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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

Entire people to strive for success of the 2010 election in line with the State Constitution and join hands with the government in nation-building endeavours

Prime Minister meets departmental officials, social organizations and local people of Mongyan, Metmang and Monghkat townships

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, on his tour of Kengtung in Shan State (East), attended the opening ceremony of the runway of Kengtung airport on the morning of 25 April. Then, the Prime Minister, accompanied by Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at meeting with departmental officials and local people in Monghkat.—MNA

Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, helicoptered to Mongyan in Kengtung District and arrived there at 9.45 am.

On arrival there, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Col Win Naing of Mongyan Station, Chairman of Kengtung District Peace and Development Council U Hla Win Tin, Chairman of Mongyan Township Peace and Development Council U Ye Lin Aung and township-level departmental personnel.

At the hall of Mongyan people's hospital, Medical Superintendent Dr Ye Myint Aung updated the Prime Minister on medical care in the township and patient care at the hospital.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint explained the contribution to medical

care in the township and the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

The Prime Minister donated medical supplies for the hospital through the medical superintendent. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and the Minister for Health also presented medical equipment.

The Prime Minister and party looked around the hospital and spoke words of encouragement to the inpatients and gave cash assistance to them. The Prime Minister and party also inspected the medical store, the laboratory and the X-ray room.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister proceeded to the township hall and met with township-level departmental personnel, members of the social organizations, townsenders and local people.

First, Chairman of Mongyan Township Peace and Development Council explained matters relating to agriculture, education, health, transport and

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The special development project and rural area development project were implemented as part of efforts for narrowing development gaps and bringing about equitable development of all national races.



PERSPECTIVES

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Extend the cultivation of paddy, sunflower and beans and pulses

The government is implementing farmland development projects and taking all the necessary measures for land reclamation, sufficient water supply for agricultural purpose, high crop yield and cultivation of quality strains. Moreover, it is also having dams, embankments and sluice gates built wherever possible across the nation to ensure sufficient water supply needed for agricultural works.

Sluice gates can not only prevent floods but also store surplus water and, as a result, they can contribute to cultivation of crops when the rains are over. The Kadappana sluice gate built near Kadappana village in Kyauktan Township in Yangon Division was opened on 25 April. It is the 19th irrigation project implemented in Yangon Division and will be able to irrigate 15,000 acres of farmland in Kyauktan and Thongwa Townships.

Thanks to the opening of the Kadappana sluice gate, farmers in ten village-tracts in Kyauktan and Thongwa Townships will be able to put more than 14,000 acres of farmland under monsoon paddy. Moreover, they will be able to grow summer paddy, sunflower and beans and pulses. In addition, the newly-opened sluice gate will contribute towards the greening of the area within the 30-mile radius of Yangon.

The purpose of building dams and sluice gates is to irrigate farmlands, to prevent floods and to green the environment. Up to now, all over the nation, a total of 221 irrigation projects have been completed. As a result, about 2.8 million acres of farmland can be irrigated now.

As the government has fulfilled all the requirements, it rests with farmers and all those in agribusiness to try to extend the cultivation of paddy, sunflower and beans and pulses with the use of high-yield quality strains.

Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—Myanmar Delegation led by Deputy Attorney-General Dr. Tun Shin left for Malaysia on 25 April to attend 1st AIPA Caucus meeting in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The meeting launched yesterday and will end tomorrow.

The delegation includes Director-General of Supreme Court U Mya Thein.—MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Minister inspects Myanma Machine Tool Factory in Myaing

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein visited Myanma Machine Tool Factory in Myaing Township on 26 April and inspected production process of the factory.

During the inspection tour, the minister stressed the need for maintaining the quality of the machines and making invention. He also visited the staff-quarter of the factory and instructed officials concerned to build the library, clinic and sports grounds.

The minister went to the Industrial Training



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects production process of machines at the machine tool factory in Myaing.—MNA

Center project in Pakokku on 25 April and inspected the progress of the project.

He urged officials concerned to speed up the construction work and to

grow shady trees in the compound of the project.—MNA

Refresher course for sports coaches



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at opening of refresher course No. 15 for coaches of Ministry of Education.—MNA

YANGON, 27 April—Refresher course No.15 for sports coaches of Ministry of Education was opened at Sports and

Physical Education Institute of the Ministry of Sports here today. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic

Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint gave an opening speech on the occasion.

A total of 147 trainee teachers are attending the course which will last on 19 June.

MNA

Special Appellate Bench delivers judgment for 6 special civil appeal cases, hears four special civil appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Justice of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) U Htun

Oo, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Sein Hlaing sitting at court room

No.1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment of (6) special civil appeal cases. And then heard (3) special civil appeal

cases under Section 7 and (1) special civil appeal case under Section 8 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, on 27 April, 2009.

MNA

Security problems uncovered at US bases in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 27 April— A commission investigating waste and fraud in wartime spending has found serious deficiencies in training and equipment for hundreds of Ugandan guards hired to protect US military bases in Iraq.

The problems at Forward Operating Bases Delta and Hammer include a lack of vehicles used to properly protect the two posts, a shortage of weapons and night vision gear, and poorly trained guards.

Both bases house several thousand US military personnel.

Concerned the shortages leave the bases vulnerable, the Commission on Wartime Contracting alerted military officials in Iraq and at US Central Command in

Tampa, Fla.

“Incidents such as this are a concern in their own right, but they are a particular concern to the commission if they prove to be indicators of broader, systemic problems that impede the delivery of critical services to American military forces in a war zone,” said Bob Dickson, the commission’s executive

director.

Army Lt Col Brian Maka, a spokesman for Multi-National Force-Iraq, said contracting officials have taken the commission’s findings seriously. “Security contractors at both sites have corrected or are in the process of correcting deficiencies,” he said Saturday.

Internet



The site of a suicide attack in Kandahar in June 2008. Three suicide bombers detonated at the gates of a government compound in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing five policemen, an official said.—INTERNET

US soldier killed in fighting in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 April—An American soldier was killed when militants attacked his patrol in northern Iraq Saturday, the US military said Sunday. A Multi-National Division-North (MND-North) soldier died from wounds sustained following an militants attack on his patrol in the oil-rich province of Kirkuk, a military statement said without elaboration.

MND-North, also known as Task Force Lightning, is headquartered by the 25th Infantry Division. Their area of operations include the cities of Balad, Kirkuk, Tikrit, Mosul and Samarra.

The statement also said that the name of the killed soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The latest death raised the toll of the US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to 4,278 since the US-led invasion in Iraq in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.—*Internet*

Iraq says US raid violated security pact

BASRA, 27 April—Iraq considers a US military raid that killed two people a crime and wants US forces to hand over those responsible to the courts, an Iraqi official said on Sunday.

Hundreds of Iraqis protested in the southern city of Kut against US forces and the provincial governor also condemned the military operation. The US military had any immediate comment on the Iraqi stance but said the raid was carried out with the full approval of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s government.

It said it had targeted “special group” fighters, its term for Shi’ite militiamen the United States says are funded and armed by Iran, in the operation early on Sunday in Kut, 150 km (95 miles) southeast of Baghdad.

“He asks the commander of the multinational forces to release the detainees and hand over those responsible for this crime to the courts.” ‘General commander’ refers to Maliki.

Internet

Mexico: suspected swine flu deaths climb to 149

MEXICO CITY, 27 April—Mexico canceled school nationwide Monday and warned the death toll from a swine flu epidemic believed to have killed 149 people would keep rising before it can be contained.

Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova said 20 of the deaths have been confirmed to be from swine flu and the government was awaiting results on the other deaths.

“We are the most critical moment of the epidemic. The number of cases will keep rising so we have to reinforce preventative measures,” Cordova said at a news conference that was briefly shaken by an earthquake centered in southern Mexico.

Cordova said 1,995 people have been hospitalized with serious cases of pneumonia since the first case of swine flu was reported on April 13. The government does not yet know how many were swine flu.—*Internet*



A taxi driver and his costumer wear surgical masks in Mexico City, Sunday, April 26, 2009. A fatal strain of swine flu has been detected in Mexico and experts fear it could become a global epidemic.—INTERNET

Residents wheel a boy who was wounded in a bomb attack in a hospital in Baghdad on 24 April, 2009.

