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## Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend ASEAN Summits

NAY PYI TAW, 7 April—At the invitation of HE Mr Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar will be attending 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit, 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Summit, 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit, 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN plus Three Summit, 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit, 4<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit and 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit scheduled to be held in Pattaya, Thailand, in the near future.—MNA

### True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

## Make arrangements to provide lights to every house with the use of bio-batteries

### PM facilitates work in storm-affected areas

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, who was in Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Division, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office, departmental heads, went to Kyeinchaunggyi model village in Bogale Township yesterday



Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into water supply tasks in Kyeinchaunggyi model village of Bogale Township.—MNA



morning. At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on construction of

houses, living condition of households, cultivation of vegetables and wind-break, supply of water presented by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and on providing medical treatment by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

#### Wind-break

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected cultivation of wind-break and vegetable plants in households of the

village. The Prime Minister cordially greeted the families there and asked business, health and educational condition and attended to the needs.

The Prime Minister and party left Kyeinchaunggyi model village in helicopters and inspected construction of Kyeinchaunggyi-Kadonkani road. On arrival at Kadonkani village in Bogale, the Prime Minister and party looked into hillocks and cyclone plants in households of the  
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Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets villagers of Kathamyin village.—MNA

**It is necessary to thwart any destructive act to cause the disintegration of the Union with Union Spirit.**

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for speedy completion of road networks

As the government has been carrying out reconstruction and development work for towns and villages in the storm-ravaged areas of Ayeyawady Division, major businesses of the region such as agriculture, fisheries and salt farming have now returned to normal.

At present, special attention is being given to construction of road networks for easy and smooth transport in storm-hit towns and villages, education, health care, vocational training courses for youths, land reclamation for new residential areas and construction of hospitals and departmental offices. Moreover, cyclone shelters and life-saving hillocks are also being built to prevent loss of life and property in case of natural disasters.

Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road, Mawlamyinegyun-Hlinephone-Thitpoke-Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road and Labutta-Thingangyi-Pyinsalu road, Bogale-Kyeinchaung-Kadonkani road and Labutta-Thonekhwa-Oattwin-Hteiksoon road are included in the road network development plan for the Ayeyawady delta region.

Now, Razudaing bridge No. (1) is being constructed near Kyaikpi village on the Maubin-Yaylegale-Shwetaunghmaw-Kyaikpi-Mawlamyinegyun road and efforts are being made to complete it ahead of schedule.

Roads and bridges are being built in such a way that local people will be able to travel easily from one place to another and use them as heights in the event of natural disasters. Ministries concerned and regional organizations are now making concerted efforts for speedy completion of road networks to promote regional development.

### Home Affairs Dy Minister inspects development tasks in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 6 April — Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe went to Maungtau township, Rakhine State, on 1 and 2 April and attended to the needs for regional development tasks.

During the tour of Maungtau Township, the deputy minister inspected the basic education high school in Alethanyaw Village, the border check point and the office of Maungtau District Immigration and National Registration Department.

In meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders in Maungtau on 2 April, he briefed on regional development tasks and accepted cash and medicine worth K 95.17 million donated by 24 companies. He also met with officials concerned from Buthidaung, Rathedaung and Taungpyoletwe townships and attended to the needs for regional development.

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## People's Desire

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

### Commander and mayor inspect sanitation tasks in Hline Township



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint looks into sanitation tasks in Hline river road of No. 3 Ward, Hline Township.—MNA

YANGON, 6 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected measures taken on prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever and diarrhea, proper drainage and sanitation in the townships and the division. The head of Yangon

Division Health Department and officials reported on work done at Hline Township PDC office yesterday.

Next, the commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions. They also inspected the dredging of the drains on Hline river road, sanitation tasks, health educative talks, proper drainage and sanitation in Ward 7.

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### IMT holds graduation and course opening ceremonies

YANGON, 6 April — Diploma in nautical studies and diploma in maritime technology No. 1 (CD-35/CE-33) of Institute of Marine Technology of the Ministry of Transport concluded and No 3 (CD-37/CE-35) opened in the parade ground of IMT this morning.

First, parade companies took positions in the parade ground and saluted Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe. They then saluted the State Flag. The minister awarded outstanding trainees and made a speech.

In the afternoon, the first diploma conferring ceremony took place at the convocation hall with an address by principal U Win Thein. He next conferred the diplomas on the trainees.

### Weight lifting course for coach on 11-15 May

YANGON, 6 April — Myanmar Weight Lifting Federation will hold course on weight lifting for coach at the hall of the federation in Aung San Sports Ground here from 11 to 15 May.

Those wishing to assign duty as coaches, under 45, in Yangon Division may enroll at the federation not later than 30 May. The guidelines for the course will be got at the federation. For more information dial 388160.—MNA

Altogether 289 got diploma and 279 are taking diploma course No 3. Up to 2009, the institute has turned out 1829 maritime cadets and 1715 engineering cadets totalling 3544.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presents prize to an outstanding student in graduation of diploma in nautical studies and diploma in maritime technology No. 1 (CD-35/CE-33) of Institute of Marine Technology.—MNA

**An Iraqi soldier inspects the wreckage of a vehicle used in a car bomb attack in Baghdad on 6 April, 2009. A car bomb exploded in a busy street in central Baghdad on Monday.**



INTERNET

## Four arrested in attack on Mexican governor's convoy

MEXICO CITY, 6 April—Four men are under arrest for allegedly attacking a Mexican governor's convoy, killing one of his bodyguards and wounding two agents.

Gunmen fired at a vehicle two cars behind the one carrying Chihuahua state Gov. Jose Reyes Baeza on 22 Feb. The federal Attorney General's Office says that police arrested two of the suspects March 31 in the northern city of Chihuahua.

The two were caught with AR-15 rifles that had been stolen from the governor's bodyguards. The agency says the men gave up the location of a house where police later arrested the other two suspects.

The four men were paraded before reporters Sunday, but officials took no questions. Authorities previously had said that the Juarez drug cartel was behind the attack.—*Internet*

## US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,266

WASHINGTON, 6 April—As of Sunday, 5 April, 2009, at least 4,266 members of the US military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,425 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The British military has reported 179 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.

*Internet*

## US soldier charged with contractor murder in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 April—A US soldier has been charged with murder in the shooting of a foreign contractor last month at a base north of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

Pfc Carl T. Stovall III, 25, of Kennesaw, Georgia, was taken into custody soon after the March 26 shooting at the US base in Taji, which is about 12 miles (20 kilometers) north of Baghdad, the statement said.

A murder charge was formally lodged against him under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the statement added.

The statement gave no further details

of the shooting and did not identify the victim by name or nationality. The victim was identified as a third country national, meaning neither American nor Iraqi.

An agreement between the US and Iraq that went into effect this year grants the US sole jurisdiction over crimes allegedly committed by American soldiers on US installations.

The US statement said Stovall is assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, which is part of the 1st Cavalry Division from Fort Hood, Texas. 22.

*Internet*

## Iraqi police officer killed in bomb attacks

RAMADI, 6 April—An Iraqi police officer was killed and eight policemen wounded on Sunday when double bomb explosions struck a police patrol in Iraq's western province of Anbar, a local police source said. The attacks took place in the central of the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity. Two police vehicles were badly damaged in the blasts, the source said.

*Internet*

## Series of bombings in Baghdad Shiite areas kill 36

BAGHDAD 6 April—Six bombs rocked Shiite neighbourhoods of Baghdad on Monday, killing 36 people and wounding more than 110 in a dramatic escalation of violence as the US military is thinning out its presence before a June 30 deadline to pull combat troops out of the cities.

No group claimed responsibility.

Twelve people were killed in a market in western Baghdad when two car bombs exploded almost simultaneously, while 32 others were wounded, an Iraqi police official said.

The day's violence started with a car bomb at 7:30 am in the centre of the capital that killed at least six people and wounded 17, said a police

official, who said most of the victims were day labourers seeking work. Later, a bomb in a parked car exploded at a market in the Shiite slum of Sadr City, also killed 12 people, including three women and four children, and wounded 37 others, said Iraqi police and medical officials. Within minutes, another bomb went off at another eastern Baghdad market, killing three more people and wounding 15, said a security official.

A roadside bomb targeting a three-vehicle police convoy carrying an Interior Ministry official in eastern Baghdad killed three people, including two of the official's guards, and wounded 12 others, said another police official.

*Internet*

**A child is treated for his wounds after a bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, 6 April, 2009. A string of bombing attacks struck the capital Monday, as the US military reported its first combat death in Iraq in about three weeks.**

INTERNET

## Strong wind hampers crews battling Texas fires

WHEELER, 6 April—Firefighters from the Texas-Oklahoma border to the Gulf Coast struggled Sunday to contain wildfires that have destroyed homes, killed cattle and charred thousands of acres.

The largest of those fires, an 15,000-acre blaze near the Panhandle town of Wheeler, destroyed eight homes and 26 outbuildings, including barns and garages. An unknown number of cattle were killed, according to the Texas Forest Service. Forest Service spokeswoman Jeanne Eastham said Sunday that the fire was about 25 percent contained. Strong winds continued to hamper firefighting efforts there and elsewhere.—*Internet*

## 7 killed in 3 blasts in northeast India

NEW DELHI, 6 April—At least seven people, including a woman and a child, were killed and over 60 injured Monday in

three separate bombing attacks within hours in India's northeast state of Assam, said Home Ministry sources said.

