport of animals and their products was imposed after the control and restricted and control areas were designated between 3 kilometres and 7 kilometres from the infected farm. It was found that there was no evidence of human and other animal infections from the H5N1. The situation is now under control in affected townships of Mandalay Division.

**3. The latest condition up to 26-3-2006:** The disease has been brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU except in Kaboe Village in Kanbalu Township and Mandalay District; control measures continue at Kaboe Village.

**4. Cooperation with international organizations:** Regional Coordinator of FAO Dr K Watanabe and Regional Coordinator of USAID of the United States Dr John MacArthur in cooperation with the LBVD made a field trip to the affected areas in Mandalay and Shwebo Districts and took emergency measures on control of the disease. Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein received the FAO and WHO resident representatives to Myanmar and discussed bird flu control programmes. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and a regional laboratory in Australia provided educative posters and laboratory equipment. Myanmar received protective gear, testing kits and others worth about US \$ 100,000 provided by FAO, JICA and the regional laboratory in Australia. Three experts from FAO, JICA and DLD of Thailand together with Dr K Watanabe will conduct disease control in Mandalay and Shwebo for two weeks beginning 28-3-2006.

**5. Rehabilitation:** Under the programme of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Myanma Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank and the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation will jointly take measures for rehabilitation of the affected chicken runs.

**6. Regions that have not been infected:** To ensure normal rate of consumption and trade of domestic chickens and chicken products in such regions, State/Division Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Departments will hold coordination meetings and issue animal health certificates to livestock breeders and traders to distribute products with the permission of respective local authorities.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department  
 Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**

**ပြန်ကြည့်တိုက်တွင်အရာဝါးပြန်ပြုစေရေး ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်အချက်များ**  
**INSTRUCTION FOR THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA**

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**Police seize 100 kilos of marijuana in Skopje**

TIRANA, 3 April—Macedonian police seized in late Saturday night in Skopje over 100 kilos of marijuana, arresting two suspected smugglers, according to reports reaching here from Skopje on Sunday.

The drugs were found in a jeep with a Kosovo register plate near a garage in Skopje, and the two arrested people are foreign citizens, the MIA, the Macedonian official news agency quoted a police source as saying.

The police also said that the drugs came from Albania and were intended for the Macedonian market. It was estimated that the market value of the drugs would reach over 1 million Euros.

Since the beginning of 2006, the Macedonian police have seized more than 290 kilos of marijuana and 150 kilos of heroin.—MNA/Xinhua

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**More than 4,000 mobilized to fight against SW China forest fire**

ANNING (Yunnan), 3 April— As of Sunday evening, more than 4,000 people have been mobilized to quench the forest fire in the city of Anning, south-west China's Yunnan Province.

According to the source with the local government, the fire occurred at 4:30 pm on Wednesday in Longshan Forest, near the province capital of Kunming.

The fire was under control on Thursday but strong wind on Thursday afternoon relit the fire, making it ravage 400 hectares of the forest.

The ten-kilometre fire belt injured three firemen and affected the normal life of 51 households, who have already been relocated by the local government.

A working team from the State Forestry Administration arrived at Anning on Sunday to organize the fire fighting work.

MNA/Xinhua

**DONATE BLOOD**

**Polish software mogul donates papal home to church**

KRAKOW (Poland), 3 April — One of Central Europe's wealthiest businessmen has donated the childhood home of the late Pope John Paul II to Poland's Roman Catholic church to use as a museum, the Krakow Archdiocesan spokesman said on Saturday.

Ryszard Krauze, the founder of Poland's leading software firm Prokom, on Friday officially turned the title to the building over to Krakow Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, Karol Wojtyla's aide for four decades, Father Robert Niecek said.

The move was welcomed in the southern town in the Tatra Mountain foothills, whose citizens are commemorating the first anniversary of their native son's death. "The home of John Paul II has been placed in the best possible hands," said Stanislaw Kotarba, a Wadowice municipal official.

During a 1999 meeting with thousands of worshippers in the Wadowice square, John Paul was nostalgic when recalling his boyhood adventures and pointing to his former family home.