In a second day of major bloodshed, two suicide bombers wearing explosive vests blew themselves up at the gates of a Shi’ite Muslim shrine in Baghdad on Friday, killing 60 people, Iraqi police said.—INTERNET



Bomb kills two guards from Afghan community force

KABUL, 27 April—A roadside bombing in Afghanistan killed two members of a new US-funded civil defence force Sunday, while authorities destroyed 6.5 tons (6 metric tons) of drugs and chemicals seized in the battle against the rampant narcotics trade.

The two guards from the Afghan Public Protection Force were the first members of the new programme to die in the line of duty, said Shahidullah Shahid, the spokesman for Wardak province’s governor. Three vehicles were patrolling in Nirkh district of Wardak when the explosion ripped through one truck, he said.

The programme trains and equips villagers to provide security in their own areas Adm Mike Mullen, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited Wardak last week to inspect the programme and said early reviews were positive.

Internet

Roadside bombing kills 3 border police, wounds 3 more in E Afghanistan

KABUL, April 26 (Xinhua) — Three Afghan border police were killed and three others sustained injuries as their car struck a roadside bomb in eastern Afghan province of Khost Saturday, a border police commander said on Sunday.

“The gruesome incident happened in Ali Shair district bordering Pakistan late Saturday, as a result three border police were killed and three others got wounded,” Shair Ahmad told Xinhua.

No group or individual have yet to claim the responsibility.

Taliban outfits based in Afghanistan have vowed to intensify their attack against Afghan and international troops, mostly in suicide attacks and roadside bombings.

Internet



This image shows the Italian cruise ship Msc Melody. The commander of an Italian cruise ship says his crew successfully fended off an attack by pirates off Somalia, returning fire when the pirates attacked. Cmdr. Pinto tells Italian state radio that he ordered his security forces to return fire when six men in a small white boat opened fire on the Msc Melody on Saturday night on 25 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Cruise ship fends off pirate attack with gunfire

ROME, 27 April—An Italian cruise ship with 1,500 people on board fended off a pirate attack far off the coast of Somalia when its Israeli private security forces exchanged fire with the bandits.

Six men in a small, white Zodiac-type boat approached the Msc Melody at about 1730 GMT Saturday and opened fire with automatic weapons, Msc Cruises director Domenico Pellegrino said. They retreated after

the security officers returned fire and sprayed them with water hoses. The ship continued its journey with its windows darkened.

“It felt like we were in war,” the ship’s commander, *Ciro Pinto*, told Italian state radio.

None of the roughly 1,000 passengers and 500 crew members was hurt, Pellegrino said. The passengers were asked to return to their cabins and the external lights on board turned off.

Three hurt in Virginia school shooting

WASHINGTON, 27 April — Three persons were wounded in a shooting in a Virginia university on Sunday, a local report said.

According to the WAVY TV’s website, Hampton police has confirmed that there was a shooting incident that happened around Saturday midnight in a freshman’s dormitory of the Hampton University.

According to the police, an 18-year-old man from New York, who used to study in the university, shot the night manager and a pizza delivery man before turning the gun on himself.—INTERNET

Cell phone vital, air conditioning not so much

NEW YORK, 27 April — What would you give up first, air conditioning or your cell phone? In tough economic times with people looking to cut costs many Americans said a cell phone or computer are must-have items and regard a clothes dryer, air conditioner and microwave as less of a necessity, according to survey by the Pew Research Center.

“A relative newcomer in the

everyday lives of most Americans, the cell phone is among a handful of newer gadgets that have held their own on the necessity scale from 2006 to 2009,” Pew researchers said. The number of people who said microwaves were a necessity for their homes fell 21 percentage points in 2009 from 2006. Air conditioners dropped 16 points while dishwashers slumped 14 points, the poll showed.

INTERNET

Pellegrino said all Msc cruise ships around the world are staffed with Israeli security agents because they are the best trained.

INTERNET

Israel detains suspect in West Bank pickax attack

JERUSALEM, 27 April—Israeli forces have detained a Palestinian man suspected of killing an Israeli child and wounding another during a rampage in a West Bank settlement earlier this month, authorities said Sunday.

Officials said the suspect, from a village next to the settlement, confessed to the killing and handed over a knife used in the attack.

The assailant attacked a group of children in the Bat Ayin settlement with the knife and a pickax on 2 April.

A 13-year-old boy was killed, a 7-year-old was

seriously wounded and a third boy escaped.

The attacker fled the scene, leaving behind the small, red pickax.

At the time of the attack, a murky Palestinian group claimed responsibility. But authorities discounted the claim and said Sunday that the suspect, *Moussa Tayet*, had no links to any organized militant groups.

Israeli military and police officials alleged, however, that *Tayet*, 26, meticulously planned the attack for weeks, picking up the weapons from a hiding place as he entered the settlement. They said

he told investigators that the attack was religiously motivated.

The attacker entered Bat Ayin, located between Jerusalem and the southern West Bank city of Hebron, unhindered.

The religious settlers have refused to build a security fence around their community — standard practice in most settlements — saying it would be a sign of weakness.

The Israeli army said *Tayet* was caught on 14 April, but his arrest was only announced on Sunday because he was being interrogated.

INTERNET

Jordan sees new war if US does not act quickly

AMMAN, 27 April—Jordan’s king urged President Barack Obama Sunday to take a more forceful role in the peace process between Israelis and Palestinians, warning of a new Mideast war if there is no significant progress in the next 18 months.

Speaking to NBC’s “Meet the Press,” King Abdullah described the Israeli-Palestinian dispute as the core problem of the region and solving it would help the US in dealing with Iran and combatting the appeal of radical Islamic groups like Al-Qaeda.

“In the next 18 months, if we don’t move the proc-



President Barack Obama and Jordan’s King Abdullah II, left, talk as the king leaves, after their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. INTERNET

ess forward, and bring people to the negotiation table, there will be another conflict between Is-

rael and another protagonist,” he said in the interview recorded in Washington on Friday.

“If it’s left to the players, the Israelis and the Palestinians by themselves, we’re not going to get anywhere — it can only happen if there is an American umbrella with a determined American president,” he added.

Jordan is one of two Arab countries that have signed a peace treaty with Israel and is a strong US ally in the region. The majority of the country’s citizens are also of Palestinian origin, making it very interested in the ongoing peace talks.—INTERNET

ISAF urges Australia for more troops in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 27 April — Deputy Commander of Australian forces in Afghanistan Brigadier John Caligari said on Monday the head of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) General David McKiernan wants more Australian personnel to mentor the Afghanistan National Army (ANA).

“What the national commander of operations for the international force in Afghanistan wants is more mentors because the only way we are going to get out of here is for them to stand up and take responsibility for the security on their own,” Caligari told ABC Radio.

According to Caligari, Australian troops had experience in conducting counter-insurgency operations in Malaya, Borneo and Vietnam and had embraced the British practice of constant patrolling.

“The only way to make Oruzgan safe for the people is to have a persistent presence,” Caligari said.

INTERNET



A Mexican soldier hands out masks in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 25 April, 2009. Mexican government has handed out 6 million masks for free to citizens of Mexico City since 23 April.—XINHUA

Actors of Jiangzhou drum music troupe perform at Longxing Square in Yuncheng City of north China's Shanxi Province, on 22 April, 2009. Jiangzhou drum music troupe of Shanxi Province that established in 1988 has about 70 members who are all farmers.

XINHUA



Shanghai to issue consumption coupons to boost tourism

SHANGHAI, 27 April—Shanghai will issue discount vouchers worth about 900 million yuan (131.8 million US dollars) to boost local tourism that were affected by the global economic downturn, a tourism official said here Sunday.

The Pudong New District will give out 310,000 pamphlets of consumption coupons between Tuesday and mid May to

residents of Shanghai and two neighbouring provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang, said Li Zhengming, vice director with the tourism and exhibition department of the economic committee of Pudong.

Domestic tourists can enjoy up to 40 percent price off in 12 scenic spots, 32 restaurants, 29 hotels and 9 travel agencies while traveling in

Pudong between May to August, saving more than 3,000 yuan, Li said.

The vouchers are expected to incur up to 5 billion yuan in domestic consumption and attract more visitors to the main venues of the Shanghai Expo, which is set to be held in Pudong between 1 May to 30 October next year, Li added.

The coupons will be released via tourist con-

sultation centers and banks in Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang.

Affected by the global financial crisis, tourist arrivals and star hotel occupancy rate in Shanghai dropped by 9.34 percent and 10 percent respectively in the first quarter of the year as to compare with the same period of last year, according to the municipal tourism bureau.

