

Local people urged to uphold Union Spirit and join hands with Government in successful holding of 2010 election as national duty

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects progress of storm-ravaged regions of Ayeyawady Division, construction of roads, cyclone shelters

NAYPYITAW, 5 April— Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, left Yangon at yesterday morning and arrived at the construction site of Razudaing Bridge No. 1 Project near Kyaikpi Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township to inspect development of storm-ravaged regions, progress of road network projects and construction of cyclone



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Razudaing Bridge No. 1 Project near Kyaikpi Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA



shelters in Ayeyawady Division.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen

Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and departmental officials. At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on facts about the Razudaing Bridge No. 1

Project and task for construction of RCD pile at pier PR No. 1 presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin of Bridge Construction Project Special Unit (1) of Public Works. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister instructed officials to simultaneously carry out construction tasks on both sides of the bridge in order to complete the tasks ahead the schedule and fulfill the requirements of (See page 8)

Health staff should make field trips to rural areas for imparting health knowledge.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits Theikpangongyi village in Labutta Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Apply mass media to serve interest of the nation

The 14th founding anniversary of the Myawady Television was marked the other day along with the prize-presentation for outstanding staff, the best manuscripts of Myawady and Ngwetayi Magazines and Myawady Colour Photo Contest at MWD station in Hmawby Township.

Today the people and the Tatmadaw are working hard for building a peaceful modern developed democratic nation. Some countries with the technological superiority are employing the media to influence their targeted countries in the economic, social, cultural, literary and art fields.

Ignoring the developments of Myanmar, certain nations are using the media as a weapon to mislead the international communities into misunderstanding Myanmar. Moreover, certain foreign broadcasting stations are airing fabricated stories to weaken national solidarity, to break up the Union Spirit and to undermine stability of the State.

Therefore, it is necessary to wage counter-media attacks to refute such fabricated stories and protect the people. Among the media, television and periodicals are the most effective means of communication in information and education. Television is the most effective media among the people.

Myawady Television that plays a vital role in the mass media always discharges duties of broadcasting authentic news in time, entertaining and educating the people.

Prize presentation ceremony of Chinlon contest held

YANGON, 5 April— The final match of Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup the 35th State/Division Myanmar Traditional Chinlon Contest was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at the gymnasium of Aung San Stadium on 2 April.

General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, President of Myanmar Chinlon Federation U Thet Win, General Secretary of central working committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw L Khun Yi and responsible persons attended the ceremony and presented prizes. — MNA

Tobacco Kills

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

Putao District on path to development



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meeting with officials and local national races at Mamule Village of Putao Township. — CPT

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met with township level officials from the national literature and culture committee,

townselders and local people at Phonkanrazi hall in Putao, Kachin State on 29 March. Then the minister attended to the needs.

At No. 1 Layyinkwin ward, the minister also met with responsible persons of Lesu Literature and Culture

Committee and national races, responsible persons of Rawan Literature and Culture Museum.

Afterwards, the minister presented eyeglasses to the local people at Mamule Village on 31 March.

Next, he met with ward officials, members of national literature and culture committee, townselders and local people at the Dhammayon in Panhlaing ward and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Hospital equipment for Children's Hospital

YANGON, 5 April— Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) donated Microcentrifuge, Reagents and EEG accessories worth US\$ 13,000 for the child patients who are receiving medical treatment at the Children's Hospital at the meeting hall of the hospital on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street yesterday morning.

Honorable Mr Colin Bell of the Rotary Club of Essendon (Australia) donated the medical equipment through Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win and then explained the purpose of the donation.

Next, the medical superintendent presented the certificate of honour and gift to the wellwisher and spoke words of thanks.

The donation to the hospital was the tenth time and altogether amounted to US\$ 206,789.—NLM

Mandalay Mayor inspects agriculture and breeding tasks



Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects catching of fish at No. 1 All-round Agriculture and Breeding Farm in Patheingyi Township.— NLM

YANGON, 5 April— Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han together with committee member U Kyaw Win and heads of department inspected cultivation and breeding tasks at No. 1

All-round Agriculture and Breeding Farm in Patheingyi Township on 30 March.

First, the mayor and party oversaw progress in growing kitchen crops, and breeding of goat, cow, duck and pig, fish farms and test run of generation

of power by the use of bio digesters and then gave necessary instructions to the officials.

Next, the mayor and party inspected progress in catching fish and gave necessary instructions to officials.

NLM



Flowers lay at the base of a sign in front of the American Civic Association in Binghamton, NY, Sunday, on 5 April, 2009.

INTERNET

NATO leaders agree to resume direct talks with Russia

STRASBOURG, 5 April—The leaders of NATO member states have agreed here on Saturday to relaunch talks with Russia in the framework of the NATO-Russia Council (NRC), suspended by the alliance unilaterally after the Russia-Georgia military conflict. “Despite our current disagreements, Russia is of particular

importance to us as a partner and neighbour,” they said in a declaration issued at a two-day summit marking the 60th anniversary of the bloc.

They said that areas of common interest between NATO and Russia lie in the stabilization of Afghanistan, efforts toward arms control and disarmament, the fight against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, anti-terrorism and fighting drugs-trafficking and anti-piracy operations off the coast of Somalia.

The leaders said that they would “assess possibilities for making (the NRC) a more efficient and valuable instrument for our political dialogue and practical cooperation.

“We want to step up practical cooperation in the NRC,” NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer told a Press conference after the summit.

Internet

Palestinian killed after attacking Israeli border police

JERUSALEM, 5 April—A Palestinian woman was shot dead on Saturday afternoon after she opened fire on Israeli Border Police in southern Israel.

According to Israeli Police Commissioner David Cohen who held a Press conference at the scene, a Palestinian woman armed with a rifle arrived around 2 pm local time at the Israeli Border Police base near the Shoket Junction between Beersehba and Arad.

The woman then opened fire at the policemen. A guard at the entrance of the base averted her arm, and she fired into the air. An Israeli Border Guard officer who arrived at the scene shot and killed her.

Israeli police sappers used a robot to detect any explosives on the woman’s body, finding none.

Israeli police suspected the woman had infiltrated Israel from the South Hebron Hills area in the West Bank, *Ha’aretz* daily reported on its website.

“I’m calling on the public to be alert and inform police about every suspicious occurrence,” Cohen said.

Earlier Saturday, the spokesperson of Israel Defence Forces confirmed that its forces have killed two militants who were planting bombs near the security fence between Israel and the Gaza Strip. —Internet

Taleban commander captured in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 April—Afghan National Army backed by the US-led Coalition Forces on Friday captured a Taleban commander and three other militants in Khost Province of eastern Afghanistan, said a Coalition statement issued here on Saturday. The combined forces carried out an early-morning raid of a compound in the Lagharah Valley of Khost Province where they captured a mid-level Taleban commander who is responsible for facilitating suicide bombings and placing improvised explosive devices in the surrounding area, the state-

ment said.

“Three other militants believed to associate with and aid the Taleban commander were also detained,” it added. “No shots were fired and no non-combatants were harmed during this operation.”

Taleban militants who staged a violent comeback four years ago have vowed to intensify attacks, mostly in the shape of suicide attacks and roadside bombings, against government interests in the conflict-plagued country in 2009.

Internet

15 militants killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 April—Afghan and International troops killed 15 militants and discovered a large bomb-making facility on Saturday in Helmand Province of southern Afghanistan, US military said.

The early morning operation took place in the Kajaki district of Helmand, US military said in a statement. “The combined forces uncovered various weapons and ammunition, including several bags of ammonium nitrate commonly used to make improvised explosive devices”, the statement said.

The troops also discovered a large insurgent drug lab containing 5,000 pounds of poppy seeds used to produce opium, 10 bags of opium, scales and other drug paraphernalia, according to the statement.

Helmand is one of the most violent provinces in Afghanistan and alone produces nearly half the world’s opium, which is refined to make heroin.

The statement said insurgents in the Kajaki district are known to be heavily involved in bomb-making, weapons smuggling, drug activity and attacks on troops.

US President Barack Obama has decided to send an additional 4,000 US troops to Afghanistan to train local security forces, following his announcement in February to send 17,000 troops to join the 38,000 forces already in Afghanistan.

Internet

Lebanese President to discuss with Turkey over negotiations with Israel

BEIRUT, 5 April—Turkey intends to mediate between Lebanon and Israel, and Lebanese President Michel Suleiman is expected to discuss the country’s position about it with his Turkish counterpart Abdullah Gul in Ankara, local *An-Nahar* daily reported here on Saturday.

The discussions will take place during Suleiman’s two-day official visit to Turkey on 21 April, the report said. According to the report, Suleiman will hold talks with President Gul and other Turkish officials on bilateral ties, the Arab peace process, along with Lebanon’s stand regarding the return of dialogue with

Israel. The upcoming summit talks are also expected to cover Lebanon’s June elections, the internal Lebanese situation and the implementation of UN resolutions to end Israeli

occupation of Lebanese territories in the south, namely the Shebaa Farms, Kfarshouba Hills and the northern part of Ghajar village, said the report.