One blast took place in Maligaon area in Guwahati, the state capital of Assam, killing four people, while another took place in a small town in the state, killing three. The third took place near the Indian-Bangladesh border, injuring one.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is due to visit the restive state on Tuesday, sent condolences to the victims' families, said the prime minister's office.

The first blast took place near Jalukbari police station in Guwahati, triggering a fire, said police.

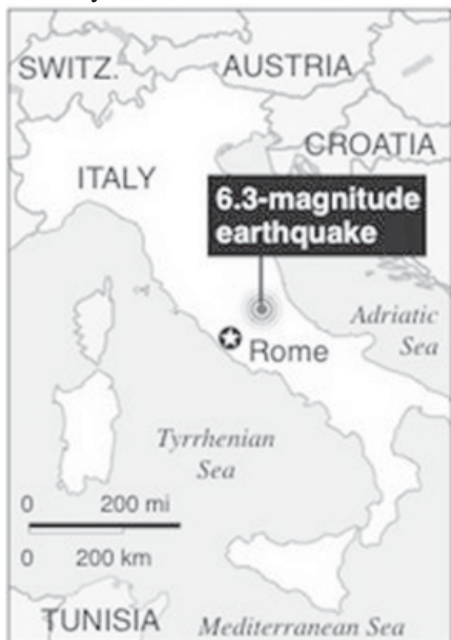
*Internet*

**Security personnel at the site of a bomb attack in Guwahati, the capital city of India's northeastern state of Assam, in March. A bomb blast ripped through a market in Guwahati on Monday, killing six people and wounding 30 on the eve of a visit by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, police said.**

INTERNET

## Over 100 dead, some 1,500 injured in Italy earthquake

ROME, 6 April — The strong earthquake that hit central Italy on Monday has killed more than 100



Map locates epicenter of the 6.3-magnitude earthquake in Italy.

people, injured some 1,500 and left around 70,000 homeless, officials said.

According to the local media, the official death toll was set at 91 earlier in the afternoon, but rescuers said the death toll has risen to 108.

Italian Police Chief Antonio Manganelli said the 6.2-magnitude tremor which occurred at 03:33 local time (0133 GMT) had left “a horrible scene of death and destruction.”

One foreign national has so far been found among those killed, who was a female student from the Czech Republic.

Some 4,000 rescuers were at work and Italy will have access to the European Union’s disaster fund, said Premier Silvio Berlusconi who canceled a trip to Moscow to be at the scene.

Helicopters were taking the most badly injured to hospital, while many of those who suffered minor injuries were being sent to Rome.

Internet

## 6-year-old Egyptian boy contracts bird flu



An Egyptian butcher washes chicken after slaughtering them in 2008. —INTERNET

CAIRO, 6 April — A 6-year-old Egyptian boy has contracted the bird flu virus, bringing the human cases of the fatal avian influenza to 63 in the populous country, Egyptian Health Ministry said on Sunday.

The boy, Ali Mahmoud Ali, comes from northern Egyptian governorate of Qalyubiya, some 40 km north of Cairo, the state MENA news agency reported,

citing a health ministry statement.

The boy, who was admitted to hospital on 28 March, is in a critical condition after receiving treatment, said the report.

Earlier on Friday, an Egyptian boy from northern Egyptian governorate of Beheira was confirmed to have contracted the bird flu virus.

Egypt is the most affected country by the deadly avian influenza outside Asia. It reported its first H5N1 virus in dead poultry in February 2006 and the first human case in March of the same year.

The death toll of the human cases of bird flu in the populous Arab country is 23.

According to the latest statistics of the World Health Organization on its website, some 413 people in 15 countries and regions have contracted the virus and 256 of them died of the disease.

Internet



Over 300 15-year-old girls celebrate their birthdays together on the Constitution Square of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 4 April, 2009. During this special birthday party, these teenager girls danced and ate a huge birthday cake together. —XINHUA

## Two French aid workers kidnapped in Sudan’s Darfur

KHARTOUM, 6 April — The French Embassy in Sudan said on Sunday that two foreign employees of a French relief organization had been kidnapped in the restive western Sudanese region of Darfur.

In a press statement distributed in Khartoum, the French embassy said that the two foreign employees of the group, International Medical Aid, were abducted in South Darfur State Saturday night.

The French Embassy added that it was holding contacts with the organization’s office in South Darfur and the Sudanese authorities to get information on the fate of the abducted personnel.

Internet

## Oil rises above \$53 as investors eye earnings

SINGAPORE, 6 April — Oil prices rose above \$53 a barrel Monday in Asia as investors looked to US corporate earnings reports this week for signs of economic recovery that could sustain crude’s two-month rally.

Benchmark crude for May delivery rose 95 cents to \$53.46 a barrel by midday in Singapore in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 13 cents on Friday to settle at \$52.51.

Crude has jumped from

below \$35 a barrel in February as investor concerns have eased that the ailing US economy would enter a depression and drag the rest of the world with it. Traders will be watching corporate earnings announcements for signs the recession may have bottomed in the first quarter and for company guidance about coming quarters.

Aluminum producer Alcoa Inc is set to kick off first-quarter earnings

season on Tuesday.

Still, some traders are skeptical whether oil demand that’s reeling from a global recession can justify much higher crude prices.

“The good feeling is hanging on, but I still think this is a bear-market rally,” said Christoffer Moltke-Leth, head of sales trading for Saxo Capital Markets in Singapore. “I think crude is going to see some pretty firm resistance around \$55, then go back down to the low \$40s.”

Internet

## South Korea’s IT industry sees trade surplus

SEOUL, 6 April — South Korea’s information technology (IT) industry marked a trade surplus in the first quarter of 2009, with the volume of exports steadily growing since last December, a government report showed on Monday.

According to the report by the Ministry of Knowledge and Economy, the country’s IT sector trade surplus logged 10.7 billion US dollars for the January-March period, while the nation’s total trade surplus in the same period marked 3.9 billion US dollars.

For March alone, the trade surplus for IT industry topped 4.5 billion US dollars, also larger than the total surplus of 4.1 billion US dollars. Meanwhile, exports of semiconductors, mobile phones and other IT products reached 75.1 billion US dollars for the first quarter, with monthly export amounts marking a steady incline from January to March after hitting bottom at 6.51 billion US dollars in late December. —Internet

## Japan PM orders US\$100 b economic stimulus

TOKYO, 6 April — Japan plans another stimulus package worth 100 billion dollars or more to rescue Asia’s biggest economy from its worst crisis since World War II, its finance minister said on Monday.

Prime Minister Taro Aso instructed Finance Minister Kaoru Yosano to plan public spending worth at least two percent of gross domestic product (GDP), Yosano told reporters.

That would make the package worth 10 trillion yen (100 billion dollars) or more.

Aso first announced the new spending plan last month, but he did not say at the time how much it would be worth. It would be the third stimulus since last October to pump up the Japanese economy, which logged its worst performance in almost 35 years in the last quarter of 2008, contracting at an annualised pace of 12.1 percent. —Internet

## Singapore’s unemployment rate likely to rise in Q1

SINGAPORE, 6 April — Singapore’s unemployment rate for the first quarter of 2009 is likely to be higher than the fourth quarter of 2008, the country’s Manpower Minister Gan Kim Yong said on Sunday.

According to TV broadcaster Channelnewsasia, the minister said that Singapore must prepare for another few quarters of downturn, and it is important now to focus on managing the downturn and managing costs so that more jobs can be saved.

Speaking to reporters at a community event on Sunday, Gan said more retrenchment notices have been issued in the first quarter of this year, and detailed statistics will be released shortly. “Sometimes during a downturn, restructuring is inevitable and some retrenchments are unavoidable. If employees are retrenched, we want to reach out to them to help them to upgrade themselves and increase their employability so that they can find jobs faster,” he said. —Internet

## Chavez visits Japan to boost energy cooperation

CARACAS, 6 April—President Hugo Chavez said in Tokyo on Sunday that he will employ the visit to seek Japan's investment in Venezuela, promote energy cooperation and establish a strategic alliance between the two countries. Chavez, whose remarks were carried by Venezuelan state television, is on a three-day state visit to Japan.

He said that the Venezuelan government

planned to ink seven agreements on Monday with Japan, including deals on oil, natural gas and petrochemical projects.

Japan wants to diversify its sources of energy and Venezuela also wants to diversify its markets, "So we have a strong point in common," said the Venezuelan president.

According to the President's Office, Chavez met on Sunday with Japanese businessmen interested in

investing in oil production in his country.

He added that one of the agreements will pave the way for Japanese companies to join as minor shareholders to cooperate with state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela to produce crude in the Orinoco River basin in the country.

Chavez is scheduled to meet with Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso on Monday.—Xinhua



The picture taken on 5 April, 2009 shows a view of the stone forest in the Asihatu World Geological Park near Chifeng city in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

## Fidel Castro seeks Latin American support to end US embargo

HAVANA, 6 April—Cuban former leader Fidel Castro wrote an article, seeking support from Latin American nations to end the US embargo against the country in the coming Summit of the

Americas. In an article of his weekly column "Reflections" published Sunday on the Latin Press website, Castro brought up the question of "why is Cuba excluded?" adding that the summit will

be a "trail by fire" for the region.

