

### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 3<sup>rd</sup> GMS Summit, GMS closed-door meeting, signing ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April — Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar attended the opening ceremony of Third Summit of Greater Mekong Sub-region held at Convention Hall Zone A of Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic at 9.25 am on 31 March.

Present on the occasion were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Ministers of GMS countries, high-ranking officials, the Vice-President of ADB, entrepreneur delegates, diplomats of embassies in Vientiane of LPDR, guests and local and foreign journalists.

At the opening ceremony, the master of ceremonies introduced those present to leaders of GMS countries and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda.

First, Laotian Prime Minister Bouasone Bouphavanh made an opening speech on the occasion and the opening ceremony ended.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda arrived at Convention Hall Zone B of Don Chan Palace Hotel where the closed-door meeting of

Third Summit of Greater Mekong Sub-region was going to be held.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, leaders of GMS countries and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda posed for a documentary photo.

Later, the Third Summit of Greater Mekong Sub-region was held at Convention Hall Zone B at 9.35 am.

It was attended by Prime Minister General Thein Sein, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Minis-

ter for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Nyunt Hlaing, Ministers of GMS countries and high-ranking officials.

Meeting Chairman Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh made an open-

ing speech on the occasion.

Next, ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda briefed on matters relating to programme of GMS countries, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao on strengthening the infrastructure connectivity and a key ingredient to improve competitiveness, Vietnamese (See page 8)



## Third GMS Summit Vientiane, Lao PDR 31 March 2008



Prime Minister General Thein Sein, leaders from GMS countries and the President of Asian Development Bank pose for documentary photo.—MNA

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 2 April, 2008

### Members to work together for development of Greater Mekong Sub-Region

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, at the invitation of Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, attended the 3rd Greater Mekong Sub-Region Summit held in Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 30 and 31 March.

On 31 March, Prime Minister General Thein Sein paid a courtesy call on Laotian President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Presidential Palace in Vientiane. The meeting focused on latest developments of the two countries. Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with heads of governments from Greater Mekong Sub-Region attended the Business and Investment Dialogue and delivered a speech on the occasion.

The entrepreneurs from respective member countries have dealt with challenges of improving trade and investment in GMS, the drive for implementing agreement on transportation among GMS countries, and beefing up participation of small and medium business in the export market.

Now, member countries of Greater Mekong Sub-Region are implementing the Strategic Framework for Action on Trade Facilitation and Investment (SFA-TFI) individually and collectively. Myanmar has signed the investment promotion and protection agreement with fellow MGS countries.

In Myanmar, not only public sector investments but also private sector investments are being made in the projects for development of infrastructures of various sectors including the transport sector. Collaboration of public and private sector will be an effective mechanism for enhancing infrastructure development in regional economic cooperation.

Therefore, GMS members will surely be in a position to enjoy fruitful results of mutually beneficial cooperation to a greater degree through concerted efforts made by businessmen and academicians of the member countries in various sectors.

## 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

### USDA Secretariat Member tours villages in Pale Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan supervised regional development undertakings in the villages in Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, from 29 to 31 March.

On 29 March morning, he had a meeting with the people from nine villages of the township at Chinphyit village basic education high school (branch) in Pale Township. Officials reported on regional development tasks and requirements.

The secretariat member fulfilled the needs, saying that thanks to the earnest efforts the government is making, the whole nation including border areas is enjoying fruitful results of development. With the emergence of dams and river water pumping

stations in various regions, local farmers are benefiting from the facilities, he said, calling for cooperation with the government in the proceedings for transition to democracy.

He handed over K 700,000 for renovation of Chinpyit village BEHS (branch), K 250,000 for Kyuchan village primary school, K 250,000 for Mayogon village post-primary school, and K 500,000 for Padaukkon village post-primary school, books to rural libraries, exercise books to students, and clothes, soap pieces and utensils to rural people through officials.

He held a meeting with local people from 15 villages at Kyay Thamyar village BEMS (branch) in Pale Township. Officials gave an account of regional development works and needs.

The minister attended to the requirements and elaborated on tasks for regional development.

He presented K 300,000 to the school, K 100,000 to Kangyi village post-primary school, K 100,000 to Minma (West) village middle school (branch), K 200,000 to Popa village post-primary school, K 100,000 to Ywathit village primary school, and K 100,000 to Pa-hto-tha village post-primary school, books to village libraries, and gifts to local people.

The minister visited the Shwezington pagoda in Minma Village-tract in the same township, and offered alms to State Theravada Buddhist Missionary Sayadaw Ovacariya Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita



*Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash and kind to a resident to be used for education and health care services in villages in Pale Township.—MNA*

Agga Maha Pandita Sasana Dhaja Siri Pavara Dhammacariya Bhaddanta Pandita.

He met with local people from eight villages at Lettaung village BEHS at 3 pm. Officials reported on ongoing programmes and requirements.

The minister attended to the needs, saying that harmonious cooperation between the government and the people has resulted in the prevalence of peace and stability throughout the nation; that the entire nation including rural areas has enjoyed the fruits of

progress in various sectors; and that it is required of the government and the people to sustain cooperation for maintaining the already-achieved momentum in peace and stability and development.

He donated K 200,000 to Lettaunggyi village rural health care centre, publications to rural libraries, exercise books and gifts through officials.

In meeting with townelders of Pale Township at the township PDC office, the secretariat member dealt with development tasks.

MNA

### Cash donated to MWJA

YANGON, 31 March — A ceremony to donate cash to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was held at Central Hotel here today.

At the cash donation ceremony, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and central executive committee member of MWJA U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) made speeches.

Next, Chief Editor of Aungmyay Pyinnyapay magazine Dr San Tin Aung donated K 500,000 to the association through U Hla Myaing and officials.

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# McCain hits general election trail, as Democrats battle



Republican presidential candidate John McCain (C) and his wife Cindy (R) at the McCain field in Meridian, Mississippi.

WASHINGTON, 1 April— Republican presidential candidate John McCain on Monday slipped his general election bid into high gear, seeking an early edge with the rancorous race for his Democratic foe still undecided.

The Arizona Senator launched a week-

long tour highlighting key aspects of his compelling life story, putting his presidential bid in the context of his family's generations of military service, and his own heroism as a navy pilot.

Democrat Barack Obama meanwhile made further inroads into the ranks of super delegates, the top party officials who will decide the nomination, since neither he, nor Hillary Clinton can now win the race without their support.

McCain opened his tour in Mississippi, near an air base named after his grandfather, a decorated admiral, where he himself once flew, and also spoke about his father, a submariner who also rose to the top of the navy.

"They gave their lives for their country, and taught me lessons about honour, courage, duty, perseverance and leadership that I didn't grasp until later in life," McCain said.—*Internet*



Photo taken on 31 March, 2008 shows a part of the roof of a house at the architectural complex of the official residence of Cen Mi, a tusi (system of appointing national minority hereditary headmen in the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties) in Ming dynasty, at Nalao town, Xilin county, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

## Fukuda in pinch as voters favour cheaper gasoline

TOKYO, 1 April—Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda faced a fight for his job as he struggled with a deadlocked Parliament and as a survey on Monday

showed most Japanese against extending a gasoline tax due to expire at midnight. In the latest sign of policy paralysis that has already prevented the appointment of a new central bank head, the government has failed to reach a deal on the tax with opposition parties that control Parliament's Upper House.

The paralysis born of a divided Parliament has sparked speculation that Fukuda's ruling party

might replace him ahead of a general election that could come this year — and analysts say public opinion will likely be the deciding factor.

No Lower House election need be held until September 2009, and the ruling bloc is wary of a poll that would almost certainly see it lose seats, but pundits and politicians say the Prime Minister may be forced to seek a mandate to break the deadlock.—*MNA/Reuters*



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## Hamas chief says captured Israeli soldier is alive

LONDON, 1 April—The exiled leader of the Islamist Palestinian Hamas group, Khaled Meshaal, said on Monday that an Israeli soldier captured in 2006 and held in Gaza is alive and being well treated.

In an interview with Britain's Sky News television, Meshaal, who lives in Syria, also said Hamas was ready to stop attacking Israeli civilians if the Jewish state agreed to do the same. "Gilad (Shalit) is alive and we are treating him well but Israel is treating the Palestinian prisoners they hold very badly," Meshaal told Sky News.

Shalit was captured by Palestinian gunmen in a cross-border raid into an Israeli Army base in June 2006. He was 19 when he was seized.

Hamas has said it will not release Shalit unless Israel frees nearly 1,400 Palestinian prisoners, including 350 with life sentences, but Israel has rejected these terms.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## 10 injured in shooting, bombing in Thai

BANGKOK, 1 April—Six soldiers and three civilians were injured after insurgents detonated a bomb in Thailand's southern province of Pattani on Monday.