Xinhua

Bomb explosion wounds police trainer in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 April—A bomb planted by militants went off in the northern Kunduz Province, wounding a police trainer on Sunday morning, police said.

“Police officer Abdul Ghani who serves as trainer in the Police Training Centre was injured at 7:30 a.m. local time (0300 GMT) on his way to office,” deputy to provincial police chief Abdul Rahman Haqtash told *Xinhua*. He blamed the enemies of peace a reference against Taleban insurgents for the incident.

Established four years ago with the financial support of the United States, the Police Training Center has presented thousands of policemen to strengthen law and order in the war-torn country.—Internet

Woman killed in attack on police was 16

JERUSALEM, 5 April—Israeli police have identified the person who opened fire at a police station on Saturday before she was shot and killed as a 16-year-old Bedouin girl from a town inside Israel.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld says the attacker was an 11th-grade student from the Israeli Bedouin township of Hura, not far from the site of the attack in southern Israel. He gave her name as Basma Awad al-Nabari.

Rosenfeld said on Sunday that al-Nabari used a pistol to shoot at policemen, who returned fire and killed her.

Internet



Pakistani security officials and rescuers gather at the site of a bomb blast in Chakwal, about 100 km (60 miles) south of Islamabad on 5 April, 2009. A suicide bomber blew himself up on Sunday killing 22 people a day after a deadly suicide attack in the capital, police said.—INTERNET

Obama welcomes IOC Evaluation Commission to Chicago

CHICAGO, 5 April — US President Barack Obama issued a welcome on Saturday to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Evaluation Commission members who are visiting Chicago as part of an official visit to assess the city's bid to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The president's greetings came in a video that was played as the IOC's Evaluation Commission began hearing presentations on the city's plan by officials of Chicago 2016. Chicago is President Obama's recent hometown, and he is a strong and long-time supporter of the city's bid for the 2016 Games.

In the message, Obama praised Chicago as "most American of American cities". He said the city "reflects

the decency, honesty, and generosity of our people; a city of broad shoulders, big dreams, and a bright future".

The IOC evaluation team including 13 members arrived in Chicago on Thursday, kicking off the inspection tour on proposed Games sites in Chicago and question bid team officials about their proposal. Grant Park, where a large victory celebration was held after Obama's election in November, is a venue site under Chicago's plan.

Chicago is the first stop on the evaluation committee's itinerary. The delegation later will visit Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro and Madrid. The decision on the site for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games will be made in Copenhagen on 2 Oct, 2009.

Xinhua



Chinese tourists take boats as they tour a traditional Chinese residential area near Suzhou city, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 April, 2009 as the locals welcome the spring season.—XINHUA

Turkey, US sign memorandum of agreement on energy

ANKARA, 5 April — Turkish and US officials signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) on energy productivity, renewable energy and clean coal technologies in Turkey's largest city of Istanbul on Saturday, an official statement said.

The MoA was signed by Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Hilmi Guler and US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) Acting Director Leocadia Zak, according to the statement issued by US embassy in Ankara.

The statement said that the activities outlined in the MoA built upon USTDA's support for projects that spurred economic growth and development in Turkey.

This agreement reaffirms our shared commitment to the development of government-to-government cooperation, while recognizing the importance of private sector solutions in meeting energy challenges in an environmentally-friendly manner," USTDA's Acting Director Zak was quoted as saying by the semi-official Anatolia news agency at the signing ceremony.—Internet

Five children found dead in US state of Washington

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 April — Five children aged 7 to 16 were found dead late Saturday afternoon in the US state of Washington, apparently the victims of violence, local media reported.

The children, found dead at a home in the state's Graham area, may have been killed by their father who was discovered dead earlier Saturday afternoon in a neighbouring county, *The Seattle Times* said in a report on its website. The man, 35, was believed to take his own life, the newspaper said,

citing Pierce County Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer.—MNA/Xinhua



Designed to capture views of one of the world's most-visited man-made wonders, the Taj Mahal, the Moorish and Mughal-inspired Oberoi Amarvilas is an opulent shrine to luxury.

INTERNET

Prices for world's cheapest gas may be going up

CARACAS, 5 April, — Venezuela has the planet's cheapest gasoline: At 12 cents a gallon (3 cents a liter), it costs about 30 times less than bottled water.

But falling oil income and sagging crude output could soon mean a pinch at the pump in oil producing countries like Venezuela, where hefty government subsidies have for decades guaranteed cheap fuel.

Iran is already cutting back, while Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has revived talk of a price hike for the first time in 12 years — a politically unpopular move that two decades ago sparked

deadly riots in Caracas.

"One day, prices will need to be adjusted," Chavez warned recently in a televised speech. "We're practically giving away gasoline."

To spread wealth and buy support, many oil producing nations subsidize fuel for domestic consumption. Gasoline sells for as little as 39 cents a gallon (10 cents a liter) in Iran, 60 cents a gallon (16 cents a liter) in Saudi Arabia, and \$1.52 a gallon (40 cents a liter) in Iraq, where prices were ratcheted up following the US invasion.

The global economy has crashed, however, and so has the price of oil. The

same countries that used billions from crude exports to subsidize gasoline at home, even as prices hit record highs elsewhere in the world, are now under tremendous strain.

Iran, with the world's fourth-largest oil reserves, reduced its most heavily subsidized monthly ration by 20 percent to 26 gallons (100 liters) per car in March. Malaysia, where subsidies ensured some of Southeast Asia's cheapest gasoline, increased prices by 40 percent to \$3.31 a gallon (61 cents a liter) last year, sparking nationwide protests. Net fuel importers Indonesia, Taipei and India also reduced subsidies.—Internet

Mexico education minister resigns ahead of Vote

MEXICO CITY, 5 April— Mexico's education minister resigned on Saturday to take a seat in the lower house of Congress in the latest shake-up to President Felipe Calderon's Cabinet ahead of mid-term elections.

Josefina Vazquez became education minister in 2006 and was also in former President Vicente Fox's Cabinet. She is expected to serve in the country's lower Chamber of Deputies for Calderon's right-leaning National Action Party (PAN).—MNA/Reuters

World pays greater attention to China's role

LOS ANGELES, 5 April — A US economist lauded China's role in the G20 Summit, saying other countries were paying greater attention to what China has said and done.

In an interview with *Xinhua* on Friday, James Barth, a senior economist at the Milken Institute, an independent think tank, said when China was speaking about the role of the world currency, US Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner retreated what he said because China is so important in helping fund the US deficit.

China is a key player in what is happening to interest rate and financing the deficit in the United States, Barth said. The United States needs to cooperate with China, and China also needs to work with the United States in tackling the current financial crisis, he said.

Regarding China's concern over its losses in investment in US assets, Barth argued that the US treasury securities are among the safest in the world today, adding if China invested in other assets, the situation could be worse. He also noted that it is clearly not in the interest of China, nor the US, nor the world economy if China moves too quickly to try to re-balance its portfolio.—Internet



Kids show their calligraphy while taking part in the ceremony to commemorate Confucius, at the Confucian temple in Qufu, east China's Shandong Province, on 4 April, 2009. —XINHUA

Chinese student injured in US shooting in stable condition

BINGHAMTON, 5 April— A Chinese student injured in Friday's shooting in Binghamton was still being treated in a local hospital but in stable condition without life danger, Chinese diplomats said on Friday.

Liu Junhua and Wang Tao, consuls of the Chinese Consulate General in New York, arrived in Binghamton on Friday night and visited the injured student at Lourdes Hospital.

The student was shot in the right arm and right leg and was given a surgery in the afternoon, Liu said, without disclosing a name or any other personal information. The student was doing well after the surgery and remained in clear consciousness with no difficulty of expressing himself, he said.

Liu said the young Chinese was tak-

ing a language class at the American Civic Association when several gun shots were heard outside the classroom. Then the gunmen stormed in and opened fire at about a dozen people there. By using a chair as a shield, the student only suffered relatively minor injuries in the arm and leg without life-threatening wounds, Liu said. But the student remembered seeing someone get shot at for attempts to move ahead and subdue the gunman.—Xinhua



Liu Junhua and Wang Tao

Three more bodies recovered in NE China flooded colliery

JIXI, 5 April—Three more bodies in a flooded coal mine have been recovered as of Sunday morning in northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, raising the death toll to five, local authorities said.

Rescuers have saved four miners as of 7 am and are searching for another seven trapped underground.

The accident occurred at about 5:30 am on Saturday when 22 miners were working beneath Jinli coal mine in Jidong County, Jixi City. Six escaped, said Jixi city government.

About 4,000 cubic metres of water had gushed into the shaft and it will take workers about three days to pump out the water, said Wang Guangyue, vice mayor of Jixi.

Rescuers are using six pumps to get the water out.

An initial investigation showed that improper operation by workers might be one of the causes of the accident, said Li Yubao, head of the coal industry administration of Jixi.