The Summit of the Americas is scheduled to be held in Trinidad and Tobago from 17 to 19 April, which will include leaders from Latin America, the Caribbean and US President Barack Obama. But Cuba was blocked to attend the summit as part of an exclusion based on US attempts to isolate the country.

Castro said that the draft text of the final declaration of the summit to be discussed "has unacceptable concepts."

"It will be a trail by fire for the people of the Caribbean and Latin America. Is this a backlash, embargo and also exclusion after 50 years of resistance?" said the former Cuban leader in the article.—Xinhua

## Somali pirates seize German vessel

NAIROBI, 6 April—Somali pirates have hijacked a German cargo vessel off the coast of Somalia with 24 crew on board, a regional maritime official said on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura of the East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the pirates hijacked the 20,000-tonne container vessel early Saturday. "The ship was hijacked on Saturday morning but the reports reached us today. The German ship has 24 crew on board. We are trying to establish their nationalities and the name of the vessel," Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone.

"We have not established where the vessel was sailing from and its destination," Mwangura added, noting that the latest hijacking took place about 400 nautical miles off the southern Somali port of Kismayu.

Xinhua



Chinese people in traditional costumes walk along a bridge to showcase the life of China's Northern Song Dynasty (960-1126 AD) at a tourism promotional initiative during the Qingming festival, or the Tomb-sweeping Day, in Kaifeng city, central China's Henan Province, on 4 April, 2009.—XINHUA

## Six people missing after shipwreck in Amazon River

BRASILIA, 6 April—Six people were reported missing Sunday after an overloaded ferry sank in the Amazon River in the town of Itacoatiara, the Brazilian Navy said.

The ferry, with a capacity of 38 people, was carrying 47 passengers when the wreck happened, said the Ninth Naval District of the Brazilian Navy.

A ship, a helicopter and some small boats were engaged in the research for the missing.

Other 41 people were rescued alive and so far none were reported seriously injured.—Xinhua

## Hundreds of passengers stranded after ferry crash in Australia

CANBERRA, 6 April—Australia's ferries company said on Monday that hundreds of passengers were stranded for more than an hour after a Sydney ferry crashed into rocks next to Sydney's Taronga Zoo wharf.

"It appears at this stage that the clutch probably didn't take, as they put it in reverse, and as a result he's overshot and hit the rocks," Sydney Ferries spokesman Scott Maclean said.

According to report of Australian Associated Press, the Lady Northcott ferry, with about 200 people on board, has overshot the wharf and became stuck on rocks just before 10:00 am local time on Sydney's lower north shore.—Xinhua

## Chinese oil company wins \$350 m contract in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, 6 April—The state-own Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) has signed a 117 million Kuwait dinars (350 million US dollars) contract with China's top oil refiner China Petroleum and Chemical Corp (Sinopec) to build five oil and gas rigs in Kuwait, KOC said Sunday.

Sami Al-Rusheid, Chairman and Managing Director of KOC said in a statement that the contract is part of the company's strategy to reach a production level of four million barrels a day by 2020.

Al-Rusheid expressed hope that the deal can help for the establishment of a long-term and sturdy partnership with Sinopec.

Xinhua



The picture taken on 5 April, 2009 shows an observation wheel newly-built as a landmark scenery in north China's coastal city of Tianjin. The brand-new observation wheel, which is to operate on 28 April, is 110 metres in diameter and costs 30 minutes for one circle.—XINHUA



*Combo photo shows siamese twins sisters Lanlan (up) and Honghong (down) receiving intensive care at Hunan Children's Hospital in central China's Hunan Province, on 5 April, 2009. Lanlan and Honghong, twin girls who were born on 16 March with abdomen connected, received separation surgery on 1 April. Although they haven't passed the critical stage yet, their health is improving step by step.*  
INTERNET

## German NUK baby powder under investigation in China

BEIJING, 6 April — The NUK baby powder, which allegedly contains forbidden ingredient, is under investigation and off shelf, said The General Administration for Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (GAQSIQ) here Sunday.

It is reported that the Korean authorities tested 30 baby powders and found 12 contained carcinogen asbestos, including the well-known NUK baby powder of German. Suzhou Debao Baby Supplies Co, Ltd, NUK's general agent in China, imported 11.6 tons of semi-finished product from its Korean manufacturer, Boryung Pharmaceutical Co, Ltd, from March 2008 to March 2009, said the quality supervisor.

MNA/Xinhua

## Higher levels of lead may affect older women's brain: study

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Higher levels of lead in blood or bones may affect the cognitive abilities of old women, a new study showed.

The study, conducted by researchers at the Harvard University's Medical School, drew the conclusion after analyzing lead levels and cognitive scores in almost 600 women from the Boston area.

The findings showed that women aged 47 to 74 who tested positive for lead in their blood (indicating a recent exposure to the metal) or bones (an indication of cumulative exposure over the life span) did somewhat worse on cognitive tests than those who did not show signs of lead exposure.

In the study, the researchers noted

that regulatory changes phased out higher lead content in products such as gasoline during the 1980s, so that lead is at a relatively low level nowadays.

So, only those women with lead biomarkers found in their tibia bone, an indication of long-ago exposure, scored poorly enough to be considered statistically significant, according to the study appearing in the April issue of Environmental Health Perspectives.

"Findings in this study are important because of their long-range consequences on the public health of an aging generation," the journal's editor-in-chief, Hugh A. Tilson, said in a journal news release.

Internet

## Fidel Castro says Cuba not afraid to talk to US

HAVANA, 6 April— Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said on Sunday that Cuba does not fear dialogue with the United States and praised US Senator Richard Lugar for calling for a new US policy of engagement with the communist-led island.

Castro, in a column published on the Internet, said Lugar has "his feet

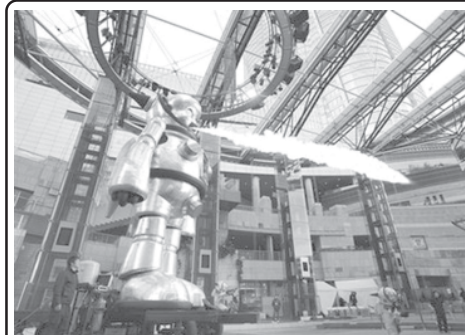
on the ground" and does not fear that he will be called "soft or pro-socialist" in making the argument that "the measures of the United States against Cuba, throughout almost half a century, constitute a total failure".

"It is not necessary to emphasize what Cuba has always said: We don't fear dialogue with the

United States. Nor do we need confrontation to exist, as some fools think," wrote the 82-year-old Castro, who resigned as president when he became ill but still has clout on the island he ran for 49 years.

Dialogue, Castro said, "is the only way of procuring friendship and peace between peoples".

MNA/Reuters



*A 7.2-metre (23.6 foot) tall aluminum made robot 'Giant Torayan' blows fire into the air during a rehearsal of the 'Roppongi Art Night' special art event at Roppongi Hills in Tokyo, Japan. The robot, created by Japanese artist Kenji Yanobe, is one of main art installations for the event that aims to transform the entire area of Roppongi for one night from on 28 March to Sunday with art of all types under the theme of 'Encounters.'*

## Singapore releases first survey on death attitudes

A recent survey showed that Singaporeans' top three fears about death are being a burden to one's family, medical cost and pain, local media reported on Friday.

According to TV broadcaster Channel Newsasia, the above results were revealed in Singapore's first ever survey on death attitudes, which was commissioned by the Lien Foundation and polled 800 people island wide between the ages of 25 and 59 from October 2008 to January 2009.

The survey also showed that eight in 10 respondents said they knew that hospices provide care for the terminally ill, but only two in 10 are open to the idea of being in a hospice so that they can receive adequate care.



*Since 1568, the rich and famous have been drawn to Italy's Villa d'Este to feast their eyes on Lake Como's ethereal beauty. The hotel's 152 rooms and suites are decorated with period furniture, oil paintings, Como silk and linen sheets*

## Man tries to blackmail dead boss with SMS

A man in Kaixian county, Chongqing municipality, sent blackmail text messages to his boss but learned the man was long dead after police showed up to arrest him.

The man surnamed Ding told police in Jinjiang, Fujian Province, that his late father's mobile phone number was receiving messages from someone demanding 500,000 yuan (\$73,000).

After they investigated the messages, police found that the sender was in Kaixian and they arrested him.

The man surnamed Wu, 38, once worked in the factory and was apparently shocked to find out that his intended victim was dead.

## Researchers discover 4,000-year-old coral beds among world's oldest living things

Researchers led by a Texas A&M University professor have discovered coral beds off the coast of Hawaii that are more than 4,200 years old, making them among the oldest living creatures on Earth.

The team, directed by Brendan Roark of Texas A&M's College of Geosciences, and colleagues from the

University of California-Santa Cruz and Australian National University in Canberra, have had their work published in the current Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The project was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.

