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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

General Thura Shwe Mann meets with departmental officials, businessmen in Rakhine State Adding goodwill to efforts will ensure greater success



General Thura Shwe Mann meets local authorities and departmental personnel and businessmen in Thandwe. — MNA

YANGON, 20 April —Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann yesterday met with departmental officials, businessmen and townsenders of Thandwe, Taungup and Gwa townships at Thandwe and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

At the meeting, Chairman of Thandwe District

Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Hla Tint reported on arrangements in Thandwe District for meeting Rakhine State's cultivation target of 100,000 acres of rubber and 500,000 acres of physic nut plants and on private rubber plantations in the district and increase in per capita income in the region. Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on arrangements for development of the state. He also said it is



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.—MNA

There will be economic development only if there is increase in production. Entrepreneurs should invest both in services and trade sectors for national economic advancement. They should systematically run businesses that will benefit individuals and organizations as well as the nation.



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo. — MNA

required to draw the attention of businessmen to participate in the extended cultivation of rubber. According to his report, so far 8,200 acres of rubber have been cultivated and arrangements have been made for extended cultivation of physic nut plants.

On behalf of prawn breeders, hoteliers and traders, businessmen reported on requirements to be fulfilled by the Government.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For all-round development of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is endowed with natural resources and favourable conditions for economic development. Therefore, regional development plans are being systematically implemented for parallel development of all the states and divisions of the Union.

The Head of State and all state-level officials off and on tour various regions in the Union and see for themselves the development situation of each region, inspect development plans and construction work being carried out there and fulfil all the requirements.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by high-ranking officials, visited Sittway, Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Rathedaung, Kyauktaw, An, Kyaukpyu, Thandwe and Taungup townships in Rakhine State from 12 to 19 April and inspected implementation of plans and regional development work and met with departmental personnel, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townsenders.

At the meeting, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe emphasized that if all the national brethren worked together they would gain successive achievements and the State would develop by leaps and bounds, that it was necessary for national people to have strong Union Spirit and be united and that the Union as well as all the regions in it would enjoy rapid development only if all the national people were united and work in concert.

Rakhine State is rich in natural resources and has favourable environment for economic development. The government on its part is raising the momentum of implementation of regional development plans and building new roads and bridges for improvement in transport infrastructure. Therefore, the people on their part are required to work hard for the development of their region.

In the past, people in Rakhine State had to rely on air and water transport to go to other states and divisions. But now, with the emergence of the Yangon-An-Sittway, Yangon-Taungup-Kyaukpyu and Yangon-Ngathaingchaung-Gwa-Thandwe roads, they can easily travel to other states and divisions and expand their businesses. At present, deep-sea fishing and shrimp farming are thriving in Rakhine State. Moreover, the Thahtay hydroelectric power station is being built on the Thahtay creek 12 miles northeast of Thandwe. On completion, it will have the capacity of generating 102 megawatts and surely contribute to the development of Rakhine State.

We would like to call on all the national people in Rakhine State as well as in the other states and divisions to bear in mind the guidance by the Head of State and work hard for all-round development of the Union.



Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board member U Chit Myaing recently accepted K 100,000 donated by Daw Tin Tin of Hline Township for her 85th birthday. 'H

Peoples' 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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali was born in 1961, Province of Amlaj, Tabuk, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He obtained Bachelor of Political Science degree in 1986 from King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1987. He worked at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Cairo from 1994- 1998. At present he is serving as General Manager of Department of Citizen's Affairs. Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali is married.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 20 April — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General U Thein Lwin of the Energy Planning Department as Managing Director of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Programme for contests to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 20 April — To mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse

and illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June, Yangon Division painting, cartoon, poster and computer arts and computer digital poster contests will take place. The cartoon contest will be held at 9 am and painting contest at 1 pm on 25 March and poster contest at 9 am on 26 May at Mya Nyila Hall of Latha BEHS-2.

The contests are categorized into four levels —under-10 age level, 10-15 age, 15-20 age and above 20.

The computer painting contest will be held at the University of Computer Studies in Hline Township at 9 am on 22 May dividing into middle and high school Levels.

The application forms are available at Yangon Division Police Force Commander's Office on Bank Street in Kyaukdata Township and the respective township PDC offices from 1 to 7 May and the applications are to be sent in person from 8 to 14 May.

The registration cards for the contests will be provided on the day of submitting the applications. The contestants are to inform the University of Computer Studies at 8 am on 21 May to be able to study beforehand. —MNA

Cash donated to Eye Hospital, Waibargi Hospital



Cash donation of Myanmar-ASEAN Women's Friendship Association in progress at Eye Hospital on Natmauk Street. — MNA

YANGON, 20 April — Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association donated K 1 million each towards Eye Hospital on Natmauk Road and Waibargi Hospital for Communicable Disease in North Okkalapa Township through the Medical Superintendents of the hospitals this morning.

Present on the occasion were member of Board of Patrons of the association, wife of the Foreign Minister Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of

the Minister for Health Daw Nila Thaw, members of Board of Patrons of the association, wives of the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs Daw Le Le Kyi and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wives of high-ranking officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of the Philippines Embassy, wives of Ambassadors of ASEAN Embassies, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Tin Nyunt and officials concerned. — MNA



Cash donation of Myanmar-ASEAN Women's Friendship Association in progress at Waibargi Hospital in North Okkalapa Township. — MNA

DONATE BLOOD

China urges flexibility over Iran nuclear plans

BEIJING, 19 April — China is disturbed by the deepening international stand-off over Iran's nuclear plans but still hopes for a negotiated solution, a senior Chinese envoy told Iranian officials, the Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday. Chinese Assistant

Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai visited Teheran on Friday after Iran announced it had enriched uranium, defying international calls for it to halt such work.

He urged his Iranian hosts and other countries to step back from confrontation, a spokesman for China's Foreign

Ministry told a regular news conference on Tuesday. "China expressed its disquiet about current developments," spokesman Qin Gang said. "We hope all sides will maintain restraint and flexibility to create conditions favourable to an appropriate resolution of

the Iran nuclear issue through diplomatic negotiations," Qin said, paraphrasing Cui's message. Iran has defied UN calls for it to halt its atomic research, which the West fears could be a cover for making nuclear weapons. Western countries have been pushing the UN Security Council to make its demands that Iran suspend its nuclear enrichment binding under international law.

But China and Russia — veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council along with the United States, Britain and France — fear that could later lead to sanctions, something they have traditionally opposed.

MNA/Reuters



Melissa Ann Tan Swee Yen acknowledges the crowd after being crowned as 2006 Miss Malaysia Universe Pageant in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19 April, 2006. Melissa Ann Tan Swee Yen will represent Malaysia at the 2006 Miss Universe Pageant to be held in Los Angeles, California, USA, from 5-24 July this year. —INTERNET



Photo taken on 17 April shows the crude oil price on a billboard in New York, US. The crude oil price hit new record on the New York Mercantile Exchange on 17 April, closing at 70.40 US dollars a barrel for the fear of the continuing nuclear crisis in Iran and the sluggish prospect of oil supply. And the North Sea Brent crude closed at 71.46 US dollars a barrel. —INTERNET

US Army probes marijuana smuggling into Kuwait

ARIFJAN (Kuwait), 19 April—The US military said on Tuesday it was investigating allegations that its postal service was used to smuggle marijuana, following the arrest of three civilian sub-contractors by Kuwait authorities. The US Army was responding to reports in Kuwaiti newspapers that three US soldiers were arrested for selling marijuana in southern

Kuwait. A US Army spokeswoman said the three men, arrested on Sunday, were not soldiers but American civilian contractors who worked for Westar, a contracted company of the Army Material Command at Camp Arifjan, south of Kuwait City.

The daily *Arab Times* said all three suspects confessed to the crime and admitted they used to

bring in the drugs through the US Army mail in Kuwait. Their case has been sent to prosecutors in the Gulf Arab state.

"The US military and its command in Kuwait expect all military, civilian and contracted personnel working for the US military to respect the laws of Kuwait," Lieutenant-Colonel Debbie Haston-Hilger said in a statement. MNA/Reuters



The photo taken on 18 April, 2006 at Liaocheng, a city in east China's Shandong Province, shows a pea-green spider with a human face-like mark on its body. —INTERNET

WTO court rules against US in anti-dumping row

GENEVA, 19 April—The World Trade Organization's highest court on Tuesday ruled that some methods used by the United States to decide whether foreign goods are being dumped break global trade rules.

The Appellate Body, in a published ruling, overturned a previous decision by a WTO panel of judges which had largely sided with Washington in the dispute with the European Union over a practice known as "zeroing."

"Today's ruling is a positive step in establishing a level playing field in transatlantic trade," EU Trade Commissioner

Peter Mandelson said in a statement. The EU dispute had challenged 31 separate determinations of anti-dumping duties applied by the United States using the zeroing formula, as well as the methodology as such.

Several hundred million dollars of trade volume was involved in the dispute, which covered products such as steel, pasta, ball bearings and chemicals, the EU said in a statement.