The coal mine, owned by a local company known as Tianyuan Company, is a legal undertaking capable of producing 40,000 tonnes of coal a year. It was said to have resumed coal production without a prior approval as required, according to the city government.—Xinhua

6.3-magnitude quake rocks Philippines

MANILA, 5 April — An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale struck south of the Philippines on Saturday, the United States Geological Service reported.

The quake was recorded at 01:31 pm (0531 GMT) at 67.9 kilometres below the sea level, with the epicenter at 280 kilometres southeast of the southern city of Davao in Mindanao region, the report said.

No casualty or damage has been reported and the Philippine authorities did not issue a tsunami warning.

The Philippines is regularly hit by earthquakes, and most of them are low in magnitude and cause little damage.

The Southeast Asian country is part of the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, a string of islands on the Pacific Ocean rim that were formed by the eruptions of undersea volcanoes.

Xinhua

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Two kids stick cards written with their best wishes to the kids in the earthquake-hit areas to a memorial wall in Suining, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 4 April, 2009, the day of Chinese Qingming Festival or Tomb-sweeping Day. — XINHUA

New Yorkers stage second day protest on Wall Street

NEW YORK, 5 April — Thousands of New York protesters marched for the second day in a row on Wall Street Saturday, calling for an end to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and more government aid for struggling working people, local TV channel NY1 reported.

The group United for Peace and Justice organized the event, which started at noon. The marching protesters carried signs and puppets and chanted as they went down Broadway, walked past the New York Stock Exchange, and ended up in Battery Park.

They also walked past companies that took federal money, including American International Group (AIG), which drew controversy for giving company executives bonuses after it received federal bailout money.

Protesters were reportedly expressing concerns about President Barack Obama's plan to remove troops from Iraq and relocate them to Afghanistan. Everyone who attended the protest agreed that they were very concerned about the current state of the country, NY1 said. Hundreds of angry New Yorkers on Friday protested against the bailout of Wall Street and banks, urging the US Government to care more about the people who need jobs and medical care.

MNA/Xinhua

Crime decreases in Chicago in first three months

CHICAGO, 5 April — Crime decreased in Chicago, the largest city in US Midwest with homicides dropping almost 21 percent for the first three months this year compared with the same period last year, Chicago police said on Friday.

Citing preliminary crime statistics, James Jackson, a police officer said crime in every category except arson dropped from January through 31 March compared with the same period last year.

Jackson credited police efforts, particularly the new Mobile Strike Force and Gang Enforcement Unit, as well as help from the community for the drops in crime.

Through March, there have been 71 homicides, down from 89 last year. Almost 65 percent of them were believed to be gang related. Violent crime overall is down 1.5 percent, while property crime fell 9.8 percent. However, arson rose almost 12 percent.—Xinhua



A piece of tropical orchid produced in way of in vitro conservation is seen in the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS) in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 2 April, 2009. The CATAS has built an in vitro conservation center with over 400 different kinds of rare tropical plants after over 10 years' research. — XINHUA

Arabic inscriptions of Spain's Alhambra decoded

MADRID, 5 April — For centuries visitors to the Alhambra fortress-palace in Granada, built by Spain's medieval Moorish rulers, have wondered what the thousands of Arabic inscriptions that are carved into its walls and ceilings mean.

Now researchers, armed with modern technology such as digital cameras and 3D laser scanners, have embarked on a mission to catalogue and decipher for the first time all the words that adorn Spain's most-visited tourist attraction.

And what they have found so far is that, contrary to what was widely believed, verses and poetry represent only a tiny minority of the messages in classical Arabic that cover the Alhambra, Europe's jewel of Muslim architecture.

"They do not make up not even 10 percent of what has been studied so far," said Juan Castilla an investigator with the School of Arabic Studies at Spain's Higher Scientific Research Council which is directing the project.

Instead the phrase that appears most frequently is the motto of the Nasrid dynasty that ruled Granada from 1238 until the Spanish reconquered the city in 1492: "There is no victor but Allah."

"It is repeated hundreds of times," said Castilla, whose team has so far de-



The 'La Alhambra' in Granada. For centuries visitors to the fortress-palace, built by Spain's medieval Moorish rulers, have wondered what the thousands of Arabic inscriptions that are carved into its walls and ceilings mean.—INTERNET

coded 3,116 inscriptions of the roughly 10,000 that cover the sprawling complex since work on the project began in 2002.

The next most common messages are single words like "perpetual happiness" that are thought to be expressions of divine wishes for the Muslim rulers of Granada.

Internet

Sri Lanka says 111 Tigers killed in fresh fighting

COLOMBO, 5 April — Sri Lankan troops advancing on the last remaining pockets of rebel resistance killed at least 111 Tamil Tigers in separate ground and sea clashes on Saturday, the military said.

Security forces recovered the bodies of 93 Tigers killed at Puthukkudirippu while another 18 guerrillas perished in a separate sea battle on Saturday, military spokesman brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said.

"It is one of the biggest blows for the Tigers recently," Nanayakkara said referring to the military drive to crush Tigers who have been confined to a narrow strip of coastline in the district of Mullaitivu for several months.

He said troops had also captured a 130 mm artillery gun which had been used by the Tigers to attack security forces moving in on them.

There was no immedi-

ate comment from the Tigers. The assault has pushed the rebels into a 20-square-kilometre (eight-square-mile) patch of land in Mullaitivu.

Earlier in the day, the navy's special boat squadron sank one vessel belonging to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) while two others were destroyed by ground troops when they tried to beach, the military said.

Internet

Five children, father die in murder-suicide

GRAHAM, 5 April — A father apparently shot to death five of his children, ages 7 to 16, at their mobile home and then killed himself near a casino miles away, police said on Saturday.

Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the Pierce County Sheriff, called it a domestic violence situation and a murder-suicide.

"We believe they all died of gunshot wounds," Troyer said.

Police found the father's body early Saturday in his still-running car near the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, about 30 miles south of Seattle. He had apparently killed himself with a rifle, although no note was left in the car, Auburn Police Sgt Scott Near said.

Later in the day, Pierce County deputies checked the mobile home, which is

about 20 miles southeast of the casino, and found four of the children dead in their beds and the fifth in the bathroom.

Neighbours in the Deer Run mobile home park, a neat, well-kept community nestled among towering evergreens, were shocked and weeping at the news.

"How could something like this happen?" asked Mary Riplinger, whose kids were playmates of the slain children. "Everyone's asking: Why did he do it? It's not right."

The mother of the victims was not at home, Troyer said. Deputies were called to the mobile home after a relative stopped by and saw a child lying motionless on a bed through a window, but couldn't get anyone to answer the door.

Internet



Catalan pastry maker Pol Escriba poses with Barcelona's soccer player Lionel Messi chocolate sculpture at Escriba Pastry Shop in Barcelona. The pastry shop created the sculpture in conjunction with Easter.

A full-size mockup of the crew module for the Orion Crew exploration vehicle is displayed on the National Mall near the Capitol (background). The Orion will become America's primary vehicle for human space exploration, replacing the space shuttle after it is retired in 2010.

NEWS ALBUM

22 St Mary students cram into phone booth

Teams of students competed to fit as many bodies as possible into a phone booth at St Mary's College of California in the United States on Wednesday.

They have done something their predecessors famously did 50 years ago: twenty-two students cram into a phone booth.

A half-century ago, Life magazine published a now-famous photograph of 22 St Mary's students stuffed into a phone booth, a popular college stunt in the 1950s. Current students matched the number in the 1959 image, though they failed to break the campus record of 24 set in 1984.

A South African team set the world record of 25 set in 1958, according to St Mary officials.



Save South Africa's penguins — give them a home

Nesting in the sparkling sand, preening on the rocks and darting through the waters, the penguins on the southern tip of Africa are the ultimate crowd-pleaser. But crisis looms.

Short of food, exposed to predators and the African sun, their numbers are plummeting. But salvation may rest in a simple manmade solution — housing for penguins.

Dotting the shore of this penguin colony near the Cape of Good Hope are 200 nesting boxes, each big enough to house a happy family of parents, eggs and chicks. The experiment has already

worked well on a more distant penguin island in South African waters, and wildlife rangers are eager to see whether the boxes recently installed on Boulders Beach, where tourists can watch the birds up close, will prove equally attractive.



Penguins stand together at a national park in Simons Town, South Africa. In scenes that captivate countless visitors every year, hundreds of penguins nest lazily in the sparkling sand, preen themselves on the rocks and dart effortlessly though the crystal waters near the Cape of Good Hope.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects LED bulb factory

YANGON, 5 April—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, heard a report presented by the advisor to LED electric bulb factory of Myanmar Machinery and Electric Appliances Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry-2 at the corners of Mindhamma and Parami Streets in Hlaine Township, Yangon West District on production of bulbs and Bio batteries and generation of solar-power.