Xinhua

Somali pirates release Yemeni ship

NAIROBI, 27 April—Somali pirates have released a Yemeni ship and its 15 crew members after holding them in captivity since January, a regional maritime official confirmed on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura, East Africa Coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the MT Sea Princess II and her crew of 15 sailors, including eight Indian and two Yemeni sailors, were freed early Sunday. "The Yemeni ship was released early Sunday with all its crew members. I have not established whether any ransom was paid to secure their release," Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone.

The tanker was seized on 2 January and carrying petroleum products. The freighter flying the Saint-Vincent flag belongs to three Yemeni and Somali businessmen. It was seized by pirates on 3 January when it was on its way with 2,000 tons of fuel on board to the Yemeni island of Socotra. The release came one day after the Somali pirates hijacked a German ship overnight with 17 crew members on board. The Patriot was seized in the Gulf of Aden between Somalia and Yemen, Mwangura said, without disclosing the nationalities of the crew.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Wildfires destroy 72,000 hectares of forest in W Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 April—Forest fires that spread in various parts of the country in recent days have destroyed thousands of hectares of forest, besides claiming many lives, local media reported on Monday.

Regional Forest Directorate Pokhara said more than 72,000 hectares of forest in 13 districts of the Western Region have been destroyed. Most of the fires are yet to be doused, eKantipur.com report.

On Saturday, five per-

sons were killed in a forest fire in Hastichaur of Gulmi district, some 200 km west of Kathmandu.

"Dry weather conditions and the wind have helped the fire spread and worse destruction and more deaths can be expected," said Kiran Prasad Koirala, an officer at the directorate.

While hundreds of species of flora and fauna have been directly affected, the wildfire has also contributed to environmental pollution, Koirala added.

"Months of continuous drought and windy weather have made things worse," he said.

Xinhua

Australia airlines yet to implant swine flu prevention measures

CANBERRA, 27 April—Australia's largest airline Qantas said on Monday it is not yet screening passengers for potentially deadly swine flu.

The federal government's crisis health committee has met on Monday to decide if new steps, such as screening incoming overseas passengers at airports, should be introduced to manage a potential outbreak of the virus in Australia. "We will be working closely with Australian and international authorities to monitor the situation," a spokesman told reporters, adding that all of its services have been operating as normal, pending further advice from health authorities.—Xinhua

New Zealand upgrades alert level to Code Yellow for swine flu

WELLINGTON, 27 April—New Zealand Prime Minister John Key said on Monday that New Zealand was well prepared to handle swine flu and has increased surveillance.

The health authorities has put the alert status for response to a potential influenza epidemic up from white to yellow, a stand-by phase which is one below the code red response phase.

Health Minister Tony Ryall confirmed on Sunday evening that there were 10 positive influenza results from testing carried out on 13 students from Auckland's Rangitoto College who returned from Mexico on Saturday. They stayed in Mexico for a three-week Spanish language course.—Xinhua

Spain investigating seven possible swine flu cases

MADRID, 27 April—Spain's Health Ministry on Sunday announced that the country is investigating seven possible cases of swine flu in four autonomous regions.

The Health Ministry will take at least 48 hours to confirm if these are cases of swine flu, and has called a meeting of officials from the autonomous regions to discuss possible emergency measures.

Health Minister Trinidad Jimenez told media that Spanish authorities detected their first case on Saturday night, the second in the early hours of Sunday and the third on Sunday morning, and organized strict measures in the nation's biggest international airport, Barajas in the capital Madrid, sending a team from the Health Ministry to carry out disease protection procedures there.—Xinhua

US declares public health emergency with 20 swine flu cases confirmed

WASHINGTON, 27 April—The Obama administration on Sunday declared public health emergency, immediately after at least 20 cases have been confirmed of swine flu in the United States.

The Department of Health and Human Services "will declare today a public health emergency in the United States," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told a White House briefing.

The emergency declaration was "standard operating procedure," Napolitano said, adding the declaration will "allows us to use medication and diagnostic tests that we might not otherwise be able to use, particularly on very young children, and it releases funds for the acquisitions of additional antivirals."—Xinhua



Visitors look at vehicles at the Shanghai International Car Show in east China's Shanghai, on 25 April, 2009. Exhibited vehicles were engulfed by more than 136,000 people Saturday after they rushed into the exhibition center for a weekend visit.—XINHUA

Basic education school management refresher course No. 1/2009 opens



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addresses the basic education school management refresher course No. 1/2009.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Basic education school management refresher course No 1/2009 sponsored by the Ministry of Education was opened here this morning, with an opening address

Education, rectors and state and division education officers, departmental heads and trainees.

The Minister said the ministry is implementing long-term and short-term

children to receive education and promoting the national education programmes.

In the basic education sector, the government is undertaking the plans for every citizen to receive

officers at different levels are responsible for the education activities in the respective regions. Township education officers need to possess school management capabilities. This is why

the Head of State gave guidance on conducting the refresher course for them.

He said the lectures given at the course are to be applied in practical fields and he urged the

education officers to effectively carry out the guidance of the Head of State on achieving English and Mathematics skills.

The four-week course was attended by 376 trainees.—MNA

In the basic education sector, the government is undertaking the plans for every citizen to receive basic education, to lead a life of good character, to gain vocational education, to learn fine arts and science and culture and to pursue higher education.

by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein.

Also present were the directors-general and the deputy directors-general of the departments under the Ministry of

plans in accord with the objectives laid down in higher education and basic education sectors for realization of the aims of creating opportunities for all school-going age

basic education, to lead a life of good character, to gain vocational education, to learn fine arts and science and culture and to pursue higher education.

He said education

Raw opium, stimulant pills seized

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Kunhein Police Force members of Shan State (East) at 1.30 pm on 22 April searched the house of Sai Santa of Ward-3, Kunhein, and seized 2.12281 kilograms of raw opium. Measures are being taken to expose his accomplices.

At 2 pm on 22 April, Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad searched the house of Lyuchain Min (a) Kyaw Min of Kaunghmulwai Ward in Muse and found Ton Yin Sant. Fifty six kilograms of methamphetamine were seized from the bag of soybean powder in the garage. Ton Yin Sant is under interrogation and

measures are being taken to arrest Kyaw Min and accomplices.

At 2.45 pm on 23 April, Kengtung Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (East) searched a white Toyota Dina with a number plate 9A/6361 driven by Nyi Kar (a) Aik Mon carrying Aik Tun (a) Nyi Lain and Ma Ran Mein at Nawngkhio check point. The authorities seized 144 packets of methamphetamine (ICE) weighing 114 kilograms. Culprits are being questioned and measures are being taken to expose accomplices.

At 6.30 am on 24 April, Myawady Anti-Drug Squad of Kayin State searched the house on Asia

Street in Ward-4 hired by Kyaw Kyaw (a) Kyaw Kyaw Tun and seized a stimulant tablet with letters WY from his wallet. According to investigation, the authorities searched the house of U Sein Mya Lin and Daw Htwe Kyi of No 33, Thukhamein Street, Ward-4, and found Ma Ruby and seized 83 stimulants tablets with a letter R from her leather bag, 289 tablets were also seized from two purses in the bedroom of the house. A lawsuit has been filed against Kyaw Kyaw, Sein Mya Lin, Ma Htwe Kyi and Ma Ruby and measures are being taken to expose their accomplices.

MNA

Two injured in separate mine blasts

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Two villagers were injured in mine blasts in Bago Division recently.

Than Naing Oo, 20, of Bommati Village, Htantapin Township, on 20 April, stepped on the mine planted by

insurgents on the way to his village after gathering vegetables. He sustained injuries on his right heel and is now receiving treatment at Zayatgyi Station Hospital.

In another incident, U Saw Ka Pale, 51, of

Yedagun Village, Bawkali, Thandaung Township, injured in mine blast after he stepped on it planted by insurgents on his way to his farm on 25 April. He is now undergoing treatment at Toungoo Hospital.

MNA

Hello dolly: The tiny tots made of clay that sell for \$4,408

The babies, from just over an inch to 4in high, are the work of artist Camille Allen, who sculpts them from polymer



These little arrivals are so lifelike and appealing that they have captured hearts around the world.

clay using dentist's tools and toothpicks.

The clay babies are cured to a hard porcelain-like finish in an oven and final details are then carefully added: fine mohair is glued in place, strand by strand, and paints are applied to make them come alive.

Once completed, the dolls usually go on to private collections as one-offs, but some babies go on to be made into a limited editions or production dolls.