## NEWS ALBUM

### Woman, 84, rescues 5-year-old boy from river

An 84-year-old woman rescued a 5-year-old boy who was pushed into a river in Jinan, Shandong province.

As he played on a small bridge in Lanxi village, one of his friends pushed Yu Hang into the river.

Wu rushed into the river and pulled the boy to the riverbank. She was exhausted after the episode was over and had to be fetched home by other villages. The boy and Wu have become close friends.



*A one-month-old Malay Tapir named Victoria is seen on 2 April, 2009 in Singapore at the Singapore Zoo in Singapore. The Malay Tapir is a native to Southeast Asia and to date, there are eight Malay Tapirs at the zoo.*



**Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects installation of new radio towers in Yegu transmission station in North Okkalapa Township.**

MNA

## Information Minister inspects Yegu transmission station

YANGON, 6 April—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, together with departmental personnel looked into renovation of Yegu transmission station in North Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

The minister then looked into installation of new radio towers. He gave instructions on general maintenance of radio towers, transmitters and security measures and prevention of fire.

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**Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects dredging drains from Aungtheikdi Creek in Aungtheikdi Street, No. 3 Ward, Mayangon Township.—MNA**



## Measures for proper flow of drains inspected

YANGON, 6 April— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin yesterday morning inspected measures taken for proper flow of drains and extension of drainage channels along Aungtheikdi Creek in Ward 3 of Mayangon Township and in the areas near the mouth of Hline River in Hline Township here, and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

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## Notifications on traditional medicines

The Ministry of Health is constantly inspecting traditional medicines to ensure that they are of high quality and safe for public use.

In the process of inspection, it was found that the ingredients of the following traditional medicines that are on the market include heavy metals which can cause poisonous effects. Therefore, it is hereby announced that those traditional medicines are unfit for human use.

Sr	Medicines	Source of producing	Heavy metals included
1.	Daw Tway brand Gomotta medicine	Tayoktan Street, Phayagyi Ward, Monywa.	Arsenic
2.	Infantile ailment Lepothok medicine	No. 7/767, Thumingala Street, South Okkalapa, Yangon	Arsenic

The Ministry of Health will continue inspecting and exposing traditional medicines on the markets for the safety of the people.

Ministry of Health

## Action will be taken against bus lines that overcharge bus fare during Thingyan

YANGON, 6 April — “Action will be taken against the buses under Mon State All Private Bus Lines Control Committee that overcharged passengers for the bus fare during the water festival from 11 to 21 April,” said U Maung Chit, Secretary of Mon State All Private Bus Lines Control Committee at the meeting with the officials of transport services in Mon State and other private bus lines at the office of the committee on 31 March.

Taking advantage of the increasing number of travelling public and revellers during the water festival the bus lines often overcharged the passengers for the fare. The committee will take action against those who are found to be overcharging the bus fare or over the complaints lodged by the passengers about it, and it will refund the overcharged fare to them.—MNA

## Make arrangements to provide...

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shelters being constructed by Htoo Companies Group.

### Bio-batteries

The Prime Minister then stressed the needs and viewed the progress of Kadonkani village in a motorcade. At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects life-saving hillocks and cyclone shelters in Kadonkani village of Bogale Township being constructed by Htoo Companies Group.—MNA**



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein poses for a photo together with villagers of Kathamyin village in Bogale Township.—MNA**

explained progress in providing light with the use of bio-battery powered by buffalo, cow and pig dung to the departmental personnel, townsenders, locals and told the chairman of the village PDC to make arrangements for lighting every household with the use of bio-batteries.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister heard reports on construction of life-saving hillocks, and cyclone shelters in Kadonkani village presented by U Te Za, president of Htoo Companies Group.

The Prime Minister

gave instructions on growing of grass on the hillocks and shady wind-break.

He observed display of the scale model of the cyclone shelter. The Prime Minister and party left Kadonkani Village by helicopter. They inspected the axis of Amar-Htawpaing Road and arrived at Shwepyi Aye Village (Htawpaing).

The Prime Minister cordially greeted villagers and asked them about their livelihood and business. He then fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister and party had photos



**Prime Minister General Thein Sein explains lighting process with bio-batteries to local people in Kadonkani village of Bogale Township.—MNA**

taken together with the local people. He explained progress in providing light with the use of bio-battery powered by buffalo, cow and pig dung to the villagers. He instructed the chairman of Village Peace and Development Council to make necessary arrangements for use of bio-battery in every house as it saves money and prevents fire.

### Gifts for locals

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

ministers and the deputy ministers presented a generator and blankets for churches, generators and fluorescent lamps for the villagers, solar lamps for education, health and social organizations, farm implements and seeds for farmers to officials concerned. The Prime Minister and party inspected construction of embankments that prevent inflow of salt water and Setsan-Kyonkadun Road on the way to Kathamyin Village.

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**New houses in Kyeinchaungyi village of Bogale Township.—MNA**



## Make arrangements to provide...

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The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted the village people and met departmental personnel, townsenders and local people at the basic education post-primary school.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung explained the supply of electricity with the use of bio-battery to them.

The Prime Minister, the commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers presented a generator and blankets for churches, generators and fluorescent lamps for the villagers, solar lamps for education, health and social organizations, farm implements and seeds for farmers to officials concerned.

On behalf of the local people, Daw Kapaw Htoo

and U Saw Gaylay spoke words of thanks.

### Cultivate Union Spirit

He said he went to the much-damaged villages as a first priority after the cyclone Nargis. Although he himself could not go to the villages with less damage, he arranged everything necessary for emergencies in response to the reports by local authorities concerned. He and the ministers and departmental heads were there to fulfill the requirements of the villages. With a view to building up the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern, developed nation, the government has been implementing the special development region project, national race development project and rural development project so as to ensure the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets local people in Shwepyi Aye village (Htawpaing) in Bogale Township.—MNA

development of all regions of the Union. As the country had been under the divide-and-rule policy of colonialists for many years in the past, national races fought with each other for 40 or 50 years sticking to

racism, regionalism and ideologies even in the post-independence period. As a consequence, those regions lagged behind in development. In reality, they have been living in the Union through thick and thin for many years despite slight differences in the forms and geographical conditions of their regions. Therefore, it is important for national people to cultivate Union Spirit no matter where they live. They also need to nurture

their children to be equipped themselves with Union Spirit. It is necessary to thwart any destructive act leading to the disintegration of the Union with Union Spirit. Then the Prime Minister stressed the need for public cooperation with the government in the success of the 2010 general election.

Later, the Prime Minister and party had a documentary photo taken together with the local people. They helicoptered

to Bogale. At the control office, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on construction of embankments preventing against the flow of salt water in Ayeyawady Division. Maj-Gen Ko Ko and the commander gave supplementary reports. In response to the reports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions. Later, they went to Patheingyi by helicopter.

MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents a generator and blankets to church of Kathamyin village in Bogale Township.—MNA

## Myaingthaya village, like a phoenix, rises again

YANGON, 6 April—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi yesterday attended the opening ceremony of new Myaingthaya village in Kungyangon township in Yangon Division donated by Petronas Petroleum Co of Malaysia, a trade partner of Ministry of Energy.

Ambassador of Malaysia H.E Dato' Mazlan Bin Muhammad and Mr Muhammad Zaini Muhammad Yunas, general manager of Petronas Petroleum Co cut a ribbon to open the ceremony.

The minister unveiled the signboard of the new

Myaingthaya village and sprinkled scented water on it. At the briefing hall of the village, the minister explained facts about emergence of new Myaingthaya village and the Malaysian Ambassador and personnel of Petronas Petroleum Co explained purposes of donation of the village.

Mr Abu Bakr, country manager of Petronas Petroleum Co handed over related documents to the chairman of Kungyangon township Peace and Development Council.

Next, the Malaysian Ambassador and personnel of the Petronas Petroleum

Co presented classroom-used materials to teachers and students of Myaingthaya village.

The minister then explained the use of bio-diesel lantern, a programme for every household in the region to the local people and the minister and party looked round the village.

Myaingthaya village was totally destroyed as Nargis wiped out the region last year and 39 houses were donated to 39 households by Petronas Petroleum Co, constructed by Asia World Co with supply of electricity to every household in the village.—MNA



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi together with Malaysian Ambassador HE Dato' Mazlan Bin Muhammad pose for a documentary photo after the opening ceremony of new Myaingthaya village donated by Petronas Petroleum Co of Malaysia.—MNA

## Former coaches of Defence Services football team honoured

YANGON, 6 April — Former coaches of Defence Services Football team were honoured at Yangon Command Sports Ground in Mingaladon yesterday.

At the 5th ceremony

and guests former coaches, were presented gifts.