After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party looked into the production process of LED bulbs.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspects LED electric bulb factory of Myanmar Machinery and Electric Appliances Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry-2.—MNA

2009 Nikon Myanmar Photo Contest explained

YANGON, 5 April—Special Style Photo & Electronics and Nikon Singapore Pte Ltd jointly organized the introduction to 2009 Nikon Myanmar Photo Contest at the Thiripyitsaya Sky Bistro (Sakura Tower) on 25 March.

Ma Ohnma of Special Style Photo & Electronics explained opportunity for Nikon Digital SLR camera users to take part in the photo contest; the first contest will be entitled as Myanmar Water Festival 2009 and entries are to be sent to Nikon Showroom not later 31 May; and the second contest will be entitled as Rain, and the works are to be sent to Nikon not later than 30 November.

First prize winner will

Ma Ohnma of Special Style Photo & Electronic explains opportunity for Nikon Digital SLR camera users.

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win FEC 300, the second FEC 200 and the third FEC 100, and three consolation prize winners will secure FEC 50 each.

Application forms are available at Nikon Showroom, No. 184-192, Room B-1, Hninzi Condominium, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Tel: 200138 and 397617 and sales shops in various townships. Nikon Website will be constructed and member cards will be issued to the Nikon camera users.

Nikon DSLR camera and Coolpix digital camera can be bought at Special Style Photo & Electronics at 184-192, Room B-1, Hninzi Condominium.

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Development tasks in Magway inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April — Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe together with officials inspected site chosen for extension of water supply, progress in digging lake and connecting pipe line for drinking water in Minhla Township on 25 March.

He heard reports by the officials and fulfilled the

needs. On 26 March, he attended the opening ceremony of Awayya tarred road in Magway town.

On the occasion, the director of Division Development Affairs Committee and the Chairman of District PDC opened the tarred road. Next, Col Phone Maw Shwe unveiled the archway of the tarred road.—MNA

Aung Zeya Housing Complex opens in Yinmarbin Tsp

YANGON, 5 April — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North—West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe addressed the opening ceremony of Aung Zeya Housing Complex located in the corner of Monywa-Kalaywa road and Yinmarbin-Pale road in Yinmarbin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing

Division on 24 March.

Acting Director Col Htay Naing of Directorate of Resettlements of the Ministry of Defence also spoke on the occasion.

Lt-Col Kyaw Oo of the command explained facts about the housing complex.

After that, the commander unveiled the archway to the housing complex and inspected it.

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MIFFA holds annual general meeting



General Secretary Daw Thit Thit Htet reads out the budget and the report at Fifth Annual Meeting of MIFFA.—MNA

YANGON, 5 April—The fifth annual general meeting of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders' Association was held at

UMFCCI Tower in Lanmadaw township yesterday.

Director-General of Transportation Department

U Win Pe and Chairman of MIFFA U Aung Khin Myint made speeches on the occasion. Next, General Secretary Daw Thit Thit Htet read out the budget and the

report from 2007-2008 to 2008-2009 financial years. The approval was sought and Chairman U Aung Khin Myint made concluding remarks.—MIFFA

Anyeint performed at CSSTB

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Myanma traditional cultural "Shwe Myanmar Anyeint" troupe performed entertainment programme at Civil Service Selection and Training Board yesterday.

CSSTB members U Aung Myint, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, directors-general of the departments and families watched the entertainment programme.—MNA





Prime Minister General Thein Sein views progress in construction of Cyclone Shelter and Hillock being undertaken by A-1 Construction Co Ltd in Pyinsalu.—MNA

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heavy machinery and man power to the project.

The Prime Minister viewed piling work at RCD pile of pier PR. No. 1 of the bridge.

Razudaing Bridge No. 1 is under construction on Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetawngma-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun Road.

Accompanied by the commander, the Prime Minister and party looked into progress in construction of Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Polaung-Pyinsalu Road and building of the dykes for prevention against the inflow of seawater by helicopter.

At Theikpan-gongyi Village of Labutta Township, they were welcomed by Chairman of Labutta Township Peace and development Council U Myint Oo and officials.

At the Village PDC Office, the Prime Minister met with departmental

officials and local people and explained lightings with the use of bio-battery through the combination of cow dung and salt.

In his speech, the Prime Minister instructed the local people to uphold the Union Spirit and join hands with the Government in successfully holding of the 2010 election as the national duty. He added that teachers are to nurture students to become educated persons equipped with the Union Spirit for abiding by school and ward disciplines.

In implementing the national health plan, the Prime Minister pointed out that it is not enough to provide health care only in hospitals and thus health staff are to make field trips to the rural areas for disseminating health knowledge to the local people. Moreover, the Prime Minister urged the local people and the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into practical works of trainees at Pyinsalu BEHS.—MNA

chairman of Village PDC to grow coconut, areca palm and vegetables on a commercial scale and undertake the tasks of integrated farming system.

Professor Dr U Saw Simon Tha reported

efforts to be made for development of the village based on the assistance provided by the State and join hands with the government for progress of the nation without regionalism and racism in Myanmar and Kayin languages.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw also explained establishment of telephone communication networks for enabling the local people to make trunk calls to various regions to perform economic and social tasks, and facilities provided to some villages to read newspapers with the use of computer through the telephone connection.

Next, the Prime Minister, Maj-Gen Ko Ko,

the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials presented generators, fluorescent lamps, solar lanterns, blankets, agricultural implements, foodstuffs and seeds of vegetables.

The commander and officials accepted the assistance.

The Prime Minister inspected the construction of CDMA-450 radio station project of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw conducted the Prime Minister round the site.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected the rural health center, construction of systematic construction of housing estates, growing of trees at the residences on a manageable scale, supply

of water and functions of public telephone connection.

The Prime Minister and party viewed progress of Theikpangongyi Village by helicopter and proceeded to Pyinsalu.

They inspected construction of the hillock and cyclone shelter by Max Myanmar Co Ltd in Pyinsalu. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials reported on construction tasks.

They also looked into building of cyclone shelter and hillock by A-1 Construction Co and gave necessary instructions.

While in Pyinsalu, the Prime Minister viewed trainees at the training course being conducted by Development Affairs Department at Pyinsalu (See page 9)



A public call office being opened in Theikpangongyi Village of Labutta Township for better public communication.—MNA

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BEHS and their practical works.

The Prime Minister instructed officials to conduct training course for the trainees enabling them to construct buildings practically. At the new town reclamation project in Labutta 3rd-Mile, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Col Myint Maung of the local

station and officials.

Director-General U Myo Myint of DAD reported on land reclamation, construction of roads, sites for construction of rainwater tank and building of 200-bed hospital and government offices.

After giving necessary instructions, the Prime Minister inspected the site for 200-bed

hospital, houses and offices in a motorcade.

They viewed construction of Labutta Sub-Power Station. Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise gave a supplementary report. Later, the Prime Minister and party looked into development of Labutta by car and left for Patheingyi by helicopter.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents a solar lamp for Theikpangongyi Village in Labutta Township.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo makes a speech at the meeting of BSI and MCD.—MNA

Bureau of Special Investigation, Myanmar Correctional Department hold work coordination meeting

YANGON, 5 March—Work coordination meeting of Bureau of Special Investigation and Myanmar Correctional Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs took place at the assembly hall of the ministry on Saya

San Street, Yankin Township here on 3 April with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Director-General of BSI U Aung Saw Win and Director-General of Myanmar Correctional

Department U Zaw Win explained the progress of works, and officials from states and divisions reported on matters related to works being carried out. Then, the meeting came to an end.

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Certificates presented to trainees of CPA, DA

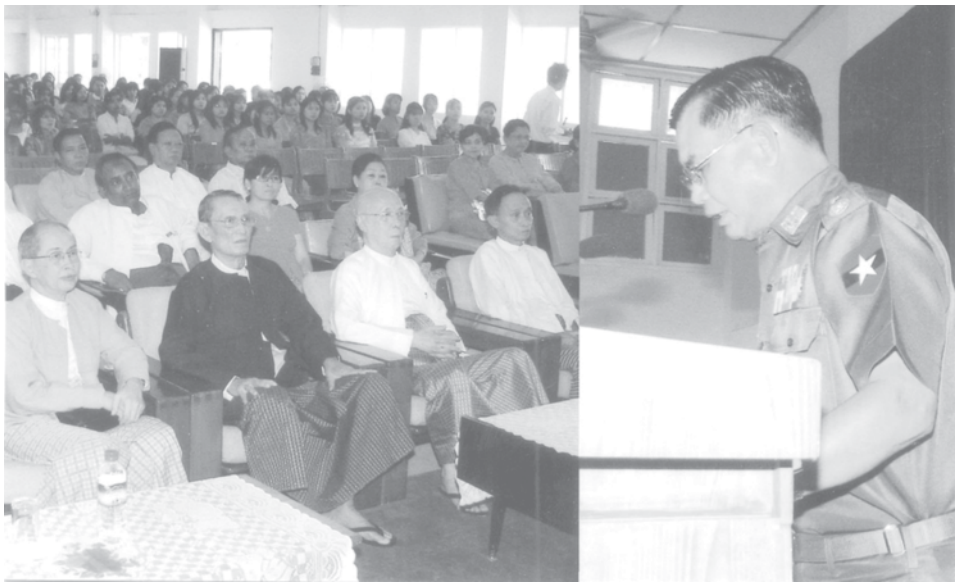
NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—A ceremony to present completion certificates for Certified Public Accountant and Diploma in Accounting courses was held at the training school of the Auditor-General's Office, here, on 29 March

afternoon. Chairman of Myanmar Accountancy Council Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung delivered an address.