The 28-year-old lives in Powell River, British Columbia, Canada. She learned the art of doll-making from her husband's grandmother six years ago, sculpting large lifesize dolls.

Wild elephants kill five villagers in India

Wild elephants demolished two thatched-roof huts, killing five villagers in a pre-dawn attack on Friday in India's remote northeast, an official said.

The dead included a woman and her two children, Magistrate Ishfaqur Rahman said.

The two elephants, who were apparently looking for food, disappeared into the forest after the attack in Bangsali, about 170 miles (270 kilometres) west of Gauhati, the capital of Assam state, he said.

The attack came less than three weeks after a wild elephant trampled to death a 60-year-old Dutch tourist who was on a

bird and monkey safari in Kaziranga National Park in Assam.

India's northeast has the world's highest number of wild Asiatic elephants, with 7,000 estimated in the states of Assam and Meghalaya alone.

About 700 people have been killed by elephants in India's northeast in the past 19 years. Conservationists say rising elephant attacks on people are largely the result of the rapid shrinkage of their habitat.

NEWS ALBUM

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA)

Aye Phyu

Our Government has been taking all the necessary steps to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Through the implementation of various national plans, efforts are steadfastly made to set up proper infrastructures throughout the country. Border areas development projects and rural development tasks are systematically being carried out in order to bring forth all-round proportionate development among the regions. While the government is trying its best in its efforts towards its goals, MMCWA members, as part of the nation's strength, have also been going hand-in-hand by engaging themselves in their voluntary work for the development and welfare of the people.

Origin and Mission Statement

MMCWA was established on 30th April 1991 as a voluntary organization under Act (21/90). The Association is dedicated to serving Myanmar Society in promoting the health and wellbeing of mothers and children with the aim to improve the quality of life of the people.

Present Status

At present, MMCWA's activities are carried out throughout the country under the supervision of the Central Council including the 15 members of the Central Executive Committee, under which there are various Supervisory Committees at State/Division and District levels respectively. These committees supervise and give necessary assistance to the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, altogether (325) in number, plus (21,454) branch associations under them. The total number of MMCWA member for both gender, stands at (11,169,740) by the end of the year 2008.

Four-Main Activities

In line with its objective to promote the families and their overall standard of living, MMCWA gives assistance in the areas of health, education, economic and social matters, trying to get the operations, as much as possible, down to villages and wards at grassroot level.

Health Activities

MMCWA carries out health activities in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health. Examples include TB, Malaria, HIV/AIDS prevention and control measures and National Immunization Programme for children against 6 major childhood diseases. It also operates a variety of community-based health activities through its Township and Branch associations, Maternity Homes and Maternity Waiting Homes.

In order to provide the general public with the correct information and facts on health issues, educative talks have been conducted throughout the country covering various health topics under the supervision of maternal and child welfare supervisory committees. MMCWA also provides information, education and communication on Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) and Reproductive Health (RH). The aim is to increase awareness regarding reproductive health issues among youths, men and women of reproductive age through advocacy meetings for community mobilization, community health talks, round table discussions, training of trainers and multiplier courses

in all states and divisions.

A total of (119) MMCWA Maternity Homes play a crucial role for pregnant women especially in needy townships and rural villages where hospital services are not in proximity.

The services provided at these Maternity Homes include quality antenatal, intranatal and postnatal care, immunization services, clean and safe delivery by skilled attendants as well as prompt referral services for emergencies. Iron and folate supplementation is also available as an intervention against anaemia in pregnancy.

MMCWA volunteers from the community are sent to 18-month-multipurpose midwifery course annually with the aim to improve access to skilled care by a health professional with midwifery skills. In addition, auxiliary midwife training courses are also conducted in all States and Divisions to overall increase in the number of deliveries with skilled attendants.

In 2006, MMCWA, in collaboration with UNFPA established Maternity Waiting Homes in 5 selected townships in order to enable rural women to have greater access to hospital deliveries. Plans are also underway to extend this activity to 5 more townships with high MMR and IMR.

In 2006, as an effort to combat HIV/AIDS, MMCWA launched maternity-home based PMCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission) project in cooperation with UNICEF in 5 selected townships and one PMCT centre in the MMCWA compound in Yangon. This programme has been extended to 10 more townships.

In order to prevent undesirable effect of iodine deficiency such as mental retardation in children, MMCWA actively participate in health talks and distribution of iodated salt to the community.

Growth Monitoring Programme (GMP) for children under 5 has been a regular MMCWA's health activity to promote the health and well-being of children. Included in the programme are health education talks on nutrition, regular weight and height measurements, supplementary feeding and holding cooking demonstrations for nutrition purpose.

One notable activity of MMCWA members is organizing for reconstructive surgery in collaboration with Ministry of Health for congenital malformations among children as well as adults throughout the whole country.

Together with other NGOs and forces, MMCWA members also take part in community home-based care programme for chronically ill persons.

In addition, MMCWA is actively participating, in cooperation with Ministry of Health, in the implementation of school health programme to promote the health standard of the entire student youth. MMCWA endeavours in implementing tobacco-free, narcotics-free and Aedes-free school programmes in various townships in all States and Divisions.

Before it moved its central office to Nay Pyi Taw, MMCWA had opened a Diagnostic Center in its compound in Yangon to offer medical services to women for early detection of cancers of the reproductive system. Mammography, Pap Smear, Colposcopy and

Ultrasonographic examinations plus services like health education and counseling were provided at the center with referrals whenever necessary. The Diagnostic Center was later upgraded for the expansion of Laboratory and Radiological Diagnosis.

In Nay Pyi Taw, MMCWA is planning to set up a new clinic that will provide all the services of the old Diagnostic Center, together with an extension of a 10-bed Maternity ward where the usual maternity home services will be provided. With the opening of "Myittar-San-Yay" Clinic on April 28th, MMCWA aims to provide health care services at reasonable prices to the public around Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Townships.

Educational Activities

Regarding the educational activities, MMCWA has been operating community based pre-schools and day-care centers country-wise, the total number amounting to (1,275) by the end of 2008. These centers give valuable lifelong ideas and concepts to the children to enable them to adopt good habits and practices crucial for their physical, mental and intellectual development. Parenting education is also one function of those centers. Mothers also have a chance to earn additional family income while their children are left in good care.

In line with the "Education for All" policy of the Ministry of Education, MMCWA members at all levels in the States and Divisions try to ensure that all children of school going age get the chance to go to school and complete their primary education. In addition, stipends, school uniforms and stationery are provided for the needy students. For nonformal education, township and branch associations supervise and organize 3-R classes, voluntary twilight schools, evening classes and Reading—circles to speed up the reading capacity of those who have finished the basic 3-R course.

Economic Activities

Another important area of MMCWA is to help mothers in income generation. Vocational training courses like knitting, sewing, cooking, etc., appropriate to the respective regions are carried out to generate family income. Sewing machines are often sold to them on installment basis as part of the arrangement. Similarly, micro-credit loan scheme is quite common in most of maternal and child welfare associations to help women get a start in doing business for extra earnings.

Social Activities

As far as the social area is concerned, MMCWA participate in the home-based elderly-care programme, providing medical and other assistance to the old people. Some volunteers even offer their time to those who are left alone in their houses to keep company with them and listen to them. To the needy ones like the twins and triplets, mothers, MMCWA also contribute cash and other commodity supply.

Conclusion

The activities mentioned here by no means cover all those that are being carried out in different regions. Despite its main focus on mothers and children, MMCWA is ready and willing to give any kind of assistance whatsoever to enhance the quality of life of our people. Credit goes to all those who are actively engaged in the execution of MMCWA's activities. To all members across the country-

We are a part of our nation's strength.

Taking pride in what we have been doing, let's keep up our good tradition and extend our services more to outreach people in remote rural areas!

MMCWA is ready and willing to give any kind of assistance whatsoever to enhance the quality of life of the people.

Entire people to strive for success of the 2010 election...

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development to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the Prime Minister met with township-level departmental personnel, members of the social

Minister and party were welcomed by Monghkat Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Nyein Htwe,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein donates medicines to People's Hospital in Metmang.—MNA

Next, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin explained the lighting with the use of bio batteries and the process of making bio batteries to those present.

After that, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein handed the clothing and sports equipment to township-level officials. Then the Prime Minister cordially greeted all those present.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Metmang in Kengtung District by helicopter and arrived there at noon and were welcomed by Metmang Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Kyaw Soe, departmental personnel, teachers, students and townsellers.