In most of the cases no anti-dumping duty would have been imposed if the United States had not used zeroing procedures to determine the scale of dumping, the EU said.—MNA/Reuters

Japanese WW II soldier returns home after 63 years

TOKYO, 19 April —A former Japanese World War II soldier who recently turned up living in Ukraine set foot in his motherland on Wednesday for the first time in more than six decades for emotional reunions with surviving relatives.

Ishinosuke Uwano, 83, was officially registered as dead by the Japanese government in 2000, as he had not been heard from since 1958 when he was last reported seen on Russia's Sakhalin Island.

It was unclear why and how Uwano, who served in the Japanese Imperial Army on Sakhalin until the war's end in 1945,

ended up in Ukraine.

"I have never spoken Japanese for 60 years, and first of all I would like to say to you 'konnichiwa' (good afternoon)," Uwano

told reporters in Russian shortly after arriving at Tokyo's Narita international airport.

"I'm looking forward to seeing and talking with my



Ishinosuke Uwano (C), a former Japanese soldier who went missing in far-east Russia after World War II and now lives in Ukraine, arrives at the New Tokyo International Airport with his son (R, unidentified) in Narita, east of Tokyo, on 19 April, 2006. —INTERNET

brothers and cousins."

He was drafted into the Japanese Imperial Army in 1943 to join other soldiers on Sakhalin Island.

Japanese media said Uwano moved to Ukraine in 1965 and married a Ukrainian woman. Uwano, who has three children, lives in Zhitomyr west of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev.

During a 10-day visit to Japan, Uwano plans to travel to his home in Iwate, about 450 km (300 miles) north of Tokyo, to see relatives and friends and visit the graves of his parents.

Internet

Nepal to organize Birth Anniversary of Lord Buddha

KATHMANDU, 19 April— Nepal will celebrate the 2,550th Birth Anniversary of Lord Gautam Buddha in western Nepal at the birthplace of Buddha, the Lumbini Development Trust (LDT) said here on Tuesday.

“The 2,550th Birth Anniversary of Lord Buddha will be celebrated in the form of Lumbini Day on 12-14 May at Lumbini, the birthplace of the Buddha, some 300 kilometres west of Kathmandu,” LDT, a semi-governmental organization, said in a Press statement.

Various programmes, including Buddha prayer, panel discussions, oratory contests, essay competition, illumination, religious worship and

peace rally, are to be organized in the Lumbini Day.

“On the occasion, the big World Peace Bell located at Lumbini would be struck 10 times symbolizing the Ten Perfections of Buddha hood,” the statement said.

Similarly, other functions under the celebration include inauguration of biogas plant at in Lumbini, organization of a seminar on the Participation of Local People in the

Development of Lumbini, identification of various local development programmes and distribution of stipends to 101 students, the statement said.

A 271-member Main Celebration Committee comprising of persons from different sectors has been constituted under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Yangkila Sherpa for celebrating the day.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors lean forward to take a close look at the world's largest plasma panel display, Panasonic's 103-inch high definition panel, at the Fine Tech Japan Display 2006 exhibition in Tokyo, on 20 April, 2006.—INTERNET



Citizens enjoy the amazing scene of blooming green cherry blossoms at a park in Tokyo, Japan on 19 April, 2006. The green blossom, quite rare in Tokyo, came later than common cherry blossom.—INTERNET

Russia opposes sanctions on Iran for nuclear issue

Moscow, 19 April— Russia is against using sanctions to resolve the Iranian nuclear problem, Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said here on Tuesday prior to the opening of the six-party consultations on over the delicate issue.

“We are convinced that

neither sanctions nor (the) use of force will lead to the solution of the problem,” Kamynin was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency as saying.

All the basic provisions of Russia's stance on this account “are well known and remain valid”, the spokesman said, calling for a political settlement

of the situation.

Taking part in the consultations in Moscow are high-level diplomats from Russia, China, the United States, Britain, France and Germany.

Kamynin said Moscow was concerned with the recent statement by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

on Iran's creation of full nuclear cycle.

He described it as a step in the wrong direction that went against the will of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and was in defiance of a statement by the UN Security Council chairman.

MNA/Xinhua



The Atlas V rocket with its payload of an Astra IKR satellite sits atop the launch pad at complex 41 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, on 19 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Sudan finds man, chickens with bird flu virus

CAIRO, 19 April— Sudan has found one man and five chickens infected with the bird flu virus, an official from the Health Ministry told *Reuters* on Tuesday.

Head of the epidemics department, Magdi Salih, said tests carried out by Sudanese authorities on the man and the chickens had proved positive for bird flu, but he did not say if the virus was the deadly H5N1 strain.

The infected chickens were found at two farms in Sudan's Khartoum and Jazeera provinces and he added that the infected man was the owner of one of the farms.

Samples would be sent abroad for further tests, he said. The World Health Organization (WHO) said it was looking into the report.

We don't have a lot of details as to what kinds of tests were done, but we are obviously keen to have the samples sent abroad,” spokeswoman Maria Cheng said. — MNA/Reuters

Chavez says US warships threaten Venezuela, Cuba

CARACAS (Venezuela), 19 April— President Hugo Chavez, who accuses Washington of planning to invade Venezuela, said on Tuesday recent deployment of US warships in the Caribbean Sea threatened his country and its ally Cuba.

Four US warships, including an aircraft carrier, and 6,500 sailors, are in a two-month deployment in the Caribbean Sea dubbed “Partnership of the Americas” by the US Navy.

“They are doing manoeuvres right here,” Chavez told a student meeting in the country's west.

“This is a threat, not just

against us, against Venezuela, against Cuba.”

Chavez has repeatedly accused the United States of trying to oust him.

MNA/Reuters

Danish police find heroin stash in sword blades

COPENHAGEN, 19 April— Danish police said on Wednesday they had found heroin worth more than \$1 million (559,000 pounds) that had been smuggled into the country from Pakistan in the hollowed-out blades of 25 antique sword replicas.

They made the discovery after raiding the apartment of a British man who had died earlier from a drug overdose along with a woman of unknown nationality in a hotel room in Copenhagen.

Detectives found 740 grams of heroin of 70 percent purity in the metre-long engraved blades of the decorative swords. “The blades were the last place we thought to look and it was a surprising place to find the drugs,” Ole Wagner of the drugs squad told *Reuters*. He believed at least five more swords had reached Denmark earlier this year. —Internet



Confiscated drugs on display. Danish police said on Wednesday they had found heroin worth more than 559,000 pounds that had been smuggled into the country from Pakistan in the hollowed-out blades of 25 antique sword replicas.—INTERNET

ASEAN Foreign Ministers meet in Bali on ASEAN Charter

DENPASAR (Indonesia), 20 April— Foreign Ministers from the member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) met on the Indonesian island resort of Bali on Wednesday to discuss the recommendation on the arrangement of ASEAN Charter.

The ministers started their retreat meeting at 5:00 pm local time and ended at 6:00 pm. But no result of the closed meeting was announced.

The retreat was chaired by Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar, who is the chairman of the 39th ASEAN Standing Committee.

The annual retreat, conducted in an informal setting, has no formal agenda in order to allow the ministers to engage in an open, frank and free-

flowing discussion on important issues affecting the region, Indonesian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The foreign ministers' retreat was held following a two-day meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) here on Monday and Tuesday.

This was the third meeting of EPG which prepared for the ASEAN Charter.

The EPG, set up at the 11th ASEAN Summit in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, is made up of experienced figures

from ASEAN countries: Indonesia, the Philippines, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

The Indonesian representative in the EPG, Ali Alatas, said on Tuesday that since it was declared in Bangkok on 8 August, 1967, ASEAN did not have any charter to support its legal status.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Microsoft chairman Bill Gates during a meeting at the company's headquarters in Redmond, Washington, on 18 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Macedonian postal van robbed by armed men

TIRANA, 19 April —Several armed men attacked a Macedonian postal van on Tuesday morning, escaping with cash worth over 200,000 euros (about 240,000 US dollars), police said.

Reports from Macedonian capital of Skopje quoted local police as saying that the post office van, escorted by police, had been blocked on the Tevoto-Mala Recica road by a Hyundai car.

Several armed men rushed out of the car and attacked the police officers and post office staff. They robbed more than 10 million denars from the van before fleeing. The Macedonian Interior Ministry said in a Press release that the police had begun searching for the suspects. The robbery is the latest in a series of attacks on money-carrying postal vans in the past few months. — MNA/Xinhua

Floods cause havoc in parts of Canada

OTTAWA, 19 April—As swollen rivers continue to rage in the central prairies of Canada, the country's Atlantic Province of Newfoundland is also in

for floods on Tuesday after continuous heavy rain.

A state of emergency was declared Tuesday in Middle Arm, located on Newfoundland's Baie Verte Peninsula, where heavy rain began falling Monday night and destroyed culverts and washed out the community's main road by Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Tisza River at record level in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 19 April —Hungary's flooded Tisza River this week reached its highest level for more than 30 years, flood defence officials said on Tuesday.