Captain Kyaw Thauang (Retd), Captain Tin Aung (Retd) and Col Thant Zin (Retd) made speeches on the occasion

and on behalf of the Defence Services Football Committee, Deputy Principal of Defence Services Self-defence and Sports Institute Lt-Col Zaw Tun delivered address.—MNA

# Lashio close to all-round development

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



*Statue portraying "Unity is strength" at the roundabout, the town hall, and Sasana Beikman building depict cumulative development of Lashio.*

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Chairman of Lashio Wholesales Centre U Sai Tun Tin told the Myanma Alin, "Lashio has been enjoying rapid economic growth since the launch of Muse 105<sup>th</sup> Mile Border Trade Zone, especially since the opening of the wholesales centre in the town under the leadership of the commander of North-East Command. He often reminds us that our country is an agro-based one, so the country will develop only if farmers, the



**U Soe Naing, Deputy Director of Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee.**

ordinary class, enjoy better living standard. And he said we had to provide as much assistance as we could to them in order to improve their living conditions. So, we enquire and announce the prices of goods prevailing in Mandalay, Muse and China for local farmers in order that they are not undercharged for their goods. They can sell their goods at prevailing prices, and local merchants can export 15 to 20 12-wheel trucks of goods and import personal goods and foodstuff from China a day through Muse 105<sup>th</sup>



**U Sai Tun Tin, Chairman of Lashio Wholesales Centre.**

Mile Border Trade Zone. So, Lashio is a town where goods can be imported and exported directly."

So far, the government has constructed Lashio-Mandalay, Lashio-Namtu, Lashio-Muse, Lashio-Kunlong, Lashio-Tangyan and Lashio-Mongyai roads as



**Dr Soe Myat Swe, Medical Superintendent of Lashio General Hospital (200-bed).**

Union highways, along with Lashio-Hsipaw and Lashio-Hsenwi roads, Panhsan road through Lashio-Tangyan, Hsipaw-Namlan-Panketu-Loilem road through Lashio, and Nawngkhio-Kangyi-

Tarpalan-Indaw-Kyaukgu-Yaksauk road. As a result, Lashio is now easily accessible from any other part of Shan State.

Due to the smooth transport, per capita income and the living standard of local people are on the rise, and more and more people from rural areas move to the urban areas.

Deputy Director of Lashio Township Development Affairs Commit-

ment. Park that the people can visit for recreation.

Lashio is one of the special development regions, with Lashio University and Technological University (Lashio), and Lashio General Hospital (200-bed).

Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Soe Myat Swe said, "We give free treatment to the patients. We have specialists and use modern medicines and medical equip-

ment. Lashio lacked peace and stability, and lagged behind other regions in development, as a result. Now, peace and stability have been restored and the transport is improving. Moreover, it can export and import goods to and from China through the Muse 105<sup>th</sup> Mile Border Trade Zone. Local merchants have become businessmen, and daily wages earners have become merchants. It grows



*The archway of the entrance to Lashio, Shan State (North).*

tee U Soe Naing said that under the 20-year plan for development of Lashio, they were carrying out rural development programmes and the rural housing project, upgrading the roads in the centre of the township and beautifying the urban areas, decorating the areas around the statue symbolizing "Unity is strength" with coloured lights and flower beds. They had established Lashio hot spring, Nan Haywun Park and Kandaw Mingalar

ment. We have set up a medical trust fund under the instruction of the commander. We use the interests of the fund and the revolving funds to give the patients free health care."

In compliance with the Prime Minister's instructions on making Lashio Myanmar's second largest flower garden, local authorities, florists, entrepreneurs and flower farmers are working in collaboration.

Previously, Lashio

rubber, tea, honey orange and pineapple on a large scale.

Thanks to Shweli Hydropower Plant, Lashio has sufficient supply of electricity, and will see a growing number of industries. Entrepreneurs and local administrative organs are rendering assistance to expedite the construction of factories and plants. So, Lashio is on the point of all-round development.

**Translation: MS**

*Myanma Alin: 6-4-2009*



*Traffic islands along Lanmadaw Road in Lashio are decorated with flower beds to help the town become Myanmar's second largest flower garden.*

## MoU signed between Nepal and China to promote trade and investment

KATHMANDU, 6 April — Nepal-China Executives Council (NCEC) and Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) signed here on Monday a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on promoting trade and investment between the two countries.

Feng Zuoku, vice president and head of the delegation of CPAFFC and Anoop Ranjan Bhattarai from NCEC exchanged the MoU on Monday evening.

"The intention of the MoU is to work together in an open and mutually facilitative environment with the operational of planning and executive works in a step-by-step equality," said a release issued on the occasion of the signing of the MoU.

"We have been working with CPAFFC since 2003 but only exchange of delegation occurred and no solid actions were carried out. But after signing of this MoU, we believe our performance will strengthen in action," Anoop Ranjan Bhattarai, President of NCEC said.

According to Bhattarai, most of the Chinese do not know about Nepal and it as the birth place of Lord Buddha. "Our first priority will be to disseminate more and more information regarding religious and historical facts about Nepal," said Bhattarai.—*Internet*

A file photo of a Mini on the production line in Cowley, England. Sales of new cars in Britain plunged by almost a third in March as recession hit consumers, trade data showed on 6 April, 2009 and the industry lobby group said it had appealed for government help.—*INTERNET*



## Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant to generate electricity from mid-summer

TEHERAN, 6 April— Iran's Energy Minister Parviz Fattah said Monday that Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant will start to generate electricity from mid-

summer, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Bushehr nuclear power plant will generate 500 megawatt electricity from mid-summer,"

Fattah was quoted as saying.

The operation of the Bushehr nuclear power plant had been Iranians' old dream, he added.

The country's 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plant originally started in the mid-1970s by Siemens of Germany but was abandoned with the outbreak of the country's 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Iran and Russia, after reaching an agreement on nuclear cooperation in 1992, signed a contract in January 1995 to finish the construction of the plant, the completion of which has been repeatedly delayed.

*Internet*

## Arctic sea ice thinnest ever going into spring

WASHINGTON, 6 April — The Arctic is treading on thinner ice than ever before. Researchers say that as spring approaches, more than 90 percent of the sea ice in the Arctic is only one or two years old. That makes it thinner and more vulnerable than ever before, according to researchers with NASA and the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Colorado. That's the type of ice that is more likely to melt in the summer.

Sea ice is important because it reflects sunlight away from Earth. The more it melts, the more heat is absorbed by the ocean, heating up the planet even more. That warming also can change weather patterns worldwide.—*Internet*

## Too much TV increases risk of behavioural problems for kids: study

LOS ANGELES, 6 April — Watching TV for more than two hours a day may increase the likelihood of behavioral problems for kids, a new study showed.

By the time a child is five, those who've regularly watched more

than two hours of TV daily are much more likely to exhibit behavioral problems, according to the study conducted by researchers at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

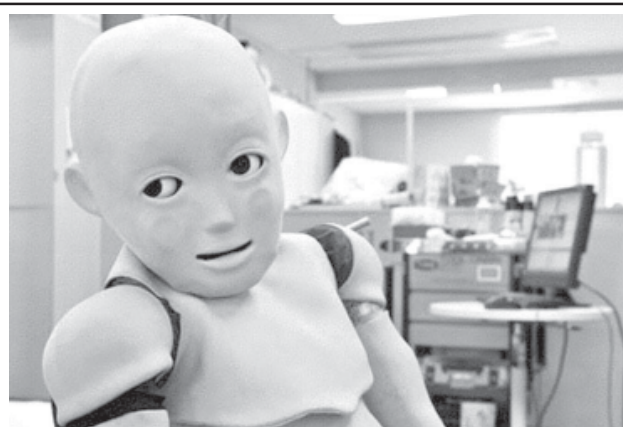
In fact, aggressive

behavior was more than doubled in youngsters who regularly watched more than two hours of television daily, said the study published in the April issue of the journal Pediatrics.

The study found that 20 percent of kids from the 2,702 families studied watched more than two hours of TV a day. More than 40 percent of the youngsters had their own TVs in their bedrooms.

When children are watching TV, they're not engaging in other important activities, such as imaginative play. They're also not interacting with others to learn social skills and appropriate ways to resolve conflicts, according to the study.

*Internet*



Japanese Professor Minoru Asada's team is trying to teach the 'Child-robot with Biomimetic Body', or CB2, to think like a baby that evaluates its mother's countless facial expressions and 'clusters' them into basic categories, such as happiness and sadness.—*INTERNET*



Local people of the Miao ethnic group present lion dance performances before they stage a ceremony to worship their ancestors at a village near Zhaoping county in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 5 April, 2009 during the three-day holiday of the Qingming festival, or the traditional Tomb-sweeping Day.

*INTERNET*

## UN chief slams bombings in Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS, 6 April — UN Secretary-general Ban Ki-moon on Monday strongly condemned a string of deadly bombings that left at least 34 people killed in a marketplace and other locations in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

"The secretary-general strongly condemns the string of bombings that struck a marketplace and other locations in Baghdad today, killing a large number of civilians and injuring many others," a statement issued here by Ban's spokesperson Michele Montas said.

"The secretary-general extends his condolences to the families of the deceased," the statement said.

At present, Ban is in Turkey to attend the UN-backed Second Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, slated for April 6 in Istanbul, which is aimed at bridging divisions between the Islamic countries and the Western nations.

"The secretary-general is confident that the people of Iraq will reject these reprehensible attempts to provoke sectarian violence in the country," the statement said.

"He urges them to continue undeterred in their efforts to achieve lasting peace and national reconciliation," the statement said. "The United Nations remains committed to supporting the Iraqi people toward these ends." —*Internet*

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**Afghan teens found living in Rome train station**

ROME, 6 April—Twenty-four Afghan children have been found living on the sidewalk of a railway station in the Italian capital and using the space under manhole covers to store the few possessions they had, newspapers reported.

