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Hsintet, Pyawtywa river water pumping stations to irrigate 11,500 acres in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 23 April—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe on 20 April arrived at Hsintet river water pumping project near Hsintet Village in Sagaing Township.

At the briefing hall, project in-charge Assistant Director U Khin Latt and officials reported on completion of the project and cultivation of summer paddy for 2008-2009 cultivation season. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on growing of summer paddy meeting the target and inspected supply of water to summer paddy fields from the river water pumping station.

Next, the commander went to Pyawtywa river

water pumping project near Pyawtywa Village in Myinmu Township. At the briefing hall, officials briefed the commander on progress of the project. The commander gave instructions on implementation of the project as soon as possible and rice sufficiency in Sagaing District. After looking into the project, the commander attended to the needs.

On completion, Hsintet river water pumping project will irrigate 6,500 acres of farmlands and Pyawtywa river water pumping project, 5,000 acres of farmlands all the year round. Now, Hsintet river water pumping project supplies water to 540 acres of summer paddy and Pyawtywa river water pumping project, 500 acres of summer paddy plantation.—MNA

Kunchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu Township to yearly generate 190 million kwh, to irrigate 110,000 acres of farmlands

Article & Photos: Photographer Maung Maung

Nowadays, the government is striving for development of the Union of Myanmar in all aspects on a self-reliant basis to be able to keep abreast of global countries.

Indeed, Myanmar has been engaging in

the agro-based industry since the time of its ancestors and most of the work force in the entire nation are farmers. In accord with an economic objective “development of agriculture as the base
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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Main embankment and spillway (water intake canal) are under construction in Kunchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu Township of Bago Division.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 24 April, 2009

Upper Hsedawgyi Dam Project to be completed on schedule

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann made an inspection tour of the Upper Hsedawgyi Multipurpose Supporting Dam Project in Madaya Township, Mandalay Division, on 19 April.

The project is designed to generate hydroelectricity and irrigate the farmlands. So, the project, on completion, will be able to contribute towards the generation of electricity and supply of water to the irrigated areas.

The project is being jointly undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Electric Power (1) and the Ministry of Electric Power (2).

With 60-megawatt generating capacity, Upper Hsedawgyi Multipurpose Supporting Dam Project will generate 315 million kilowatt hours a year and support the hydropower generating functions of the present Hsedawgyi Dam.

Due to the project, the generating power of the Hsedawgyi Dam will reach 194 million kwh, up 60 million kwh from 134 million kwh. In future, upper and lower Hsedawgyi dams will produce 509 million kwh in total yearly.

The earthen type dam will have a 3,200 feet long and 240 feet high embankment. Upper Hsedawgyi Multipurpose Supporting Dam Project will supply water to the Hsedawgyi Dam, which will result in the cultivation of 10,000 more acres of summer paddy.

All those responsible are, therefore, to work hard in concert for ensuring completion of the Upper Hsedawgyi Multipurpose Supporting Dam Project on schedule.



Social Security Board presents permanent disability pension and cash assistance to a disabled person.—MNA

People's Desire

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

Golden umbrella hoisting ceremony held at Kyaikwaing pagoda

YANGON, 23 April—A ceremony to hoist a new golden umbrella at historic Kyaikwaing pagoda was held at the pagoda in Mayangon township, here, this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen

Win Myint and members, members of pagoda board of trustees and the congregation received Nine Precepts from Aung Beikmankyaung Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arsara.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and party offered diamond orb, jeweled vane, lotus bud and alms

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Rector U Tin Soe of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture to National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) under the same department as Rector from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, the congregation shared the merits gained.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party sprinkled

scented water on the bell, cone, lotus bud, jeweled vane and diamond orb. Afterwards, the consecration ceremony was held.—MNA

MYF gets new building



Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents trophy to Sithu Moe Myint and Zaw Wan at rater class of National Yachting Championship 2009.—MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Director-General U Thaung Htaik, Chairperson of the Central Working

Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, Patron of MWSF Daw Thazin Nwe, Director-General of No. 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu, President

of MYF U Moe Myint, Vice-President U Maung Win and Chairman of Yangon Boat Club U Min Sein presented prizes to the respective winners in the championship.—MNA

Social Security Board provides disability pension, cash assistance for the injured

YANGON, 23 April—Assistant Director Dr Hla Moe of Medical Department of Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour and Manager in-charge U Chit Ko Ko of Nay Pyi Taw Social Security Board (Branch) presented a permanent disability pension including cash

assistant for nurse-aid and a wheel chair to injured worker U Than Zaw, who was injured at the worksite of Asia Metal Private Co in Shwepyitha Myothit here, at his house on 4 April.

Similarly, Assistant Director U Than Htut Aung of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2,

who got injured in his lower hips after his motorbike had turned over, was presented K 645,520 for medical expenses and K 92,999 for medical benefits through social security representative Daw Than Than Win of his department at Nay Pyi Taw Security Board Office (Branch).—MNA



An Afghan boy looks at his young brother as he is treated for leg injury at the hospital in Kabul on 22 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Chinese FM urges resumption of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks

RAMALLAH, 23 April— Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi on Wednesday urged for the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks to proceed the Middle East peace process.

“We call upon all parties involved in the issue to take positive and trust-building measures to stabilize the situation, and pave the way for the resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian talks,” said Yang at a press conference after meeting with the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas.

Referring to the restart of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks after the Annapolis conference held at the end of 2007 in the United States, Yang said that the peace process should not stop or backtrack, which could went against achieving peace and stability in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, he said the Middle East issue should be handled in a comprehensive way. “We would like to see the resumption of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks at an early date, at the same time, we would also like to see the launching of the Israel-Lebanon, Israel-Syria peace negotiation as soon as possible,” he added.—INTERNET

Military says US soldier killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 April— The US military says an American soldier has been killed in Iraq.

A statement released by the military says the Multi-National Division — Baghdad soldier died on Wednesday from combat related injuries sustained during a patrol in an eastern section of the capital. It doesn't identify the soldier or give more details but says the incident is under investigation. The death raises to at least 4,275 members of the US military who have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.—INTERNET

Obama ‘misinterpreted’ Raul’s words

HAVANA, 23 April— Fidel Castro says President Barack Obama “misinterpreted” his brother Raul’s remarks regarding the United States and bristled at the suggestion that Cuba should free political prisoners or cut taxes on dollars people send to the island.

Raul Castro touched off a whirlwind of speculation last week that the US and Cuba could be headed toward a thaw after nearly a half-century of chilly relations. The speculation began when the Cuban president said leaders would be willing to sit down with their US counterparts and discuss

“everything, everything, everything,” including human rights, freedom of the press and expression, and political prisoners.

Obama responded at the Summit of the Americas by saying Washington seeks a new beginning with Cuba. But as he prepared to leave the summit Sunday, Obama also called on Cuba to release political prisoners and reduce taxes on remittances from the US. That appeared to enrage Fidel Castro, 82, who wrote in an essay published Wednesday that Obama “without a doubt misinterpreted Raul’s declarations.”—INTERNET



Cuba’s President Raul Castro.

Iraq: Suicide bombs kill scores

BAGHDAD, 23 April— Scores of people have been killed in two suicide bombings in Iraq. At least 48 people, died when a suicide bomber blew up a restaurant in Baquba, in the north-east, officials say.

In Baghdad, a suicide bomber killed at least 28 people - detonating a belt of explosives as police distributed aid to a crowd of homeless families.

The deaths in Baquba, Diyala Province, happened when a suicide bomber struck a roadside restaurant packed with people, military officials said. About 63 people were also injured, and the restaurant demolished.

The people had been made homeless by the sectarian conflict which erupted following the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq. At least five children

were among the dead and more than 50 people were wounded, police say.

One man, injured by shrapnel from the blast, said a fire erupted as he waited for a bus.

Meanwhile, Iraqi media quoted security officials saying they had

arrested Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, the purported leader of the al-Qaeda in Iraq network.

However, defence ministry spokesman Maj Gen Mohammed al Askari said: “we’re not sure” when asked about the arrest.—INTERNET



Two women react to the suicide bombing in Baghdad, on 23 April 2009.—INTERNET

Iran says West tries to muzzle criticism of Israel

TEHRAN, 23 April— Iran’s President on Wednesday accused European diplomats and protesters who disrupted his recent attack on Israel at a UN conference of trying to muzzle anyone who says “a word against the racism of the Zionist regime.”

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad reiterated the criticism of Israel in his first comments on the incident at a racism conference in Geneva on Monday. Protesters in

rainbow-colored wigs lobbed red clown noses at him and EU representatives walked out of the speech when he called Israel the “most cruel and repressive racist regime.”

Ahmadinejad, who is running for another term in Iran’s June 12 presidential election, is a deeply polarizing figure who has called for Israel to be wiped off the map, denied the Holocaust and insists Iran will never give up uranium enrichment.—INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,275

WASHINGTON, 23 April—As of Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at least 4,275 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 3,433 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



former detainee kisses the forehead of his father after his release in Baghdad’s Doura District on 20 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Oil prices to reach \$60 if OPEC members cooperate

TEHERAN, 23 April — Iranian Oil Minister Gholam Hossein Nozari said oil prices will reach 60 US dollars a barrel if OPEC members cooperate, local Press TV reported on Wednesday.

“Cooperation and coordination between OPEC members can raise oil prices to 60 dollars a barrel in the third quarter of 2009,” Nozari said in an interview.

He called on the OPEC member states to fully stick to their share of

crude production, warning that “If the members do not comply fully with their output reduction levels, the (recent) output cut by OPEC will not help the market situation.”

“OPEC’s recent moves to reduce output have not been effective,” he added.