In east Hungary, it crested at 999 centimetres in Szolnok, southeast of Budapest, and reached 960 centimetres in the southern city of Szeged.

This was 20 centimetres up from the recorded level in 1970, Gyula Reich said.

Flood defences are now in place along 2,198 kilometres of waterways in the central European country. And emergency warnings have been made along 716 kilometres of the Tisza between Kiskore and the Serbian border. Some sections of the Zagya, Harnas-Koros and Maros rivers have also been placed under emergency alerts.

MNA/Xinhua

Three killed in French military helicopter crash

TOULOUSE (France), 19 April — Three French military personnel died when their helicopter crashed on Tuesday in an accident in the Hautes-Pyrenees region in the south of the country, the local authorities said. The Puma helicopter, which belonged to the fifth helicopter combat regiment of Pau in the Pyrenees-Atlantiques region, crashed on the side of a mountain a little before 1200 GMT.

Rescue officials at the scene of the accident, near the town of Bareges, said the helicopter might have hit cables used to transport equipment and men before crashing.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese men work on the scaffoldings at a construction site in Nanjing, the capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 20 April, 2006.

INTERNET

Samsung shows 2GB phone memory card

SEOUL, 19 April— Samsung Electronics said on Wednesday it has developed a tiny, 2GB memory card for use in mobile phones, just three months after it announced a card with half of that capacity.

The 2GB MMCmicro card is about the size and shape of one key on a standard computer keyboard and just 0.4 inches thick. It can store as much as 12 hours of "mobile video," Samsung said, without specifying a format.

It can also transmit data quickly. A user can download three

hours of mobile video, for example, in less than two minutes, according to Samsung.

The cards can read data at 10 megabits per second and write at 7 mbps, the Seoul-based company said.

Both the 2GB and 1GB cards are expected to become available later this year, Samsung said. There was no word yet on pricing.

The cards are based on MMCmicro, a format designed by Samsung that's based on the MMC (Multimedia Card) standard.

The MMC standard

competes with SD (Secure Digital) cards. Many handset makers, including Samsung, make phones compatible with both card types.

Earlier this year, SanDisk announced a 1GB card based on its smallest memory card format, MicroSD.

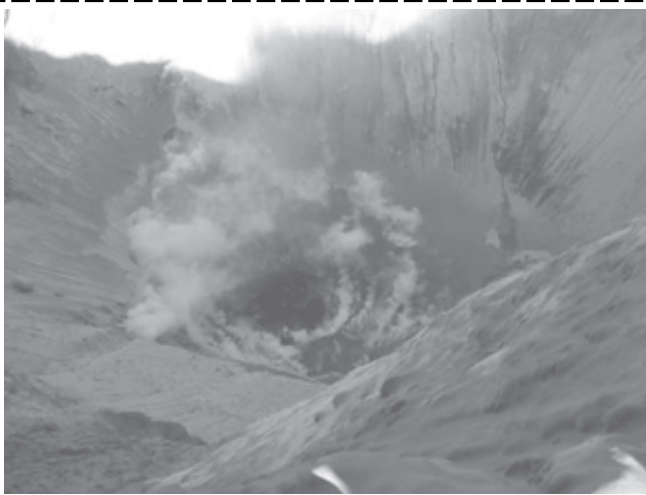
Memory card developers are reducing the size of the cards and boosting their memory capabilities to accommodate for small cell phones and for the additional data services that cellular operators are offering.

Internet

A staff weighs a little Siberian Tiger in a Siberian Tiger Zoo at Mudanjiang, a city of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 19 April, 2006. As members of the 5th generation of the tiger family in the zoo, three little Siberian Tigers were born on 6 April. The zoo houses 236 Siberian Tigers now, 228 more than the number of 1986 when it was found.

INTERNET





The crater of Peru's volcano Ubinas in the Moquegua region, some 550 miles (900 km) south of Lima, is seen on 19 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Peru volcano sends smoke into air, town evacuated

LIMA (Peru), 20 April—Officials urged a small farming town in southern Peru to evacuate on Tuesday after a volcano sent smoke and ash 2,600 feet (800 metres) into the air, but residents were reluctant to leave.

"A yellow alert has been called, which means precaution due to emission of gases and steam," Armando Minaya, head of the geophysical institute in the southern city of Arequipa, told Reuters.

"Civil Defence has sent small anti-gas masks to the town of Querapi and covers for their water deposits," Minaya said. The volcano has not been this active since 1969.

Civil Defence asked the 42 farming families in Querapi, three miles (4.5 kilometres) from the 5,672 metre-high volcano, to evacuate. But they did not

want to leave, Minaya said.

The volcano, in the Moquegua region 550 miles (900 km) south of Lima, has been belching for much of the month. It has sent ash and sulfur as far away as the town of Ubinas, home to 3,500 people five miles (eight kilometres) away. Small tremors have also been felt in nearby towns.

Minaya said emissions had affected crops and water sources.

He said geologists have travelled to the area to measure volcanic activity.

MNA/Reuters

Poll shows Internet plays bigger role in life decisions

WASHINGTON, 20 April—Nearly half of US users of the Internet went online for help with major life decisions such as finding a college for their child or looking for a new place to live, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

The results show that the Internet is becoming increasingly important to users in their everyday lives, according to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, a non-profit group which conducted the survey.

Some 45 per cent of Internet users, or an estimated 60 million Americans, said the Internet helped them make big decisions or face a major moment in their life during the previous two years, the survey found. That was up from 40 per cent of Internet users who answered the same survey questions in 2002.

Specifically, the survey asked 2,201 adults last month if the Internet played a crucial or important role in making at least one of eight major life decisions.

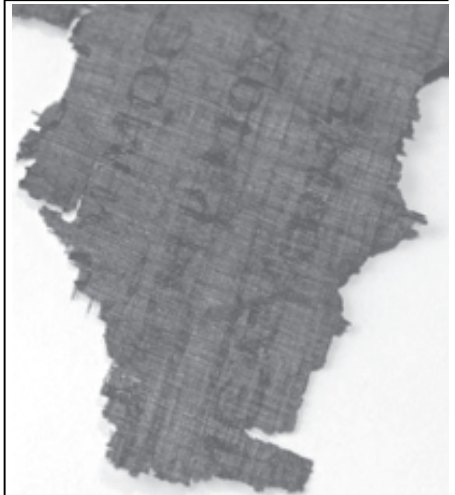
An estimated 21 million Americans turned to the Internet when seeking more training for a career, while 17 million used it to choose a school

for a family member or to help another person with a major illness, the Pew Internet group said.

Some 16 million Americans used the Internet when buying a car or making a major investment or financial decision, it said.

An estimated 10 million Americans used the Internet when looking for a new place to live; eight million when changing jobs; and seven million when dealing with their own major illness or health condition, the survey said.

MNA/Reuters



A fragment of a purported copy of the Gospel of Judas on display for members of the media at the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease on 19 April, 2006, in Akron, Ohio. Pieces of the forgotten manuscript based on the life of Jesus' disciple were reportedly purchased by bankrupt Ohio Art Dealer Bruce Ferrini of Bath Township some time after their discovery in Egypt in 1970 and stored in a bank vault in downtown Akron. The law firm is drumming up interest in the documents to help raise money to pay Ferrini's creditors.—INTERNET

Study shows most Portugal wildlife under threat

LISBON, 20 April — More than half of Portugal's bird, animal and fish species face some degree of threat, mostly from human action, according to a government study released on Wednesday.

The survey of 551 vertebrate species shows that only 46 per cent could be considered out of possible danger, Portugal's

Institute for the Conservation of Nature said in its report.

"The main factors of threat identified are generally related to the destruction, degradation and fragmentation of natural habitats stemming from the action of man," it said.

Species considered under critical danger

include the Iberian lynx, the mountain goat, the monk seal, the black vulture and the saramuga, a freshwater fish found in the Guadiana River basin.

Sixty-nine per cent of freshwater and migratory fish species were under threat or nearly threatened, the highest rate of the groups studied. Factors pressuring species include forest fires,

dams, hunting, timber-planting for the pulp and paper industry, abandonment of farmland and draining of wetlands, the study said.

The study updated surveys carried out in the 1990s. It covered continental Portugal and its Azores and Madeira islands. —MNA/Reuters

Thousands of Kenyans displaced after heavy flooding

NAIROBI, 20 April — Up to 3,000 Kenyans were forced to leave their homes on the coast after a river draining into the Indian Ocean burst its banks and

flooded their homes, a senior government official said on Tuesday.

Emerging from a severe drought that killed scores of people, the East African country has in recent weeks received pounding rains that have also forced thousands in the northeastern region from their homes.

The coast and north-eastern regions were hardest hit by the drought.

"There has been a lot of rain upstream and as a result, the Sabaki River burst its banks," said Jan Ireri, district commissioner of the coastal Malindi District.