The children, who spoke no Italian, were found by Italian police during an inspection of the city's railway stations and are now being kept at a holding centre. Newspaper reports said they appeared to be between 14 to 16 years in age.

"We want to understand how a thing like this could happen in our city," Rome Mayor Gianni Alemanno said in statement on Sunday after learning of the incident from the papers. Initial reports that said the children slept in the area under manhole covers to keep warm shocked Italians, but police later clarified that the children did not sleep there but probably used the space as storage.

"When we realized they were children, my heart leapt the way it would have for any father of a family that sees 14-year-old children sleeping in that state," rail police chief Carlo Casini was quoted as saying in *La Repubblica* daily.

MNA/Reuters

**Colombia seizes 1.4 tons of cocaine near Ecuadorean border**

BOGOTA, 6 April—Colombian anti-drug police on Sunday seized 1.4 tons of cocaine in two operations carried out in the border area with Ecuador.

The seizure was done in two drug refining labs in the operations called "Anguila I" and "Anguila II". The first lab was located in the rural area of the municipality of Policarpa in the southwestern department of Narino, bordering with Ecuador. The lab, including seven buildings, had capacity to produce four tons of cocaine per month.

Police seized 708 kilos of cocaine, 30 kilos of cocaine base and two tons of chemicals and 2,500 liters of liquid precursors in the lab.—MNA/Xinhua

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1.	Submersible Pump (15) Kw (FE)	1 Sets 7.4.2009	7.5.2009
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6.	Exhaust Fan Mangle Dryer (FE)	4 Sets 7.4.2009	7.5.2009
7.	Whell Loader (FE)	1 Unit 7.4.2009	7.5.2009
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**Global warming will lead to infrequent rainfall in India**

NEW DELHI, 6 April—Major climatic changes due to global warming would lead to disturbed rainfall patterns in India, an eminent environmentalist said Sunday.

"The rise in global warming will lead to major changes in rainfall patterns. In essence rainfall will decrease and become more erratic, said R K Pachauri, chairman of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

According to the noble laureate, global warming is happening at a very steep rate and its implication for South Asian continent means serious water problems for farmers. "A large number of farmers in the continent are dependent on rainfall," he said, while speaking at a memorial lecture organised by Babu Jagjivan Ram Foundation on Climate Change here.

"India will experience heavy rains in a very short time similar to 2005 Mumbai floods which left a million people homeless," Pachauri said, warning that the frequency of such flash floods will increase with time. He cautioned that India will have to face water crisis as shrinking glaciers will lead to reduction in the flow of rivers, which would ultimately result in lower ground water levels. —MNA/PTI

**Seven more bodies recovered from North Sea crash**

LONDON, 6 April—Police recovered seven more bodies on Sunday from the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed in the North Sea on Wednesday, killing all 16 people on board. Grampian police said one body now remained unrecovered.

The *Super Puma* helicopter with two crew was ferrying 14 oil workers from a BP offshore oil rig when it went down in fine weather 11 miles off the northeast coast of Scotland on Wednesday afternoon.

It was the second *Super Puma* crash in the North Sea in six weeks. In February, all 18 on board a *Super Puma* travelling to a BP oil rig were rescued after it went down into the sea after hitting a fog bank. Both aircraft were operated by Bond Offshore Helicopters, which runs a fleet of *Super Puma* twin-engined helicopters to supply sea-based oil rigs.—MNA/Reuters

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*Newly selected Miss India World Pooja Chopra (R), Miss India Earth Shriya Kishore (C), and Miss India Universe Ekta Chaudhary pose during the Miss India Pageant 2009 in Mumbai on 5 April, 2009.—XINHUA*



## Israeli company advances detection of skin cancer

JERUSALEM, 6 April—An Israeli company has developed an advanced device for early detection of skin cancer, which was found to be far more precise than currently used apparatus, local daily *Ha'aretz* reported on Monday.

According to the report, the device, developed by Skin Cancer Scanning, is currently undergoing clinical trials at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva. By using fiber-

optic cables to scan for potentially malignant moles, the device shows 92 percent effective in identifying certain types of skin cancer.

The new technology works based on the principle that cancerous cells proliferate faster than healthy cells, and their accelerated metabolic activity releases energy at a higher frequency. The device scans for this activity, said the daily.

Yossi Biderman, a

director of Skin Cancer Scanning, was quoted as saying that he expects to reach a precision level of 95 percent.

Skin cancer is a malignant growth on the skin which can have many causes. It is currently identified through a two-stage diagnosis — first, suspicious moles are examined by a physician. If the physician believes the patient is at risk, the patient undergoes a biopsy.—*Internet*



A dog on a fishing boat. A pet dog that fell overboard in rough seas off Australia has been reunited with its owners after surviving alone on an island for four months, reports said.—*INTERNET*

## Sherpa sets out to climb Mt Everest for 19th time

KATHMANDU, 6 April—A Sherpa guide who holds the record for most climbs up Mount Everest set off Monday on a new expedition to scale the world's highest mountain for a 19th time.

Appa, who like most Sherpas goes by only one name, flew out of the capital, Katmandu, with his team on Monday for the small airstrip at Lukla, from where they will trek to "Everest's base camp and spend a few days acclimatizing and preparing for their summit bid in May."

Everest is not easy to climb, but after scaling the summit so many times, I am more confident and experienced," Appa said. "It should not be too difficult but I have to always be careful."

He first climbed the

29,085-foot (8,850-metre) summit in 1989 and has done so almost every year since. His closest rival is fellow Sherpa guide Chhewang Nima, who has made 15 trips. Appa, 48, and his fellow climbers also plan to carry down loads of trash that has accumulated on the snowy slopes and also educate other climbers about the negative impact that human waste has on the mountain.

"We are taking hundreds of bags that can be used to store human waste and carry them down the mountain," Appa told *The Associated Press*.

Appa said most climbers carry down garbage such as food packages, empty oxygen tanks and rope but leave behind human waste.

*Internet*



Nepalese Sherpa guide Appa, 48, who holds the record for most climbs up Mount Everest waves before setting off on a new expedition to scale the world's highest mountain for a 19th time in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 6 April, 2009. Appa flew out of the capital, Kathmandu, with his team on Monday for the small airstrip at Lukla, from where they will trek to Everest's base camp and spend a few days acclimatizing and preparing for their summit bid in May. His wife Yangin Sherpa is seen at right.—*INTERNET*

## Remains of US servicemen repatriated

HANOI, 6 April—A US official in Vietnam says that the apparent remains of three American soldiers killed during the Vietnam War have been sent back

to the United States. US official Ron Ward said Monday that the remains were recovered over the past month from sites in central and southern Vietnam. They were flown aboard a military transport plane to Hawaii on Saturday for identification.

Nearly 1,800 US servicemen are still unaccounted for throughout Southeast Asia since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, when communist North Vietnamese forces overran Saigon, the capital of US-backed South Vietnam. An estimated 58,000 Americans and 3 million Vietnamese were killed in the war. Washington established diplomatic ties with Hanoi in 1995.

*Internet*

## Indian archaeologists find 3000 year-old furnace, utensils

NEW DELHI, 6 April—Indian archaeologists have discovered a 3000 year-old furnace and other utensils, in Daulatpur, near historic town of Kurukshetra in north India, the local Hindi language daily *Danik Bhaskar* reported on Sunday.

Scientists believe that the site must have been a factory for making utensils. Some utensils found are baked while others are semi-baked. This kind of furnace has been discovered in the country for the first time. Besides, a cooking furnace has also been discovered.

The discovery came through when Sri Krishan

Museum's archaeologist Rajendra Singh and his team stumbled upon these areas while searching for articles of historic importance for an exhibition in the area. The picking of mud for filling purposes by locals had brought up the signs of furnace below.

In an earlier excavation effort 35 year ago, some articles had been discovered at the site, but the current discovery has established the presence of definite civilizations around Kurikshetra some 3000 years ago, said the report, quoting scientists working on the project.

*Internet*

## Japan's imported auto sales down 26.8% in March

Tokyo, 6 April—Imported vehicles sold in Japan plunged 26.8 percent year-on-year in March to 23,218 units as the global economic recession took a heavy toll on the world's second largest economy, the Japan Automobile Importers Association said on Monday.

It was the 11th consecutive monthly fall in sales of imported motor vehicles, including those of Japanese brands manufactured abroad, said the trade body.

Foreign-brand vehicles sold in Japan sank 26.7 percent to 20,820 units while sales of Japanese-brand vehicles dived 27.6 percent to 2,398 units, it said.

In terms of manufacturers, Volkswagen ranked No1 with sales of 5,311 units and a market share of 22.9 percent, followed by Mercedes-Benz and BMW with sales of 4,223 units and 3,444 units, respectively.