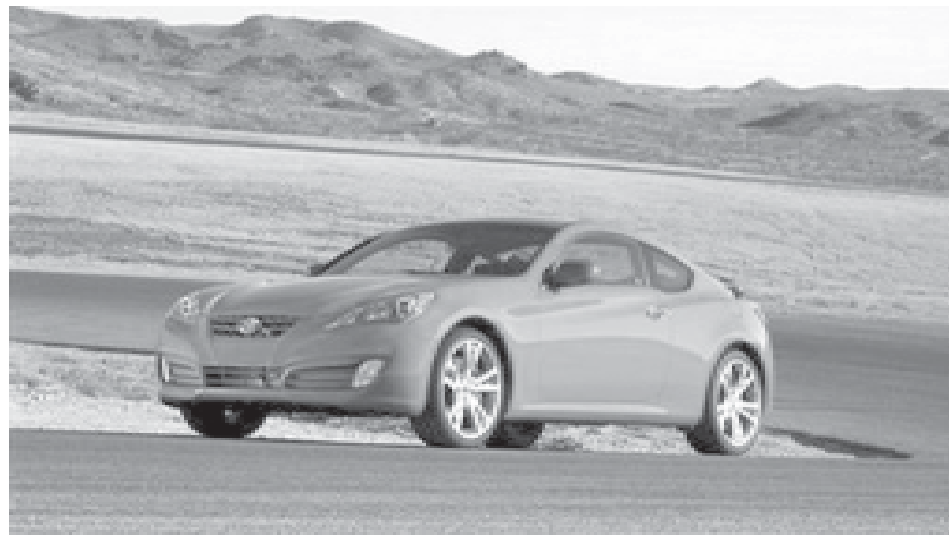
Iran’s oil minister also said that Teheran favors oil prices of 80 dollars per barrel, since the country cannot continue its oil projects if the prices fail

to meet that level.

“The current oil market situation has had negative impacts on Iran’s industry and economy,” he added.

On Thursday, Iran’s representative to OPEC Seyyed Mohammad-Ali Khatibi said that his country would support OPEC output slash in its upcoming meeting “if there is an oversupply of oil (in the market).”

Internet



This undated photo, provided by Hyundai, shows the 2010 Hyundai Genesis Coupe. INTERNET

Hyundai Motor says first quarter net profit slumps

SEOUL, 23 April — Hyundai Motor said on Thursday that net profit dived 42.7 percent in the first quarter as sales fell amid the global auto slump.

South Korea’s largest automaker earned 225 billion won (\$166.7 million) in the three months ended 31 March, down from 392.7 billion won a year earlier, according to a regulatory filing and statement.

Sales fell 26.4 percent to 6.03 trillion won from 8.20 trillion won the year before.

Hyundai said it sold 621,718 vehicles worldwide during the period, down 13.3 percent amid falling global demand.

One bright spot: Hyundai’s global market share rose to 4.7 percent during the first quarter from 4 percent the year before.

The company attributed the gain to stepped up sales efforts in existing markets and increased activity in emerging ones.

Hyundai and affiliate Kia Motors Corp form the world’s fifth-largest automotive group.

Both companies have been expanding aggressively overseas. Shares in Hyundai Motor, which released earnings results about one hour before the stock market closed, rose 2.7 percent to 67,800 won with about 25 minutes left in the trading session.—Internet

Yahoo Inc to cut 5% of jobs after drop in results

BEIJING, 23 April — Yahoo Inc will lay off more than 600 workers as the global Internet company reported a 78 percent decrease in first-quarter profit on Tuesday.

Yahoo said economic conditions remained challenging, as revenue on its websites from both display ads and search ads fell during the first quarter.

The Sunnyvale, California-based company had net income of 117.6 million US dollars, or 8 cents a share, compared to 536.8 million dollars, or 37 cents a share in the same quarter last year.

The company’s revenue was 1.58 billion dollars, a decrease of 13 percent from the first quarter of 2008.

Internet



Palestinian boys look at a one-week-old calf which was born with two noses at their farm in the West Bank village of Dhahiriya, near Hebron, on 22 April, 2009.—XINHUA

GM employees may get shutdown details this week

DETROIT, 23 April — Thousands of GM workers could learn as early as Thursday that they will be idle for up to nine weeks this summer as the automaker’s plants stop making all but its most popular cars and trucks.

The move is a result of slumping sales and growing inventories of unsold vehicles, but some ana-

lysts and dealers fear the plant closings could further scare car buyers already made nervous by talk of a GM bankruptcy.

General Motors Corp is planning to temporarily close most of its US factories for up to nine weeks, three people briefed on the plan said on Wednesday.

Internet



An auto transport worker loads a General Motors Buick Lucerne for transport at the Detroit/Hamtramck Assembly in Hamtramck, Mich, on 22 April, 2009. INTERNET

EBay 1st-quarter profit, sales fall on weak economy

NEW YORK, 23 April — EBay Inc said Wednesday the weak economy led to lower earnings and revenue for the second consecutive quarter, but the online marketplace operator’s results still beat analysts’ expectations.

The first-quarter numbers helped eBay shares shoot up 79 cents, or 5.4 percent, in after-hours

trading, after they ended the regular session up 49 cents, or 3.4 percent, at \$14.78.

The quarterly results, however, show the San Jose, Calif.-based company is still struggling, though — both with the recession and its efforts to improve its online marketplace.

EBay earned \$357.1 million, or 28 cents per share, in the first quarter,

down 22 percent from \$459.7 million, or 34 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

When excluding items, eBay said it earned 39 cents per share.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expected 33 cents per share. Revenue fell 8 percent to \$2.02 billion, just above analysts expectations of \$1.94 billion.—Internet

Turkey calls back ambassador to Canada

ANKARA, 23 April — Turkey recalled its ambassador to Canada, the Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday, after government ministers there reportedly took part in an event that labeled the Ottoman-era killings of Armenians as genocide.

Ambassador Rafet Akgunay was called back for “thorough evaluations and consultations,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Burak

Ozugergin said, without saying why Akgunay was recalled or for how long.

Another government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government rules, said the ambassador was being withdrawn temporarily to protest an event earlier this week in Canada commemorating the deaths of Armenians at the end of World War I

as genocide.

The official said Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper sent a message to the ceremony, which angered Turkey. Turkish news reports said Canadian government officials took part in the event.

A spokeswoman for Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon defended the country’s position.

Internet

Chinese President Hu meets foreign navy commanders

QINGDAO, 23 April—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday met with US and other foreign naval commanders ahead of a display of ships broadcasting Beijing's intentions of becoming a major sea power.

In its brief report, the official *Xinhua* News Agency gave no details of the meeting in the northern port of Qingdao, which was to be followed by an international fleet review featuring ships from China and 14 other nations.

Adm Gary Roughead, chief of naval operations, is representing the US Navy at the events.

Held to formally mark the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army Navy, the gathering is being portrayed by state media as a signal of China's intentions to develop its navy into a force able to conduct operations far from home ports in defence of the country's maritime trade.

Those plans are believed to include the addi-

tion of one or more aircraft carriers to the fleet over the coming years, possibly emboldening China in enforcing its territorial claims in the South China Sea and elsewhere. China deployed its anti-piracy patrol last December to Somalia in a rare joint operation with navies from other countries. It was the first time the communist state dispatched ships abroad on a combat mission.

Xinhua

Chinese telco giant Huawei to invest in PNG

WELLINGTON, 23 April—The decision by China's leading telecommunications company, Huawei Technologies, to invest in Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a demonstration of confidence in the Pacific island country's economy, a leading PNG daily reported on Wednesday.

PNG's Prime Minister Michael Somare said this after visiting the company during his recent trip to China, *The National* newspaper reported.

Somare said telecommunications involved cutting-edge technology and required high capital costs. Therefore, the decision by Huawei to enter into a partnership with Telikom PNG to improve its telecommunications infrastructure was very much appreciated, he said.

Huawei, set up in 1988, is said to be the third-largest telecommunications company in the world.

It is a high-tech enterprise that specializes in research and development (R&D), production and marketing of communications equipment, and providing customized network solutions for telecom carriers in optical, fixed, mobile and data communication networks. —*Xinhua*

More homes slipping toward foreclosures in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 23 April—The number of homes slipping toward foreclosure in the Los Angeles area increased by 37.6 percent in the first quarter of the year, compared to the same period in 2008, a real estate information service reported on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, lenders sent a record number of mortgage default notices to 27,981 homeowners in the area in the first quarter, up from the previous year's first-quarter total of 20,339, according to the agency, MDA Data Quick.

Across California, default notices were sent to 135,431 homeowners in the first quarter of the year, an 80-percent increase from the previous quarter and up 19 percent from the same quarter in 2008, when 113,809 default notices were sent, said Data Quick.

The statewide total was an all-time high for any quarter in Data Quick's statistics, which go back to 1992.

"The nastiest batch of California home loans appears to have been made in mid to late 2006 and the foreclosure process is working its way through those," said Data Quick President John Walsh. "Back then different risk factors were getting piled on top of each other. Adjustable-rate mortgages can be good loans. So can low-down-payment loans, interest-only loans, stated-income loans, et cetera. But if you combine these elements into one loan, it's toxic."

Xinhua

Indian Left-wing rebels release hijacked train

NEW DELHI, 23 April—Indian Left-wing rebels have released the hijacked train with over 400 passengers after 5 hours in the Latehar district of eastern Indian state of Jharkh on Wednesday.

The train was on its way from Barkakana to Mughalsarai at around 7:30 am when it was taken over by at least 200 rebels. The passengers and crew were said to be safe. Security forces have been rushed to the area.