"We lived in a flat in that building there which had belonged to Mr Balamuth. I wonder whatever became of him. He is probably dead," John Paul said, referring to his former landlord.

MNA/Reuters

**21 Indians dead in Bahrain boat tragedy**

NEW DELHI, 3 April— The number of Indians killed in Bahrain boat accident rose to 21 Saturday as more bodies of the 57 victims were identified, Indo-Asian News Agency reported.

"The number of Indians dead in Thursday night's tragedy is 21. But details of two victims are not yet known," Indian Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs Vayalar Ravi said.

The dead also included 13 Britons, five Filipinos, five South Africans, four Singaporeans, four Pakistanis, two Thais, a German, an Irish and a South Korean.

A majority of the passengers were employees of a Bahrain-based firm.

"We are trying our best to expedite the official process to bring the bodies to their home states," Ravi said.

Among the 17 Indians sent to hospital after the tragedy, 15 have been discharged.

A tourist boat with 137 people on board capsized at one kilometre off the Bahrain shore at 9: 45 pm local time on Thursday.

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**Spanish police seize one ton of cocaine**

MADRID, 3 April— Spanish police on Sunday intercepted a yacht carrying one ton of cocaine and arrested three suspected smugglers, according to a police report.

Two Germans and one Russian were arrested on the yacht, which had German registration, in the northeast region of Pontevedra, the police said.

The police also seized two other boats, a Walther 9 mm pistol, a satellite telephone and a large number of documents.

The arrest came after an investigation into a network which appeared to try to bring large quantities of cocaine into Europe by sea.

MNA/Xinhua



A survivor is carried out by a rescuer outside a collapsed coal mine in Mong Duong Mine, Quang Ninh Province, 200km (125 miles) northeast of Hanoi on 2 April, 2006. —INTERNET

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### Indonesia believed to have lost 70 orchid species

JAKARTA, 3 April — Some 70 orchid species which used to exist in Indonesian forests are believed to have become extinct due to illegal logging activity, a cultivator said.

The loss of so many orchid species is very regrettable, Antara news agency quoted Susono Hadinugroho, chairman of the Surabaya Orchid Society, as saying on Saturday.

Indonesia's orchid population is the second most diverse in the world after Brazil's. Around 5,000 species of the world's total 26,000 orchid species are to be found in Indonesia, he said in Surabaya, capital of East Java Province.

Especially for "Phalaenopsis", also called "moon orchid", around 65 percent of these species grow in Indonesia's islands, Hadinugroho said during an orchid exhibition.

He called on the government to amend the existing government regulation on the protection

of the country's orchid species to promote preservation of the country's orchids.

Susono believed that orchids should not only be protected but also preserved by promoting orchid breeding even outside their habitats.

Indonesian Agriculture Minister Anton Apriyantono said earlier that the Indonesian Govern-

ment would try to make orchids a major foreign-exchange earner besides oil and gas.

He said Indonesia was earning 3 million US dollars a year from exporting orchids, well below Thailand's 50 million US dollars while the total value of global orchid trade reaches 150 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



Wenwen and Mingming, cartoon image spokesmen of Zhengzhou's police, are displayed on the street in Zhengzhou, central China's Henan Province on 3 April, 2006. Wenwen and Mingming are to help police in promoting traffic safety.—INTERNET

### Electricity to be prepaid for in Zambia

LUSAKA, 4 April — Zambia's sole electricity supply corporation has launched Phase One of the prepaid billing system project to cater for 21 townships in Lusaka, Sunday Mail reported.

Managing Director of Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO) Rhodnie Sisala said at the launch here Saturday that 24,000 metres will be installed before the end of June this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists view the highest mountain in the world, the Mt Everest, and other ranges at the Kwangde resort in northern Nepal on 1 April, 2006. —INTERNET

### Israeli flood claims five lives

JERUSALEM, 3 April — Five people were killed and many others injured or trapped on Sunday, as heavy rain caused flash flooding throughout Israel, Jerusalem Post reported.