*Internet*



People attend a celebration of the Palm Sunday, the start of the Holy Week, in Managua, Nicaragua, on 5 April, 2009.—*INTERNET*

## SPORTS

## Ferguson rounds on Liverpool after Villa thriller



Manchester United's Italian forward Federico Macheda (R) leaves the pitch at the final whistle after scoring the winning goal in a 3-2 win against Aston Villa during the English Premiership football match at Old Trafford, Manchester.—INTERNET

MANCHESTER, 6 April—Sir Alex Ferguson resumed his mind games with Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez after Manchester United's dramatic 3-2 win over Aston Villa enabled his

side to reclaim the leadership of the Premier League.

Ferguson still has an opportunity to collect five trophies this season now that United have one a point lead at the top of the table with a marvellous morale boost ahead of Tuesday's Champions League quarter-final first leg against Porto. But the United manager is more interested in stirring up trouble for his closest challengers for the Premier League title, in response to Benitez's query over whether United can handle the pressure after Liverpool beat Fulham on Saturday.

Ferguson has turned the heat back onto Benitez and, in a deliberate move to intensify further the rivalry between Liverpool and Chelsea ahead of their Champions League quarter-final on Wednesday, has claimed that two-legged affair is also a contest to determine who will challenge United for the title. Liverpool are still viewed as the leading contenders but Ferguson encouraged Chelsea, four points off top spot having, in common with Benitez's men, played one more game than United.

"Everyone is screaming that Liverpool are our challenge," Ferguson said. "But I think whoever wins between Liverpool and Chelsea in the Champions League will be our biggest threat because of the effect it will have on them." It is an emotional fixture. There are never a lot of goals and it's very, very tight and whoever wins that will take a big step forward."

Internet

## Pizarro hits Bremen hat-trick, Wolfsburg on top

BERLIN, 6 April—Striker Claudio Pizarro hit a hat-trick on Sunday as Werder Bremen hammered Hanover 4-1, but the biggest Bundesliga shock of the weekend saw Bayern Munich crash 5-1 to new leaders Wolfsburg.

Ex-Chelsea forward Pizarro has now scored 15 goals and he is the fourth highest goal-scorer in the league behind leader Grafite from Wolfsburg who has netted 20 times.

"It was great to get the hat-trick," said Pizarro, who was asked if he can match Grafite. "I don't know about that, but why not? I will certainly try."

Hanover's Germany goalkeeper Robert Enke had kept his team in the

game when he saved midfielder Diego's second-half penalty with the scores level on 1-1.

Internet



Striker Claudio Pizarro, hit a hat-trick on Sunday as Werder Bremen hammered Hanover 4-1.—INTERNET

## Mourinho calms title talk despite nine-point lead

ROME, 6 April—A disastrous own goal from Mauricio Isla handed Inter Milan a 1-0 victory at Udinese on Sunday and a nine-point lead atop Serie A.

Second-placed Juventus's hopes suffered a huge blow as a Sergio Pellissier hat-trick earned Chievo a 3-3 draw in a thrilling match in Turin. But Inter coach Jose Mourinho, whose team face Juventus in two weeks' time in what could be a title decider, insists the race is not over with eight games still to play.

"We know that nine points with eight matches left is a big lead," said Mourinho. "We're more comfortable and there's a little bit more pressure on Juve." Of course they're not happy because they've dropped two points at home. We didn't win the title tonight, we know that we need 15 points more which means five wins, which we should be able to achieve."

Internet

## Murray beats Djokovic to win Miami Masters title

MIAMI, 6 April—Andy Murray beat Serbia's Novak Djokovic 6-2, 7-5 to win the Miami Masters and clinch his third title of the year.

The world number four wrapped up victory after reeling off the last five games of the second set having seen Djokovic, the world number three, throw away his chance to level the final. The Serbian, the champion here in 2007, had served for the second set leading 5-3, but a fifth double fault disrupted his fightback and his game quickly fell apart.

Murray, the first three-time winner on the ATP Tour in 2009, also made further inroads on Djokovic's world number three ranking with only 170 points now separating them. The 21-year-old Scot dominated Djokovic for most of the match as

the Serbian fell prey to a total of 43 unforced errors. Djokovic called for the trainer early in the second set and Murray's level subsequently dipped slightly, although the Scot said it wasn't necessarily due to any distraction.

Internet



Andy Murray celebrates after defeating Novak Djokovic of Serbia to win the men's final of the Sony Ericsson Open at the Crandon Park Tennis Center in Key Biscayne, Florida. Murray beat Djokovic 6-2, 7-5.—INTERNET

## Marseille grab second spot behind Lyon

PARIS, 6 April—Two goals from Mamadou Niang and one from Brazilian Brandao in the final half hour gave Marseille a 3-0 victory at St Etienne and propelled them into second spot in the French league, just one point behind Lyon.

Niang's first came on 60 minutes when his penalty kick wrongfooted St Etienne keeper Jeremie Janot and then 12 minutes later Brandao headed home after good work

## Valencia eye Europe as rivals stumble

BARCELONA, 6 April—Valencia set their sights on a top-four Spanish League finish, and a Champions League spot, on Sunday after brushing aside struggling Getafe 4-1.

They are now just two points off fourth-placed Villarreal thanks to two penalties by David Villa in either half and strikes from Juan Mata and Raul Albiol. Getafe's



Valencia's David Villa celebrates his second goal during their Spanish league football match Valencia vs Getafe at Mestalla Stadium in Valencia.—INTERNET

goal also came from a spot-kick with Francisco Casquero converting at the start of the second half, but they were never able to cause any sustained danger to Valencia's makeshift defence missing Carlos Marchena and Alexis Ruano.

"We still have a long way to go in order to make up for the points that we have dropped this season and so two wins does not make everything okay," said Valencia coach Unai Emery. "But we are satisfied with the game though and we need to keep going." It has been a good weekend for Valencia with all the teams around them losing ground in the battle for European places. Atletico Madrid's inconsistency continued as they crashed to a 4-2 defeat at the hands of Osasuna.—INTERNET

## Moyes still chasing Champions League spot

LIVERPOOL, 6 April—David Moyes believes Everton can still achieve a Champions League place next season and break the stranglehold of Manchester United, Liverpool, Chelsea and Arsenal.

Everton romped to their best win of the season on Sunday, a 4-0 home victory against Wigan, but they remain in sixth place in the Premier League table, seven points behind fourth-placed Arsenal.

"The Champions League is still there for us, we are not going to give up," said Everton boss Moyes. "Arsenal have got the points and are coming into form with players back from injury. We are not going to give up, but realistically it will be a tough call to catch them now."

"It was a good performance, a good result and another clean sheet. I was pleased with much of what I saw. The hardest thing is to get your players going again after internationals, you never know how they are. They have all had a couple of games and a lot of travel, but they have every right to be tired.—INTERNET

From now on, we'll have to be able to play match after match effectively, which will be difficult with UEFA Cup matches coming up."

PSG host Dynamo Kiev in the quarter-final, first leg at the Parc des Princes on Thursday while Marseille visit Ukrainians Shakhtar Donetsk. PSG's Guillaume Hoarau and Sammy Traore were on target while Loic Remy scored for Nice.

Internet

### China to promote book reading among children, young people

BEIJING, 6 April— China's central government wants people to get lost—in a good book.

A series of activities aimed at increasing the time people spend reading great literature gets underway this month. The programme will include discount book offers, book report contests, book donation drives and the construction of new libraries throughout the country, according to the government's publicity department and the General Administration of Press and Publication.

The programme is specifically targeting children, teens, women, migrants and farmers. Meantime, schools, community centres, trade unions and corporations are being encouraged to form book clubs, share reading lists and sponsor guest speakers.

The initiative will end in October.

Statistics show China's book purchase and reading rate has declined in recent years. In 2008, the book purchase rate was less than two books per family while the book reading rate was 35 percent—14 percent lower than the 2005 figure. And although China's literacy rate has shown steady improvement through the decades, in 2005 it was 91-and-a-half percent. The Ministry of Education hopes to increase that figure to 98 percent by 2010.

Internet



Heavy traffic is seen along a city highway in Beijing, China, Monday, 6 April, 2009. Beijing traffic authorities say the city will extend by another year traffic restrictions aimed at reducing congestion and improving air quality in the capital.—INTERNET

### MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (7.4.2009) (Tuesday)

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

#### Local Transmission

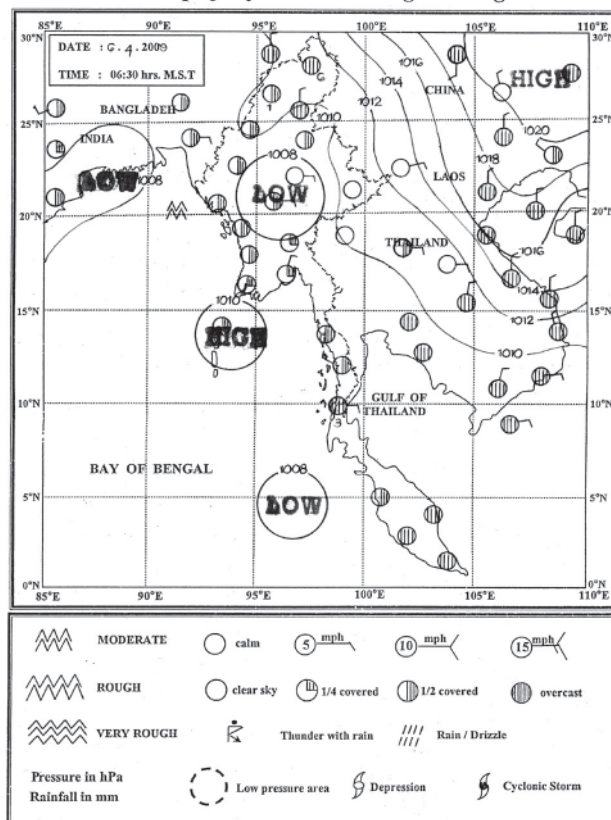
- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- \* A Glimpse at Mandalay
- \* Lumber Buffaloes
- \* Traditional Chin Clothes
- \* Thingyan Dance
- \* Travelogue "Hpa-an"
- \* Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