The Chairman of MAC and officials presented completion certificates to the trainees and prizes to the

outstanding trainees.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the council Director-General U Myo Myint of Auditor-General's office, members of the council, officials, wellwishers and trainees. MNA



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung makes a speech at completion certificate presentation ceremony of CPA and DA.—MNA

Gifts for local people in storm-hit regions

YANGON, 5 April—Wellshier Mr Soh Kyung Suk, President of Joy of Sharing, Korea and party donated clothings, blankets, gas stoves, stationery and other items for storm victims at the cash and kind accepting

and supervisory committee for storm victims at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here on 2 April.

Director-General of Fire Services Department U Myint Tun, Director-

General of Social Welfare Department U Soe Kyi and Director-General of Relief and Resettlement Department U Than Oo and officials accepted the donations and expressed thanks. MNA

Progress of No. 2 Inter-District Road inspected in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 5 April—Director-General U Myo Myint of the Development Affairs Department inspected progress in construction of No. 2 inter-district road being undertaken by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee on 30 and 31 March.

At Kintha Hall in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon

Township, Director of Mandalay Division DAC U Sai Tun Tun reported on progress of the road and future tasks.

The director-general looked into placing of gravel on the inter-district road sections in Yamethin, YeU and Thazi townships.

On 31 March, the director-general viewed construction of gravel road sections in Thazi and

Wundwin townships. Next, he met with the director of Mandalay Division DAC, officials and engineers and gave necessary instructions.

No. 2 Inter-District Road is 440 miles and three furlongs long. Up to 2007-2008 financial year, three miles long tarred road section and 86 miles and two furlongs long gravel road section have been constructed. In 2008-2009, 74 miles and four furlongs long gravel road section is under construction.—MNA



Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint inspects progress in construction of No. 2 inter-district road in Mandalay.—PBANRDA

Minister presents prizes to winners

YANGON, 5 April—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the closing ceremony of the summer swimming course at Kokkaing Swim-

ming Club in Bahan Township, here on 3 April. Next, the minister attended the prize presentation of MOC's Cup Men's Hokey Tournament and presented third prize to the Central Command, sec-

ond to Yangon Command and first to No 11 LID. In the evening, the minister enjoyed Myanmar traditional boxing matches held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna).—MNA



Major road maintenance near 8th mile junction in Mayangon Township in progress.—MNA

Mayor inspects maintenance of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road

YANGON, 5 April—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected major maintenance of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road

for smooth transportation with the use of heavy machinery near 8th mile junction road in Mayangon Township on 2 April.

looked into extended construction of drain for proper flow of water at Aung Theidi road in Ward-3 and attended to the needs.

The mayor also

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Public Notice

Ministry of Health is taking systematic measures for the public to be able to consume safe and potent quality medicines.

The following are the medicines that are not registered in Myanmar and that are poor in quality—

Sr No	Kind of medicine	Manufacturing Co/nation
1	Bestozyme syrup 200ml (Alpha amylase IP 75mg, papain IP 60mg/5ml)	Biological E Ltd, India
2	Oxyzed tablet (Paracetamol IP 325mg, diclofenac sodium IP 50mg, magnesium trisilicate IP 100mg)	Associated Biotech, India
3	Vinsitil capsule (Diphenoxylate HCL 2.5mg, atropine sulphate 0.0025mg)	Cardinal Health Australia Pty Ltd, Australia
4	Super Sea Horse capsule (Carbetapentane citrate 15mg, bromhexine 8mg, chlorpheniramine maleate 5mg, Phenylephrine HCL 10mg, paracetamol 430mg, Caffeine 30mg)	Neochem Pharmaceutical Labs Ltd, HK
5	Tung-Hai fish liver oil capsule	Tung-Hai P'cal Works, Shanghai

Therefore, a public warning has been issued that people are not to buy those unregistered medicines and that they are to buy only the medicines already registered in Myanmar.

Drug companies and stores are not to allow to import and distribute unregistered, fake and poor quality medicines. If they fail to respect the rules, authorities concerned shall file a lawsuit against them under section (18) of the national medicine law.

Ministry of Health

University of Computer Studies (Lashio) creates learning opportunity for local national youth

Article: Htein Lin (Myanma Alin); Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

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First year student Palaung national girl Ma Lway Htet Htet Nyein from Namhkam said, "As arrangements are being made for the runs of buses, we are comfortable for attending the classes. Even



Ma Lway Htet Htet Nyein, first year student, Namhkam.

when we are in ill health we do not need to worry because we can rely on our parents who are close



Maung Myo Myint Oo (Kyaukme), honour's student.

to us."

Maung Myo Myint Oo of Kyaukme



Dr Daw Nan Soe Soe Aung, Principal, University of Computer Studies (Lashio).

said, "I am pursuing the computer science at the honour's course. I thank the government for opening the University of Computer Studies (Lashio) in this hilly border area."

We had another

interview with third year student Shan national girl Ma Nan Mie Mie Ei Kyaw of Hsenwi, 28 miles from Lashio.

She told us, "The region is facilitated with better transportation. Thanks to construction of the computer university, the number of educated persons will increase in Shan State."

In the past, the youth learned higher education in Yangon and Mandalay only.

At present, peace and stability has been restored across the nation. The government has created the opportunity of pursuing education in the regions of national brethren and is striving for turning out intellectuals and



Maung Win Ko Ko (Muse), first year student.

intelligentsia. In consequence, the local educated persons will participate in undertaking regional development tasks.

Thanks to utmost efforts of the government, the development gap will be bridged throughout the nation. Actually, the si-

multaneous improvement of all States and Divisions will expedite the development momentum of the whole nation.

Translation: TTA

Myanma Alin:

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Ma Nan Mie Mie Ei Kyaw, third year student, Hsenwi.

Anti-NATO protesters burn buildings in French city

STRASBOURG (France), 5 April — Anti-NATO protesters set ablaze a hotel and other buildings near the river Rhine on Saturday and riot police fired volleys of teargas to try to control an upsurge of violence on the fringes of a NATO summit.

Masked youths threw petrol bombs, smashed windows and ransacked shops, forcing massed ranks of police into retreat in the eastern French city of Strasbourg before they regrouped and tried to seize back control. French police and fire services helped to extinguish the fires, which gutted several low-rise buildings and ravaged an IBIS hotel. Residents said it took some time for the fire services to arrive.

The worst of the violence was centred close to the French side of the Bridge of Europe — a road link over the river Rhine which connects France with Germany.

The bridge is five kilometres (three miles) from the conference centre where 28 NATO leaders, including US President Barack Obama, were meeting, and a pall of black smoke was clearly visible from the summit venue.—MNA/Ruters



Simon Chetrit, left, of Manhattan, wears a gas mask as hundreds of people participate in a pillow fight in front of the New York Stock Exchange on Saturday, on 5 April, 2009 in New York.

INTERNET

Italy considers withdrawing female troops from Afghanistan

ROME, 5 April — Italy could withdraw its female troops stationed in Afghanistan to protest against a new law for the country's Shi'ite minority that has been attacked as a blow to women's rights, the Italian Defence Minister said.

Italy, which is the sixth largest troop contributor to the NATO-led military operation in

Afghanistan, is the latest to express concern on the Shi'ite Personal Status Law after some Afghan lawmakers criticized it as legalizing marital rape. "I realize that it would not be a very easy choice," Ignazio La Russa told *Corriere della Sera* newspaper in an interview on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Switzerland's embattled bank UBS has banned wealth management advisors from making business trips abroad to see foreign clients, a spokeswoman for the bank said.—INTERNET

US military removes lawyer from Guantanamo case

WASHINGTON, 5 April — The US military has removed a Navy defence lawyer from the case of a young Canadian terrorism suspect being held at the Guantanamo prison camp, a military official said on Saturday.

Navy Lieutenant Commander William Kuebler had been serving as chief defence counsel for Omar Khadr, the last citizen of a western country held at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Kuebler was removed from the job on Friday because his supervisor "believed it was in the absolute best interests of the client", Michael Berrigan, principal chief defence counsel for Guantanamo, said by

email. Taking Kuebler off the case was "necessary to pursue a client-centered representation in full cooperation with" Khadr's Canadian defence team, Berrigan added.

Khadr was captured at age 15 and is accused of murdering a US soldier with a grenade during a firefight in Afghanistan in 2002. His lawyers have argued that he was a child soldier conscripted by his late father, an al-Qaeda financier, and that any prosecution should take place in regular US or Canadian courts. Khadr is now 22.