The bomb attack happened in Yarang District shortly after a villager was shot and injured by a pillion rider at 8:30 am (0130 GMT), according to local newspaper *The Nation's* website. While the six soldiers from Taskforce 21 were inspecting the shooting scene, the bomb exploded, injuring them and two boys and a woman who were standing nearby.

Police said the bomb

was buried in a pile of sand nearby and detonated with a remote control.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iraq says over 200 killed in clashes in Basra

BAGHDAD, 1 April — More than 200 people have been killed in week-long clashes between Iraqi security forces and gunmen in the southern oil port of Basra, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

"We have 210 killed, including 42 serious criminals wanted for many crimes, 600

wounded and 155 criminals arrested since the start of the operation in Basra until this moment," spokesman Brigadier Abdul-Karim Khalaf told *Reuters* from Basra.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki launched a military operation in Basra last Tuesday, vowing to "clean up" the lawless city, whose oilfields are the source of most of his government's revenues.

The government has said it is targeting "outlaws" terrorising the city's residents, not political parties.

But the operation has focussed on neighbourhoods controlled by Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army militia, who accuse the government of seeking to crush the Sadrist movement ahead of provincial elections due in October.

—*MNA/Reuters*



A 12-year-old boy lies in hospital in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City in Baghdad, Iraq. The boy was wounded in clashes between the Mahdi Army and government forces backed by the US military.—INTERNET

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Mortar barrage hits Baghdad Green Zone

BAGHDAD, 1 April—A mortar barrage struck the heavily fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad on Monday, a day after powerful Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr asked his followers to put weapons aside, an Interior Ministry source and a witness said.

"Several mortar rounds landed on the Green Zone around 10:00 am (0700 GMT)," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

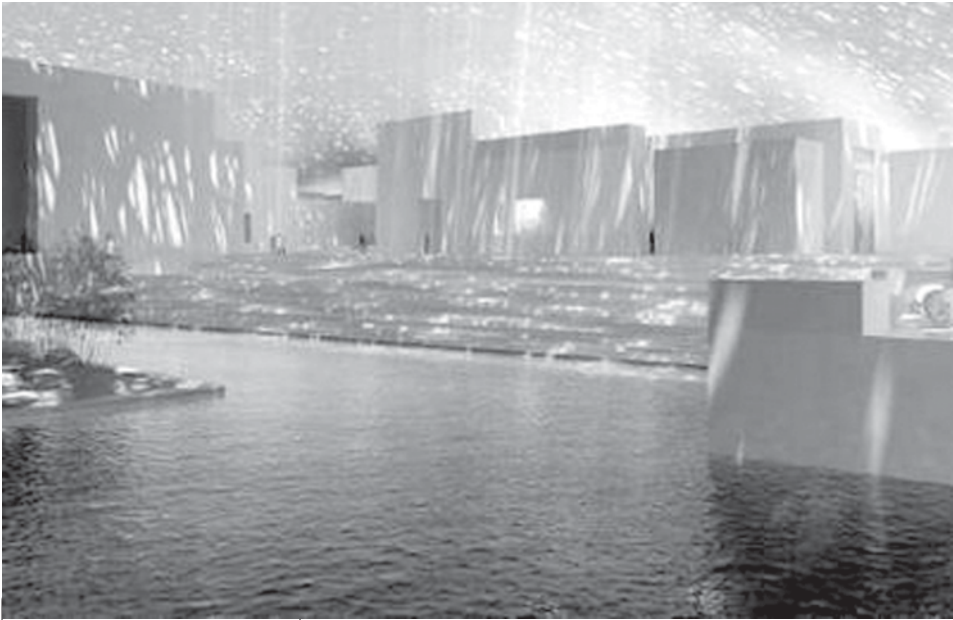
It was not clear if the attack caused any casualty as the area is under control of US troops, the source said.

A *Xinhua* correspondent at the scene said that five to six mortar rounds rocked the area and smoke could be seen above.

The attack came a day after Sadr offered a truce following days of fierce clashes between his followers and US backed Iraqi security forces, that have pushed the nation to the brink of even larger bloodshed.

—*MNA/Xinhua*





*The interior of the Abu Dhabi Louvre Museum, designed by French architect Jean Nouvel, seen on 30 March, 2008.*

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### Seven killed in New Delhi building collapse

NEW DELHI, 31 March — At least seven people, including two children, were killed and several others injured when a four-storey under-construction building collapsed in northeast New Delhi on Saturday, according to the report from AIR.

Twenty-three persons were taken out of the debris of the collapsed building, police said, adding five were declared dead at the hospital while two others later succumbed to their injuries.

Deepak Garg, owner of the building, was absconding, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Uganda signs raft of deals with North Korea

NAIROBI, 31 March — Uganda has signed several cooperation agreements with North Korea in areas ranging from herbal medicine to policing, the Ugandan Government has said.

The deals followed a rare three-day visit to the east African country by Pyongyang’s number two leader Kim Yong-nam. A planned news conference was cancelled, but a statement from President Yoweri Museveni’s office late on Saturday said the two nations would now work together in various fields.

“Uganda and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea are to exchange teachers, researchers and technical knowledge. The two countries are to cooperate in herbal medicine,” it said.

“The two governments also agreed to attend each other’s trade fairs. Korea will cooperate with Uganda in the building of small ships to ply Lake Victoria. They also agreed to cooperate in police service.”

MNA/Reuters

### Putin calls for preserving territorial integrity of Iraq

MOSCOW, 31 March — Russia calls for preserving unity and territorial integrity of Iraq and restoring the country’s sovereignty in full upon completion of the military presence, President Vladimir Putin said on Saturday.

“I don’t doubt that the final solution of the Iraqi problem is possible

by reaching national reconciliation and accord, and taking into account the interests of all ethnic and confessional groups and influential political forces in the country,” Putin said in a greetings message circulated by the Kremlin Press service, addressed participants in a conference

## Arab summit backs UAE claim on Islands, Teheran angry

DAMASCUS, 31 March — Arab leaders supported the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday in its territorial dispute with Iran and called for a peaceful solution, but the Islamic republic dismissed the statement as interference in its affairs.

A Damascus Declaration at the end of a summit of 22 Arab states in the Syrian capital urged the UAE to seek “legal and peaceful ways to regain”

three Islands in the Gulf controlled by non-Arab Iran and claimed by the UAE.

The declaration said resolving the dispute in the Gulf, a crucial outlet for world crude oil supply, would help improve relations between the Arab world and Iran.

In Teheran, the official Iranian news agency quoted an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying the UAE’s claims

were “vain and baseless”.

“The interference of third parties stemming from their misunderstanding of the dialogue between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Emirates is unacceptable and will not help it,” spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said.

“The three islands are an inseparable part of Iranian territory,” he added.

MNA/Reuters



*A non-smoking sign in Beijing, which is to ban smoking in most public places from 1 May as part of its efforts to improve the city ahead of the Olympics.—INTERNET*

### Switch off, save planet message goes global

LONDON / SAN FRANCISCO, 31 March — The Sydney Opera House to San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge went dark as people switched off lights in their homes and skylines dimmed around the world on Saturday to show concern with global warming.

Up to 30 million people were expected to have turned off their lights for 60 minutes by the time “Earth Hour” — which started in Suva in Fiji and Christchurch in New Zealand — completed its cycle westward.

More than 380 towns and cities and 3,500 businesses in 35 countries signed up for the campaign that is in its second year after it began in 2007 in Sydney, Australia’s largest city. —MNA/Reuters

## Toshiba robot can be told to use remote control

BEIJING, 1 April — Toshiba have developed a small, talking robot ApriPoco that can turn on the television or other appliances using its own infrared signal under

instructions, media reported Tuesday.

The 21-centimetre (8.4-inch) tall ApriPoco robot — which is in the development stage — is equipped with sensors

that can detect infrared rays from remote controls.

“What did you do now?” the robot, with big eyes and a round torso, would ask when the user clicks on a television programme.

The robot would then remember the link between the user’s answer and what was done with the remote control.

Internet



*Researcher for Japanese electronics giant Toshiba, Daisuke Yamamoto, displays the prototype model for the new desktop-sized robot called the “ApriPoco”, which can recognize human voices and operate electronic devices such as televisions and air conditioners, at the company’s laboratory in Kawasaki, Japan.—INTERNET*



## Pakistani PM gets confidence vote from Parliament

ISLAMABAD, 31 March —Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani Saturday took vote of confidence from the Parliament and even opposition groups declared support to him.