Soon after they arrived there, the Prime Minister and party visited Metmang people's hospital and comforted the inpatients and gave cash assistance to them. The Prime Minister also donated medical supplies for the hospital and assistant surgeon Dr Myo Zaw Hein received them.

organizations, townsellers and local people at the township hall and gave necessary supplies for the township through the chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, the commander and the ministers also handed the clothing, sports equipment and medical supplies.

After that, the Director-General of the Government Office explained the lighting with the use of bio batteries and the process of making bio batteries to those present. The Prime Minister cordially greeted all those present and left Metmang for Monghkat.

On arrival at Monghkat, the Prime

departmental personnel and local people.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Monghkat people's hospital and spoke words of encouragement to the inpatients and gave cash assistance to them.

Next, the Prime Minister looked around the theatre, the X-ray room and the medical store and handed medical supplies and equipment to Medical Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Tin. After that, the Prime Minister exhorted the health workers to make field trips to rural areas and educate the local people on health and prevention of diseases and lay down treatment programmes systematically and act accordingly.

Afterwards, the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein donates medicines to the People's Hospital in Monghkat. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein donates medicines to People's Hospital in Mongyan.—MNA

Prime Minister met with local people in Monghkat at the townhall.

At the meeting, the chairman of the Monghkat Township Peace and Development Council reported on the agriculture, education, health, transportation and

of the Government Office demonstrated the ways for making a bio-gas powered-battery.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented sports gear and aids to local people through the chairman of the township PDC, and the commander

and security in the region. He also briefed on implementation of the special development project and rural area development project of the Tatmadaw Government as part of efforts for narrowing development gaps and equitable



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with departmental officials, teachers, students and local people in Metmang.—MNA

development sectors of the township.

After hearing reports, the prime minister fulfilled the requirements for the development tasks.

The Director-General

and the ministers presented clothes and aids to responsible officials.

After the meeting, the prime minister and party flew to Kengtung.

During his tour of townships in Kengtung District in Shan State (East), the prime minister fulfilled the requirements of the townships. Speaking on the occasions, the Prime Minister briefed on the importance of trade in the Shan State (East) as the region shares borders with neighboring countries; on conditions of Shan State (East) which lagged behind in development as there broke out armed conflicts; and on the need for maintaining of peace

development of all national races; on fruitful results of developments in the regions as the Tatmadaw Government fulfilled the requirements for the education and health sectors which play a key role in the development of the regions; and on implementation of the seven-step Road Map for transition to democracy. He also urged the entire people to strive as a national concern for success of the 2010 election in line with the State Constitution which was unanimously approved by the people and join hands with the government in nation-building endeavours.

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ances due to the divide-and-rule policy of the imperialists. Therefore, some national races rose against the government and there was no security in Tachilek and its surrounding areas.

After the Tatmadaw government had taken up the State duties, it forgot national solidarity. Peace was restored in the re-

gions including Shan State (East).

He said transport, education and health play a vital role in national development so the government has given priority to the development of these sectors.

The Prime Minister spoke at length on keeping civil rules and regulations, nurturing students

Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented clothing and medical equipment to officials concerned.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present. On arrival at Tachilek Township Hospital, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Head of Tachilek District Health Department Dr Maung Maung Min

Tachilek-Mongphyat-Kengtung road and inspected development of the villages and conditions of roads. On arrival at Mongphyat, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by District Peace and Development Council U Soe Lin and officials. At Bayintnaung Hall, the Prime Minister met with departmental

Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers address at meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people in Tachilek.—MNA



Prime Minister meets departmental officials in Tachilek...

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The Prime Minister met district and township level officials, members of social organizations, local people and

portant as the region shares borders with the People's Republic of China, Laos and Thailand. There aroused suspicion among the national

gions including Tachilek. Later regional development plans were effectively implemented and considerable progress has also been made in the re-

to be brilliant, well-disciplined and law-abiding ones with the Union Spirit.

He also urged the health personnel to make field trip to the grassroots levels to disseminate health knowledge among the rural people and to undertake five rural development tasks working together with authorities concerned.

Next, the Prime Minister presented sports gear for Tachilek Township to Township PDC Chairman U Thein Myint. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyto, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min and Minister for

Thein, doctors, nurses and staff. In meeting with them, the Prime Minister said the aim of the State is to enable every citizen to be free from disease and to enjoy longevity. To realize the aim, it is necessary for health staff to go down to rural areas to give health knowledge, to educate rural people about prevention against disease and to provide systematic medical treatment.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presented medical equipment for the hospital to the head of District Health Department. The Prime Minister inspected progress in construction of Dhamma Thiri Sangha Hospital in Tachilek.

In the afternoon the Prime Minister left Tachilek by car along

officials, members of social organizations, local people and townsenders. He enquired about economic, education and health affairs and attended to the needs. The Prime Minister presented sports gear for the township to Mongphyat Township PDC Chairman U Thein Tun. The commander and ministers presented clothing and aids to responsible officials.

Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin demonstrated lighting of bulbs with the use of bio batteries and making of bio batteries.

Later, the Prime Minister and party left Mongphyat by car along Mongphyat-Kengtung road and arrived back in Kengtung. — MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein hands over sports gear to an official in Mongphyat.—MNA

townsenders.

The Chairman of District PDC reported on education, health, transport and regional development. The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. In his address the Prime Minister said that he and the ministers and high-ranking officials were there to fulfill the requirements for development of townships in Shan State (East). He said relations, security and trade are im-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits farm in Kathpa Village-tract in Kengtung Township. — MNA



Global Human Flu Preparedness and Response Work Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—A work coordination meeting of Global Human Flu Preparedness and Response Work Committee took place at the meeting hall of the National Health Committee at the Ministry of Health here at 5 pm today with an address by Work Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

The meeting was attended by work committee members, subcommittees members, heads of State/Division Health Departments, medical superintendents and officials.

In his speech, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo said as a national duty, Myanmar was able to prevent SARS that broke out in 2003 from entering the country and protect every person from contracting the disease. About six months later, avian flu occurred in the world. Since that time, the

Ministry of Health has been taking preventive measures under the leadership of NHC.



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo addresses the meeting of Global Human Flu Preparedness and Response Work Committee.—MNA

Myanmar attended international ministerial meetings on prevention of global human flu six times and is taking international preventive measures. Observing the outbreak of human flu since 17 April, swine flu has infected more than 1300 people and killed 80 in Mexico. Twenty

people in the US, ten in New Zealand, and six in Canada have caught the swine flu virus. So it can

be assumed that the virus has spread to some countries.

It is found that the current swine flu virus infects people through an infected pig, and it can also infect from human to human. The current virus is a new strain of virus mutated from a combination of four kinds

of genes. Mexico has to close schools, museums, theatres and libraries. Health screening is being

carried out at the airports of Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, the Republic of Singapore and Malaysia. In Myanmar the Ministry of Health has informed NHC about the pandemic and is taking preventive measures in cooperation

with related ministries and the WHO. Measures are also being taken to prevent the virus from

entering Myanmar through airports, seaports and borders. Arrangements have been made to keep watching suspected patients at hospitals and to provide medicines and medical equipment for effective treatment. Moreover, laboratories have been upgraded to diagnose the

virus and warnings about the disease have been issued to the public. It is necessary to prevent the

current flu as a national task in cooperation with the people.

Afterwards, the attendees explained performance of their assigned duties.

Later, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions and a concluding remark.

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Warning on global human flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 to 25 April 2009. There were over 1,300 cases and over 80 were killed.
2. The flu is caused by a new virus. It is mixed with four genes and can spread quickly. Now there are cases of such flu in some countries. Regarding the disease, the World Health Organization announced that it is international public health State of emergency. The Ministry of Health is undertaking preventive measures against transmitting to humans through avian flu. In some countries there was an outbreak of swine flu among the people. The Ministry of Health is carrying out the tasks to fight against the disease.
3. The symptoms of swine flu are body heat, runny nose, coughing, aching, headache, lethargy, difficult breathing. They are like the symptoms of other diseases. If these symptoms appear, do not go to crowded public places such as worksites and schools. Take a rest at home. Make contact with the nearest health centres. Go to the hospital when one has high fever, long coughing, difficult breathing and lethargy. If the disease is serious, go to the hospital immediately. Wear surgical masks in order not to spread the disease.
4. It is found that the disease spread from people to people. Like SARS, it can become a pandemic. Therefore, the people are requested to keep the following points.
 - (a) Using handkerchief when coughing
 - (b) Proper washing the hands with soap properly
 - (c) Carrying out personal hygiene measures
 - (d) Sleeping well
 - (e) Eating nutritious food
 - (f) Taking exercises
 - (g) Breathing fresh air
5. In order to prevent flu infection, those who take care of the people infected with flu, wear surgical masks.
6. The Ministry of Health has made arrangements for prevention of the spread of such flu from other countries. News and information will be announced in time and the people are requested to follow the notice of the ministry.