Kuebler has been outspoken on behalf of Khadr and last August sued Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a bid to force him to

intercede with Washington on Khadr's behalf. US President Barack Obama has pledged to shut down the Guantanamo prison camp that was widely seen as a stain on the United States' human rights record and a symbol of detainee abuse and detention without charge under the administration of George W. Bush.

Obama now must decide what to do with Khadr and other detainees still at Guantanamo. Kuebler was reassigned to a job within the Navy's judge advocate general corps, Berrigan said. Kuebler, in an e-mail on Saturday, said "unfortunately I am unable to comment right now."

MNA/Reuters



FBI rules out Taleban claim on New York killings

WASHINGTON, 5 April — The FBI on Saturday ruled out Pakistani Taleban militant leader Baitullah Mehsud's claim that he was responsible for an attack on a US immigration assistance centre in New York state in which 14 people were killed.

"Based on the evidence, we can firmly discount that claim," FBI spokesman Richard Kolko said. A man

armed with two handguns killed 13 people at an immigrant services centre on Friday before apparently turning the gun on himself, authorities in Binghamton, New York, said.

Representative Maurice Hinchey, whose district includes Binghamton, told the *New York Times* that indications were the gunman was an immigrant from Vietnam. —MNA/Reuters



Greenpeace activists unfurl a giant banner from a bridge in Prague on 5 April, 2009. President Barack Obama said Sunday the United States was ready to take the lead in tackling climate change, as EU leaders pushed him to follow their ambitious targets to combat global warming.—INTERNET



The shore of Deception Island in Antarctica, in 2008. Territorial claims targeting riches hidden at the bottom of the Arctic Ocean and preservation of the pristine environment of Antarctica will top the agenda of the first meeting on the future of the North and South Poles that opens in Washington, Monday.

INTERNET

Gunman 'lying in wait' kills three Pittsburgh officers

PITTSBURGH, 5 April—A gunman wearing a bulletproof vest and "lying in wait" opened fire on officers responding to a domestic disturbance call on Saturday, killing three of them and turning a quiet Pittsburgh street into a battlefield, police said.

Police Chief Nate Harper said the motive for the shooting isn't clear, but friends said the gunman recently had been upset about losing his job and feared the Obama administration was poised to ban guns. Richard Poplawski, 23, met officers at the doorway and shot two of them in the head immediately, Harper said. An

officer who tried to help the two also was killed. Poplawski, armed with an assault rifle and two other guns, then held police at bay for four hours as the fallen officers were left bleeding nearby, their colleagues unable to reach them, according to police and witnesses. More than 100 rounds were fired by the SWAT teams and Poplawski, Harper said. The three slain officers were Eric Kelly, 41, Stephen Mayhle, 29, and Paul Sciuillo III, 37. Kelly had been on the force for 14 years, Mayhle and Sciuillo for two years each. Another officer, Timothy McManaway, was shot in the hand and a fifth broke his leg on a fence.—INTERNET



Police escort a female relative of one of the policemen shot on Fairfield Street in the Stanton Heights section of Pittsburgh where a gunman shot police officers on early Saturday morning, on 4 April, 2009.—INTERNET



Employees at Asiana Airlines check roundabout air routes at the control centre of the company in Seoul on 5 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Evacuation ordered as Chile volcano erupts again

SANTIAGO, 5 April—Chile's Llaima volcano, one of the most active in South America, spewed out a river of lava more than 1,100 yards long on Saturday in a fresh eruption, prompting officials to order dozens of people to evacuate.

Llaima, which lies in Chile's picturesque lake region about 435 miles south of the capital Santiago, erupted on 1 January, 2008, and has belched rock and ash sporadically since then.

The lava and hot gases from the latest eruption are melting snow on the sides of the volcano, and authorities say some towns are in danger of being hit by mudslides.

"We are going to start the evacuation of some people who live in sectors that are particularly vulnerable to the risk of ... avalanches of mud due to melting snow," Johaziel Jamett, head of the early warning center at the National Emergency Office, told Reuters.

"It is a spread-out population. We are talking about a few dozen people, not a massive evacuation," he said.

INTERNET

US police hunt for motive after immigrant kills 13

BINGHAMTON, 5 April—US police on Saturday sought to uncover why a jobless immigrant snapped, going on a murderous rampage in the center where he learned English, mowing down 13 people before killing himself.

The bespectacled gunman at the heart of the tragedy in the quiet New York town of Binghamton was identified as Jiverly Voong, 41, of Vietnamese descent, who until early March had been taking classes at

the American Civic Association.

Early Friday Voong, who had legally changed his name from Wong, donned body armor, blocked the centre's back doors with his car and then burst into the front of the building in a hail of gunfire, police said.

Without uttering a word, Voong shot two receptionists, killing one, then strode into a classroom where an English lesson was being held and shot dead another 12 people, injuring three

more, before turning the gun on himself, police chief Joseph Zikuski said.

The alarm was raised by the surviving receptionist, hailed as a hero by the police chief, who played dead after being shot in the stomach. She then crawled under her desk to call 911 on her cell phone.

She and the other three injured were on Saturday still being treated in hospital. Two were in a critical condition.

INTERNET

As West warms, some fear for tiny mountain dweller

SALT LAKE CITY, 5 April—The American pika — a short-legged, hamster-sized fur ball that huddles in high mountain slopes — isn't built for long-distance travel. So as the West's climate warms, the tiny pika has little choice but to scurry a little farther upslope to beat the heat.

Problem is, in some places, they've run out of room to run, according to scientists. Without cool rocky refuges, the finicky pika can't survive. Soon, if conservationists have their way, the pika could be the first species in the lower 48 states to get federal endangered species protections primarily because of the effects of climate change.

"It's feeling an exag-

gerated brunt of global warming," said Greg Loarie, an Earthjustice attorney involved with lawsuits to get the pika protections. "Unlike others, it can't move north. It's stuck." The US Fish and Wildlife Service is scheduled to decide by 1 May whether to take an in-depth look at the pika — a diminutive relative of the rabbit that inhabits 10 Western states — and whether it may need to be on the endangered species list.

The polar bear is already listed because of threats of global warming. The pika could be next. And more petitions naming climate change as a cause of species decline are likely in the coming years, said Dan Ashe, sci-

ence adviser to the head of the Fish and Wildlife Service. "It's like the 'check engine' light that comes on in your car. It tells you something's going on here," Ashe said.

INTERNET

11 bodies found in Mexico, some with torture signs

MORELIA, 5 April—Eleven people were found shot to death around Mexico on Saturday, some bearing signs of torture and left with threatening messages emblematic of drug violence.

Four of the victims were found in a car in the western city of Apatzingan, along with a message threatening the Zetas, a group of hit men for the Gulf drug cartel. The message was signed La Familia, a drug gang battling for territory in western Michoacan state.

Another slain man was found in the western port city of Lazaro Cardenas, also with a threatening message from La Familia to the Zetas.

INTERNET



This undated photo released by the US Geological Survey, shows a mountain-dwelling American pika. The American pika, a short-legged, softball-sized fur ball that often huddles in high mountain slopes, isn't built for long-distance travel.—INTERNET



Chinese tourists tour in a park at Suzhou city, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 April, 2009 as the locals welcome the spring season.—INTERNET

Two Palestinian militants wounded in Gaza border clashes with Israel

GAZA, 5 April—Two Palestinian militants were wounded on Saturday morning during armed clashes with Israeli forces in northeastern Gaza Strip, Palestinian medics said.

“At least two citizens were injured in the east of

Jabaliya refugee camp and the ambulance crews can not reach them,” said Mu’awia Hassanein, a health emergency official.

Witnesses said that the exchange of fire erupted when Israeli forces rolled for nearly 200 metres into

the Palestinian territories in northeastern Gaza Strip. Earlier, a rocket that was fired into Israel this morning exploded prematurely inside the Gaza borders, causing no casualties. The incursion followed later. —Xinhua

Shrinking airlines park more planes in the desert

MARANA, 5 April—Old jets come here, empty engine pods shrink-wrapped in white, tall red tails fading to pink in the desert sun. More will come soon. Some will never fly again.

Airlines have announced plans over the past year to take 1,700 planes out of service as fewer people fly. United Airlines is retiring all 94 of its *Boeing 737s* by the end of this year, and Northwest Airlines has cut its old *DC-9* fleet by about a third.

The number of planes in storage has jumped 29 percent in the past year to 2,302, according to aerospace data firm Ascend

Worldwide. That includes 930 parked by US operators alone.