The incident came a day ahead of the second phase of Indian Parliament (Lok Sabha) polls. Left-wing rebels have engaged in large scale anti-polling activities since March when the 15th Lok Sabha election arrangements were announced.

Local media reported earlier that over 50 left-wing rebels bombed Utari Road railway station and also destroyed a nearby track in Palamau district, about 190 km from Ranchi, capital city of Jharkhand, late Tuesday.

Police said the militants had planned to target the New Delhi-bound Rajdhani Express, which was to pass through the station 30 minutes after the blast.

The route of the train was diverted after the incident. Railway services were disrupted on the Dehri Onson and Barkakana route.

The rebels also blew up a school and health center in Narayanpur village in Chatra district of Jharkhand Tuesday night. —*Xinhua*



Two visitors watch the wonder of geothermal seracs at the foot of Mt Nyainqentanglha, 150 km from Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet, on 20 April, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Cholera infection continues to slow in southern Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 23 April—The cholera epidemic in southern Africa continues to abate, but international and local health authorities stress the need to remain vigilant, the United Nations reported here on Wednesday.

"Overall, the duration and magnitude of the epidemic underscores the need for strengthening surveillance, preparedness and underscores plans in all countries," according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

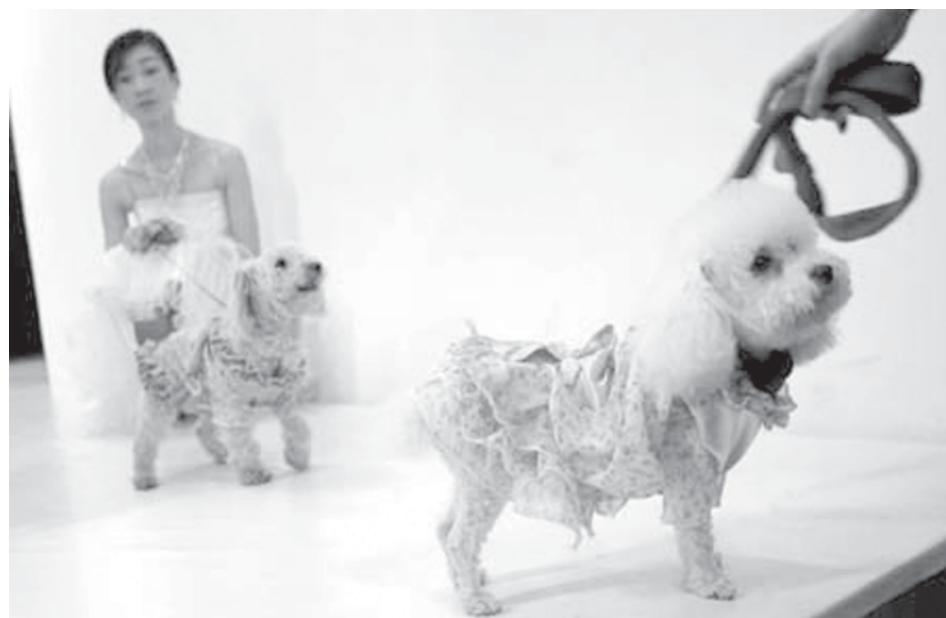
There were a total of 4,579 new cases on 3-17 April in the nine countries —

Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe — affected by the often fatal disease since August 2008.

During the two weeks preceding 3 April, 6,460 new cases were reported, OCHA said.

Authorities warn, however, that cholera could re-appear in the coming one to three weeks, when waters from flooding in the region, which has affected more than 1.2 million people, subside and become stagnant.

Xinhua



Models leading dogs wait for performance during a pet costume show held by Wenzhou Vocational and Technical College in Wenzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 22 April, 2009. —XINHUA



This undated hand out picture released on 21 April, 2009, by Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities shows Pharaonic King Ramses II, right and Geb, god of earth, carved on a wall at one of four recently unearthed new temples in Qantara amidst the 3,000-year-old remains of an ancient fortified city that could have been used to impress foreign delegations visiting Egypt, antiquities authorities announced on 21 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Minn surgeon needs two tries to remove appendix

SHAKOPEE, 23 April — A state investigative report said a surgeon performed an appendectomy on the same patient twice after he mistakenly removed a piece of fatty tissue instead the first time. *The Star Tribune* reported that the surgeon realized his mistake two days after the first operation after a hos-

pital pathologist reported what was removed was "not an appendix."

The patient had been complaining of pain and fever and was ordered back for a second surgery.

The by now ruptured appendix was removed, after which the unidentified patient spent 11 days in the hospital with com-

plications from the second surgery.

The Health Department found no evidence the hospital did anything wrong. Complaints against doctors are handled by a separate state agency. The Board of Medical Practice isn't commenting on the case.—INTERNET

More people live with paralysis

BEIJING, 23 April — A new study shows 40 percent more Americans live with paralysis and five times more people are living with a spinal-cord injury.

The survey released Tuesday, involving over 33,000 households, showed that 1.275 million people have had a spinal cord injury and over 5.6 million Americans live with some form of paralysis.

The highest previous estimates were 250,000

and roughly four million, respectively.

The study was initiated by the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and conducted by the University of New Mexico's Centre for Development and Disability. More than 30 experts from 14 leading universities and medical centers and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention set the parameters for the survey. The development of the survey, acquisition and analysis of the data took

over three years.

"Paralysis is not rare," said Dr Edwin Trevathan, disabilities chief at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which helped design the study. The data shows that one in 50 Americans is living with some form of paralysis, whether caused by disease, spinal cord injury or neurological damage," said Peter T Wilderotter, President and CEO of the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation.

INTERNET

Wind-whipped SC wildfire chars 3,000 acres

MYRTLE BEACH, 23 April — A rapidly spreading coastal wildfire destroyed one home and forced dozens of people to flee their houses on Wednesday as high winds fanned the flames and blew walls of smoke over some of the busiest tourists spots in South Carolina.

The blaze had charred 3,000 acres, which is almost five square miles, and was not under control. Officials said no one had been injured. Fire-

fighters expected it to burn through the night, said state Forestry Commission spokesman Scott Hawkins. Low humidity and high winds expected Thursday may send the flames even closer to neighborhoods, golf courses and businesses that have eaten away at hundreds of thousands of acres of dense woods and swamps in the past few decades, officials said.

By early evening, a gray-white smoke had en-

gulfed restaurant row, a collection of spots that lure tourists between Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach. It looked like a winter fog, with car headlights and neon signs peeking through the haze.

Tourists watched the smoke move over the tree line at the Cane Patch driving range, where one of the holes on the par-3 course was on fire Wednesday night, said cashier John Paulhus.

INTERNET



A Wiesmann MF4 GT is on display during an auto show in north China's Tianjin Municipality on 18 April, 2009.

NH burglar apologizes, turns over stolen goods

Police in southern New Hampshire are searching for a burglar who says he's sorry.

Pelham police say a resident who pulled into his driveway Friday afternoon caught a burglar coming out of the house with jewelry boxes and electronic items.

The homeowner told police that when he approached the burglar, the man apologized, then put the stolen goods back.

Police say the homeowner tried to detain the burglar by engaging him in conversation, but the suspect fled by the time officers arrived.

Box of "scorpions" failed to shield smuggler

A US Border Patrol agent who tried to import rare tortoises in a box labeled "scorpions" pleaded guilty on Tuesday to animal-trafficking charges, the Justice Department said. It turns out that scorpions also draw an extra look from federal agents.

Rene Soliz faces a maximum one-year sentence and will resign from the Border Patrol after entering his guilty plea in Texas on charges that he illegally attempted to receive 15 Tanzanian leopard tortoises, the department said.

Under an international treaty on trade

in endangered species, the tortoises are considered potentially threatened and cannot be traded without an export permit.

But they are often sold as pets and carry a market value of about \$50 each, Justice Department spokesman Andrew Ames said.

Soliz in 2006 contacted a leopard tortoise dealer in Tanzania and asked to buy eight of the animals as the first deal in a long-term relationship.

In April of that year, however, a US Customs inspector at New York's Kennedy Airport intercepted a package bound for Soliz, the department said, citing court statements.

Burglar drilled hole in pharmacy roof

Police in northeast Ohio said a man who cut a hole in a ceiling and lowered himself into a pharmacy with a television cable foiled his plan to steal drugs when he unknowingly set off a motion detector.

Sheffield Lake police Capt Tony Campo said a 32-year-old man came prepared for the early Tuesday morning burglary with an extension ladder and a backpack filled with about 25 tools.

Campo said the man spent a considerable amount of time drilling a hole in the roof large enough for him to slip through. Police arrived minutes after he tripped the silent alarm at about 4:30 am.

Fla baseball team kills snake to stop losing

A Tampa Bay area high school baseball coach has been temporarily relieved of his duties while authorities investigate the killing and burial of a snake on his team's field. A Palm Harbor University High School second baseman said the coach told the team last week that they were "snake-bitten" and needed to stop their losing streak.

So, the student said, the team bought and killed a snake, then buried it on the field during the school's spring break. The coach wasn't present.



Two giant mechanical spiders, operated by French production company La Machine, walks along the waterfront in Yokohama, south of Tokyo. The 37 tonne spider which stands at 12 metres tall is in Yokohama as part of the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama.



Tiki, a 2 year old Pomeranian, wets his nose during the first Show and Shine at the Carson City Harley-Davidson in Carson City, Nev.