The major opposition group Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q) and other small groups also announced support to Gilani as the confidence

vote was tabled by the Speaker of the National Assembly for the House consent.

The 342-seat Lower House of the Parliament was convened for a third brief session within 13 days to give the new prime minister a vote of more than two-third majority as it did for his election as leader of the house on Monday. Naveed Qamar

of the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP) tabled the resolution for confidence vote for the new prime minister.

National Assembly Speaker Fahmida Mirza announced the names of other movers of the confidence resolution.

The House passed the resolution unanimously, she announced.

Xinhua



Zhou Yongkang (L, back row), member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Liu Qi, president of the Beijing Organizing Committee of the 2008 Olympic Games, pose for pictures after receiving the Olympic flame at the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, China, on 31 March, 2008.—XINHUA



Italian Air Force's team "Frecce Tricolori" perform in the sky above Florence on 31 March, 2008.

XINHUA

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## Assad to follow up Palestinian dialogue

DAMASCUS, 31 March—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad will follow up the dialogue between Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Muallem announced on Sunday.

"President Assad will be in contact with leaders of both Hamas and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), and will follow up the dialogue and the proposals in order to end the status of Palestinian internal division," said al-Muallem. Al-Muallem's

statements came in a joint news conference held with Secretary General of the Arab League (AL) Amr Moussa at the end of a two-day summit hosted by Syria on Saturday and Sunday.

Following weeks of infighting, Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip in mid June after routing President Mahmoud Abbas' security forces with the Fatah movement.

Xinhua

## Ballot papers printing for Nepali election completed

KATHMANDU, 31 March—The printing of ballot papers for the 10 April Constituent Assembly elections in Nepal has been completed, the national news agency RSS reported on Monday.

According to the RSS, speaking at a Press briefing organized by the Election Commission here Sunday, spokesperson of the commission Laxman Bhattarai said ballots papers would reach all the electoral constituencies by 2 April.

A total of 3,947 candidates including 2,806 men, 774 independent and 367 women candidates are contesting under the first-past-the-post system while 6,000 candidates are contesting under proportional election representation (PR) system of the CA elections.

However, only seven political parties have submitted list for the total 335 seats available under the PR system, according to the report.—Xinhua



A girl gives corn to an elephant during the opening of the 7th King's Cup Elephant Polo in Chiang Rai, north Thailand on 31 March, 2008.

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## Gunfight leaves three dead in western Canada

OTTAWA, 31 March—Three people were killed and three more injured in a bloody gunfight Saturday in the western Canadian city of Winnipeg, local TV reported.

The gunfight occurred in a house near the city's international airport, the report said. Bodies were found by police that arrived at about 4:00 am local time (0900 GMT).

The dead were two men and one woman, according to the report. The injured, whose situation were not life-threatening, have been sent to nearby hospital for treatment.

Xinhua

## Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 April — Two American soldiers were killed in two attacks across Iraq on Sunday, the US military said on Monday.

A soldier assigned to Multi-National Division-Baghdad died of wounds sustained from a roadside bomb explosion which hit his vehicle at about 5:00 pm (1400 GMT), north of Baghdad, a US military statement said.

A marine assigned to Multi-National Force-West died of wounds sustained during an insurgents' attack that included a roadside bomb explosion on his vehicle in the Anbar Province in western Iraq, another military statement said.

Xinhua

## Somalia market shelling death toll rises to 30

MOGADISHU, 31 March—The death toll from the Saturday's market shelling in Mogadishu rose to thirty after eight people who were seriously injured in the blast died in hospital Sunday, medical sources said.

Dahir Dheere of Medina Hospital in Mogadishu confirmed that six of the injured people admitted to the hospital died as a result of their wounds while several critically wounded civilians remain in hospital.

Medics at Daynile hospital told Xinhua that of the twenty injured people that were brought to the hospital, two died Sunday while ten remain in the hospital for further treatment. —Xinhua





*A model displays a pear-shaped D-colour flawless 72.22 carat diamond during a Sotheby's Auction Press preview in Hong Kong, south China, on 31 March, 2008.—XINHUA*

## France orders halt to some mozzarella sales

PARIS, 31 March—France ordered its shops on Friday to stop selling mozzarella cheese from Italy's Campania region because of fears it might be contaminated with cancer-causing dioxin.

The Agriculture Minister said in a statement that the mozzarella, made from buffalo milk, would be withdrawn from the shelves immediately "as a precautionary measure" pending further tests.

Italian officials have tried to play down health risks for the public after checks found higher than permitted levels of dioxin at nearly one in five producers of buffalo mozzarella from Campania, in southern Italy.

However, France said doubts raised at an EU level meant the Campania mozzarella should be kept out of shops for now.

Tests have shown that

83 dairy farms in Campania have produced contaminated milk. Italian health officials believe the dioxin levels are linked to a recent garbage crisis in Naples and the surrounding countryside.

Japan and South Korea have already halted imports of buffalo mozzarella, one of Italy's best-known culinary products, over concerns about contamination.

MNA/Reuters

## Indonesia offers Java-Surabaya high-speed train project

JAKARTA, 1 April—The Indonesian Government is offering to international investors the high-speed train project connecting the two largest cities of Jakarta and Surabaya, local Press said Monday.

The 683-kilometre railway project is estimated to cost 6.14 billion US dollars, which the government is unable to spare from the state budget, reported leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*, quoting a senior official from the Transportation Ministry.

The government promised various incentives and privileges for investors willing to build the railway and operate the high-speed train, which could travel

between the two cities in just three hours or about a quarter of the current travelling time of state-owned trains.

The government will help investors settle land clearance problems and help them with ease regulations for the railway project on Java, home to about 60 per cent of the country's population.

"They even are allowed to independently run the high-speed train project without involving (state-run railway company) PT Kereta Api," said director general of railway Wendy Aritenang Yazid. The government last year issued a regulation that ended railway monopoly by PT Kereta Api.

MNA/Xinhua

## Minister says good potential for NZ-Turkey trade

WELLINGTON, 1 April—A study of the economic relationship between New Zealand and Turkey showed there is good potential for growth in bilateral trade, New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff said on Monday.

"The New Zealand-Turkey Economic Stocktake is the result of a ministerial New Zealand-Turkey Joint Economic Commission meeting in 2006 between myself and Turkey's then Deputy Prime Minister Abdullahi Sener," Goff said in a Press release. "Turkey is one of

the fastest growing economies in the OECD and its economic reforms and improvements to its regulatory regime have been impressive. This presents real opportunities for New Zealand businesses," he added.

"Trade with Turkey, currently in Turkey's favour, has almost tripled since 1990, to about 150 million NZ dollars (120 million US dollars) last year. As the stocktake makes clear, two-way trade can grow further and grow faster," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## POSCO signs deal with Vietnam on container terminal

SEOUL, 1 April—South Korea's POSCO Engineering & Construction Co announced Monday that it has signed a 112 million-US-dollar preliminary deal to build an international container terminal in southern Vietnam.

According to a statement by the company, the container terminal in Vung Tau, 125 kilometres south of Ho Chi Minh City, is expected to process 1.15 million 20-foot containers a year when it was completed by 2011.—MNA/Xinhua



*A girl of the Yi ethnic group walks through the flowers in the Guizhou Baili Azalea National Forest Park in Qianxi County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 28 March, 2008.—XINHUA*

## Bangladesh awaits bumper rice harvest

DHAKA, 1 April—Bangladesh is expecting a bumper summer harvest of rice in just a month that will help contain soaring prices due to short supply and an abnormal spike in the export rate by India,

government officials said on Sunday.

Food prices, including of rice—the main staple for Bangladesh's more than 140 million people—have risen nearly 60 per cent in the past six months, retailers and consumers said. But the domestic market faced further volatility after India, which promised to supply 500,000 tons of rice to Bangladesh under a government-to-government deal late last year, on Friday refixed the export price per ton at 1,000 US dollars, up from 650 US dollars earlier.

MNA/Reuters

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Philippine foreign debt continues to rise in 2007

MANILA, 1 April—The Philippines saw its foreign debt grow slightly in 2007, the central bank said Monday, adding that however major external debt ratios had improved.

According to a statement released by Bangko Sentraling Pilipinas, or the central bank, outstanding Philippine external debt stood at 54.9 billion US dollars at the end of 2007, rising 2.9 per cent year-on-year.

The level also reflected an increase of 511 million US dollars, or 0.9 per cent, from the figure at the end of the third quarter.

Despite the debt increase, the central bank said, "major external debt ratios continued to improve due to the higher levels of aggregate output, foreign exchange receipts and international reserves".