#### Europe/ North America Transmission

- \* Signature Tune
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- \* Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- \* Precious Lobsters
- \* Beauty of Myanma Women's Costume in Twelve Seasons (Tagu)
- \* Thingyan Dance
- \* The Making of a Myanmar Saung (Harp)
- \* Khamti Shan Weaving Technique
- \* White Gold from Manaw Land
- \* At prosperous and pleasant Myawady
- \* Deaf School
- \* Myanmar Modern Song
- \* A Glimpse at Mandalay
- \* Lumber Buffaloes
- \* Traditional Chin Clothes
- \* Thingyan Dance
- \* Travelogue "Hpa-an"
- \* Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
- \* Ancient Royal City Innwa & Nanmadaw Mae Nu Brick Monastery
- \* The beautiful green ice
- \* Travelogue "Hpa-an"
- \* Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

### Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 6 April, 2009

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) below April average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above April average temperatures in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above April average temperatures in Ayeyawady Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The significant Day temperatures were Chauk (44°C), Minbu (43°C) Magway and Aungmye (42°C) each. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Putao (0.23) inch and Kawthoung (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-4-2009 was 102°F. Minimum temperature on 6-4-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-4-2009 was 65%. Total sunshine hours on 5-4-2009 was (9.2) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 6-4-2009 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 (4) mph from West at (16:30) hours MST on 5-4-2009.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin 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 Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-4-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-4-2009:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-4-2009:** Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 7 April View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice & Sweet song

7:55 am

5. Dance of national races

8:05 am

6. Songs of yester years

8:15 am

7. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. "ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်ဆောင်ရွက်လျှင် အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်မွေးမိခင်" (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ ပပဝင်းခင်၊ ဝင့်နန္ဒာဖြိုး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်)]

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

4:30 pm

3. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:45 pm

4. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

5:00 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ်(မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)

5:20 pm

6. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

7. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:45 pm

8. ခါသင်္ကြန်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm

9. Evening News

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

12. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:15 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ်ရဲ့ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်သူသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၇)



**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

# Lashio close to all-round development

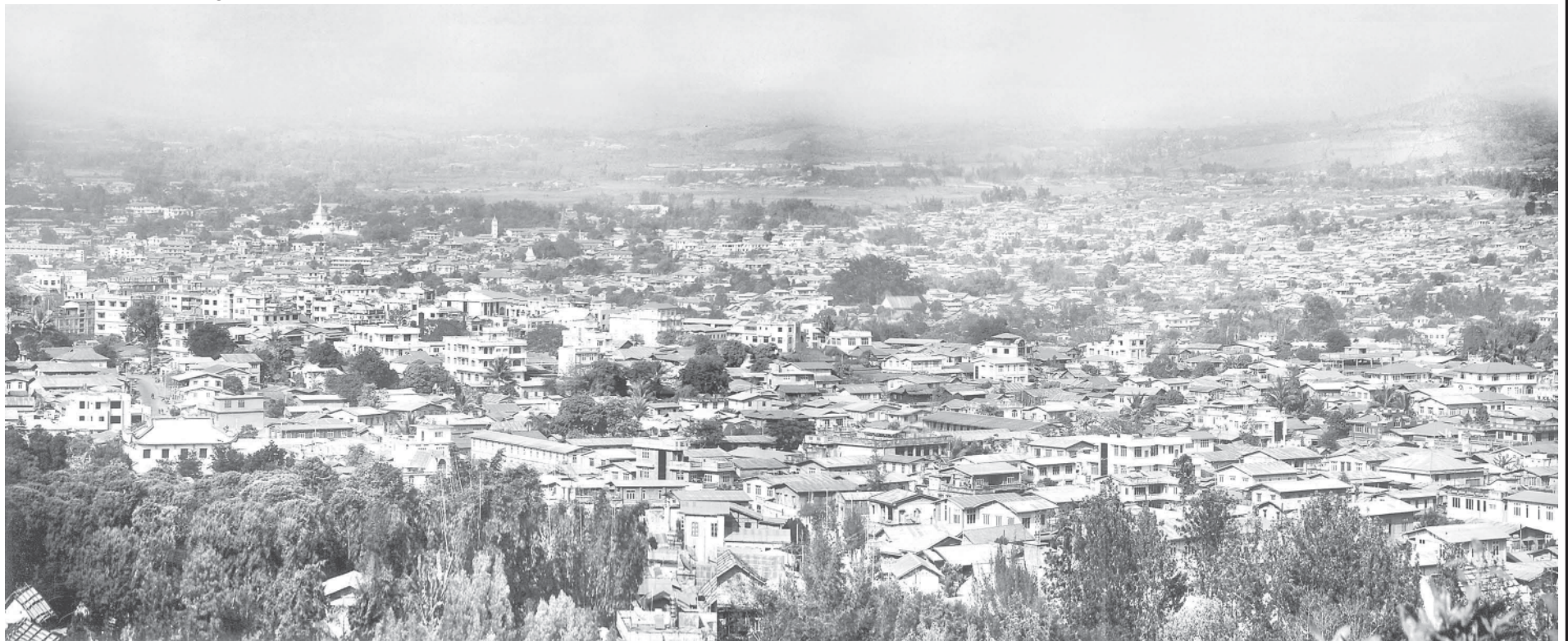
Article: *Htein Lin (Myanma Alin)*; Photos: *Aung Than (Myanma Alin)*

Lashio is located in the northern Shan State, and it is the region where the office of Shan State (North) is based. Standing at an altitude of 2,806 feet with an area of 1633.41 square miles, Lashio is formed with 12 wards and 78 villages.

Its main business is agricultural farming. It distributes corn, soya bean, tea, orange, pineapple, seasonal crops, rice, chilly, onion, garlic, and beans and pulses on a commercial scale to Yangon, Mandalay and many other towns. In addition, it imports food-

stuff, personal goods and construction materials from and exports corn, beans and pulses, pineapple and tea to China through Muse 105<sup>th</sup> Mile Border Trade Zone.

(See page 10)



*A panoramic view of Lashio from the Mansu Pagoda hill.*



*Oliver found that the eyespots of some butterflies, such as this pair of mating *Bicyclus anynana*, serve to both attract mates and ward off predators.*

## Butterfly wings can be both to mates and predators

BUFFALO, 6 April — Butterflies seem able to both attract mates and ward off predators using different sides of their wings, according to new research by Yale University biologists.

Trying to find the balance between these two crucial behaviors is one of nature's oldest dilemmas, according to Jeffrey Oliver, a postdoctoral associate in Yale's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and lead author on the study, which appears online in the journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences*.—Internet

## Dwarf in elfin forests

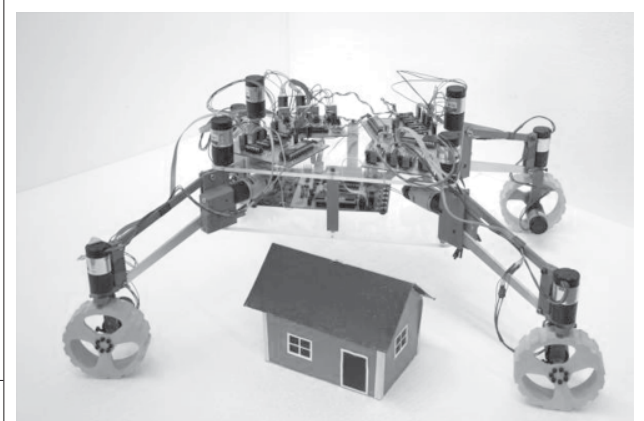
BERLIN, 6 April — It fits on a fingertip: *Noblella pygmaea* is a midget frog, the smallest ever found in the Andes and among the smallest amphibians in the world. Only its croaking was to be heard from the leaves on the mossier ground of the "elfin forests" in the highlands of Manu National Park, before German and Peruvian herpetologists discovered the tiny little thing in south-eastern Peru.

The popular name of the new species is fitting: Noble's Pygmy Frog has an average length of 11.4 millimeters. —Internet



*Noblella pygmaea on a fingertip.*

## Beware of Fire



*Models of robot Roony and the cottage.*

## Little house on the Moon?

STOCKHOLM, 6 April — Malardalen University is working with the multi-artist Mikael Genberg to create a robot to be sent to the moon to construct a house. The House on the Moon is a project that aims to put a little read cottage on the moon as a symbol of what one man can achieve. The robot will roll out Genberg's little cabin from the space rocket, find a stable vacant lot, and erect the planet's first building.—Internet