A 23-year old woman was found dead by rescue workers Sunday afternoon after torrential rains and flash flood washed away her car on Highway 65 in northern Israel, the report said.

Dozens of other cars were trapped in the area, where up to two metres of rain was reported. Highway 65 was closed to traffic in both directions

as rescue crews worked to salvage trapped motorists.

A head-on collision on Highway 90 in the Jordan Valley left three people of a family dead and two seriously wounded. According to an initial investigation, one of the drivers involved in the road accident lost control of his vehicle and rush into oncoming traffic,

because of inclement weather conditions.

One 26-year-old Palestinian man from a West Bank village was found dead after rains swept away his car.

Many homes were damaged as a result of the flooding. Some people had been trapped in their vehicles or houses.

MNA/Xinhua

### Britain recalls soft drinks over benzene fears

LONDON, 3 April — Britain's Food Standards Agency said four soft drinks were being removed from sale after they were found to contain high levels of benzene which can cause cancer.

The FSA said it had discovered the products with a benzene level above the World Health Organization's guidelines during a survey of 150 soft drinks on sale in Britain.

The four products were Co-op's low calorie bitter lemon; Popstars still sugar free lemon and lime drink; Morrisons' no added sugar pineapple and grapefruit crush, and Hyberry's high juice no added sugar blackcurrant squash.

MNA/Reuters

### Pakistan bus accident kills eight, injures 10

ISLAMABAD, 3 April — At least eight harbour workers were killed and 10 others injured as a bus skidded off a bridge in the Pakistani port city of Karachi early Sunday, TV channels reported.

The speedy bus, heading to Karachi City from the city's main fish harbour, went out of driver's control and fell down from the bridge near the harbour, reports said.

Six workers died on the spot while two later died in hospital and 10 others were also injured, who were taken to local hospitals.

Most of those died and injured were stated to be workers of the fish harbour.

MNA/Xinhua

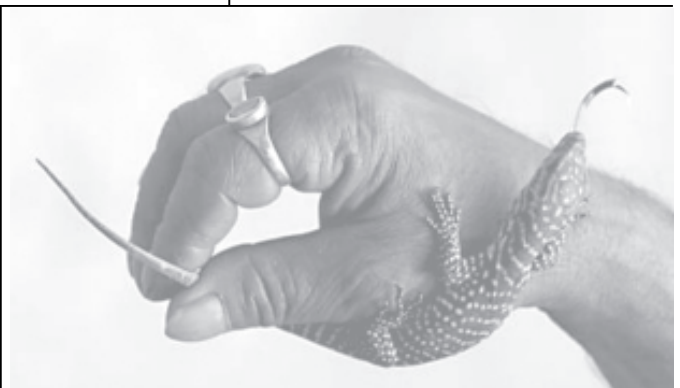
### Editors of Oscar-winning film arrested in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 3 April — Two people involved in post-production of South Africa's Oscar-winning drama film "Tsotsi" have been arrested for producing and distributing pirate copies of the movie, a South African newspaper reported on Sunday. The suspects were also allegedly involved in producing pirate copies of "Mama Jack", another hit South African film, said the Sunday Times.

Reportedly key members of a suspected syndicate, they will face charges of fraud, theft and corruption in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday.

A three-month investigation leads to the arrest last week, as all evidence pointed

to two members of the editing team of both movies, James Lennox, chief executive of the South African Federation Against Copyright Theft (SAFACT), told the newspaper. Both worked at Video Lab, a Johannesburg company that has edited more than 30 South African films including "Tsotsi", until they resigned late last year. Fake DVDs featuring local hits and Hollywood productions such as "Big Momma 2" could be easily found on some Johannesburg streets. They were estimated to cost South Africa's fledgling but internationally-acclaimed film industry 850 million rand (135 million US dollars) a year.— MNA/Xinhua



A monitor lizard crawls on the hand of an Indian snake expert at Jaldhpara wildlife sanctuary, 130 km (81 miles) north from the northeastern Indian city of Siliguri on 3 April, 2006. —INTERNET

## SPORTS



Roger Federer of Switzerland is seen at the Nasdaq-100 Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, on 2 April, 2006.—INTERNET

## Blackburn European ambitions dented by Wigan

LONDON, 4 April—Blackburn Rovers' Champions League qualification ambitions suffered a setback on Monday when they were held 1-1 at home by Wigan Athletic in the Premier League.

Substitute Shefki Kuqi grabbed a controversial 84th minute equalizer for Rovers and Craig Bellamy was denied a winner by a superb reflex save by Wigan goalkeeper John Filan.

Both sides had goals disallowed in the first half before Jason Roberts looked to have won the points for Wigan after 53 minutes with a neat close-range finish. Victory for Rovers would have sent them above Arsenal into fifth place and level on points with Tottenham Hotspur who currently occupy fourth spot.

Rovers stay sixth with 53 points from 32 games. Arsenal, who have a far superior goal difference, have 53 from 31 games while Tottenham

have 55 from 32. The point lifted Wigan above West Ham United into eighth place, although their manager Paul Jewell felt they should have had all three points.

Defender Arjan De Zeeuw had what seemed a perfectly good goal disallowed after 42 minutes, while Kuqi's equalizer came after Filan had been flattened by Lucas Neill.

Morten Gamst Pedersen also had a first-half goal harshly ruled out for Rovers

"I don't normally blame referees but it was a complete push," Jewell told Sky Sports. "For me the ref's cost us three points, the lad (Neill) has barged into John and it's a foul."

"As for the offside goal, it wasn't

even close."

Rovers, who had won their last five league games to mount a serious challenge for a top-four finish, had the better of the early exchanges with Pedersen a constant threat.

The Norwegian looked to have given Rovers the lead after 36 minutes when Filan dropped the ball under challenge from Paul Dickov, who was adjudged to have impeded the keeper. Rovers keeper Brad Friedel made a superb save to deny Andreas Johansson after 52 minutes, but from the resulting corner Pascal Chimbonda headed the ball back into the danger zone and Roberts flicked it past Friedel.

MNA/Reuters

## Surprise results continue in African Champions League

JOGANNESBURG, 4 April—Equatorial Guinea's Renacimiento and USCAFOOT of Madagascar kept up the surprise results in this year's African Champions League, both securing berths in the third round of the competition on Sunday.

Renacimiento became the first side from the tiny island nation to progress through two successive rounds in African club competition, overcoming Stade Malien 1-0 in Malabo on Sunday for a 3-2 aggregate win.

In the first round, Renacimiento, whose new-found success goes hand in hand with the oil boom that has allowed them to import players from Cameroon, Nigeria and Senegal, scored a surprise victory on away goals over Africa Sports of the Ivory Coast and now face holders Al Ahli of Egypt in the third round.

USCAFOOT held South African club Mamelodi Sundowns to a 2-2 draw in Pretoria to advance on the away goals rule after a 1-1 tie in the first leg in Antananarivo last month.

The Malagasy visitors twice took the lead and Sundowns only managed a late equaliser from Sandile Ndlovu to avoid

an even more embarrassing home defeat.

USCAFOOT now meet Ghana's Asante Kotoko, who struggled to overcome 10-man Ferroviario Maputo 2-1 in Obuasi on Sunday.

Shila Illiasu scored the winner for Kotoko against the Mozambican side, whose goalkeeper Rodrigo had to be taken to hospital after a clash with an opponent. The first leg in Maputo ended goalless two weeks ago.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan players Adriano, below, from Brazil, and Kily Gonzalez, from Argentina, joke during a training session in the Madrigal stadium in Villarreal, Spain, on 3 April, 2006, on the eve of their Champions League soccer match against Villarreal.—INTERNET

## Mansion pulls out of \$120.9m Man United talks

LONDON, 4 April—Entertainment company Mansion pulled out of 70 million-pound (120.9 million US dollars) sponsorship talks with English premier league soccer club Manchester United on Monday.

In a statement Mansion said that United, one of the world's richest soccer clubs, had told it at the weekend that another company had been simultaneously agreeing a deal with the club.

"We are very disappointed at the manner in which Manchester United has concluded these contract negotiations and are very surprised that the discussions were terminated at this late stage, in what we consider to be an unprofessional manner," Mansion's chief operating officer David Kinsman said.

There was nobody immediately available for comment from United.

Mansion runs an international casino, sports exchange and sports

book business and said the deal with United would have been worth 65-70 million pounds over four years.

Kinsman later told Reuters in a telephone interview: "We dealt with two people during our negotiations — David Gill, the managing director and CEO, and Andy Anson, who is the commercial director of Manchester United."

"It was Andy Anson who confirmed to me on Friday night that we had a deal, it was Andy Anson who advised me on Saturday night in writing as to his arrival details in London for this morning and it was Andy Anson who rang me at 5.45 last night to tell me they had gone elsewhere."—MNA/Reuters

## Brazil President backs 2014 World Cup bid

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 April—Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva promised on Monday to back the country's bid to host the 2014 World Cup.

"Football is the greatest passion in the country and it deserves to host the World Cup," he said after a meeting with Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Ricardo Teixeira in Brasilia.

"I will give all the backing necessary to Ricardo Teixeira so that, 64 years on, we can hold the World Cup in Brazil."

"It's unbelievable that a country which has won the World Cup five times and which, during decades, has had the best team in the world, has not brought another World Cup here."

Brazil, five-times winners of the World Cup, have only hosted the competition once, in 1950.—MNA/Reuters

## PSG, Marseille docked a point, presidents banned

PARIS, 4 April—Paris St Germain and Olympique Marseille have been docked a point each over a row involving a Ligue 1 meeting between the two arch-rivals last month.

The ethics commission of the French Football Federation (FFF), meeting in Paris on Monday, ruled that the clubs had harmed the sport's image.

Both clubs said they would appeal against the ruling.

The FFF also said that the clubs' presidents, PSG's Pierre Blayau and Marseille's Pape Diouf, would be suspended for three months.—MNA/Reuters



Jose Maria Olazabal, of Spain, hits his approach shot to the first green during practice for the 2006 Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga, on 3 April, 2006.—INTERNET



Olympique Lyon soccer team train during a practice session in Milan, Italy, on 3 April, 2006 ahead of the team's Champions League match against AC Milan scheduled for Tuesday.—INTERNET

## Rangers close in on Hearts with 4-1 Dundee United win

GLASGOW, 4 April—Champions Rangers cut the gap on second-placed Hearts to three points with a comfortable 4-1 win at Dundee United on Sunday in their Scottish Premier League clash.

Striker Kris Boyd netted a hat-trick and Dado Prso nabbed the other, while Collin Samuel scored a consolation goal for United.

Croatian forward Prso rifled a spectacular 20-metre shot into the top left for the opener after 30 minutes. Two minutes later Boyd finished off a wonderful passing move with a first time shot past keeper Derek Stille.—MNA/Reuters

# Study finds nicotine interferes with chemotherapy

WASHINGTON, 4 April — Nicotine can prevent chemotherapy drugs such as taxol from killing lung cancer cells, researchers reported on Sunday in a finding that may help explain why lung cancer is so difficult to treat in smokers.

They said their findings may also suggest that even people who quit smoking but use nicotine supplements, such as patches or gum, may not be helped as much as they should be by cancer therapy.

"Our findings are in agreement with clinical studies showing that patients who continue to

smoke have worse survival profiles than those who quit before treatment," the researchers wrote in a study published by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Srikumar Chellappan and colleagues at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Centre and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida, tested

three standard lung cancer drugs: gemcitabine, cisplatin and taxol, on several different batches, called cell lines, of cells taken from lung cancer tumors. Adding a small amount of nicotine, equivalent to what would be found in the blood of an average smoker, interfered with the drugs' action against the tumor

cells, they reported in the study, which was also presented to a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research.