MNA/Xinhua



*Miss Brazil 2006 Jane Borges models a tiara at the Istanbul Jewellery Show in Istanbul, Turkey, on 29 March, 2008.*  
INTERNET



# Towards flourishing of the Sasana

*Tekkatho Hla Maung*

I attended a ceremony to honour Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa of Ngagyigway Monastery in Swa, Yedashe Township, as Abhidhaja Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotika title was conferred on him by the government. The ceremony was organized by Yedashe Township Association and was held at Hninzigone Home for the Aged in Yangon.

The Government announces names of recipients of titles on Independence Day every year. Abhidhaja title is higher than any other religious titles.

It was one summer morning that all was quiet at the Hninzigone Home for the Aged except the voice of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa as he was delivering a sermon. Tranquility prevailed at Hninzigon Home for the Aged.

The Saydaw said “The word “coincidence” has a deep sense of meaning for the Sasana. You all should do good deeds when you all coincide with chances to do good deeds. It is a valuable chance to perform good deeds.”

Those who are ignorant about performing good deeds have been floating in the stream of sufferings.

Devadattha has been suffering at the hell as he could not observe teachings of Buddha although he got a good chance of meeting with the Holy One.

Those who could make use of good deeds while they coincided with the good time could find the cessation of sufferings.

Men and devas numbering 24 in caculable number plus 600 million and 100,000 became liberated from the circle of rebirth.

Title recipient Sayadaws are rare. Abhidhaja Maha Ratthattaguru and Abhidhaja Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotika titles are higher than other religious titles.

It is Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa who is conferred Abhidhaja Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotika by the government.

The Sayadaw was born in Ngagyigway Village in Swa, Yedashe Township. He has been dwelling in the monastery in Ngagyigway Village since his childhood. As he has been striving for the propagation of Sasana in the region, Abhidhaja Agga Maha Sadhamma Jotika Title was conferred on him by the government.

It is difficult to become heroes. It is a hero who sacrifices all for other people. They are striving for prevalence of tranquility in the world and for cessation of sufferings of human beings. It is peaceful to stay under the shadow of the loving-kindness of the Sayadaw. It is Hninzigone Home for the Aged that is permeated with blessings and loving-kindness of noble heroes.

We paid respects to the Sayadaw. Afterwards, the Sayadaw was ushered to the upper floor of the Home for the Aged and aged men and women also paid respects to the Sayadaw. It seemed that the chorus of the aged’s prayers reached high above the sky.

It is very important to value and respect own community, nation and Sasana. This is patriotism or nationalistic spirit.

Although the status of our State, people and tradition and culture seem to be lower it is superior to that of other countries that seem to be much developed.

As a matter of fact, it is incumbent upon one who was born of a country to serve the interest of the country and the people of one’s own. If he goes to other countries and resides there he will not be dutiful but will become the one who thinks highly of other nations. In addition, he will become the one who is ungrateful to his nation where he was born.

We love and cherish our people. And we also love and cherish other peoples in the world. But, in consideration of gratitude it can be said that we are extremely grateful to our own people. Therefore, we need to show thanks and gratitude to our people more than others.

Only our nation and our people are worthy of honour and gratitude. Myanmar people are equipped with patriotism and nationalistic spirit. Encroaching upon other nations is not patriotism and nationalistic spirit but greed and covetousness. Hence, it is incumbent on the entire national people to ensure perpetuation and flourishing of the race, the Sasana and culture.

According to Ashin Janakabhivamsa, if the Sasana is not well safeguarded and supported it will diminish. With the Sasana on the wane, our nation will weaken. Realizing that, we need to safeguard our motherland and the Sasana.

In its efforts to ensure flourishing of the Sasana the government issues the list of persons who are outstanding in the discharging of the Sasana duties on the Independence Day every year. The issue of religious titles on Independence Day by the government is of religious significance. As long as our nation is independent we can do such meritorious deeds, and if our nation falls under foreign subjugation we will be unable to do so.

The conferring of religious titles on monks and lay persons is meant for flourishing of the Sasana. The constant emergence of monks and lay persons who are dedicated to the Sasana will contribute to perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

The Buddha left behind His doctrines or teachings for living beings to be free from entanglement of greed, anger and delusion. Those doctrines were preserved and handed down from generation to generation. Outstanding monks emerged in successive eras. And they are now emerging and will continue to emerge. We Myanmar people have insatiable wish to support the Sasana while the government is making efforts for perpetuation, promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

We were pleased with strong faith and generosity shown towards the Sasana while paying respects to Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika title recipient Ngagyikway Sayadaw at the hall of Hninsigone Home for the Aged.

Translation: AMS +TS

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## Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends 3<sup>rd</sup> GMS Summit,...

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Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung on trade and transport facilitation and changing from transport corridors into economic corridors, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen on public-private partnerships for expanding business and investment in the GMS, Thai Prime Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej on building human resource capacity for enhanced competitiveness and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh on GMS cooperation and development partnerships.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Thein Sein held discussions on role of sustainable environmental management in promoting

competitiveness.

Later, the meeting chairman reviewed open discussions of leaders of GMS countries and the meeting ended.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended a Ceremony for the Completion of Route 3 along the GMS North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC), a Completion Ceremony for Phase 1 of the GMS Information Super-highway Network (IS) Project, Signing of MoU and Signing of the Joint Summit Declaration (JSD).

Present on the occasions were Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen, Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh, Thai Prime

Minister Mr Samak Sundaravej, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung and ADB President Mr Haruhiko Kuroda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt Hlaing, Ministers of GMS countries and high-ranking officials.

First, the ceremony for the completion of Route 3 along the GMS North-South Economic Corridor (NSEC) was held. The master of ceremonies explained facts about the route 3 with audio visual aid.

Next, the Chinese Premier, the Laotian Prime Minister, the Thai



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein, leaders of GMS countries and the president of Asian Development Bank attend the completion ceremony for Phase I of GMS IS Project. — MNA**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein and leaders of GMS countries sign joint declaration of Third GMS Summit. — MNA**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein discusses matters on sustainable environmental management in promoting competitiveness at Third GMS Summit. — MNA**

Prime Minister and the President of ADB formally opened the route 3.

After that the completion ceremony for Phase 1 of the GMS Information Superhighway Network (IS) Project followed. The master of ceremonies explained facts about the background, construction and prospects and importance of the IS project with audio visual aid.

Later, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, leaders of GMS countries and the president of ADB pressed the

buttons to open the phase 1 of IS project.

Next, the Chinese Premier explained prospects and importance of the IS project and then the Laotian Prime Minister reviewed the discussions and the ceremony ended.

Afterwards, the signing ceremony of MoU and Joint Summit Declaration (JSD) followed.

First, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Ministers of GMS countries signed MoU on the Road Map for Implementing GMS Cross-Border Power Trading before the leaders of GMS countries.

Next, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Ministers of GMS countries signed MoU on acceleration in the drive for implementing GMS North-South Economic Corridor before the leaders of GMS countries.

Afterwards, the signing ceremony of Joint Summit Declaration of GMS followed. Prime

Minister General Thein Sein and leaders of GMS countries signed the Joint Summit Declaration of GMS.

Apart from the introduction, economic cooperation, ongoing challenges, opportunities and future plans, Mekong region development program (2008-2012) and the conclusion are included in Joint Summit Declaration released by Third Summit of GMS.

In the introduction, leaders of Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam reconfirmed their pledge to implement future visions for ensuring unity, prosperity and equality in the subregion. They further made decision on giving pledge work closely together for the peoples to be more prosperous.

Moreover, development condition of fruitful results achieved from economic cooperation in Mekong Sub-region, future plans and Mekong Sub-region development program have been stated.—MNA



## Prime Minister meets Myanmar ambassador, military attaché and family members

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Myanmar delegation members, left the Don Chan Palace Hotel and arrived at the residence of the Myanmar ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic at 6.40 pm on 29 March.

Ambassador U Nyunt Hlaing and wife Daw Nan Aye San, Military Attache Brig-Gen Than Win and wife Daw Mya Mya San, embassy staff and family members welcomed the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister inspected the embassy and the residences of the ambassador and the military attaché.

The ambassador and wife, the military attaché and wife and family members of embassy staff paid respects to the Prime Minister.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that Myanmar and Laos have maintained goodneighbourly relations for many years, urging them to place emphasis on further enhancing the bilateral friendly relations and promoting the mutual benefits.

Regarding the efforts the government is making for development of the nation, he said that since the time when the government unavoidably had to take over State duties according to the prevailing situations of the nation, the government has been taking measures for restoration of stability of the State, prevalence of law and order, and community peace. At the same time, it has been constructing a large number of airports, roads, bridges and irrigation facilities throughout the nation with a view to improving the State economic growth and friendly relations among national races. Similarly, it has opened basic education schools, arts and science universities, universities of computer studies, technological universities, hospitals and dispensaries in its drive for constantly producing healthy and strong human resources in various regions who are essential for national development, he said.