Three thousand people were affected. Their homes and farms were submerged, but in the last four days or so, the water has receded to its normal level."

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

At least 20 killed in Lake Tanganyika boat accident

BUJUMBURA, 20 April — A ferry carrying up to 160 passengers and their goods capsized on East Africa's Lake Tanganyika at the weekend, killing at least 20 people, a Congolese provincial governor said on Wednesday.

The passengers were travelling from Fizi in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Uvira, a town about 120 kilometres (75 miles) away when strong winds struck the vessel late on Sunday.

"The accident took place in Fizi territory. The information I have says 20 people died and there are some missing," Deogratias Buhambahamba, governor of Congo's South Kivu Province, told Reuters.

He said the search for survivors was continuing.

Quoting survivors, national radio station RTNC said 70 people died and 90 survived the boat disaster — a relatively common occurrence in former Zaire where roads have been destroyed by years of civil war and neglect.



Road crew members for the Mount Washington Auto Road work on removing snow on 19 April, 2006 from the highest peak in the northeastern United States. They hope the road will be open by the end of April.—INTERNET

All false accusations are laid bare

Moe Shin

Chiv Khera in 'Living with honour' said that good leaders guided the correct way, but the bad ones tricked and dragged people towards the wrong road.

Of the English writers, George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) always spoke and wrote the truth. As there were many persons who disliked him, they called him an old odd man in his absence. Once, Bernard Shaw teased a woman who was popular among the fashionable society, whether she would sleep with him a night for 1,000 pounds. The woman retorted, saying that Bernard Shaw was so dare; and that she was a married woman living with her own dignity. Bernard Shaw continued to ask her, "How about 10,000 pounds?" And even the woman was going to call her husband, but Bernard Shaw insisted that he would give her one million pounds.

At that time, the women's actions changed and said that the price was not bad, so it was possible. Then Bernard Shaw told her that if he would give her only ten pounds, what she would do.

The women was very angry. She said that Bernard Shaw was insulting her, adding "What do you think of me?" Bernard Shaw said that he had already known her status, and that he was just bargaining.

A bogus leader cannot resist the highest bid. The person will smile only at the rich, while ignoring the poor. That person would not hesitate to make over 50,000 poor workers redundant from their jobs, would not be happy with raising four or five times the monthly salaries of one million employees, would be shameless to tarnish own ancestral prestige, would act like a wolf in disguise of a sheep and pretend to be right although wrong.

How can we distinguish between a phoney leader and a true one?

A story I will present in this article will give the answer to the question. The story is usually told by the Whites of the West.

The story said that a doctor, an engineer and a politician died at the same time and arrived at the

Heaven's gate together; that St Peter said that there was something wrong somewhere; that three of them arrived at the Heaven's gate at the same time when there was only one place for them; and that who should be accepted.

After some discussion there came out a solution. The one who did the oldest job should enter the Heaven. So St Peter asked them whose job was the oldest.

The doctor stood up and said that the work of bringing out Adam's bone to create Eve cannot be done without a doctor's help; and that he should enter the Heaven.

The engineer stood up and said that before God created Adam, there was chaos and confusion; that there had to be a programme to restore the situation back to normal; that the task of laying down a programme was an engineer's job and therefore that was earlier than the doctor's; and that he should enter the Heaven.

Then the politician jumped to his feet and said that the chaos and confusion was the work of politicians; and that he was the one who should enter the Heaven.

Sham leaders never uphold their morals. They have greed only. Right or wrong is not their concern. They serve their own interest only whether there may be an unrest, a confusion, or public inconvenience and sufferings. Indicators show that in some Western nations, public confidence in politicians is dwindling. Some politicians who are dreaming of an unrest to take advantage of it to grab power in a case of dog eat dog situation never have in mind to place in the fore the interest of the nation and the people. They do not realize how the people loathe them for their acts have obstructed and ruined the public wish to live in peace and stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations. They even want to frighten people by blowing up bombs, and committing assassinations and massacres. They are the lords of evil.

True leaders prove with work that really serves

public interest. Their deeds never focus on self-interest, but on the majority's. On the other hand, some are uttering democracy, while their practical deeds are for causing anarchy and terrorism and breaching the law.

A terrorist, who had completed an explosive course, met his tragic end in a fight against tricycle pedaling men. He was drunk and causing trouble before his death. Not a single government employee even touched him. The BBC, VOA, RFA, Interent and websites shouted that he was hit by police and fire brigade members. They were just attempting to instigate the public. The radio stations repeatedly aired the half-crying voice of a women, saying that her son was unjustly murdered by police and fire brigade members. We knew the truth only when the director-general of the Myanmar Police Force explained the matter at the press conference. The terrorist was so rowdy that he met with public response. He met his own death. There should not be any hard feelings.

It was said that the persons who attended his funeral stood one minute in silence in tribute. In another funeral, a middle aged man, who thought himself a leader, was fisted by another person, who loathed him. Then came out the voices, saying that the democracy activists were being insulted and attacked; that they should beware of the dangers; and that they should show restraint and should not respond too much. The voices were aired through the BBC, VOA, RFA, Interent and websites, that were trying to trick people.

We came to know what really happened when the Information Minister explained the matter in detail. We were amazed to know that the middle aged man, who was fisted by an insane member of the National League for Democracy, dared to pretend himself a hero.

Some foreign radio stations in collusion with one another tried to incite the public by slandering and discrediting the government before 1988. They were able to fuel the discontentment of some people.

At present again, the VOA, BBC and RFA are brazenly opening the media front, and resorting to evil, wicked and mean ways. But the people's global views and knowledge have become wider during the period of 18 years. They do not accept any shameless act to interfere in the internal affairs of the country.

They see the poison however it is coated with sugar. They can distinguish between a good leader and a bad one. Thus, all false accusations have been laid bare.

(Translation: TMT)

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At the meeting, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo said that the ministry will provide necessary assistance to the rubber cultivation and physic nut in the state and to change the cultivation method for high yield production of paddy.

Afterwards, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi briefed on the arrangements of the ministry to sell fuel for the convenience of customers.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung discussed matters on conservation of mangrove forests in the state.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported on the Government's assistance for booming of hotel business and tasks being carried out for high-tech communication system in Rakhine State. He also called for businessmen to join hands with the Government for success of the state's rubber cultivation target of 4,540 acres.

Next, Minister for Livestocks and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein reported on arrangements for an increase in prawn production, and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung on matters related to development of human resources.

After hearing reports, General Thura Shwe Mann said they were there to assist with the development tasks in Rakhine State.

The Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway, which once was a dream, has been built thanks to the goodwill



General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greets district PDC chairmen, departmental personnel, entrepreneurs and townselders in Thandwe. — MNA

and vision of the Head of State. The highway is also the result of the cooperative efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw. The national economy has achieved success to a certain degree. In addition to the national development undertakings, the government has also increased the monthly salaries of the government staff.

Hence, State service personnel should be du-

tiful and loyal to the nation. They should collectively strive to develop the places they are assigned to as their native regions. They should also serve the public. Adding goodwill to their efforts will ensure greater success.

There will be economic development only if there is an increase in production. Entrepreneurs should (See page 9)



Maj-Gen Htay Oo makes a speech at the meeting with district and township USDA secretaries, executives and organizers. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi.
MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung.
MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.
MNA

Pyinmana District USDA gets new office

YANGON, 20 April— Pyinmana District Union Solidarity and Development Association opened its office on 17 April in Pyinmana in Nay Pyi Taw City.

Col Khin Maung Htoo of Pyinmana Station, Pyinmana District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay and Head of Pyinmana District Administration Office U Khin Maung Zaw formally opened the office. At the opening ceremony held at Kandawmingala Hall in Pyinmana, 13 wellwishers donated cash amounting to K 655,000 to the funds of the district USDA.

Executives and members of township USDAs in Pyinmana District also attended the opening ceremony. — MNA

278 drug-related cases exposed in March

YANGON, 20 April — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 278 cases of narcotic drugs in March 2006.

They seized 155,3828 kilos of opium in 44 cases, 59,5451 cases of heroin in 99 cases, 1,5348 kilos of opium oil in 14 cases, 4,3279 kilos of low-grade opium in 19 cases, 4,532 kilos of marijuana in 12 cases, 1,532,228 stimulant tablets in 48 cases, 0.0s051 kilo of stimulant power in one case, 8,188 kilos of opium speciosa in nine cases, 0,075 litre of cough syrup, 0,0002 kilo of stimulant solid (ice), 24 cases in failure to register and eight other cases.

Action was taken against 441 persons — 340 men and 101 women — in 278 drug-related cases. MNA



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invest both in services and trade sectors for national economic advancement. They should systematically run businesses that will benefit individuals and organizations as well as the nation.

All will have to strive to increase exports and foreign exchange income and boost production of import substitute goods. The government will assist and encourage private enterprises according to the law. The government as well as the private sector should collectively strive to boost production, extend exports, manufacture import substitute goods, reduce wastage and apply thrifty means.

Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Maj-Gen Htay Oo and executives Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Maj-Gen Thein Swe also met with USDA



members in Thandwe on 16 April. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 18 April visited Nyaungbinkwin oil palm farm and Ngapali rubber farm. — MNA

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects Nyaungbinkwin Oil Palm Farm in Thandwe Township. — MNA

B Licence Coaching Course opens



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin speaking at opening of B Licence Coaching Course. — SPED

YANGON, 20 April — Under the arrangements of Myanmar Olympic Committee, the Third B Licence Coaching Course, co-organized by

Asia Football Confederation and Myanmar Football Federation, was opened at the training hall of Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna this morn-

ing. Vice-Chairman of MOC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin delivered an address. Instructor of AFC Mr Robert Lim Lee

Huat extended greetings to all.

The training course will be conducted up to 11 May. Altogether 20 trainees from ministries, State and Division football teams, Yangon City Development Committee and MFF are attending the course.

Also present on the occasion were the President of Myanmar Football Federation and officials of the Ministry of Sports and MOC.

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Myanmar-Turkish agreement on trade and economic cooperation signed

YANGON, 20 April — A ceremony to ink the agreement on trade and economic cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Turkey was held at the hall of National Archives Department, here,

this afternoon.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw and Undersecretary of the Turkish Ministry for Foreign Trade Mr Tuncer Kayalar signed

the documents. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and officials of the ministries concerned. — MNA

Price hike makes gold shops deserted

YANGON, 20 April — Normal gold sales have come to a halt, and the deserted jewellery shops have seen no buyers at all these days, due to unreasonable hike in gold prices, prompted by excessive greed.

Instead of having in mind the pleasure for hearing the news about the significant increase in monthly salaries of State service personnel, gold merchants and jewellery shop owners have been raising gold prices in large amounts. — MNA

Terrorist's bombs exploded in Yangon No human injuries, only minor property damages

YANGON, 20 April — Early morning explosions at several places in Yangon today caused only minor damages to brick walls and window panes of some buildings, with no human injuries. Explosions occurred at four places in Kyauktada Township in Yangon Division and at one in Dagon Township.

In addition, weak explosions occurred in Lanmadaw Township while a worker of Development Affairs Committee was carrying out sanitation task.

Terrorist insurgents have been blowing up bombs and committing destructive acts to undermine peace and stability and to harm lives and prosperity of the people. The people and members of Myanmar Police Force are joining hands to expose and arrest the terrorist insurgents who blew up the bombs. — MNA

Fire preventive measures to be stepped up

YANGON, 20 April — Now, the hot season is in full swing the Fire Services Department and the Myanmar Fire Brigade are thus holding educative talks and reminding the people about fire on a wider scale with the aim of avoiding fire outbreaks. However, some regions suffered fires that took place due to negligence.

A fire broke out at Wa Yaung Village in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division, at about 7 pm on 4 April. The fire started from the house of Daw Than Hlaing, destroying two houses.

At about 2 pm on 5 April, the live fire in the kitchen of the house of Ma Bu San Ni of Kanyayung Village-tract, Meelaung Sakhan Village, Okkan Township, Yangon Division, gutted nine huts and two wooden houses. While a tank was filled with gasoline at U Kar Khin's oil store in Zaygyo Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State, the oil pump accidentally hit the tank, and the sparks set fire to the oil tanks at about 1 pm on 6 April. The fire burnt an oil store and 30 oil tanks destroying a total cost of K 2.5 million.

At about 4.30 pm on 6 April, a fire broke out at Chaungyi Odan Ward, Pyay, Bago Division (West), due to short-circuit at the house of U Saw Mya Thein. Some furniture and possessions worth K 30,000 were destroyed in the fire. A fire took place at Sein Pwint brewery of U Thet Gyi of 62nd Street in Pyigyidagun

Township, Mandalay Division, about 5 pm on 6 April while the generator that was kept running caused wire shock, destroying a building and a tank of methyl alcohol valued at K 200,000.

A fire broke out due to wire shock at the house of U Myint Thein of Ward 9 in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South), at about 3.45 pm on 12 April. Members of Fire Services Department put out the fire before it spread to other houses. The fire destroyed the house with a total loss of about K 100,000.

The live fire at the kitchen gutted the house of Daw Lu Htaung (a) Daw Nan Ma Raw of No 3/262 in Aung Thabye Ward, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, at about 9 pm on 13 April. A total of 50 members of the Fire Services Department extinguished the fire, which destroyed five houses causing a total loss of K 250,000.

Seikkhun Village in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Division, saw a fire that started from the kitchen of the house of U Htay Aung at about 9.30 pm on 15 April. Altogether 45 members of the Fire Services Department extinguished the fire that burnt 15 houses with a total loss of about K 2,152,000.

The boiler stove set on fire Lucky Star Restaurant of Ko Aung Naing Oo of Block 4 in Aung Nan Ward, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, at about 1 am on 16

April. Altogether 46 members of the Fire Services Department extinguished the fire that destroyed four shops of tea and groceries causing a total loss of about K 270,000.

While the car with number plate 7Ka/8363 was on Pyay Road in 6 1/2th Mile in Hline Township, Yangon Division, the car caught fire due to short-circuit at 10.40 am on 17 April. It destroyed the windscreen and seats causing a total loss of K 100,000.

At the house of Daw Hnin Htwe, Palaungsu Kanphyar Ward in Ward 12, Myeik, Taninthayi Division, a burning candle fell itself without being noticed and set fire to nearby heap of clothes at about 12.30 pm yesterday. A total of 60 firefighters put out the fire. In the accident, a house was destroyed and another house partly causing a total loss of about K 1,500,000. A fire broke out at Hmaw Shan Village in 1B/14 Ward, Phakant Township, Kachin State, at about 11 am yesterday, starting from the kitchen of the house of Daw Khan Aung. Fifty firefighters put out the fire. Three houses were burnt in the fire with a total loss of about K 30,000.

The Fire Services Department today called on each individual and family again to constantly take fire preventive measures.

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Romanian soldiers help villagers to reinforce a dam broken by Danube River in Bistret, 280 km (174 miles) southwest of Bucharest on 18 April, 2006. Ten thousand Romanians faced evacuation on Tuesday as rescue workers raced to fix a broken dam on the Danube before the swelling river could flood their low-lying villages.—INTERNET

Railway accident kills 9 in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 20 April — A commuter train collided with a passenger bus in south Jakarta Tuesday, killing at least nine people and injuring scores more.

The bus was trapped on a railway crossing unable to move forward, blocked by a stopping car in front of it, witnesses said at the scene. The bus driver was aware of the alarming serene but he just could not move the bus when the electric train was approaching. State-run railway company PT Kereta Api spokesman Ahmad Sujadi said all victims were the bus passengers.

MNA/Xinhua

Nokia expands research and development in China

HELSINKI, 20 April — Nokia announced on Tuesday that it will further strengthen its research efforts in China by expanding its Chengdu R&D Centre to carry out part of Nokia's mobile network infrastructure products development for global and local markets.

Nokia Chengdu R&D Centre, established in August 2005, started as a focused R&D unit for IP Multimedia Sub-

system (IMS) based communications applications.

In order to have more direct responsiveness to emerging customer needs in this market, Nokia has decided to further expand the Chengdu R&D Centre scope, engaging in development of systems such as carrier grade platform middleware, WAP gateways for mobile browsing, intelligent packet core subsystems and increasing multimedia applications development effort.

The expansion of Nokia Chengdu R&D Centre will capitalize on the favourable competence base in China, and develop a better alignment with the Chinese mobile communications market, a key global growth driver, the company said.

"The Chinese mobile market is seeing tremendous growth and digital convergence is coming to the mobile mass market in China. —MNA/Xinhua

Police rescue tram passengers high above New York

NEW YORK, 20 April — New York police conducted an all-night rescue operation on Wednesday for scores of passengers stranded for hours on two commuter tramcars stalled high above the city.

The gondolas — one suspended over Manhattan with 22 riders and another hovering over the East River with 47 people — unexpectedly came to a stop at 5:22 pm (2122

GMT) on Tuesday, police said, due to a mechanical problem or electrical outage.

"Then a backup generator malfunctioned as well, which required the police department to begin rescue efforts," said police spokesman Martin Speechley. No injuries were reported.

By early on Wednesday, police had removed most of the passengers

from the gondola above the East River, using a metal cage hoisted alongside the tramcar, according to news reports. "It could take a number of more hours to get everyone else to safety because we're not rushing things," Speechley said.

"In the meantime, there have been no injuries, passengers are in good spirits, and we're supplying them with food and drinks." —MNA/Reuters



Nineteen-day-old male baby gorilla Enzo, born on 1 April, 2006 at the Kolmarden zoo in Sweden, is shown for the first time during a media conference at the Kolmarden zoo on 19 April, 2006. Enzo is the first gorilla born in captivity in Scandinavia.—INTERNET

China, US sign agreements to promote science, technology cooperation

WASHINGTON, 20 April — China and the United States on Tuesday signed several agreements on expanding bilateral cooperation in science and technology.