Eventually, some will be sold, some scrapped, some will sit at desert facilities in southern California, Arizona, and New Mexico. But at the moment, their number is growing faster than expected. The banking crisis has made it very difficult to get loans to buy aircraft, and the drop in commodity prices has gutted their scrap value. That makes for busy times at facilities like Evergreen Maintenance Centre near Marana. Its super-sized hangar fits a 747, and there are plenty of active planes

on hand, including one 747 used to test Pratt & Whitney engines and another converted to fight forest fires.—Internet



Road accidents kill over 15,000 in China in Q1

BEIJING, 5 April—China saw 52,661 road accidents in the first quarter, which left 15,464 people killed and 63,102 injured, according to the Ministry of Public Security. The figures dropped by 16.4 per cent, 4.3 per cent and 14.1 per cent respectively year-on-year,

the ministry said on its website. The accidents also resulted in 200 million yuan (29.4 million US dollars) direct economic loss, down 25 per cent, the ministry said. According to the ministry, public security departments nationwide intensified efforts to straighten

out activities in violation of traffic regulations during the Spring Festival holiday period and in following months, resulting in drop of traffic violations featured by speeding, drowsy driving, drunk driving and overloading of passengers.

MNA/Xinhua

Black women at risk of deadly breast cancer type

BOSTON, 5 APRIL — This type of breast cancer is more deadly, in part, because it does not possess receptors for the hormones estrogen or progesterone, nor a protein called HER2. This means that women with these “triple-negative tumors” cannot be helped by drugs that target estrogen and progesterone — including tamoxifen and aromatase inhibitors — or by the anti-HER2 therapy Herceptin.

“The higher prevalence

of triple-negative breast tumors in black women in all age and weight categories likely contributes to black women’s unfavorable breast cancer prognosis,” Dr Carol Rosenberg from Boston University School of Medicine noted in comments to *Reuters Health*.

“The reasons explaining this finding are not certain, but it is possible that black women may be at intrinsically greater risk of these more aggressive tumors,” she added.

Rosenberg and colleagues studied 415 women with breast cancer. Thirty-six percent of the women were white, 43 percent were black, 10 percent Hispanic and 11 percent of “other” races. Forty-seven percent of the women were obese.

Most of the breast tumors (72 percent) were estrogen receptor-positive and/or progesterone receptor-positive; 20 percent were triple-negative and 13 percent were HER2-positive.—Internet

Alaska’s Mount Redoubt has another large eruption

ANCHORAGE, 5 April—The Mount Redoubt volcano in Alaska has had another large eruption after being relatively quiet for nearly a week.

The Alaska Volcano Observatory in Anchorage says the volcano about 100 miles southwest of the city erupted early Saturday.

The National Weather Service said radar indicated a plume of volcanic ash rose 50,000 feet into the sky, making this one of the largest eruptions since the volcano became active on 22 March.

The ash cloud was drifting toward the southeast and there were reports of the fine, gritty ash falling in towns on the Kenai Peninsula.—Internet



In this 26 March, 2009 file photo, Mount Redoubt bellows steam and ash across the Cook Inlet from Ninilchik, Alaska. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said the Mount Redoubt eruptions, which have wreaked havoc on air service in and out of Anchorage for days, underscore the need for a reliable and steady system of volcano observation.—INTERNET

Shandong sets up emergency rescue team

BEIJING, 5 April—As of Thursday a new team of specialists will be conducting emergency rescues in the east China’s Shandong Province.

It will respond to chemical leaks, traffic accidents, earthquake and other disasters. It is also responsible for putting out fires.

It will be head-quartered in the capital Jinan but the provincial government plans on establishing branch teams in other cities.

Internet

Li Yang (R1), a student from Beichuan Middle School and also a survivor from the devastating earthquake striking southwest China’s Sichuan Province on 12 May, 2008, mourns the earthquake victims at the ruins of Beichuan Middle School in Beichuan County, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, on 4 April, 2009.

Li arrived here early Saturday, the traditional Qingming Festival or Tomb-sweeping Day, to mourn his teachers and classmates killed by last year’s earthquake.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Liverpool's Yossi Benayoun (R) celebrates with teammate Martin Skrtel (L) after scoring a late goal against Fulham during their Premiership match at Craven Cottage football stadium. Liverpool won 1-0.—INTERNET

Last-gasp winner fuels Liverpool belief

LONDON, 5 April—Liverpool will head into their Champions League quarter-final with Chelsea this week buoyed by a belief that everything is falling into place for them as the season approaches its climax.

A frustrating afternoon against Fulham on Saturday could easily have ended in a goalless stalemate. But Yossi Benayoun's 92nd-minute winner ensured the Reds kept the pressure on Manchester United in the Premier League title race. As manager Rafael Benitez acknowledged, it was exactly the kind of break that can make a huge difference come the end of the season.—INTERNET

Benzema twice on target for top dogs Lyon

PARIS, 5 April—Karim Benzema scored twice for seven-time reigning champions Lyon in a 3-1 victory at Le Mans on Saturday to boost their French title chances and ensure they finished the weekend at the top of the table.

Bordeaux, meanwhile, warned they were still up for a fight with a last-gasp 1-0 victory at home to Nancy to give them second spot thanks to Marouane Chamakh, three points behind the leaders. Lille are also in the title hunt and their 2-0 win at Nantes left them fourth while Toulouse drew 0-0 at lowly Caen in the late match for fifth place.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Wenger's Arsenal in top shape for next fortnight

LONDON, 5 April—Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal could not be in better shape ahead of a frantic fortnight which will define their season.

The Gunners notched a comfortable 2-0 win over Manchester City on Saturday to tighten their grip on fourth place in the Premier League, although the real benefit for Wenger lay in seeing his side maintain their impressive recent momentum ahead of three decisive matches.

The first, the away leg of the Champions League quarter-final against Villarreal, is looming large on Tuesday, while Arsenal also have the return against Villarreal in London on 15 April and their encounter with Chelsea in the FA Cup semi-finals on 18 April. Defeat in any could prove fatal to the club's hopes of winning silverware for the first time since 2005 but Wenger's side is beginning to recapture some of its old swagger, their struggles of mid-winter long forgotten.—INTERNET



Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor (R) fights for the ball against Manchester City's goalkeeper Shay Given (C) during a Premiership football match at The Emirates Stadium in London. Arsenal won 2-0.—INTERNET

Van Pelt leads in suspended third round in Houston

HUMBLE, 5 April—Bo Van Pelt moved to 11-under par to take a one-shot lead through eight holes of his third round at the Shell Houston Open just before play was suspended Saturday because of darkness.

Fred Couples, Paul Casey, Colt Knost and Tommy Armour III were all at 10 under when the horns sounded at 7:34 pm. The players will resume the round early Sunday, then immediately tee off for the final 18. Van Pelt, winless in eight-plus years on the PGA Tour, shot a 67 in the second round, then birdied three of the first seven holes in his third round.

INTERNET



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus reacts against Serena Williams during the women's final match of the Sony Ericsson Open at the Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida. Azarenka clinched the first major title of her career on Saturday by beating Williams 6-3, 6-1.—INTERNET

Barcelona, Real remain locked in title battle

BARCELONA, 5 April—Barcelona's weary collection of international globe-trotters produced a workmanlike performance to beat Valladolid 1-0 on Saturday with Samuel Eto'o scoring the only goal.

Barcelona remain six points ahead of Real Madrid, who beat Malaga 1-0, in the race for the Spanish title with nine games left to play. Having lost three out of four matches following World Cup and international breaks this season, Pep Guardiola's Barcelona team knew they could not afford to drop points.

Barcelona began the game with Lionel Messi and Thierry Henry on the bench but while they controlled the game they struggled to create openings. That was until Eto'o coolly beat the



Real Madrid's Klaas Jan Huntelaar (R) jumps for the ball against Malaga's Welington Robson Pena de Oliveira (L) during their Spanish league football match at La Rosaleda stadium in Madrid. Real Madrid kept on the shoulders of Barcelona with their sixth successive away victory thanks to a 1-0 win at Malaga.—INTERNET

Valladolid keeper shortly before half-time with a match-winning lob.

INTERNET

Mourinho sets Inter out to fend off siege

ROME, 5 April—Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho has been cultivating his favourite siege mentality at the Serie A leaders ahead of Sunday's trip to Udinese.



Inter Milan boss Jose Mourinho, seen here, has been cultivating his favourite siege mentality at the Serie A leaders ahead of Sunday's trip to Udinese.—INTERNET

Inter lead second-placed Juventus by seven points with just nine matches remaining but Mourinho is taking no chances and has been trying to wind up his Italian league counterparts while motivating his own troops. In an interview on a popular television show the former Chelsea manager poured scorn on the achievements of his rivals and claimed Italian media favour Juve and AC Milan.—INTERNET

Serena slumps to new tennis queen Victoria

MIAMI, 5 April—Belarussian teenager Victoria Azarenka clinched the first major title of her career by beating top seed and world number one Serena Williams 6-3, 6-1 in the Miami WTA hardcourt final.

Williams, bidding to claim a record sixth title and third in a row, was badly affected by a left thigh injury which got worse as the match progressed. Despite the defeat, the American was already assured of hanging on to her world number ranking for the 71st week of her career.

It was a poor quality final. The players reached 3-3 in the first set before Serena, who had defeated sister Venus in the semi-finals, began to feel her thigh which was heavily-bandaged and which was also supporting her knee. From that point on, the reigning US and Australian Open champion managed to win just one more game.