NEWS ALBUM

It is high time to prohibit sale of satellite receivers

Ko Gyi Ngwe Zin Yaw

Since I became a pensioner, I have been in the habit of holding random talks with some friends of mine in a tea shop as a daily routine. Our rambling talks comprise a large range of topics such as commodity prices, motor vehicle prices, world cup football tournament, international football matches, local and international news, motion pictures, literature, music, code of press ethics, articles, national politics and party politics and so on. Of us, some are senior pensioners, and some are junior ones. Sometimes, we are in an intense debate over a specific topic, but in general, we hold informal conversations, having green tea.

One morning, our topic focused on satellite receivers. Based on the experiences I had gained on my official tours of some ASEAN countries while in service, I presented my personal views regarding the article "We should not continue to allow decadent satellite programmes" that had been stated in the newspapers recently.

Personally, media control shall be a must in any country. Media control is, indeed, a proper policy, so any drive for media control deserves public support. Media control is intended to ensure releasing only authentic news for public information, entertaining the people in line with the culture of the nation, and educating the people without hurting any mundane and supramundane affairs. In other words, it is designed to enable the people to enhance their spiritual and intellectual nourishment and read news stories that do not cause immorality, and to protect the people against dangers and harms associated with news. In that regard, there is difference on practice

of code of press ethics between one country and another based on the geographical features, climate patterns, economic strength, and social, culture, education and financial affairs of the country concerned.

Our discussions inspired me to write an article about the pros and cons of satellite receivers for public knowledge.

Newspapers reflect the history of a nation. With the help of the National Library, I read old daily newspapers, and found Announcement (1/93) issued in 1993 by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs regarding illegally holding satellite receivers in possession without permission. Then, I found Order (1/93) on Satellite Receivers issued by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on 29 September 1993.

After the Tatmadaw took up State duties, it granted permission for printing and distribution of publications. Then, journals were mushrooming, one of which was "Satellite News Journal". If my memory serves me correct, that journal was in circulation from 2001 to 2004/2005. It boasted that if a person bought and read the journal, he did not need to get any satellite receiver.

Some people do not notice that attachment to satellite receivers is harmful to the morality of the viewers. **In many countries, the governments enforce the restrictions in order to prohibit the people from using satellite receivers directly. Most of the countries have media development authority to control media, and the people have access to satellite programmes only through Community Antenna (CA) system.** The following table shows the restrictions on public use of satellite receivers in some countries:—

Sr No.	Country	Restrictions on satellite receivers
1.	Singapore	The public are not allowed to use satellite receivers legally. Banks, economic organizations, diplomatic corps, international level hotels, institutes of foreign languages and universities are privileged with restrictions and taxes.
2.	Malaysia	The public are not allowed to use satellite receivers legally, with the exception of rural development. Specific organizations are privileged with restrictions and taxes.
3.	Indonesia	The public are not allowed to use satellite receivers legally.
4.	China	The public are not allowed to use satellite receivers legally. Diplomatic corps, international level hotels, and the residential areas for foreigners are privileged with restrictions and taxes.
5.	Pakistan	Sales, installation and use of satellite receivers are prohibited.
6.	Iran	The public are not allowed to use satellite receivers legally.

The Tatmadaw government has launched the analog and digital systems to many other townships in broadcasting television programmes. So, now the people can enjoy the programmes, which previously were available only through satellite receivers, MRTV-4 and related channels, and Pay TV programmes. So far, the people can view the programmes of over 20 channels, and the authorities concerned are working to launch more channels.

Of the satellite channels, some can hurt the self-discipline of the people, some hurt social norms, culture, and characters, some hurt nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit of the people, and some instigate the viewers to commit crimes.

In fact, satellite programmers are specially designed by major nations to wield influence over the international community in the sphere of the media using the media weapons and the art of entertainment. Today, certain powerful countries are brazenly interfering in the affairs of their targeted countries by inciting political problems, instigating mass demonstrations, and demoralizing the characters and undermining nationalistic sense of the people through decadent and X-rated programmes. Watching satellite programmes means the people spend much money on improper, fabricated and decadent programmes.

Of the satellite channels, some can hurt the self-discipline of the people, some hurt social norms, culture, and characters, some hurt nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit of the people, and some instigate the viewers to commit crimes. So, many countries have taken measures on their own to prohibit the use of satellite receivers. That is the national duty of every sovereign nation to protect the interests of the people and the nation.

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The Paragraph (17) of Order (1/93) on Satellite Receivers says that no one shall produce or distribute any of cordless apparatuses on satellite receivers without licence. I have learnt that the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and related departments have not issued licence to any individual or organization to do so.

I thank my friends for sharing their knowledge about satellite receivers with me at the tea shop. I would like to make a positive suggestion that it is high time to prohibit free sales of satellite receivers in Myanmar.

Translation: MS

Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends inauguration of Byantgyi-Taiktan road section on Innma-Indakaw-Khayaykan-Danaw Road in Pantanaw Township.

PBANRDA



Repaving of Maubin-Pantaput road inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, on 20 April, inspected repaving of Maubin-Pantaput village road in Ayeyawady Division undertaken by Maubin Township Development Affairs Committee.

On 21 April, the

minister attended opening of tarred Lanmadaw road in Nyaungdon, and viewed along the road.

The tarred road is 2,700 feet long and 16 feet wide and is constructed by Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Committee with funds of Nyaungdon Township Development Affairs Committee in 2008-2009 fiscal year.

The minister then attended opening of Innma-Indakaw-Khayaykan-Danaw road and Byantgyi-Taiktan road section in

Pantanaw Township.

The former road, which links Pathein-Yangon motor road and Danaw village tract and runs 12 miles, is an earth road on which Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Committee has constructed 3-mile-long and 12-foot-wide gravel road with the funds of the Development Affairs Department. Upon completion, the road will promise easy access for people of four village tracts of Innma, Indakaw, Khayaykan and Danaw, and 39 villages in the township.—MNA

Rakhine State sees infrastructural development

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thuang Aye attended the ceremony to pay respects to the elder persons at Wah Bo village on 15 April.

The commander and family and wellwishers presented cash and paid respects to the elder persons.

Next, the commander met with local people and provided them with lanterns, clothes, food and toys.

On 16 April, the commander and wife

together with officials visited water-throwing pavilions and presented cash awards.

They also attended the closing ceremony of water-throwing pandal of Rakhine State PDC and presented cash awards to winners. On 17 April, the commander, wife and departmental officials presented cash and kind to the aged at respect paying ceremony held at U Ottama Hall.

On 18 April, the commander heard reports on works being carried out presented by officials at the site chosen for

construction of Pyidawtha railway station in Pyidawtha ward, Sittway and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander inspected progress in repairing Basic Education Primary School in Pyidawtha ward, chosen site for construction of Sittway Railway Station and placing of rail tracks near Waithali Stadium in Bumay ward and construction of overpass at the entrance to Yaychanbyin Railway Station which is designated to be built near Sittway Technological University.—MNA



Patrons and members of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association visiting Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sales Fair. — MNA

Patrons of MAWFA visit Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sales Fair

YANGON, 23 April—Members of the Panel of Patrons of the Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association—Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, and wives of the ambassadors of ASEAN countries, wives of directors-general

and deputy directors-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs—and members of the association visited the Post-Nargis Myanmar Arts and Crafts Exhibition and Sales Fair of Central Cooperative Society Ltd at Saya San Plaza, here, this morning.

Officials of

Central Cooperative Society Ltd conducted the guests round the exhibition and sales fair and explained the purpose of holding it on the third floor of the plaza. Next, the guests were entertained with the variety of songs. The fair was temporarily closed during the period of Maha Thingyan Festival and it is reopened from 9 am to 9 pm daily from 18 April to 7 May.

On the ground floor, paintings and sculpture works, jade and gems, furniture, ready made garments, foodstuffs, rare books and consumer goods are being sold to the guests.—MNA

Grapes help lower blood pressure, reduce heart damage

LANSING, 23 April—Can a grape-enriched diet prevent the downhill sequence of heart failure after years of high blood pressure?

University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center study suggests grapes may prevent heart health risks beyond the simple

blood pressure-lowering impact that can come from a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. The benefits may be the result of the phytochemicals – naturally occurring antioxidants – turning on a protective process in the genes that reduces damage to the heart muscle.

The study, performed in laboratory rats, was presented at the 2009 Experimental Biology convention in New Orleans.

Internet





Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun views generation of electricity from paddy husk-powered generator to supply power to Ohndaw village (North).—MNA

Pauk Township making progress

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun met with townsenders in Yinnauk Village in Pauk Township on 19 April and discussed matters related to regional development tasks.

During the meeting, the deputy minister gave instructions on deve-

lopment tasks including construction of road, renovation of the school and development of the library in the village.

He also met with townsenders in Thamadaw Village and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

Afterwards, he went

to Ohndaw Village (North) and viewed generating of electricity from paddy husk-powered generator to supply power to the village and met with departmental officials at the meeting hall of Pauk Township Peace and Development Council.

MNA

Fossil evidence of missing link in origin of seals, walrus found



Life reconstruction of Puijila darwini swimming in crater lake.—INTERNET

OTTAWA, 23 April — Researchers from the United States and Canada have found a fossil skeleton of a newly discovered carnivorous animal, Puijila darwini. New research suggests Puijila is a “missing link”

in the evolution of the group that today includes seals, sea lions, and the walrus.

The analysis of the skeleton and support for the hypotheses that pinniped origins can be found in the Arctic will be

described in the 23 April issue of the journal Nature.

Modern seals, sea lions, and walrus all have flippers—limb adaptations for swimming in water. These adaptations evolved over time, as some terrestrial animals moved to a semi-aquatic lifestyle. Until now, the morphological evidence for this transition from land to water was weak.