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents gifts to families of staff of Myanmar embassy in Laos. — MNA*

Now, the government has built infrastructures for national development. It is making arrangements for the approval of the draft of the State constitution through a referendum due to be held in May, for which legal experts drew systematically the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles at the National Convention for building a democratic nation in compliance with the wishes of the people, he said.

The State constitution is designed to ensure all national races to enjoy all the rights they should get, not in the interests of a particular person or organization. In other words, it was formulated in line with the customs and characters of the people and prevailing situations of the nation, he said.

He called on the family members of the embassy

staff to actively take part in the process for approval of the State constitution and transition to democracy.

With respect to rules, he called for abiding by the law and rules and regulations of the host country, respecting the diplomatic code of conduct, and improving the image of the nation and the people.

The Prime Minister presented gifts to the ambassador and wife, the military attaché and wife, embassy staff and their family members.

The ambassador, the military attaché and embassy staff families hosted dinner to the Prime Minister and party.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the Myanmar youths to GMS Countries' Youth Forum and went back to the Don Chan Palace Hotel.

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## Minister opens GMS booth marking GMS Summit

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—The opening of the booth to mark the Third Greater Mekong Sub-

Region Summit was held on the second floor of Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane, the Lao

People's Democratic Republic, on 30 March. Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, who was accompanying Prime Minister General Thein Sein, opened the ceremony by cutting the ribbon.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, ministers from GMS countries, the vice-president of Asian Development Bank, representatives of the third GMS Summit, members of the Youth Forum, officials of ADB and guests.

At the ceremony, Minister U Soe Tha,

ministers from Cambodia, China, Laos and Thailand, and the vice-president of ADB took positions on the stage.

Minister for GMS of Lao PDR Madame Khempheng Pholsena and Vice-President of ADB Mr C Lawrence Greenwood, Jr gave speeches.

After the ceremony, Minister U Soe Tha, ministers from Cambodia, China, Laos and Thailand, and vice-president of ADB visited the booth.

Paintings of the youths of GMS countries with the title of "My World My Home", eco-tourism posters with backgrounds of natural scenes, photos named "My Mekong" of GMS Youth Forum Group were displayed at the booth.

Minister U Soe Tha took part in Economics and Investment Forum held in Don Chan Palace Hotel, on 30 March. The minister attended the working luncheon hosted by the minister for GMS of Lao PDR at the hotel.—MNA



*Minister U Soe Tha, ministers from Cambodia, China, Laos and Thailand and Vice-president of ADB visit booth of Third GMS Summit. — MNA*

## Low pressure area becomes weak

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April—According to the observations at 6:30 hr MST today, yesterday's low pressure area

over Southeast Bay and adjoining East Central Bay has become weak.

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## Appointment of ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 2 April—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Australia to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Robert Joseph Davis.

Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan holds a BA (Juris) LLB from the University of Adelaide and a MALLM (International Law) from the Australian National University. Since joining the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, she had served in various capacities at the Department as well as in the Australian Embassies in Phnom Penh and Hanoi. From 2002 to 2005, she served as Minister-Counsellor of Australian Embassy in Jakarta and currently as Assistant Secretary of South East Asia (South) and Regional issues Branch.

Ms Michelle Su-Wen Chan is married with one child. — MNA

## Commander, minister inspect regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April – CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung held a meeting with timber entrepreneurs at Myanmar Timber Enterprise in Ahlon Township yesterday and fulfilled the requirements of the entrepreneurs.

On 30 March, he offered meals to over 1000 monks and novices at Myoma Soon Offering Association in Bogalay township.

The minister and well-wishers donated K 340,000 to the association.

Chairman of the Ayeyawaday Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southwest Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and the minister gave speeches at the ceremony to open Bogalay Tint Aung Library. The minister and Bogalay Tint Aung opened the library.

The commander unveiled the signboard, and sprinkled scented water on it together with the minister and officials. They looked around the library.

The commander, the minister and well-wishers donated a generator, a computer set, K 7.7 million and periodicals. Bogalay Tint Aung expressed words of thanks.

The minister later inspected construction of new buildings at Aunghabye Basic Education Primary School, No 2 Basic Education Middle School and Sitkon Basic Education Primary School in the town and made cash donations to the schools. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends Third Greater Mekong Sub-region Summit. (News page 1)—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends a ceremony to sign MOU on the Road Map for implementing GMS Cross-Border Power Trading. (News page 1)—MNA

## Nishi Tokyo Japan language centre (branch) to be opened

YANGON, 1 April—Sky Home, Yangon branch of Tokyo West International Education Academy of Tokyo, Japan, will be opened along with talks about Japanese language at the Traders Hotel, here, from 9 am to 11 am on 5 April.

The principal and Japanese lectures from Nishi Tokyo education academy will give talks. Any interested person may listen to the free talks.

Sky Home, located on 10<sup>th</sup> floor of Sandar Myaing Condo at the top of Yangon Hledan Market, conducts Japa-

nese, English and Chinese language courses. Those trainees of Sky Home who wish to do further studies of Japanese language in Nishi Tokyo education academy in Japanese will be helped to join the academy in Japan. There is a programme in which children in the fourth standard and above are taught under the Japanese curriculum. For further information, anyone may dial (phone/Fax) 01-535144, 0950-48520, Email (info@skyhome.info, info@tokyo-west.com), and website (www.tokyo-west.com).—MNA

## Necklace is oldest gold artifact in Americas

WASHINGTON, 1 April—A gold necklace found near Lake Titicaca in Peru dates back more than 4,000 years and is the oldest gold artifact found in the Americas, researchers said on Monday.

Radiocarbon dating of nearby material suggests the necklace, made of rolled tube-like beads, was made around 2100 BC, the researchers reported in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Anthropologist Mark Aldenderfer of the University of Arizona and colleagues discovered the necklace next to an adult skull in a burial pit at Jiskairumoko, a hamlet settled by hunter-gatherers from 3300 to 1500 BC.

“We sat on the discovery for a while for a number of reasons. One is that we wanted to have a chemical analysis of the gold done,” Aldenderfer said in a telephone interview.

“And the second was we didn’t want people who were local or anyone else to learn of the gold because we were afraid of looters.”

Those worries are gone.—MNA/Reuters

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# Perform meritorious deeds, share merits gained in unison

*An Uppathanbhaka*

*(Continue from yesterday)*

The State Law and Order Restoration Council issued Notification No 42/91 on Prescription of Religious Titles on 24-10-1991 (1<sup>st</sup> Waning of Thadingyut 1353 ME). Under the Notification, the State Law and Order Restoration Council prescribed religious titles for monks who are discharging Pariyatti duties, monks who are discharging Patipatti duties and mobile Dhamma preachers, local and foreign missionary monks and those who are outstanding in the supporting of Sasana through four requisites in addition to the present titles such as Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru and Agga Maha Pandita.

Those titles are three different kinds of titles for lecturer Sayadaws, three different kinds of titles for meditation teacher Sayadaws, two different kinds of titles for Dhamma preacher Sayadaws, four different kinds of titles for missionary Sayadaws, four different kinds of titles for men and four different kinds of titles for women who are outstanding in the supporting of Sasana through four requisites. Specific requirements have also been prescribed to win such titles.

Monks, nuns, laymen and laywomen who are dedicated to the Sasana are benefactors. They are making relentless efforts for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

Gem is much sought-after and of great value. And it is difficult to get. Likewise, supramundane gem is much more precious than mundane gem. Out of all gems, the triple gems, namely, the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha are the noblest and most precious.

In the treatises, it is stated that there are four different kinds of Buddha, namely, Sammasambuddha, Paccekabuddha, Catusaccabuddha and Sutabuddha. According to Tipitakas, learned monks possessing a wide scope of knowledge are accepted as Sutabuddhas. They are Dhammaceti worthy of being paid homage as they are endowed with the Dhamma gem.

Providing four requisites to such learned monks and paying respects and homage to them amounts to

paying respects and homage to the Dhamma. It also constitutes to making efforts for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

Therefore, the State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement No 1/2008 on 4 January 2008 (Independence Day) and conferred religious titles on monks, nuns and lay persons.