Ministry of Health

The Government of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Warning on Swine flu

1. Swine flu in humans: Swine flu has been detected in the people in Mexico, the US, Canada and New Zealand from 17 to 25 April 2009. There were over 1,300 cases and over 80 were killed.
2. Symptoms in swine: The symptoms of the swine flu are sudden illness, mopping, coughing, runny nose, sneezing, difficult breathing, red eyes, inflammation, loss appetite. These symptoms can also be found in normal coughing and other sickness due to the weather changes.
3. Points to be followed in prevention against swine flu
 - (a) If found symptoms of sickness in pigs, they are to be kept in quarantine, and inform the LBVD.
 - (b) Take care of bio security in the farm where a large number of pigs are raised
 - (c) Wash hands and legs clean after cleaning the pigsty
 - (e) Use face masks and gloves when handling the unhealthy pigs
 - (f) Ban the sale of unhealthy pigs in the markets.
 - (g) Do not raise the pigs of unknown origin, especially those smuggled from other country
 - (h) If pork is cooked at 70°C and above, there will be no infection.
4. Prevention of swine flu: There is no case of swine flu in Myanmar. It is necessary for pig breeders and those who keep pigs on commercial scale and seller to participate in the preventive measures against the disease in cooperation with Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Development Committees and local authorities.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

The Hotel Amara (Nay Pyi Taw) in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone opened

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April—A ceremony to open The Hotel Amara (Nay Pyi Taw) in the Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone was held at the archway of the hotel this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Mayor, deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General, heads of department, guests, the executive director of the hotel and staff and others.

First, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Executive Director of the hotel U Than Win Swe explained the salient points of the hotel.

At the auspicious

time, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Nay Pyi Taw Mayor Col Thein Nyunt and Executive Director of the hotel U Than Win Swe formally opened the

hotel.

After that, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveiled the signboard of the hotel and sprinkled scented water on it. Afterwards, ministers, deputy ministers and guests sprinkled scented water on the signboard.

Later, the commander

and party and guests viewed hotel rooms, meeting room, executive rooms, modern facilities and measures taken for beautifying the environs of the hotel and then signed in the visitors' book, after which the opening ceremony came to an end. The newly-

opened The Hotel Amara is situated on 39 acres of land and complete with 67 different rooms of four levels. The international level facility is the 7th of its kind in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

The 40 executive rooms and 27 suite rooms are complete with modern

facilities and services of international level that are at reasonable prices.

Also facilitated at the hotel are restaurant, meeting hall, executive rooms, Wi-Fi Internet access, round-the-clock room services, others such as using of Internet in business centre and laptop rental.

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin unveils the signboard of The Hotel Amara (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

Khabaung Diversion Weir to irrigate summer paddy plantations in Sittoung River Valley

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

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U Myint Aung and in-charge of DY-4 Staff Officer U Kyi Thein explained progress of their respective sectors.

Staff Officer U Toe Lin took us to observe progress in construction of the left main canal and supply of water to the tributary canals and drains. We witnessed the long canals and lush and green summer paddy plantations.

Assistant Director U Aung Bo of Construction (5) of Irrigation

Department said, "In the past, the local people had greeted each other asking the condition of soil and water since the two were very important for farm work. The farmers broadcast paddy seeds for cultivation of summer paddy. After that, they transplanted the paddy in row. Some farmers grew green gram at first, and after harvesting green gram, they cultivated summer paddy. Now, some are worried about supply of adequate water to the farmlands.



Water from Khabaung Diversion Weir flows out to right main canal.



Photo shows thriving summer paddy plantation with the use of irrigation water of Khabaung Diversion Weir near Chin Village of Ottwin Township.

Khabaung Dam stores water at the full brim. Leaving doubt of water supply, they should grow green gram in time after harvesting monsoon paddy and they have to continue growing summer paddy. So, the local farmers will have to enjoy fruits of undertaking triple cropping fully."

The farmers who could not grow paddy in the past summer due to lack of irrigation facility are going to earn more income through cultivation

of summer paddy with the use of irrigated water from Khabaung Diversion Weir.

The left main canal of the diversion weir can supply water to 10,000 acres of farmlands in Ottwin Township. Of them, 8,500 acres of farmlands are being cultivated with the help of the irrigation facility.

In the summer, water is being supplied to the farmlands through the right main canal. Therefore, the summer paddy plants are thriving in the fields. After

that, we observed thriving summer paddy plantations irrigated by Khabaung Dam, near Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Chin Village.

Nowadays, the water drained out from Khabaung Dam to Khabaung Diversion Weir contributes to lush and green summer paddy plantations in Sittoung River Valley.

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Contract Type: ALD
Grade/Level: AL-3
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Contract Type: Fixed Term
Grade/Level: NO-B (ICS-9)
Duty Station: Yangon with minimum 30% of the time at field project sites
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) Invitation for Application to Attend Foreign Language Courses

The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) will open evening courses on Chinese, English, French, French, (Translation and Interpretation), Japanese, Korean, Russian and Thai.

Commencing date of course : 11-5-2009
Commencing date for submission of applications : 4-5-2009
Closing date for applications : 8-5-2009
(For English language the day on which the targeted number of applicants is reached)

Application to be submitted to : Yangon University of Foreign Languages
Days : Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Time : 5:20-7:00 p.m.
Education qualification : Matriculation Passed
Enquiry : Student's Affairs Section YUFL
{Phone:514371 (Ext-202)}

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Detroit hydrogen buses may go regional
ROMULUS, 27 April—US officials say tests of hydrogen-powered buses at the Detroit airport are designed to see if they can eventually be connected to regional mass transit.
The US Energy Department and the Wayne County Airport Authority recently began using a pair of Ford hydrogen buses to shuttle passengers between the two terminals at Detroit Metro Airport and hope they will eventually link up with the new Detroit-Ann Arbor commuter rail that will begin operations next year.
"The idea is looking at whether hydrogen buses could be used to link the airport with a regional mass transit system," said project spokeswoman Brendan Prebo.
The Detroit News said Saturday that the coaches have been getting good reviews from riders, although they are only two of the 54 shuttle buses in operation at the airport. —Internet

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

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Japanese electronics giant Sharp Corp. announced an annual net loss of 125.82 billion yen (1.3 billion dollars), but forecast a return to profit in the current business year to March.—INTERNET

Indian tigress wins award from British travel group

NEW DELHI, 27 April—An Indian tigress has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award by a British organization, Travel Operators for the Tigers, for bravery in protecting her cubs, said the local Hindi daily *Hindustan* on Saturday.

The tigress, named Machli, has been living in the Indian tiger reserve of Ranthambore National Park since she was born in 1997.

Her breeding capacity is excellent and she has

already given birth to nine cubs since 2002, said the report.

In an exceptional bravery act, Machli attacked and killed a vicious crocodile that tried to maul her cubs, according to the report.

The award was presented by British High Commissioner to India Sir Richard Stag and received by Ranthambore Project Tiger director Shafaat Hussain in New Delhi recently, according to the report.—*Internet*



Construction workers get along with the interior decoration inside the west exhibition hall of the Theme Pavilion for the Shanghai 2010 World Expo, in Shanghai, east China, on 26 April, 2009. The west exhibition hall of the Theme Pavilion for the Shanghai 2010 World Expo, extending to 180 meters from north to south and 126 meters from east to west, is noted for a distinguished architectural structure free of pillars, the largest of its kind in China.—INTERNET

Japan's Sharp reports 1.3 bln dollar annual loss

TOKYO, 27 April—Japanese electronics giant Sharp Corp announced an annual net loss of 125.82 billion yen (1.3 billion dollars), but forecast a return to profit in the current business year to March.

Sharp, which like other Japanese manufacturers has been badly hurt by the global economic downturn, predicted a net profit of 3.0 billion yen this year.

Internet



Farmer with transplant heart celebrates 17 years of survival

HARBIN, 27 April—Yang Yumin, a farmer from the suburbs of Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, has been living with a transplanted heart for the last 17 years.