“The remarkably preserved skeleton of Puijila had heavy limbs, indicative of well developed muscles, and flattened phalanges which suggests that the feet were webbed, but not flippers. This animal was likely adept at both swimming and walking on land. For swimming it paddled with both front and hind limbs. Puijila is the evolutionary evidence we have been lacking for so long,” says Mary Dawson, curator emeritus of Carnegie Museum of Natural History.—Internet

Commander inspects repairing of Pyay-Paukhaung-Ottwin road

NAY PYI TAW, 23 April—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, on 11 April, inspected the paving of Pyay-Paukhaung-Ottwin tarred road in Ottwin Township and left necessary instructions.

At Pawlangyi forest camp in Paukhaung

Township, the commander met with officials concerned of road construction project special group No.7, Forest Department and timber extraction, and coordinated the needs.

The commander inspected teak plantation in Khabounggyipyin protected forest in Ottwin Township and land preparation for

growing the private teak plantation in Paukhaung Township. After hearing the reports presented by officials concerned on the work being done, the commander gave the necessary instruction.

Afterwards, the commander inspected the teak nursery and left necessary instruction.

MNA

Ultrasound imaging now possible with smartphone

SCIENCE DAILY, 23 April — Computer engineers at Washington University in St. Louis are bringing the minimalist approach to medical care and computing by coupling USB-based ultrasound probe technology with a smartphone, enabling a compact, mobile computational platform and a medical imaging device that fits in the palm of a hand.

William D. Richard, PhD., WUSTL associate professor of computer science and engineering, and David Zar, research associate in computer science and engineering, have made commercial USB ultrasound probes



William D. Richard (left) takes an ultrasound probe of colleague David Zar’s carotid artery with a low-power imaging device he designed.

compatible with Microsoft Windows mobile-based smartphones, thanks to a \$100,000 grant Microsoft awarded the two in 2008. In order to make commercial USB ultrasound probes work

with smartphones, the researchers had to optimize every aspect of probe design and operation, from power consumption and data transfer rate to image formation algorithms.

Internet

Secret to night vision found

MUNICH, 23 April — Researchers have discovered an important element for making night vision possible in nocturnal mammals: the DNA within the photoreceptor rod cells responsible for low light vision is packaged in a very unconventional way, according to a report in the 17 April issue of Cell.

That special DNA architecture turns the rod cell nuclei themselves into tiny light-collecting lenses, with millions of them in every nocturnal eye.

“The conventional architecture seen in almost all nuclei is invariably present in the rod cells of diurnal mammals, including primates, pigs and squirrels,” said Boris Joffe of Ludwig-Maximilians University

Munich. “On the other hand, the unique inverted architecture is universally present in nocturnal mammals,” for instance, mice, cats and deer.

That architecture has important ramifications for

the optical properties of those cells, added Jochen Guck of the University of Cambridge. “Diurnal nuclei are basically scattering obstacles,” he said.

Internet



In nocturnal to low light active mammals (eg the cat) the rod photoreceptors of the eye have nuclei with an inverted architecture, whereas the rods of diurnal mammals (eg the crab-eating macaque) have a conventional nuclear architecture. The inverted architecture improves nocturnal vision.

INTERNET

Kunchaung Hydropower Project in Pyu Township to yearly generate 190 million kwh, to irrigate 110,000 acres of farmlands

Article & Photos: Photographer Maung Maung

(from page 1) and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well", utmost efforts are being made for exploring the land and water resources across the nation and extending the sown acreage in full swing.

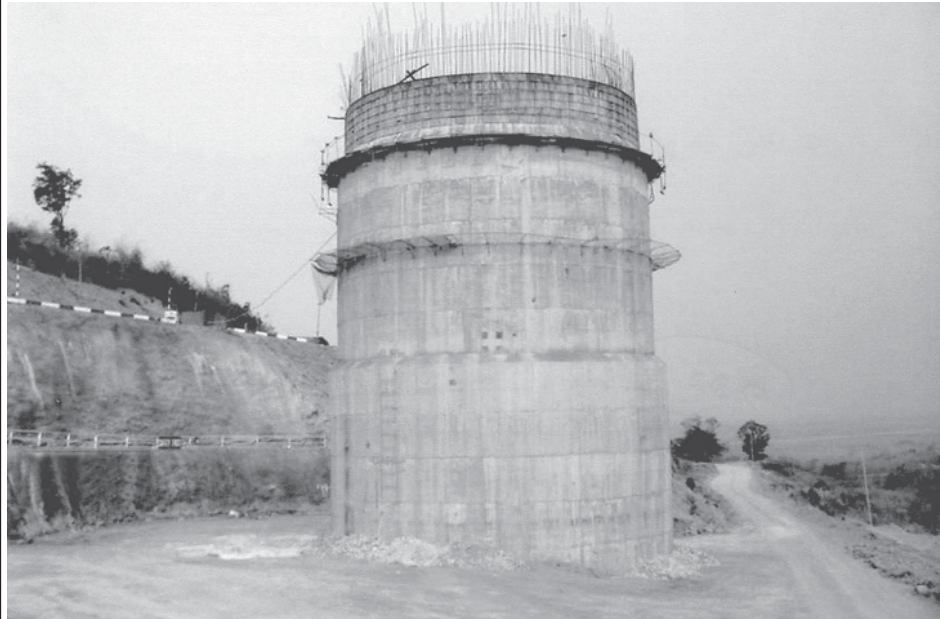
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was not easy. It is necessary to conduct the all-round feasibility study on the potential water power of the water sources from the thick forests and hilly regions, the rainfall, the seasonal flow of water, the geographical conditions, the location for the whole

be, engineers and workers of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are implementing the hydropower projects in the woods and hilly regions with diligence laid down by the State Peace and Development Council under supervisions of Minister Col



97 per cent completion of main embankment.



96 per cent completed surge tank at Kunchaung Hydropower Plant.

guidance of the Head of State, the development tasks are being carried out in all regions of the nation. In this regard, Kunchaung Hydropower Project, one of the development projects in Sittoung River Valley of Bago Division, is being implemented as a multi-purpose project with the aims of

- irrigating the farmlands of Kanyutkwin and Penwgon regions of Sittoung River Valley to be able to grow double and mixed crops,
- taking preventive measures against floods in Sittoung River Valley, and
- supplying power from Kunchaung Hydropower Plant to the entire nation through the power grid.

In reality, the implementation of hydropower projects

project, the transportation, the construction of approach roads to the project site and the transport of construction materials and heavy machinery.

Moreover, the preliminary tasks are to be carried out on the weather condition at the project site and conditions of rivers, creeks and waterfalls before the project implementation to find out if there is potential water power. It usually takes at least three to four years in making preparations.

Although overflowing is common in the rainy season, some rivers and creeks in the country are dry in the summer.

Therefore, the hydropower projects are to be implemented by taking four to five years, and as such it will be in possible to expect clean water soon after a well has been dug as the saying goes.

Whatever it may

Zaw Min, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, directors-general and officials.

Of these hydropower projects, the Hydropower Implementation Department is undertaking the implementation of Kunchaung Hydropower Project that is located nine miles southwest from Pyu Township of Toungoo

District in Bago Division. At present, the department is building the dam, the spillway, the conduit and water control tower and the power intake structure, the laying and installation of penstock pipes and the construction of the power plant.

The region for the project has about 100 inches of rainfall yearly. A total of 763,000 acre feet of water flows into Kun Creek annually and its catchment area is 338 square miles.

In implementing the project, a rock-filled dam with earth core will be built for storing water.

It is necessary to store 800,370 acre feet of water for agriculture purpose and operating the turbines. In reality, the dam will be constructed

for restoring 1,190,000 acre feet of water at 220 feet deep of water for the largest storage capacity of the dam.

To drain out the surplus water, a RC spillway with the type of ogee crest and chute with flip bucket that can release 4,500 cubic feet of water per second and 60 feet wide will be built at the dam.

In generating 60 megawatts, water will be piped to three 20-megawatt vertical type Francis turbines through three 16.5 feet diameter and 500 feet long pre-stressed steel pipes.

On completion, Kunchaung Hydropower Project will generate about 190 million kilowatt hours yearly and supply hydroelectricity to the entire nation through

the power grid. At present, the project has completed by 73 per cent.

Moreover, the dam of the project will irrigate 110,000 acres of farmlands in Kanyutkwin and Penwgon regions of Sittoung River Valley as a drive for development of the region and the nation.

Up to now, concerted efforts are being made in implementing the multi-purpose project for serving the interest of the State by storing water from Kun Creek for cultivation of summer paddy and for generating hydropower.

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Land preparation has completed by 29 per cent for construction of power plant on 31 March.

NATO, Russia to resume formal political contacts at end of April

BRUSSELS, 23 April—NATO and Russia will resume formal political contacts at the end of April with a meeting of the NATO-Russia Council at ambassadorial level, said the alliance on Wednesday.

The Russians have indicated that they wish to restart formal relations at the NATO-Russia Council at the end of April and that there will be a meeting of foreign ministers during the last two weeks of May, NATO spokesman James Appathurai told reporters.

“If that’s the way they wish to do it, then that is the way it will be done,” he said.

NATO will also hold open invitation to Moscow for a chief of defense meeting scheduled for the beginning of May, he said.

NATO decided to suspend high-level contacts with Russia in August 2008 following the Russia-Georgia military conflict. NATO foreign ministers in December 2008 agreed to gradually resume political contacts with Moscow.

The alliance on Wednesday also sought to address Moscow’s concerns over two military exercises in Georgia in May and June.—*Internet*



A boat transports people along flooded streets at the Manaquiri river in the Amazon basin of northeastern Brazil on 22 April, 2009. Heavy rains last night have flooded many cities.