INTERNET



Flying feathers : People take part in a mass pillow fight at the Vigado Square in central Budapest part of a worldwide "Urban Playground Movement" event called Pillow Fight Day.—INTERNET

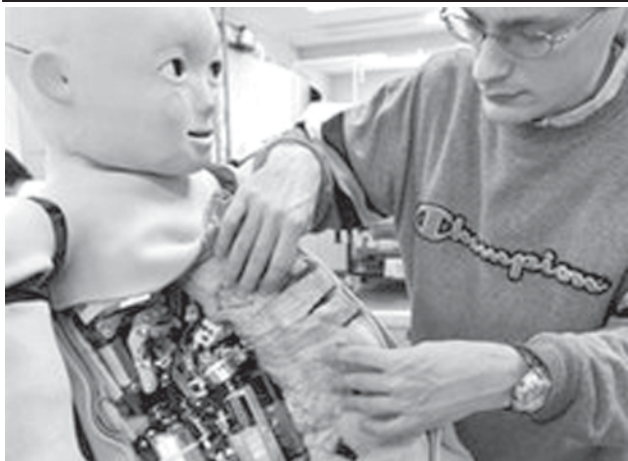
Blast in Pakistani capital, six security men killed

ISLAMBAD, 5 April—A blast took place in Pakistani capital on Saturday and six security men were killed, local TV channels reported.

The blast occurred outside the Diplomatic Protection Police Barrack in F-7 area of Islamabad, according to private *DAWN NEWS TV* channel.

Five others were also injured in the blast. Police confirmed it was a suicide attack and terrorists might be hiding in the adjoining area.

Another 11 personnel were reported to be missing after the blast.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A researcher of the Osaka University displays the internal mechanism of a child robot "Child-robot with Biomimetic Body" or CB2.—INTERNET

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (6.4.2009) (Monday)

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

Local Transmission

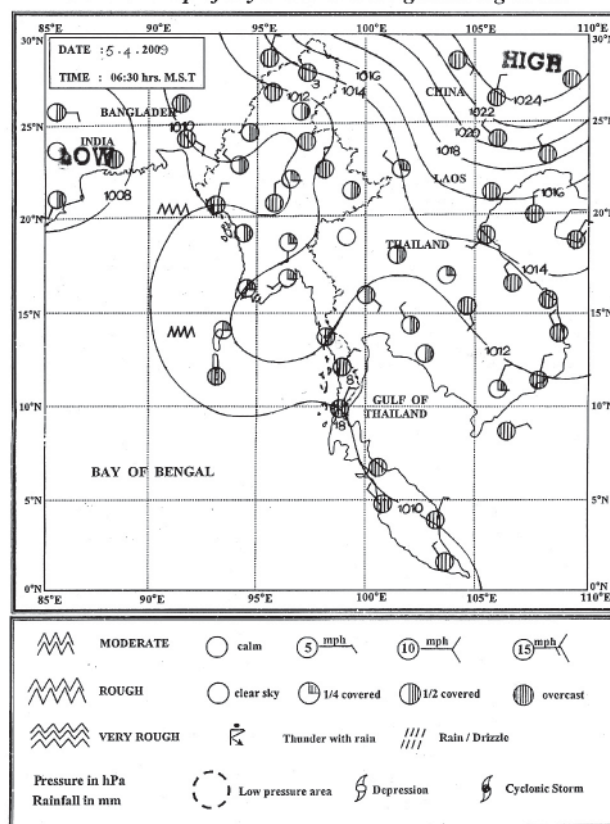
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- * Precious Lobsters
- * Beauty of Myanmar Women's Costume in Twelve Seasons (Tagu)
- * Thingyan Dance
- * The Making of Myanmar Saung (Harp)
- * Khamti Shan Weaving Technique
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Invaluable heritage of the Pyu
- * Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- * Integrated Farming for higher income
- * Thingyan Dance
- * Poem Garden "Rain Rain Go Away"
- * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Nyaung Shwe, Southern Shan State)
- * Hydel Power of Zaw Gyi River
- * A Visit to Kayah State (Part-I)
- * Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments (String Instruments)
- * Thanakha Joss-sticks from Yesagyoo
- * Myanma Modern Song
- * Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- * Precious Lobsters
- * Beauty of Myanmar Women's Costume in Twelve Seasons (Tagu)
- * Thingyan Dance
- * The Making of Myanmar Saung (Harp)
- * Khamti Shan Weaving Technique
- * White Gold from Manaw Land
- * At prosperous and pleasant Myawady
- * Deaf School
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 5 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Chin and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Shan State and Upper Sagaing Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant Day temperatures were Minbu (44°C), Chauk (43°C) and Magway and Thayawady (42°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (0.71) inch and Myeik (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-4-2009 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 5-4-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-4-2009 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 4-4-2009 was (10.3) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 5-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (21:30) hours MST on 4-4-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Upper Sagaing 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 slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-4-2009: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-4-2009: Partly cloudy.



Monday, 6 April View on today

- 7:00 am
1. ဘောလုံးသဘာဝကျရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice & Sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. Cute Little Dancers

- 8:05 am
6. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့”
(ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးနိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)
- 8:15 am
7. ဒါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:40 am
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:50 am
10. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
3. Song of national races
- 4:30 pm
4. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

- 4:45 pm
5. ဒါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ
- 5:00 pm
6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓါတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
7. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
8. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:30 pm
9. “ချစ်သောမြေချစ်သောရေ”
(ရာဇာဇေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:35 pm
10. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm
11. ဒါသကြိမ်အဆိုအကများ

- 6:00 pm
12. Evening News
- 6:30 pm
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
14. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
15. “ရှေးဟောင်းနယ်မြေမှဟာရာစာ သီရိအနိရုဒ္ဓဝေအနော်ရထာမင်းကြီး၏ သီရိဓမ္မယျဘုမိပုဂံရွှေနန်းတော်ကြီးနှင့်ပြတိုက်”
- 7:15 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 8:00 pm
17. New
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သူ့သံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၆)

University of Computer Studies (Lashio) creates learning opportunity for local national youth

Article: Htein Lin (Myanma Alin); Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

For modernizing and developing a nation, the national education promotion and development of human resources are basic requirements.

In the 21st Century, the new generation youth across the nation have to pursue the higher education to be able to catch up with the developing modern technology.

Nowadays, the government had designated 24 special development regions and opened universities in those regions for ensuring equitable opportunities for new generation youth to pursue higher education and for developing human resources in the regions.

In doing so, Lashio is one of the major towns in special development regions. At present, local youth have opportunity to pursue higher education as Lashio University, University of Computer Studies and Technological University have been opened there.

While visiting Lashio, the news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily had an interview with Principal Dr Daw Nan Soe Soe Aung of University of Computer Studies (Lashio).

She explained, "The construction of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) started on 4 September 2000 and it is located on 53 acres of land near the level crossing of Lashio-Mandalay railroad and

Lashio-Namtu motor road in Shan State (North). The university is providing honour's course, M.I.Sc (Thesis), M.I.Sc (Course Work), M.C. Tech (Thesis) and M.C.Sc (Thesis) courses in addition to first year, second year and third year courses to the students. A

Thanks to utmost efforts of the government, development gap will be bridged throughout the nation. Actually, the simultaneous improvement of all States and Divisions will expedite development momentum of the whole nation.

total of 207 students are attending the courses under training of 43 faculty members."

She further explained, "The stake driving ceremony for construction of three-storey building of

University of Computer Studies (Lashio) was held on 112 acres of land near Mehan Village of Lashio Township, Shan State (North) on 12 June 2007 with a view to enabling the local students to study the advanced computer science. As the construction tasks have completed nearly cent per cent, the building will be opened soon."

With regard to opening a computer university in Lashio, the principal said, "I am a native of Lashio. In my childhood, peace and tranquillity could not be restored in the region. We had bitter experience on general deterioration and instability. Since peace and stability has been restored, we have to lead the local new generation youth to pursue the modern technology and to become outstanding youth."

In another interview with a student who came out from the classroom during the interval time, he said, "My name is Maung Win Ko Ko. I live in Muse. I am taking the first year course. Before construction of this university, my brothers and sisters went to Mandalay for pursuing education. Now, I am pleased with gaining the opportunity to attend the university in Lashio that can shrink the distance compared with the past."

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Grand three-storey building of University of Computer Studies (Lashio) between Mehan and Lwelut villages near Lashio-Mandalay Road.

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PERSPECTIVES

MMA to take part in water festival

YANGON, 5 April — The opening of water festival of Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) will be held at the pandal in the compound of the association on Theinbyu Road at 4 p.m. on 13 April (Akyo Day).

The pandal of the association will be opened up to 16 April from 9 a.m. to

6 p.m. daily.

Members of the association and their families and pharmaceutical companies are invited to take part in the water festival.

For further information, contact Prof. U Myint Thau (Ph:09-80-34531) and Dr U Myint Zaw (09-50-06135).—MNA