Religious titles were conferred on 438 persons. They are three Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru title recipient Sayadaws, six Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika title recipient Sayadaws, 28 Agga Maha Pandita title recipient Sayadaws, 34 Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient Sayadaws, 30 Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient Sayadaws, 4 Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient nuns, 2 Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient lay persons, 39 Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient Sayadaws, 2 Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient nuns, one Saddhammajotika Dhaja title recipient lay person, 45 Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient Sayadaws, 4 Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient nuns, 52 Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient Sayadaws, 3 Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient nuns, 59 Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient Sayadaws, 7 Ganthavacaka Pandita title recipient nuns, 9 Agga Maha Kammathanacariya title recipient Sayadaws, 14 Maha Kammathanacariya title recipient Sayadaws, 8 Kammathanacariya title recipient Sayadaws, one Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara title recipient Sayadaw, 7 Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara title recipient Sayadaws, 6 Agga Maha Sirisudhamma Manijotadhaja title recipient laymen, 6 Agga Maha Sirisudhamma Singhi title recipient laywomen, 3 Sirisudhamma Manijotadhaja title recipient laymen, 5 Sirisudhamma Singhi title recipient laywomen, 3 Thiha Sudhamma Manijotadhaja title recipient laymen, 2 Thiha Sudhamma Singhi title recipient laywomen, 24 Sudhamma Manijotadhaja title recipient lay men and 31 Sudhamma Singhi title recipient laywomen.

Of the title recipients, there are nine Sayadaws,

one nun and one lay person from abroad.

In Mangala Sutta that provides human beings and devas what is to be done for their welfare and prosperity, it is stated that honouring those who are worthy of honour is a way to auspiciousness. It is a great merit that honouring, paying respects and homage to and extolling everyone who is worthy of honour. It is a meritorious deed capable of providing man and devas with welfare and prosperity both at present and in future.

Respects and homage are to be paid to monks who are endowed with Sila (morality) training, Samadhi (concentration) training and Panna (wisdom) training, monks who are senior to other monks in terms of age and vasa, and monks who are the heads of members of the Sangha. Such fine practices contribute to the unity of the Sangha and perpetuation of the Sasana.

Therefore, the practices of paying respects to, honouring and supporting persons who are doing their bit for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana will surely lead to development and prosperity of the State, the people and the Sasana. We firmly believe that a nation where the Sasana flourishes will surely be free from dangers, obstacles and impediments and will enjoy peace and development. Those who take refuge in the Three Triple Gems, namely, the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha, will surely enjoy the fruits of their good deeds.

A grand ceremony to confer religious titles was held at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 21 March 2008. Soon after the ceremony, well-wishers under the supervision of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council offered provisions to members of the Sangha.

It is said that Sasana has become perpetual and flourishing depending on a government that admires and reveres Sasana followed by proper support. As the people are making donations out of strong faith and goodwill under the leadership of the government the outcome will surely be great. The people with strong faith will always perform meritorious deeds in the interest of the Sasana. This being so, the government is holding such religious events and the people, on their part, are to perform meritorious deeds and share merits gained for the pious deeds in unison so that both monks and people, the supporters of the Sasana, attain Nibbana, the ultimate goal of a Buddhist.

**(Concluded)**

**Translation: TS**

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Two killed in Nepal mosque bomb attack

KATHMANDU, 31 March—Two people were killed and two injured when attackers on a motorcycle threw two bombs into a mosque in a town in east Nepal, police said on Sunday.

Authorities imposed a curfew in parts of Biratnagar, 200 kilometres (125 miles) southeast of Kathmandu, on the border with India, after the attack late on Saturday. “Two bombs were hurled at the mosque. One went off and the other did not explode,” police officer Yogendra Katuwal said.

“A small part of Biratnagar is under curfew,” he added. —MNA/Reuters



People plant trees in Ordos City of northwest China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 31 March, 2008. XINHUA

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In respect of :Medicinal & pharmaceutical preparations for human use.

LUCOZADE

Reg.No.4/5095/2004  
Reg.No.4/2191/2007

RIBENA

Reg.No.4/5097/2004  
Reg.No.4/2193/2007

In respect of :Non-alcoholic drinks, tonic beverages, food beverages and aerated beverages.

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of the said Trade-mark shall be dealt with according to law.

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Reg. No. 3877/1995

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Drive with Care

Spain seizes 83m euros worth drug funds, property in '07

MADRID, 1 April—Spanish police seized at least 83 million euros (about 124 million US dollars) worth of buildings and bank deposits owned by drug traffickers in 2007, the police said Sunday.

The buildings may actually be worth much more, as the police used public registry prices and not market prices to value them, a police statement said.

Buying real estate has become one of the fastest ways to launder drug money through front companies, which develop two or three buildings to get the recognition that allows them to camouflage themselves.

Drug traffickers also send money abroad via small transfers from money changers, banks or individuals carrying cash. The main investment destinations for ill-gotten gains are Colombia, the Caribbean and the US city of Miami.

MNA/Xinhua



## BA warns travellers face further Heathrow delays

LONDON, 31 March — Travellers hoping to fly from the new Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow airport on Monday face more delays from teething troubles with the computerized baggage handling system, British Airways said on Sunday.

Nearly 250 flights have been cancelled since Thursday's chaotic opening of the 8.6 billion US dollars showcase terminal and more cancellations are

due in coming days, giving the airline a financial and public relations headache.

"We are sorry for the disruption and inconvenience caused to customers whose flights have been cancelled or whose bags have been delayed," said BA chief executive Willie Walsh, whose airline has exclusive use of the new facility.

"We continue to work

towards increasing the number of services in the days ahead."

"The baggage system is now generally working well.

From time to time problems have developed that were not encountered during the extensive trials.

These issues are being addressed as they arise by a team of engineers and IT specialists."

MNA/Reuters



Tokyo University graduate student Hideki Nakayama looks at a mug while wearing "AI Goggles", which is equipped with a web camera and a head-mounted display, during a demonstration at his university's laboratory of the Information Science and Technology in Tokyo on 31 March, 2008. —INTERNET



A scientist loads DNA samples onto a gel while searching for variations in genetic samples that would point to someone's susceptibility to lung, prostate, breast and colo rectal cancer. Researchers have uncovered new genetic clues for diabetes and cancer of the colon and rectum, according to papers published on Sunday in the journal *Nature Genetics*. —INTERNET

## New data fails to quiet cholesterol drug debate

CHICAGO, 31 March — New data about the controversial cholesterol fighter Vytarin failed to quell doctors' concerns that the drug might not be as good as they thought at keeping heart disease at bay. Full results of the study known as Enhance, released on Sunday, mirrored results in January released by the drug's makers Merck & Co and Schering-Plough Corp SGP.N that found the combination drug failed to show it worked any better than a cheaper generic statin at reversing heart disease.

That sent shock waves among heart doctors, who had readily prescribed the drug because it does such a great job at lowering low-density lipoprotein,

or LDL, the so-called bad cholesterol doctors see as the chief villain in the war against heart disease.

The results do little to ease investor concerns about the profit potential for the drug that is critical to the future of both Schering-Plough and Merck. The two drug-makers have come under fire from the medical community and lawmakers for a long delay in releasing the results of the clinical trial.

MNA/Reuters

## Cholera outbreak claims over 50 in Benue, Nigeria

LAGOS, 31 March — A cholera epidemic broke out on 26 March has claimed at least 50 lives by the weekend in Nigeria's eastern Benue State, Lagos-based the *Guardian* newspaper reported here Sunday.

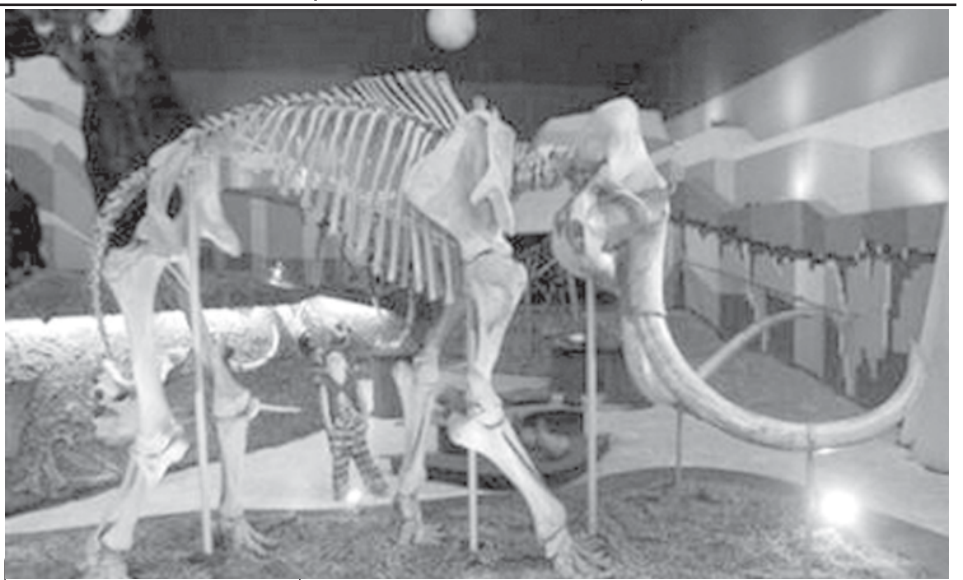
It is learnt that the state capital Makurdi and Otukpo were the two most seriously-hit areas in the state, as the epidemic has spread to Guma and Obi Local Government Areas.