INTERNET

Rivers receding due to climate change: Study

BEIJING, 23 April—A new research finds that rivers in some of the world’s most populous regions are losing water due to changes in climatic conditions.

Scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colo., suggests that the reduced flows in many cases are associated with climate change, and could potentially threaten future supplies of food and water.

The Colorado River in the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico, the Yellow River in northern China, the Ganges in India and the Niger in West Africa are losing water, says the study.

The study examined stream flow in 925 of Earth’s largest rivers, and found significant change in about one third of them over the past 50 years. These rivers, all key sources of water for the regions they flow through, were found to be funneling less water through their channels.

“Reduced runoff is increasing the pressure on freshwater resources in much of the world, especially with more demand for water as population increases,” says NCAR scientist Aiguo Dai, the lead author of the study. “Freshwater being a vital resource, the downward trends are a great concern.”

Internet

Photo taken on 15 April, 2009 shows an artwork made of a discarded doll in a community of Detroit, the United States. Discarded items were transformed by the local artists into art works in a bid to express their hope for life and call for people to revive the declining auto city.

INTERNET



Cloned baby may come within a year or two

BEIJING, 23 April —A US-based fertility doctor has claimed to have cloned 14 human embryos and transferred 11 of them into the wombs of four women, revealing he can have a cloned baby within a year or two.

Panayiotis Zavos told Britain’s *Independent* newspaper that although none of the women had had a viable pregnancy as a result, the first cloned baby could now be born within a couple of years.

DrZavos’s work is widely condemned by mainstream fertility experts, who question whether the technique, which also raises complex ethical questions, is safe. Although other scientists have created human cloned embryos in test tubes to extract stem cells for research, DrZavos has broken a taboo by actually putting them inside women’s wombs. He said he has also produced cloned embryos

of three dead people, including a 10-year-old girl called Cady who died in a car crash in the U.S.. The child’s blood cells were frozen and sent to Zavos.—*Internet*



One of the Top 10 strange statues in the world, located in Seoul, Korea, in front of the Bukcheon Museum.—INTERNET

China calls for int’l co-op in fighting racism

GENEVA, 23 April—Close international cooperation is needed to fight all forms of racism and racial discrimination, which is the enemy of the whole human society, a senior Chinese diplomat said here on Wednesday.

“China proposes that the international community work closely together to form a strong united front in the fight against racism,” said Li Baodong, Chinese ambassador to the United Nations Office in Geneva, in an address to the ongoing Durban Review Conference.

Governments should fully recognize the huge damage that racism has caused to various human rights, international security and human development, and pursue actively the policy of “zero tolerance” at both the national and international level, Li told more than 100 delegations participating at the anti-racism conference.

The five-day conference, which opened on Monday, is a follow-up meeting to the World Conference against Racism held in Durban, South Africa in 2001.

According to the Chinese ambassador, countries should enhance dialog and communications to resolve political differences and refrain from creating a breeding ground for hatred.—*Internet*

Missing Russian helicopter found, all aboard safe

Moscow, 23 April—A *Mi-2* helicopter with two crew members and five passengers aboard, reported missing earlier in Russia’s Tomsk region, has been found with all aboard safe and sound, officials and the media said on Wednesday.

The helicopter was found some 240 kilometres from the village of Kolpashevo, *Interfax* news agency reported.

“It’s been found. Everybody is safe and sound. The helicopter does not seem to have any visible damage,” the Russian Federal Air Navigation Service’s Siberian regional department said.

It was reported earlier that the helicopter took off at 7:01 am Moscow time (0301 GMT) near the town of Strezhevoi and was due to arrive near the town of Kedrovoy at 8:17 am Moscow time (0417 GMT), but did not reach its destination. The last radio contact was 11 minutes after its take-off.

A *Mi-8* helicopter was sent to search for the missing aircraft, with two doctors, three rescuers, a prosecutor and two police officers on board.—*MNA/Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (V.167)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGPAKAEW VOY NO (V.167) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.4.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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**Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board**

Vacancy Announcement**Announcement No.3/2009****14th Waxing of Hnaung Tagu 1370 ME****(8 April 2009)**

1. Applications may be submitted to the Transport Planning Department under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for the following positions.

Sr. No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Staff Officer	1	B.C.Sc or B.C.Tech
(b)	Staff Officer	1	B.A (English / EOP / EPP)

2. The applicants:--

(a) must be nationals of Union of Myanmar.

(b) must not be over 35 (40 if service personnel) on 14 May 2009.

3. The applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by Expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 14 May 2009.

4. Regarding how to fill in the application form, documents to be attached, examination fee of K/ 500, and what should be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates have to follow the instructions manifested in the guide booklet published under Letter No 342/ Selection (Main) / 2008 dated 8 October 2008 for those who apply for the positions advertised by the Civil Service Selection and Training Board.

5. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.

6. Each service personnel applicant must send his or her original application with the permission of the ministry concerned to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board through the head of department by 14 May 2009. He or she also has to send another application attached with an extra photo to the office in Nay Pyi Taw.

7. Examinations will take place on 6 and 7 June 2009. Identity cards will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 4 June 2009.

8. The Ministry of Rail Transportation has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. So, those candidates wishing to know them may contact in person or by phone to Office No (29) of the Transport Planning Department of the Ministry of Rail Transportation in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 405347).

9. If a candidate wants to know something else, he may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 409052, 067 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

Egypt reports 25th death of bird flu

CAIRO, 23 April—A 25 year-old Egyptian woman has died of the H5N1 bird flu virus on Wednesday, bringing the number of such deaths to 25 in the populous country, said the Health Ministry.

Health Ministry spokesman Abdel-Rahman Shahine said that Hadiya Salah Ragab, who comes from Al-Murg neighborhood in Cairo, was admitted to the hospital earlier this month and treated with the drug Tamiflu but remained in critical condition until she died on Wednesday. On Tuesday, the ministry said that Ali Mahmoud Ali, who comes from northern Egyptian governorate of Qalyubiya, some 40 km north of Cairo, was admitted to hospital on March 28, and died on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, another official from the Health Ministry said on Tuesday that another four-year-old boy Ahmed Ramadan Kamal ADean, from Sohag in south of Cairo, contracted the virus, bringing the human cases of the fatal avian influenza to 67.

Internet

No evidence against father in 'Slumdog' row



Child actress from the Oscar-winning film 'Slumdog Millionaire', Rubina Qureshi (R) is pictured with her father Rafique Qureshi outside their home in Mumbai on 19 April.—INTERNET

MUMBAI, 23 April—Indian police said on Thursday they had not found any evidence so far to substantiate claims that the father of "Slumdog Millionaire" child actress Rubina Qureshi tried to sell her for adoption. "We have not registered a case against Rubina Qureshi's father and are still continuing with investigations," senior police officer Nisar Tamboli was quoted as saying by the domestic *Press Trust of India* news agency. Police opened an investigation into whether Rafiq Qureshi tried to sell his nine-year-old daughter after a report this weekend in a British tabloid newspaper. The *News of World* alleged that Qureshi demanded 20 million rupees (400,000 dollars, 310,000 euros) for Rubina during a meeting with an undercover newspaper reporter posing as a wealthy Arab sheikh.—Internet

Deep blue lakes become Afghanistan's first park

KABUL, 23 April—A cascading collection of deep-blue high-mountain lakes became Afghanistan's first provisional national park Wednesday, as the violence-plagued nation took a big first step toward protecting one of its finest natural treasures.

Coinciding with Earth Day, celebrated worldwide every year on April 22, officials in the Central Asian

country signed a decree to create Band-e-Amir National Park, encompassing six mountain-fed lakes held back by natural calcified dams. Located in the country's peaceful central highlands, the lakes were a popular tourist destination before the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule, and official hopes they can attract tourists from around the world.—Internet



Band-e-Amir is seen in this undated photo in Bamiyan Province of Afghanistan. The cascading collection of deep-blue high-mountain lakes became Afghanistan's first provisional national park on 22 April, 2009 as the violence-plagued nation took a big first step toward protecting one of its finest natural treasures.—INTERNET

Civilian deaths in Afghanistan significantly down in 2009

BRUSSELS, 23 April—The number of civilian deaths in Afghanistan went down by 39 percent in the first three months of 2009 compared to the same period a year before, NATO said on Wednesday.

NATO spokesman James Appathurai said 81 percent of the civilian deaths were caused by the Taliban-led insurgents and 19 percent by international troops in the first three months of 2009.

He did not give the overall number of civilian deaths, nor the breakdown between the deaths caused by international forces and the insurgents.

Internet

Nintendo's Game Boy turns 20



Nintendo's portable game console "Game Boy Advance" with a video phone unit "Campho Advance" (camera-phone), allowing game users to enjoy real-time chat services.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 23 April — Twenty years ago Japan's Nintendo Co launched the Game Boy, the iconic handheld video game player that spawned characters from Super Mario to Pokemon and sold 200 million units worldwide.

When the Game Boy was first launched this week in 1989, Japan was enjoying its economic "bubble years," Madonna's "Like a Prayer" topped international charts,

and Chinese students were just starting to mass on Tiananmen Square. Video games had recently moved from the arcades into family homes.

In Japan children were playing Nintendo's Family Computer or "Famicom" games on their television sets, and simple handheld games called Game and Watch.

But the Game Boy — sold at 8,000 yen (80 dollars at today's exchange rate) — was the first portable console with changeable game cartridges and marketed as "35 hours of games in your pocket with just four batteries."

"Children were so happy they could play on the train after school and before the inevitable evening crash courses," recalled Hirokazu Hamamura, head of Enterbrain, a publishing company on the gaming industry.

"If Nintendo beat its rivals in this field, it's because the company has spent decades in the universe of social gaming," he said.

Kyoto-based Nintendo started off in 1889 as a maker of card games and moved into toys in the early 1900s.—Internet

Mexico steps up patrols after two soldiers killed

MEXICO CITY, 23 April — The army said Wednesday it has stepped up patrols in a remote, mountainous drug hotspot in northern Mexico, after gunmen killed two army lieutenants in the region.

The grisly discovery happened days after Roman Catholic Archbishop Hector Gonzalez Martinez created a stir by saying

that Sinaloa cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman lives near the town of Guanacevi, in Durango state, and that "everybody knows it except the authorities." The bullet-riddled bodies of the two army officers were found in the Durango township of Tepehuanes, about 30 miles (50 kms) south of Guanacevi.

The army said in a statement Wednesday that the two officers were off

duty when they were killed, and that it had increased patrols in the area to look for the assailants.

Local news media reported that the bodies were found with a sign that read "neither the government nor priests can handle El Chapo," an apparent reference to the archbishop's comments and the government's posting of a \$2.1 million reward for Guzman in March.—Internet

Painkillers may not protect against dementia

SEATTLE, 23 April — Research has suggested that older people who want to avoid Alzheimer's disease might want to take daily doses of painkillers such as ibuprofen and naproxen, but a new study suggests that might not be the best idea.

"If people are thinking, 'Should I take these to prevent dementia?', the answer based on our study would be no," said study author Dr Eric B Larson, executive director of the Group Health Center for Health Studies in Seattle.—Internet

French women, thinnest in Europe, think they're fat

PARIS, 23 April — France has by far the highest proportion of clinically underweight women in Europe, but only half of them think they are too thin, according to a new study. In other European countries the opposite is true: the number of women in Britain, Spain and Portugal, for example, who see themselves as seriously skinny easily outstrips the number who actually are.

"This shows that what people consider an ideal weight in France is lower than in other countries," said the study's author Thibaut de Saint Pol, a researcher at France's National Institute of Demographic studies, which published the study on Wednesday.

"If a French person who feels fat were to go to the United States," — which has much higher rate of obesity — "he probably wouldn't feel fat anymore," he



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told AFP in an interview. The study also reveals a big gap, both objective and subjective, between sexes. In western Europe, the mean weight of men in every country except France and The Netherlands tips the scales into the "overweight" category, according to World Health Organization (WHO) standards.—Internet



A view of the lights show organized by Krizia with German designer Ingo Maurer as part of the design week, featuring events all over the city and in the fair located in the outskirts, in Milan, Italy, on 22 April, 2009. The Milan Furniture Fair opened today and will close on April 27, hosting designers and their creations from all over the world.—INTERNET

Live shark left outside office puzzles police

CANBERRA, 23 April — A live shark dumped on the doorstep of an Australian country newspaper office had local police puzzled on Thursday, with authorities vowing to charge the person who left it with animal cruelty. The juvenile Port Jackson shark, which measured around 70 centimetres in length, was left in darkness outside the

office at Warrnambool, on the coast of southeast Victoria state. "We arrived and poured some water on it just to see if it was still breathing and it kicked around for a little while," Constable Jarrod Dwyer told state radio.

"I walked over to McDonalds and borrowed a bucket off them and filled it up with water, and we picked the shark up and put it inside it and

then drove it down to the breakwater and released it back into the water," he said. Port Jackson sharks can grow up to 1.6 metres long (5.5 ft) and typically feed on crustaceans, sea urchins, and fish. They are nocturnal and common across Australia's southeast coast. Dwyer said the newspaper was unaware why anyone would leave a shark to die outside.—Internet

IBM says world piracy doubles in Q1 2009 due to Somalia

LONDON, 23 April — Piracy incidents nearly doubled across the globe in the first quarter of 2009 almost entirely due to an upsurge in attacks by gangs

off the Somali coast, the International Maritime Bureau (IMB) said on Tuesday.

The London-based watchdog recorded 102 attacks worldwide in the first three months of 2009 compared with 53 in that period a year ago, with 61 attacks in the Gulf of Aden and off the east coast of Somalia compared with 6 in the first quarter of 2008.

Somali pirates have made millions of dollars in ransoms hijacking commercial vessels in the busy shipping lanes of the Gulf of Aden and Indian Ocean, despite patrols by foreign navies of the Somali coast, disrupting aid supplies and trade routes.

Twenty attacks were recorded off Somali's east coast with 18 of those in March alone, which included four hijackings. That compared with seven

incidents in the fourth quarter of 2008. The IBM said 41 incidents were reported in the Gulf of Aden region and five vessels hijacked. A total of 34 vessels were boarded, 29 ships fired upon and nine hijacked worldwide, the IBM said.

"In the majority of incidents the attackers were heavily armed with guns or knives," the watchdog said. "Violence against crew member continues to increase. Given the current state of the global economy, there are concerns that piracy may increase. Navies and Coast Guards must continue to maintain their physical presence," it said. The IBM said apart from Somalia, Nigeria continued to be a high risk area with nearly all attacks related to vessels supporting and connected to the oil industry.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Ferguson tells United title race is not yet run

MANCHESTER, 23 April – Sir Alex Ferguson has warned his Manchester United players they still have work to do to win the Premier League title despite enjoying some breathing space at the summit. Wednesday's 2-0 win over Portsmouth here at Old Trafford moved United three points clear of second-placed Liverpool with a game in hand.

Rafael Benitez's team lost ground with a 4-4 draw with Arsenal on Tuesday and Wednesday saw Chelsea also fail to keep the pressure on after their goalless stalemate against Everton. United have six league games left, starting with Saturday's match at home to Tottenham Hotspur and they also have to contend with a Champions League semi-final against Premier League rivals Arsenal on Wednesday.—Internet



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (right) vies with Portsmouth's Glen Johnson during their English Premiership match at Old Trafford, Manchester.—INTERNET

Chelsea's Premiership title hopes are over: Hiddink

LONDON, 23 April – Guus Hiddink admits Chelsea's title challenge is over after the Blues were held to a frustrating 0-0 draw by Everton. Hiddink's side are six points behind leaders Manchester United following on Wednesday's Stamford Bridge stalemate and Sir Alex Ferguson's team can extend that advantage to nine points with a victory in their game in hand.

It would take a remarkable collapse from the reigning champions for Chelsea to get back in the race and Hiddink conceded the west London club's hopes of silverware now lie with next week's Champions League semi-final first leg against Barcelona and the FA Cup final against Everton next month.—Internet



Everton's Joao Alves de Assis Silva (left) fights for the ball with Chelsea's John Terry during their Premiership match at Stamford Bridge in London. Chelsea's league title challenge is fading after the Blues were held to a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

Barcelona cruise to Sevilla rout

MADRID, 23 April – Barcelona turned on the style again at Camp Nou on Wednesday, crushing Sevilla 4-0 to restore their six-point lead at the La Liga summit. Real Madrid had closed to within three points with a morale-boosting, late 3-2 win over Getafe on Tuesday but Barcelona show no signs of cracking under the pressure and destroyed third-placed Sevilla even without talisman Lionel Messi.

Real have been the experts of late goals this season, but Barcelona prefer seeing off teams with early goals and scored twice in the first 16 minutes to seize control. Andres Iniesta scored a sensational



Barcelona's Belarussian midfielder Aleksandr Hleb (L) vies with Sevilla's Sebastien Squillaci and Ndri Romaric (C) during their Spanish League football match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barcelona won 4-0.

INTERNET

opener after just two minutes before Samuel Eto'o struck his 27th goal of the campaign.

Internet

Lazio oust Juventus to reach final

ROME, 23 April – Lazio beat Juventus 2-1 at Turin's Stadio Olimpico on Wednesday to reach their first Coppa Italia final since 2004 with a 4-2 aggregate victory. A stunning strike from on-loan Argentina forward Mauro Zarate and a deflected effort from Serbian full-back Aleksandar Kolarov put Lazio in the driving seat before Alessandro Del Piero's late consolation.

The match finished on a sour note for Juve as Mauro Camoranesi was sent off late on and the game was also marred by more ugly chanting by some Juve fans against Inter Milan's black striker Mario Balotelli.

Internet



Juventus' defender Paolo De Ceglie (L) jumps for the ball against Lazio's forward Mauro Matias Zarate during their Coppa Italia (Italian Cup) semi-final football match at Olympic Stadium in Turin. Lazio beat Juventus 2-1.

INTERNET

Japan on top in AFC Champions League

SINGAPORE, 23 April – Japan remains firmly on track to have four teams in the last 16 of the AFC Champions League after decisive victories Wednesday for Kashima Antlers and Nagoya Grampus. The Antlers thrashed Singapore Armed Forces 5-0 at home while Nagoya grabbed a valuable three points with a 1-0 win over Newcastle Jets in Australia.

Internet



Japan's Kashima Antlers forward Shinzo Koroki (L) and Singapore Armed Forces defender Daniel Mark Bennett clash during their match in Kashima city.—INTERNET

Three-star Wiese puts Bremen in German Cup final

BERLIN, 23 April – Goalkeeper Tim Wiese held his nerve to make three consecutive saves as Werder Bremen beat 10-man Hamburg 3-1 on penalties in their German Cup semi-final on Wednesday.