Yang, 51, is the longest survivor of a heart transplant in China.

A celebration was organized on Sunday at the No2 Clinical Hospital attached to Harbin

University of Medical Science, where the operation was performed 17 years ago.

Yang contracted ectopic myocarditis in 1989. Before the operation he could neither walk, sit nor lie down, and was at constant risk of heart failure. Xia Qiuming, a well-known cardiac surgeon, performed the transplant on April 26, 1992. More than 100 doctors worked together,

and Yang was received about 1,000 stitches. The easy-going Yang now has a 16-year-old daughter and operates a small catering business with his wife inside the hospital canteen. Yang is now in charge of vegetable purchase for the hospital canteen. "My biggest wish is to live as a normal healthy man," Yang told *Xinhua*. Yang said he needs to take medicine each day.—*Xinhua*

Leopard population declines fast in E India

NEW DELHI, 27 April—The leopard population in eastern India has been declining fast with 44 leopards killed in the eastern state of Assam in the past three years alone, said the local daily *Mail*

Today on Saturday.

A non-government organization called Aaranyak has been conducting a research in 30 forest divisions of Assam for over one year and it has found that most of the casualties

were felines which strayed into human habitations and were killed by the villagers, said the report.

Lack of awareness for protecting the animals, destruction of natural habitat, little or no compensation for killing animals, declining prey base and a demand for leopard parts such as skins have led to a 50 percent decline of the leopard population over the past one decade, according to the report.

The Indian leopard, a very famous member of the big cats family in the country, is now regarded as a threatened, if not endangered species by animal protection groups.

Internet

Spanish bullfighter Julian Lopez "El Juli" faces a bull during a bullfight in The Maestranza bullring in Seville on 25 April, 2009.—INTERNET



UAW, Chrysler and Fiat reach concession deal

DETROIT, 27 April—Chrysler LLC cleared another major obstacle to its survival Sunday when it reached a tentative deal on concessions with the United Auto Workers union, helping it move closer to inking a vital alliance with Italy's Fiat Group SpA.

The troubled automaker is just days away from a Thursday US government deadline to gain concessions from its unions and debtholders and link up with Fiat or face almost certain liquidation. White House economic adviser Larry Summers said Sunday the Obama administration is holding out hope that Chrysler can avoid bankruptcy court. The UAW late Sunday called the concessions painful but said the deal takes advantage of the Obama administration giving Chrysler and its workers a second chance. The administration in February rejected Chrysler's restructuring plan and gave the Auburn Hills, Mich, automaker until April 30 to make further cuts and arrange to take on Fiat as a partner. The UAW agreement is seen as a key piece of pulling Chrysler's plan together, and it's noteworthy that the UAW said Fiat was involved in the deal.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Giggs wins players' Player of the Year award

LONDON, 27 April—Manchester United great Ryan Giggs was named here on Sunday as the English Professional Footballers' Association



Manchester United's Ryan Giggs, was named here on Sunday as the English Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year for the first time despite starting just 12 league games this season.

INTERNET

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The 35-year-old Welsh midfielder, who has enjoyed nearly two decades of success at Old Trafford in a career featuring two Champions League final triumphs, had twice won the Young Player of the Year award but can now add the ultimate mark of esteem from his fellow professionals to his list of prizes.

"It's right up there, with personal accolades it's the best to have as it's voted by your fellow players," Giggs, who could win his 11th league title with United this season, said. "I've been fortunate to win a lot of trophies, I won the young player award twice, but this is the big one."

Internet

Inter slump to shock Napoli defeat

ROME, 27 April—Italian league leaders Inter Milan slumped to a first defeat since mid-January on Sunday when Napoli edged a 1-0 win which left Jose Mourinho's men seven points ahead of AC Milan with five games left.

It was only Inter's third loss of the campaign and came just hours after Milan had retained second spot with a Kaka-inspired 3-0 home win over Palermo. Third-placed Juventus were held to a 2-2 draw by bottom club Reggina and are nine points behind Inter. Uruguayan striker Marcelo Zalayeta grabbed Napoli's winner with a fierce 73rd-minute drive which beat Inter goalkeeper Julio Cesar.—Internet

Safina determined to prove she's worthy number one

BERLIN, 27 April—Dinara Safina celebrates her 23rd birthday on Monday determined to prove she deserves to be world number one despite never having won a Grand Slam title. The Russian takes to the clay courts of Stuttgart for the first time since her controversial elevation to the top of the rankings where she displaced Serena Williams, the holder of 10 Grand Slam crowns.

"There's no question that while I am very proud of my results over the past year, I would have liked to reach this achievement in a different manner," said Safina, the runner-up to Williams at the Australian Open this year. "I hope to prove to everyone over the coming months that I merit the honour of being world number one."



Dinara Safina

Serena has made no secret at her puzzlement over the way the rankings operate.

"Well, she's really a good girl and she is a nice person. I just have the utmost respect for not only her, but everyone on this tour," said the American. "I just think it's crazy that I can be so consistent throughout the year and last year and barely be No. 1. I have won two of the last four Grand Slams and got to the finals of three of the last four."

Internet

No rest for tennis champ Nadal as Rome beckons

BARCELONA, 27 April—Rafael Nadal had no time for extended celebrations after winning a fifth straight Barcelona Open title 6-2, 7-5 over David Ferrer with the Rome Masters next on his all-conquering agenda. Last year, at the Foro Italico, the 22-year-old world number one, suffering from knee problems, lost his opening match there to compatriot Juan Carlos Ferrero.

That loss snapped a three-title run in the Eternal City. This year, Nadal goes to Rome in equally devastating touch after completing five on the trot trophy performances at both Monte Carlo and Barcelona in the space of 14 charmed April days.

"I could never have imagined that I could win here for the fifth time," said the champion. "For me, this is much more than a dream."

Internet

Ochoa wins in Morelia for second straight year

MORELIA, 27 April—Mexican star Lorena Ochoa shot a 5-under 68 on Sunday to hold off Norway's Suzann Pettersen by a stroke in a dramatic final round and win the Corona Championship for the second straight year. Ochoa, who also won the tournament in 2006, had back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes to break a tie with Pettersen and finish at 25-under 267.

The charismatic star played without regular caddy Dave Booker, who got hurt playing a soccer match on Saturday and was unable to help the 27-year-old Ochoa around Tres Marias Residential Country Club. She ended up calling on childhood coach Rafael Alarcon to caddy for her. He was evidently up for the challenge, helping Ochoa win her 26th career title and second this season. It was also Ochoa's third win in her home country, where she has played 11 of the 13 LPGA Tour events staged there.—Internet



Mexico's Lorena Ochoa, left, with her caddy Rafael Alarcon, line up a shot during the final round of the LPGA Corona Morelia golf championship in Morelia, Mexico, on 26 April, 2009.—INTERNET

Raul helps Real close Barcelona gap

MADRID, 27 April—Captain marvel Raul scored a hat-trick as Real Madrid defeated Sevilla 4-2 on Sunday to cut Barcelona's advantage at the top to four points ahead of next Saturday's 'El Clasico' at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Barcelona had dropped two points in a 2-2 draw at Valencia on

Saturday and Real capitalised as Raul gave coach Juande Ramos a win on his first return to old club Sevilla.

Internet



Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez

Wolfsburg's defeat throws Bundesliga wide open

BERLIN, 27 April—Relegation-threatened Energie Cottbus threw the Bundesliga title race wide open on Sunday when the strugglers inflicted a shock



Cottbus' goalkeeper Gerhard Tremmel makes a save during their German first division Bundesliga football match against VfL Wolfsburg in the eastern German city of Cottbus.—INTERNET

2-0 defeat on league leaders Wolfsburg. Wolfsburg were cruising towards a point before Bulgaria striker Dimitar Rangelov headed Cottbus ahead in the 72nd minute and the hosts proved the goal was no fluke when Albania midfielder Ervin Skela added a second on 86 minutes.

The valuable three points takes Cottbus out of the bottom three while Wolfsburg missed the chance to go five points clear and suffered their first league defeat since they lost 2-1 at Werder Bremen in December. "We wasted some big chances and therefore we lost the game," said Wolfsburg coach Felix Magath. "Our forwards did not have their best day and when you don't take your chances, you won't win.—Internet

Wenger says Arsenal can beat 'everybody'



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The Gunners head into that match unbeaten in 20 games after Cesc Fabregas's double — his first goals in six months — secured a 2-0 Premier League victory at home to relegation-threatened Middlesbrough here on Sunday. The only concern for Wenger was a back injury to former United defender Mikael Silvestre, who is rated at "fifty-fifty" for the game in Manchester.