Panic was spreading in North Bank area of

Makurdi due to more deaths were recorded, especially at the border area near to the River Benue, according to the reports.

Jarius Erube, the Benue State Health Commissioner, attributed the outbreak to the intake of contaminated water from the River Benue.

He said the government was working hard to bring the outbreak under control and appealed to residents of the state to boil their water before drinking to avoid infection. —MNA/Xinhua



A boy looks at the skeleton of a mammoth in the Ice Age Museum in Moscow on 4 Sept, 2007. Climate change drove woolly mammoths to the edge of extinction and then humans finished them off, according to a Spanish study on Tuesday that adds to the debate over the demise of the Ice Age behemoths. —INTERNET

## Two Indonesian youths die of bird flu

JAKARTA, 1 April — Two Indonesian youths have died from bird flu, a Health Ministry official said on Monday, taking the confirmed death toll in the country worst affected by the virus to 107.

A 15-year-old boy from Subang, in West Java, died on Wednesday in an area where chickens had died, said Nyoman Kandun, director general of communicable disease control at the ministry.

An 11-year-old girl from Bekasi, east of Jakarta, who died on Friday also tested positive for the virus, the official said. —MNA/Reuters

## "Kyoto II" climate talks open in Bangkok

BANGKOK, 1 April — The first formal talks in the long process of drawing up a replacement for the Kyoto climate change pact opened in Thailand on Monday with appeals to a common human purpose to defeat global warming.

"The world is waiting for a solution that is long-term and economically viable," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon said in a video address to the 1,000 delegates from 190 nations gathered in Bangkok. "The week-long meeting stems from a breakthrough agreement

in Bali last year to start negotiations to replace Kyoto, which only binds 37 rich nations to cut

emissions of greenhouse gases by an average of 5 per cent from 1990 levels by 2012. —MNA/Reuters



The United Nations building in Bangkok. Top climate brokers from more than 160 nations launched a new round of talks in Bangkok on Monday aimed at setting out a plan for the most ambitious treaty yet for battling global warming. —INTERNET



SPORTS



Top-seeded Belgian Justine Henin return a ball during match against Elena Vesnina of Russia at the Sony Ericsson Open on 31 March, 2008.—XINHUA

Porto on brink of Portuguese title hat-trick

LISBON, 1 April — A stoppage-time penalty gave Porto a 2-1 win at Belenenses on Sunday which left the champions one win away from their third successive Portuguese Premier League title.

With six matches left, Porto are top with 60 points from 24 games, 16 ahead of Benfica who moved up to second spot with a 4-1 home win over Pacos Ferreira.

Vitoria Guimaraes beat Maritimo 1-0 on Friday to stay third, level on 44 points with Benfica.

Guimaraes, Sporting, who crushed relegation-threatened Naval 4-1 and fifth-placed Vitoria Setubal, who host Boavista on Monday, stayed in contention for European spots.

Belenenses went ahead

against Porto four minutes before halftime through striker Weldon.

Argentine Lisandro Lopez equalized after 49 minutes after good work from his compatriot Lucho Gonzalez.

MNA/Reuters

Empoli bring back Cagni , Baldini leaves Catania

MILAN, 1 April — Empoli have reappointed Luigi Cagni as coach after sacking Alberto Malesani, Serie A's bottom club said on Monday.

Fellow strugglers Catania also announced the departure of coach Silvio Baldini in a statement. Baldini had been in charge since the start of the season and Italian media said he was expected to be replaced by former Italy goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

Catania are hovering over the drop zone after a 2-1 home defeat by Torino on Sunday.

Tuscan side Empoli are one point adrift at the bottom with seven games left of the season following Sunday's 2-0 home loss to Sampdoria. The change of coach was announced on their website (www.empolifc.com). —MNA/Reuters

Adriano scores twice in Sao Paulo win

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 April — Striker Adriano, on loan from Inter Milan, scored twice in the first 20 minutes to help Sao Paulo win 2-0 at Bragantino in the Paulista championship on Sunday.

Adriano's first goal came in the ninth minute when he picked up Hernanes's

pass and broke clear of the Bragantino defence.

Despite nearly tripping over as he attempted to round the Bragantino goalkeeper, he managed to keep his balance and score.

Eleven minutes later, Adriano, hoping to revive his career after an unhappy period in Italy, was on hand to tap in the second at the far post following a corner.

The win kept Sao Paulo third in the table with 35 points from 18 games and one to play. The top four teams qualify for the semifinals.

Chile midfielder Jorge Valdivia produced another inspirational performance to help Palmeiras beat Sao Caetano 3-1 on Saturday and chalk up their eighth win in a row.

The win guaranteed Palmeiras, led by former Real Madrid and Brazil coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo, a semifinal place. —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's coach Alex Ferguson looks on, during a news conference in Rome, on 31 March, 2008, on the eve of the Champions League soccer match between AS Roma and Manchester United at Rome's Olympic Stadium.—INTERNET

Real overcome Sevilla 3-1 to go six clear at top

MADRID, 1 April — Real Madrid beat Sevilla 3-1 at the Bernabeu to move six points clear at the top of the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Gabriel Heinze headed them in front early on and Raul restored the lead just before the break, a minute after Frederic Kanoute had levelled for the visitors.

Gonzalo Higuain sealed a relatively comfortable victory in the second half, to leave the champions on 65 points with eight games left to play.

Their closest challengers are now Villarreal on 59, after they leap-frogged Barcelona with a convincing 3-0 home win over fourth-placed Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

Barca are third with 58 points after letting slip a two-goal lead to lose 3-2

away to Real Betis, also on Saturday.

"It's another small step towards the title but we have to keep on fighting," Real president Ramon Calderon told Canal Plus television.

"Villarreal are now the team closest to us but I'm sure Barcelona haven't given up on the title just yet." Racing Santander beat Espanyol 3-0 away to close on the Champions League places in fifth.

Early goals from Oscar Serrano and Pedro Munitis put Marcelino's side on course for the victory, and a cheeky strike from Ivan Bolado at the end left them level on 50 points with Atletico.

After consecutive wins over Barca and Real, King's Cup finalists Valencia returned to earth with a 3-0 defeat against Real Mallorca at the Mestalla.

MNA/Reuters



Schalke's keeper Manuel Neuer holding a ball during the last training session prior to the Champions League quarterfinal soccer match between FC Schalke 04 and FC Barcelona in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 31 March, 2008.—INTERNET

Kazakh President to join Olympic torch relay in Almaty

ALMATY, 1 April — President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev will participate in Wednesday's torch relay in Almaty, the mayor of Almaty said Monday. Nazarbayev might be the first to run the Almaty race, but the plan is not settled yet, mayor Imangali Tasmagambetov told Xinhua.

The relay in Almaty will be divided into two parts. The first part will be carried out on the Medeu snow mountain and the second in the downtown area of the city which ends at the Astana Square, Tasmagambetov said. He believed the Olympic torch relay in Almaty will be carried out safely and peacefully.

MNA/Xinhua

River Plate go top in Argentina amid crowd violence

BUENOS AIRES, 1 April — River Plate beat Arsenal 1-0 to go top of the Argentine Clausura championship on Sunday on another day marred by

crowd violence.

Substitute midfielder Rodrigo Archubi scored in the 34th minute when he picked up the ball in midfield, advanced into

the Arsenal area and found the net with an angled shot.

River Plate goalkeeper Juan Carrizo produced an excellent performance to deny Arsenal as the visitors took control of the second half.

River Plate, coached by former Argentina captain Diego Simeone, lead the table with 18 points from eight games and are still unbeaten.

The game, played at the stadium of Velez Sarsfield as River's own ground was being used for another event, was preceded by a ferocious battle on the terraces as rival factions of River fans fought among themselves.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer eyes the ball during his match against Sweden's Robin Soderling at the Sony Ericsson Open tennis tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida on 31 March, 2008.—XINHUA

Guadalajara lose unbeaten record in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 1 April — Guadalajara lost their unbeaten record in the Mexican Clausura championship when they suffered a surprise 1-0 defeat at Necaxa on Sunday.