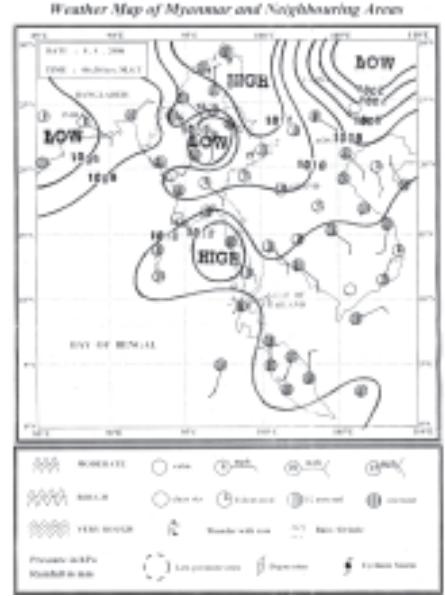
MNA/Reuters

# No bird flu threat in Zambia

LUSAKA, 4 April — There is no immediate threat from migratory birds that have a possibility of spreading bird flu in Zambia at the moment, *Zambia Daily Mail* reported on Monday.

Mathews Ngosa, executive secretary of the Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ), was quoted as saying that there is no bird flu outbreak in south of the equator yet.

He said in a statement released on Sunday "it is important to know that the threat from migratory birds at the moment is not there thus this country is very safe and people should continue producing chickens and eggs and we shall not stop eating them". —MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 4 April, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Chin States, scattered in upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan State, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal lower Sagaing Division, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin and Mon States, Yangon Division about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (0.67) inch, Putao, Machanbaw and Kengtung (0.43) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 3-4-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 4-4-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 4-4-2006 was (82%). Total sunshine (9.8) hours approx on 3-4-2006.

Rainfalls on 4-4-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch in central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 3-4-2006.

**Bay inference:** Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-4-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin and Northern Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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


**Forecast for Naypyidaw and neighbouring areas for 5-4-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-4-2006:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-4-2006:** Partly cloudy.




Actors perform at the Children's Theater Festival, on 2 April, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq. Iraqis fearful of bombings, mortar attacks and kidnappings, found a moment of joy for themselves and their children in a performance at the Children's Theater Festival which opened on Saturday.—INTERNET



**Wednesday, 5 April**  
View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. ဂျော့ရှင်မင်းထွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဠိ ၃၇၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဠိ ၃၈ ဝေတံ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ မွေတုပ္ပာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To be healthy exercises</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>6. ပေါင်းလောင်း ရေလှောင် တံနှင့် လျှစ်စစ် ဓါတ်အားပေး ဝက်ရုံ</p> <p><b>8:05 am</b></p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p><b>8:15 am</b></p> <p>8. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>10. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>4:40 pm</b></p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တန်းပညာရေး ရုပ်ပြိုင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b></p> <p>5. Songs of national races</p> <p><b>5:05 pm</b></p> <p>6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b></p> <p>7. Classical song</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b></p> <p>8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <p>9. "အနိင်အနွဲ့" (88၊ တောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်နွဲ့နွဲ့)</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b></p> <p>10. ရွယ်လှိုင်အားသိယံ အစီအစဉ်</p>	<p><b>5:45 pm</b></p> <p>11. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p><b>6:35 pm</b></p> <p>14. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရင်</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <p>15. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာအဖွဲ့ ၂၀၀၆ ရုနစ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ငြင်းလုံးစတီ ပြိုင်ပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p><b>7:20 pm</b></p> <p>16. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <p>17. Musical Programme</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b></p> <p>18. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပေသဘာ</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>19. News</p> <p>20. International news</p> <p>21. Weather report</p> <p>22. ၂၀၀၅-၂၀၀၆ ပညာသင်နှစ် ရန်ကင်းပန် တွာကျောင်း သင်တန်းဆင်း ဂျော့ရှင်မင်းထွန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အလုပ်အကိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်း ဖွဲ့စည်းခြင်း တရားတော်</p> <p>24. The next day's programme</p>
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**Wednesday, 5 April**  
Tune in today

<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -When I am gone</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -Child in time</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -Empty rooms</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> Music: -Looking for love</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music -Love is a many splendored things</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Variations on a tune My heart will go on</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:25 pm</b> Music at your request Because you loved me</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News / Slogan</p> <p><b>10.00 pm</b> PEL</p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -When I am gone</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -Child in time</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -Empty rooms</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> Music: -Looking for love</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News &amp; Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music -Love is a many splendored things</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Variations on a tune My heart will go on</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:25 pm</b> Music at your request Because you loved me</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News / Slogan</p> <p><b>10.00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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# Harbour of Yangon River dredged

YANGON, 4 April—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspected the dredging of mud and sand along the harbour of Yangon River between Nanthida Jetty and Thanlyetsun this afternoon.