Internet



A nest of baby robins begins to hatch in a nest in a bush by the White House Press Room at the White House in Washington, on 23 April, 2009.

INTERNET

FDM in livestock occurs in C Vietnam

HANOI, 27 April — The foot-and-mouth disease in livestock occurred in the central province Ha Tinh of Vietnam, the local newspaper *People's Army* reported Monday.

According to Pham Thanh Binh, head of the provincial animal health bureau, the epidemic broke out in Huong Khe District, causing nine livestock infected with the virus.

The virus was believed to come from the nearby province of Nghe An, which had been reported of the epidemic by the Department of Animal Health under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, said Binh.

The provincial animal health officials are taking measures to prevent the disease spread including sterilizing the infected areas, vaccinating the rest livestock and banning the transport and trading livestock from the nearby provinces.

MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (28.4.2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

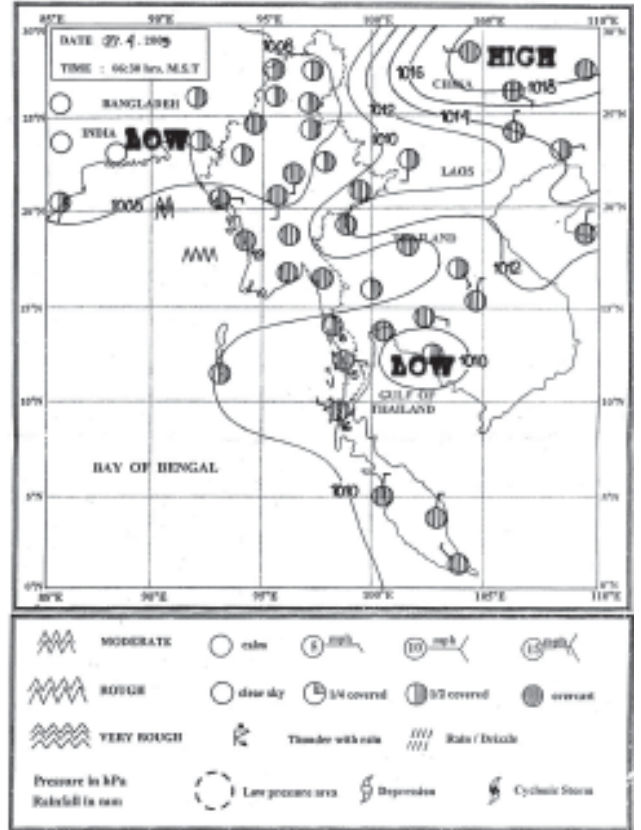
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * The Reh Lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
- * Pottery, A Home Industry
- * Join Hands with the Government & Strive for IT Development
- * Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
- * National Races Village (Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights
- * The Gold and Silver Smith of Inlay
- * Memory of Good Time imprinted on my Mind
- * National Races Village (Kachin, Kayah, Kayin)
- * Rakhine Traditional Wedding Ceremony
- * Reclaim and exploit Fallow and Virgin Land nationwide
- * Travel & Description (Yangon to Thanlyin-Kyauk Tan)
- * Traditional Chin Clothes
- * Work hard together to promote Myanmar Tourism Industry
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (part-II)
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * The Reh Lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
- * Pottery, A Home Industry
- * Join Hands with the Government & Strive for IT Development
- * Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
- * National Races Village (Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
- * Second Annual "Glory of Emotion"
- * Fresh Water Fish World...A Haven of Rest Knowledge
- * Reclaim Vacant, Virgin Lands, Use Natural Fertilizer on Broader Scale
- * Actively participate in the fight against Narcotic Drugs
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-III)
- * Song of Myanmar Beauty and Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 27 April, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (6°C) to (7°C) above April average temperatures in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) above April average temperatures in Shan State and Mandalay Division, (3°C) below April average temperatures in Kayah, Kayin States and Yangon Division and about April average temperatures in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Monywa and Pakokku (44°C) each, Mandalay, NyaungU, Chauk and Minbu (42°C) each. The Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkong) (0.15) inch, Hmawbi (1.70) inches, Tharrawady (1.61) inches Shwegyin (1.34) inches, Yay (1.03) inches, Thandwe (0.74) inch and Kawthong (0.63) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-4-2009 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 27-4-2009 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-4-2009 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 26-4-2009 was (2.0) hrs approx.

Rainfall on 27-4-2009 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 26-4-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28th April 2009: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kayin and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas are likely to be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-4-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-4-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 28 April
View on today

- 7:00 am
 - မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 - To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 - Morning news
- 7:40 am
 - Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 - အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:05 am
 - Song of yesteryear
- 8:15 am
 - လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းလေးဂီတတေး
- 8:30 am
 - International news
- 8:45 am
 - "စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာအားကင်းကွာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ရုစံသူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မောစုံ၊ လင်းစာနည်ဇော်၊ ပွင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စော်မြင့်(၀/၁)]
- 4:00 pm
 - Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 - The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 4:20 pm
 - "စက်မှုကုန်ကြမ်းသီးနှံရာဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)

- 4:30 pm
 - အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:40 pm
 - Song of national races
- 4:45 pm
 - အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:05 pm
 - Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 5:20 pm
 - သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် ကြွယ်ကြွယ်အိတ်
- 5:30 pm
 - "စီးဆင်းပါစေမေတ္တာရည်" (မေကဗျာ၊ ဖူးဖူး) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်စော် (ကုမုဒြာ)]
- 5:45 pm
 - Musical programme

- 6:00 pm
 - Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 - Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 - ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
 - ဆိုလိုက်ကြပို့
- 7:15 pm
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နွဲ့ဆိုးဆိုးသူကိုယ်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း)
- 8:00 pm
 - News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

Prime Minister meets departmental officials in Tachilek

Considerable progress has been made in Shan State (East) as peace was restored in the region including Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 27 April — Prime Minister General Thein Sein, together with Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and heads of departments arrived at the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt near Naungkok Village in Kengtung Township yesterday.

The Prime Minister inspected generation of electricity from biogas, the biogas tank and the cattle farm. He told the officials to demonstrate the benefits of integrated farming and to provide assistance for wider implementation of the integrated farming in rural areas.

The Prime Minister and party left Kengtung by helicopter and arrived in Tachilek. They were welcomed by Col Khin Maung Soe of Tachilek Station, Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Swe Tun and officials.

The Prime Minister paid respects to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammathiri of Nagahnitkaung Monastery and presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

They also attended the opening of nunnery in Pon Hton Ward in the township. Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Swe Tun presented related documents to Staff Officer U Bo



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with departmental officials and local people in Mongphyat.—MNA

Hsan of Township Religious Affairs Department.

Next, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammathiri, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko formally

opened the nunnery.

The Prime Minister formally unveiled the sign-board of the nunnery and looked around it.

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Khabaung Diversion Weir to irrigate summer paddy plantations in Sittoung River Valley

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

As part of efforts to efficiently use the irrigation facilities, the water drained out from generating electricity at Khabaung Dam in Ottwin Township of Bago Division is being supplied to the diversion weir, eight miles west of Ottwin Township and five miles downstream of the dam.

The diversion weir is located near Shwelaung Village. In functioning the irrigation facility, the diversion weir will supply water to 40,000 acres of farmlands in Toungoo Township through the left

main canal and 60,000 acres of farmlands in Ottwin Township through the right main canal.

With regard to Khabaung Diversion Weir, Assistant Director U Aung Bo of Construction (5) explained implementation of the project for cultivation of summer paddy there.

The left canal of the diversion weir will be dug in Toungoo Township to benefit 40,000 acres of farmlands. The left canal will cross Chaungmange and Panbe creeks with the use of siphons.

Staff Officers U Soe Moe Lwin and U Kyi Thein conducted us round the functions of irrigation facility of the right main canal and its tributary canals. On 10 January 2009, the right canal (DY-1) of the diversion weir commenced the supply of water for the agricultural purpose. As a result, we saw thriving summer paddy plantations being grown with the use of irrigated water. After that, in-charge of DY-2 Staff Officer U Aung Htet Myint, in-charge of DY-3 Staff Officer

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Khabaung Diversion Weir built in Ottwin Township to irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands.