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Patriotic Tatmadaw is an armed forces always ready to make sacrifices for nation, people even without any privileges



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers an address at the graduation parade of the 109th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School today.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April—The following is the translation of address delivered by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye at the graduation parade of the 109th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School today.

In-service cadets, university graduates at- born of the people, the who have the required tended the course. As the trainees of the course in- qualifications, and uni- cadets are the persons cluded various national

aces. You will become officials as you have already completed the course, which taught all the knowledge and technologies a junior officer should know.

The Tatmadaw is a patriotic armed forces. A patriotic Tatmadaw is an armed forces that is always ready to make sacrifices for the nation and the people even without any privileges to gain. Self-less efforts of every individual make every

member to make sacrifices for the nation and the people. Good discipline, obedience, and camaraderie spirit have further strengthened the Tatmadaw's unity. It has been standing as a noble Tatmadaw because of the truth — a pledge made by every member to sacrifice even the life for the nation, the people and the Tatmadaw. Hence you will have to continuously uphold the 12 fine traditions.

Since yore, the forefathers have set up farms and granaries in the nation. Our forefathers are the original owners of the nation. Through weal or woe, our forefathers who are the national races have lived in the nation formed with high mountain ranges and large plans where four main rivers and a large number of other natural watercourses flow, rice, beans and pulses, cotton and other (See page 8)

Military awareness is necessary. Awareness will be based on available information. Today's age is information age. Therefore you are to study political, economic, administrative and defence data from home and abroad continuously.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation parade of 109th intake of OTS

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — The graduation parade of the 109th intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School took place on the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo this morning. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, delivered an address on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC members Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of De-

fence, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint

Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Com-

mander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief

(Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen

Ye Myint, Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, (See page 9)



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects graduation cadet companies.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Exercise constant vigilance against dangers of terrorists

The stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order are indispensable in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Therefore, the government hand in hand with the entire people is striving for ensuring community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. Meanwhile, it is trying its utmost for bringing about equitable development across the nation and for the improvement of socio-economic life of the entire people.

At present, the State, the Tatmadaw and the people are making concerted efforts for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. With the prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the nation, there emerged a string of roads, bridges, airports, dams and reservoirs and education and health infrastructures nationwide.

Turning a blind eye to national development, internal and external destructive elements, applying whatever means available, are making attempts to undermine the stability of the State. Moreover, internal terrorists and their foreign masters of some big nations synchronized aboveground and underground attacks against the government.

The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the press conference No 3/2006 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Yangon on 9 April.

At the press conference, matters related to sabotage acts of terrorists against the nation were clarified with firm evidence.

Internal destructive elements who are attempting to put the nation under the influence of neo-colonialists in collusion with foreign masters and their cohorts are brazenly blasting bombs to harm the lives and property of the people.

Exercising a constant vigilance against the terrorist acts, the State with the participation of the people has been able to foil those atrocities.

The entire people are to crush the destructive elements who are deterring the building of a democratic nation as common enemy in line with the four-point people's desire.

Besides, the people with security awareness are to expose the terrorists who are disguising themselves as ordinary people and to inform any suspicious ones to the authorities concerned.

Hence, the government hand in hand with the entire people is to expose the wicked acts of the destructive elements and to exercise a constant vigilance against the dangers of the terrorists.



U Kyi Sein and Daw Kyin Ti of Latha Township donated K 100,000 to Hninzigone Home for the Aged recently to mark the golden jubilee of their wedding. A family member of the well-wishers presents the cash to an official of the Board of Directors of the home. — MNA

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw, Hngyetmyatnadaw atop Pantabwinttaung Pagoda, accepts donations for monastic school building

YANGON, 9 April — A ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw and Hngyetmyatnadaw atop Pantabwinttaung Pagoda in Taikkyi Township was held at the pagoda this morning.

Present on the occasion were Pantabwinttaung Tawya Kyaung Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panniyasara, members of Sangha, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, local authorities, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and townsenders.

The congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panniyasara. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials offered Seinbudaw and Hngyetmyatnadaw to members



Lt-Gen Myint Swe fixes Seinbudaw (a diamond bud) atop Pantabwinttaung Pagoda. — MNA

of Sangha. Afterwards, Seinbudaw and Hngyetmyatnadaw were conveyed round the pagoda clock-wise. The Sayadaw and Lt-Gen Myint Swe sprinkled the religious objects with scented water.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended a ceremony to present cash donation for a monastic school building of Pantabwinttaung Tawya

Monastery and presented offertories to members of Sangha and accepted cash donations.

K 100,000 were donated by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, K 7 million by U Aung Myo and wife, K 2 million by U Aung Moe Kyaw and wife, K 2 million by U Kyi Shein and wife, K 1.5 million by U Pe Than and wife,

K 1 million by U Te Toe and wife, K 100,000 by Major Thurein Kyaw and wife, K 200,000 by U Nyein and wife, K 100,000 by Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni (Retd) and wife, K 100,000 by U Hla Htay and wife.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife and officials offered a day "Soon" to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Golf tourney of MTEA held



Winners of MTEA golf tourney pose for a photo with the award. — MNA

YANGON, 10 April — Annual golf tournament organized by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association took place yesterday at Ngwethawda golf course of Yangon City Development Committee.

Among the golfers were Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, officials of the ministry and others.

After the tournament, President U Aung Lwin of MTEA and the vice-presidents gave away prizes to winners. —MNA

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုဗဟုသုတပြန့်ပွားရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများမှ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်များကို ထိန်းသိမ်းစောင့်ရှောက်ပေးရန်အတွက် အရက်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေး၊ ကိရိယာဖြင့် တိုင်းတာစစ်ဆေး အရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်မည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်များကို ထိန်းသိမ်းစောင့်ရှောက်ပေးရန်အတွက်



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts cricket sports gear presented by Chief Executive of Asian Cricket Council Mr Syed Ashrafal Huq recently. The ACC provided sports gear to Myan Cricket Federation with the aim of promoting cricket in Myanmar. — MCF

China-ASEAN joint culture performance opens at Angkor Wat

SIEM REAP (Cambodia), 9 April — The two-day China-ASEAN joint culture performance and symphony orchestra of young musicians opened on Saturday evening in front of the world well-known Angkor Wat.

This joint event is to commemorate the 15th anniversary of China-ASEAN dialogue relations and the opening of the "Year of Friendship and Cooperation between China and ASEAN".

Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong, Culture Minister Sisovath Panara Sirivudh, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Wu Dawei, Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Zhang Jinfeng, and other diplomats from ASEAN member countries as well

as about 1,500 people attended the opening ceremony.

More than 150 artists and musicians from China and ASEAN member countries offered art performance, such as Cambodia's Apsara dance, Beijing opera as well as other traditional dances, music and joint China-ASEAN art performance. "Cambodia is very pleased to host this significant commemorative activity," said Hor Namhong. "I strongly believe that the

commemorative summit will further advance ASEAN-China partnership to a higher level," he added.

The performance on Saturday night is the opening one. A series of celebrating activities will be followed, including youth camps, lecture series, issue and distribute commemorative stamps, cultural tours, TV documentaries, friendship sport activities and people-to-people exchange programmes.

MNA/Xinhua



Thousands of people march to the state capitol building to rally for immigrants' rights in St Paul, Minnesota, on 9 April, 2006. Rallies were held across the country on Sunday in support of immigrants in the United States. —INTERNET



Lukashenko sworn in for 3rd term

MINSK, 9 April — President Alexander Lukashenko took the oath of office on Saturday and told the West, that ex-Soviet Belarus will not fall to the "revolutionary virus".

He accused Belarus' European Union neighbours Poland, Lithuania and Latvia of trying to sow upheaval in his country

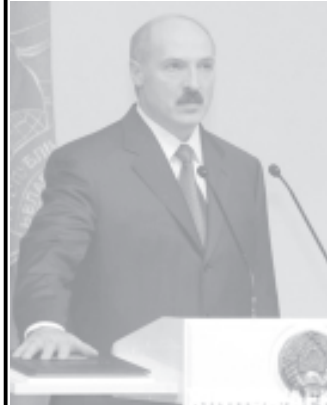
of 10 million. Voters, he said, wanted no part of "Coloured" revolutions that propelled pro-Western leaders to power in Georgia and Ukraine.

"Unfortunately this crusade against our country is spearheaded by our neighbours, new EU recruits," Lukashenko told 3,000 dignitaries during the ceremony, broadcast live from the imposing Palace of the Republic.

"Dear politicians, please look after affairs in your own houses. Belarus has a strong immune system. Your awkward attempts to induce a revolutionary virus had the opposite effect and became an antidote to this 'Coloured malaise'."

"As newly-elected president I want to assure you that we will not back away from the country's development strategy which has been elaborated over the past 10 years," he said.

MNA/Reuters



Belarussian President Alexander Lukashenko takes his oath of office during his inauguration ceremony in Minsk on 8 April, 2006. —INTERNET

Bomb explosion leaves two dead, one injured in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 April — A bomb explosion apparently aimed at targeting a NATO-led civilian military unit, the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), in Afghanistan left two persons dead and another injured in the western Herat Province Saturday, a spokesman of the multinational force confirmed. In the explosion which occurred in the vicinity of PRT we know that two local nationals died and one injured.

The civilian was in our compound and received injuries in his arm due to glasses and was taken to a Herat Hospital, Captain Buoniauto of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) told Xinhua. — MNA/Xinhua

Book apparently bound in human skin found

LONDON, 9 April — A 300-year-old book that appears to be bound in human skin has been found in northern England, police said on Saturday.

The macabre discovery was made on a central street in Leeds, and officers said the ledger may have been dumped following a burglary.

Detectives were trying to trace its rightful owner and believe it may have been taken

from a dwelling in the area.

Much of the text is in French, and it was not uncommon around the time of the French Revolution for books to be covered in human skin.

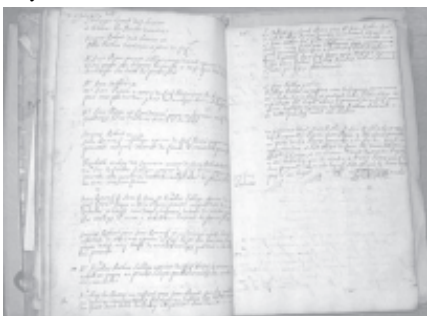
The practice, known as anthropodermic bibliography, was sometimes used in the 18th and 19th

centuries when accounts of murder trials were bound in the killer's skin.

Anatomy books also were sometimes bound in the skin of a dissected cadaver. In World War II, Nazis were accused of using the skin from Holocaust victims to bind books.

In a brief statement, West Yorkshire police said the ledger, which contained handwriting in black ink, appears to date back to the 1700s, and they appealed to anyone who may be able to help identify the owners of the item to contact authorities.

West Yorkshire Police put two photographs of the book on their Web site, but officers were unable on Saturday to answer any questions about it, including the book's subject matter. —Internet



This undated image released by Britain's West Yorkshire Police on 8 April, 2006, shows a 300-year-old book that appears to be bound in human skin, found on a central street in Leeds, northern England. —INTERNET

A lottery employee with a drawing apparatus. An Australian grandmother who made a mistake filling out her usual lottery entry on a new form has won more than two million dollars (1.7 million US) as a result.

INTERNET



Mistake wins lottery millions for Australian granny

SYDNEY, 9 April — An Australian grandmother who made a mistake filling out her usual lottery entry on a new form has won more than two million dollars (1.7 million US) as a result.

The 79-year-old bought her usual 2.30 dollar ticket which allowed her four lines of numbers but accidentally duplicated one of the lines — which happened to be the winner, the New South Wales Lotto organizers said.

This gave her a total

of 2,333,333 dollars, while 17 other winners of the 21 million dollar pool had to settle for just 1,166,666 dollars.

"I still can't believe I put in those two rows. Those are the same numbers I've been using since Lotto first opened," the unnamed resident of Sydney's Dee Why suburb said when told she had won.

"I know the numbers off by heart, I don't even have to look at them because they are all based

on family birthdays.

"They'd just put out those new entry forms, so I had to put my favourite numbers on the new form. I cannot understand why I put in an extra line.

"It must have been my lucky day or there's someone up there looking after me," she said, adding that she would use some of the money to take her family on an overseas holiday which they had never been able to afford. —Internet

China launches Asia's largest offshore gas drilling platform structure

SHENZHEN (Guangdong), 9 April—The support structure for an offshore drilling platform, the largest ever launched in Asia, began its maritime voyage at midnight Saturday when it began to be pulled by a barge anchored at Chiwan Wharf of Shenzhen City, in South China's Guangdong Province.

Wholly designed in China, the drilling platform foundation is 213 metres high and weighs 25,200 tons. It marks a significant step in the development of China's engineering of deep-water offshore oil technologies, said industry personnel.

After it is taken by the Intermac-650, the second largest barge in the world, to its location in the Panyu 30-1 natural gas field in the South China Sea, the

support platform will be fixed to the seabed at a depth of 200 metres and a drilling platform will be built on top of it.

The Panyu 30-1 gas field is being developed by China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), China's largest offshore oil producer.

This will be the first time Offshore Oil Engineering Co Ltd, an A-share listed company

held by CNOOC, is in complete charge of the design, construction and installation of the offshore drill rig.

Jiang Xizhao, President of Offshore Oil Engineering, said the construction of the drilling platform support structure is a great challenge for his company and a signal that China is improving its capability in offshore oil drilling.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A man passes in front of Segovia's 2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct in central Spain on 8 April, 2006. —INTERNET



A diver, half immersed in water, checks on another diver during an ice-diving session on the coast of the White Sea near the village of Nilmaguba in the north of Russia's Karelia region on 7 April, 2006. —INTERNET

WWF says Angolan illegal ivory trade doubles in a year

LUANDA, 8 April—Angola's illegal trade in ivory tusks has doubled in the past year, dealing a further blow to efforts to stamp out elephant poaching, according to a new report by wildlife watchdogs TRAFFIC and WWF International.

"Four years on from the end of the Angolan Civil War, the bloody plight of the country's elephants is worsening with a doubling in the illegal ivory trade over the last 12 to 18 months," according to the TRAFFIC report. The report surveyed the volume of elephant ivory available in curio markets in the Angolan capital Luanda.

For the first time since

the end of the country's decades long civil war in 2002, the report shows that the volume of elephant ivory available in local markets is escalating.

Over 1.5 tonnes of worked ivory products, representing the tusks of at least 300 African elephants, were observed during the June 2005 survey.

TRAFFIC estimates that some 12,000 elephants are

killed annually in Africa for their ivory, principally to serve American, European and increasingly Chinese markets. "Illegal ivory markets expand when business is booming and government authorities look the other way," said Tom Milliken, Director of TRAFFIC East/Southern Africa. "The war continues for elephants as all of the ivory traded through these local markets is coming from illicit sources."

Of the 37 countries that still harbour wild populations of African elephants, Angola is the only one that remains a non-Party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the main mechanism for regulating trade in threatened wildlife.

Internet

Death toll in Djibouti sinking reaches 94

DJIBOUTI, 9 April—Rescuers in Djibouti have found 22 more bodies from an overloaded boat that sank two days ago, bringing the death toll to 94, police said on Saturday. The bodies were pulled out of the waters near the port in Djibouti, where the wooden boat capsized on Thursday carrying some 250 people to an annual religious pilgrimage.

"We got these bodies because the water is calm," Colonel Zachariah Ahmed Sheikh, a Djiboutian Army officer in charge of the rescue, said.

Djiboutian rescuers, with divers and equipment from the American and French military and a helicopter, found the bodies after resuming the search when dawn broke.

The victims died

within 100 metres (yards) of the dock it sailed from as the boat was steaming to the town of Tadjoura, 22 miles northeast. It had three times the number of passengers it was built for crammed aboard.

MNA/Reuters

Rescue boats and people search for survivors after a Djibouti-flagged vessel sank off the coast of Djibouti on 6 April, 2006.

INTERNET



Everest expedition uncovers exotic species

NEPAL, 8 April—Mount Everest and the Himalaya mountain range



Mt Everest.—INTERNET

conjure images of llamas and Sherpas loaded with heavy packs. But tucked into the

cold shadows of the world's tallest mountain are biologically diverse hotspots filled with poorly known plants and animals found nowhere else on the globe.

Scientists from Conservation International and Disney's Animal Kingdom recently launched a two-month scientific expedition into six regions of the Tibetan "Sacred Lands" in the mountains of Southwest China and Nepal. Today they announced the discovery of a pocket of the world rich in extraordinary flora and fauna.

"The fact that we found

so many new species in such a harsh environment, as well as documented several rare and endangered species is good news for these two regions," said LeeAnne Alonso, the expedition's lead scientist and vice president of the CI's Rapid Assessment Programme.

Here's a sampling of the outlandish critters [Gallery]:

- * Giant hornets so deadly locals call them "Yak Killers"
- * Jumping "Yeti" mice
- * A new grasshopper species in which the males hitch piggy-back rides on the females

- * Baby blue-faced golden monkeys, the region's largest primates
- * Hamster-like pikas that eat their own feces
- * A couple of new frog species, eight new insect species, and ten new species of ants to add the more than 11,000 already known.

The full results of the expedition will be shared with numerous governments, scientists, and environmental and conservation organizations to develop strategies to protect the many unique species of the region. —*Internet*

Study shows passive smoke could prompt diabetes precursor

LONDON, 8 April— Exposure to second-hand smoke can increase a person's risk of developing glucose intolerance which is a precursor to diabetes, according to research reported on Friday.

Scientists in the United States found that smokers had the highest risk of developing glucose intolerance but non-smokers who breathed in other people's smoke were not far behind.

"These findings support a role for both active and passive smoking in the development of glucose intolerance in young adulthood," said Thomas Houston of the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Centre in Alabama. "We identified passive tobacco exposure

in never-smokers as a new risk factor for glucose intolerance," he added.

People suffering from glucose intolerance have elevated blood sugar levels. They still produce insulin but the amounts are insufficient to control blood sugar levels effectively.

Houston and his team studied the impact of smoking on 4,572 men and women in four American cities over 15 years. Their findings are published online by the *British Medical Journal*.

Smokers in the study

had the highest risk of developing glucose intolerance at 22 per cent, compared to 17 per cent risk for people who did not smoke but who had been exposed to second-hand smoke. Non-smokers who had not breathed in others' smoke had the lowest risk at 12 per cent followed by smokers who had given up who had a 14-per-cent risk.—MNA/Reuters



A boy performs martial arts at a stunt show in Hangzhou, a city in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 April, 2006.—INTERNET

PM says every Singaporean accounts for country's success

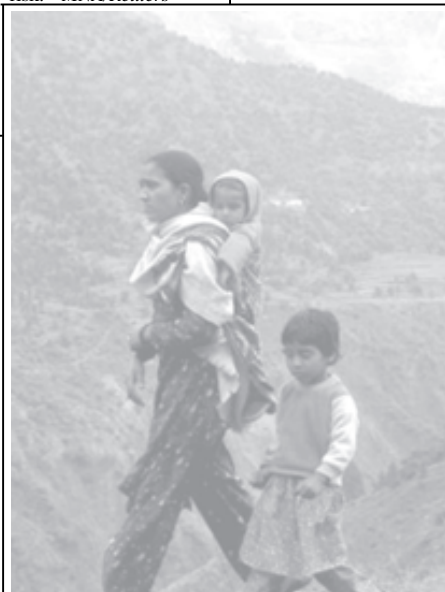
SINGAPORE, 9 April — Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Saturday at a school event that the country's success in the future depends on the contribution of every Singaporean.

"Singapore's future success ... cannot just depend on the achievements and contributions of a select elite. To thrive in the knowledge economy, we must bring out the best from the entire spectrum of our population," Lee said.

He stressed that Singaporeans must be innovators in various fields, develop their unique talents and compete against one another, create new opportunities for themselves, and maximize their contributions.

"We need to form a strong national team, with each member collaborating with and complementing the rest, so that together, we can deliver a result that none could have produced on his own," Lee added.

MNA/Xinhua



A mother brings her children to receive their polio vaccine near Doda in the northern Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir on 9 April, 2006.

INTERNET

Big bunny: monster rabbit devours English veggie plots

LONDON, 7 April— In a tale reminiscent of the last Wallace and Gromit movie, furious villagers in northeast England have hired armed guards to protect their beloved communal vegetable gardens from a suspected monster rabbit.



Rabbit breeder presents his giant male breeding rabbit.

Leeks, Japanese onions, parsnips and spring carrots have all been ripped up and devoured by the mystery were — rabbit — prompting the 12 allotment holders in Felton, north of Newcastle, to hire two marksmen with air rifles and orders to shoot to kill.

"It is a massive thing. It is a monster. The first time I saw it, I said:

"What the hell is that?" the Northumberland

Gazette newspaper quoted local resident Jeff Smith, 63, as saying on its website (www.northumberlandtoday.co.uk).

He claims to have seen the black and brown rabbit— with one ear bigger than the other— about two months ago, and at least three fellow allotment holders say they have seen it as well.

"I have seen it and it is bigger than a normal rabbit. It's eating all our crops and we grow the best stuff here," said retired miner George Brown, 76, quoted by the domestic Press Association news agency.

Smith could not be reached for comment Friday, but his mother told

AFP that the hare-raising story is true— and no less an authority than the British Rabbit Council said it was credible.

"Certain breeds do grow very big, like the Continental Giant" which can be 66 centimetres (26 inches) in length or more, a spokesman for the Nottinghamshire-based council, which represent rabbit breeders, told AFP.

In the last hit movie featuring Wallace and his dog Gromit, the two cartoon characters battled a monster rabbit that was cutting a swathe of destruction through locals' prize vegetable plots.—Internet

Two dead, 500 hurt in Bangladesh storm

DHAKA, 10 April— At least two people were killed and over 500 injured when a storm lashed several villages in Bangladesh on Saturday, police and witnesses said.

Nearly 500 houses were flattened and crops were damaged when the storm winds up to 100 kilometres per hour (60 miles/hour) swept through Bhuapur, 130 kilometres (80 miles) northwest of capital Dhaka. The two dead were killed in a house collapse. Other people were injured by flying debris.

At least 10 people have died and many have been injured in storms that have swept through different parts of the country over the past week.—MNA/Reuters

Two Palestinians die in tunnel collapse

GAZA, 9 April — At least two Palestinians were killed on Saturday by the collapse of the tunnel they were trying to dig from the Gaza Strip to Egypt for smuggling, medics said.

Tunnel-digging, to smuggle arms and contraband, has continued at the border between Gaza and Egypt even since Israel gave up control of the frontier when it pulled out of the Gaza Strip last year.

Medics said at least four other people were hurt when the tunnel collapsed in the Rafah border area.

MNA/Reuters

Hostage-takers surrender to police in Istanbul

ANKARA, 9 April— Two armed men took hostages at a restaurant of Burger King in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul Saturday evening and surrendered to police later. There was no injury in the event.

According to the private NTV channel, the two men wearing T-shirts with "Turkey" printed on them broken into a restaurant of Burger King in Taksim Square in central Istanbul and opened fire inside the restaurant. — MNA/Xinhua

Five militants killed in Gaza blast

GAZA, 9 April — Five militants including a senior commander were killed in an explosion that hit a car and a militant base in the southern Gaza Strip on Friday, Palestinian witnesses said.

Militants said the blast was caused by an Israeli airstrike. The Israeli Army said it had no immediate comment, but the Israeli Ynetnews web site quoted military sources as saying aircraft had targeted a car carrying Palestinian militants. The dead militants were from the Popular Resistance Committees, an umbrella group of militants that often fires makeshift rockets into Israel. Four of the militants were killed in the car.— MNA/Xinhua

Not to be swayed by hearsay, cheap media and biased reports

Zan Zan

The title of an article a Myanmar journalist wrote stuck in my mind: "One who beholds sees". I read a series of this article with the title inserted in the *Kyemon* daily successively for several days in the past.

It is right. One who beholds sees. One who knows how to behold sees more. Here, it is required to take into consideration how far it is from the beholder to the object and that whether the beholder has a poor eyesight or not.

There might be a difference in beholding an object depending on the good or poor eyesight of the beholder.

Furthermore, in presenting a news story about an event, there will be different views of the event between the assessment of a person with poor outlook and that of a person with clear outlook. And there might be a difference between their presentations and that there could be danger.

As local media groups know domestic affairs more than others in foreign countries do, they are duty-bound to clearly rebut vicious criticisms hurled by a handful of people living in other nations.

There have been a number of instances that certain broadcasting stations under the domination of the West bloc aired false news stories based on hearsay and local rumours intended to cause disension among national people in various spheres such as in administrative, economic and social affairs. However, they always failed to broadcast corrections for their false news stories although the truth had come out.

Local national news theorists are disseminating many news theories but still fail to help refute false news stories transformed by certain broadcasting stations to attack the nation. The more national people have weaknesses in the national cause, the easier it will be for certain unscrupulous elements to become more daring in driving a wedge among national people.

VOA of the US and BBC of Britain with their sub-broadcasting stations in many regions around the world are implementing media colonization. The countries plotted a scheme to wage an air attack on a certain broadcasting station in the Middle East that could counter the media attacks of the former to an extent.

The West bloc is in great fear that Western people will become audience of Arab TV channel "Al Jazeera" whose programmes are different from its customs, traditions, culture, characteristics and way of thinking. So, such an Arab TV channel is banned in the West.

For the media men of the West bloc, they keep silent about events they do not want to express. Then, there arises a question "What does democracy mean and what is the democracy norm?"

Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore that is making dramatic economic progress in

ASEAN region recently made a remark that Singaporeans should watch Arab TV channel Al Jazeera if they wanted to work with the Middle East more closely and cordially.

That is the view of Asia. "Neutralization" and "non-alignment" are the value of Asia and they are more valuable than the word "democracy". Myanmar's attitude is the same on this point.

Every national may freely listen to and assess news stories aired by foreign broadcasting stations. No one in the nation is prohibited to do so. The more they listen to important and exciting news items the stations broadcast, the more they realize the real situations. In Myanmar no one has been taken action just because he has listened to BBC, VOA and RFA, nor a law to ban the people to listen to those stations. The people can have the programmes of

VOA of the US and BBC of Britain with their sub-broadcasting stations in many regions around the world are implementing media colonization. The countries plotted a scheme to wage an air attack on a certain broadcasting station in the Middle East that could counter the media attacks of the former to an extent.

those broadcasting stations on as loud as they like and that causes no problems. The government has never mentioned background histories and past images of the news casters in these stations. Why are they making a comment — no freedom of expression in Myanmar? Is it because Myanmar never makes personal remarks of those persons? In reality, Myanmar is upholding the ethics.

Have the news stories aired by certain radio stations of the West bloc just for Myanmar occupied the space of world news stories aired for the whole world? They are just making a mountain out of a molehill by exaggerating hearsay and local gossip that cannot be stated as world news stories with the intention of misleading the Myanmar people. Unofficial news stories and hearsay cannot be mentioned nor aired as world news. Those who listen to such false news stories every day will be overwhelmed by the thought of Myanmar deteriorating gradually and moving backwards. If so, their views will be far from true conditions. In this way, such broadcasting stations are doing media colonization.

Do they really want to see Myanmar enjoying progress, work for well-being of Myanmar people, improve English of Myanmar people, raise economic standard, and help Myanmar to be on a par with other nations in various sectors? It is quite easy, just

lift the sanctions and pressures they have imposed to harm the interests of Myanmar.

Staff of the broadcasting stations, embassies and NGOs do not need to go to many places individually to show their sympathy and loving-kindness to the people. It is, in truth, a sheer waste of energy and time.

Domestic human resources are capable of making progress of Myanmar if they have opportunities. That is evidenced by the fact that in the field of Information Technology the nation has been able to catch up with neighbouring countries that have had access to IT more than a decade earlier. Certain elements are well convinced that democracy can be introduced in the nation only if Myanmar people have enjoyed progress. Nevertheless, they are disrupting Myanmar from prospects for the development and misleading the people into the concept that Myanmar can practise democracy only through the policy of personality cult. Throughout my whole life of 40 years, I have never heard of any aid provided in any spheres for Myanmar by the West bloc.

They are making punitive sanctions on Myanmar thereby blocking all opportunities, but airing news stories about Myanmar affairs as if they were very hot items, while polishing too much the performances of few persons to deceive the people into believing their false generosity and goodwill towards Myanmar. But, one who knows how to behold sees their tricks very well.

They are accusing the government of restricting activities of political parties in the nation. Suppose their accusations are correct, the government should have taken action against spokespersons of such political parties and interviewees and banned their activities. The broadcasting stations know that the government does not do so.

Actually, the broadcasting stations under the influence of the West bloc are making the outlook of Myanmar people vague. They are just propaganda centres helping the anti-government groups in the nation oppose whatever the government does.

Regarding the salaries of government staff, they committed political attacks when salary rates were low. And they again make a change in their propaganda campaign after the salary rates have been increased. Indeed, they are holding a negative view on Myanmar's affairs.

During the time space in which the Western media broadcast demands of political groups for dialogue, call for a Hluttaw, and New Year's Day demand to propagate on behalf of the parties, the news readers should through broadcast let their masters understand that the lifting of the sanctions would bring progress to Myanmar and its people.

With the lifting of sanctions on Myanmar, the nation will be more prosperous. Then, the remaining sectors of the nation will go well and they will no longer need to shout anything for Myanmar.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party view Spas na Krovi Museum Church, St. Petersburg. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye ...

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officers, Myanmar ambassador to the Russian Federation U Tin Soe and wife Daw Myint Myint Thein, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and departmental officials and Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Oleg V. Kabanov on 6 April morning inspected the State Hermitage Museum and Spas na Krovi Museum Church in

St. Petersburg.

On arrival at the State Hermitage Museum, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were welcomed by Director of Hermitage Main Art Gallery of Russian Mr Ryotrovoky and officials.

The Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San viewed antiques and handicrafts at the museum where they were conducted round by officials.

After signing in the visitors' book of the mu-

seum, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Director Mr Ryotrovoky exchanged souvenirs.

On arrival at the Spas na Krovi Museum Church, the Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San were welcomed by Director of the Museum Church Mrs Zelenchenko and officials.

Next, the Myanmar delegation viewed round the church. After inspecting the church, they left for Hotel Astoria in St. Petersburg where they were staying. — MAN

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife ...

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Vice-Senior Maung Aye and wife, and delegation members Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, senior military officers, Director-General of the office of the State Peace and Development Council Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and departmental officials arrived at Pulkovo-I Airport at 8.30 am and they were seen off by Deputy Governor of St. Petersburg Mr ME Oseevsky and high ranking officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Tin Soe and wife Daw Myint Myint Thein, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun and staff of Myanmar Embassy.

During the visit, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein on 3 April met with Commander-in-Chief (Navy) of Russia General Valadima at Russian Ministry of Defence and frankly discussed



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party leave Pulkovo-I Airport Zone A for home. — MNA

strengthening the friendship between the two navies.

Also present at the meeting were Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Director of the Signals of the Ministry of Defence, Military of Attaché of Myanmar to Russian Federation Brig-Gen Tun Tun, and senior military officers of Russia.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, accompanied by Director of Signals of the Min-

istry of Defence Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Kyi Winn of the Ministry of Defence, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Brig-Gen Thein Htay of the Ministry of Defence, Brig-Gen Sein Win of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Tun Tun, Lt-Col Thaug Shwe of the Defence Services Academy, on 6 April visited Northern Design Bureau dockyard in St. Petersburg.

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Vice-Admiral Soe Thein meets with General Baladima Musorin. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myat Hein meets with Col Gen Nogovitsin. — MNA



the advanced management techniques. They should be a good follower as well as a leader. Duties will be assigned to them depending on the experience. They will have to strive to become good leaders.

Military leaders always have to undergo training and are on alert for military awareness and must be ready for combat.

Nowadays the Tatmadaw, the government and the people are building a new nation and have been safeguarding it. Economic and social infrastructures are being built nationwide and the seven-point Road Map was laid down and the tasks are also being implemented for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Now military awareness is necessary. Awareness will be based on available information. Today's age is information age. Therefore you are to study political, economic, administrative and defence data from home and abroad continuously.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye takes the salute of graduating companies of the 109th intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

In Our Three Main National Causes, non-disintegration of national solidarity is the main point. Disintegration of national solidarity will lead to disintegration of the Union and loss of sovereignty.

Now the National Convention is being held and detailed basic principles were being laid down for emergence of an enduring new constitution. The delegates are holding discussions based on Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Organizations that want to see the disintegration of the Union want to instigate the regions which have difference in areas, population and economic

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crops and valuable forest thrive well. Hence, true patriotism is based on the firm Union Spirit.

As junior military leaders, you should be models in discipline. Discipline and rules are the main pillar of an armed institution like the Tatmadaw. Thus, some of the disciplines have been enacted as military laws and others as military codes of conduct. The Tatmadaw members will have to firmly uphold the military law, discipline and codes of conduct. As the Tatmadaw members are also the people, they should also observe the civilian law.

The Tatmadawmen at all ranks should be under the single command to harmoniously realize the sin-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents silver sword to best cadet Min Soe Htun.

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gle goal and discharge the single duty at the risk of their lives. There can be a single command, only if there is unity and respect for and confidence in the leader.

You should be equipped with the 16 characteristics of a leader to win the trust and respect of the subordinates. You must have experience and management skill. Hence, you should have the ardent will to get practical experience and to learn lessons from other's experiences. Your experiences will be valuable only if you are able to take lessons from it.

Concerning management, the junior leaders will have the ability to use individual qualifications effectively, to know their own men well and to skillfully conduct adjutant, military and quartermaster affairs. At the same time they will have to study

You are to live in the places assigned to together with the people and to crush the destructive elements and remove the danger.

In the course of the history it is found that the danger to break up the Union and the national solidarity and to lose sovereignty often threatened the country. Whenever there is such danger, the Tatmadaw hand in hand with the people safeguarded the State. In Our Three Main National Causes, non-disintegration of national solidarity is the main point. Disintegration of national solidarity will lead to disintegration of the Union and loss of sovereignty.

The country had a lesson of bitter experience which led to armed struggle and disintegration of national solidarity because of the evil legacy of the imperialists. That is why the country lost its way to development and lagged behind in development.

opportunities under the name of real federation. It is the thought that gives priority to the interest of party politics than national interest. So it is the danger to the nation. At the National Convention, the delegates reviewed the history of the country and its people and held cordial discussions with vision. Minority races can now get opportunities that they never had before. Emergence of an enduring constitution is the duty of every citizen. Therefore you are to study the detailed basic principles needed for drafting the constitution.

In conclusion, I urge you to try to become the good sons on whom the State and the Tatmadaw can rely on in accord with the objectives of the course—to become efficient officers in the army and to lead a platoon in the battle field.

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Those attending the graduation parade of 109th intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects thriving plantations in Bahtoo Station



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye waters a physic nut plant in Bahtoo Station. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 April — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Serv-

ices Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adju-

tant General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Member of the State

Peace and Development Council Quartermaster General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotel and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min and senior military officers, officials of SPDC office, on 9 April, arrived at Bahtoo Station in Shan State (South).

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed there by SPDC members Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the directors from the Ministry of Defence, Brig-Gen Zaw Win of Bahtoo Station and military officers.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected thriving Seintalon mango plantation and physic nut plan-

tations and viewed round the development of the Station.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions to officials on extended cultivation of physic nut plant and growing perennial crops on a commercial scale.

Plans are being made to put 2,000 acres of land under physic nut plant in Bahtoo Station and up to this date, about 1,000 acres have been put under physic nut plants. Moreover, Seintalon mango trees which can generate more income for farmers are being planted on 13,000 acres of land.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye addresses graduation...

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Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Col Zaw Min, Military Appointment General Maj-Gen Hsant, Judge Advocate General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Maj-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Directors of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Sein Lin and Maj-Gen Aye Myint, Brig-Gen Mya Win of Kalaw Station, Commandant of Bahtoo Station and Principal of the Combat Training School (Bahtoo) of Defence Services (Army) Brig-Gen Zaw Win, senior military officers, guests and families and relatives of graduating cadets.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye took the salute of the cadet companies.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the cadet companies and the cadets marched past Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented a silver sword

to Cadet Min Soe Tun who won the best cadet award.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

(Speech delivered by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye is reported separately.)

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



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects thriving Seintalon mango tree plantation in Bahtoo Station. —MNA

Special gem sales on June-July

YANGON, 10 April — The Ministry of Mines and the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium are making arrangements to hold a special gem sales during June and July of 2006.

The gems will be sold through competitive bidding. Local entrepreneurs will realize more earnings. Local gem merchants are to sell quality gems at reasonable price. Local departments concerned and gem merchants are taking cooperative measures to be able to attract local and foreign gem merchants.

Local merchants wishing to sell gems may contact the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MNA

Lecture on national policy given

YANGON, 10 April — Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein on 7 April lectured on the national policy to trainees of the basic organizing course of Dawbon Township USDA.

He also briefed them on all-round development in the State at Dawbon Township USDA office and over 100 trainees attended his lecture.—MNA



Dignitaries and guests attending the graduation parade of 109th Intake of Defence Service (Army) Officers Training School.—MNA

Daw Mya Mya San meets Russian Women's Union President



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party and President of Russian Women's Union and party pose for a documentary photo. — MNA

YANGON, 10 April — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, together with MWAFF President Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of SPDC member Quartermaster General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Tin Soe and wife Daw Myint Myint

Thein and Ms YV Kabanova of the Protocol Department of Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meets Russian Women's Union President Ms YA Lahova at the office of Russian Women's Union in Moscow in the Russian Federation at 11 am local time on 3 April.

During the meeting, the President of Russian Women's Union briefed on facts about the union and Daw Mya Mya San also briefed on the formation, objectives and functions of Myanmar Women's Federation. Next, they exchanged gifts. Later, Daw Mya Mya San and party viewed the functions of the Russian Women's Union and visited Vorobyou Hill.

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UMFCCI, CCIRF ink cooperation agreement

YANGON, 10 April — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) signed an agreement with the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (CCIRF) at Ilinka St.6 in Moscow at noon on 4 April.

The agreement-singing ceremony was attended by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, UMFCCI President U Win Myint and members U Te Za, U Tun Myint Naing, U Soe Tun Shein and

U San Myo and officials, CCIRF Vice-President Mr Georgy G Petrov and officials. First, Mr Georgy G Petrov extended greetings. Next, Minister U Soe Tha, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and U Win Myint explained investment, trade and industrial sectors of Myanmar. Afterwards, the members of the two federations and entrepreneurs discussed the cooperation of trade and the Myanmar ministers and U Win Myint answered the queries raised by those present. Then the UMFCCI President and the CCIRF Vice-President inked the agreement on cooperation between the two federations and exchanged the documents.

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Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, meeting with President of Russian Women's Union Ms YA Lahova. — MNA

Members of UMFCCI hold discussions with merchants of St. Petersburg

YANGON, 10 April — A meeting between the President and members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the merchants of St. Petersburg of Russian Federation took place at Hotel Astoria in the city at 8

pm on 5 April.

Present at the meeting were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, President of the UMFCCI U Win Myint, members U Teza, U Tun Myint Naing, U Soe Tun Shein and U San Myo, Deputy Governor of St.Petersburg Mr ME Oseevsky and the merchants of St. Petersburg.

President U Win Myint of the UMFCCI extended greetings and explained the facts about the UMFCCI.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U

Soe Tha explained the opportunities to invest in Myanmar, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein the opportunities to invest in Fisheries sector, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein the opportunities to engage in trade sectors and to hold trade fairs.

Later, members of the UMFCCI U Teza clarified the facts on tourism and gold mining, U San Myo on sales of gems, U Tun Myint Naing on construction and shipping, and U Soe Tun Shein on amount of the sales of fishery products and exporting countries.

They discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

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An agreement signing ceremony between UMFCCI and CCIRF in progress. MNA



A meeting of UMFCCI and CCIRF at Hotel Astoria in St Petersburg. — MNA

Prime Minister receives Chinese guests



Prime Minister General Soe Win greets Chairman of Guangxi Province Mr Lu Bing.—MNA

YANGON, 10 April—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, received the delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Mr Lu Bing, Chairman of Guangxi Province, at Zeyar Thiri Beikman, here, this morning and discussed matters on investment and trade between the two countries.

Also Present at the call were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thura U Aung Htet and officials and Mr Guan Mu, Ambassador of China to Myanmar.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Mr Lu Bing, Chairman of Guangxi Province.—MNA

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Director of the bureau Mr Yarov Yuri Fedorovich and officials concerned briefed on matters related to construction of ships and co-operation of the bureau.

At 3 pm local time on 3 April, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein met Deputy Commander-in-Chief (Air) Col Gen Nogovitsin at the office of Russian Commander-in-Chief (Air) of the Russian Ministry of Defence in Moscow, the Russian Federation. During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to air forces. Also present were Brig-Gen Thien Htay of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Principal of Military Science and Technological Research Department of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Sein

Win, Col Scripnikov of Main Department for International Military Co-operation of the Russian Federation and Chief of Branch Col Emelyanenko.

Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice Admiral Soe Thein, accompanied by Director of Signals Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Deputy Principal of Military Science and Technological Research Department of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Sein Win, Brig-Gen Thein Htay of the Ministry of Defence and Head of Department of Defence Services Academy Lt-Col Thauung Shwe, visited AV Fedotov Flight-Test Centre in Zhukovsky at 4.30 pm local time on 4 April. Russia Aircraft Cooperation Deputy Director-General and General De-

signer of Flight Cooperation Mr Parel N Valsov and officials briefed on production of airplanes at the factory. Next, Lt-Gen Myat Hein and party were conducted round the factory.

At 11 am local time on 3 April, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win called on Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov at the latter's office in Moscow.

They exchanged views on international issues. Also present at the called were Political Department Director-General U Nyan Lin and Myanmar Minister's Counselor to Russian Federation U L Zaw Gun.

Similarly, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 3 April received

Director General Mr Nikolay P Tokarev of JSC Zarubezhneft at the President Hotel in Moscow and they discussed matters on energy sector. The minister then visited the oil and gas company (Headquarters) of JSC Zarubezhneft.

On 4 April, Minister for Energy received Vice-President of ITERA Oil and Gas Company Mr Dmitry S Sokovets at the President Hotel and they discussed matters related to energy sector. After that, the minister visited ITERA Oil and Gas Company.

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Foreign Affairs Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 10 April — A Chinese delegation led by Chairman of Guangxi Province Mr Lu Bing and party called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung at the ministry this afternoon.

Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations Department, Director-General U Than Tun of Training, Research and Foreign Language Department and officials concerned were present.

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Vehicles, machinery donated

YANGON, 10 April — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein received the Chinese delegation led by Chairman of Guangxi Province Mr Lu Bing and party, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Together with the minister, departmental heads of the ministry and officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry were present.

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein also attended a ceremony to donate vehicles and machinery donated by Gaungxi Province at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads and officials of the ministry, the chairman of Gaungxi Province and party, President U Win Myint of UMFCFI, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and others.

Mr Lu Bing extended greetings and Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein made a speech later.

Director-General Mr Liu Shusen of Commerce Department of Guangxi Province presented crystal key to Director-General U Khin Maung Lay of Directorate of Trade and the ceremony ended.

The minister and party views the vehicles and machinery including two excavators, nine passenger buses, 15 tractors and seven Dong Feng Vans.—MNA

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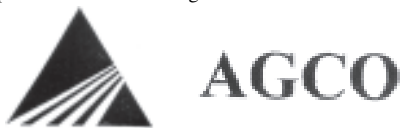
YANGON 10 April — The fifth Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Week (Technology Exhibition) will be held from 28 to 30 April from 9 am to 5 pm at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township, here. Companies which would like to stage booths at the exhibition may contact phone numbers 652272, 652273, 652274, and FAX number 652275 at Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, not later than 11 April, it is learnt. —MNA



Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Lt-Gen Myat Hein observe ship designs in St. Petersburg.—MNA

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Most women do not regret preventive mastectomy

NEW YORK, 9 April — Most women who have a breast removed to prevent a second bout of cancer do not regret their decision, a new study suggests.

The study surveyed 519 women who had cancer in one breast but decided to have both breasts removed in order to avoid a recurrence. Overall, researchers found, 87 per cent said they were still satisfied with their decision, as long as 23 years after the fact. What is more, they were just as likely as women who did not have a preventive mastectomy to give high ratings to their quality of life.

Dr Ann M Geiger of Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, led the study, which is published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.—MNA/Reuters

WHO says live is shortest in Zimbabwe

LONDON, 9 April — Life in Zimbabwe is shorter than anywhere else in the world, with neither men nor women expected to live to 40, World Health Organization statistics showed on Friday.

The WHO's World Health Report for 2006 said the average life expectancy in the AIDS and poverty-stricken country was 36 years — less than half of the 82-year life span in Japan, which lies at the top of the table with San Marino and Monaco.

The report used the latest data from 2004. Last year's report, based on 2003, put Zimbabwe's average life

expectancy one year higher at 37. Women in Zimbabwe were the worst-off in the world, living an average 34 years, down from 36, the WHO data showed. Male life expectancy was 37 years, unchanged from 2003.

Zimbabwe's HIV infection rate has actually fallen in recent years to around a fifth of the population, apparently due to increased condom use and a reduction in sex partners, giving rare encouragement to a country battling its worst economic and political crisis since independence in 1980.—MNA/Reuters

Cyprus launches campaign to fight child obesity

NICOSIA, 9 April — Cyprus has launched a three-month campaign to fight child obesity, local Press reported on Friday.

The campaign organized by the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC) with support from the Health Ministry aimed at raising awareness of the right way of life.

Speaking at a Press conference marking the start of the campaign, Health Minister Andreas Gavielides said that obesity and being overweight had become the main contributing factors in chronic ailments including heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.—MNA/Xinhua

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More open trade would benefit developing Asia most

BEIJING, 8 April — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) warned that the global tide of bilateralism in trade agreements could pose significant risks to the multilateral trading system.



An Easter egg with the theme of the 2006 soccer world cup hangs on a tree among 8,000 Easter eggs at the garden of Christa and Volker Kraft in Saalfeld, eastern Germany, on 8 April, 2006. The Kraft family have been decorating their trees at Easter for 40-years.—INTERNET

rules of origin that confer preferences and complicate investment and trade decisions, the Bank said in its latest issue of annual report 2006 Asian Development Outlook. Yet, bilateralism could jeopardize multilateralism as countries refocus their energies on reaching reciprocal deals with their trading partners, to the exclusion of others, it said.

Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist of the ADB, said "developing countries with small markets and which already face significant difficulties in getting their goods into the international marketplace are poorly positioned in the race to link up through new trade deals".

MNA/Xinhua



Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev, centre, tells NASA Science Officer Jeffrey Williams goodbye as Brazilian astronaut Marcos Pontes, left, and Expedition 12 Bill McArthur watch in this televised view from the International Space Station on 8 April, 2006.—INTERNET

WHO reports gap in health care between rich, poor widen

LUSAKA, 8 April — Life expectancies have collapsed in some of the poorest countries to half the level of the richest-

attributable to the ravages of HIV/AIDS parts of sub-Saharan Africa and to more than dozen "failed states", according to a World Health Organization (WHO) report issued here on Friday.

more than 70 per cent of nurses are female, a market gender imbalance, said the report.

Africa's density of health workforce per 1,000 population is 2.3 compared with 18.9 of Europe, Americans' 24.8, and the world average 9.3.

Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 11 per cent of the world's population and has 24 per cent of the global burden of disease, but health workers in the region account for only 3 per cent of world's total health workers commanding less than 1 per cent of world health expenditure.

The Americas with 10 per cent of the global burden of disease, has 37 per cent of the world health workers spending more than 50 of the world's health financing, said the report.—MNA/Xinhua

World Health Report 2006 said these setbacks have been accompanied by growing fears, in rich and poor countries alike, of new infectious threat such as SARS and avian influenza and "hidden" behavioural conditions such as mental disorders and domestic violence.

Countries demonstrate enormous diversity in the skill mix of health terms the ratio of nurses to doctors ranges from nearly 8:1 in Africa to 1.5:1 in the Western Pacific region, according to the report.

Typically, more than 70 per cent of doctors are male in the world while

Art Festival to mark China-France Culture Year

BEIJING, 8 April — A hundred cultural events will be held in 10 Chinese cities from next month during the "Festival of Sino-French Cultural Exchange", which is a follow-up programme of the already concluded China-France Culture Year.

French Minister for Sport and Youth Jean-Francois Lamour said here on Thursday that the festival would bring all the visual and performing arts to Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Nanjing, Dalian, Wuhan, Xi'an, Qingdao and Kunming from 20 April to 11 June.

Eight hundred French and Chinese young people would be offered exchange visits, he added.

Lamour said France-China cultural cooperation was based on mutual respect for cultural diversity.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia buys water cannon to battle G-8 protesters

Moscow, 8 April — Russia has bought a fleet of Israeli water cannon to douse anti-globalization protesters when second city St Petersburg hosts the Group of Eight summit this summer, a newspaper reported on Friday.

Restrictions on foreigners travelling to Russia and tight security at the 15-17 July summit make it unlikely there will be a repeat of the noisy protests seen at previous G-8 gatherings. But Russian police are taking no chances.

"A consignment of

these vehicles has been bought on the eve of the... St. Petersburg G-8 summit," Nezavisimaya Gazeta quoted Vladimir Golubyev, deputy head of the city's riot police, as saying.

"Vehicles like these are already used in Europe, for example against anti-globalization protesters during mass disturbances," he said. "It is a very effective piece of kit."

MNA/Reuters

Thailand to buy "Blackhawk" helicopters

BANGKOK, 8 April — Thailand has contracted to buy the latest special operations version of the Blackhawk helicopters from the United States with a bill amounted to 246 million US dollars, the Bangkok Post said on Saturday.

According to papers filed by the Defence Security Cooperation Agency of the United States to the Congress, Thailand has requested up to six of the MH-60s helicopters, made by United Technologies Corp unit Sikorsky Aircraft, plus 14 engines, spare parts and various support services.

The agency said Thailand requested the sale because of the need to enhance its maritime defence and disaster relief capabilities, highlighted by the tsunami search and rescue operations in December 2004 and January 2005.

The MH-60s, special operations version of the Blackhawk was a major upgrade to the Sirkorsky aircraft.

MNA/Xinhua



Yu Chenyan claims the title of Miss Tourism International China and Miss Tourism Xitang in the ancient town of Xitang, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 7 April, 2006. A total of 39 contestants from across China participated in the finals of the Miss Tourism International contest in China region that day.—INTERNET



Korean actors Jung Woo-sung (L), Lee Sung-jae and Korean actress Jeon Jihyun (C) arrive at the 25th Hong Kong Film Awards on 8 April, 2006. INTERNET

SPORTS

Barca come from behind to draw 2-2 with Racing

MADRID, 10 April— Lowly Racing Santander gave Barcelona a fright on Sunday before the Primera Liga leaders came back to draw 2-2 and restore their 11-point lead at the top of the table.

Henrik Larsson put Barca in front after 18 minutes but Racing struck back almost immediately with two goals in four minutes, from Antonito and Oscar Serrano, to turn the game on its head.

Samuel Eto'o levelled the scores after 33 minutes and although Barca dominated thereafter they appeared content to secure the point. The Champions League semifinalists have 70 points with six games remaining. Valencia, who beat Celta Vigo 1-0 on Saturday, are level on

59 points with Real Madrid, but second on head-to-head results.

Real slipped to third after being held 1-1 at home by relegation-threatened Real Sociedad on Saturday, while Osasuna's 2-1 win at Alaves earlier on Sunday put them a point back in fourth place. The top two finishers in the table go directly into the Champions League next season, while third and fourth have to enter through the qualifiers.

MNA/Reuters

United beat Arsenal to keep title hopes alive

MANCHESTER, 10 April— Manchester United kept alive their slim hopes of regaining the Premier League title on Sunday.

Second-half goals from Wayne Rooney and Park Ji-sung extended their winning run to nine games with a 2-0 victory over fierce rivals Arsenal.

Arsenal needed maximum points themselves as they look to overhaul Tottenham Hotspur to claim fourth position and a place in the qualifying round of next season's Champions League, should they fail to win this year's competition. But the London club has failed to beat United in a league game since May 2002 and that winless record stretched to eight games thanks largely to Rooney's wonderfully taken 17th-goal of the season.

United used the game to mark the 50th-anniversary of the first league title won by the team that became known as the Busby Babes, with the average age of their 1956 championship side just 22

years. It was fitting that the decisive goal nine minutes after halftime came from Rooney, who at the age of 20 has the potential to become another United great.

The England international, who should have earned United a first-half

penalty when his shot was pushed on to the post by the hands of Arsenal defender Kolo Toure, showed superb control to take down a cross from Mikael Silvestre and drive a shot past Jens Lehmann from 12 metres.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney scores as Arsenal's Philippe Senderos defends during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 9 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Kaka hits hat-trick as Milan stay second

ROME, 10 April— Brazilian playmaker Kaka scored a second-half hat-trick as AC Milan came from behind to beat Chievo Verona 4-1 and hang on to second place in Serie A on Sunday.

Having been caught cold by Sergio Pellissier's 13th-minute strike, the Champions League semifinalists hit back with a goal by Alessandro Nesta and three from Kaka — the second from the penalty spot — to give them 73 points from 33 matches.

They are two ahead of Inter Milan, who beat Ascoli 2-1 on Saturday.

Fiorentina are keen for a victory to go back above AS Roma who moved into the fourth Champions League spot on 63 points

with a 3-1 win over Lecce.

Chievo had failed to earn a point in four previous Serie A matches against Milan at the San Siro and seemed unlikely to break their duck as the home side dominated the early stages.

Chievo's response to Milan's lengthy periods of possession was to pump long balls forward — a tactic that unexpectedly paid off in the 14th minute, when Marco Malago nodded on for Pellissier to volley past Dida.

MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's William Gallas, right, shoots past West Ham United's goalkeeper Shaka Hislop to score Chelsea's fourth goal during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge, London, on 9 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Brilliant 10-man Chelsea move closer to title

LONDON, 10 April— Ten-man Chelsea roared back from a goal down to trounce West Ham United 4-1 at Stamford Bridge on Sunday and move closer to a second consecutive Premier League title.

The hosts made a dismal start as James Collins headed West Ham into a 10th minute lead and Chelsea's Portugal midfielder Maniche was red-carded six minutes later for a rash tackle on Lionel Scaloni.

But Jose Mourinho's 10 men rose superbly to the challenge, with Ivorian Didier Drogba levelling

in the 29th minute and Argentine strike partner Hernan Crespo putting them ahead two minutes later.

Goals from defenders John Terry and William Gallas put the London derby beyond doubt in the second half.

With five games left, victory put the champions on 82 points — 10 more than second-placed Manchester United, now under real pressure to beat Arsenal at home in the late kickoff.

Mourinho told Sky

Sports: "With 10 men for more than an hour, to go from 0-1 to 4-1 is impressive. The team played well from the first minute and the spirit was amazing.

"There was no fear of playing to win with 10 men — and the character of the players was unbelievable...we had so much of the game it looked like we had 12 players and not 10."

Mourinho also shrugged off the title threat from United before Alex Ferguson's men had kicked off at Old Trafford.

MNA/Reuters

Tursunov beats Gasquet to send Russia into semis

PAU (France), 10 April— Dogged Dmitry Tursunov beat teenager Richard Gasquet 6-1, 3-6, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5 on Sunday to give Russia a winning 3-1 lead over France and a place in the Davis Cup semifinals.

Russia, who beat France to win the competition in 2002, will face either Chile or the United States in the last four. They also beat France in last year's quarter-finals. Tursunov, who was standing in for injured Russian number one Nikolay Davydenko, edged past home favourite Gasquet after a see-saw three-hour, 25-minute tussle.

Gasquet was a bundle of nerves at the start and dropped the first set in just 25 minutes, collapsing under a series of forehand winners by Tursunov.

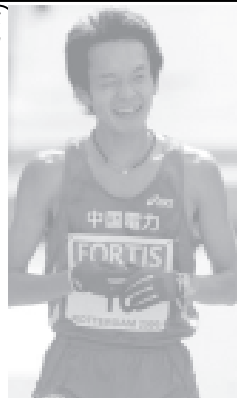
The world number 16 regained his confidence to break the Russian, who is ranked 34, in the seventh game of the second set to level the match.

MNA/Reuters



Cagliari's Mauro Esposito, left, and Palermo's Cristian Zaccardo in action during the Italian Serie A league soccer match between Cagliari and Palermo in Cagliari, on 9 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Japan's Kurao Umeki reacts after he crosses the finish line of the Rotterdam city Marathon in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on 9 April, 2006. Kenia's Sammy Korir won the race in 2 hours, 6 minutes and 38 seconds before his compatriots Paul Kiprop Kirui, who finished second, and Charles Kibiwott, who placed third.



INTERNET

Unarmed intruder arrested on White House grounds

WASHINGTON, 10 April—An unarmed intruder with a history of jumping the White House fence was subdued at gunpoint on Sunday after entering the grounds of the executive mansion while President George W Bush was at home.

The bearded man, wearing a ragged T-shirt that said "God Bless America", scaled the White House fence and ran onto the front lawn, waving his arms and screaming "I am a victim of terrorism", before Secret Service officers chased him down.

Bush was inside the White House at the time, having returned several hours earlier from morning church services and a mountain-bike trek.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren said agents took any breach seriously but that the suspect, who had climbed the White House fence three times before, made "no spoken threats" against the President.

A dozen members of the White House emergency response team, some crouching with guns drawn and one holding a barking dog, surrounded the intruder on a patio near a row of cameras used for

television broadcasts.

He was forced onto his knees, handcuffed and led away.

Zahren identified the man as Brian Lee Patterson, 40, and said he would be charged with unlawful entry and contempt of court, for violating a court order to stay away from the White House after he last intruded in February.

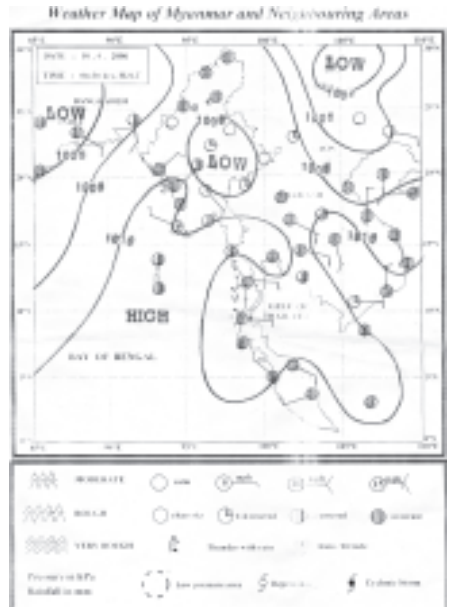
He was taken for treatment at a nearby hospital for a cut sustained

while scaling the fence.

The incident lasted just a few minutes.

There was also no immediate word on how he got past White House security. The fences are heavily guarded on both sides, with police on foot, bicycle and motorcycle patrolling the front sidewalk. It was the second major security incident at the White House in little more than two weeks.

MNA/Reuters



An Indian dancer performs during the launch of World Migratory Bird Day in Laikipia, 290 km (180 miles) east of Nairobi on 9 April, 2006. Artists and conservationists gathered at the edge of Kenya's Great Rift Valley on Sunday to put an end to the negative publicity they say migratory birds are getting as the main vectors in the spread of avian flu. — INTERNET

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 11 April
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
 - Right here, Right now... Fatboy Slim
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
 - My favourite game... The Caradigans
- 8.50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - Kiss and say goodbye... Jessica Jay
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - The tide is high Atomic Kitten
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunchtime music
 - Caravan of light... Tokyo Square
 - More than I can say... Lee Soyer
 - I love you I want me... Labo
 - Hotel California... Eagle
- 9.00pm English Speaking Course Level (1) Unit (II)
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9.30 pm Music for your listening pleasure
 - Everyday I love you... Boyzone
 - She's the one... Robbina Williams
 - I knew I love you... Sauga Garden
 - You're got away... Shania Twain
- 9.45 pm News / Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 11 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - 1. Recitation of Parittas of Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 - 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 - 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:00 am
 - 6. အတိတ်ပြန်
- 8:05 am
 - 7. Song of yesteryears

- 8:15 am
 - 8. ဓါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am
 - 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 - 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
 - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 - 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 - 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်ပြင်သင်ကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
 - 4. Dance of national races
- 5:00 pm
 - 5. ခံစားနားဆင်စားစာတိုဝင်
- 5:10 pm
 - 6. "သုဇာတ်ချင်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပမာ" (မင်းဝေ၊ ခင်စာပြည်ကျော်၊ ဧကရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်သိင်္ဃာကျော်)
- 5:15 pm
 - 7. ဓါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:30 pm
 - 8. ဆိုကြမယ်၊ ဖျော်ကြမယ်
- 6:00 pm
 - 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - 11. ဓါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 6:50 pm
 - 12. ရေထောင်တစ် ရွယ်
- 7:05 pm
 - 13. ဓါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 7:15 pm
 - 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတဲ့ "မေတ္တာနုနု" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
 - 15. News
- 8:15 pm
 - 16. International news
- 8:30 pm
 - 17. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
 - 18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတဲ့ "အိပ်မက်ကဏ္ဍ" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:55 pm
 - 19. The next day's programme

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San visit State Hermitage Museum, Spas na Krovi Museum Church in St. Petersburg

YANGON, 10 April— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, senior military

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party at State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San conclude visit to Russia



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Daw Mya Mya San being seen off by Mr M E Oseevsky at Pulkovo-1 Airport Zone A, St. Petersburg.—MNA

YANGON, 10 April — Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left St. Petersburg, Russia, at 10.25 pm (local time) on 6 April and arrived back Nay Pyi Taw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw City on 7 April at 10.50 am.

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Dailies in alternative circulation during Thingyan

YANGON, 10 April— Dailies of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be published in turn during the Thingyan holidays. Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 13, 14 and 15 April (Thingyan Akyo, Akyo and Akyat days). During these days, Myanma Alin Daily will be in circulation and it will take holidays on 16 and 17 (Thingyan Atet Day and Myanmar New Year Day) and 18 April. On these days, Kyemon and The New Light of Myanmar will resume circulation.—MNA