Xu Guanhua, China's Minister of Science and Technology, and John Marburger, Science Adviser to President George W Bush, signed in Washington a protocol on extending an inter-governmental agreement on cooperation in science and technology, and a memorandum of understanding.

The two officials also exchanged information on newly announced strategies and plans in their respective countries, aimed at boosting scientific and technological development.

Also on Tuesday, Xu signed with US Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt a memorandum of understanding on health and medical sciences cooperation.

The agreement is designed to expand cooperation between the two countries in research of AIDS, infectious diseases, traditional medicine, vaccine-preventable diseases and other medical sciences.

MNA/Xinhua

အများပြည်သူသုံးရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ရေ၊ ကျက်မျှာတွင် ရောင်ချနေသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ဆေးဝါးများမှာ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း (မရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများဖြစ်ပါကြောင်းနှင့် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများမှာ အရည်အသွေးအာမခံချက် မရှိပါကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ဆေးအမည်	ထုတ်လုပ်သည့်ကုမ္ပဏီအမည်	နိုင်ငံ
၁။	Throat Tablets	တရုတ်စာသားများဖြင့် ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။	တရုတ်စာသားများဖြင့် ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။
၂။	Chloramphenicol 250 mg Capsules	Exported by Shang-hai Medicines & Health Products	China
၃။	Aerosolum 14 g Aerosol (Salbutamol 28 mg)	Hong Kong Medicines & Health Products	China
၄။	Oxypad Tablet (Diclofenac Sodium IP 50 mg, Paracetamol IP 500 mg, Magnesium Trisilicate IP 100 mg)	Supermax Laboratories	India
၅။	Nifedipine Tablet 10 mg	Linfen Pharmaceutical Factory Shanxi China	China

၂။ အများပြည်သူများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများကို ဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲခြင်း မပြုကြရန်နှင့် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသော ဆေးဝါးများကိုသာ စူးစမ်းဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
 ၃။ ဆေးဝါးတင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီ၊ ဆေးဝါးရောင်းချသည့်ဆေးဆိုင်များသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသောဆေးဝါးများ၊ ဆေးဝါးအတု၊ စုံမညီဆေးဝါးများ တင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချခြင်း၊ လုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရန်နှင့် လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း မရှိပါက သက်ဆိုင်ရာ အာဏာပိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ကျေးရွာတိုင်း ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များ ထူထောင်ဖို့၊
 ပိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့။

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ကျေးလက်နေပြည်သူအများ ပညာဗဟုသုတတိုးပွားစေရန် ကျေးရွာကိုယ်အားကိုး
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Bird flu under control in Myanmar

LBVD issues reminder on regular flow of fowls and eggs and safe consumption

Myanmar has put avian influenza under control in bird flu-infected townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

Continued observation on disease control and detection is being conducted in the rest of poultry farms.

The LBVD also issued a reminder regarding regular flow of fowls and ducks and their eggs and quail eggs and safe consumption.

From the first week of March 2006 the bird flu occurred in Myanmar and it spread to 13 townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

The bird flu is now under control in those townships. Duration of the outbreak of the disease is between seven days and 20 days.

In bird flu-free townships, measures on transport of fowls and their eggs are to be taken with the support of the township livestock breeding and veterinary department and Bird Flu control Committee comprising

LBVD, Health Department, Development Affairs Committee and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation.

In disease control townships arrangements are being made for transport, sale of chickens, ducks and quails with the permission of local authorities and safe consumption.

Regarding the rehabilitation, arrangements are to be made for raising of new fowls, training and holding talks on disease control.

The reminder also includes detailed instructions for breeders and producers, transport, buying and selling of fowls and fowl eggs and safe consumption.

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

INSTRUCTION FOR THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA

Do as follows :-

- Practice good hygiene and disinfection (Biosafety measures)
- Wash hands with soap and water after touching fowls or their eggs.
- Wear face mask and gloves when handling fowls or their eggs.
- Use dedicated tools and equipment for handling fowls or their eggs.
- Dispose of fowls or their eggs properly.
- Use dedicated clothes and shoes for handling fowls or their eggs.
- Wash hands with soap and water after touching fowls or their eggs.

Don't do as follows :-

- Do not touch your face.
- Do not eat under a tree.
- Do not touch fowls or their eggs.
- Do not eat fowls or their eggs.
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- Do not touch fowls or their eggs with your hands.
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Prevention of Avian Influenza to Human in suspected cases

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- Use dedicated clothes and shoes for handling fowls or their eggs.
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Public awareness poster for the village level

Malaysia bans distribution of 3 Western books

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 April — The Malaysian Internal Security Ministry has banned the distribution and possession of three books written in English, Malaysian national news agency Bernama said on Wednesday.

The three books are *High Times* published by New York-based Trans-High Corporation, *Cannabis Culture* by a Canadian company, and *Weed World* by an England firm.

The ban, which took effective on 13 April, was imposed under the

Malaysian law and covered printing, importation, production, reproduction, publication, sale or possession of the three books, Bernama said.

The ban was imposed as the books jeopardized national security and morality, Bernama quoted a statement from the Malaysian Internal Security Ministry as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Global tests confirm 24th bird flu death in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 April — International tests have confirmed a 24-year-old Indonesian man who died this month had bird flu, a Health Ministry official said on Wednesday, taking the country's death toll from the virus to 24.

Indonesia has the second highest bird flu death toll of any country. But the government has resisted

mass culling of birds, citing the expense and impracticality in a country where keeping a few chickens or ducks in the backyards is common.

"A 24-year-old who died on 8 April, 2006, has been confirmed positive of bird flu. The confirmation came from Hong Kong on 18 April," the official at the ministry's bird flu in-

formation centre told Reuters. Local tests are not considered definitive and blood samples are sent to a World Health Organization-affiliated laboratory in Hong Kong for confirmation. Not counting the latest death, the H5N1 avian flu virus has killed 109 people worldwide since 2003, according to the WHO. — MNA/Reuters

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More tourist arrival recorded in Zambia

LUSAKA, 19 April—Over 42,000 tourists came to Zambia by air in the first quarter of this year compared to nearly 37,000 in the same period of 2005, according to *Zambia Daily Mail* on Tuesday.

Zambia started Visit Zambia Campaign in 2005 in major countries throughout the world such as the United States, Britain and South Africa in an effort to increase foreign tourists by 20 percent every year and attract 400,000 more tourists by 2010. As a result of the campaign, the number of tourist arrivals increased to 515,000 in the starting year compared to about 413,000 in 2004, registering an increase of 24 per cent.

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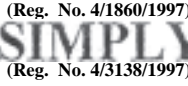
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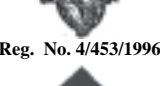
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Chinese museum says it has bra, slippers from 1,000 years ago

HOHNOT, 19 April — A museum in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region claims it has fragments of a brassiere and a pair of embroidered slippers that are nearly 1,000 years old.

The heritage pieces, believed to be worn by a noblewoman in the Liao Dynasty (916-1125 A D), will help researchers study the costumes and needlework of those days, said Tian Yanguo, head of Aohan Banner Museum in the city of Chifeng.

Tian noted that the pieces were spotted in a Liao Dynasty tomb in

Xinhui Town in early April 2004 and were later kept at his museum. "But the museum started a huge renovation project shortly after that, so we were not able to study the heritage pieces until we resumed work at the new facility this year."

According to Tian, the fragments show the brassiere was cotton padded, gold filigree and daintily embroidered. It was similar in style and function to those worn by modern women.

"It was made of fine silk and had shoulder and back straps like brassieres of today," he said. "It's a pity most of the cotton padding in the cups has decayed."

The finding shows that people in the Liao Dynasty, a state founded by the Khitan ethnic group, were quite open and maintained close contact with the central Chinese regions, acknowledged Tian.

The pair of slippers, in sharp contrast, remained

largely intact, he said. "The shoes are about 23 centimetres long. They were embroidered with hundreds of flowers and even the soles were made of fine silk. It must have belonged to a noblewoman."

According to Shao Guotian, a noted expert with the Aohan Banner Museum, more than 90 per cent of the deserted Liao Dynasty tombs in Inner Mongolia need further excavation.

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Mount Merapi is seen spewing volcanic smoke from its crater in this picture taken from Kaliadem, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 19 April, 2006. Authorities have been ordered to prepare for the possible evacuation of the thousands of people who live close to the 2,968-metre (9,737-foot) volcano as scientists warned that it could erupt anytime.—INTERNET

Oil hits record over \$72 on Iran fears

LONDON, 19 April — Oil hit a record 72.64 US dollars a barrel Tuesday as Iran defied world pressure to halt its nuclear programme, raising new fears of a cut in supplies from the world's fourth biggest crude exporter.

In London, North Sea Brent crude oil jumped 1.18 US dollars to set its all-time high as Iran and the West exchanged increasingly sharp words over the Islamic Re-public's determination to push ahead with uranium enrichment.

US crude oil climbed to 71.60 US dollars, smashing through its previous record of 70.85 US dollars. "This is a bull market and we have not found a top yet," said Tom Bentz, a senior analyst at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures in New York.

Prices fell back slightly in later trade, with Brent, an indicator

of the cost of Europe's oil imports, ending up 1.04 US dollars to 72.50 US dollars, while US crude settled up 95 cents at 71.35 US dollars. High US oil stocks have helped to push US crude below Brent.

"The current shoot up we are experiencing is as a result of the Iran problems and it's not helped by the flare up between Israel and the Palestinians," OPEC President Edmund Daukoru said Tuesday.

"But mainly it's the threatening statements being made against Iran

as a result of its nuclear programme," added Daukoru, who is also Nigeria's oil minister.

Nigerian output is also a major concern. Oil prices have soared from 20 US dollars at the start of 2002 and are nearing the inflation-adjusted peaks of over 80 US dollars hit in 1980, the year after the Iranian revolution.

MNA/Reuters



Sand covers one-eighth of China

BEIJING, 19 April — Sand covered about one-eighth of China from 14 to 18 April and about 330,000 tons of sand fell in Beijing on Sunday night.

The information was released at a Press conference on sand storms held by the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) in Beijing on Tuesday.

This is the tenth instance of sandstorms in northern China this year and the eighth in Beijing, said Xiao Ziniu, deputy head of the Chinese Central Meteorological Station under the CMA.

"Most of the sand in Beijing comes from Inner Mongolia and areas abroad," Xiao said.

Beijing reported Grade V pollution, the most serious level in pollution grading, according to the Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Department.

Beijing has reported four blue sky days so far in April, challenging the target of achieving 230

clean air days a year. So far this year, the city has reported 56 blue sky days, 16 days fewer than in the same period last year.

Many residential communities in Beijing are cleaning the dust-covered roads by washing instead of

sweeping.

The situation this year is worse than the past two years, Xiao said.

The sand storms this year could be attributed to high temperatures, prolonged droughts and frequent cold air, Xiao said.

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Blast in western Ethiopia kills three, wounds 37

ADDIS ABABA, 19 April — A blast in western Ethiopia has killed three people and wounded 37 others, state-run television said on Tuesday.

It said the blast occurred on Saturday, a busy market day, in the town of Gedo 150 kilometres (93 miles) west of the capital Addis Ababa.

The giant Horn of Africa country has been hit by a series of explosions in recent months in what

police have said is an attempt by unknown culprits to destabilize the

country of 72 million.

Three blasts rocked Addis Ababa last month, injuring at least four people and in January several public buildings and hotels in the capital were damaged by explosive devices.

In February, the Federal Police Anti-Terrorism Taskforce issued a statement saying it had foiled a plot to

"unleash armed urban terrorism" by a group linked to the main opposition Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD).

Tensions have grown since the CUD contested the results of last May's parliamentary poll, resulting in violent clashes that left more than 80 people dead.

MNA/Reuters



A Thai volunteer holds an alligator near a stream at Lop Buri Province, 153 km (95 miles) north of Bangkok on 19 April, 2006. About 50 volunteers flocked to the stream to hunt dozens of alligators after the reptiles attacked a man near the stream on Saturday. More than 10 alligators were caught after the attack on Saturday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Former West Ham, Ipswich manager Lyall dies at 66

LONDON, 20 April — Former West Ham United and Ipswich manager John Lyall has died of a heart attack at the age of 66, West Ham said on their website on Wednesday. Lyall, who spent 34 years at West Ham, played for the youth team and senior side before a knee injury curtailed his career at the age of 24. He started coaching under Ron Greenwood, whose funeral he attended two months ago, before taking over in 1974.

He led the east London side to two FA Cup victories in 1975 and 1980 as well as a European Cup Winners' Cup final in 1976. "To win the FA Cup twice and lead the club to its highest ever league finish tells you just how much of an impact John Lyall made on the history of West Ham United and his contribution will never be forgotten," current manager Alan Pardew was quoted as saying on the website.—MNA/Reuters



Wladimir Klitschko from the Ukraine, right, works out with his coach Emanuel Steward, left, at a public training session in Mannheim, Germany, on 19 April, 2006. On Saturday, 22 April, challenger Klitschko will fight IBF heavyweight champion Chris Byrd from the United States for the IBF and IBO boxing heavyweight championships of the world in Mannheim, Germany.—INTERNET

Milan take hope from missed chances against Barcelona

MILAN, 20 April— AC Milan will have to find their killer instinct in front of goal if they are to turn round their Champions League semifinal against Barcelona following Tuesday's 1-0 home defeat.

The home side badly missed Filippo Inzaghi after a virus sidelined the forward whose four goals helped take Milan past Bayern Munich and Olympique Lyon in previous knockout rounds.

The six-times European champions took succor from the fact they created several good chances and they aim to take better advantage next Wednesday of the space Barcelona leaves them.

"We created more opportunities than our opponents and this gives us confidence for the return leg," said Dutch midfielder Clarence Seedorf.

Brazilian Kaka, outshone at the San Siro by his compatriot Ronaldinho, also saw signs of encouragement in the defeat for last season's beaten finalists.

"They took their chance while we created a

lot but didn't find the goal. We hope we have more opportunities at the Nou Camp.

"Barcelona showed they have great players but tonight we also saw their defects. They gave us a lot of space and we could get forward," Kaka said.

MNA/Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball to Jean-Rene Lisnard of Monaco during the second round of the Monte Carlo tennis open in Monaco, on 19 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Romanian midfielder Petre to join CSKA Sofia

SOFFIA, 20 April — CSKA Sofia have signed Romania midfielder Florentin Petre from Dinamo Bucharest on a three-year contract from 1 July, the Bulgarian champions said on Wednesday.

"We have watched Petre closely for a long time and we know he is a player with great abilities," said CSKA official Lazar Vasilev after returning from Bucharest where the deal was concluded.

The 30-year-old, a Romania regular, has been at Dinamo for 12 years appearing in some 250 games.

He won the Romanian title three times and the Romanian Cup five times.

CSKA signed 10 players during the championship's winter break but city rivals Levski have overtaken them at the top of the standings, wiping out a seven-point lead.

Serbian coach Miodrag Yesic was sacked two weeks ago and was replaced by Plamen Markov. The former Bulgaria coach made a winning debut at the weekend when CSKA defeated relegation-threatened Pirin 1922.

MNA/Reuters

Montgomerie, Campbell chase record purse at Irish Open

LONDON, 20 April — Eight-times European number one Colin Montgomerie and US Open champion Michael Campbell will chase a record prize fund of 2.2 million euros (2.72 million US dollars) in next month's Irish Open.

Montgomerie's bid for a fourth victory in the tournament will be boosted by playing at a course he helped design, Carton House in Maynooth, County Kildare. The



Arsenal's Fredrik Ljungberg, right, of Sweden challenges for the ball with Villarreal's Guayre during their Champions League semi-final first leg soccer match at Arsenal's Highbury Stadium in London, on Wednesday, 19 April, 2006.

Arsenal won 1-0.—INTERNET

Toure goal gives Arsenal 1-0 win over Villarreal

LONDON, 20 April — Defender Kolo Toure's first-half goal gave Arsenal a 1-0 win over Villarreal in their Champions League semifinal, first leg on Wednesday.

The Ivory Coast international stabbed in Alexander Hleb's cross four minutes before halftime as the Premier League side ended the final European match at Highbury with a narrow advantage to take to Spain next week.

The Londoners, who beat Real Madrid and Juventus in the previous two rounds, extended their own competition record to nine successive games without conceding a goal.

The winners will play Barcelona or AC Milan in the Paris final on May 17 with the Spaniards leading 1-0 after Tuesday's match at the San Siro.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger said his team would go to Spain and try to build on their slender lead.

"It's a good result, we will go there to try to score," he told Sky Sports. "It's not enough just to go there and defend, we want to score goals.

"I felt the team was a bit nervous and we did not risk enough. We faced a good team, very strong in midfield and couldn't impose ourselves enough to create more chances."—MNA/Reuters



The installation called 'Chess Etude' by US artist Liza Lido is seen during an exhibition 'Eternal Games' in St Petersburg, on 19 April, 2006. The installation consists of 32 figures in the human growth, placed on a chess board. The exhibition of Lido has opened in the Russian Academy of Arts in Saint Petersburg.—INTERNET

Real confirm interest in Gerrard, Adriano and Schuster

MADRID, 20 April — Real Madrid's director of football Benito Floro has proposed the club buy Liverpool's Steven Gerrard and Inter Milan's Adriano, and suggested Bernd Schuster as the next Real coach.

Floro, who replaced Arrigo Sacchi in December, said he had presented his proposals to new president Fernando Martin and the board.

"As a priority I recommended the signing of a powerful centre forward like Adriano, and a quality midfielder should Zinedine Zidane leave," Floro told radio station Cadena Ser.

"Gerrard is a player I included on the list and is someone the club have wanted to sign in previous seasons."

Zidane, 33, has hinted he may retire

after the World Cup finals in Germany though he has a contract with Real until 2007.

Martin has spoken openly about his desire for a new coach to replace Juan Ramon Lopez Caro at the end of the season and last month listed seven high-profile figures as his preferred targets.

Floro said he had proposed another option, not mentioned by Martin—former Real Madrid and Germany midfielder Schuster, currently the boss of modest neighbours Getafe.

"Schuster's name was on the list because if Lopez Caro does not continue I think the ideal person is someone who knows Spanish football well. Also he tries to play the type of football Real want to see."—MNA/Reuters



K 2M DONATED: A ceremony to donate K 2 million to the funds of Sasana Rekkhita Monastic Education School for the Orphanage in Ward 5 of South Okkalapa Township was held at the school on 8 April. On behalf of wellwishers U Victor Lyn-Susan and family and U Tun Win Tun-Daw Hnin Wut Yi and family, vocalist R Zar Ni and wife and relatives of the wellwishers make cash donations. — H

Second cyclone hits Australia's N-E coast

SYDNEY, 20 April — A tropical cyclone with winds of up to 200 kilometres per hour (125 miles per hour) crossed Australia's remote northeast coast on Wednesday, officials said, the second cyclone to hit northern Queensland in a month.

There were no early reports of damage in the area, where there are few major settlements or infrastructure.

Residents had been warned to take shelter as Tropical Cyclone Monica, a mid-range category-three storm, closed in on Lockhart River, an aboriginal community of about 600 people in Queensland state's sparsely populated Cape York Peninsula.

The cyclone began

crossing the coast just south of Lockhart River, about 2,000 kilometres (1,200 miles) north of the Queensland capital Brisbane, soon after 2 pm local time (0400 GMT), meteorologists said.

"It will take a couple of hours to cross the coast. It should weaken slightly as it moves across Cape York Peninsula," Queensland Weather Bureau meteorologist Manfred Greitschus told Sky television.

"It still could produce destructive winds for crops or vegetation and weaker shelters."

Cyclone Monica was much weaker than maximum category-five Cyclone Larry, which caused at least 250 million Australian dollars (185 million US dollars) in damage when it hit near Innisfail, well south of Lockhart River, last month, smashing houses and destroying banana crops. — MNA/Reuters

US journalist expelled from Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 April — US freelance journalist William Nessen was detained by immigration officials upon arrival in the Indonesian city of Medan on Wednesday and his deportation was due later in the day. Nessen arrived in the North Sumatra capital en route to nearby Aceh Province, where he said he would visit his wife.

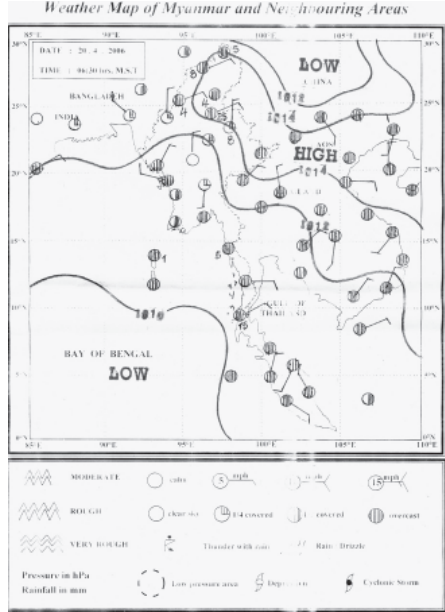
"I plan to meet my wife, who is an Acehnese," he was quoted by the Detikcom news website as saying.

Nessen wrote with the separatist Free Aceh Movement (GAM) in 2003 when Jakarta launched an offensive to crush rebellion in the province.

He surrendered himself to the Indonesian military but local authorities charged him with immigration violations for failing to show his passport and other documents.

He was sentenced to one month for the immigration charge but was freed from spy charge.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 20 April, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and lower Sagaing Division, isolated in Rakhine and Chin States, Bago, Yangon, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Chin State and Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (4°C), below normal in Shan, Mon and Kayin States and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperature was Chauk (40°C). The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogok (1.46) inches, Bhamo (0.99) inch, Kawthoung (0.59) inch, Machanbaw (0.55) inch, Hsipaw and Sagaing (0.39) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 19-4-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 20-4-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 20-4-2006 was (68%). Total sunshine hours on 19-4-2006 was (4.2) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 20-4-2006 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 at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 19-4-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-4-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division and rain or thundershowers are likely isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, Mandalay, Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 21-4-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-4-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-4-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

(Issued at 05:30 hours M.S.T, Today)

A strong earthquake of intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (off the West Coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (850)miles South of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (03) hrs (10) min (04) sec MST on 20th April 2006.



Friday, 21 April
View on today

7:00 am

1.ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓောတီကာ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မသာဓနာဂါရိကာ၊ ဆရာတော်တက္ကသိုလ်တက္ကသိုလ်သစ်၊ ရုပ်တော်တော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. သူရဲကောင်းချစ်စိတ်ချစ်စိတ်

8:00 am

6. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:10 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. တံငါတံတား

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme

4:40 pm

4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညှာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

4:45 pm

5. Song of national races

5:00 pm

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

7. "အကျေးကြီးလိုပါ"

(ခင်လှိုင်၊ ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)

5:20 pm

8. မြန်မာ့စား၊ မြန်မာ့စား

5:30 pm

9. မြို့ပြနှင့် ကျေးလက်ခေတ်မီ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်(မြင်း၊လွင်၊မြို့နယ် စည်ပင်သာယာရေး)

5:40 pm

10. Song of yesteryears

5:50 pm

11. "မေတ္တာမပြေး ခေါ်မပြည်"

(နေရဲလင်း၊ ဇော်ဇော်မြင့်၊ ရှင်စုန်း၊ အိမ်ချယ်၊ မိုးခော်၊ နိုင်သူသူ)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ဇော်မြင့်)

6:00 pm

12. Evening news

6:30 pm

13. Weather report

6:35 pm

14. သူတစ်ယောက် ရွှေညာတီရှင်

7:05 pm

15. မြန်မာ့မင်းဆက်(ဝန်း၊ရန်)

7:10 pm

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ခန့်ခန့်လှလှ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"နှင်းဆီအိမ်မက်"

(အပိုင်း-၂၄)

21. The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Maung Bo donates rice to Pariyatti monasteries in Mawlamyine



Lt-Gen Maung Bo and wife Daw Khin Lay Myint offering provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 April — A ceremony to offer rice to Pariyatti monasteries in Mawlamyine was held at the Dhammayon of South-East Command Headquarters on 17 April, Myanmar New Year Day.

It was attended by Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Tipitaka Ovadaçariya Committee Chairman Webyan Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru

Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa and members of the Sangha and nuns, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Myint, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife Daw Tin Tin Latt, the deputy commander and senior military officers, departmental

officials, Tatmadawmen and family members.

Mawlamyine Kawhlar Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Obhasa administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and wife offered robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa.

The Commander, wife and officials donated provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasa.

Daw Khin Lay Myint, wife of

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, and Daw Tin Tin Latt, wife of the commander, presented provisions to the nuns.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Obhasa delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

At the ceremony, 200 bags of rice, 540 viss of edible oil, 675 viss of salt and 27 bags of onion were donated to 23 monasteries and four nunneries in Mawlamyine. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and wife, the commander, officials offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws and nuns. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife Daw Tin Tin Latt offer robes and alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Construction of Mechanical Training School (Mandalay) in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 20 April — Myanma Industrial Construction Services is constructing the buildings of Mechanical Training School (Mandalay) Project of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Mandalay.

While inspecting construction tasks of the project on 15 April morning, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin heard reports on the lay-out plan of the lecture halls of the school and progress of construction

tasks presented by Project Director Daw Khin Swe Win of MICCS.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks, supervision for minimizing loss and wastage, and practising thrifty. After looking into the tasks, the minister instructed officials to make efforts for meeting set standard of the construction tasks, practising efficient use of fuel and taking measures of worksite safety. — MNA

Weather Forecast for 21-4-2006

Nay Pyi Taw City & neighbouring areas

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Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon & neighbouring areas

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Degree of certainty is (60%).

Mandalay & neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.
Degree of certainty is (60%).

INSIDE

A terrorist, who had completed an explosive course, met his tragic end in a fight against tricycle pedaling men. He was drunk and causing trouble before his death. Not a single government employee even touched him. The BBC, VOA, RFA, Interent and websites shouted that he was hit by police and fire brigade members. They were just attempting to instigate the public. The radio stations repeatedly aired the half-crying voice of a women, saying that her son was unjustly murdered by police and fire brigade members. We knew the truth only when the director-general of the Myanmar Police Force explained the matter at the press conference. The terrorist was so rowdy that he met with public response. He met his own death. There should not be any hard feelings.