Goals by Bremen's Germany defender Per Mertesacker and Hamburg's Bayern Munich-bound striker Ivan Olic had meant it was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes, but home side Hamburg had captain David Jarolim sent off deep in injury time.—Internet



Udinese's forward Fabio Quagliarella (L) beats Werder Bremen's goalkeeper Tim Wiese to score during their quarter-final UEFA cup match on 16 April, 2009 in Udine.—INTERNET

Last-minute goal puts 10-man Guingamp in final



Guingamp's midfielder Edouardo (R) vies with Toulouse's defender Mauro Cetto during their French Cup semifinal football match in Toulouse. Guingamp won 2-1.—INTERNET

PARIS, 23 April – A last-minute goal from Senegalese substitute Badara Sene gave 10-man Guingamp of the second division a 2-1 win over top flight Toulouse on Wednesday and a place in the French Cup final. Guingamp will meet Rennes, who defeated Grenoble 1-0 on Tuesday, in the final.

They took the lead in the 28th minute through Dos Santos Eduardo before Andre-Pierre Gignac equalised in the 74th minute. Richard Soumah had already been sent-off for Guingamp in the 52nd minute for a second yellow card, but the red-card only served to drive the outsiders ahead and grab the winner in the last minute.—Internet

Nadal leads top ten through in Barcelona

BARCELONA, 23 April – World number one Rafael Nadal overpowered Portugal's Federico Gil to lead the top seeds into the Barcelona Open third round on Wednesday.

Nadal set the perfect winning example with his 6-2, 6-2 opening victory over Gil, the number 75 whom he beat last month in Miami. Despite now owning a 22-1 record at his "home" event, the phenomenon from across the water in Mallorca said it was not as easy as it looked.

"Winning has not become routine for me. Ten-



Rafael Nadal tuned up for a tilt at a fifth straight trophy at his home Barcelona Open as he won his 22nd match at the venue 6-2, 6-2 over Federico Gil on Wednesday.—INTERNET

nis is also a sport of losses, someone wins every week - but not always the same player," said Nadal.—Internet



Joeys-baby kangaroos-are cared for at the home of animal care Annie Williams in Gisborne, near Melbourne, after being rescued from the recent bushfire in south-east Australia.—INTERNET

Susilo launches home made products campaign

JAKARTA, 23 April— Marking the opening of an international handicraft fair, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono launched a campaign programme for Indonesian people to only use home made products here Wednesday.

Accompanied by a number of his ministers, the First Lady and his daughter-in-law, Susilo launched the government's programmes aimed at encouraging people to love domestic products and service.

The programme, which is initially marked with the launching of "I Love Indonesia" logo, is inline with the government's efforts to improve creative goods production among the Indonesian people. Earlier reports said that Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pnagestu denied the assumption saying that the programme is an application of protectionism.

She said that creative products production is a solution to overcome the impact of economy crisis that has been hitting Indonesian people since late last year. She pointed out that creative products productions would ease down the rising unemployment number in the country. Government initially initiated 2009 as the 'year of creativity'.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (24.4.2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

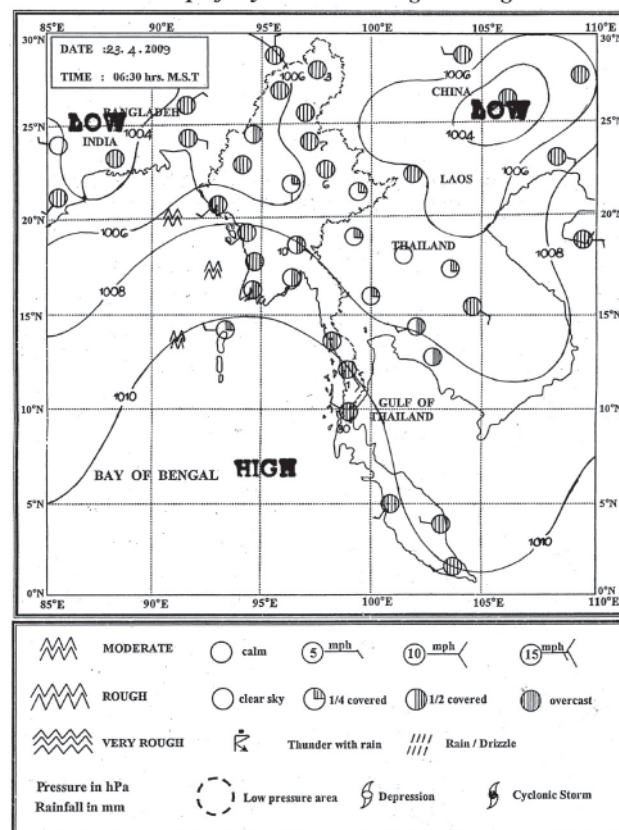
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * The Hilly Town (Namhsan)
- * Dawei Traditional Longyi weaving Art
- * Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin)
- * Marvel of a Pagoda with Uncountable Buddha Images
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * Traditional Matrimony of Rawan National
- * Myanmar Traditional Pavilion Painting
- * Pa-O Traditional Bag
- * Modernized Myanmar Fashion Designs
- * Sagaing Pagoda-studded Hills
- * Water Hyacinth Furniture
- * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Yangon to Mawlamyine)
- * Myanmar Traditional Food..... Soya Bean
- * The Hilly Town (Namhsan)
- * Dawei Traditional Longyi weaving Art
- * Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- * Marvel of a Pagoda with Uncountable Buddha Images
- * Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyine to Myeik)
- * Satellite Tracking System for Sea Turtle
- * Better Homes, Better Decorations
- * Coffee Production in Myanmar
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part-III)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 23 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (6°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin State, (3°C) above April average temperatures in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below April average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were NyaungU and Minbu (42°C) each, Myingyan and Chauk (41°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Thapyaygone) (0.20) inch, NayPyiTaw (Lewe) (0.16) inch, Mudon (1.65) inches, Kawthoung (1.18) inches, Katha (0.90) inch, Dawei (0.51) inch and Taunggu (0.40) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-4-2009 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 23-4-2009 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-4-2009 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 22-4-2009 was (8.6) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 23-4-2009 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (1.06) inches at Mingaladon, (1.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Northwest at (18:30) hours MST on 22-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan and Mon States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of thesea: Seas will be moderated in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 24 April View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသာနဂါးပြေရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:45 am
 4. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ချုပ်ရှင်
- 8:00 am
 5. Nice and sweet song

- 8:10 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
 7. International news
- 8:40 am
 8. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:50 am
 9. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ" (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြည်ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့၊ လှအောင်လီတင်၊ ရွမ်းပုံ၊ ဇရာ)
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Dance of national races

- 4:25 pm
 3. စက္ကန့်နှင့်ပျော့ဖတ်စက်ရုံ(သာပေါင်း)
- 4:40 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 4:55 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
 7. "ငွေကြေးကိစ္စမှန်သမျှဘက်ကို သာအားကိုးကြ" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ ပီရ ပုလဲဝင်း၊ ဖူးစုံ၊ သဇင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ)]
- 5:45 pm
 8. Songs of yesteryears

- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဘက်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
 12. အပန်းဖြေလှည့်ပါခြစ်ကမ်းခြေ သာယာ
- 7:10 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နားခိုရာရင်ခွင်" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
 15. International news
 16. Weather report
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)



North Yama Creek Bridge linking Salingyi and Yinmabin townships

Article & Photo: Maung Htein Lin (Monywa-IPRD)

Nowadays, the townships of Monywa District in Sagaing

Division are maintaining development momentum due to

assistance of the government and harmonious efforts of the

local people.

Remarkable progress can be witnessed

in agriculture, education, health and social sectors in Salingyi and Yinma-

bin townships of the district. In this regard, North Yama Creek Bridge linking Salingyi and Yinmabin townships is one of the development facilities for enabling the local people to have easy access to other regions.

The bridge was inaugurated in 2004, and it links Gondaw Village of Salingyi Township and Aungchantha Village of Yinmabin Township. The bridge is of wooden steel cable suspension facility. The bridge can withstand passing of a 30-ton load vehicle at a time.

Thanks to construction of the bridge, the local people of two townships can travel to each other and the bridge contributes to smooth flow of commodities and passengers.

Translation: TTA

Kyemon: 10-4-2009



The wooden steel cable suspension bridge lies across North Yama Creek.

Our penchant for rarity could threaten conservation efforts

PARIS, 23 April — Rare plant and animal species are like rare stamps or coins: they are perceived to be inherently more valuable to people, whatever they look like. Researchers Elena Angulo and Franck Courchamp,

from Université de Paris-Sud, have found that people are more attracted to species labeled "rare" than those labeled "common" even when they do not know which species are involved.

The study shows that this irrational value conferred to unknown items only for the sake of rarity is both an asset and a threat for conservation.

It has been recently suggested that the value people place on rarity could lead to the extinction of rare species as we are willing to pay the high costs of exploiting the last individuals. Many hobbies, such as ecotourism or the keeping of exotic pets, may cause this effect, known as the anthropogenic Allee effect. However, this theory relies on the untested assumption that people do indeed value rarity.

Internet



White tiger. Rare plant and animal species are like rare stamps or coins.

Blues could sell Ballack

MUNICH, 23 April — Michael Ballack is no more than a peripheral player at Chelsea, according to Lothar Matthaus.

The Germany captain moved to Stamford Bridge on a free transfer from Bayern Munich in 2006, but has struggled to replicate the form he showed in the Bundesliga for the Blues. And Matthaus, who won 150 caps in a 20-year international career for Germany, believes Ballack could soon be discarded by Chelsea.

"At Chelsea Ballack is just present rather than right in the thick of things. He is a nominal player at the big London club - that is not an insult," Matthaus wrote in Sport Bild.

"The squad is packed with top stars. To establish yourself as a leading player there is hard. Ballack has not managed it.

"He is always in the first team. The question is only: For how much longer?"

Internet



Ballack - not backed by Matthaus.