Argentine Pablo Quatrocchi headed the only goal in the 10th minute to hand Guadalajara, the only team who do not field foreign players, their first loss in 12 games in the tournament.

Necaxa held on despite having Angel Reyna sent off in the 54th minute for a

second bookable offence. Guadalajara stayed top of Group Three with 25 points.

America, Mexico's richest club, continued their miserable run when they lost 4-0 to Veracruz to stay bottom of Group Two with eight points.

Argentine Claudio Graf scored a hat-trick and Rodrigo Ruiz added the fourth for the Red Sharks. Graf, the championship's top scorer, took his tally to 10 goals.

MNA/Reuters



## Germany to train Chinese on energy management

**BEIJING, 1 April** — China on Monday signed an agreement with Germany's "European Energy Manager" project, under which Germany will help train Chinese energy management and conservation experts.

According to the agreement signed between the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs (SAFEA) and the German Energy Bureau, a programme of joint training will be offered to 200 energy managers in China in 2008, 300 to 400 in 2009 and 500 more in 2010. The trainees will get a two-

week course in China and a three-week practical training period in Germany and will get a certificate as a "European Energy Manager" if their final thesis on conservation wins approval from a panel of experts.

The "European Energy Manager" is a programme created by Germany's

Nurnberg Chamber of Industry and Commerce that offers a credential that is widely accepted in European Union member countries. SAFEA Director Ji Yunshi said at the signing ceremony that China hopes to learn from the experience of Germany on energy management.

MNA/Xinhua



*Tourists walk inside 'Hotel Nacional de Cuba' in Havana on 31 March, 2008. Cuba has lifted a ban on its nationals staying at hotels formerly reserved exclusively for foreigners, hotel employees said on Monday.*

INTERNET

## Chinese-made passenger aircraft delivered to Bolivia

**Xi'AN, 1 April** — China has completed delivery of two domestically manufactured Xinzhou-60 passenger aircraft to Santa Cruz City, Bolivia, said sources with the manufacturer.

The delivery brought the total number of export of Xinzhou-60 planes by Xi'an Aircraft Industry Company (XAC) to 13.

Xinzhou-60 is an updated model on China-made YUN-7. The two newly-delivered planes are powered by Pratt & Whitney PW127C turboprops, and refurbished with new sets of operation systems, warning systems and instrument boards in pilot cabin, said XAC.

The turboprop aircraft can carry 50 to 60 passengers. It sells for about 100 million yuan (about 12.5 million US dollars). — MNA/Xinhua

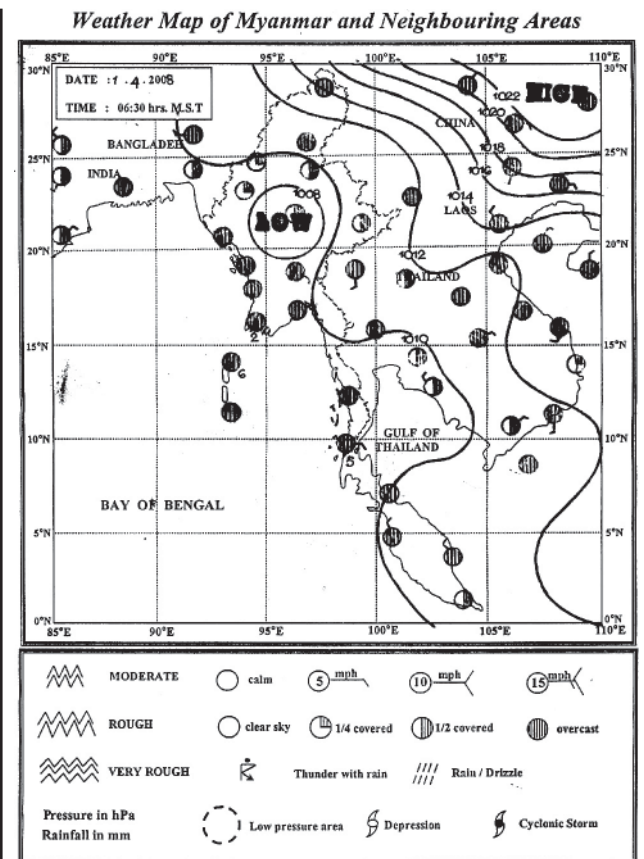
## African observers say Zimbabwe election fair

**HARARE, 1 April** — Pan-African observers said on Monday Zimbabwe's elections were free and fair but expressed concern over the long delay in announcing results.

"Overall, the basic conditions of credible, free and fair elections...were reflected in the Zimbabwe harmonised elections thus far," said Marwick Khumalo, head of an observer group from the Pan-African Parliament.

But he said the post-election phase, including the announcement of results "remains a concern and needs to be monitored."

MNA/Reuters



### WEATHER

**Tuesday, 1 April, 2008**

**Summary of observations recorded at 9:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayin State and Ayeyawady Division, fairly widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, isolated in Mon State, upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (7°C) below April average temperatures in Kayin State, (6°C) below April average temperatures in Yangon Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in Kayah State and Taninthayi Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant day temperatures were Monywa and Mandalay (38°C) each, Nyaung U and Pyinmana (37°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Pyin Oo Lwin (1.89) inches, Hpa-an (1.46) inches, Thayawady (1.38) inches, Khayan (1.34) inches and Dawei (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-3-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 1-4-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-4-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 31-3-2008 was (0.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-4-2008 was (Tr) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (1.34) inches at Mingaladon, (1.50) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from North at (21:00) hours MST on 31-3-2008.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southeast Bay and adjoining East Central Bay has become unimportant. Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and adjoining East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 2-4-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Northern Shan, Mon, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-4-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-4-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-4-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Wednesday, 2 April**  
**View on today**

**7:00 am**

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**

2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

3. Morning news

**7:40 am**

4. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

**7:50 am**

5. Musical programme

**8:10 am**

6. “အသက်ကလေးရယ်တဲ့ ရှည်စေလို”  
(ဦးအောင်လွင်ကြည်စိုး၊ မေထွဋ်ခေါင်၊ ငွက်ပျော်ကြော်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ မျိုးမျိုးစိုင်း၊ ဒေါ်ခင်ခင်ကြီး)  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

**8:25 am**

7. ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကကြိုးသွယ်

**8:30 am**

8. International news

**8:45 pm**

9. Musical programme

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:10 pm**

2. Musical programme

**4:20 pm**

3. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**4:35 pm**

4. သံချင်းကြီးပဒေသာ

**4:50 pm**

5. မျိုးချစ်စိတ်ဓာတ်ရှင်သန်

ထက်မြက်ရေးတေးများ

**5:00 pm**

6. နောင်းခေတ်ပဒေသာ

**5:10 pm**

7. ရွှေဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

**5:25 pm**

8. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

**6:00 pm**

9. Evening news

**6:30 pm**

10. Weather report

**6:35 pm**

11. 733: Colourful system of River (Part-1)  
734: Colourful system of River (Part-2)

**7:10 pm**

12. မြန်မာစာလေ့ရှိရာလက်ရာ

**7:25 pm**

13. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်

အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

**7:50 pm**

14. ထေရဝါဒဗုဒ္ဓသာသနာတော်

ထွန်းကားပြန့်ပွားရေး

ဆရာဒကာလက်တွဲညီစွာ

ကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်မှု

(အပိုင်း-၃)

**8:00 pm**

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. Musical programme

19. မြန်မာ့ဒီမိုကရေစီလမ်း

“နောင်ဖို့တွယ်ငင်တတ်သော”

(လူမင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊

မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-နေပိုင်)



# People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein leaves Vientiane for Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 1 April — Prime Minister General Thein Sein and delegation members arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport from Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic by special flight yesterday afternoon after attending the Third Greater Mekong Sub-region Summit (GMS).

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party arrived at Wattay

International Airport from Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane in the afternoon.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and delegation members were seen off at the airport by Minister for Agriculture and Forestry Mr Sitaheng Latsaphone, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A Souphakhet and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Nyunt

Hlaing, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Than Win and embassy staff.

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein being seen off by Minister for Agriculture and Forestry of Laos Mr Sitaheng Latsaphone at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane. — MNA*



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### Towards flourishing of the Sasana

We were pleased with strong faith and generosity towards the Sasana while paying respects to Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika title recipient Ngagyikway Sayadaw at the hall of Hninsigon Home for the Aged.

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### Perform meritorious deeds, share merits gained

Monks, nuns, laymen and laywomen who are dedicated to the Sasana are benefactors. They are making relentless efforts for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

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AN UPPATHANBHAKA

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of  
killers in the air waves —  
RFA, VOA and BBC**