Managing Director of the Myanma Port Authority U Thein Htay and officials reported on the acquisition of fuel in the 2005-2006 fiscal year and work progress. The minister gave instructions on the tasks.

He looked into the unloading of goods from the ships and the dredging



of the waterways in Thanlyetsun. In response to the reports, the minister instructed the officials to minimize loss and wastage of fuel and effectively carry out the tasks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects the unloading of goods from a ship at Bo Aung Kyaw container yard No (3).—TRANSPORT

## Energy extend win to move into quarterfinal



Goalie Zaw Moe Htet of Commerce tries to block the attack of Aung Kyaw Myo of Energy. — NLM

YANGON, 4 April—The second quarterfinal match of the Myanmar League Closing Cup Knockout Football Tournament for 2005-2006 took place at Aung San Stadium here this after-

noon. The only goal of Min Min Tun gave Energy a 1-0 victory over Commerce to join last four. Inspired by the deserved win over the defenders Finance & Revenue, Energy were

thirsty to win victory and managed to book a place in the quarterfinal.

**Fixture on 5 April:**  
(Aung San Stadium)  
(Third quarterfinal)  
Kanbawza vs YCDC

NLM

## Minister visits cooperative societies, Yenangyoung Industrial Zone

YANGON, 4 April—Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min held a meeting with the employees of township cooperative societies, and the Small Loans Enterprise run by the Cooperative Department and UNDP at the Cooperative Department in Kyaukpadaung Township on 31 March morning.

Officials reported on work progress and growing of physic nut. The minister gave instructions on systematization in allocating loans, security of loans, extended providing of small loans in villages, rule enforcement, measures for progress of cooperative societies, and boosting production of export goods.

He inspected the nur-

turing of physic nut saplings at the farm of the township cooperative society.

He met with teachers of Myanmar Institute of Lacquerware and those from Nyaung U Township Cooperative Department at the institute, and inspected the basement and the showroom of the institute.

In the evening, he met industrialists at the Golden Dragon motorcycle enterprise in Yenangyoung Industrial Zone and inspected parts of motorcycles and the assembling of the motorbikes.

Next, he visited Three Friends motorcycle enterprise and Ngwe Sakkary automobile factory.

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tary-General Col Zaw Min delivered an address at the ceremony to sow physic nut seeds and grow physic nut grafts at the physic nut farm of Yenangyoung Industrial Zone. A total of 507 membership applications were submitted on the occasion.

Proprietor of Golden Dragon motorcycle factory Daw Win Maw Tun presented K 1 million; Ngwe Sakkary motorcycle enterprise Managing Director U Aung Kyaw Soe, K 500,000; Race Horse Brand three-wheel cycle factory Managing Director U Myo Naing, K 500,000; and Shwe Wah Myay Agricultural Co Director U Thurein, K 1 million to township USDA.

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## Weather Forecast for 5-4-2006

**Naypyidaw & neighbouring areas**

Partly cloudy

**Yangon & neighbouring areas**

Generally fair weather

**Mandalay & neighbouring areas**

Partly cloudy

## Gems & pearl special sales in June, July

YANGON, 4 April—The special sales of jade, gems and pearl is reportedly decided to be held at Myanma Convention Centre here in June and July.

Central Committee for Holding of Myanma Gems Emporium yesterday held its coordination meeting on

organizing the special sales yesterday.

At the meeting held at Myanma Gems Enterprise here, Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, Vice-Chairman of

the Central Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Managing Director of Myanma Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and officials discussed preparations for the sales. The sales will benefit the country and merchants at home and abroad. — MNA